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AOS: Social/Political Philosophy
AOC: Philosophy of Science, Ethics, Bioethics

ACADEMIC CAREER

- 2019 - Present Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, School of Public Policy, University College London
- 2013 - 2019 Lecturer in Political Theory, Department of Political Science, School of Public Policy, University College London
- Visiting positions:
Academic Visitor, ICREA Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Oct 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
- 2012-2013 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

1. Civic education, moral character, and liberal states. Conditional acceptance, to appear in *The Handbook of Moral Psychology*, eds. John Doris & Manuel Vargas, OUP.
2. Justice, feasibility, and social science as it is. *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, 22 (2019): 27–40.
3. Microaggressions, equality, and social practices. *Journal of Political Philosophy*, 26 (3) (2018): 261-281.
4. Uterus transplants and the insufficient value of gestation. *Bioethics*, 32 (2018): 481– 488.
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, 2018), ch. 15.
6. How to be a responsibility-sensitive egalitarian: From metaphysics to social practice. *Political Studies*, 64 (3) (2016): 748-764.
7. Should fertility treatment be state funded?. *Journal of Applied Philosophy*, 32 (2015): 227- 240.
8. 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.

9. The inegalitarian ethos: Incentives, respect, and self-respect. *Politics, Philosophy & Economics*, 12 (1) (2013): 93-111.

General audience & book reviews

1. 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.
2. Rescuing responsibility for the left. *Juncture*, Institute of Public Policy Research, 22 (2016): 298–303.
3. 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/>
4. Book review, *Responsibility and Distributive Justice*, ed. Carl Knight and Zofia Stemplowska, in *Economics and Philosophy*, 30 (3) (2014): 529-534.

Selected works in progress

On the Ethics of Taking Offence (book manuscript, in progress, to be submitted 2020).

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

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

Do sweat the small stuff: Relational equality, social standing, and the reductionist challenge

Hecklers: Freedom of association, not freedom of expression, with Robert Simpson

AWARDS AND RESEARCH FUNDING

External

- 2019 Leverhulme Research Fellowship. Title: *On the Ethics of Taking Offence*. (£52,041, Sept 2019- Aug 2020)
- 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 funding, Wake Forest University (approx. US\$ 3000)

Internal

- 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 RESEARCH TALKS:

Keynote:

‘Taking offence: An emotion reconsidered’, Reading Ethics and Political Philosophy Graduate & Early Career Conference (REAPP), University of Reading, June 2019

‘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 2018

‘In defence of taking offence’, Brave New World graduate conference in political theory, University of Manchester, June 2017

‘Justice, feasibility, and social science as it is’, Yaounde PhD conference, Cameroon, August 2016 [withdrew for post-operative medical reasons]

Invited seminar series:

Title TBC, Moral and political philosophy seminar, University of Zurich, forthcoming December 2019

Title TBC, Political Theory seminar, University of York, forthcoming, 2019/2020.

‘A defence of offence’, Departmental seminar, Philosophy, University of Durham, October 2019

‘Do sweat the small stuff’, Philosophy seminar, University of Bayreuth, May 2019

‘What taking offence does’, Work in progress seminar, Pompeu Fabra University, October 2018

‘Parenting and other valuable relationships’ Family Justice Seminar, Pompeu Fabra University, October 2018

‘In defence of taking offence’, Centre for Ethics, Laws and Public Affairs, University of Warwick, November 2017

‘Microaggressions, equality, and social practices’, Nuffield Political Theory Workshop, University of Oxford, May 2017

‘Justice, feasibility, and social science as it is’, Senior Seminar, Philosophy, University of Glasgow, April 2017

‘Uterus transplants, breast enlargement, and the duty to refrain from enabling’, UCL/KCL Joint Bioethics Colloquium, March 2017

‘Uterus transplants and the value of gestation’ Visiting Speaker Series, Institute of Experimental Medicine, University of Kiel, January 2017

‘Justice, feasibility, and social science as it is’ PPE seminar, Institute of Philosophy, February 2016

‘Microaggressions’, Politics Department, University of Bristol, April 2016

‘Contextualism, responsibility, and moral luck

- Oxford Moral Philosophy seminar, February 2016
- Thursday Seminar, ANU, September 2015

‘Microaggressions, justice, and structure’ (now ‘Microaggressions, equality, and social practices’)

- Moral, Social, and Political Theory Seminar, ANU, August 2015
- Departmental Seminar Series, Politics, University of Sheffield, April 2015

