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## EMPLOYMENT

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<b>Durham University</b> School of Government and International Affairs Assistant Professor	<i>2025 - Present</i>
<b>Australian Catholic University</b> School of Philosophy, Melbourne Campus Lecturer	<i>2024 - 2025</i>
<b>London School of Economics</b> Department of Philosophy, Logic and Scientific Method Postdoctoral Fellow Awarded Excellence in Education Award for teaching in 2023	<i>2021 - 2024</i>

## EDUCATION

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<b>New York University</b> Ph.D. in Philosophy Dissertation: <i>How Democracies Fail</i> Committee: Samuel Scheffler (chair), Anthony Appiah, Daniel Viehoff	<i>2015 - 2021</i>
<b>University of Oxford</b> B.Phil. in Philosophy Dissertation: <i>What is Grounding?</i> Advisor: Gonzalo Rodríguez-Pereyra	<i>2013 - 2015</i> Distinction
<b>University of Oxford</b> B.A. in Politics, Philosophy and Economics Awarded the Henry Wilde prize for best performance in philosophy Dissertation: <i>Why should we be moral?</i> Advisor: Krister Bykvist	<i>2010 - 2013</i> First Class

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<b>Areas of Specialization</b>	Social and Political Philosophy, Ethics
<b>Areas of Competence</b>	Metaphysics

## BOOKS

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*Democratic Failures and the Ethics of Democracy*. Philadelphia, PA: University of Pennsylvania Press. Spring 2024. [[Manuscript here](#)]

Reviewed in: [Ethics](#) | [Philosophical Quarterly](#) | [Public Choice](#) | [Choice](#)

## JOURNAL ARTICLES

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1. “The manifestation account of responsibility” (with Stefan Riedener). *Ergo: an Open Access Journal in Philosophy*. Forthcoming. [[Online here](#)]
2. “On the Value of Irreplaceable Objects” (with Harvey Lederman and Robbie Kubala). *Journal of Philosophy*. Forthcoming. [[Online here](#)]
3. “The Fair Share Theory of Conventional Normativity”. *Journal of Ethics & Social Philosophy*. 2025. [[Online here](#)]
4. “The Choice Argument for Proportional Representation”. *American Journal of Political Science*. 2025. [[Online here](#)]
5. “Touching the Good: Special Relationships as Contact with Value” (with Stefan Riedener). *Journal of Ethics & Social Philosophy*. 2025. [[Online here](#)]
6. “The Egalitarian Objection to Coercion”. *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*. 105 (3): 392–417. 2024. [[Online here](#)]
7. “The Good Life as the Life in Touch with the Good” (with Stefan Riedener). *Philosophical Studies*. 118: 1141–1165. 2024. [[Online here](#)]
8. “Commonsense Morality and Contact with Value” (with Stefan Riedener). *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*. 109 (1): 410–430. 2024. [[Online here](#)]
9. “Should Canada have oaths of allegiance?”. *Canadian Journal of Foreign Policy*. 30 (2): 216–220. 2024. [[Online here](#)]
10. “Property and non-ideal theory”. *Inquiry: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Philosophy*. 2023. [[Online here](#)]
11. “The Ethics of Asymmetric Politics”. *Politics, Philosophy & Economics*. 22 (1): 3–30. 2023. [[Online here](#)]
12. “The Possibility of Democratic Autonomy” (with Jake Zuehl). *Philosophy & Public Affairs*. 5 (4): 467–498. 2022. [[Online here](#)]
13. “What Immigrants Owe” (with Daniel Sharp). *Ergo: an Open Access Journal in Philosophy*. 8 (36): 336–366. 2022. [[Online here](#)]
14. “The Loving State”. *Inquiry: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Philosophy*. 67 (9): 3547–3583. 2022. [[Online here](#)]

15. “Voter Motivation”. *Journal of Ethics & Social Philosophy* 22 (3): 299–328. 2022. [[Online here](#)]
16. “Group Agents and Moral Status: What Can We Owe to Organizations?” (with Stefan Riedener). *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 51 (3): 221–238. 2021. [[Online here](#)]
17. “Must egalitarians condemn representative democracy?”. *Social Theory and Practice* 47 (1): 171–198. 2021. [[Online here](#)]
18. “Democratic Autonomy and the Shortcomings of Citizens”. *Journal of Moral Philosophy*. 18 (4): 363–386. 2021. [[Online here](#)]
19. “On Keeping Things in Proportion” (with Stefan Riedener). *Journal of Ethics & Social Philosophy* 16 (3): 229–258. 2019. [[Online here](#)]
20. “The puzzles of ground”. *Philosophical Studies* 177 (9): 2541–64. 2019. [[Online here](#)]
21. “A Simple Proof of Grounding Internality”. *Thought* 8 (3): 155–166. 2019. [[Online here](#)]
22. “The logic of ground”. *Journal of Philosophical Logic* 49: 13–49. 2019. [[Online here](#)]

