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### RESEARCH

Areas of Specialization — Social & Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Language  
Areas of Competence — Ethics, Philosophy of Law, Epistemology

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### EMPLOYMENT

*from* Sept 2019 – Assistant Professor in the Department of Politics and the Center for Human Values, Princeton University

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

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### 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), John Hawthorne
- 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*.

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### PUBLICATIONS

- Journal Articles*
- ◇ ‘Strictly Speaking’ (co-authored with Alexander Sandgren). *Analysis* (forthcoming)  
doi: [10.1093/analys/anz017](https://doi.org/10.1093/analys/anz017)
  - ◇ ‘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)
  - ◇ ‘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)
  - ◇ ‘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)
  - ◇ ‘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)
- Book Reviews*
- ◇ Review of *How Propaganda Works* by Jason Stanley. *Ethics* Vol. 127, No. 2 (2017): 502-507.  
doi: [10.1086/688753](https://doi.org/10.1086/688753)

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### 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'.*

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#### 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.*

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#### FELLOWSHIPS

- 2019 – Participant, Philosophy of Statistics Summer Seminar, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
- 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*)
- 2005 – Jerry Junkins Fellowship for National Merit Scholars (*Texas Instruments*)

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#### PRESENTATIONS

• indicates invited talks

- [1] TBD
- 2019 - Sept • Comments on Kimberly Ferzan, NOMOS Conference on Truth and Evidence, American Society for Political and Legal Philosophy
- 2019 - Oct • Harvard Political Theory Colloquium
- [2] *Rewriting Rights: the Social Approach*
- 2019 - July ◦ Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference
- [3] *What is Moral Encroachment?*
- 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 • 9<sup>th</sup> Arché Graduate Conference, St. Andrews *Comments by Ethan Landes.*
- [10] The Case for Conventional Defensive Permissions**  
 2018 - Jan • Oxford University  
 2018 - Jan • 6<sup>th</sup> 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 • 9<sup>th</sup> 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 ◦ 8<sup>th</sup> 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 ◦ 7<sup>th</sup> 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 ◦ 15<sup>th</sup> Annual British Postgraduate Philosophical Association Conference. *Comments by Kian Mintz-Woo*

2011 - Sept ◦ 32<sup>nd</sup> Central States Philosophical Association Annual Conference. *Comments by Nicholas Baima*

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## 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 Ethics and Social Philosophy* • *Journal of Political Philosophy* (×5+) • *Journal of Social Philosophy* • *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* (×5+) • *Philosopher's Imprint* (×2) • *Philosophical Quarterly* (×3) • *Philosophical Studies* • *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* (×3) • *Social Theory and Practice* (×2) • *Synthese* (×2) • *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, 5<sup>th</sup> 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 Philosophical Association

◊ Australasian Association of Philosophy

◊ Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society

◊ Participant, Analytic Legal Philosophy Conference (2015)

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## TEACHING

• *Advising/Supervision*

◊ Australian National University: Honours co-supervisor (with Katie Steele) in philosophy, for Patrick Williamson; Directed readings, for Kida Lin

- ◇ Ph.D. Committee, external member, for Alexandra Lloyd (Boulder)
- *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 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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.

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#### READING GROUPS

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>

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#### REFERENCES

Available on request.

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