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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Social and Political Philosophy
Normative Ethics
Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (“PPE”)

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Practical Ethics
History of Moral and Political Philosophy
Metaethics
Philosophy of Law

EMPLOYMENT

Vanderbilt University

Assistant Professor of Philosophy (August 2023 -)
Assistant Professor of Political Science (Secondary) (August 2023 -)

University of Oxford

Senior Research Fellow in Philosophy, Global Priorities Institute (2021 - August 2023)
Non-Stipendiary Research Fellow in Politics, Nuffield College (2020 - August 2023)
Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Philosophy, Global Priorities Institute (2020 - 2021)

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Philosophy, University of Arizona (2020)
B.A. (Honours), with Distinction, Philosophy, Queen’s University (2013)

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

- Forth. Ideology Critique and Game Theory. *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*.
- Forth. Deviating from the Ideal. *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*.
- Forth. Moral Uncertainty and Public Justification (1st author, with Andreas T Schmidt). *Philosophers’ Imprint*.
2023. Ethical Veganism and Free Riding (1st author, with Sarah Raskoff). *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* 24: 184-212.
2023. Social Experimentation in an Unjust World (1st author, with Allen Buchanan). *Oxford Studies in Political Philosophy* 9: 127-152.
2022. Subjectivism and Degrees of Well-Being. *Utilitas* 34: 97-104. (reply)
2020. Optimism about Moral Responsibility. *Philosophers’ Imprint* 20: 1-17.
2020. Efficient Inequalities. *Journal of Political Philosophy* 28: 181-198.
2020. Punishment and Disagreement in the State of Nature. *Economics and Philosophy* 36: 334-354.
2020. Social Reform in a Complex World. *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* 17: 103-132.
2020. Is Maximin Egalitarian? *Synthese* 197: 817-837.
2019. Interpersonal Comparisons with Preferences and Desires. *Politics, Philosophy & Economics* 18: 219-241.

Edited Volume

UC. *Essays on Longtermism* (3rd editor, with Hilary Greaves and David Thorstad), Oxford University Press.

Book Chapters

- Forth. Longtermist Political Philosophy: An Agenda for Future Research (2nd author, with Andreas T Schmidt). In H. Greaves, D. Thorstad, and J. Barrett, *Essays on Longtermism*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
2020. Laws, Norms, and Public Justification: The Limits of Law as an Instrument of Reform (1st author, with Gerald F. Gaus). In S. A. Langvatn, M. Kumm, & W. Sadurski (Eds.), *Public Reason and Courts*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 201-228.

Book Reviews

- Forth. Review of Ben Laurence, *Agents of Change: Political Philosophy in Practice, Ethics*.
2022. Review of David Estlund, *Utopophobia: On The Limits (if Any) of Political Philosophy*, *Mind* 131: 691-700.
2020. Review of Kevin Vallier, *Must Politics be War?: Restoring our Trust in the Open Society*, *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 17: 567-570.

SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- William H. Fink Prize for Overall Outstanding Graduate Student, 2020
- Social Philosophy & Policy Research Assistant Fellowship, 2019-2020
- Joel Feinberg Dissertation Fellowship, 2018-2019
- Templeton Research Assistant Fellowship, 2015-2016, 2016-2017
- Graduate College Fellowship, 2013-2014

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- “The Case for Weak Longtermism”
LSE-GPI Joint Workshop on Longtermism, London School of Economics, 2023 (upcoming)
- “Philanthropy for the Disenfranchised”
PPE Conference, University of Groningen, 2023 (upcoming)
Hong Kong Catastrophic Risk Centre, Lingnan University, 2023
Department of Philosophy, Vanderbilt University, 2023
Department of Philosophy, University at Buffalo, 2023
Department of Philosophy, University of California, San Diego, 2023
- “Longtermist Political Philosophy: An Agenda for Future Research”
Centre for the Study of Social Justice, University of Oxford, 2022
- “Social Beneficence”
Politics, Philosophy, and Economics Society Conference, New Orleans, LA, 2022
Nuffield Political Theory Workshop, University of Oxford, 2022
Centre for Ethics, Law and Public Affairs, University of Warwick, 2022
- “Ideology Critique and Game Theory”
American Philosophical Association: Central Division, Chicago, IL, 2022 (symposium)
Politics, Philosophy, and Economics Society Conference, New Orleans, LA, 2022
- “Moral Uncertainty and Public Justification”
Centre for the Study of Social Justice, University of Oxford, 2021
- “Social Experimentation in an Unjust World”
9th Annual Workshop for Oxford Studies in Political Philosophy, Tucson, AZ, 2021