## BOOK REVIEWS

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1. Review of *Wealth and Power: Philosophical Perspectives* by Michael Bennett, Huub Brouwer, and Rutger Claassen (eds). *Economics and Philosophy*. 2023 [[Online here](#)]
2. Review of *Ethical Autonomy: The Rise of Self-Rule* by Lucas Swaine. *Journal of Moral Philosophy*. 19 (5): 543–546. 2022 [[Online here](#)]

## PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

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1. “Is optimism a virtue, or a form of moral evasion?”. *The Minefield (ABC Radio National)*. March 2025. [[Online here](#)]
2. “Why you shouldn’t read too much into the results of the 2024 US presidential election”. *ABC Religion & Ethics*. October 2024. [[Online here](#)]
3. “Where will it all end? The future of political violence in the United States”. *ABC Religion & Ethics*. September 2024. [[Online here](#)]

4. “Why big events don’t have much effect on election results—and why we think they do”. *ABC Religion & Ethics*. July 2024. [[Online here](#)]
5. “Is America’s Democracy Failing?”. *Why? Philosophical Discussions About Everyday Life with Jack Russell Weinstein*. June 2024. [[Online here](#)]
6. “What’s wrong with tree vandalism? On democracy and the shared authorship of public spaces”. *ABC Religion & Ethics*. May 2024. [[Online here](#)]
7. “What is the Good Life?” *MiniPhilosophy* (a video for a social media account with 200k followers). May 2024. [[Online here](#)]
8. Written evidence submitted to the Joint Standing Committee of Electoral Matters inquiry into civics education, engagement, and participation in Australia. May 2024. [[Online here](#)]
9. “Should a man accused of murder run for re-election? The curious case of Ryan Bayldon-Lumsden”. *ABC Religion & Ethics*. March 2024. [[Online here](#)]
10. Written evidence submitted to the Joint Committee of National Security Strategy inquiry into ‘Defending Democracy’. February 2024. [[Online here](#)]
11. “Should the House of Lords be more democratic?”. *British Politics and Policy*. November 2023. [[Online here](#)]

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

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“Touching the Good”. *The Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München*. July 2025.

“In Defense of Algorithmic Governance”.

- *PPE Conference, London*. July 2025.
- *University of Melbourne*. April 2025.
- *Monash University*. March 2025.

“The Choice Argument for Proportional Representation”.

- *Durham University*. September 2024.
- *Australian National University*. September 2024.

“Democratic Failures and the Ethics of Democracy”.

- *University of Glasgow*. January 2025.
- *University of Warwick*. March 2024.
- *University of Leeds*. January 2024.
- *LSE Popper Seminar*. November 2023.

- “Discrimination and Historical Inequality”. *Conference on Discrimination and Relational Egalitarianism*. Aarhus University. August 2023.
- “An Institutional Account of Autonomy”. *University of California, Berkeley*. May 2023.
- “Democratic Autonomy and the Shortcomings of Citizens”.
- *University of St Andrews*. March 2023.
  - *Utrecht University*. March 2023.
- “Wealth, Power, and Equality”.
- *University of Southampton*. January 2024.
  - *King’s College London*. July 2023.
  - *University of California, San Diego*. February 2023.
  - *The University of Sheffield*. January 2023.
- “Deontology and Contact with Value”. *LSE Choice Group*. October 2022.
- “A Relational Egalitarian Solution to the Boundary Problem”. *MANCEPT Workshops for Political Theory*. September 2022.
- “Egalitarian Anarchism”.
- *The Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München*. June 2021.
  - *The London School of Economics*. June 2021.
  - *Pacific APA*. April 2021.
- “The Loving State”.
- *The London School of Economics*. July 2021.
  - *The Chinese University of Hong Kong*. March 2021.
  - *Bilkent University*. March 2021.
  - *NYU Center for Bioethics*. March 2021.
  - *UNC–Chapel Hill*. February 2021.
  - *The National University of Singapore*. January 2021.
- “Time and democracy”. *Central APA*. February 2021.
- “The logic of ground”. *Logic and Metaphysics Workshop*. CUNY Graduate Center. September 2018.
- “What’s the matter with motivated reasoning?”. *Vienna Forum for Analytic Philosophy Graduate Conference*. June 2018.

