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## Employment

University of Southern California, School of Philosophy  
Assistant Professor, 2019–Present

## Education

PH.D. in Philosophy, New York University, 2019  
Dissertation Title: *Populations and Prospects*  
Committee: Samuel Scheffler (chair), Cian Dorr, Johann Frick  
B.PHIL. in Philosophy, with distinction, University of Oxford, 2015  
Thesis Title: *Incommensurability in Population Ethics*  
Advisor: Derek Parfit  
A.B. in Philosophy, *summa cum laude*, Princeton University, 2013  
Certificate in Values and Public Life

## Areas of Specialization

Normative Ethics, Theory of Value

## Areas of Competence

Applied Ethics, Decision Theory, Philosophy of Language, Political Philosophy, Philosophy & Economics

## Publications

Rank-Weighted Utilitarianism and the Veil of Ignorance. *Ethics*, forthcoming.  
Asymmetries in the Value of Existence. *Philosophical Perspectives*, forthcoming.  
Totalism Without Repugnance. Forthcoming in a Festschrift for Derek Parfit, edited by T. Campbell, J. McMahan, and K. Ramakrishnan (Oxford University Press).

A Fixed-Population Problem for the Person-Affecting Restriction. *Philosophical Studies*, forthcoming.

Normative Reasons as Reasons Why We Ought. *Mind* 128 (2019), 459–485.

Hopes, Fears, and Other Grammatical Scarecrows. *The Philosophical Review* 128 (2019), 63–105.

An Intrapersonal Addition Paradox. *Ethics* 129 (2019), 309–343.

The Good, the Bad, and the Transitivity of *Better Than*. *Noûs* 52 (2018), 874–899.

Priority, Not Equality, for Possible People. *Ethics* 127 (2017), 896–911.

Status Quo Bias, Rationality, and Conservatism about Value. *Ethics* 125 (2015), 449–476.

Teaching Philosophy through Lincoln-Douglas Debate (with Peter van Elswyk, Ben Holguín, and Ryan Davis). *Teaching Philosophy* 36 (2013), 271–289.

A Counterexample to Parfit's Rule Consequentialism. *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* 6 (2012), 1–10.

## Talks

2020 Relative Prioritarianism and the Veil of Ignorance. PPE Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans.

2020 Calibration Dilemmas in the Ethics of Distribution (with H. Orri Stefánsson). PPE Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans.

2018 An Intrapersonal Addition Paradox. University of Southern California.

2017 An Intrapersonal Addition Paradox. Washington Square Circle Seminar, New York University.

2017 An Intrapersonal Addition Paradox. Choice Group, London School of Economics.

2017 An Intrapersonal Addition Paradox. Lunch Talk Series, New York University.

2016 Average Utilitarianism, Infinite Ethics, and Person-Affecting Intuitions. Washington Square Circle Seminar, New York University.

2016 Q&A on Status Quo Bias, Rationality, and Conservatism about Value. Graduate Seminar on Bias and Objectivity, Princeton University.

## Teaching

### *Dissertation Committees*

Simon Bleszenohl, ongoing (committee member)

Vishnu Sridharan, ongoing (committee member)

### *Qualifying Exams*

Simon Blessenohl, Fall 2019 (committee member)

### *Graduate Courses*

Proseminar in Value Theory (Spring 2020, with Ralph Wedgwood)

Seminar in Ethics: Population Ethics (Fall 2019)

### *Undergraduate Courses*

Philosophy of Economics (Spring 2020)

### *As Teaching Assistant*

Political Philosophy (Spring 2018, for Samuel Scheffler)

Modal Logic (Fall 2017, for Marko Malink)

### *Certification*

Teaching Certificate, Graduate School of Arts & Sciences, NYU (Fall 2017)

### *Outreach*

Victory Briefs Institute (residential summer debate workshop for middle school and high school students)

Executive Director (2014–Present)

Curriculum Director (2011–2014)

Instructor (2009–2011)

### *Service*

Referee for *Philosophical Studies* (5); *Economics and Philosophy* (4); *Noûs* (3); *Philosophia* (3); *The Journal of Value Inquiry* (3); *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* (3); *Erkenntnis* (2); *Ethics* (2); *Inquiry* (2); *The Monist* (2); *Analysis*; *Environmental Philosophy*; *Ergo*; *Journal of Ethics*; *Journal of Moral Philosophy*; *Philosophical Papers*; *Politics, Philosophy and Economics*; *Theoria*; *Utilitas*; *Public Affairs Quarterly*; British Society for Ethical Theory Annual Conference.

Faculty Search Committee, University of Southern California (2019–2020)

Graduate Admissions Committee, University of Southern California (2019–2020)

PPE Major Committee, University of Southern California (2019–2020)

*Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* Editorial Committee, University of Southern California (2019–2020)

Organizer, Value Theory Reading Group, New York University (2016–2017)  
Priorities Committee, Council of the Princeton University Community (2012–2013)  
Curriculum Committee, Princeton University Department of Philosophy (2012–2013)

## Awards

MacCracken Fellowship, New York University (2015–2019)  
Gilbert Ryle Prize, University of Oxford (2015)  
Marshall Scholarship (2013–2015)  
Pyne Honor Prize, Princeton University (2013)  
Phi Beta Kappa Student Prize, Princeton University (2013)  
McCosh Senior Thesis Prize, Princeton University (2013)  
Dickinson Senior Thesis Prize, Princeton University (2013)  
Early election to Phi Beta Kappa, Princeton University (2012)  
Shapiro Prize for Academic Excellence, Princeton University (2010, 2011)  
Quin Morton Essay Prize, Princeton University (2010)