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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

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

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

History of Moral and Political Philosophy
Applied Ethics
Metaethics

EMPLOYMENT

University of Oxford (2020-)

Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Philosophy, Global Priorities Institute, Faculty of Philosophy
Non-Stipendiary Research Fellow in Politics, Nuffield College

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

“Subjectivism and Degrees of Well-Being,” *Utilitas* (forthcoming).

“Optimism about Moral Responsibility,” *Philosophers' Imprint* 20 (2020): 1-17.

“Punishment and Disagreement in the State of Nature,” *Economics and Philosophy* 36 (2020): 334-354.

“Efficient Inequalities,” *Journal of Political Philosophy* 28 (2020): 181-198.

“Social Reform in a Complex World,” *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* 17 (2020): 103-132.

“Is Maximin Egalitarian?” *Synthese* 197 (2020): 817-837.

“Interpersonal Comparisons with Preferences and Desires,” *Politics, Philosophy & Economics* 18 (2019): 219-241.

Book Chapters

“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 University Press (2020), 201-228.

Book Reviews

Review of David Estlund, *Utopophobia: On The Limits (if Any) of Political Philosophy, Mind* (forthcoming).

Review of Kevin Vallier, *Must Politics be War?: Restoring our Trust in the Open Society*, *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 17 (2020): 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

“Ideology Critique and Game Theory”
Politics, Philosophy, and Economics Society Conference, New Orleans, LA, 2021 (scheduled)

“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”
5th Oxford Workshop on Global Priorities Research, University of Oxford, 2020

“Efficient Egalitarianism”/ “The Equal Consideration of Interests”
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 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), San Francisco, CA, 2016

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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: *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*; *Economics and Philosophy*; *Economics & Politics*; *Ethical Perspectives*; *Journal of Philosophical Research*; *Journal of Political Philosophy*; *Legal Theory*; *Philosophy Compass*; *Political Studies*; *Politics, Philosophy & Economics*; *Public Affairs Quarterly*; *Social Philosophy & Policy*; *Social Theory and Practice*; *Synthese*; Canadian Philosophical Association

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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