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## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### 1. Employment

2013– Associate Professor, Monash University  
2009–12 Senior Lecturer, Monash University  
2006–08 Lecturer, Monash University  
2004–05 Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Monash University

### 2. Education

2003 Ph.D. in Philosophy, Monash University  
1998 B.A. (Hons), University of Melbourne (Major: Philosophy)

### 3. Honours, Fellowships, Visiting Appointments, and Awards

2012 Monash Research Accelerator program  
Visiting Scholar, Rutgers (Fall semester)  
2011 Dean's Award for Excellence in Early Career Research  
2009 Visiting Scholar, M.I.T. (Fall semester)  
2008 Vice-Chancellor's Award for Teaching Excellence  
Dean's Commendation for Distinguished Teaching  
2008 Arts Research Fellow, Mannix College  
2007 Dean's Teaching Award, Monash University, Faculty of Arts  
2006–09 Australian Research Council Australian Postdoctoral Fellowship  
2005 British Academy Visiting Fellowship, Bristol  
2004–05 Monash Research Fund Postdoctoral Fellowship  
1999 Australian Postgraduate Award (Ph.D. scholarship)

## 4. Publications

### Authored books

- 2012 Handfield, T. 2012. *A Philosophical Guide to Chance*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- (Reviewed in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, *The Philosophical Quarterly*, *Metascience*, *Contemporary Physics*)

### Edited books

- 2009 Handfield, T., ed. 2009. *Dispositions and Causes*. Oxford: Clarendon Press.

### Refereed journal articles and book chapters

- 2017 Abbink, K., L. Gangadharan, T. Handfield, and J. Thrasher. In press. Peer punishment promotes enforcement of bad social norms. *Nature Communications*.
- Handfield, T. Forthcoming. A good exit: What to do about the end of our species. *Journal of Moral Philosophy*.
- Handfield, T. and W. Rabinowicz. Forthcoming. Incommensurability and vagueness in spectrum arguments: Options for saving transitivity of betterness. *Philosophical Studies*.
- 2016 Handfield, T. 2016. Essentially comparative value does not threaten transitivity. *Thought: A Journal of Philosophy* 5: 3–12.
- Handfield, T. 2016. Genealogical explanations of chance and morals. In *Explanation in Ethics and Mathematics*, ed. U. Leibowitz and N. Sinclair. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 58–82.
- Handfield, T., P. Huang, and R. M. Simpson. 2016. Climate change, cooperation, and moral bioenhancement. *Journal of Medical Ethics* 42: 742–7.
- Jamrozik, E., T. Handfield, and M. J. Selgelid. 2016. Victims, vectors, and villains: Are those who opt out of vaccination morally responsible for the deaths of others? *Journal of Medical Ethics*. 42: 762–8.
- 2015 Emerton, P. and T. Handfield. 2015. Humanitarian Intervention and the Modern State System. In *The Oxford Handbook of Ethics of War*, ed. S. Lazar and H. Frowe. Oxford: Oxford University Press. doi: 10.1093/oxfordhb/9780199943418.013.7
- 2014 Bales, A., D. Cohen, and T. Handfield. 2014. Decision theory for agents with incomplete preferences. *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 92: 453–70.
- Emerton, P. and T. Handfield. 2014. Understanding the political defensive privilege. In *The Morality of Defensive War*, ed. C. Fabre and S. Lazar. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 40–65.
- Handfield, T. 2014. Rational choice and the transitivity of betterness. *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*. 89: 584–604.
- Handfield, T. and A. Wilson. 2014. Chance and context. In *Chance and Temporal Asymmetry*, ed. A. Wilson. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 19–44.
- 2011 Cohen, D. and T. Handfield. 2011. Rational capacities, resolve, and weakness of will. *Mind* 119: 907–32.
- Handfield, T. 2011. Absent desires. *Utilitas* 23: 402–27.
- 2010 Handfield, T. 2010. Dispositions, manifestations, and causal structure. In *The Metaphysics of Powers: Their grounding and their manifestations*, ed. A. Marmodoro, 106–32. London: Routledge.

