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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Social and Political Philosophy
Political Theory
Normative Ethics
Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (“PPE”)

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Practical Ethics
History of Moral and Political Philosophy
Metaethics
Philosophy of Law

EMPLOYMENT

Vanderbilt University

Assistant Professor of Philosophy (2023 -)
Assistant Professor of Political Science (Secondary) (2023 -)

University of Oxford

Senior Research Fellow in Philosophy, Global Priorities Institute (2021 - 2023)
Non-Stipendiary Research Fellow in Politics, Nuffield College (2020 - 2023)
Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Philosophy, Global Priorities Institute (2020 - 2021)

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Philosophy, University of Arizona (2020)
Dissertation: Social Ideals and Social Reform (chaired by Gerald Gaus)
B.A. (Honours), with Distinction, Philosophy, Queen’s University (2013)

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

- Forth. Moral Uncertainty and Public Justification (1st author, with Andreas T Schmidt). *Philosophers’ Imprint*.
2023. Deviating from the Ideal. *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 107: 31-52.
2023. Ethical Veganism and Free Riding (1st author, with Sarah Raskoff). *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* 24: 184-212.
2023. Social Experimentation in an Unjust World (1st author, with Allen Buchanan). *Oxford Studies in Political Philosophy* 9: 127-152.
2022. Ideology Critique and Game Theory. *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 52: 714-728.
2022. Subjectivism and Degrees of Well-Being. *Utilitas* 34: 97-104. (reply)
2020. Optimism about Moral Responsibility. *Philosophers’ Imprint* 20: 1-17.
2020. Efficient Inequalities. *Journal of Political Philosophy* 28: 181-198.
2020. Punishment and Disagreement in the State of Nature. *Economics and Philosophy* 36: 334-354.
2020. Social Reform in a Complex World. *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* 17: 103-132.
2020. Is Maximin Egalitarian? *Synthese* 197: 817-837.
2019. Interpersonal Comparisons with Preferences and Desires. *Politics, Philosophy & Economics* 18: 219-241.

Edited Volume

UC. *Longtermism: Present Action for the Distant Future* (2nd editor, with Hilary Greaves and David Thorstad), Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Book Chapters

- Forth. Longtermist Political Philosophy: An Agenda for Future Research (2nd author, with Andreas T Schmidt). In H. Greaves, J. Barrett, and D. Thorstad (Eds.), *Longtermism: Present Action for the Distant Future*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
2020. Laws, Norms, and Public Justification: The Limits of Law as an Instrument of Reform (1st author, with Gerald F. Gaus). In S. A. Langvatn, M. Kumm, & W. Sadurski (Eds.), *Public Reason and Courts*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 201-228.

Book Reviews

2023. Review of Ben Laurence, *Agents of Change: Political Philosophy in Practice*, *Ethics* 134: 141-146.
2022. Review of David Estlund, *Utopophobia: On The Limits (if Any) of Political Philosophy*, *Mind* 131: 691-700.
2020. Review of Kevin Vallier, *Must Politics be War?: Restoring our Trust in the Open Society*, *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 17: 567-570.

SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- William H. Fink Prize for Overall Outstanding Graduate Student, 2020
Social Philosophy & Policy Research Assistant Fellowship, 2019-2020
Joel Feinberg Dissertation Fellowship, 2018-2019
Templeton Research Assistant Fellowship, 2015-2016, 2016-2017
Graduate College Fellowship, 2013-2014

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- “In Defense of Moderation” (upcoming)
American Philosophical Association: Pacific Division, Portland, OR, 2024 (affiliated group session)
- “Democracy and Authoritarianism in the Long Run”
Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society Conference, New Orleans, LA, 2023
- “The Case for Weak Longtermism”
LSE-GPI Joint Workshop on Longtermism, London School of Economics, 2023
- “Philanthropy for the Disenfranchised”
PPE Conference, University of Groningen, 2023
Hong Kong Catastrophic Risk Centre, Lingnan University, 2023
Department of Philosophy, Vanderbilt University, 2023
Department of Philosophy, University at Buffalo, 2023
Department of Philosophy, University of California, San Diego, 2023
- “Longtermist Political Philosophy: An Agenda for Future Research”
Centre for the Study of Social Justice, University of Oxford, 2022
- “Social Beneficence”
Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society Conference, New Orleans, LA, 2022
Nuffield Political Theory Workshop, University of Oxford, 2022
Centre for Ethics, Law and Public Affairs, University of Warwick, 2022
- “Ideology Critique and Game Theory”

American Philosophical Association: Central Division, Chicago, IL, 2022 (symposium)
Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society Conference, New Orleans, LA, 2022

