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AREAS OF SPECIALISATION:

Normative ethics, applied ethics, legal philosophy.

AREAS OF COMPETENCE:

Meta-ethics, political philosophy.

EMPLOYMENT

September 2021 – present: Lecturer in moral and political philosophy, University of Glasgow.

September 2020 – August 2021: Associate Lecturer in moral and political philosophy, University of St Andrews.

January 2019 – July 2020: Lecturer in moral and political philosophy, University of Glasgow.

September 2018 – January 2019: Evening degree course convenor, University of St Andrews.

September 2013 – June 2018: Postgraduate tutor, University of St Andrews.

EDUCATION

University of St Andrews and University of Stirling:

PhD in Philosophy (2014–2018), thesis title: *'You Want Me to do What?!' A Reasonable Response to Overly Demanding Moral Theories*. Thesis defended with no corrections on the 30th April 2018. Graduated on 28th June, 2018. Supervised by Justin Snedegar and Tim Mulgan. Examined by Brad Hooker and Theron Pummer.

MPhil in Philosophy (2010–2013) thesis title: *How is the culpability we assign to recklessness best accounted for in criminal law?* Supervised by Marcia Baron and Brian McElwee. Examined by Antony Duff and Andrew Cornford.

University of St Andrews:

MA (Hons) in Philosophy (2006–2010)

The Open University:

Certificate of Humanities (2006)

Certificate of Natural Sciences (2004)

PUBLICATIONS

Research publications in academic journals:

1. 'Just Judge: The Jury on Trial', *American Philosophical Quarterly* (forthcoming).
2. 'Miller's Tale: Why the Sympathy Principle is Inadequate' (2021), *Kriterion*, 35(1), pp.97–111.
3. 'Satisficing Consequentialism Still Doesn't Satisfy' (2020), *Utilitas*, 32(1), pp.108–117.

Book reviews:

1. Paul Woodruff (ed.), *Ethics of Giving: Philosophers' Perspectives on Philanthropy*, in *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, 2020, 17(4), pp.464–467.
2. Sophie-Grace Chappell and Marcel van Ackeren (eds.), *Ethics Beyond the Limits: New Essays on Bernard Williams*, in *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, 2020, 17(4), pp.464–467.

- Williams' Ethics and the Limits of Philosophy*, in *Metapsychology Online Reviews*, 2019, volume 23, issue 37.
3. Jamie Carlin Watson's *Winning Votes by Abusing Reason: Responsible Belief and Political Rhetoric*, in *Res Publica*, 2019, volume 25, issue 1, pp.127–132.

Publications in popular media:

1. 'Nepotism on The Orville' (2021), in *Exploring the Orville*, David Kyle Johnson and Michael Berry (eds.), pp.209–223. MacFarland Publishing.
2. 'Androids: Artificial Persons or Glorified Toasters?' (2017), in *Alien and Philosophy: I Infest, Therefore I Am*, Jeffrey Ewing and Kevin Decker (eds.), pp.17–24, Blackwell Pop Culture and Philosophy series.
3. 'Barney Stinson's Theory of Truth' (2014), in *How I Met Your Mother and Philosophy: Being and Awesomeness*, Lorenzo von Matterhorn (ed.), pp.169–180, Open Court Press.
4. 'Why It's Wrong to Make Monsters (or Babies)' (2013), in *Frankenstein and Philosophy: The Shocking Truth*, Nicolas Michaud (ed.), pp.261–272, Open Court Press.

Blog posts (general audience)

1. 'Picard, Time Travel and Moral Motivation', *The Epicurean Cure*, 21st March, 2020. <https://www.epicureancure.com/659/picard-time-travel-moral-motivation/>
2. 'Footballer Philanthropists: The Broader Picture', CEPPA, 11th August 2017. <http://ceppa.wp.st-andrews.ac.uk/commentaries/philanthropist-footballers-the-bigger-picture/> (also published on *The Life You Can Save* website)

Academic works under review:

1. 'Why Satisficers *Still* Get Away with Murder' (R&R at *Noûs*)
2. 'The Overgeneralisation of FLO Arguments' (R&R at *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy*).
3. 'The Impairment Argument Can't Just Go with the FLO' (R&R at *HEC Forum*).
4. 'Difficulty and Demandingness'
5. 'Open-Textured Moral Concepts'
6. 'Kant and Demandingness' (co-authored with Martin Sticker and Joe Saunders)

Articles in preparation:

1. 'Changing the Dialectic on Demandingness'
2. 'Demandingness and Deontic Universalism'
3. 'The Specification Problem for Rule-Consequentialism'
4. 'What is Victim Blaming?'
5. 'Kanti-natalism'
6. "'Politicising" as Silencing' (for conference proceedings in an edited collection with Intellect Press).

