

# RICHARD YETTER CHAPPELL

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

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Normative Ethics, Metaethics, Bioethics

## AREAS OF TEACHING COMPETENCE

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Applied Ethics, Epistemology, Metaphysics

## EMPLOYMENT

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2022–present: Associate Professor of Philosophy at the University of Miami

Jan 2019–22: Assistant Professor of Philosophy at the University of Miami

2014–Dec 2018: Lecturer in Philosophy at the University of York, UK.

2013–14: Assistant Professor of Philosophy at Bowling Green State University.

2012–13: Postdoc in Medical Ethics at the University of Pennsylvania.

## EDUCATION

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Princeton University  
Ph.D., 2012

Dissertation Topic: *Fitting Consequentialism* (Advisors: Michael Smith, Philip Pettit)

Australian National University  
B.A. (hons) first class, 2006

Honours Thesis: *Modal Rationalism* (Advisor: David Chalmers)

University of Canterbury  
B.A., 2005

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Books:

(2021) *Parfit's Ethics*. Cambridge University Press.

### Articles:

‘Consequentialism: Core and Expansion’ to appear in D. Copp, C. Rosati and T. Rulli (eds.) *The Oxford Handbook of Normative Ethics*.

(2022) ‘Pandemic Ethics and Status Quo Risk’ *Public Health Ethics* 15 (1): 64–73.

(2021) ‘The Right Wrong-Makers’ *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 103 (2): 426–440.

(2021) ‘Negative Utility Monsters’ *Utilitas* 33(4): 417–421.

- (2021) ‘The Ethics of Deliberate Exposure to SARS-CoV-2 to Induce Immunity’ (with David Killoren and Rob Streiffer) *The Journal of Applied Philosophy* 38 (3): 479–496.
- (2020) ‘Pandemic Ethics: The Case for Risky Research’ (with Peter Singer) *Research Ethics* 16 (3-4): 1–8.
- (2020) ‘Deontic Pluralism and the Right Amount of Good’ in D. Portmore (ed.) *The Oxford Handbook of Consequentialism*. Oxford University Press. 498–512.
- (2019) ‘Willpower Satisficing’ *Noûs* 53 (2): 251–265.
- (2019) ‘Why Care about Non-Natural Reasons?’ *American Philosophical Quarterly* 56 (2): 125–134.
- (2019) ‘Overriding Virtue’ in H. Greaves and T. Pummer (eds.) *Effective Altruism: Philosophical Issues*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. 218–226.
- (2019) ‘Fittingness Objections to Consequentialism’ in C. Seidel (ed.), *Consequentialism: New Directions, New Problems*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. 90–112.
- (2017) ‘Rethinking the Asymmetry’ *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 47 (2): 167–177.
- (2017) ‘Knowing What Matters’ in P. Singer (ed.), *Does Anything Really Matter? Parfit on Objectivity*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. 149–167.
- (2016) ‘Incentivizing Patient Choices: The Ethics of Inclusive Shared Savings’ *Bioethics* 30 (8): 597–600.
- (2016) ‘Virtue and Salience’ (with Helen Yetter-Chappell) *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 94 (3): 449–463.
- (2016) ‘Against “Saving Lives”: Equal Concern and Differential Impact’ *Bioethics* 30 (3): 159–164.
- (2015) ‘Value Receptacles’ *Noûs* 49 (2): 322–332.
- (2013) ‘Mind-Body Meets Metaethics: A Moral Concept Strategy’ (with Helen Yetter-Chappell) *Philosophical Studies* 165 (3): 865–878.
- (2012) ‘Fittingness: The Sole Normative Primitive’ *Philosophical Quarterly* 62 (249): 684–704.

**Reviews:**

- (2021) ‘Morality by Degrees: Reasons without Demands. By Alastair Norcross.’ *Ethics* 131 (3): 620–624.
- (2014) ‘The Limits of Kindness. By Caspar Hare.’ *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*.  
<http://ndpr.nd.edu/news/46408-the-limits-of-kindness/>
- (2012) ‘On What Matters. By Parfit.’ *Philosophy* 87 (4): 599–603.

**Public Philosophy:**

- (2021 - present) Lead editor of *An Introduction to Utilitarianism*:  
[www.utilitarianism.net](http://www.utilitarianism.net)

(2022 - present): *Good Thoughts* public newsletter on moral philosophy and applied ethics, with over 650 subscribers:

[rychappell.substack.com](http://rychappell.substack.com)

(2020) 'Pandemic Ethics: The case for experiments on human volunteers' (with Peter Singer) *The Washington Post*:

[www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2020/04/27/pandemic-ethics-case-experiments-human-volunteers/](http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2020/04/27/pandemic-ethics-case-experiments-human-volunteers/)

(2015) 'Is it OK to Have Kids?' *Aeon Magazine*:

[aeon.co/essays/do-people-have-a-moral-duty-to-have-children-if-they-can](http://aeon.co/essays/do-people-have-a-moral-duty-to-have-children-if-they-can)

(2004 - 2022): *Philosophy, et cetera* academic blog: over 2000 posts and 5 million page views:

[www.philosophyetc.net](http://www.philosophyetc.net)

## GRANTS AND HONOURS

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2022-23 – Longview Philanthropy grant for work on utilitarianism.

