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EMPLOYMENT

2019 - present – Assistant Professor in the Department of Politics and the Center for Human Values (*joint appointment*), Princeton University. Associated faculty in the Philosophy Department.

2020-21 – Research Fellow in the *Dianoia Institute of Philosophy*, Australian Catholic University (*part time appointment*)

2017-2019 – Research Fellow in the School of Philosophy, Research School of Social Sciences, Australian National University
Australian Research Council (ARC) project on Ethics & Risk, with Seth Lazar, Lara Buchak, Alan Hájek, Philip Pettit, Frank Jackson, and Katie Steele

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Philosophy, University of Southern California, December 2017
Mistaken Self-Defense and Normative Conventions. Supervised by Jonathan Quong (chair), Robin Jeshion, Mark Schroeder, Seana Shiffrin (UCLA), Richard John (USC Psychology)
- M.A. Philosophy, Northern Illinois University, May 2012
- B.S. Studio Arts, Biola University, December 2010, *Summa cum laude*.
- B.A. Philosophy, Biola University, December 2009, *Summa cum laude*.

PUBLICATIONS

- Journal Articles* [1] ‘Contested Slurs: Delimiting the Linguistic Community’, in Cepollaro and Zeman, eds., *Grazer Philosophische Studien*. Special issue on Non-Derogatory Pejoratives. (forthcoming)
- [2] ‘Demographic Statistics in Defensive Decisions’ in Bolinger, Hájek, and Lazar, eds., *Synthese*. Special issue on Norms for Risk. (forthcoming; published online 2019) [10.1007/s11229-019-02372-w](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-019-02372-w)
- [3] ‘Strictly Speaking’ (co-authored with Alexander Sandgren), *Analysis* (2019)
doi: [10.1093/analys/anz017](https://doi.org/10.1093/analys/anz017)
- [4] ‘Moral Risk and Communicating Consent’, *Philosophy and Public Affairs* 47 (2019): 179-207.
doi: [10.1111/papa.12144](https://doi.org/10.1111/papa.12144)
- [5] ‘The Rational Impermissibility of Accepting (some) Racial Generalizations’, *Synthese* (2018)
doi: [10.1007/s11229-018-1809-5](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-018-1809-5)
- [6] ‘Reasonable Mistakes and Regulative Norms: Racial Bias in Defensive Harm’, *Journal of Political Philosophy* Vol. 25, No. 2 (2017): 196-217. doi: [10.1111/jopp.12120](https://doi.org/10.1111/jopp.12120)
- [7] ‘Revisiting the Right to do Wrong’, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* Vol. 95, No. 1 (2017): 43-57.
doi: [10.1080/00048402.2016.1179654](https://doi.org/10.1080/00048402.2016.1179654)
- [8] ‘The Pragmatics of Slurs’, *Noûs* Vol. 51, No. 3 (2017): 439-462. (Published online March 2015)
doi: [10.1111/nous.12090](https://doi.org/10.1111/nous.12090)
- Invited Chapters* [9] ‘The Language of Mental Illness’, in Khoo and Sterken (eds.) *Routledge Handbook of Social and Political Philosophy of Language* (forthcoming; chapter under final revisions).
- [10] ‘Explaining Evidential Asymmetries between Statistical and Individualized Evidence’, Hoskins and Robson (eds.) in *The Social Epistemology of Legal Trials*, (forthcoming; chapter under review).

WORK IN PROGRESS

‘.’ = draft available

Working papers

- Objective Rights & Epistemic Risks: Beyond Subjective Permissibility
- The Moral Grounds of Mistaken Self-Defense
- The Case for Conventional Defensive Permissions
What is the Right to an Individualized Judgment?
- Metalinguistic Moral Disagreement

Invited for publication in 2020

- Varieties of Moral Encroachment
- The Epistemic and Ethical Demands of ‘#BelieveWomen’

Book Manuscript – *Rewriting Rights: Making Reasonable Mistakes in a Social Context*

- Chpt 1. Problems of Ignorance: Mistakes are Made
- Chpt 2. Rewriting Rights
- Chpt 3. What Rights Require
- Chpt 4. The Social Approach
- Chpt 5. Answerability and Constraints
- Chpt 6. Managing Moral Risk: Consent and Self-Defense
- Chpt 7. Reforming Our Social Norms: The Role of Protest
- Chpt 8. Institutional Upshots of the Social Approach: Law, Policing, and War

