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Career & Education

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| 2023–present | Professor of Philosophy, University of St Andrews |
| 2015–23 | Lecturer, then Senior Lecturer, University of St Andrews |
| 2015–23 | Director, St Andrews Centre for Ethics, Philosophy and Public Affairs |
| 2014–15 | Plumer Junior Research Fellow in Philosophy, University of Oxford |
| 2013 | Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of California San Diego |
| 2006 | B.S. in Philosophy and Cognitive Neuroscience, George Washington University |

Publications

Books

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| Under contract | <i>Hypersensitive Ethics: Much Ado about Nearly Nothing</i> Oxford: Oxford University Press |
| 2023 | <i>The Rules of Rescue: Cost, Distance, and Effective Altruism</i> New York: Oxford University Press |

Articles

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| Forthcoming | “Lifetime Justifications and Doing Harm” <i>Australasian Journal of Philosophy</i> |
| Forthcoming | “The Priority Monster” <i>Oxford Studies in Political Philosophy</i> Volume 12 |
| Forthcoming | “The Rules of Rescue: Replies to Nefsky, Tenenbaum, Barry, and Mann” <i>Journal of Moral Philosophy</i> |
| 2025 | “Compensated Altruism and Moral Autonomy” <i>Social Philosophy and Policy</i> 42(1): 186–203 |
| 2024 | “Introduction to Special Issue on Effective Altruism” <i>Public Affairs Quarterly</i> 38(1): 1–2 |
| 2023 | “Rescue and Necessity: A Reply to Quong” <i>Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy</i> 25(2): 413–419 (with Joel Joseph) |
| 2023 | “Contrastive Consent and Secondary Permissibility” <i>Philosophy and Phenomenological Research</i> 106(3): 677–691 |
| 2022 | “Lesser-Evil Justifications: A Reply to Frowe” |

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| | | <i>Law and Philosophy</i> 41: 639–646 (with Kerah Gordon-Solmon) |
| 2022 | | “Sorites on What Matters” |
| | | <i>Ethics and Existence: The Legacy of Derek Parfit</i> , edited by Jeff McMahan, Tim Campbell, James Goodrich, and Ketan Ramakrishnan, Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 498–523 |
| 2022 | | “Supererogation and Conditional Obligation” |
| | | <i>Philosophical Studies</i> 179(5): 1429–1443 (with Daniel Muñoz) |
| 2021 | | “Impermissible yet Praiseworthy” |
| | | <i>Ethics</i> 131(4): 697–726 |
| | | – Selected by the <i>Philosopher’s Annual</i> as “one of the ten best articles in philosophy from 2021” |
| 2020 | | “Rescue and Personal Involvement: A Response to Woollard” |
| | | <i>Analysis</i> 80(1): 59–66 (with Roger Crisp) |
| 2020 | | “Effective Justice” |
| | | <i>Journal of Moral Philosophy</i> 17(4): 398–415 (with Roger Crisp) |
| 2019 | | “All or Nothing, but If Not All, Next Best or Nothing” |
| | | <i>The Journal of Philosophy</i> 116(5): 278–291 |
| 2019 | | “The Worseness of Nonexistence” |
| | | <i>Saving People from the Harm of Death</i> , edited by Espen Gamlund and Carl Tollef Solberg, New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 215–228 |
| 2019 | | “Each-We Dilemmas and Effective Altruism” |
| | | <i>Journal of Practical Ethics</i> 7(1): 24–32 (with Matthew Clark) |
| 2018 | | “Spectrum Arguments and Hypersensitivity” |
| | | <i>Philosophical Studies</i> 175(7): 1729–1744 |
| 2017 | | “Lopsided Lives” |
| | | <i>Oxford Studies in Normative Ethics</i> Volume 7, edited by Mark Timmons, Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 275–296 |
| 2016 | | “Whether and Where to Give” |
| | | <i>Philosophy and Public Affairs</i> 44(1): 77–95 |
| | | – Featured in a discussion at PEA Soup with a critical précis by Johann Frick |
| 2014 | | “Does Division Multiply Desert?” |
| | | <i>Philosophical Review</i> 123(1): 43–77 |
| 2013 | | “Intuitions about Large Number Cases” |
| | | <i>Analysis</i> 73(1): 37–46 |

Edited Volumes and Special Issues

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| 2024 | Special Issue on Effective Altruism <i>Public Affairs Quarterly</i> (guest editor) |
| 2019 | <i>Effective Altruism: Philosophical Issues</i> Oxford: Oxford University Press (co-edited with Hilary Greaves) |

Popular Pieces

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| 2022 | “Saving the Many or the Few: The Moral Relevance of Numbers” <i>1000-Word Philosophy</i> |
| 2019 | “Charity and Partiality” <i>Ethics and the Contemporary World</i> , edited by David Edmonds, Abingdon: Routledge, pp. 121–132 |
| 2016 | “Risky Giving” <i>The Philosophers’ Magazine</i> 73(2): 62–70 |
| 2016 | “Adding Happy People” <i>Philosophers Take on the World</i> , edited by David Edmonds, Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 236–239 |

