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EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of Southern California (2019–)

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

PUBLICATIONS

- “Aggregation Without Interpersonal Comparisons of Well-Being.” Forthcoming in *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*.
- “Consequences of Comparability” (with Cian Dorr and Jake Zuehl). Forthcoming in *Philosophical Perspectives*.
- “Conservatisms about the Valuable.” Forthcoming in the *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*.
- “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, 2022).
- “Utils and Shmutils.” *Ethics*, 131(3), 2021: 571–599.
- “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.

WORKING PAPERS

Drafts available on PhilPapers.

“Calibration Dilemmas in the Ethics of Distribution” (with H. Orri Stefánsson). R&R, *Economics and Philosophy*.

“The Case for Comparability” (with Cian Dorr and Jake Zuehl). R&R, *Noûs*.

“Ethics Without Numbers.” Under review.

SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

“Migration and Population Ethics” (with Adam Kern).

“The Value of Risky Prospects” (with Lara Buchak).

“Welfare as an Extensive Quantity.”

TALKS

TBA

Departmental Colloquium, University of Texas at Austin (2021)

Departmental Colloquium, Princeton University (2021)

Departmental Colloquium, Rice University (2021)

Moral and Political Philosophy Seminar, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (2021)

Work in Progress Seminar, Center for Population-Level Bioethics, Rutgers University, New Brunswick (2021)

Departmental Colloquium, Arizona State University (2022)

“Ethics Without Numbers”

Oxford Workshop on Global Priorities Research (2021)

“Comparability and the Completeness of Preference”

Conference on Preferences, Commitments, and Choice, Zurich (date TBD).

“The Value of Risky Prospects” (with Lara Buchak)

Virtual Workshop on Risk Attitudes (2021).

“Pandemics and Russian Roulette: Should We Pay More to Save the Greater Number?”

Pacific APA (2021).

“Aggregation Without Interpersonal Comparisons of Well-Being”

Virtual Conference on Social Choice Theory and Applications (2021).

“The Case for Comparability”

Departmental Colloquium, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (2020).

Value Incommensurability Workshop, Stockholm (date TBD).

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

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

PPE Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans (2020).

Formal Ethics Online Conference (2022).

“Rank-Weighted Utilitarianism and the Veil of Ignorance”

PPE Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans (2020).

“An Intrapersonal Addition Paradox.”

Department of Philosophy, University of Southern California (2018).

Choice Group, London School of Economics (2017).

Lunch Talk, New York University (2017).

TEACHING

Graduate Advising

Benjamin Andrew. First-year advisor (2020–2021).

Pascal Jakowec. MA thesis chair (2020–2021).

Zachary Goodsell. Teaching mentor (2020–).

Andrew Stewart. Qualifying committee (2020–).

David Clark. Qualifying committee (2020–2021). Dissertation committee (2021–).

Jasmine Gunkel. Qualifying committee (2020–2021). Dissertation committee (2021–).

Philip Li. Second-year mentor (2019–2020). Area exam co-chair (2020–2021). Qualifying committee co-chair (2021–).

Vishnu Sridharan. Dissertation committee co-chair (2019–).

Simon Blessenohl. Qualifying committee (2019). Dissertation committee (2019–2021). Defended February 2021.

Graduate Courses

PHIL 503: Proseminar in Value Theory (Spring 2020, with Ralph Wedgwood)

PHIL 540: Seminar in Ethics: Population Ethics (Fall 2019)

Undergraduate Courses

PHIL/ENGR 265: Ethics, Technology, and Value (Spring 2022, with Elisa Warford)

PHIL 490: Directed Research for PPE Capstone (Spring 2021)

PHIL 443: Value Theory (Spring 2021)

GESM 120: Seminar in Humanistic Inquiry: The Ethics of Killing, Saving, and Creating (Fall 2020)

PHIL/ECON 339: Philosophy of Economics (Spring 2020, Fall 2021)

As Teaching Assistant

Political Philosophy (Spring 2018, for Samuel Scheffler, New York University)

Modal Logic (Fall 2017, for Marko Malink, New York University)

Certification

Teaching Certificate, Graduate School of Arts & Sciences, New York University (Fall 2017)

Outreach

Victory Briefs Debate Institute

Executive Director (2014–Present)

Curriculum Director (2011–2014)

Instructor (2009–2011)

SERVICE

Professional Service

Area Editor, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* (2019–)

Referee for *Analysis* (2); *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* (5); *Economics and Philosophy* (10); *Environmental Philosophy*; *Ergo* (2); *Erkenntnis* (2); *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*; *Ethics* (6); *Inquiry* (2); *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*; *Journal of Ethics*; *Journal of Moral Philosophy* (4); *Noûs* (6); *Philosophers' Imprint*; *Philosophia* (3); *Philosophical Papers* (2); *Philosophical Quarterly* (3); *Philosophical Studies* (10); *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* (3); *Politics, Philosophy and Economics*; *Public Affairs Quarterly*; *Social Choice and Welfare*; *Synthese*; *The Journal of Value Inquiry* (4); *The Monist* (2); *Theoria*; *Utilitas* (3); British Society for Ethical Theory Annual Conference.

Reviewer for research funded by Open Philanthropy Project (×2)

Service at University of Southern California

Search Committee (2019–2020, 2021–2022)

Departmental Nominating Committee for University Society of Fellows (2020–)

PPE Major Committee (2019–)

Graduate Recruitment Committee (2020–2021)

Tenure Report Committee (2020–2021)

Graduate Admissions Committee (2019–2020)

Participant, Disaster Recovery Teaching Pilot (2019–2020)

HONORS

Fellowships

MacCracken Fellowship (NYU, 2015–2019)

Marshall Scholarship (2013–2015)

Visiting Fellowship, Machine Intelligence Research Institute (2011)

Grants

Interdisciplinary Teaching Grant for “Ethics, Technology, and Value,” with Elisa Warford and Jacob Ross (USC, 2021)

New York Institute of Philosophy Travel Grant (2017)

Values and Public Life Summer Research Grant (Princeton, 2012)

Awards

Gilbert Ryle Prize for best overall performance in the BPhil (Oxford, 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)