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AOS: Social/Political Philosophy

AOC: Philosophy of Science, Ethics, Bioethics

ACADEMIC CAREER:

Sept 2013 - Present Lecturer (Assistant Professor), Department of Political Science, School of Public Policy, University College London (UCL)

Visiting positions:

Academic Visitor, ICREA Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, October 2018

School of Philosophy Visitor, ANU, July-Aug 2016

Research Associate, School of Philosophy, ANU, June-Dec 2015

Periods of leave:

Maternity leave: Jan -June 2018

Medical leave (4 surgeries): Jan-Mar 2015; Jan- Feb 2016; May-June 2016

Sept 2012 - Aug 2013 LSE Fellow in Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, Logic and Scientific Method, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)

EDUCATION:

2009-2013 Ph.D, University of Cambridge (Dept. History and Philosophy of Science, King's College). Title: *Equality and Responsibility*. Passed with no corrections.

2008-2009 M.Phil in History, Philosophy and Sociology of Science, Technology and Medicine, University of Cambridge (King's College). Distinction.

2005-2008 BA (Hons) Philosophy, University of Cambridge (King's College). Double First.

PUBLICATIONS:

Articles & chapters

7. Uterus transplants and the insufficient value of gestation. *Bioethics*, forthcoming 2018.
6. Microaggressions, equality, and social practices. *Journal of Political Philosophy*, 26 (3) (2018): 261-281
5. Those who forget the past: An ethical challenge from the history of treating deviance. In *Treatment For Crime: Philosophical Essays on Neurointerventions in Criminal Justice*, eds. David Birks & Tom Douglas (Oxford University Press, forthcoming 2018), ch. 15.
4. How to be a responsibility-sensitive egalitarian: From metaphysics to social practice. *Political Studies*, 64 (3) (2016): 748-764.
3. Should fertility treatment be state funded?. *Journal of Applied Philosophy*, 32 (2015): 227-240.

2. How to make citizens behave: Social psychology, liberal virtues, and social norms. *Journal of Political Philosophy*, 22 (1) (2014): 84-104.
 - Subject of a reply by Eamonn K. Callan. Debate: Liberal Virtues and Civic Education. *Journal of Political Philosophy*, 23 (2015): 491–500.
1. The inegalitarian ethos: Incentives, respect, and self-respect. *Politics, Philosophy & Economics*, 12 (1) (2013): 93-111.

General audience & book reviews

4. If you care about social equality, you want a big state. *Juncture*, Institute of Public Policy Research, Party Conference Issue, 23 (2016): 138–144. Co-authored with Martin O’Neill, Christian Schemmel and Fabian Schuppert.
3. Rescuing responsibility for the left. *Juncture*, Institute of Public Policy Research, 22 (2016): 298–303
2. Should the state pay for you to have kids?. Blog post, Forum for European Philosophy, LSE (2015). Available at: <http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/theforum/789/>
1. Book review, *Responsibility and Distributive Justice*, ed. Carl Knight and Zofia Stemplowska, *Economics and Philosophy*, 30 (3) (2014): 529-534.

Selected works in progress

Under review: Justice, feasibility, and social science as it is (R&R)

Moral character, civic education and liberal states. Chapter, *Oxford Handbook of Moral Psychology*, eds. John Doris & Manuel Vargas, OUP (Aug 2018)

Invited: The politically exceptional. Chapter, *Philosophy & Psychology of the Morally Exceptional*, eds. William Fleeson & Christian Miller, OUP (due Dec 2018)

In preparation: *On the Ethics of Taking Offence* (book manuscript)

Relational Responsibility: Social equality and the reactive attitudes (book manuscript)

Contextualism, responsibility and moral luck

Moral duties: Puzzles of enforceability, co-authored with Christian Barry

IVF and opportunities to parent in a non-ideal world, co-authored with Liam Shields

SELECTED AWARDS AND RESEARCH FUNDING:

External awards

- 2017 Society for Applied Philosophy event funding, for a conference on distributive justice and procreative technology, co-applicant with Liam Shields (£2,747)
- 2016 Research leave award, ‘The beacon project’, Templeton Religion Trust. Project title: ‘The morally exceptional in politics’ (US\$ 41,199, Sept 2016 - Jan 2017)
Visitor, School of Philosophy, ANU, travel and accommodation (AU\$ 4,866, 1 month)
- 2015 Research leave from an Australian Research Council funded project on feasibility (est. AU\$ 49,031, June - Dec 2015)
- 2014 British Academy/Leverhulme Trust Small Grant, social equality research network, co-applicant with Martin O’Neill, Christian Schemmel, and Fabian Schuppert (£10,000)

