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## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

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

## AREAS OF COMPETENCE

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

## EMPLOYMENT

### University of Oxford

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

## EDUCATION

Ph.D., Philosophy, University of Arizona (2020)  
Dissertation *Social Ideals and Social Reform*  
Committee Gerald Gaus (chair), Allen Buchanan, Thomas Christiano, Connie Rosati, David Schmidtz  
B.A. (Honours), with Distinction, Philosophy, Queen’s University (2013)

## PUBLICATIONS

### Journal Articles

Forth. Deviating from the Ideal. *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*.  
Forth. Ethical Veganism and Free Riding (with Sarah Raskoff). *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*.  
Forth. Social Experimentation in an Unjust World (with Allen Buchanan). *Oxford Studies in Political Philosophy*.  
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.

### Book Chapter

2020. Laws, Norms, and Public Justification: The Limits of Law as an Instrument of Reform (with Gerald F. Gaus). In S. A. Langvatn, M. Kumm, & W. Sadurski (Eds.), *Public Reason and Courts*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 201-228.

### Edited Volume

UC. *Essays on Longtermism* (with Hilary Greaves and David Thorstad), Oxford University Press.

## Book Reviews

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

- “Social Beneficence”
- Politics, Philosophy, 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)
  - Politics, Philosophy, and Economics Society Conference, New Orleans, LA, 2022
- “Neglectedness and Social Change”
- 8<sup>th</sup> Oxford Workshop on Global Priorities Research, University of Oxford, 2021
- “Moral Uncertainty and Public Justification”
- Centre for the Study of Social Justice, University of Oxford, 2021
- “Social Experimentation in an Unjust World”
- 9<sup>th</sup> 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
- “Institutional Selection”
- 5<sup>th</sup> Oxford Workshop on Global Priorities Research, University of Oxford, 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
  - Politics, Philosophy, 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
  - Politics, Philosophy, and Economics Society Conference, New Orleans, LA, 2018
- “Interpersonal Comparisons with Preferences and Desires”
- Politics, Philosophy, and Economics Society Conference, New Orleans, LA, 2017

- Comment on Albenaz Azmanova's, "Democracy with a Foresight"  
 What is Democracy? Theories, Practices, Values, University of Oxford, 2022
- Comment on David Wiens's, "Against Ideal Guidance"  
 Workshop on David Wiens, University of Arizona, 2016
- Comment on Anness Webster's, "Terror, Tactics, and Preferences"  
 American Philosophical Association: Pacific Division, San Francisco, CA, 2016

## TEACHING AND ADVISING

### University of Oxford

#### *Tutorial*

Theory of Politics (Trinity 2022)

#### *Advising*

2 BPhil (Masters) students

### 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*; *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*; *Economics and Philosophy*; *Economics & Politics*; *Ethical Perspectives*; *Ethics and International Affairs*; *History of Philosophy Quarterly*; *Inquiry*; *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*; *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*; *Theoria: A Journal of Social and Political Theory*; Canadian Philosophical Association

Organized quarterly reading/research group (Institutions and Longtermism, Institutions and Global Priorities Research, Neglectedness and Social Change, Justice and the Good, Representing Future Generations, Global Governance), University of Oxford, 2020-2022

Organized annual reading group on 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

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J. Christopher Maloney (teaching reference)  
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