- 2009 Butchart, S., T. Handfield, and G. Restall. 2009. Using peer instruction to teach philosophy, logic and critical thinking. *Teaching Philosophy* 32: 1–40.
- Emerton, P. and T. Handfield. 2009. Order and affray: Defensive privileges in warfare. *Philosophy & Public Affairs* 37: 382–414.
- Handfield, T. 2009. The metaphysics of dispositions and causes. In *Dispositions and Causes*, ed. T. Handfield. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1–30.
- 2008 Handfield, T. 2008a. Humean dispositionalism. *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 86: 113–26.
- Handfield, T. 2008b. Unfinkable dispositions. *Synthese* 160: 297–308.
- Handfield, T. and A. Bird. 2008. Dispositions, rules, and finks. *Philosophical Studies* 140: 285–98.
- Handfield, T., C. R. Twardy, K. B. Korb, and G. Oppy. 2008. The metaphysics of causal models: Where’s the *biff*?. *Erkenntnis* 68: 149–68.
- 2007 Cohen, D. and T. Handfield. 2007. Finking Frankfurt. *Philosophical Studies* 135: 363–74.
- 2005 Handfield, T. 2005a. Armstrong and the modal inversion of dispositions. *The Philosophical Quarterly* 55: 452–61.
- Handfield, T. 2005b. Lange on essentialism, counterfactuals, and explanation. *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 83: 81–5.
- Handfield, T. and T. Pisciotta. 2005. Is the risk–liability thesis compatible with negligence law? *Legal Theory* 11: 387–404.
- 2004 Handfield, T. 2004. Counterlegals and necessary laws. *The Philosophical Quarterly* 54: 402–19.
- 2003 Handfield, T. 2003. Nozick, prohibition, and no-fault motor insurance. *Journal of Applied Philosophy* 20: 201–8.
- 2001 Handfield, T. 2001. Dispositional essentialism and the possibility of a law-abiding miracle. *The Philosophical Quarterly* 51: 484–94.

#### **Contributions to reference works**

- 2010 Handfield, T. 2010. Laws of nature. In *A Companion to Philosophy in Australia and New Zealand*, ed. G. Oppy and N. N. Trakakis. Melbourne: Monash University Publishing.

#### **Book reviews**

- 2009 Handfield, T. 2009. Review of *A Metaphysics for Scientific Realism*, by Anjan Chakravartty. *Mind* 118: 1118–1121.

### **5. Invited papers & Conference Presentations**

(Last three years)

- 2017 *Incentives for moral trade*, ANU workshop on Experimental methods;  
Workshop on Concerns for Status and Social Image, WZB Berlin;  
*When good norms turn bad*, HBES 2017 conference, Boise Idaho;  
ESA 2017 Conference, Vienna.
- Future directions for empirical social epistemology* Workshop on Social Norms and Epistemic Communities, Monash.

- Honour and Morality* Current Trends in Social and Political Philosophy, Monash.
- 2016 *A good exit: What to do about the end of our species?*, Annual Australasian Workshop in Moral Philosophy, ANU.
- Honour, Violence, and Norms*, Philosophy seminar, ANU.
- The evolution of reputation signals for coordinating conflict*, Behavioral Models of Politics Conference, Pittsburgh.
- What political philosophers are learning from agent-based models*, Workshop on Gerald Gaus's *Tyranny of the Ideal*, Monash.
- 2015 *A good exit: What to do about the end of our species?*, Philosophy seminar, Adelaide.
- Decisions, history, and incommensurate value: Diachronic decision making for agents with incomplete preferences*, MSPT Seminar, ANU.
- Reasonable Beneficence and Deontology: Commentary on Caspar Hare*, Ethics and Decision Theory workshop, ANU.
- A good exit: What to do about the end of our species?*, CAPPE seminar, Charles Sturt University.

## 6. Teaching Experience

*All teaching experience at Monash University unless otherwise indicated*

### Lecturing (Sole Lecturer)

- 2014–15, 17 *Honours seminar: Rational choice*
- 2013 *Honours seminar: Epistemology*
- 2012 *Political Philosophy*
- 2011 *Honours seminar: Metaphysics*
- 2010 *Political Philosophy*  
*Honours seminar: Chance and time*
- 2009 *Honours Reading Group: Causation and harm*
- 2008 *Intro Ethics: Life, Death, & Morality*  
*Political Philosophy*  
*Honours seminar: The repugnant conclusion*
- 2007 *Intro Ethics: Life, Death, & Morality*  
*Honours seminar: Topics in philosophy of physics*
- 2006 *Intro Ethics: Life, Death, & Morality*
- 2005 *Honours seminar: Rights*
- 2004 *Philosophical Texts: Metaphysics & Epistemology of Modality* · University of Melbourne  
*Honours Thesis Workshop*
- 2003 *Intro Ethics: Life, Death, & Morality*  
*Issues in Political Theory*  
*Honours Thesis Workshop*
- 2002 *Issues in Political Theory*  
*Honours seminar: Laws of Nature*