“The far future and forecasting fallibility”. *Global Priorities Institute*. Oxford. May 2018.

## SERVICE

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### Refereeing

Journal Refereeing (total: 87): *American Journal of Political Science*(x4), *American Political Science Review*(x6), *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*(x2), *Canadian Journal of Foreign Policy*(x2), *British Journal of Political Science*(x2), *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy*(x2), *Economics and Philosophy*(x2), *Ergo*(x3), *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*(x4), *Ethics*, *European Journal of Political Theory*, *Episteme*(x2), *Inquiry*(x2), *Journal of Applied Non-Classical Logics*(x2), *Journal of Ethics*, *Journal of Ethics & Social Philosophy*(x4), *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, *Journal of Philosophy*(x4), *Journal of Politics*(x2), *Journal of Social Philosophy* (x4), *Law and Philosophy*, *Legal Theory*, *Mind*(x2), *Philosophers' Imprint*, *Philosophia*(x2), *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*(x5), *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophical Quarterly*(x2), *Political Philosophy*, *Politics*, *Philosophy & Economics* (x3), *Res Publica*(x4), *Review of Symbolic Logic*, *Social Theory and Practice*(x4), *Synthese*(x9)

Conference Refereeing: *NYU-Columbia Graduate Conference 2016–2021*

Grant Evaluation: *Swiss National Science Foundation*

### Event Organization

Organizer of “Democracy and the Administrative State” session at the PPE Conference in London, 2025

Organizer of “[Big Picture Theories of Normative Ethics](#)” workshop in Bergen, 2025

Convenor of [Melbourne Political, Legal and Social Theory Network](#) 2024–2025

Organizer of LSE junior faculty work-in-progress group 2022

Coordinator of philosophy course for the [University of the Third Age](#) (U3A) 2022

Organizer of an economics/philosophy workshop on Joseph Henrich’s *The WIERDest People in the World* with a Q&A from the author, Spring 2021

Organizer of a reading group on Niko Kolodny’s *The Pecking Order*, Spring 2020

Organizer of Political Equality Workshop, New York, November 2017

### University Administration

ACU Undergraduate Essay Prize Organizer 2024–2025

NYU Graduate Representative to Faculty 2019–2020

Organizer of NYU Department Colloquia 2017–2019

NYU Climate Committee Member 2019

## TEACHING

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### **As Lecturer-in-Charge**

Introduction to Ethics (ACU Undergraduate)	<i>Spring 2024 &amp; 2025</i>
Contemporary Moral Problems (ACU Undergraduate)	<i>Fall 2024</i>
PPE Applications (LSE Undergraduate)	<i>Fall 2022 &amp; Fall 2023</i>
PPE Research Seminar (LSE Undergraduate)	<i>Fall 2023</i>

### **As Supervisor**

LSE Master's Dissertations ( <i>x7</i> )	<i>Summer 2022 &amp; 2023</i>
LSE Undergraduate Dissertations ( <i>x3</i> )	<i>Spring 2022</i>

### **As Guest Lecturer**

PPE Applications (LSE Undergraduate)	<i>Spring 2022</i>
Philosophy and Public Policy (LSE Undergraduate)	<i>Fall 2021</i>
Philosophy and Public Policy (LSE Masters)	<i>Fall 2021</i>

### **As Class Teacher**

Philosophy and Public Policy (LSE Undergraduate)	<i>Fall 2021 &amp; Spring 2022</i>
Philosophy and Public Policy (LSE Masters)	<i>Spring 2022</i>
PPE Research Seminar (LSE Undergraduate)	<i>Fall 2021</i>
Democratic Theory (LSE Ph.D. Seminar)	<i>Fall 2021</i>
Ethics and Society (NYU Undergraduate)	<i>Spring 2019</i>
Epistemology (NYU Undergraduate)	<i>Fall 2018</i>
Central Problems in Philosophy (NYU Undergraduate)	<i>Spring 2018</i>
The Nature of Values (NYU Undergraduate)	<i>Fall 2017</i>

## GRANTS

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MacCracken Fellowship (full tuition and cost of living for the NYU Ph.D.)	<i>2015–2021</i>
Clarendon Scholarship (full tuition and cost of living for Oxford B.Phil.)	<i>2013–2015</i>

## REFERENCES

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