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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

“Ethics Without Numbers.”

*Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, forthcoming.

“The Case for Comparability,” with Cian Dorr and Jake Zuehl.

*Noûs*, forthcoming. DOI: 10.1111/nous.12407.

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

*Economics and Philosophy*, forthcoming. DOI: 10.1017/S0266267121000298.

“Aggregation Without Interpersonal Comparisons of Well-Being.”

*Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, forthcoming. DOI: 10.1111/phpr.12783.

“Conservatisms about the Valuable.”

*Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 100 (2022): 180–194. DOI: 10.1080/00048402.2020.1861037.

“Totalism Without Repugnance.”

In *Ethics and Existence: The Legacy of Derek Parfit*, ed. Jeff McMahan, Tim Campbell, James Goodrich, and Ketan Ramakrishnan (Oxford University Press, 2022): 200–231. DOI: 10.1093/oso/9780192894250.003.0009.

“Consequences of Comparability,” with Cian Dorr and Jake Zuehl.

*Philosophical Perspectives* 35 (2021): 70–98. DOI: 10.1111/phpe.12157.

“Utils and Shmutils.”

*Ethics* 131 (2021): 571–599. DOI: 10.1086/712578.

- “Rank-Weighted Utilitarianism and the Veil of Ignorance.”  
*Ethics* 131 (2020): 87–106. DOI: 10.1086/709140.
- “A Fixed-Population Problem for the Person-Affecting Restriction.”  
*Philosophical Studies* 177 (2020): 2779–2787. DOI: 10.1007/s11098-019-01338-5.
- “Asymmetries in the Value of Existence.”  
*Philosophical Perspectives* 33 (2019): 126–145. DOI: 10.1111/phpe.12128.
- “An Intrapersonal Addition Paradox.”  
*Ethics* 129 (2019): 309–343. DOI: 10.1086/700085.
- “Hopes, Fears, and Other Grammatical Scarecrows.”  
*The Philosophical Review* 128 (2019): 63–105. DOI: 10.1215/00318108-7213014.
- “Normative Reasons as Reasons Why We Ought.”  
*Mind* 128 (2019): 459–485. DOI: 10.1093/mind/fzy013.
- “The Good, the Bad, and the Transitivity of *Better Than*.”  
*Nous* 52 (2018): 874–899. DOI: 10.1111/nous.12198.
- “Priority, Not Equality, for Possible People.”  
*Ethics* 127 (2017): 896–911. DOI: 10.1086/691568.
- “Status Quo Bias, Rationality, and Conservatism about Value.”  
*Ethics* 125 (2015): 449–476. DOI: 10.1086/678482.
- “Teaching Philosophy through Lincoln-Douglas Debate,” with Peter van Elswyk, Ben Holguín, and Ryan Davis.  
*Teaching Philosophy* 36 (2013): 271–289. DOI: 10.5840/teachphil1201336334.
- “A Counterexample to Parfit’s Rule Consequentialism.”  
*Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* 6 (2012): 1–11. DOI: 10.26556/jesp.v6i2.149.

## UNPUBLISHED WORK

- “The Sum of Well-Being.” R&R, *Mind*.
- “Migration and Population Ethics,” with Adam Kern. In preparation.
- “The Value of Risky Prospects,” with Lara Buchak. In preparation.
- “Multidimensional Concepts and Disparate Scale Types,” with Brian Hedden. In preparation.
- “Absolutism vs. Comparativism about Value.” In preparation.

## PRESENTATIONS

- “The Sum of Well-Being.”  
 Departmental Colloquium, Rutgers University–New Brunswick (2022)  
 Departmental Colloquium, Arizona State University (2022)  
 Departmental Colloquium, Princeton University (2021)  
 Departmental Colloquium, University of Texas at Austin (2021)  
 Departmental Colloquium, Rice University (2021)
- “Ethics Without Numbers.”  
 Seventh Oxford Workshop on Global Priorities Research (2021)
- “The Value of Risky Prospects” (with Lara Buchak).  
 Virtual Workshop on Risk Attitudes, Princeton University (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, Wake Forest University (2021)

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

Departmental Colloquium, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (2020)

New York Philosophy of Language Workshop (2021)

“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 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 and Examinations*

Matthew Wiseman. Area exam committee (2022–).

Petra Kosonen (Oxford). External DPhil examiner (2022).

Michal Masny (Princeton). Dissertation committee (2021–).

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

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

Zachary Goodsell. Teaching mentor (2020–). Qualifying committee (2022–).

Andrew Stewart. Qualifying committee (2020–2021).

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 chair (2021–).

Vishnu Sridharan. Dissertation committee (2019–2022). Defended May 2022.

Simon Bleszenohl. 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–)

Reviewer for *Analysis* (3); *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* (7); *Economics and Philosophy* (11); *Environmental Philosophy*; *Ergo* (2); *Erkenntnis* (2); *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*; *Ethics* (6); *Inquiry* (2); *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* (2); *Journal of Ethics*; *Journal of Moral Philosophy* (4); *Noûs* (6); *Philosophers' Imprint*; *Philosophia* (3); *Philosophical Papers* (2); *Philosophical Quarterly* (3); *Philosophical Studies* (11); *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* (4); *Politics, Philosophy and Economics*; *Public Affairs Quarterly*; *Social Choice and Welfare*; *Synthese*; *The Journal of Value Inquiry* (4); *The Monist* (2); *Theoria*; *Utilitas* (4); British Society for Ethical Theory Annual Conference.

Grant reviewer, Israel Science Foundation (2022)

### 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–)

Tenure Report Committee (2020–2021)

Graduate Recruitment 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

Course Development Grant, Open Philanthropy Project (2021)

Provost's Interdisciplinary Teaching Grant, with Elisa Warford and Jacob Ross (USC, 2021)

### Awards

Albert S. Raubenheimer Award for Outstanding Junior Faculty (USC, 2022)

Gilbert Ryle Prize for best overall performance in the BPhil (Oxford, 2015)

Phi Beta Kappa Student Prize for highest academic standing (Princeton, 2013)

Moses Taylor Pyne Honor Prize (Princeton, 2013)

McCosh Senior Thesis Prize (Princeton, 2013)  
Dickinson Senior Thesis Prize (Princeton, 2013)