MEDIA

- ◇ Guest on Lam, Barry (host). *Hi-Phi Nation: Philosophy in Story Form*, 2019. Season III, Episode 1: ‘The Pre-Crime Unit’. *Slate Podcasts*: <https://hiphination.org/season-3-episodes/s3-episode-1-the-precrime-unit/> In connection with ‘*The Rational Impermissibility of Accepting Racial Generalizations*’
- ◇ Guest on Halliday, Dan, Lawford-Smith, Holly, & Rowland, Richard (hosts). *Dialogues: A Philosophy Podcast*, 2018. Season II, Episode 7: <https://soundcloud.com/snodger-media/dialogues-07-renee-bollinger> In connection with ‘*Moral Risk and Communicating Consent*’.

HONORS & AWARDS

- 2016 – PhD Achievement Award, University of Southern California
Awarded to five out of the 3,000+ students enrolled in PhD programs university-wide.
- Flewelling Award for Outstanding Graduate Students, University of Southern California
Competitive philosophy department award
- 2015 – University Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, University of Southern California.
Awarded to the top three teaching assistants University-wide, one each in the humanities, social sciences, and hard sciences.
- 2014 – Award for Excellence in Teaching, University of Southern California.
Awarded to one teaching assistant per department.
- 2012 – C. Mason and Madeline Myers Graduate Philosophy Award, Northern Illinois University.
Awarded to one outstanding student in the philosophy M.A. program.
- 2009 – Outstanding Philosophy Thesis Presentation of the Year, Biola University
- Member of Epsilon Kappa Epsilon, Biola University
Awarded to the top 5% of the graduating class.
- Order of Peter & Paul, Torrey Honors Institute, Biola University
Awarded to the top 10% of graduating students in the honors program.

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

- 2019 – Participant, Philosophy of Statistics Summer Seminar, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
2019 – ANU Early Career Researcher Travel Grant (\$3k)
- 2017 – PhD Fellow, Graduate Reading Retreat (Kioloa), Stockholm Centre for the Ethics of War and Peace.
2016 – PhD Fellow, Graduate Reading Retreat (Venice), Stockholm Centre for the Ethics of War and Peace.
- 2015-16 – Scholar at the *Saks Institute for Mental Health Law, Policy, and Ethics*
- 2013 – University of Southern California Graduate School Professional Development Summer Fellowship.
Sponsored by the National Science Foundation (NSF); Competitive University Fellowship
- 2012-17 – University Provost Fellowship, University of Southern California (*Competitive University Fellowship*)
- 2011 – University Fellowship, The Graduate School, Northern Illinois University (*Competitive University Fellowship*)

PRESENTATIONS

- ‘●’ = by invitation
‘○’ = by peer review

Upcoming Talks

- 2020 - Jan ● ‘What is the Right to an Individualized Judgment?’ workshop on The Ethics of Technology at Work and in Public Institutions, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University
- 2020 - Mar ● ‘What Rights Require’, LSR Fellows’ Research Seminar, Center for Human Values, Princeton University
- 2020 - Mar ○ ‘What is the Right to an Individualized Judgment?’ Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society, New Orleans. Part of the panel ‘Probability and Proof in Legal Trials’, with Marcello DiBello (CUNY) and Chad Lee-Stronach (Stanford)

Commentaries

- 2020 - April ● Comments on ‘Regrettable Beliefs’ by Mica Rapstine (University of Houston). Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, San Francisco
- 2019 - Sept ● ‘The Epistemic and Ethical Demands of ‘#BelieveWomen’’: Comments on Kimberly Ferzan’s ‘#BelieveWomen and the Presumption of Innocence: Clarifying the Questions for Law and Life’, American Society for Political and Legal Philosophy, Conference on Truth and Evidence
- 2019 - Sept ● Comments on Johann Frick’s ‘Dilemmas, Luck, and the Two Faces of Morality’, LSR Fellows’ Research Seminar, Center for Human Values, Princeton University

[1] What is the Right to an Individualized Judgment?