2001 *Philosophy of Law*

**Lecturing (as co-lecturer, unless noted)**

2017 *Democratic Theory*  
*Intro Ethics: Life, Death, & Morality*

2014–15 *Intro Ethics: Life, Death, & Morality*  
*Poverty, Ecology, & International Justice* (Adjunct lecturer)

2014 *Political Philosophy*

2013 *Intro Ethics: Life, Death, & Morality*  
*Democratic Theory*

2012 *Intro Ethics: Life, Death, & Morality*  
*Poverty, Ecology, & International Justice* (Adjunct lecturer)

2011 *Democratic Theory*

2010 *Intro Ethics: Life, Death, & Morality*  
*Human Rights Theory 1*  
*Human Rights Theory 2* (Guest lecturer)

2008 *Poverty, Ecology, & International Justice* (Adjunct lecturer)

2004 *Honours seminar: Causation*

2003 *Political Philosophy*

2002 *Intro Ethics: Life, Death, & Morality*  
*Philosophy of Law*

2001 *Issues in Political Theory*

2000 *Thinking about Science* (Adjunct Lecturer)

**7. Research student supervision**

**Honours**

2017 Hamish Cox, *Climate change, duties of goodness, duties of justice*  
Harits Hasra, *Epistocracy*  
William Ridge, *Ethics of compulsory voting*

2016 Matthew Ringenbergs, *Framing effects and norms of trust*

2015 Ben Grodeck, *Rational choice in cooperative dilemmas*  
Aidan Runagall-McNaull, *Ethics post-debunking*

2014 Grant Nicholas, *Inference to the best explanation*  
Daniel Gidas, *Philosophical foundations of free speech law in Australia*  
Lenin Gatus, *Group agency and the politics of identity*  
Connie Papadopoulos, *Asymmetric warfare*

2013 Liam Brown, *Environmental concerns and jus post bellum* · Now enrolled in a Ph.D. in Education at Monash  
Madeleine Freadman, *Contractualism and constructivism*  
Tom Rolfe, *Contemporary virtue ethics and the metaphysics of biology*  
Tom Stephen, *String theory and philosophy of science*

2011 Adam Bales, *Causal decision theory and intuition* · Now undertaking a JRF at St John's, Cambridge

- Jo Dodd, *Material constitution* · Now working in the law  
 Francesca Neal, *Dissociative identity disorder and personal identity*  
 Nanette Ryan, *Harm, rights, and future persons* · Now enrolled in a PhD at Georgetown
- 2010 Benjamin Hawke, *Causation and responsibility*  
 Ben Kunstler, *Self defence and prevention*  
 Jayani Nadarajalingam, *Thick concepts and human rights* · Now enrolled in a Ph.D. in Law/Philosophy at Monash.  
 Oliver Ward, *Fighting for democracy*
- 2009 Karen Crowther, *Semirealism and ether* · Now postdoc at University of Geneva.  
 Josh Crook, *Causation and harm in the law*
- 2008 Seb Cunningham, *Collective responsibility for crime*  
 Dinesh Jayasuriya, *The existence of moral dilemmas*  
 Roger Chao, *Panoptic consequentialism*
- 2007 Andrew Baker, *Transgenerational liability*  
 Will Yates, *The nature of happiness*
- 2006 Andrew Bushnell, *Collective responsibility for historic injustice* · Now research fellow at the IPA  
 Eleanor Brysha, *Properties and essentialism*  
 Kaami Shah, *Liberal nationalism and migration*
- 2005 Emilio Mora, *Liberal public reason and epistemological scepticism* · Now enrolled in a Ph.D. at NYU.
- 2004 Amy Hu, *Inclusion and equality in liberal philosophy*  
 Joanne Lau, *The nature and structure of time travel worlds* · Now Faculty at Virginia Tech.  
 Shneur Waks, *Consent, unconscionability, and anarchism* · Now working as a rabbi

