

# Matthew Wiseman

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## INTERESTS

**Specializations:** political philosophy; PPE; normative ethics; applied ethics

**Competencies:** philosophy of law; decision theory; economics and ethics; environmental ethics

## EDUCATION

### University of Southern California

PhD in Philosophy 2020-present  
Dissertation: *Representing Future People*  
Committee: Jonathan Quong (chair), Jeffrey Sanford Russell, Collis Tahzib,  
Gustaf Arrhenius, Erin Miller

### The Australian National University

Bachelor of Arts (Honours in Philosophy) 2019  
Supervisor: Seth Lazar

### The University of Melbourne

Bachelor of Arts (Majors: Philosophy; Politics & International Studies) 2012-15  
Diploma of Mandarin 2012-15

## RESEARCH

### Published articles

1. “On Synchronic Direct Intergenerational Reciprocity: A Reply to Corvino” 2025  
*Economics and Philosophy*.

### Papers in progress

1. One offering a new solution to Rawls’s problem of the first generation. (**R&R**, *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*)
2. One identifying and solving a new problem for Rawls’s just savings principle. (**Under review**)
3. One claiming that providing legislative representation to future people can satisfy our duties of intergenerational procedural justice.
4. One showing that representing future people is conceptually coherent.
5. One arguing that legislative representation for future people can be democratically legitimate, despite the absence of authorization and accountability.

## AWARDS

### Fellowships & Scholarships

1. Mentored Teaching Fellowship, USC Center for Excellence in Teaching 2025-26  
Support for developing and teaching as primary instructor a new course
2. Teresa Wilson Endowed Fellowship, USC Dornsife 2025  
\$4000 “awarded to outstanding graduate students on the basis of academic promise”
3. Flewelling Summer Fellowship, USC 2024  
\$3000 departmental funding for summer research

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| 4. USC Dornsife Graduate School Fellowship  | 2020-present |
| 100% tuition plus stipend for graduate position at USC                              |              |
| 5. Honours Scholarship, The Australian National University                          | 2019         |
| \$5000 AUD awarded to 15 Honours students university-wide on academic merit         |              |
| 6. New Colombo Plan Scholarship, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade | 2014-15      |
| ~\$25,000 AUD to study and work in China  |              |
| 7. Melbourne National Scholarship, University of Melbourne                          | 2012-15      |
| 100% tuition plus \$20,000 AUD stipend academic merit scholarship                   |              |

### Prizes

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| 8. Undergraduate Thesis Commendation Prize, Forethought Foundation  | 2020             |
| £200 for a paper relevant to global priority-setting                |                  |
| 9. Adele Henderson Prize, University of Melbourne                   | 2015             |
| ~\$100 AUD for best undergraduate social/political philosophy essay |                  |
| 10. Hastie Exhibition Prize, University of Melbourne                | 2013             |
| ~\$5000 AUD awarded to top two undergraduate philosophy students    |                  |
| 11. Dean's Honours List, Faculty of Arts, University of Melbourne   | 2013, 2014, 2015 |
| Top 3% of the University of Melbourne Bachelor of Arts cohort       |                  |

### Competitive Travel Funding

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| 12. PhD Academy Scholarship and Research Fund, USC Dornsife (\$400)                | Spring 2025 |
| 13. Professional Development Fund, USC Graduate Student Government (\$500)         | Spring 2025 |
| 14. PhD Academy Scholarship and Research Fund, USC Dornsife (\$500)                | Spring 2024 |
| 15. Professional Development Fund, USC Graduate Student Government (\$500)         | Fall 2023   |
| 16. PhD Academy Scholarship and Research Fund, USC Dornsife (\$500)                | Spring 2023 |
| 17. Professional Development Fund, USC Graduate Student Government (\$500)         | Spring 2023 |
| 18. Student Scholarship, Association for Practical and Professional Ethics (\$115) | Spring 2023 |

### Certificates

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| 19. Future Faculty Teaching Institute, USC Center for Excellence in Teaching | Fall 2025   |
| Completion of a weekly semester-long pedagogy instruction seminar            |             |
| 20. Certificate in Communication, Leadership, and Management, USC Dornsife   | Spring 2025 |
| Participation in 15+ PhD Academy professional development workshops          |             |

