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EMPLOYMENT

Durham University *2025 - Present*
School of Government and International Affairs
Assistant Professor

Australian Catholic University *2024 - 2025*
School of Philosophy, Melbourne Campus
Lecturer

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

EDUCATION

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

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

University of Oxford *2010 - 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

Areas of Specialization Political Philosophy, Ethics
Areas of Competence Metaphysics

BOOKS

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*

Shortlisted for the 2025 Nayef Al-Rodhan International Prize in Transdisciplinary Philosophy

JOURNAL ARTICLES

1. "In Defense of Algorithmic Governance". *Free & Equal: A Journal of Ethics & Public Affairs*. Forthcoming. [Online here]

2. "LLM representatives, autonomy, and means-end trades". *Philosophy & Technology*. Forthcoming. [Online here]

3. "What's wrong with censorship?". *British Journal of Political Science*. Forthcoming. [Online here]

4. "Supermajority requirements and democratic values". *Res Publica*. Forthcoming. [Online here]

5. "The manifestation account of responsibility" (with Stefan Riedener). *Ergo: an Open Access Journal in Philosophy*. Forthcoming. [Online here]

6. "Is decentralization democratic?" *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy*. 2026. [Online here]

7. "On the Value of Irreplaceable Objects" (with Harvey Lederman and Robbie Kubala). *Journal of Philosophy.* 2026. 123 (3): 194–207. [Online here]

8. "The Choice Argument for Proportional Representation". *American Journal of Political Science.* 2026. 70(3): 912–924. [Online here]

9. "Wealth, Power, and Equality". *Philosophy.* 2025. 100 (4): 627–645. [Online here]

10. "The Fair Share Theory of Conventional Normativity". *Journal of Ethics & Social Philosophy.* 2025. 40 (4): 519–547. [Online here]

11. "Touching the Good: Special Relationships as Contact with Value" (with Stefan Riedener). *Journal of Ethics & Social Philosophy.* 2025. 30 (2): 179–204. [Online here]

12. "The Egalitarian Objection to Coercion". *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly.* 105 (3): 392–417. 2024. [Online here]

13. "The Good Life as the Life in Touch with the Good" (with Stefan Riedener). *Philosophical Studies.* 118: 1141–1165. 2024. [Online here]

14. "Commonsense Morality and Contact with Value" (with Stefan Riedener). *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research.* 109 (1): 410–430. 2024. [Online here]

15. "Should Canada have oaths of allegiance?". *Canadian Journal of Foreign Policy.* 30 (2): 216–220. 2024. [Online here]

16. "Property and non-ideal theory". *Inquiry: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Philosophy.* 2023. [Online here]

17. "The Ethics of Asymmetric Politics". *Politics, Philosophy & Economics.* 22 (1): 3–30. 2023. [Online here]

18. "The Possibility of Democratic Autonomy" (with Jake Zuehl). *Philosophy & Public Affairs.* 5 (4): 467–498. 2022. [Online here]

19. "What Immigrants Owe" (with Daniel Sharp). *Ergo: an Open Access Journal in Philosophy*. 8 (36): 336–366. 2022. [Online here]

20. "The Loving State". *Inquiry: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Philosophy.* 67 (9): 3547–3583. 2022. [Online here]

21. "Voter Motivation". *Journal of Ethics & Social Philosophy* 22 (3): 299–328. 2022. [Online here]

22. "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]

23. "Must egalitarians condemn representative democracy?". *Social Theory and Practice* 47 (1): 171–198. 2021. [Online here]

24. "Democratic Autonomy and the Shortcomings of Citizens". *Journal of Moral Philosophy.* 18 (4): 363–386. 2021. [Online here]

25. "On Keeping Things in Proportion" (with Stefan Riedener). *Journal of Ethics & Social Philosophy* 16 (3): 229–258. 2019. [Online here]

26. "The puzzles of ground". *Philosophical Studies* 177 (9): 2541–64. 2019. [Online here]

27. "A Simple Proof of Grounding Internality". *Thought* 8 (3): 155–166. 2019. [Online here]

28. "The logic of ground". *Journal of Philosophical Logic* 49: 13–49. 2019. [Online here]

BOOK CHAPTERS

1. "Egalitarian Anarchism". In *Anarchism as a Practical Philosophy*, edited by Lewis Ross and Jesse Spafford. Forthcoming. Cambridge University Press.

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 ENGAGEMENT

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

"Democracy and Autonomy". *Conference on Democracy and Joint Agency. The Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München.* July 2026.

"Touching the Good"

- *Durham University (Philosophy)* November 2025.
- *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

Refereeing

Journal Refereeing (total: 118): *American Journal of Political Science(x5)*, *American Political Science Review(x7)*, *Analysis*, *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(x4)*, *Contemporary Political Theory*, *Democratic Theory*, *Economics and Philosophy(x2)*, *Ergo(x4)*, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice(x4)*, *Ethics*, *European Journal of Political Theory(x2)*, *Episteme(x2)*, *Inquiry(x2)*, *Journal of Applied Non-Classical Logics(x2)*, *Journal of Ethics*, *Journal*

of Ethics & Social Philosophy(x6), *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, *Journal of Philosophy(x4)*, *Journal of Politics(x2)*, *Journal of Social Philosophy (x4)*, *Law and Philosophy*, *Legal Theory(x3)*, *Mind(x2)*, *Philosophers' Imprint(x2)*, *Philosophia(x2)*, *Philosophy & Technology(x2)*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research(x6)*, *Philosophical Studies(x2)*, *Philosophical Quarterly(x5)*, *Political Studies(x2)*, *Political Philosophy(x3)*, *Politics, Philosophy & Economics (x5)*, *Res Publica(x5)*, *Review of Symbolic Logic*, *Social Theory and Practice(x4)*, *Synthese(x11)*, *Utilitas*

Book Refereeing: *Oxford University Press, Routledge, Sage*

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

Deputy Director of Durham's Center for Political Thought

Program Director for MA Politics & IR at Durham 2026–present

Program Director for BA Politics at Durham 2025–2026

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

Achieved Fellowship of Higher Education (FHEA) *Fall 2026*

As Course Convenor

Ideologies and Political Thought (Durham Masters) *Spring 2026*

Foundations of Western Political Thought (Durham Undergraduate) *Fall 2025 & 2026*

Researching Political Theory (Durham Masters) *Fall 2025 & 2026*

Introduction to Ethics (ACU Undergraduate) *Spring 2024 & 2025*

Contemporary Moral Problems (ACU Undergraduate) *Fall 2024*

PPE Applications (LSE Undergraduate)	*Fall 2022 & 2023*
PPE Research Seminar (LSE Undergraduate)	*Fall 2023*
As Supervisor	
Durham Undergraduate Dissertations ($x10$)	*2026-2027*
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*

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