- 2019 - Nov ● Princeton University Center for Human Values, workshop on the Democratic Implications of Algorithmic Decision-Making

[2] Rewriting Rights: the Social Approach

- 2019 - Nov ● University College London, Law & Political Theory Colloquium
- 2019 - Oct ● Harvard Political Theory Colloquium
- 2019 - Oct ● Princeton Workshop in Normative Philosophy
- 2019 - Oct ● Princeton Political Theory Research Seminar
- 2019 - July ○ Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference, Wollongong

[3] Varieties of Moral Encroachment

- 2019 - Oct ● Boston University Ethics Seminar Series
- 2019 - Jun ● University of Cologne, Ethics and Beliefs Workshop

[4] Objective Rights & Epistemic Risks: Beyond Subjective Permissibility

- 2019 - May ● Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Workshop on Moral Rights
- 2018 - Oct ● Wuhan University Philosophy Seminar (colloquium)
- 2018 - Oct ● National University of Singapore (colloquium)
- 2018 - Oct ● University of Otago Philosophy Seminar (colloquium)
- 2018 - Aug ● University of Melbourne Philosophy Seminar (colloquium)
- 2018 - July ● Australian National University, Workshop on Ethics & Risk. *Comments by Rahul Kumar.*

[5] Explaining Asymmetries in the Justificatory Force of Statistical and Individualised Evidence

- 2019 - Apr • Virginia Tech University (colloquium)
 2017 - Nov • Australian National University Philosophy & Economics Workshop
- [6] Moral Risks and Communicating Consent**
 2019 - Apr • Virginia Tech University, Seminar on Feminist Philosophy
 2019 - Mar ◦ Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society Meeting, New Orleans. Part of the panel ‘Normative Powers and Convention’ with Tom Dougherty (Cambridge/UNC) and Erin Taylor (Washington & Lee)
 2018 - Sept • Victoria University of Wellington Philosophy Seminar (colloquium)
 2018 - Mar • Melbourne Applied Philosophy Seminar
- [7] Naïve Slurring and Non-Derogatory Slurs: Delimiting the Linguistic Community**
 2019 - Mar • ‘Contested Slurs’, University of Sydney (colloquium)
 2018 - July ◦ Australian Association of Philosophy/New Zealand Association of Philosophy Joint Meeting, Wellington
- [8] The Moral Grounds of Mistaken Self-Defense**
 2019 - Mar • University of Queensland, Philosophy Seminar (colloquium)
 2018 - Feb • Australian National University, Philosophy Thursday Seminar (colloquium)
 2016 - Sept ◦ Manchester Center for Political Theory (MANCEPT), Panel on Risk & Uncertainty
 2015 - Oct ◦ Harvard Graduate Political Theory Conference *Comments by Edmund ‘Tweedy’ Flanigan.*
- [9] The Rational Impermissibility of Accepting Racial Generalizations**
 2019 - Feb • Seminar in Logic, Philosophy of Science, & Epistemology, University of Gdansk
 2017 - May ◦ St. Louis Annual Conference on Reasons and Rationality (SLACRR) *Comments by Julianne Chung.*
 2016 - Nov • Talbot Philosophical Society Colloquium, Biola University
 2016 - Oct ◦ 9th Arché Graduate Conference, St. Andrews *Comments by Ethan Landes.*
- [10] The Case for Conventional Defensive Permissions**
 2018 - Jan • Oxford University
 2018 - Jan • 6th Annual Australasian Workshop in Moral Philosophy
 2017 - Nov • Princeton University
 2017 - Nov ◦ Stockholm Centre for the Ethics of War and Peace Graduate Reading Retreat *Comments by Suzanne Uniacke.*
- [11] Testimonial Injustice and the Harm in Mental Illness Epithets**
 2017 - Dec • New York Philosophy of Language Workshop
 2017 - Dec • University of Southern California, Colloquium
 2017 - Mar ◦ American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Kansas City (symposium) *Comments by Cassie Herbert.*
- [12] The Problem of the Mistaken Defender**
 2016 - Sept ◦ Stockholm Centre for the Ethics of War and Peace Graduate Reading Retreat *Comments by Lars Christie.*
 2016 - Aug ◦ Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (RoME), Boulder. *Comments by Howard Nye.*
- [13] Reporting Bad Beliefs: Solutions for Pragmatic Accounts of Slurs**
 2016 - Mar ◦ American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, San Francisco (colloquium). *Comments by Kent Bach.*
 2015 - Nov ◦ 9th Annual Northern Graduate Conference at Northern Illinois University. *Comments by Meagan Phillips.*
- [14] Reasonable Mistakes and Regulative Conventions: Racial Bias in Defensive Harm**
 2015 - Dec ◦ Political Violence Workshop, University of Connecticut.
- [15] Metalinguistic Moral Disagreement**
 2015 - Feb ◦ American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, St. Louis (colloquium). *Comments by Jamie Dreier.*
- [16] Revisiting the Right to do Wrong**
 2014 - Oct ◦ UCLA Law and Philosophy Graduate Conference. *Comments by David Bordeaux.*
- [17] The Specification Problem for Anderson’s Democratic Egalitarianism**
 2014 - Mar ◦ 8th Annual Conference Northwestern University Society for Theory in Ethics and Politics. *Comments by Jessica Talamantez.*