Encyclopedia Entry

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| 2020 | “Effective Altruism” <i>International Encyclopedia of Ethics</i> , edited by Hugh LaFollette (with William MacAskill) |
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Reviews

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| 2020 | <i>The Precipice: Existential Risk and the Future of Humanity</i> , by Toby Ord, New York: Hachette, 2020 <i>Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews</i> |
| 2020 | <i>The Ethics of Giving: Philosophers’ Perspectives on Philanthropy</i> , edited by Paul Woodruff, New York: Oxford University Press, 2018 <i>Philosophical Quarterly</i> 70(279): 426–429 |

Awards & Fellowships

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| 2024 | Visiting Researcher, Global Priorities Institute, University of Oxford |
| 2023 | Visiting Fellow in Philosophy, Australian National University |
| 2022 | <i>Philosopher’s Annual</i> (“Impermissible yet Praiseworthy” selected as “one of the ten best articles in philosophy from 2021”) |
| 2018-23 | Effective Altruism Grant, Centre for Effective Altruism |
| 2017 | PEA Soup Readers’ Choice Paper Prize for “Whether and Where to Give” |

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| 2017 | Knowledge Exchange and Impact Fund, University of St Andrews |
| 2016 | Society for Applied Philosophy Conference Grant |
| 2016 | Mind Association Major Conference Grant |
| 2015-16 | Scots Philosophical Association Conference Grant |
| 2015 | JN Wright Trust Conference Grant |
| 2014-15 | Ethics Scholarship, St Anne's College, University of Oxford |
| 2010-11 | Humanities Graduate Student Researcher Fellowship, University of California San Diego |

Postgraduate Supervision

PhD

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| 2025-present | Ida Miczke: "Partially Self-Effacing Moral Theories" |
| 2025-2026 | Marta Bax: "Pro-natalist government policies and the ethics of procreation in the climate crisis" |
| 2020-2024 | Luca Stroppa: "Aggregating Value: Trade-offs, Thresholds, and Total Goodness in Lives" |
| 2020-2024 | Joel Joseph: "The Ethics of Harming" (Associate Lecturer in Philosophy at the University of St Andrews, 2024-25) |
| 2017-2024 | Matthew Clark: "Continuous Superiority: A Candidate for Theory X" |
| 2022-2024 | Paul Retallick: "The Limits of Extreme Demand" |
| 2021-2023 | David MacDonald: "Sex and Consent" |
| 2019-2022 | Philipp Schönegger: "Moral Decision-Making: Essays from Philosophy and Economics" (Economics Research Program Manager at Microsoft AI's Advanced Planning Unit) |
| 2019-2021 | Travis Manuel: "Supersubstantival Composition as Identity" (Writing, Research, and Communications Contractor at Clearer Thinking, 2022-present) |
| 2016-2020 | Anh-Quân Nguyen: "No Tears for Spilled Milk: Temporal Neutrality and the Rationality of Future-Bias" (Irish Research Council Postdoc at University College Dublin, 2024-present; Teaching Fellow in Philosophy at the University of Edinburgh, 2022-2024) |
| 2016-2020 | Joseph Bowen: "Why More than What Happens Matters: Robust Rights and Harmless Wronging" (Lecturer in Philosophy at the University of Leeds, 2022-present; Postdoc at Stockholm University, 2020-2022) |

Master's

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| 2025 | Ziming Xia: "Partial Aggregation in Homogeneous and Heterogeneous Cases" |
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| 2022 | Holly Muir: “AI and Welfare without Consciousness” |
| 2021-2022 | Mattia Cecchinato: “Living on Through Future Generations” |
| 2021 | Jackson Lone: “Environmental and Climate Ethics” |
| 2021 | Lee Wakeman: “Social Trust and Social Justice” |
| 2020 | Jacob Zions: “Against Population Talk” |
| 2019 | Philipp Schönegger: “Against Rationally Negligible Probabilities” |
| 2018 | Carley Hollis: “A Social Egalitarian Population Ethics” |
| 2018 | Cian Sion: “Thinking in the last chance saloon: A case for making S-risk prevention a global priority and an evaluation of mitigation strategies” |
| 2016 | Shreeman Patel: “Harming, Benefiting and Comparativism: Defending The Procreation Asymmetry” |