PRESENTATIONS

Refereed conference presentations:

1. 'Turning the Screw on the Jury', *Scottish Epistemology Early Career Workshop*, University of Edinburgh, 15th July, 2022.
2. "'Politicising" as Silencing', *Press and Media Freedom Symposium*, St Bride Foundation, London, 8th June, 2022.
3. 'Should You Befriend Bad People', *The Normativity and Epistemology of Friendship*, Trinity College Dublin, 3–4th September, 2020.
4. 'Moral Hiring?', accepted for presentation at the European Congress for Analytic Philosophy, Utrecht University, 24th–28th August, 2020.*
5. 'Sidgwick's Two Standards of Blameworthiness and Moral Demandingness', accepted for presentation at the Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and Mind Association, University of Kent, 10th–12th July, 2020.*
6. 'What's Wrong with Victim Blaming?', accepted for presentation at the Society for Applied Philosophy Annual Conference, University of Edinburgh, 3–5th July, 2020.*
 - a. Versions also presented at:
 - i. Off the Fence: Morality, Politics and Society, University of Brighton, 25th–26th April, 2019.
 - ii. Open Minds XIII, University of Manchester, 2nd August, 2018.
 - iii. Understanding Value VII, University of Sheffield, 18th July, 2018

- iv. Reading Ethical and Political Philosophy Conference, University of Reading, 11th June, 2018.
7. ‘Open Textured Moral Concepts?’, Indeterminacy and Underdetermination, University College Dublin, 24th–25th January, 2020.
 8. ‘No, Kant Isn’t Too Demanding; He’s Just Wrong’, UK Kant Society Annual Conference, University of Bristol, 12th August, 2019.
 9. ‘Satisficing Consequentialism Still Doesn’t Satisfy’, Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and Mind Association, Durham University, 21st July, 2019.
 10. ‘The Progressive Case Against Radical Fertility Treatments’, Reading Ethical and Political Philosophy Conference, University of Reading, 10th June, 2019.
 11. ‘Motivational Difficulty and Moral Demandingness’, poster-presentation, British Society of Ethical Theory Annual Conference, Sheffield, 12th July, 2018.
 12. ‘Effective Altruism and its Philosophical Foundations’, presented at the Ethics of Giving conference, St Andrews, 24th May 2017.
 13. ‘Between Sympathy and Sacrifice: In Search of a Principle of Beneficence’, MANCEPT workshop on “Duties of Beneficence”, University of Manchester, 2nd September 2015.
 14. ‘Demandingness Objections and Bernard Williams’, presented at Understanding Value IV, University of Sheffield, 30th July 2015.

Invited presentations:

1. ‘Activism and Philosophy’, at *Organics Europe Youth Event*, Frick, Switzerland, 1st September, 2022.
2. ‘Prospects and Problems for Restricted Jury Abolition’, We Need to Talk about Juries, University of Glasgow, 9th August, 2022.
3. ‘Kanti-natalism’, Workshop on Kant’s Practical Philosophy, University of Leeds, 17th May, 2022.
4. ‘The Specificity Problem for Rule-Consequentialism’, St Andrews Summer Reflectorium, 7th June, 2021.
 - a. Also presented at Department Seminar, University of Glasgow, 12th May 2020.
5. ‘Should you befriend bad people?’, Glasgow University Philosophy Society, 28th October, 2020.
6. ‘Implicit Bias and Philosophy’, invited for presentation at the MAP mentorship scheme launch event, University of Glasgow, 21st March 2020.*
7. ‘From Demandingness to Dismantling: Carlyle Must Fall’, presented at Decolonizing Glasgow and the post/colonial, University of Glasgow, 29th April, 2019.
8. ‘What is Victim-Blaming?’, University of St Andrews Philosophy Society, 8th April, 2019.
9. ‘Living Philosophically’, Philosophy Beyond the Academy workshop, St Andrews, 11th November 2016.
10. ‘Rendering the Consequence Argument Inconsequential’, Chair’s talk at the British Undergraduate Philosophy Society’s Summer conference, University of Warwick, 2nd May 2010.