#### Graduate research, Primary or co-supervision

- 2017– Matthew Ringenbergs, M.A. *Evolution and moral cognition*
- 2015–17 Sam Mawson, M.A. *Axiologies at odds: Reconciling incompatible theories of the good* · Now undertaking studies in natural sciences at University of Adelaide.
- 2013–15 Shang Lu, M.A. *The objectivity of ontological discourse* · Now undertaking a Ph.D. at Sydney.
- 2013– Jayani Nadarajalingam, Ph.D. (Law–Philosophy combined)
- 2012–14 Sarah Tilsley, M.A., *Do we have a duty not to have too many children? An examination of the morality of procreation in the face of overpopulation*
- 2012–13 Adam Bales, M.A., *Expanding the bounds of rationality* · Winner of the 2013 Vice-Chancellor's Commendation for Masters Thesis Excellence · Now undertaking a JRF at St John's, Cambridge
- 2011–14 Kate Lowry, M.A., *Modern Epicureanism* · Now working in the Monash Research Office
- 2011–13 Ben Hawke, M.A., *A republican account of self determination and just war*
- 2011–13 Christina Majoinen, M.A., *A moral nihilist ethic* · Now an academic consultant
- 2011–12 Phillip Krohn, M.A., *Reproductive obligations*
- 2010–13 Paul Daniels, Ph.D., *Contemporary issues in the metaphysics of time and persistence*
- 2010–12 Sam Green, M.A., *An eliminativist challenge to moral fictionalism* · Now an academic consultant
- 2009–14 Sarah-Jane Dempsey, Ph.D., *The dynamic present: not yet an ontology of the past*
- 2009–11 Alicia Merry, M.A., *Thoughts about Mathematics: Content, Causation and Coincidence*, co-supervisor

- 2007–09 Akiva Quinn, M.A., *Moral attitudes towards paternity and parenting*
- 2006–08 Emilio Mora, M.A., *Understanding harming actions* · Now enrolled in a Ph.D. at NYU.
- 2005–08 Ainsley Castelow, M.A., *Theories of wellbeing*, co-supervisor
- 2004–06 Simon Burgess, Ph.D., *A discreet defence of consequentialism*, co-supervisor · winner of 2005 Faculty of Arts Postgraduate Publication Prize · Now working as a Lecturer at Central Queensland University

## 8. Grants

### External grants

- 2017–19 Australian Research Council Discovery Grant, *Informal sanctions and bad social norms*, \$ 231,500 (with Klaus Abbink, Lata Gangadharan, David Skarbek, and John Thrasher).
- 2015–17 Australian Research Council Discovery Grant, *Pathologies of Moral Cognition*, \$ 144,000 (with Nathan Berg).
- 2009–11 Australian Research Council Discovery Grant, *Neglected Problems of Time*, \$ 314,000 (with Alexander Bird, Jeremy Butterfield, Barry Loewer, and Graham Oppy).
- 2009–12 National Research Foundation of Korea, Global Research Network Program, *The Semantics and Metaphysics of Dispositions*, KRW 200 m (approx. \$ 195,000) (with Sungho Choi, Alexander Bird, and Huw Price).
- 2007 Carrick Institute Competitive Grant, *Peer Instruction in the Humanities*, \$ 100,000 (with John Bigelow and Sam Butchart).
- 2006–09 Australian Research Council Discovery Grant, *Probability and necessity in the physical sciences*, \$ 223,000 (with Stephen Barker).
- 2005 British Academy & Australian Academy of the Humanities Special Joint Project Funding, *Powers that be: Dispositions in a world of physical causes*, \$ 10,000 (with Alexander Bird).

### Internal grants

- 2016 Faculty of Arts Focus Scheme, *Beliefs, Values, and Mind*, \$ 1.3M (with Tim Bayne, Monima Chadha, Jakob Hohwy, Graham Oppy, Robert Sparrow, Jennifer Windt)
- 2015 Faculty of Arts Interdisciplinary Research Scheme, *Status competitions and the evolution of cultures of honor*, \$ 7,000 (with John Thrasher, Klaus Abbink, Lata Gangadharan, and Erte Xiao)
- 2014 Better Teaching, Better Learning Small Grant, *Sessional tutor training in community of inquiry methods*, \$ 2,000 (with Christina Majoinen)
- 2008 Faculty of Arts Teaching-Led Research Grant, *Online assessment and self-assessment for symbolic logic*, \$ 15,000 (with Sam Butchart, Monima Chadha, and Matthew Piscioneri)
- 2007 Faculty of Arts Teaching-Led Research Grant, *Peer Instruction in the Humanities*, \$ 5,000 (with Sam Butchart and Fiona Leigh)
- 2006 Monash Arts–Law Grant, *Threat mechanisms and self-defence in individual and collective contexts* \$ 5,000 (with Patrick Emerton)
- 2005 Monash Small Grant, *Powers that be: Dispositions in a world of physical causes*, \$ 7,000
- 2004 Monash Small Grant, *Regulating Risk*, \$ 7,000
- 2003 Monash Arts/IT Grant, *Causal Processes and Bayesian Networks*, \$ 10,000 (with Kevin Korb and Graham Oppy)

