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## EMPLOYMENT

University of Southern California

Assistant Professor of Philosophy (2019–Present)

## EDUCATION

New York University (2015–2019)

PhD in Philosophy

Dissertation: *Populations and Prospects*

Committee: Samuel Scheffler (chair), Cian Dorr, Johann Frick

University of Oxford (2013–2015)

BPhil in Philosophy (with distinction)

Thesis: *Incommensurability in Population Ethics* (highest distinction)

Advisor: Derek Parfit

Princeton University (2009–2013)

AB in Philosophy (*summa cum laude*)

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

\* = invited. Otherwise peer reviewed.

“Conservatisms about the Valuable.” Forthcoming in the *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*.

“Utils and Shmutils.” Forthcoming in *Ethics*.\*

“Totalism Without Repugnance”. Forthcoming in Jeff McMahan, Tim Campbell, James Goodrich, and Ketan Ramakrishnan, eds., *Ethics and Existence: The Legacy of Derek Parfit* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2021).\*

“Rank-Weighted Utilitarianism and the Veil of Ignorance.” *Ethics*, 131(1), 2020: 87–106

“A Fixed-Population Problem for the Person-Affecting Restriction.” *Philosophical Studies*, 177(9), 2020: 2779–2787.

“Asymmetries in the Value of Existence.” *Philosophical Perspectives* 33 (2019), 126–145.\*

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

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

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

“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

“Comparability and the Completeness of Preference” (with Cian Dorr and Jake Zuehl)

Conference on Preferences, Commitments, and Choice, Zurich (2021).

“The Case for Comparability” (with Cian Dorr and Jake Zuehl)

Colloquium, MIT (2020).

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

Formal Ethics Conference, Vanderbilt (2020). (Cancelled due to COVID-19.)

PPE Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans (2020).

Formal Value Theory Workshop, Center for Values and Social Policy, University of Colorado, Boulder (2020)

“Rank-Weighted Utilitarianism and the Veil of Ignorance.”

PPE Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans (2020).

Author-Meets-Critics Session on Matthew Adler’s *Measuring Social Welfare*.

PPE Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans (2020). (Session cancelled due to COVID-19.)

“An Intrapersonal Addition Paradox.”

Department of Philosophy, USC (2018).

Washington Square Circle Seminar, NYU (2017).

Choice Group, London School of Economics (2017).

Lunch Talk, NYU (2017).

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

Q&A, Seminar on Bias and Objectivity, Princeton (2016).

## TEACHING

### *Advising*

Pascal Jakowec. Master’s thesis (2020–2021).

Zachary Goodsell. Teaching mentor (2020–).

David Clark. Qualifying committee (2020–).

Andrew Stewart. Qualifying committee (2020–).

Jasmine Gunkel. Qualifying committee (2020–).

Philip Li. Second-year mentor (2019–2020). Area exam co-chair (2020–).

Vishnu Sridharan. Dissertation committee (2019–).

Simon Blessenohl. Qualifying committee (2019). Dissertation committee (2019–).

### *Graduate Courses*

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

Seminar in Ethics: Population Ethics (Fall 2019)

### *Undergraduate Courses*

Value Theory (Spring 2021)

Seminar in Humanistic Inquiry: The Ethics of Killing, Saving, and Creating (Fall 2020)

Philosophy of Economics (Spring 2020)

### *As Teaching Assistant*

Political Philosophy (Spring 2018, for Samuel Scheffler, NYU)

Modal Logic (Fall 2017, for Marko Malink, NYU)

### *Certification*

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

### *Outreach*

Victory Briefs Debate Institute

Executive Director (2014–Present)

Curriculum Director (2011–2014)

Instructor (2009–2011)

## SERVICE

### *Professional Service*

Referee for *Economics and Philosophy* (8); *Philosophical Studies* (8); *Noûs* (4); *The Journal of Value Inquiry* (4); *Ethics* (3); *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* (3); *Philosophia* (3); *Analysis* (2); *Utilitas* (2); *Journal of Moral Philosophy* (2); *Erkenntnis* (2); *Inquiry* (2); *The Monist* (2); *Philosophical Papers* (2); *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* (2); *Social Choice and Welfare*; *Philosophical Quarterly*; *Environmental Philosophy*; *Ergo*; *Journal of Ethics*; *Politics, Philosophy and Economics*; *Theoria*; *Public Affairs Quarterly*; *Synthese*; *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*; British Society for Ethical Theory Annual Conference.

### *USC Service*

2020–2021

Graduate Recruitment Committee

PPE Major Committee

*Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* Editorial Committee

2019–2020

Search Committee  
Graduate Admissions Committee  
PPE Major Committee  
*Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* Editorial Committee  
Participant, Disaster Recovery Teaching Pilot

*Service before USC*

Organizer, Value Theory Reading Group, NYU (2016–2017)  
Priorities Committee, Council of the Princeton University Community (2012–2013)  
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Princeton Department of Philosophy (2012–2013)  
Policy Implementation Committee, Princeton University (2011–2012)

AWARDS

MacCracken Fellowship (NYU, 2015–2019)  
Gilbert Ryle Prize for best overall performance in the BPhil (Oxford, 2015)  
Marshall Scholarship (2013–2015)  
Phi Beta Kappa Student Prize for highest academic standing (Princeton, 2013)  
Pyne Honor Prize (Princeton, 2013)  
McCosh Senior Thesis Prize (Princeton, 2013)  
Dickinson Senior Thesis Prize (Princeton, 2013)  
Early election to Phi Beta Kappa (Princeton, 2012)  
Shapiro Prize for Academic Excellence (Princeton, 2010, 2011)  
Quin Morton Essay Prize (Princeton, 2010)