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RESEARCH AREAS

Moral and Political philosophy

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

July 2017-	Professor of Philosophy
July 2016-June 2017	Visiting Professor of Philosophy, Centre for Ethics, University of Toronto
July 2004-	Associate Professor of Philosophy (Appointed as a Queen's National Scholar)
April-June 2011	H.L.A Hart Visiting Fellow, University College, Oxford
Sept-2006-July 2007	Laurence S. Rockefeller Visiting Fellow, Princeton University
May-August 2000	Visiting Professor of Philosophy, Rhodes University, South Africa
July 1997-July 2004	Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of Pennsylvania Faculty Associate, Center for Bioethics, University of Pennsylvania Faculty Affiliate, Center for Ethics, Wharton School of Business
Sept 1995-July 1997	Post-Doctoral Fellow in Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, Harvard University

EDUCATION

- 1986-90 B.A. (1st Class with Honors), Philosophy
Queen's University, Canada
- 1990-92 B.Phil. (Philosophy)
University of Oxford
- 1992-95 D.Phil. (Philosophy)
University of Oxford

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Consensualism in Principle (Routledge: 2001)

Edited Collections

Ethics and Future Generations (Routledge: *forthcoming*)

Reasons and Recognition: Essays on the Philosophy of T.M. Scanlon (Oxford University Press: 2011)
(co-edited with R. Jay Wallace and Samuel Freeman)

Reparations: Interdisciplinary Inquiries (Oxford University Press: 2007) (co-edited with Jon Miller)

Edited Journal Issues

Special Issue on Reparations, *Journal of Social Philosophy* 37:6 2006 (co-edited with Kok-Chor Tan, University of Pennsylvania)

Articles in Peer Reviewed Journals

"Contractualist Reasoning, HIV Cure Clinical Trials, and the moral (ir)relevance of the Risk/Benefit Ratio" *Journal of Medical Ethics* (*in press*) [this article will appear with a commentary on it by F.M. Kamm (Harvard), "The morality of risks in research: Reflections on Kumar" *Journal of Medical Ethics* (*in press*)]

"Risking and Wronging" *Philosophy and Public Affairs* Winter 2015 43(1) pp. 27-51

“Permissible Killing and the Irrelevance of Being Human” *Journal of Ethics* 12:1 2008 pp. 57-80

“Empirical Psychology and the Reassessment of Moral Luck” *Ratio* Sept. 2004 32(9) pp.329-4 (with Edward Royzman (University of Pennsylvania, Psychology))

“Reasonable Reasons in Contractualist Moral Argument” *Ethics* October 2003 114(1) pp. 6-37

“Who can be Wronged?” *Philosophy and Public Affairs* Spring 2003 31(2) pp. 98-118

“Contractualism on Saving the Many” *Analysis* 61:2 April 2001 pp.165-70

“On the Preponderance of Empathic Sorrow” *New Ideas in Psychology* 19(2): (2001) pp. 131-44 (with Edward Royzman (UPenn Psychology))

“Rationing Problems and the Aims of Ethical Theory” *American Journal of Bioethics* Vol. 1(2) (Spring 2001) pp. 30-31

“Defending the Moral Moderate: Contractualism and Common Sense” *Philosophy and Public Affairs* Fall 1999 28(4) pp. 275-309

Articles in Edited Collections

“Intergenerational Justice” in S. Olsaretti, ed. *Oxford Handbook of Distributive Justice* (Oxford University Press: *forthcoming*) (ms. submitted)

“Contractualism and the Roots of Responsibility” in Clarke, McKenna and Smith, eds. *New Essays on Moral Responsibility* (Oxford University Press: 2015) pp. 251-79

“Rawls and Utilitarianism” Mandle and Reidy, eds. *Cambridge Rawls Lexicon* Mandle and Reidy eds., (Cambridge University Press: 2015) pp.858-66

“Why Reparations?” in J. Oberdiek, ed. *Philosophical Essays on the Foundations of the law of Torts* (Oxford University Press: 2014) pp. 193-212

“Contractualism” in LaFollette, ed. *International Encyclopedia of Ethics* (Blackwell: 2013)

“Contractualism” in Skorupski, ed. *Routledge Companion to Ethics* (Routledge: 2012)

“Contractualism on the Shoal of Aggregation” in Wallace et. al. *Reasons and Recognition: Essays on the Philosophy of T.M. Scanlon* (Oxford: 2011) 129-54

“Commentary on “The Structural Diversity of Historical Injustices”” *APA Newsletter (Philosophy and Law)* 9:2 Spring 2010

“Wronging Future People” in Gosseries and Meyer, eds. *Intergenerational Justice* (Oxford University Press: 2009) 251-73

“The Ethics of Exclusion” in J. Ciptut, ed. *The Future of Citizenship* (MIT Press: 2009) 55-75 (co-authored with David Silver, UBC)

“Contractualism” in *The Encyclopedia of Philosophy* 2nd edition (MacMillan: 2005)