## SUMMER SCHOOLS

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| 1. PPE Graduate Summer Workshop, Chapman University  | Summer 2025   |
| Intensive instruction in PPE methodology, with \$500 for travel expenses                                   |               |
| 2. Visiting Research Fellow, Centre for Moral and Political Philosophy, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem | May-July 2023 |
| 'The Value of Human Life' project, with flights and \$3000 stipend   |               |

## TALKS

(\* denotes non-refereed)

### Reciprocal Just Savings

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| 1. Australasian Association of Philosophy, University of Queensland.             | July 2025     |
| 2. Southwest Graduate Philosophy Conference, Arizona State University.           | April 2025    |
| 3. Brown Philosophy Graduate Conference, Brown University.                       | April 2025    |
| 4. UIUC Graduate Philosophy Conference, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. | March 2025    |
| 5. *Speculative Society, USC.  | February 2025 |

### **Future People's Vulnerability and the Right to Legislative Representation**

6. Workshop on 'Vulnerability and Intergenerational Justice: Obligations of States', University of Hamburg. May 2025

### **Political Inclusion: The Tiered Rights Approach**

7. Princeton Graduate Conference in Political Theory, Princeton University. April 2025  
8. Duke Graduate Conference in Political Theory, Duke University. February 2025

### **On Synchronic Direct Intergenerational Reciprocity**

9. \*Speculative Society, USC. April 2024

### **Future People, the Boundary Problem, and Intergenerational Political Equality**

10. Harvard-MIT Philosophy Graduate Conference, MIT. April 2024  
11. Association for Practical and Professional Ethics (APPE) Conference, online. March 2024  
12. \*Speculative Society, USC. October 2023

### **Future People, the Boundary Problem, and the Value of Democracy**

13. MANCEPT workshop on 'The Boundary Problem: Where Do We Stand? New Directions and Challenges', University of Manchester. September 2023  
14. Southampton Early Career Workshop on Democratic Theory, University of Southampton. July 2023

### **Exclusionary Complaints and the Procreation Asymmetry**

15. \*Workshop on 'The Value of Human Life', Hebrew University of Jerusalem. June 2023

### **The Obligations of Democratic Proxy Representatives for Future People**

16. UNC Charlotte Ethics & Applied Philosophy Graduate Conference, online. April 2023  
17. Association for Practical and Professional Ethics (APPE) Conference, Portland. March 2023

### **A Relational Egalitarian Case for Intergenerational Democracy**

18. Annual Graduate Research Symposium, USC. March 2023

### **Justifying Democratic Representation for Future Generations**

19. Australasian Postgraduate Philosophy Conference, online. November 2022  
20. Graduate Conference in Ethics and Public Affairs, Carleton University. November 2022  
21. \*Speculative Society, USC. October 2022

### **Can Animals be Liable to Defensive Force?**

22. Austin Graduate Ethics and Normativity Talks (AGENT), UT Austin. November 2022  
23. \*Speculative Society, USC. October 2021

## **COMMENTS**

1. "Some Potential Loopholes in the Impossibility Theorem for Welfarist Axiology" April 2025  
Walter Barta, Southwest Graduate Philosophy Conference.  
2. "Rossian Autonomy" February 2025  
Jack Harris, Central APA.  
3. "Should non-human animals be included in our democratic processes?" July 2023  
Daniela Sofia Guajardo Ortega. Southampton Early Career Workshop on Democratic Theory.

## TEACHING

### Primary Instructor, USC

1. 'PHIL 340: Ethics' Spring 2026
2. 'Philosophy of Economic Markets, Money & Property', USC Summer Programs Summer 2024  
Co-taught with Antonio Maria Cleani and Yashir Sapir
3. 'Philosophy of Economic Markets, Money & Property', USC Summer Programs Summer 2023  
Co-taught with David Clark and Yasha Sapir
4. 'Ethics in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century', USC Summer Programs Summer 2022  
Co-taught with Charlotte Figueroa and Laura Siscoe

### Teaching Assistant, USC

1. 'PHIL 170: Introduction to PPE and Law', Jake Monaghan Fall 2025
2. 'PHIL 430: Philosophy of Law', Scott Soames Spring 2024
3. 'PHIL 260: Ethical Theory and Practice', Jacob Ross Fall 2023
4. 'PHIL 174: Freedom, Equality, and Social Justice', Jonathan Quong Spring 2022
5. 'PHIL 265: Ethics, Technology, and Value', Jacob Ross Fall 2021