[18] The Pragmatics of Slurs

- 2013 - Apr ◦ Princeton/Rutgers Graduate Student Conference. *Comments by Ashley Atkins.*
2013 - Apr ◦ 7th Annual Texas Tech University Philosophy Graduate Student Conference.

[19] Chancy Conditionals: A Critique of Hawthorne

- 2012 - Apr ◦ Indiana Philosophical Association. *Comments by Sam Cowling.*

[20] A Prosententialist Account of Vagueness

- 2012 - Feb ◦ USC/UCLA Graduate Conference. *Comments by Gabriel Oak Rabin.*
2011 - Sept ◦ 15th Annual British Postgraduate Philosophical Association Conference. *Comments by Kian Mintz-Woo*
2011 - Sept ◦ 32nd Central States Philosophical Association Annual Conference. *Comments by Nicholas Baima*

ACADEMIC SERVICE

- ◊ Lead guest editor, *Synthese* special issue on 'Norms for Risk', with Alan Hájek and Seth Lazar

- Refereeing* ◊ *Analytic Philosophy* • *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* (×5+) • *Dialectica* (×3) • *Ergo* • *Erkenntnis* (×2) • *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* (×2) • *Ethics* • *Journal of Philosophy* • *Journal of Applied Philosophy* • *Journal of the American Philosophical Association* • *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* (×2) • *Journal of Political Philosophy* (×5+) • *Journal of Social Philosophy* • *Kennedy Institute of Ethics* • *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* (×5+) • *Philosopher's Imprint* (×2) • *Philosophical Quarterly* (×3) • *Philosophical Studies* (×2) • *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* (×3) • *Ratio Juris* • *Social Theory and Practice* (×2) • *Synthese* (×3) • *Topoi* • *The Journal of Ethics*

- ◊ St Louis Annual Conference on Reasons and Rationality (2018), Midwest Regional Graduate Conference (2011), USC/UCLA Graduate Conference (2013-17)

- Administrative* ◊ PhilPapers Assistant Area Editor, Philosophy of Law (2016-present)
◊ Editorial Assistant, *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* (2016-17)

- ◊ Convenor, ANU Thursday Seminars in Philosophy (2018)
◊ Co-Organizer, ANU Workshop on Ethics & Risk (2018)
◊ Co-Organizer, USC/UCLA Graduate Conference (2014)
◊ Co-Organizer, 5th Annual Midwest Regional Graduate Conference in Philosophy (2011)

- ◊ Mentor, Job Candidate Mentoring Program for Women in Philosophy (2018- present)
◊ President, Philosophy Graduate Student Association, *University of Southern California* (2015-16)
◊ Philosophy Graduate Student Advisory Council, *Northern Illinois University* (2011)

- Memberships* ◊ Association for Political Theory
◊ American Society for Political and Legal Philosophy
◊ Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society
◊ American Philosophical Association
◊ Australasian Association of Philosophy
◊ Participant, Analytic Legal Philosophy Conference (2015)

TEACHING

- *Advising/Supervision*
 - ◊ Ph.D. Committee, external member, for Alexandra Lloyd (2019- , University of Colorado at Boulder)
 - ◊ Senior thesis advisor for Jonathan Haynes (2019- ,Princeton University)
 - ◊ Honours co-supervisor (with Katie Steele) in philosophy, for Patrick Williamson (2019, Australian National University)
 - ◊ Directed readings: Moral Encroachment, for Kida Lin (2019, Australian National University)