“The Legacy of Injustice: Wronging the Future, Responsibility for the Past”, L.H. Meyer, ed. *Historical Justice* (Baden-Baden: Nomos, 2003) 145-58 (co-authored with David Silver, UBC)

Articles in Popular Press

“Coates’s Unfinished Case for Reparations” *The Critique* (*in press*)

Reviews

Review of Nicholas Vrousalis, The Political Philosophy of G.A. Cohen: Back to Socialist Basics *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (forthcoming)

“Responsibility, Reparations, and the Legal Entrenchment of Racial Hierarchy” *Criminal Justice Ethics* August 2016 DOI:10.1080/0731129X.2016.1204724 [Review Essay of David Lyons, *Confronting Injustice* (Oxford University Press, 2013)]

Review of Paul Hurley, Beyond Consequentialism *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (January 2012; available on-line; invited review)

Review of Tim Mulgan, Future People: A Moderate Consequentialist account of our obligations to future generations. *The Philosophical Quarterly* 57:229 (October 2007) 679-85

Review of Tim Mulgan, The Demands of Consequentialism, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (September 2002)

Review of Jamie Mayerfeld, Suffering and Responsibility, *The Philosophical Quarterly* 51:205 (October 2001) 558-60

Review of Bede Rundle, Mind in Action *Ethics* 111(3) April 2001

Review of Frances Kamm, Morality, Mortality Vol. 1, *Journal of Medical Ethics* 21 Fall 1995

Review of Thomas Hurka, Perfectionism, *Ratio* 7(1) (December 1994; pg. 191-97)

IN PROGRESS

Book

Contractualism and the Contours of Morality

Papers

“Risking and Wronging Future Generations” submitted for a special issue on Risk and Moral Theory, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*

“Should Contractualists Decompose?” (w/K Gordon-Solmon)

“Saving Lives and Statistical Deaths”

“Blame, Communicative and Reactive”

AWARDS and GRANTS

Queen’s University Office of Research, SSHRC 4A Grant June 2015 (\$3500)

H.L.A. Hart Visiting Fellowship, University College Oxford and Oxford Centre for Law and Ethics, May-July 2011

Social Science Humanities Research Council of Canada, Research Grant (\$73,900/2009-13)

Laurence S. Rockefeller Visiting Fellowship, Princeton University September 2006-July 2007

Edmund J. Safra Centre for Ethics Visiting Fellowship, Harvard University 2006-07 (*declined*)

School of Arts and Science Research Fellowship (UPenn), January 2002-June 2002

Faculty Fellowship, Penn Humanities Forum (UPenn), 2001-02

University Research Foundation Grant Recipient (UPenn), 2000-01 & 2001-02

PRESENTATIONS (recent & forthcoming)

American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division April 2017
“Uncertainty and Non-Aggregation”

American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division April 2017
APA Kavka Prize Commentator

“Frick’s Contractualism: Between Harsanyi and Scanlon”

University of Toronto,
Author meets Critics Panel on
Arthur Ripstein’s *Private Wrongs*
November 2016

“Some questions about relation wronging”

University of Toronto,
Centre for Ethics November 2016
“Saving Lives and Statistical Deaths”

University of Graz June 2016
Workshop on legitimate expectations
“Legitimate expectations and climate justice”

Institute for Futures Studies
Stockholm, Sweden May 2016
Workshop on deontological approaches to future generations
“Can future generations be wronged?”

University of Waterloo, September 2015
“Saving Lives and Statistical Deaths”

Harvard University, School of Public Health May 2015
Workshop on HIV Cure Studies: Risk, Risk perception, and Ethics
“Note on Contractualism and adverse risk/benefit ratios for
participants”

American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division April 2015
"Can we wrong merely statistical people?"

University of Graz, Austria, September 2014
"Permissible Risk and Climate Uncertainty"

University of Ottawa, COVE Keynote, March 2014
"Risking and Wronging"

University of Washington, Seattle, March 2014
"Contractualism, uncertainty, and future generations"

Claremont McKenna, February 2014
"Risking and Wronging"

University of Graz, Austria June 2013
Workshop on Intergenerational Justice and Natural Resources

Canadian Philosophical Association Meeting,
June 2013, Victoria BC
“Risking and Wronging Future Generations”

American Philosophical Association Meeting, Pacific Division,
San Francisco March 2013
“Communicative Blame”

University of Montreal, March 2013
Workshop on Solidarity as a Political Value
Comments on Hussain, “Market Solidarity”

Rutgers University Law School, November 2012
Workshop on Philosophical Foundations of Tort Theory
Comments on Enoch and Goldberg & Zipursky

Boston University Colloquium, October 2012
“Risking and Wronging”

University of British Columbia, Colloquium April, 2012
“Risking and Wronging”

Kwantlen Polytechnic University, April, 2012
“Why Reparations?”

McGill University, March 2012
Workshop on Obligations to Future Generations,
“What’s wrong with risking the interests of future generations?”

Oxford Jurisprudence Discussion Group, June 2011
“What’s wrong with risking the interests of future generations?”