2013 Character Project Summer Seminar, funded visit, Wake Forest University, USA (approx. US\$ 3000)

Internal awards

- 2014 UCL Faculty Initiative Funding, workshop with Avia Pasternak (£4,386)
2013 LSE Student Union teaching excellence award nominee
2009 King's College Studentship, PhD funding (3 years tuition plus stipend)
2008 King's College Studentship, MPhil funding (1 year tuition plus stipend)
Richard's Prize, King's College, Cambridge, for tripos performance

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS:

Keynote:

- 2018 Do sweat the small stuff: Living as equals, social norms, and taking offence', Workshop on Scanlon's "Why does inequality matter", University of Zurich, September
2017 'In defence of taking offence', Brave New World graduate conference in political theory, University of Manchester, June
2016 'Justice, feasibility, and social science as it is', Yaounde PhD conference, Cameroon, August [withdrew for post-operative medical reasons]

Invited seminar series:

- 2018 'What taking offence does' at Pompeu Fabra University, October
'Which relationships matter?' Family justice seminar, Pompeu Fabra University, October
2017 'In defence of taking offence', Centre for ethics, laws and public affairs, University of Warwick, November
'Microaggressions, equality, and social practices', Nuffield political theory workshop, University of Oxford, May
'Justice, feasibility, and social science as it is', Senior seminar, Philosophy Department, University of Glasgow, April
'Uterus transplants, breast enlargement, and the duty to refrain from enabling', UCL/KCL Joint Bioethics Colloquium, March
'Uterus transplants and the value of gestation' Visiting speaker series, Institute of Experimental Medicine, University of Kiel, January
2016 'Justice, feasibility, and social science as it is' PPE seminar, Institute of Philosophy, London, February
'Microaggressions', Politics Department, University of Bristol, April
'Contextualism, responsibility, and moral luck', Oxford Moral Philosophy seminar, February
2015 'Contextualism, responsibility, and moral luck', Thursday seminar, ANU, September
'Microaggressions, justice, and structure' (now 'Microaggressions, equality, and social practices')
 - Moral, social, and political theory seminar, ANU, August
 - Departmental seminar series, Politics, University of Sheffield, April2014 'How to be a responsibility-sensitive egalitarian'
 - Centre for ethics, laws and public affairs, University of Warwick, November
 - Political theory workshop, LSE, January

- ‘Should fertility treatment be state funded’
 - MANCEPT seminar series, University of Manchester, April
 - Politics Department, University of Essex, February
- 2013 ‘How to be a responsibility-sensitive egalitarian’, Nuffield political theory workshop, University of Oxford, November

Conferences and workshops (invited “*“):

International

- 2018 * ‘Political change, moral character, and taking offence’, Moral Beacons final workshop, Wake Forest University, North Carolina, July
- 2017 ‘Responsibility, the relational egalitarian way’, Ethical Theory and Moral Practice 20th anniversary conference ‘Dimensions of responsibility’, University of Pavia, June
 ‘In defence of taking offence/snowflakes’ Society for Applied Philosophy conference, University of Copenhagen, June
- 2014 ‘Should fertility treatment be state funded?’, Meetings in Ethics and Political Philosophy, University of Minho, Portugal, May
- 2013 ‘On ‘benefits scroungers’ and hardworking taxpayers: Welfare, responsibility, and social equality’, APSA Annual Meeting, Chicago, August
 ‘Migration, status hierarchies and citizenship’, Immigration, toleration, and nationalism conference, Helsinki, Finland, May

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- 2018 * ‘Civility and the ethics of taking offence’, Morrell Workshop, University of York, Sept
 ‘Fertility and distributive justice’ with Liam Shields, conference on reproductive technologies, University of Manchester, July
- 2017 * ‘In defence of taking offence/snowflakes’, Dangerous speech workshop, UCL, May
 ‘Responsibility, the relational egalitarian way’, Workshop, ‘Relational egalitarian and its (troubled) relationship with luck egalitarianism’, CSSJ, University of Oxford, February
- 2016 ‘In defence of taking offence’, Emotions and politics conference, Leeds, October
 * ‘Justice, feasibility, and social science as it is’, 10th Legal and Political Theory conference, Manchester, September
 ‘Civic education and social norms’, workshop on social norms, MANCEPT Workshops in Political Theory, University of Manchester, September
 * ‘The value of gestation’, Ethics of uterus transplantation symposium, University of Lancaster, September
 * ‘Justice, feasibility, and social science as it is’, Open University, Philosophy day, May
 * ‘On being an expert: Comparing normative and scientific expertise’, Conference on normative interventions, UCL, February
- 2015 ‘In defence of political rioting’, Political obligation workshop, UCL, May
 * ‘Lessons from history’, Treating crime workshop, University of Oxford, April
 ‘Microaggressions and social equality’, Empirical insights and social equality workshop, Queen’s University, Belfast, January
- 2014 * ‘What’s luck got to do with it’, workshop on welfare, Philosophy Department, University of Glasgow, December
 ‘Microaggressions, status, and domination,’ MANCEPT Workshops in Political Theory, University of Manchester, September

