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EMPLOYMENT

Australian Catholic University

School of Philosophy, Melbourne Campus
Lecturer

February 2024 - Present

London School of Economics

Department of Philosophy, Logic and Scientific Method
Postdoctoral Fellow
Awarded Excellence in Education Award for teaching in 2023

Sept. 2021 - Feb. 2024

EDUCATION

New York University

Ph.D. in Philosophy
Dissertation: *How Democracies Fail*
Committee: Samuel Scheffler (chair), Anthony Appiah, Daniel Viehoff

August 2015 - July 2021

University of Oxford

B.Phil. in Philosophy
Dissertation: *What is Grounding?*
Advisor: Gonzalo Rodríguez-Pereyra

July 2013 - June 2015

Distinction

University of Oxford

B.A. in Politics, Philosophy and Economics
Awarded the Henry Wilde prize for best performance in philosophy
Dissertation: *Why should we be moral?*
Advisor: Krister Bykvist

July 2010 - June 2013

First Class

Areas of Specialization

Social and Political Philosophy, Ethics, Metaphysics

Areas of Competence

Epistemology, Philosophy of Mind, Logic

BOOKS

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

PAPERS

1. Adam Lovett and Stefan Riedener. "The Good Life as the Life in Touch with the Good". *Philosophical Studies*. Forthcoming. [[Online here](#)]

2. Adam Lovett and Stefan Riedener. “Commonsense Morality and Contact with Value”. *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*. 1–21. 2024. [[Online here](#)]
3. “Property and non-ideal theory”. *Inquiry: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Philosophy*. 2023. [[Online here](#)]
4. “The Ethics of Asymmetric Politics”. *Politics, Philosophy & Economics*. 22 (1): 3–30. 2023. [[Online here](#)]
5. “Should Canada have oaths of allegiance?”. *Canadian Journal of Foreign Policy*. 2023. [[Online here](#)]
6. Adam Lovett and Jake Zuehl. “The Possibility of Democratic Autonomy”. *Philosophy & Public Affairs*. 5 (4): 467–498. 2022. [[Online here](#)]
7. Adam Lovett and Daniel Sharp. “What Immigrants Owe”. *Ergo: an Open Access Journal in Philosophy*. 8 (36): 336–366. 2022. [[Online here](#)]
8. “The Loving State”. *Inquiry: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Philosophy*. 2022. [[Online here](#)]
9. “Voter Motivation”. *Journal of Ethics & Social Philosophy* 22 (3): 299–328. 2022. [[Online here](#)]
10. Adam Lovett and Stefan Riedener. “Group Agents and Moral Status: What Can We Owe to Organizations?”. *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 51 (3): 221–238. 2021. [[Online here](#)]
11. “Must egalitarians condemn representative democracy?”. *Social Theory and Practice* 47 (1): 171–198. 2021. [[Online here](#)]
12. “Democratic Autonomy and the Shortcomings of Citizens”. *Journal of Moral Philosophy*. 18 (4): 363–386. 2021. [[Online here](#)]
13. Adam Lovett and Stefan Riedener. “On Keeping Things in Proportion”. *Journal of Ethics & Social Philosophy* 16 (3): 229–258. 2019. [[Online here](#)]
14. “The puzzles of ground”. *Philosophical Studies* 177 (9): 2541–64. 2019. [[Online here](#)]
15. “A Simple Proof of Grounding Internality”. *Thought* 8 (3): 155–166. 2019. [[Online here](#)]
16. “The logic of ground”. *Journal of Philosophical Logic* 49: 13–49. 2019. [[Online here](#)]

BOOK REVIEWS

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 PIECES

1. “Should a man accused of murder run for re-election? The curious case of Ryan Bayldon-Lumsden”. *ABC Religion & Ethics*. March 2024. [[Online here](#)]
2. Written evidence submitted to the National Security Strategy Joint Committee’s inquiry into ‘Defending Democracy’. [[Online here](#)]
3. “Should the House of Lords be more democratic?”. *British Politics and Policy*. 2023. [[Online here](#)]

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

“Democratic Failures and the Ethics of Democracy”.

- *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.

Comments on Zachary A. Blaesi. “Grounding, physicalism, and the explanatory gap”. *NYU-Columbia Graduate Conference*. April 2017.

SERVICE

Journal Refereeing: *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Review of Political Science* (*x4*), *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* (*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*), *European Journal of Political Theory*, *Episteme* (*x2*), *Inquiry* (*x2*), *Journal of Applied Non-Classical Logics* (*x2*), *Journal of Ethics*, *Journal of Ethics & Social Philosophy* (*x2*), *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, *Journal of Philosophy* (*x2*), *Journal of Politics* (*x2*), *Journal of Social Philosophy* (*x3*), *Law and Philosophy*, *Mind*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* (*x3*), *Philosophical Studies*, *Politics*, *Philosophy & Economics* (*x3*), *Res Publica* (*x2*), *Review*

of Symbolic Logic, Social Theory and Practice(x4), Synthese(x9)

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

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

Conference Refereeing: NYU-Columbia Graduate Conference 2016–2021

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

NYU Graduate Representative to Faculty 2019–2020

NYU Climate Committee Member 2019

Organizer of NYU Department Colloquia 2017–2019

Organizer of Political Equality Workshop, New York, November 2017

TEACHING

As Lecturer-in-Charge

Introduction to Ethics (ACU Undergraduate) *Spring 2024*

PPE Applications (LSE Undergraduate) *Fall 2022 & Fall 2023*

PPE Research Seminar (LSE Undergraduate) *Fall 2023*

As Supervisor

LSE Master's Dissertations (*x7*) *Summer 2022 & 2023*

LSE Undergraduate Dissertations (*x3*) *Spring 2022*

As Guest Lecturer

PPE Applications (LSE Undergraduate) *Spring 2022*

Philosophy and Public Policy (LSE Undergraduate) *Fall 2021*

Philosophy and Public Policy (LSE Masters) *Fall 2021*

As Class Teacher

Philosophy and Public Policy (LSE Undergraduate) *Fall 2021 & Spring 2022*

Philosophy and Public Policy (LSE Masters) *Spring 2022*

PPE Research Seminar (LSE Undergraduate) *Fall 2021*

Democratic Theory (LSE Ph.D. Seminar) *Fall 2021*

Ethics and Society (NYU Undergraduate) *Spring 2019*

Epistemology (NYU Undergraduate) *Fall 2018*

Central Problems in Philosophy (NYU Undergraduate) *Spring 2018*

The Nature of Values (NYU Undergraduate) *Fall 2017*

GRANTS

MacCracken Fellowship (full tuition and cost of living for the NYU Ph.D.) *2015–2021*

Clarendon Scholarship (full tuition and cost of living for Oxford B.Phil.) *2013–2015*

REFERENCES

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