‘How to be a responsibility-sensitive egalitarian’

- Centre for Ethics, Laws and Public Affairs, University of Warwick, November 2014
- Political Theory Workshop, LSE, January 2014

‘Should fertility treatment be state funded’

- MANCEPT Seminar Series, University of Manchester, April 2014
- Politics Department, University of Essex, February 2014

‘How to be a responsibility-sensitive egalitarian’, Nuffield Political Theory Workshop, University of Oxford, November 2013

Conferences and workshops (invited only):

Title TBC, Uncivil protest workshop, Princeton University, forthcoming, May 2020

'On the ethics of taking offence', Offensive Shakespeare interdisciplinary conference, Northumbria University, May 2019

'Do sweat the small stuff', UK- Latin America Political Philosophy Research network conference, UCL, April 2019

'Political change, moral character, and taking offence', The Beacon Project Final Colloquia, Wake Forest University, North Carolina, July 2018

'Civility and the ethics of taking offence', Morrell Workshop, University of York, September 2018

'In defence of taking offence/snowflakes', Dangerous Speech Workshop, UCL, May 2017

'Responsibility, the relational egalitarian way', Workshop, 'Relational Egalitarian and its (Troubled) Relationship with Luck Egalitarianism', CSSJ, University of Oxford, February 2017

'In defence of taking offence', Emotions and Politics Conference, Leeds, October 2016

'The politically exceptional', The Beacon Project Initial Research Workshops, Wake Forest University, North Carolina, July 2016.

'Justice, feasibility, and social science as it is', 10th Legal and Political Theory conference, Manchester, September 2016

'The value of gestation', Ethics of Uterus Transplantation Symposium, University of Lancaster, September 2016

'Justice, feasibility, and social science as it is', Open University, Philosophy day, May 2016 'Lessons from history', Treating Crime Workshop, University of Oxford, April 2015

'Microaggressions and social equality', Empirical Insights and Social Equality Workshop, Queen's University, Belfast, January 2015

'What's luck got to do with it', workshop on welfare, Philosophy, University of Glasgow, December 2014

TEACHING:

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

UCL (2013 - present)

Student feedback provided for last two years each course was taught and for which individual feedback is available. Since 2015/6, a 1- 5 scale has been deployed, with 5 as 'best'.

Undergraduate:

Philosophy, Values, and the Social Sciences (2017 onwards).

2018-2019, 13/26 measures with a mean score of 5, all but 3 with a mean score over 4.73.

Outperformed average undergraduate scores on all measures.

Masters:

Contemporary Political Philosophy II (2013 to present)

2018-2019: outperformed dept. average on all but one measure, all above 4.3; 24 out of 26 measures of teaching had a median of 5, the majority with a mean over 4.6.

2015-2016, outperformed departmental average on all measures, on 14 out of 19 measures with a mean of 4.88 or above, all above 4.5.

Meanings of Liberty: Applied Methods in Political Theory (2013 to present)

2014/15: All but two students found the course well/very well structured, stimulating/very stimulating, found me responsive/very responsive. All but one would recommend the course.

Social Justice and Equality Peer Assisted Learning sessions (2013–2016)

2013-2015: between 100% or all but 2 students marked the course highly across all metrics.

2015/16: co-taught, my seminars outperformed dept. average on all measures.

PhD group teaching:

Work-in-progress seminars (2014-2015)

Methods session empirical research and political philosophy (2016, 2017)

PhD supervision:

Hannah McHugh, PhD Candidate, Republicanism and social equality. Co-supervised with Richard Bellamy. 2019 -

Matilda Carter, PhD Candidate, on dementia and equality. Co-supervised with Jeff Howard. 2017 -

Jennifer Brown, PhD Candidate, on justice and marriage. Second supervisor. 2015 -

John Wilesmith, PhD awarded without corrections. Title: 'Substantive political equality, firm size and the choice of social system'. Co-supervisor with Albert Weale (Jan 2014 - Sept 2016)

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

Undergraduate & MA:

Philosophy and Public Policy

Philosophy, Morals and Politics

University of Cambridge (2009 -2012)

Philosophy Faculty (individual supervisions for undergraduates):

Ethics

Political Philosophy

Set Texts : J. S. Mill On Liberty and The Subjection of Women; Hume, Dialogues Concerning Natural Religion

History & Philosophy of Science (small group supervisions for undergraduates):

