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## Areas of specialization

Normative ethics, theory of value

## Areas of competence

Applied ethics, political philosophy, philosophy of language, philosophy & economics

## Academic Employment

2019– **University of Southern California:** Assistant Professor of Philosophy

## Education

2015–2019 **New York University:** PhD in Philosophy  
Dissertation: *Populations and Prospects* (advisor: Samuel Scheffler)

2013–2015 **University of Oxford:** BPHIL in Philosophy, with distinction  
Thesis: *Incommensurability in Population Ethics* (advisor: Derek Parfit)

2009–2013 **Princeton University:** AB in Philosophy, *summa cum laude*

## Research

### PUBLICATIONS

- forth. “A Fixed-Population Problem for the Person-Affecting Restriction,” *Philosophical Studies*.  
2019 “Normative Reasons as Reasons Why We Ought,” *Mind*, 128(510): 459–485.  
2019 “Hopes, Fears, and Other Grammatical Scarecrows,” *The Philosophical Review*, 128(1): 63–105.  
2019 “An Intrapersonal Addition Paradox,” *Ethics*, 129(2): 309–343.  
2018 “The Good, the Bad, and the Transitivity of *Better Than*,” *Noûs*, 52(4): 874–899.  
2017 “Priority, Not Equality, for Possible People,” *Ethics*, 127(4): 896–911.  
2015 “Status Quo Bias, Rationality, and Conservatism about Value,” *Ethics*, 125(2): 449–476.  
2013 “Teaching Philosophy through Lincoln-Douglas Debate,” *Teaching Philosophy*, 36(3): 271–289 (co-authored with Peter van Elswyk, Ben Holguín, and Ryan Davis).  
2012 “A Counterexample to Parfit’s Rule Consequentialism,” *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*, 6(2): 1–10.

## SELECTED WORKING PAPERS

Drafts available upon request.

“Totalism Without Repugnance” (forthcoming in a festschrift for Derek Parfit, edited by Tim Campbell, Jeff McMahan, and Ketan Ramakrishnan)

“Asymmetries in the Value of Existence”

“Calibration Dilemmas in the Ethics of Distribution” (with H. Orri Stefánsson)

“Rank-Weighted Utilitarianism and the Veil of Ignorance”

## TALKS

“An Intrapersonal Addition Paradox”:

Jan. 2018 University of Southern California

Nov. 2017 Washington Square Circle, New York University

Oct. 2017 Choice Group, London School of Economics

Sept. 2017 Lunch Talk Series, New York University

“Average Utilitarianism, Infinite Ethics, and Person-Affecting Intuitions”:

Mar. 2016 Washington Square Circle, New York University

“Status Quo Bias, Rationality, and Conservatism about Value”:

Feb. 2016 Q&A, Seminar on Bias and Objectivity, Princeton University

## Teaching

### SUPERVISION

2019– Simon Blessohl (dissertation committee member)

2019 Simon Blessohl (qualifying committee member)

### INSTRUCTOR

2020 Graduate Proseminar in Value Theory (with Ralph Wedgwood)

2020 Philosophy of Economics

2019 Graduate Seminar in Ethics: Population Ethics

### TEACHING ASSISTANT

2018 Political Philosophy (Samuel Scheffler)

2017 Modal Logic (Marko Malink)

### CERTIFICATION

2017 Teaching Certificate, Graduate School of Arts & Sciences, NYU

## OUTREACH

- 2014- Executive Director, Victory Briefs Institute (summer debate workshop for middle and high school students)  
2011-2014 Curriculum Director, Victory Briefs Institute  
2009-2011 Instructor, Victory Briefs Institute

## Service

### PROFESSIONAL

Referee for *Philosophical Studies* (5); *Philosophia* (3); *The Journal of Value Inquiry* (3); *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* (3); *Economics and Philosophy* (2); *Erkenntnis* (2); *Ethics* (2); *Inquiry* (2); *The Monist* (2); *British Society for Ethical Theory*; *Environmental Philosophy*; *Ergo*; *Journal of Ethics*; *Journal of Moral Philosophy*; *Noûs*; *Philosophical Papers*; *Politics, Philosophy and Economics*; *Theoria*; *Utilitas*

### DEPARTMENTAL

- 2019-2020 Faculty Search Committee, USC  
2019-2020 Graduate Admissions Committee, USC  
2019-2020 PPE Major Committee, USC  
2016-2017 Organizer, Value Theory Reading Group, NYU  
2012-2013 Curriculum Committee, Princeton

### UNIVERSITY

- 2012 Priorities Committee, Council of the Princeton University Community  
2011-2012 Policy Implementation Committee, Princeton

## Awards

- 2015-2019 MacCracken Fellowship, NYU  
2015 Ryle Prize, Oxford  
2013-2015 Marshall Scholarship  
2009-2013 Pyne Honor Prize, Phi Beta Kappa Student Prize, McCosh Senior Thesis Prize, Dickinson Senior Thesis Prize, Shapiro Prize for Academic Excellence (2), William Rusher Prize, Quin Morton Writing Prize