- *Instructor of Record*, Princeton University
 - ◊ Ethics & Public Policy (undergraduate lecture course. Fall '19; co-taught with Stephen Macedo)
 - ◊ Managing Social Risk (upper division undergraduate discussion seminar, Spring 2020)

- *Instructor*, Australian National University
 - ◊ Graduate Seminar: Social Inference & Categorization (May-June '18; co-taught with Justin D'Ambrosio)
- *Instructor of Record*, University of Southern California
 - ◊ Reasoning and Argument I: Propositional Logic (Spring '17)
 - ◊ Reasoning and Argument II: Reasoning with Probabilities (Spring '17)
- *Guest Lectures*
 - ◊ On the Pragmatics of Slurs, for Robin Jeshion's *Graduate Seminar in Philosophy of Language*, 2017
 - ◊ Racial Bias in Mistaken Defensive Harm, for Mark Schroeder's *Current Moral and Social Issues*, 2017
 - ◊ Encroachment and Racial Generalizations, for John Hawthorne's *Graduate Seminar in Epistemology*, 2016
 - ◊ A Brief Introduction to Propositional Logic, for Jacob Ross's *Contemporary Moral and Social Issues*, 2015
 - ◊ The Problem of Evil, for Stephen Finlay's *Modern Philosophy and the Meaning of Life*, 2014
 - ◊ Aristotelian Virtue Ethics, *Contemporary Moral Issues* (NIU), 2010
- *Lecturer in Philosophy & Theory*, Summer Debate Institute at College of DuPage, Illinois
 - ◊ Instructor for 6-8 classes at annual week-long workshops (2006-2010) for highschoolers. Lectured small classes (12-50 students) on normative ethics, governmental policy, debate theory, and topics in applied ethics.
 - ◊ Tutored 92 6th-12th grade students in basic presentation and public speaking.
- *Teaching Assistant*, University of Southern California
 - ◊ Contemporary Moral and Social Issues (Spring '15), Jacob Ross
 - ◊ Legal Controversies and Ethical Principles (Fall '14), Andrei Marmor
 - ◊ Modern Philosophy and the Meaning of Life (Spring '14), Stephen Finlay
 - ◊ Knowledge, Explanation & the Cosmos (Fall '13), Shieva Kleinschmidt
- *Graduate Assistant*, Northern Illinois University
 - ◊ Twentieth Century Analytic Philosophy (upper division; Spring '12), David J. Buller
 - ◊ Environmental Ethics (upper division; Fall '11), Jason Hanna
 - ◊ Contemporary Moral Issues (Spring '11), Nicoleta Apostol
 - ◊ Contemporary Moral Issues (Fall '10), Matthew Pamental
- *LSAT Instructor* for Kaplan Testprep, Inc. 2006-2009
 - ◊ Sole instructor for several 8-week lecture-based classes (15-20 students) covering the material tested on the Law School Admission Test (LSAT). Included introductory logic, reasoning and argumentation, and logic games.

READING GROUPS

Philosophy of Science (2019)	Reading: Mayo, <i>Statistical Inference as Severe Testing</i>
Epistemology (2019)	Reading: Weatherson, <i>Normative Externalism</i>
Collective Obligations (2018)	Reading: Collins, <i>Group Duties</i> (manuscript)
Modeling Normative Theories (2018)	Read assorted papers on consequentialising deontological ethics
Political Philosophy (2017)	Reading: Shelby, <i>Dark Ghettos</i>
Philosophy of Law (2016)	Reading: Ripstein, <i>Private Wrongs</i>
Epistemology (2016)	Reading: Moss, <i>Probabilistic Knowledge</i> (manuscript)
Philosophy of Race (2015-6)	Readings included Fricker, <i>Epistemic Injustice</i> ; Mills, <i>The Racial Contract</i> (excerpts)
Moral Philosophy (2015)	Readings: Waldron, <i>Tanner Lectures on Human Dignity</i> ; Tadros, <i>The Ends of Harm</i>
Metaethics (2014)	Online discussion of Ridge, <i>Impassioned Belief</i>
Political Philosophy (2013)	Reading: Quong, <i>Liberalism without Perfection</i>

REFERENCES

Available on request.

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