*Talk cancelled/postponed due to the coronavirus pandemic.

TEACHING

	Lecturer (main lecturer if not otherwise stated)	Convenor /coordinator	Tutor/seminar leader
University of St Andrews			
Moral and Political Controversies (first-year undergraduate course)	2020/21	2020/21	✓ ✓ ✓*
Matters of Life and Death (second-year evening degree course)	2020/21	2020/21	
Reading Philosophy (third-year undergraduate course)		2020/21	2020/21
Morality and Human Nature (first-year evening degree course)	✓✓	✓✓	
Reasoning (first-year undergraduate logic course)	2017/18 (guest – one lecture)		✓✓
Moral and Aesthetic Value (second-year undergraduate course)			2015/16
Mind and World (first-year undergraduate course)			✓✓
Great Ideas 2			2017/18

(first-year interdisciplinary course)			
Ethical Controversies (first-year undergraduate course)			2014/15
Society, Authority and Freedom (first-year undergraduate course)			2014/15
Mind and Reality (first-year undergraduate course)			2013/14
Reasoning and Knowledge (first-year undergraduate course)			2013/14
University of Glasgow			
Moral Philosophy A (MSc course)	2019/20	2019/20	
Moral Philosophy (third-year undergraduate course)	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓
Metaethics (third-year undergraduate course)	2021/22	2021/22	2021/22
How Should I Live? (first-year undergraduate course)	✓✓✓ (one-quarter of lectures)		
How Should I Think? (first-year undergraduate course)	2020/21 (one-quarter of lectures)		
Political Philosophy (third-year undergraduate course)	2019/20	2019/20	✓✓
Introduction to Analytic Philosophy (Conversion Masters Course)	2021/22 (four two-hour lectures)		
Research Methods (MSc course)	2021/22 (guest x2) 2019/20 (guest x2) 2018/19 (guest)		

*ticks signify number of years performing this role

Dissertation Supervision:

Undergraduate and MSc supervision at the University of Glasgow: 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2021-22.
Postgraduate (MLitt) supervision at the University of St Andrews: 2020-21.

Additional Teaching:

Jointly delivered the Honours Prize Seminar Series (2017)

- Entitled *Causation, Ethics and Climate Change*
- Five-part lecture series for honours students.
- Syllabus independently designed and taught alongside Caroline Touborg.

Delivered the Honours Prize Seminar Series (2016)

- Entitled *How Much Does Morality Demand?*
- Five-part lecture series for honours students.
- Syllabus independently designed and taught.

Summer Programmes, St Andrews (for 16-18-year-old students):

- Lecturer on 'Scottish Philosophy', part of the *Scottish Studies* course (2017, 2018 and 2019)
- Lectures on Adam Smith and David Hume for the *Summer Academic Experience* course, July 2021.
- Tutor on the *Moral Philosophy* course in June 2018.

Teaching qualifications:

Currently studying for the PGCAP (expected to complete in summer 2023).

Associate Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (AFHEA)

- Granted upon completing a graduate-level teaching course entitled *Supporting Student Learning*, 2015.

AWARDS

- Jointly awarded the PhD teaching prize, 2017 (£150 awarded).
- PhD teaching prize, 2016 (£300 awarded).
- PhD research grant, St Andrews and Stirling Graduate Programme, 2013/14–15/16 (three years funding of £5000 per year).
- Assistant Warden Scholarship, University of St Andrews, 2013/14–18/19 (accommodation fee waiver).

CONFERENCE FUNDING SECURED

- £1,250 conference grant, Scots Philosophical Association, awarded for 'We Need to Talk about Juries', conference at University of Glasgow, August 2022.
- £260 from the University of Warwick, awarded for the British Undergraduate Philosophy Society Summer Conference, 2011.
- £300 from the Scots Philosophical Association, awarded for British Undergraduate Philosophy Society Autumn Conference, University of Edinburgh, 2010.

