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CONTACT INFORMATION

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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Normative Ethics, Metaethics, Applied Ethics & Public Policy

AREAS OF TEACHING COMPETENCE

Ethics, Epistemology, Metaphysics

EMPLOYMENT

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

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

Books (3):

(2024) *Questioning Beneficence: Four Philosophers on Effective Altruism and Doing Good* (with Samuel Arnold, Jason Brennan, and Ryan Davis). Routledge.

(2024) *An Introduction to Utilitarianism: From Theory to Practice* (with Darius Meissner and William MacAskill). Hackett.

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

Articles (20):

'Consequentialism: Core and Expansion' forthcoming in D. Copp, C. Rosati and T. Rulli (eds.) *The Oxford Handbook of Normative Ethics*. Oxford University Press.

- (2024) ‘Why Not Effective Altruism?’ *Public Affairs Quarterly* 38 (1): 3–21.
- (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 (3):

- (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 (thousands):

(2024) ‘Commonsense Clues: A Defense of Longtermism’ *The Latecomer Magazine*:
latecomermag.com/article/commonsense-clues-a-defense-of-longtermism/

(2022 - present): *Good Thoughts* blog on moral philosophy and applied ethics, with over 4000 subscribers:
www.goodthoughts.blog

(2021 - present) Lead author and editor of *An Introduction to Utilitarianism*:
www.utilitarianism.net

(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/

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

This blog was the #6280 most LLM-influential website in the world (on a par with PhilPapers and the Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy), as reported at:

dailynous.com/2023/04/20/the-philosophy-sites-in-the-google-dataset-used-to-train-some-llms/

‘Discussion Notes’: 60+ informal critical replies to other academic works:
www.goodthoughts.blog/p/discussion-notes

GRANTS AND HONOURS

2024-25 – University of Miami Fellowship in the Arts & Humanities, with top-up funding from the Effective Altruism Infrastructure Fund (supporting a course release to work on *Beyond Right and Wrong* book manuscript).

2023 – University of Miami Fellowship in the Arts & Humanities (summer project on Effective Altruism).

2022-23 – Longview Philanthropy grant for work on utilitarianism (academic year buy-out).

2022 – Summer consultant to the *Population Wellbeing Initiative*, UT Austin.

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

2021-22 – Forethought Foundation fellowship (two course releases 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

Referee for *Philosophical Review*, *Noûs*, *Mind*, *Ethics*, *Journal of Philosophy*, *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*, *Bioethics*, and more.

Editorial committee, *Utilitas*, 2023 - present.

Search committee chair, Miami, 2024-25.

Faculty Senate representative for Arts & Sciences, Miami, 2021 - 2022, and 2023 - present.

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 AND UPCOMING PRESENTATIONS

“Ethical Theory & Practice”

VCU *Philosophy and Public Affairs* lecture, November 2024

“Permissibility is Overrated” (prev title: “Moral Importance”)

University of Texas at Austin, October 2024

UNC-Chapel Hill, September 2024

Texas Tech University, September 2024

Florida Atlantic University, April 2024

Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, Boulder, CO., August 2023

Bogaziçi University, Istanbul, April 2023

11th Oxford Workshop on Global Priorities Research, December 2022

“Preference and Prevention: A New Paradox of Deontology”

Virginia Commonwealth University, November 2024

Oxford University, October 2022

NTU, Singapore, October 2022

University of Texas at Austin, July 2022

University of Toronto, February 2022

Stockholm University, September 2021

“Pandemic Ethics and Status Quo Risk”

Sanford School of Public Policy, Duke University, November 2022

Princeton University, November 2021

TEACHING

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, Population Ethics and Decision Theory.

Guest teaching:

‘Non-Deontic Ethics’ for *Moral Theory* grad seminar, Princeton University, Oct 11, 2023.

‘Pandemic Ethics’ for *Public Health Ethics* MA seminar, NYU, August 2, 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.