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RESEARCH AREAS

Moral and Political philosophy, Practical Ethics

EMPLOYMENT

2016- Associate Professor of Philosophy, Queen's University
2009-2016 Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Queen's University

EDUCATION

2003-2012 D.Phil. in Politics, **University of Oxford**
Dissertation: "If You're an Egalitarian, How Come You Don't Believe in Genetic Enhancement?"
Supervisors: Professors G.A. Cohen, Thomas Pogge, and Julian Savulescu

2008-2009 Visiting Assistant in Research, **Yale University**

2005-2008 Special Visiting Doctoral Student, **Columbia University**

2002-2003 M.Phil. in Philosophy, **University of Cambridge**

1998-2002 B.A. (Hons.) in Philosophy, **McGill University**

VISITING POSITIONS

2016-17 Visiting Professor, Centre for Ethics, the University of Toronto

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed Publications

"Comparative Desert Vs. Fairness," forthcoming in *Law and Philosophy*. Advance online publication. doi: 10.1007/s10982-017-9293-5

“What Makes a Person Liable to Defensive Harm?” forthcoming in *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*. Advance online publication. doi: 10.1111/phpr.12369

“Self-Defense Against Multiple Threats,” *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, 14 (2) (2017): 125-133.

“Why More Choice is Sometimes Worse than Less,” *Law and Philosophy*, 36 (1) (2017): 25-44.

“Luck, Love, and Extreme Skiing: Distributive Injustice without Unfairness,” *Moral Philosophy and Politics* 3 (1) (2016): 119-133

“Can Comparative Desert Do without Equality,” *Philosophical Papers* 44 (2) (2015): 189-205

“Whom Should We Enhance? The Problem of Altering Potential,” *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 12 (6) (2015): 731-753

Book Reviews

Review of *Ethics Without Intention* by Ezio Di Nucci, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 94 (4) (2016): 837

PRESENTATIONS

“Egalitarianism for Girls”

- Ethics at Noon, Centre for Ethics, University of Toronto, November 2016 (invited paper)

“Not as a Means: Killing as a Side Effect in Self-Defense”

- Institute for Law and Philosophy, Rutgers School of Law, Camden, New Jersey, date TBD (invited paper)
- Bled Conference on Ethics, Bled, Slovenia June 2016 (invited paper)*
- American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting, San Francisco, California, March 30-April 3, 2016
- Department of Philosophy Colloquium Series, Ethics and Politics Group Talk, The University of Toronto, December 2015 (invited paper)
- Nathanson Centre, Osgoode Hall, Toronto, Ontario, October 2015 (invited paper)
- Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (RoME), Boulder, Colorado, August 2015

“Self-Defense Against Multiple Threats”

- Northwestern University Society for the Theory of Ethics and Politics (NUSTEP), Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, May 2015
- American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting, Vancouver, British Columbia, April 2015

“Fairness and Liability to Defensive Harm”

- Bled Conference on Ethics, Bled, Slovenia June 2014 (invited paper)†

* Circumstances prevented my accepting this invitation.

† Circumstances prevented my attending this conference.

- American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting, San Diego, California, April 2014

“Whom Should We Enhance? The Problem of Altering Potential”

- Department of Philosophy Colloquium Series, York University, Toronto, Ontario, January 2013 (invited paper)
- Department of Philosophy Colloquium Series, Queen’s University, Kingston, Ontario, January 2009 (invited paper)

“Luck, Love, and Extreme Skiing: Why Egalitarians Shouldn’t Aim to Neutralize Luck”

- The Jackman Humanities Institute, The University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, February, 2009 (invited paper)

Invited Commentaries

“Intentions and Humanitarian Interventions: Commentary on Helen Frowe”

- *Wrongs Across Borders* conference, Osgoode Hall, Toronto, Ontario, April 2014

“Valuing Persons with Disabilities Vs. Valuing Disabilities,” respondent to Sahar Akhtar,

- DeCamp Bioethics Seminar, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, September 2007

Invited Participant/Session Chair

Workshop on Adil Haque’s book manuscript *Law and Morality at War*, Georgetown Law Center, Georgetown, D.C., April 2016

The Value of Equality workshop, The Centre for Ethics, The University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, March 2014

The Ethics of Self-Defense, Bowling Green State University Workshop in Applied Ethics and Public Policy, Bowling Green, Ohio, April, 2013

ACADEMIC AWARDS

2005-2007 SSHRC (Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada)
 Doctoral Student Award

2003-2006 ORS (Overseas Research Student) Award for study at the University of Oxford

TEACHING (at Queen’s University)

Lecture Courses and Seminars

Phil 157 (Moral Issues)

Phil 271 (Philosophy and Literature)

Phil 301 (Bioethics)
Phil 343 (Political Philosophy)
Phil 403/803 (Moral Philosophy II: The Ethics of Procreation)
Phil 803 (Moral Philosophy II: The Ethics of Self-Defense)

Undergraduate Supervision

Winter, 2015 Supervisor, Dalia Yashinsky, Undergraduate Independent Study Project:
“Identifying Subordination in Kamm’s Principle of Permissible Harm”

Winter, 2012 Supervisor, Liz McFadden, Undergraduate Independent Study Project:
“Broadening the Scope of Epistemic Justification: A Response to Jeff McMahan’s
Killing in War”

2010-2011 Supervisor, Jordan Mackenzie, BA Honours Thesis: “Valuing What Exists: A
Defense of Our ‘Conservative Bias’ in Favour of Presently Existing Entities”

Graduate Supervision

Spring 2014-Fall 2014 Supervisor, James Murray, MA Thesis: “Beyond Moral
Responsibility and Lesser Evils: Moral Desert as a Supplementary
Justification for Defensive Killing”

Summer/Fall 2014 2nd reader, Ian Allen, MA Thesis: “Intractable Difficulties for the
Doctrine of Double Effect: The Problem of Closeness and Proper
Focus of Concern”

Spring 2012-Summer 2013 2nd reader, Andrew P. Ross, PhD Dissertation “The Authority of
Deontic Constraints”

Spring 2012-Summer 2014 2nd reader, Christine Esselmont, PhD Dissertation “The Fairness of
Blame”

Summer 2012-Fall 2013 PhD Comprehensives Committee Member, Ryan McSheffrey

Spring/Summer 2012 Supervisor, Morgan Teeple Hopkins, MA Thesis: “Adopting
Obligations: Duties to Existing Children”

Fall 2011 Supervisor, Morgan Teeple Hopkins, Graduate Independent Study
Project: “Adopting Obligations: Duties to Existing Children”

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Departmental Service

Board of Undergraduate Studies (2014-16, winter 2011, 2009-10)
Nominating Committee (2015-16, 2010-12)
Appointments Committee (2010-15)

Board of Graduate Studies (2013-14)
Colloquium Coordinator (2012-13)
Colloquium Committee (2011-2012)

Other Professional Service

Referee for *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*
Referee for *Bioethics*
Referee for *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*
Referee for *Criminal Law and Philosophy*
Referee for *Journal of Moral Philosophy*
Referee for *Philosophy, Politics, and Economics*
Referee for *Social Theory and Practice*