“Ethical Veganism and Free Riding”

Centre for the Study of Social Justice, University of Oxford, 2021

DaGERS Ethics Reading Group, University of California, Davis, 2020

“Efficient Egalitarianism”/ “The Equal Consideration of Interests”

Department of Philosophy, University of Toronto, 2022

Department of Philosophy, Brown University, 2021

Department of Philosophy, University of California, Santa Barbara, 2020

Department of Politics, New York University, 2020

Politics, Philosophy, and Economics Society Conference, New Orleans, LA, 2019

“Social Reform in a Complex World”

Department of Philosophy, University of Sheffield, 2020

Department of Political Science, University of Amsterdam, 2019

Southern Journal of Philosophy Workshop, University of Memphis, 2019

Politics, Philosophy, and Economics Society Conference, New Orleans, LA, 2018

“Interpersonal Comparisons with Preferences and Desires”

Politics, Philosophy, and Economics Society Conference, New Orleans, LA, 2017

Comment on Albenza Azmanova’s, “Democracy with a Foresight”

What is Democracy? Theories, Practices, Values, University of Oxford, 2022

Comment on David Wiens’s, “Against Ideal Guidance”

Workshop on David Wiens, University of Arizona, 2016

Comment on Anness Webster’s, “Terror, Tactics, and Preferences”

American Philosophical Association: Pacific Division, San Francisco, CA, 2016

TEACHING AND ADVISING

University of Oxford

Tutorial

Theory of Politics (Trinity 2022)

Advising

2 BPhil (Masters) students

University of Arizona

Instructor

The Social Contract (Fall 2018)

Contemporary Moral Problems (Spring 2018)

Neuroethics (Fall 2017)

History of Moral and Political Philosophy (Summer 2017)

Law and Morality (Fall 2016, Summer 2016)

Teaching Assistant

Personal Morality (Sartorio, Fall 2015)

The Ethics and Economics of Wealth Creation (Wall, Spring 2015)

Philosophical Perspectives on the Individual (Weinberg, Fall 2014)

Logic and Critical Thinking (Weinberg, Fall 2013)

SERVICE

Referee: *American Political Science Review*; *Analytic Philosophy*; *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*; *Economics and Philosophy*; *Economics & Politics*; *Ethical Perspectives*; *Ethics and International Affairs*; *History of Philosophy Quarterly*; *Inquiry*; *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*; *Journal of Moral Philosophy*; *Journal of Philosophical Research*; *Journal of Political Philosophy*; *Journal of Politics*; *The Journal of Value Inquiry*; *Legal Theory*; *Moral Philosophy and Politics*; *The Philosophical Forum*; *Philosophical Studies*; *Philosophy Compass*; *Political Research Quarterly*; *Political Studies*; *Politics, Philosophy & Economics*; *Public Affairs Quarterly*; *Social Philosophy & Policy*; *Social Theory and Practice*; *Southwest Philosophy Review*; *Synthese*; *Theoria* (Wiley); *Theoria* (Berghahn); *Utilitas*; Canadian Philosophical Association

Organized quarterly reading/research group on contemporary moral and political philosophy (Institutions and Longtermism, Institutions and Global Priorities Research, Neglectedness and Social Change, Justice and the Good, Representing Future Generations, Global Governance, Public Critiques of Longtermism, Critiques of Effective Altruism), University of Oxford, 2020-2022

Organized annual reading group on the history of moral and political philosophy (Sidgwick, Kant, Hume, Dewey, History of Feminism, The Federalist Papers), University of Arizona, 2015-2020

Editorial Assistant, *Social Philosophy & Policy*, 2015-2017, 2019-2020

Climate Committee Member, Philosophy Department, University of Arizona, 2018-2019

Graduate Student Representative, Philosophy Department, University of Arizona, 2015-2016

REFERENCES

Gerald Gaus (deceased, letter on file)

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