## 9. Administrative Experience & Professional Service

### Service to the profession

- Referee *Analysis, Asian Journal of the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Australian Journal of Legal Philosophy, Bioethics, Biology and Philosophy, British Journal for the Philosophy of Science, Canadian Journal of Philosophy, Dialectica, Erkenntnis, Ethics, European Journal for Philosophy of Science, European Journal of Philosophy, International Journal of Law and Psychiatry, Journal of Evolution and Technology, Journal of Moral Philosophy, Legal Theory, Mind, The Monist, Noûs, Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophers' Imprint, Philosophia, Philosophical Explorations, Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophical Studies, Philosophy of Science, Synthese, Theoria, Thought*
- Reviewer Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, Bloomsbury
- Grant Assessor ARC Discovery Projects, ARC Discovery ECR Awards, European Research Council, National Research Foundation (Korea), Austrian Science Fund, Lingnan University Office of Research Support, Swiss National Science Foundation
- ARC reviewer ERA 2010, ERA 2015
- External Ph.D. Examiner ANU, Macquarie University, University of Melbourne, University of Newcastle, University of Queensland
- 2017 Co-convenor, Australasian Moral Philosophy Workshop  
Convenor, Social norms and epistemic communities workshop
- 2015 Convenor, Evolutionary approaches to moral behaviour workshop, Monash University
- 2011 Co-convenor, Twin conferences on Temporal asymmetry and Objective Chance, Monash University
- 2005 Co-convenor: Dispositions and Causes Conference, University of Bristol

### Administration and service to the university

- 2017 Acting Director, Philosophy HDR Program, Semester 2
- 2017 ERA 2018 Coordinator, Philosophy and Religious Studies
- 2014 ERA 2015 Coordinator, Philosophy and Religious Studies
- 2013–15 Head of Philosophy Program  
Deputy Head, School of Philosophical, Historical, and International Studies  
Convenor, Philosophy Major
- 2013 Convenor, Human Rights Major (6 months)  
Presenter, Typography and typographic tools for graduate researchers  
Member, DVC Education's Assessment taskforce
- 2010–11 Acting Head, Philosophy (12 months)
- 2010–11 Undergraduate Coordinator, Philosophy  
Academic Coordinator, Human Rights Theory
- 2010 Presenter, demonstration lecture. Monash Leadership Day
- 2008 Presenter, Summer Research Intensive for Early Career Researchers



- 2007–08 Co-convenor, Bachelor of Arts Review  
 Member of International Studies Steering Committee  
 Member of Faculty’s Academic Progress Committee
- 2006–07 Undergraduate Coordinator · School of Philosophy and Bioethics, Monash University
- 2003–04 Honours Coordinator · School of Philosophy and Bioethics, Monash University  
 Referee · Monash Research Graduate School Conference

#### **Editorial appointments**

- 2014– Editorial Panel, *Thought: A Journal of Philosophy*
- 2011– PhilPapers Area editor: Chance and Objective Probability

#### **Memberships and professional roles**

- Australasian Association of Philosophy  
 Australian Society of Legal Philosophy  
 Economic Science Association  
 Human Behavior and Evolution Society  
 PPE Society
- 2006–10 Associate Member, Metaphysics of Science Research Project, funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council, UK.

#### **Community activities**

- 2015 *What is Philosophy?* Presentation to Monash Philosophy Students’ Society
- 2012 *The ethics of extinction*. Presentation in series: *Dialogues at St Ali*
- 2010 *Pessimism about population*. Presentation to Phi Underground
- 2005 Participant in televised discussion on “Lying in Political Life”, for *Moot Point*, Channel 31, Melbourne
- 2001 *Money, sex & basketball: What Wilt Chamberlain can teach us about distributive justice*.  
 Lecture to the Philosophy Society of Haileybury College