SERVICE

- Administrative roles:
 - Visiting day coordinator for Philosophy, University of Glasgow (2018/19, 2019/20 and 2021/22).
 - Sub-honours coordinator for Philosophy, University of St Andrews (2020/21)
 - Undergraduate advisor, University of St Andrews (2020/21)
- Commentaries
 - Comments for 'From Coronavirus to Economic Slump: Basic Income, and the Struggle for Resilience' by Professor Guy Standing, Universal Basic Income and the Meaning of Work, University of St Andrews, 26th February, 2021.
 - Comments for 'Instrumental Value and Intrinsic Value', by Yunjie Zhang, Glasgow Intradepartmental Postgraduate Conference, 14th June, 2019.
 - Comments on 'Kant on Character and Calculus: Holiness as the Limit of Virtue' by Lucas Thorpe, Kant and Demandingness, University of Southampton, 8th June 2018.
 - Comments on 'Terrorism as a Violent Practice of Eradication: Killing Bodies to Kill Ideas' by Lu-Vada Dunford, CEPPA Graduate Conference, University of St Andrews, 17th February 2018
 - Comments on 'Rejecting Hurka's Human Nature Account of Perfection' by Patrick McDevitt, SASP Research Workshop, University of Stirling, 14th March 2016
 - Comments on 'On the Explanation of Right Action in Virtue Ethics' by Jason Kawall, Ethics and Explanation Conference, University of Nottingham, 23rd February 2016.
- Through CEPPA (Centre for Ethics, Philosophy and Public Affairs) affiliation.
 - Member (September 2020 – present)
 - Community fellow (2018–2020)
 - Postgraduate fellow (2016–2018)
 - Case writer and judge for the 2019 John Stuart Mill Cup.
 - Case writer for the 2021 John Stuart Mill Cup.
 - Case writer for the 2022 Ethics Cup regional rounds and final.
 - Judge for the 2022 Ethics Cup regional rounds and final.
- Interviewed by *Thoughts* – a philosophy podcast:
 - 'Future People', November 2020, <https://www.thoughtsuofg.com/episodes/episode-11-future-people/>.
- Workshop presenter:
 - 'The Book Review' (online) for the *Scottish Graduate School for Arts & Humanities Summer School*, 26th June, 2020
- Reviewer:
 - *American Philosophical Quarterly*, *Conatus*, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, *Kriterion*, *Journal of Value Inquiry*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Utilitas*.
- Mentoring (pastoral support)
 - Mentor with the St Andrews Women and Minorities Group (2015–2017).
 - Personal tutor for honours students (2018-20).

- Faculty mentor for MLitt students, St Andrews (2020-21).
- Roundtable participant:
 - ‘Silencing, Prejudice and Resistance’, MAP workshop, University of Stirling, 24th June, 2019.
- Organiser
 - ‘We Need to Talk about Juries’, interdisciplinary workshop, University of Glasgow, August 2022.
 - St Andrews Graduate Seminar Series, 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17.
 - British Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, University of Edinburgh, 2010.
 - British Undergraduate Philosophy Society Conference, University of Warwick, 2010.
 - British Undergraduate Philosophy Society Conference, University of St Andrews, 2009.
- President
 - University of St Andrews Philosophy Society, 2011/12
 - British Undergraduate Philosophy Society, 2009/10.
- Conference Referee
 - CEPPA Graduate Conference, May 2022.
 - CEPPA Graduate Conference, February 2018.
 - Arché Graduate Conference, November 2014.
- Editor
 - *Aporia*, St Andrews Philosophy Society journal, 2007/08 and 2008/09.
- Session chair
 - Kant Reading Party (‘Kant and Sidgwick’), The Burn, July 2017.
- Graduate student representative
 - Elected class representative for research students in philosophy (2014–15 and 2015–16).
- Member of SEECRs (Scottish Epistemology Early Career Researchers).
 - July 2022 – present.

NON-ACADEMIC ROLES

- Cofounder:
 - *Giving What We Can: St Andrews*, 2012. (Now *Effective Altruism: St Andrews*)
- Volunteer/Counsellor for *Marrow* (2014–2018), the student charity that recruits for Anthony Nolan to recruit students to the bone marrow register.
- Member of the St Andrews Men’s Shinty Team (2006–2018). In 2010 I was awarded University Colours. Top scorer three times (2009/10, 2014/15, 2016/17).
- Captain of the Moral Philosophy Football team, which competes in the Edgecliffe Cup annually against Logic and Metaphysics (2011–2017).
- Former President of the University of St Andrews Chess Society (2009–10), as well as captain of its chess team, which competes within the Tayside and Fife Chess Association (TAFCA) Leagues. I captained the team to victory in the 2010 TAFCA cup.
- Assistant warden at Albany Park (2014/15), McIntosh Hall (2015/16–2017/18) and David Russell Apartments (2018/19), halls of residences at St Andrews.
- Senior Living Support Assistant at Queen Margaret Residences, Glasgow (2021/22).