2022 – University of Miami Fellowship in the Arts & Humanities (summer project on Moral Importance).

2021-22 – Forethought Foundation fellowship (to support work on utilitarianism.net).

2021 – University of Miami Fellowship in the Arts & Humanities (summer project on Pandemic Ethics).

2020-21 – Center for the Humanities Faculty Fellowship, University of Miami.

2020 – University of Miami Fellowship in the Arts & Humanities (summer project on *Parfit's Ethics*).

2019-20 – Arsht award (UM Ethics Programs) for pedagogical innovation in applied ethics.

2015-17 – White Rose Collaboration Fund grant for instituting the White Rose Early Career Ethics Researchers (WRECERS) network between the Universities of York, Leeds, and Sheffield.

2013 – RoME (Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress) Young Ethicist Prize.

2010 – Laurance S. Rockefeller Graduate Prize Fellowship, University Center for Human Values, Princeton University.

2007 – Merit Prize from the University Center for Human Values, Princeton University.

## SERVICE

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Referee for *Philosophical Review*, *Noûs*, *Mind*, *Ethics*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Phil Studies*, *Phil Imprint*, *Phil Quarterly*, *Analysis*, *JESP*, *Ergo*, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, the *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Utilitas*, *Erkenntnis*, the *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, the *Journal of Medical Ethics*, and more.

Faculty Senate representative for Arts & Sciences, Miami, 2021 - 2022.

Research Forum Coordinator, Miami, 2019 - 2021.

Departmental Research Committee (early career representative), York, 2015 - 2018.

Arts and Humanities Ethics Committee, York, 2014 - 2017.

Academic Misconduct Committee, York, Spring 2016.

Mitigating Circumstances Committee, York, Autumn 2015.

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, BGSU, 2013-14.

Colloquium Committee Chair, BGSU, 2013-14.

PhilPapers.org category editor for [Consequentialism](#).

Co-founder of the Princeton chapter of [Giving What We Can](#), a philanthropic society.

#### RECENT PRESENTATIONS

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“Preference and Prevention: A New Paradox of Deontology”

University of Texas at Austin, July 2022

University of Toronto, February 2022

Stockholm University, September 2021

“Pandemic Ethics and Status Quo Risk”

Princeton University, November 2021

“Pandemic Ethics” panelist

1Day Sooner panel: *Four Perspectives on the Upper Limit of Risk*, May 2021

DeCamp Bioethics panel, Princeton University, October 2020

“Comments on Singh’s ‘The Paradox of Consequentialism’”

Central APA Symposium, February 2021

“The Right Wrong-Makers”

Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, Boulder, CO., August 2019

“Wronging and Responding to Value”

OSU/Maribor/Rijeka Philosophy Conference in Dubrovnik, Croatia, June 2018

“Rossian Utilitarianism and the Right Wrong-Making Features”

University of Reading, May 2018

University of Leeds, May 2016

“Fittingness Objections to Consequentialism”

University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany, April 2018

“Willpower Satisficing”

University of Manchester, December 2016

University of Southampton, November 2016

International Society for Utilitarian Studies, Lille, France, July 2016

## TEACHING

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**Introductory classes:** Introduction to Philosophy, Contemporary Moral Issues.

**Mid-level undergraduate classes:** Effective Altruism, Biomedical Ethics, Normative Theory, Metaethics.

**Advanced undergraduate classes:** Ethics and Public Policy, Issues in Metaethics, Ethics of Life and Death, Contemporary Moral Theory.

**Graduate seminars:** Consequentialism, History of Ethics, Ethical Theory, Parfit's Ethics.

### Guest lectures:

'Pandemic Ethics' for *Public Health Ethics* MA seminar, NYU, August 2, 2021.

'Pandemic Ethics' for *Public Health Ethics* undergraduate class, NYU, March 3, 2021.

'Value Receptacles' for *Consequentialism* grad seminar, Princeton University, Nov 8, 2016.

**Training:** Faculty Learning Community: "Learning through Dialogue and Discussion" (Harkness method), Miami, Fall 2021.

**Sample syllabus:** 'Effective Altruism and the Future of Humanity' (2022):

<https://rychappell.substack.com/p/updated-syllabus-on-ealongtermism>