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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

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

“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.

## UNDER REVIEW

- “Social Experimentation in an Unjust World” (with Allen Buchanan)  
accepted and presented at the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Workshop for Oxford Studies in Political Philosophy,  
implying publication subject to further review in *Oxford Studies in Political Philosophy*
- “Moral Uncertainty and Public Justification” (with Andreas T Schmidt)  
available in the Global Priorities Institute Working Paper Series as GPI Working paper No. 15-2021
- Paper on ideal theory and comparative evaluations of justice
- Paper on ideology and collective action
- Paper on ethical veganism (with Sarah Raskoff)
- Essays on Longtermism* (edited volume with Hilary Greaves and David Thorstad)

## 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

- Paper on ideology and collective action (scheduled)  
American Philosophical Association: Central Division, Chicago, IL, 2022 (symposium)  
Politics, Philosophy, and Economics Society Conference, New Orleans, LA, 2022
- “Social Experimentation in an Unjust World”  
9<sup>th</sup> Annual Workshop for Oxford Studies in Political Philosophy, Tucson, AZ, 2021
- Paper on ethical veganism  
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, 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 Division, 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: *American Political Science Review*; *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*; *Economics and Philosophy*; *Economics & Politics*; *Ethical Perspectives*; *Inquiry*; *Journal of Philosophical Research*; *Journal of Political Philosophy*; *Journal of Politics*; *The Journal of Value Inquiry*; *Legal Theory*; *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*; Canadian Philosophical Association

Grader for the Essay Prize for Global Priorities Research, University of Oxford, 2021

Organized reading/research groups on Institutions and Longtermism, Institutions and Global Priorities Research, and The Neglectedness Heuristic, University of Oxford, 2020-2021

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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Christopher Maloney (teaching reference)

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