Philosophy of Science

Causation, Explanation and Law

History and Ethics of Medicine (Biological & Biomedical Sciences)

ADMINISTRATION

Departmental citizenship:

Leadership roles:

Programme Director, MA in Legal and Political Theory (Sept 2013 - Present)

Chair, MA plagiarism committee (Sept 2017 to present)

Deputy chair, MA exam board. (Sept 2017 to present)

Further committees:

1. Search committee for teaching fellowships (2014)
2. Search committee for a teaching fellowship (2017)
3. Search committee for a research assistant (Sept 2016).
4. Staff-student consultative committee (September 2013-June 2015, Sept 2017-present)
5. PhD committee (September 2013-June 2015)
6. Departmental teaching committee
7. Extenuating circumstances committee (2016; 2019)
8. MA steering committee (September 2013- present)

Personal tutor for MA students (2013—) and affiliate undergraduate students (2019).

In-house research seminar organisation:

UCL Political Theory Seminar, (2013-2016)

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

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

Academic events organised:

'Distributive justice and procreative technologies' workshop, with Liam Shields, Manchester (July 2018)

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

1. The Idea of Social Equality University of York, September 2014.
Speakers: Sara Amighetti (UCL), Christopher Brooke (Cambridge), Carina Fourie (Zurich), Cillian McBride (Queen's University Belfast), Frederick Neuhouser (Barnard College, Columbia), Fabian Schuppert (Queen's University Belfast)
2. The Value of Social Equality: Insights from Normative and Empirical Research, Queen's University Belfast, January 2015
Speakers: John Baker (UCD), Heather Bullock (UC Santa Cruz), Emily McTernan (UCL), Christopher Whelan (QUB), Richard Wilkinson (York), Ivo Wallimann-Helmer (Zürich), and Jonathan Wolff (UCL)
3. Social Egalitarianism and the Economy University of Manchester, May 2015
Speakers: Daniel Attas (Hebrew University Jerusalem), Stephen Hood (Manchester), Martin O'Neill (York), Kate Pickett (York), Ingrid Robeyns (Utrecht), Christian Schemmel (Manchester), Albert Weale (UCL)

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)

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

Service to the profession:

Co-organiser, Association for Political Theory Annual conference, University of Oxford, Jan 2020.

Associate editor, *Res Publica* (Jan 2016 - Jan 2018). One of six.

Refereeing for:

Articles: *American Journal of Political Science*; *American Political Science Review*; *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*; *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy*; *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*; *European Journal of Political Theory*; *Journal of Applied Philosophy*; *Journal of Medical Ethics*; *Journal of Political Philosophy*; *Philosophical Quarterly*; *Philosophical Studies*; *Politics, Philosophy & Economics*; *Studies in Philosophy & Education*; *Social Theory and Practice*

Conference: British Society for Ethical Theory (2014)

Book proposals for Oxford University Press (US) and Routledge Philosophy

Book chapters for *Treatment for Crime* and *Oxford Handbook of Moral Psychology*

Research award: Canadian Research Council.

Examining for:

MPhilStud, Birkbeck (internal examiner)

PhD, University of Cambridge (external examiner)

OUTREACH AND NETWORKS:

Networks:

Co-founding member, Social equality network. Funding from BA, Universities of York, Manchester, and Queen's Belfast, with Martin O'Neill (York); Christian Schemmel (Manchester), Fabian Schuppert (Queen's).

Outputs: Four events organised, three writing retreats, two co-authored papers.

Member, Economics and Ethics Network (from 2017 onwards)

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>. 130+ views thus far.

Panel member, 'The contentious politics of campus speech: Freedom, inclusion, and the culture war in the classroom', The Politics and Philosophy of Lies seminar series, Institute of Advanced Studies (December 2018)

Workshop on Social Equality and Public Policy, with social equality network, University College London, January 2016.

Speakers included philosophers as well as: Karin Christensen (Cooperative Party), Andrew Fisher (Labour Party), Philip Glanville (Hackney Council), Thomas Hanna (Democracy Collaborative (Washington, DC)), Omar Khan (Runnymede Trust), James Meadway (formerly chief economist, New Economics Foundation), Nick Pearce (University of Bath, former Director of the IPPR and head of the No 10 Downing Street Policy Unit)

Panel member, 'Political Theory and its Impact', Houses of Parliament (March 2015)

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

REFERENCES

Available on request