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Areas of Specialization

Epistemology, Ethics, Decision Theory

Areas of Competence

Social & Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Language, Logic

Employment

University of Notre Dame Australia, Sydney
Lecturer, Institute for Ethics & Society, 2019 – *present*
Associate Lecturer, Institute for Ethics & Society, 2016 – 2018

Education

Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of Sydney, 2017 – *present* (expected 2021)
Thesis: "The Demands of Rationality: Epistemology & Normative Guidance"
Supervisors: Brian Hedden (primary), Philip Pettit, Mark Colyvan
M.Phil. in Philosophy, University of Sydney, awarded with *High Distinction*, 2011
B.A. in Philosophy, University of Sydney, awarded with *First Class Honours*, 2008

Publications

Papers

"Arbitrariness Arguments Against Temporal Discounting"
Forthcoming in the *Australasian Philosophical Review*
"Reconsidering the Rule of Consideration: Probabilistic Knowledge and Legal Proof"
Forthcoming in *Episteme*
Winner of the University of Sydney Lucy Firth Prize in Philosophy (2020)

Book Review

"Review of *Probabilistic Knowledge* by Sarah Moss"
Ethics vol. 129, no. 2 (2019): 430–438

Public Philosophy

"Where There's Smoke, There's Conspiracy Theorists" (with Mark Colyvan and Hannah Tierney)
ABC Religion & Ethics, November 3 (2020)

"Compulsory COVID-19 Vaccination Makes Sense"
Sydney Morning Herald, The Age, Brisbane Times, WA Today, August 10 (2020)

"Enlighten Me" Review of *The Dream of Enlightenment: The Rise of Modern Philosophy* by Anthony Gottlieb
Australian Book Review, no. 391, May (2017): 51

"Mess is Good" Review of *The Gardner and the Carpenter* by Alison Gopnik
Australian Book Review, no. 387, December (2016): 48

Talks

"Motivated Reasoning and Conspiracy Theories" (with Mark Colyvan and Hannah Tierney)
 UC Davis Tahoe Environmental Research Centre, University of California, Davis. March 2021.

"Reconsidering the Rule of Consideration: Probabilistic Knowledge and Legal Proof"
 UT Austin Philosophy Graduate Conference, University of Texas at Austin. May 2020.
 SLLERG Seminar, Massachusetts Institute of Technology. October 2019.

"Does *Ought* Imply *Can* in Epistemology?"
 2019 Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference, University of Wollongong. July 2019.
 Goethe Epistemology Meeting, Goethe University Frankfurt. May 2019.
 Current Projects Seminar, University of Sydney. May 2018.
 Formal Methods Research Seminar, King's College London. February 2018.
 Vienna Forum for Analytic Philosophy, University of Vienna. June 2017.
 CUNY Graduate Conference, City University of New York Graduate Centre. March 2017.

Comments

Comments on Christian Miller, "Honesty: The Philosophy and Psychology of a Neglected Virtue"
 Notre Dame School of Virtue & Character, University of Notre Dame Australia. October 2020.

Comments on Amia Srinivasan, "Genealogical Scepticism and Genealogical Luck"
 Workshop on Amia Srinivasan's *The Contingent World*, University of Basel. June 2018.

Visiting Positions

Visiting Graduate Student, University of Chicago, Autumn 2018.

Visiting Graduate Student, King's College London, February – March 2018.

Visiting Graduate Student, Princeton University, Spring 2010.

Teaching

Primary Instructor and Coordinator

PHIL3950/6950 Philosophy as a Way of Life	Notre Dame	2020
PHIL3613 Philosophy of Human Rights	University of Sydney	2019
MED5003 Bioethics (School of Medicine)	Notre Dame	2019
PHIL2070 Philosophy of Language	Notre Dame	2018
PHIL6020 Practical and Professional Ethics	Notre Dame	2018, 2017 (x2), 2016
PHIL132 Philosophy, Morality, and Society	Macquarie University	2011

Guest Lectures

"Bayes' Theorem and Conditionalization"		
PHIL2620 Probability and Decision Theory	University of Sydney	2018
"Interpretations of Probability"		
PHIL2620 Probability and Decision Theory	University of Sydney	2018
"Expected Utility Theory"		
PHIL2620 Probability and Decision Theory	University of Sydney	2018

Tutor/TA

PHIL2620 Probability and Decision Theory	University of Sydney	2018, 2017
GOVT2112 Modern Political Thought	University of Sydney	2017
PHIL3613 Philosophy of Human Rights	University of Sydney	2016
PHIL2642 Critical Thinking	University of Sydney	2015, 2010
PHIL1012 Introductory Logic	University of Sydney	2016, 2015
PHIL1011 Reality, Ethics, Beauty	University of Sydney	2012, 2011, 2009
PHIL1013 Society, Self, Knowledge	University of Sydney	2011, 2010, 2009
PHL137 Critical Thinking	Macquarie University	2012
PHL132 Philosophy, Morality, and Society	Macquarie University	2012, 2011
PHL131 Mind, Meaning, and Metaphysics	Macquarie University	2012, 2010
PH100 Introduction to Philosophy	Notre Dame	2011, 2010, 2009
ET100 Introduction to Ethics	Notre Dame	2011, 2010
PHL101 Applied Ethics	Charles Sturt University	2015, 2014
ET205 Ethics and Law	Charles Sturt University	2015
PHIL106 Media, Ethics, and Law	University of Wollongong	2011