University of St. Andrews, Colloquium June 2011
“What’s wrong with risking the interests of future generations?”

University College, London June 2011
Colloquium, “Risking and Wronging”

University of Graz May 2011
Conference on Autonomy, Coercion and Paternalism,
Comment on Peter DeMarneffe, "Millian Liberty: The case of pornography",

Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain
Colloquium May 2011
“Risking and Wronging”

Oxford Moral Philosophy Seminar, May 2011
“Risking and Wronging”

University of Arizona Normative Ethics Workshop, January 2011
“Risking and Wronging”

University of Toronto, Colloquium
“Risking and Wronging” November, 2010

NASSP International Social Philosophy Conference
Toronto, July 2010
“Poverty and Resistance”

University of Frankfurt, February 2010
“Wronging Future Generations”

University of Graz, February 2010
“Wronging Future Generations”

Washington and Lee University, November 2009
Annual Lecture, Dept. of Philosophy
“Why Reparations?”

University of Oxford, Political Theory workshop
November 2009
“Why Reparations?”

McMaster University, Colloquium talk October 2009
“Why Reparations?”

University of Manchester, June 2009
Conference on the Political Philosophy of T.M. Scanlon
“Reasonable Risking”

York University, Toronto
Colloquium May 2009
“Contractualism on the Shoal of Aggregation”

American Philosophical Association (Pacific Division), April 2009

Vancouver, British Columbia April 2009
“Comments on Reidy and Von Platz”

Davidson College, Colloquium April 2009
“Why Reparations?”

Carleton University, Colloquium April 2009
“Contractualism on the Shoal of Aggregation”

University of Ottawa, Colloquium March 2009
“Contractualism on the Shoal of Aggregation”

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE (recent)

External Program Assessor, Concordia University Department of Philosophy, April 2015

Executive Editor, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* (responsible for papers in moral, political, and legal philosophy, with Colin Macleod, Matt Bedke, Sergio Tenenbaum & Chrisoula Andreou) September 2011-present

Eastern APA Program Committee Advisory Board, September 2010-September 2013

Co-Organizer, Workshop on Authority, Paternalism, and Coercion
University of Graz, Austria, May 2011

Referee for *Oxford University Press*, *Ethics*, *Mind*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Utilitas*, *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, *Nous*, *Philosopher's Imprint*, *Philosophical Review*, *Economics and Philosophy*, *Journal of American Philosophical Association*

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE (at Queen's)

2015-16 Appointments Committee
 Equity Committee

2014-15 Chair, Renewal Tenure and Promotion Committee
 Board of Undergraduate Studies
 Chair, Departmental Nominations Committee

2013-13 Appointments Committee
 Board of Undergraduate Studies

2012-13 Chair, Board of Undergraduate Studies (Acting)

2011-12	On Leave
2010-11	Appointments Committee Board of Undergraduate Studies Faculty of Arts and Science, Curriculum Committee
2009-10	Appointments Committee Graduate Coordinator
2008-9	Graduate Coordinator Faculty of Arts and Science, Curriculum Committee
2007-08	Graduate Coordinator Faculty of Arts and Science, Curriculum Committee
2006-07	On Leave
2005-06	Board of Graduate Studies Appointments Committee
2004-05	Board of Graduate Studies Appointments Committee

GRADUATE SUPERVISION

PhD

Paul Litton (2003) (at University of Pennsylvania)
Currently R.B. Price Professor of Law and Philosophy, University of Missouri Law School

John Oberdiek (2003) (at University of Pennsylvania)
Currently Dean, Rutgers Law School

Mathieu Doucet (2009) (Queen's)
Currently Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of Waterloo

Arash Farzam-Kia (2010) (Queen's)
Currently working for Providence Health Care Network

Christine Esselmont (2013) (Queen's)
Currently pursuing an MPA at Queen's

Andrew P. Ross (2014) (Queen's)

Currently Independent Scholar

Nolan Ritcey (2015) (Queen's)

Data Analyst at Bioethics International & Affiliate Research Scholar at New York University
- NYU Langone Medical Center

Mark Rosner (2015) (Queen's)

Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Winnipeg

MA Thesis supervision (at Queen's)

Arash Farzam-Kia (2004)

Matt Michels (2004)

Dave Langlois (2005)

Michael Gibb (2005)

Claire Bremner (2008)

Kory Jeffrey (2009)

Bryan Elliot (2010)

Eamon Quinn (2012)

Ian Allan (2014)

Erik Zhang (2015)

Dalia Yashinsky (2016)

TEACHING (Queen's)

Phil 111 Intro to Philosophy

Phil 257 Ethics and Political Philosophy

Phil 347 Contemporary moral philosophy

Phil 345 Free Will and Moral Responsibility

Phil 402 Seminar in moral philosophy

Phil 802 Graduate Seminar in moral philosophy

Phil 803 Graduate Seminar in political philosophy

Phil 303 Ethics and Business

REFERENCES (*further references available on request*)

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