“Moral Uncertainty and Public Justification”
Centre for the Study of Social Justice, University of Oxford, 2021

“Social Experimentation in an Unjust World”
9th Annual Workshop for Oxford Studies in Political Philosophy, Tucson, AZ, 2021

“Ethical Veganism and Free Riding”
Centre for the Study of Social Justice, University of Oxford, 2021
DaGERS Ethics Reading Group, University of California, Davis, 2020

“Efficient Egalitarianism”/ “The Equal Consideration of Interests”
Department of Philosophy, University of Toronto, 2022
Department of Philosophy, Brown University, 2021
Department of Philosophy, University of California, Santa Barbara, 2020
Department of Politics, New York University, 2020
Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society Conference, New Orleans, LA, 2019

“Social Reform in a Complex World”
Department of Philosophy, University of Sheffield, 2020
Department of Political Science, University of Amsterdam, 2019
Southern Journal of Philosophy Workshop, University of Memphis, 2019
Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society Conference, New Orleans, LA, 2018

“Interpersonal Comparisons with Preferences and Desires”
Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society Conference, New Orleans, LA, 2017

TEACHING AND ADVISING

Vanderbilt University

Instructor

Justice (Spring 2024)
Ethics and Law (Spring 2024)
Introduction to Ethics (Fall 2023)

Graduate Seminar

The Epistemology of Democracy (Fall 2023)

University of Oxford

Tutorial

Theory of Politics (Trinity 2022)

University of Arizona

Instructor

The Social Contract (Fall 2018)
Contemporary Moral Problems (Spring 2018)
Neuroethics (Fall 2017)
History of Moral and Political Philosophy (Summer 2017)
Law and Morality (Fall 2016, Summer 2016)

Teaching Assistant

Personal Morality (Sartorio, Fall 2015)
The Ethics and Economics of Wealth Creation (Wall, Spring 2015)
Philosophical Perspectives on the Individual (Weinberg, Fall 2014)
Logic and Critical Thinking (Weinberg, Fall 2013)

SERVICE

Referee: *American Political Science Review*; *Analytic Philosophy*; *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*; *Economics and Philosophy*; *Economics & Politics*; *Ethical Perspectives*; *Ethics*; *Ethics and International Affairs*; *History of Philosophy Quarterly*; *Inquiry*; *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*; *Journal of Moral Philosophy*; *Journal of Philosophical Research*; *Journal of Political Philosophy*; *Journal of Politics*; *The Journal of Value Inquiry*; *Legal Theory*; *Moral Philosophy and Politics*; *The Philosophical Forum*; *Philosophical Studies*; *Philosophy Compass*; *Political Research Quarterly*; *Political Studies*; *Politics, Philosophy & Economics*; *Public Affairs Quarterly*; *Social Philosophy & Policy*; *Social Theory and Practice*; *Southwest Philosophy Review*; *Synthese*; *Theoria* (Wiley); *Theoria* (Berghahn); *Utilitas*; Canadian Philosophical Association

Organized quarterly reading/research group on contemporary moral and political philosophy (Institutions and Longtermism, Institutions and Global Priorities Research, Neglectedness and Social Change, Justice and the Good, Representing Future Generations, Global Governance, Public Critiques of Longtermism, Critiques of Effective Altruism), University of Oxford, 2020-2022

Organized annual reading group on the history of moral and political philosophy (Sidgwick, Kant, Hume, Dewey, History of Feminism, The Federalist Papers), University of Arizona, 2015-2020

Editorial Assistant, *Social Philosophy & Policy*, 2015-2017, 2019-2020

Climate Committee Member, Philosophy Department, University of Arizona, 2018-2019

Graduate Student Representative, Philosophy Department, University of Arizona, 2015-2016

REFERENCES

Gerald Gaus (deceased, letter on file)	Allen Buchanan
James E. Rogers Professor of Philosophy University of Arizona skimball@arizona.edu	James B. Duke Professor Emeritus of Philosophy Duke University allenb@duke.edu
Thomas Christiano Professor of Philosophy University of Arizona thomasc@arizona.edu	Hilary Greaves Professor of Philosophy University of Oxford hilary.greaves@philosophy.ox.ac.uk
Cécile Laborde Nuffield Professor of Political Theory University of Oxford cecile.laborde@politics.ox.ac.uk	Connie Rosati Professor of Philosophy University of Texas at Austin connie.rosati@austin.utexas.edu
David Schmidtz Presidential Chair of Moral Science West Virginia University schmidtz@arizona.edu	J. Christopher Maloney (teaching reference) Professor of Philosophy, Emeritus University of Arizona maloney@arizona.edu