Awards

Research Grants

Industry Research Grant, The Scots College, 2020 – 2021, **\$20,000**. "Developing Virtuous Character in Educational Institutions" (Co-PI with Annette Pierdziwol and John Lippitt)

Sydney–Utrecht Partnership Collaboration Award, University of Sydney & Utrecht University, 2019 – 2020, **\$30,000**. "Conspiracy Theories in the Information Age" (with Mark Colyvan (PI), Daniel Cohnitz (PI), Brian Hedden, Hannah Tierney, and Sebastian Sequoiah-Grayson)

Australian Research Theology Foundation, 2018 – 2019, **\$5,000**. "Enriching Professional Ethics Education at University with the History of Ethics" (Co-PI with Annette Pierdziwol)

Teaching Awards & Honours

Member, *Mellon Philosophy as a Way of Life Network*, University of Notre Dame (USA), 2019 – 2022

Instructor, *Teaching Development Program*, Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences, University of Sydney, 2019

Dean's Teaching Award, School of Medicine, University of Notre Dame Australia, 2019

Dean's Citation for Excellence in Tutorials with Distinction, Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences, University of Sydney, 2017, **\$500**

Student Teaching Commendations, Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences, University of Sydney (x35)

PHIL3613 Philosophy of Human Rights, 2019 (x24) - *Lecturer*

PHIL2620 Probability and Decision Theory, 2018 (x9) - *Tutor*

GOVT2112 Modern Political Thought, 2017 (x2) - *Tutor*

Letters of Commendation for Teaching Evaluation, University of Notre Dame Australia (x5)

Tutor for PHIL3613 Philosophy of Human Rights, University of Sydney which was awarded the 2017 *Australasian Association of Philosophy Prize for Innovation in Inclusive Curricula*.

Prizes etc.

Lucy Firth Prize in Philosophy, University of Sydney, 2020, **\$1,000**

Travel Grant, Goethe University Frankfurt, 2019, **\$1,699**

Postgraduate Research Travel Award, Society for Applied Philosophy, 2019, **\$1,237**

Postgraduate Research Support Grant, University of Sydney, 2019, **\$3,000**

Postgraduate Research Support Grant, University of Sydney, 2018, **\$2,750**

Research Incentive Scheme Prize, University of Notre Dame Australia, 2018, **\$750**

Lucy Firth Prize in Philosophy, University of Sydney, 2012, **\$2,500**

Lucy Firth Prize in Philosophy, University of Sydney, 2011, **\$1,000**

Postgraduate Research Support Grant, University of Sydney, 2010, **\$2,200**.

Travel Grant, Princeton University Centre for Human Values, Princeton University, 2010, **US\$1,000**.

Australian Postgraduate Award, 2009 – 2011, **\$61,500**

Graduate Coursework

Perception, John Hawthorne and Mark Johnston, Princeton University*

Probabilistic Knowledge Masterclass, Sarah Moss, King's College London

Moral Epistemology, Thomas Kelly, Sarah McGrath, and Michael Smith, Princeton University*

New Work in Formal Epistemology, Mark Colyvan, University of Sydney

Decision Theory and Vagueness, Nicholas J. J. Smith, University of Sydney

Foundations of Decision Theory, Nicholas J. J. Smith, University of Sydney*

Historical Origins of Probability Theory, Nicholas J. J. Smith, University of Sydney*

Character and Commerce: Practical Wisdom in Economic Life, Candace Vogler, University of Chicago*

Problems of Political Philosophy, Philip Pettit, Princeton University*

Reimagining Epistemology, Moira Gatens, University of Sydney*

Philosophy of Action, Sam Shpall, University of Sydney

Naturalism Without Mirrors Masterclass, Huw Price, University of Sydney*

New Work in Expressivism and Pragmatism, Huw Price, University of Sydney*

John Rawls and *Political Liberalism*, Thomas Besch, University of Sydney

The Later Wittgenstein, Warren Goldfarb, University of Sydney

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Other Research Experience

University of Sydney

Research Assistant, Office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education), July – December 2019
Project: "Ethics Education in Interdisciplinary and Industry Project-Based Contexts"

Research Assistant for Alexandre Lefebvre and Danielle Celermajer, September – December 2018
Project: *The Subject of Human Rights*, eds., Lefebvre & Celermajer (Stanford University Press, 2020)

Research Assistant for Alexandre Lefebvre, July 2017 – January 2018
Project: "Liberalism as a Way of Life"

References

References available on request.