‘Contextualism about moral responsibility’, British Society for Ethical Theory Annual Conference, July
‘Should fertility treatment be state funded?’ Society for Applied Philosophy Annual Conference, University of Oxford, June

TEACHING:

Certificate in Higher Education and Learning, Institute of Education, UCL, 2015 (grade: A)

UCL (2013 - present)

Undergraduate: Philosophy, Values, and the Social Sciences (2017 onwards)
Masters level: Meanings of Liberty: Applied Methods in Political Theory
Contemporary Political Philosophy II: Social Justice and Equality
Peer Assisted Learning sessions (2013–2016)
Dissertation supervision
PhD teaching: Work-in-progress seminars (2014-2015)
Methods session empirical research and political philosophy (2017—)
PhD supervision:
Matilda Carter: Dementia and relational equality (in progress, joint supervisor)
Jennifer Brown: Justice and marriage (in progress, second supervisor)
John Wilesmith: ‘Substantive political equality, firm size and the choice of social system’ (PhD awarded without corrections 2016, second supervisor)

London School of Economics and Political Science (2012-2013)

Undergraduate & MA: Philosophy and Public Policy
Philosophy, Morals and Politics
Dissertation supervision

University of Cambridge (2009 -2012)

Individual and small group undergraduate supervisions for the following courses:

Philosophy Faculty: Ethics
Political Philosophy
Set Texts : J. S. Mill *On Liberty* and *The Subjection of Women*; Hume, *Dialogues Concerning Natural Religion*
History & Philosophy: Philosophy of Science
of Science Causation, Explanation and Law
History and Ethics of Medicine (Biological & Biomedical Sciences)

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Administration

Programme Director of the MA in Legal and Political Theory, UCL (2013- present, excluding periods of leave)

UCL Departmental committees:

Chair, MA plagiarism panel (2017 - present)

Deputy chair, MA exam board (member, 2013-present, deputy chair 2017- present)
Ethics and dissertation allocation committee (Sept 2018 — present)
Search committees: teaching fellowships (2014 & 2017), research assistant (Sept 2016)
Staff-student consultative committee (September 2013-June 2015, Sept 2017-present)
PhD committee (September 2013-June 2015)
Departmental teaching committee
Extenuating circumstances committee (2016)
MA steering committee (September 2013- present)

Personal tutor for MA students

Examiner for MPhilStud, Philosophy, Birkbeck (September 2014)

Undergraduate admissions interviewer, Clare College, Cambridge (December 2012)

Academic events organised

Conference co-convener, UK Association for Political Theory, with Rob Lamb and Alasia Nuti (January 2020)

Conference on distributive justice and procreative technologies, with Liam Shields (July 2018)

Political Theory Workshop at UCL (co-organiser, 2013 - 2017, excluding leave)

Moral, Social and Political Theory seminar, School of Philosophy, ANU, with Alex King (September - December 2015)

Workshops on social equality (x3), with Martin O'Neill, Christian Schemmel and Fabian Schuppert (September 2014 - June 2015)

Workshop, 'The changing nature of political obligation', UCL, with Avia Pasternak (May 2015)

Panel, 'Equality and responsibility' with Liam Shields, at the MANCEPT Workshops in Political Theory, University of Manchester (September 2012)

HPS Philosophy Workshop, University of Cambridge (March 2011 - April 2012)

Co-founder, University of Cambridge 'Women in Philosophy' (October 2010 - April 2012)

Outreach

Two minute video summary on the ethics of taking offence (2017, animated by 'Ink & Water'). Available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RA9MKS-ZBt8>

Social equality and public policy workshop, UCL, with Martin O'Neill, Christian Schemmel and Fabian Schuppert (January 2016)

Panel member, 'Political theory and its impact', Houses of Parliament (March 2015)

Public lecture, 'Responsibility and justice', Forum for European Philosophy, LSE (February 2013)

Lecture for sixth form students, Cambridge Sutton Trust Summer School, 'A short introduction to political philosophy: On justice and bankers' (August 2012)

Service to profession

Associate editor, *Res Publica* (Jan 2016 - Jan 2018)

Refereeing for: *American Journal of Political Science*

American Political Science Review

Australasian Journal of Philosophy

Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy

European Journal of Political Theory

Journal of Applied Philosophy

Journal of Medical Ethics

Journal of Political Philosophy

Philosophical Studies

Politics, Philosophy & Economics

Studies in Philosophy & Education

Social Theory and Practice

Conference: British Society for Ethical Theory (2014)

Book proposals: Oxford University Press (US); Routledge Philosophy

Chapters - *Treatment for Crime*; *Oxford Handbook of Moral Psychology*