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## EMPLOYMENT

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**Australian Catholic University** *February 2024 - Present*  
School of Philosophy, Melbourne Campus  
Lecturer

**London School of Economics** *Sept. 2021 - Feb. 2024*  
Department of Philosophy, Logic and Scientific Method  
Postdoctoral Fellow  
Awarded Excellence in Education Award for teaching in 2023

## EDUCATION

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**New York University** *August 2015 - July 2021*  
Ph.D. in Philosophy  
Dissertation: *How Democracies Fail*  
Committee: Samuel Scheffler (chair), Anthony Appiah, Daniel Viehoff

**University of Oxford** *July 2013 - June 2015*  
B.Phil. in Philosophy *Distinction*  
Dissertation: *What is Grounding?*  
Advisor: Gonzalo Rodríguez-Pereyra

**University of Oxford** *July 2010 - June 2013*  
B.A. in Politics, Philosophy and Economics *First Class*  
Awarded the Henry Wilde prize for best performance in philosophy  
Dissertation: *Why should we be moral?*  
Advisor: Krister Bykvist

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

## BOOKS

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

## PAPERS

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1. "The Egalitarian Objection to Coercion". *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*. 2024. [[Online here](#)]

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

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

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

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“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.

## SERVICE

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Journal Refereeing: *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Review of Political Science* (x4), *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), *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* (x4), *Law and Philosophy*, *Mind*, *Philosophia*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*(x4), *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Politics*, *Philosophy & Economics* (x3), *Res Publica*(x3), *Review of Symbolic Logic*, *Social Theory and Practice*(x4), *Synthese*(x9)

Convenor of Melbourne Political, Legal and Social Theory Network

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

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### As Lecturer-in-Charge

Contemporary Moral Problems (ACU Undergraduate)	<i>Fall 2024</i>
Introduction to Ethics (ACU Undergraduate)	<i>Spring 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 (*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**

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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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