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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  
Philosophy of Law

## 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

“Optimism about Moral Responsibility,” *Philosophers’ Imprint* (forthcoming).  
“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  
SPP 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 Reform in a Complex World,” *Southern Journal of Philosophy Workshop on "The Epistemology of Justice,"* Memphis, TN, March 2019  
“The Equal Consideration of Interests,” *PPE Society Conference*, New Orleans, LA, March 2019  
“Social Reform in a Complex World,” *PPE Society Conference*, New Orleans, LA, March 2018  
“Interpersonal Comparisons with Preferences and Desires,” *PPE Society Conference*, New Orleans, LA, March 2017  
Comment on David Wiens’s, “Against Ideal Guidance,” *Workshop on David Wiens*, University of Arizona, May 2016  
Comment on Anness Webster’s, “Terror, Tactics, and Preferences,” *Pacific APA*, San Francisco, CA, April 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, Social Philosophy & Policy*  
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

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

American Philosophical Association  
Canadian Philosophical Association  
American Political Science Association

## REFERENCES

Gerald Gaus  
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