### Guest Lectures, USC

1. 'Legitimate Injustice', for Mark Schroeder's 'Conceptual Foundations of Conflict' Spring 2024
2. 'The Case for Moral Vegetarianism', for Jacob Ross's 'Ethical Theory & Practice' Fall 2023

### Outreach

1. Volunteer facilitator for 'Corrupt The Youth', Spring 2024  
Los Angeles LGBT Center
2. Facilitator for 'The Good Life' ethics workshops, Spring 2022, Fall 2022, Spring 2023  
USC Viterbi School of Engineering

### Pedagogical Training

1. USC Center for Excellence in Teaching Future Faculty Teaching Institute Fall 2025
2. Los Angeles LGBT Center Volunteer Training Session Spring 2023
3. Graduate and Early Career Scholar Seminar on Teaching Ethics at APPE March 2023
4. Teaching Philosophy graduate seminar with Shieva Kleinschmidt Fall 2021

## GRADUATE COURSEWORK

Graduate GPA: 4.0

(\* denotes audited)

### Area Exam

1. Political philosophy: Jonathan Quong and Collis Tahzib Fall 2022
2. Normative ethics: Jonathan Quong, Collis Tahzib, and Jake Nebel Spring 2023

### Political philosophy

1. \*Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (welfare economics), Dmitri Gallow Fall 2024
2. \*Philosophy of Law (legitimate injustice), Jonathan Quong Spring 2024
3. Social/Political Philosophy (foundations of liberalism), Collis Tahzib Fall 2021

### Normative and applied ethics

4. \*AI and Society (AI ethics), Regina Rini Spring 2025
5. \*Ethics (formal ethics and decision theory), Jeffrey Sanford Russell Spring 2025
6. Contemporary Philosophical Literature on Value (survey), Ralph Wedgwood Spring 2021
7. Philosophy of Law (defensive force and just war theory), Jonathan Quong Fall 2021

### Meta-ethics

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| 8. *Mini-seminar in Meta-Ethics (normativity), Stephen Finlay | Spring 2024 |
| 9. Recent Philosophy (moral psychology), Zoë Johnson King     | Spring 2021 |
| 10. *Ethics (error theory), Stephen Finlay                    | Spring 2021 |

### Theoretical philosophy

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| 11. Philosophy of Science (survey), Porter Williams   | Spring 2022 |
| 12. Modal Logic (logic requirement), Gabriel Uzquiano                                       | Fall 2020   |
| 13. Contemporary Philosophical Literature (20 <sup>th</sup> century analytic), Scott Soames | Fall 2020   |
| 14. Epistemology (formal epistemology), Ralph Wedgwood                                      | Fall 2020   |

### History of philosophy

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| 15. History of Philosophy (Kant's Critique of Pure Reason), Edwin McCann | Spring 2021 |
| 16. Social/Political Philosophy (history of liberalism), Sharon Lloyd    | Spring 2022 |

## SERVICE

### Working groups

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| 1. Convenor, Ethics/Politics Graduate Workshop, USC                        | 2024-present |
| 2. Senior Graduate Fellow, Conceptual Foundations of Conflict Project, USC | 2024-25      |
| 3. Co-Convenor, USC 'Big Decisions' Reading Group                          | 2022-23      |
| 4. Graduate Fellow, Conceptual Foundations of Conflict Project, USC        | 2021-24      |

### Mentoring & student support

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| 5. Mentor, USC Philosophy Graduate Mentoring for First-Year Grad Students     | 2022-23          |
| 6. Judge, Annual National Competition of the APPE Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl | 2023             |
| 7. Mentor, USC Philosophy Graduate Mentoring for Undergraduates               | 2022-23, 2024-25 |

### Organizing

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| 8. Organizing Committee Member, USC-UCLA Graduate Conference in Philosophy                      | 2022-23 |
| 9. Co-Organizer, inaugural UPJA Virtual Conference for Undergraduate Philosophy                 | 2020    |
| 10. Co-Founder & co-Editor, <a href="#">The Undergraduate Philosophy Journal of Australasia</a> | 2019-20 |

### Graduate program

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| 11. Contract Campaign Coordinator, USC Graduate Student Union        | 2023-24          |
| 12. Referee, USC-UCLA Graduate Conference in Philosophy (x11)        | 2021-22, 2024-25 |
| 13. Graduate Student Representative to the Hiring Committee, USC     | 2021-22          |
| 14. Treasurer, Pegasus (USC Philosophy Graduate Student Association) | 2021-22          |

## REFERENCES

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