Visiting Students

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| 2025 | Wang Yi: “Contractualism and Future Generations” (PhD Student from Renmin University of China) |
| 2024 | Karri Heikkinen: “Longtermism as a Public Philosophy” (PhD Student from University College London) |
| 2022 | Wing Sze Ngai: “The All or Nothing Problem and the Numbers Problem” (Laidlaw Summer Research Student from the University of Hong Kong) |
| 2020 | Charlotte Unruh: “Doing and Allowing Harm to Future Generations” (PhD Student from the University of Southampton) |
| 2018 | Ricardo Miguel: “The Moral Status of Animals and the Problem of Substitutability” (PhD Student from the University of Lisbon) |
| 2018 | Cai Qianyu: “Rethinking the Demandingness Objection in Ethics” (MPhil Student from the University of Hong Kong) |

Public Philosophy

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| 2024 | Précis for Erik Zhang’s “Individualist Theories and Interpersonal Aggregation” (<i>Ethics</i> 2024) |
| 2024 | PEA Soup blog “Public Affairs Quarterly: Effective Altruism Q&A” University of Illinois Press Blog |
| 2023 | “The Rules of Rescue” <i>Philosophy Bites</i> , podcast |
| 2023 | “The Rules of Rescue” American Philosophical Association Blog, Recently Published Book Spotlight |

2023 “The Rules of Rescue”
New Work in Philosophy, multimedia newsletter

2023 “The Rules of Rescue”
William Bright Society, Glenalmond College (secondary school)

2022 “When Can You Refuse to Rescue?”
OUPblog: Oxford University Press’s Academic Insights for the Thinking World

2022 “Effective Altruism”
Philosophy Talk, radio program broadcast from KALW, 91.7 FM, San Francisco and aired on radio stations around the US

2022 “Effective Altruism”
Brain in a Vat, podcast

2022 “Effective Altruism and the Rules of Rescue”
Masterclass in New Generation Philanthropy, Purdue University (Online)

2022 “On Doing Good: The Future of Effective Altruism”
Panelist at the Yale Philanthropy Conference (Online)

2021 “Maximising Our Impact in Global Health—A Panel Discussion”
Event by One for the World: St Andrews, Effective Altruism St Andrews, and Students for Global Health St Andrews

2021 “Secondary Permissibility and Enabling Harm: a Case of COVID-19”
Public Ethics Blog, Stockholm Centre for the Ethics of War and Peace

2020 “CEPPA Chats”
Series of short video interviews with moral and political philosophers, produced in collaboration with Corporate Communications, University of St Andrews (interviewees include Helen Frowe, Hilary Greaves, Roger Crisp, Jeff McMahan, Susan Wolf, John Haldane, Julia Nefsky, Thomas Schmidt, and Cécile Fabre)

2019 “The Moral Mathematics of Letting People Die”
OUPblog: Oxford University Press’s Academic Insights for the Thinking World

2019 “Effective Altruism, Incommensurability, and Intransitivity”
Effective Altruism Sweden

2017 “What’s bad about being good?”
Interview and long-form article on my research by the University of St Andrews, advertised through the University’s homepage and social media

2017 “Effective giving: how the world’s wealthy could help millions more people for free”

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| | | <i>The Conversation</i> , republished in <i>EconoTimes</i> and <i>Alliance</i> , and translated into Portuguese in <i>Altruismo Eficaz</i> |
| 2017 | | “The Philosophy and History of Effective Altruism” St Andrews Branch of the Association of University Administrators (with Rufaida Al Hashmi) |
| 2017 | | “On Failing to Put My Money Where My Mouth Is” Philosophers and the Philosophical Life Conference, University of St Andrews |
| 2016 | | “Effective Altruism” Research Impact Brokerage Event, University of St Andrews |
| 2016 | | “Effective Justice” Giving What We Can: Glasgow, University of Glasgow |
| 2016 | | “The Ethics of Giving” Research Impact Brokerage Event, University of St Andrews |
| 2015 | | “Giving What We Can: St Andrews Lecturer changes the way we think about charity” <i>The Saint</i> , by Oscar Westerblad (on “Whether and Where to Give”) |
| 2015 | | “The Ethics of Giving: Why, Where, and How Much?” Australian National University |
| 2015 | | “Distributive Ethics, Health Care Allocation, and Personalised Medicine” Personalised Medicine and Resource Allocation Conference, University of Oxford (with Roger Crisp) |
| 2014-15 | | Oxford Practical Ethics Blog (11 Posts) Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics, University of Oxford |
| 2014 | | “The Practical Importance of Theoretical Population Ethics” Workshop in Population Ethics, University of Oxford |
| 2014 | | “Effective Giving and Drowning Child Analogies” University of California San Diego |
| 2013 | | “Effective Giving and Drowning Child Analogies” San Diego State University |
| 2013 | | “Making the Greatest Difference with Your Career” Go Make a Difference Conference, University of California San Diego |

Academic Presentations

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| June 2026 | TBD | |
| | | Keynote, Workshop on Welfare and Ethics, Saarland University |
| May 2026 | TBD | |

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| | University of Glasgow |
| Nov 2025 | “The Rules of Rescue” |
| | Heidelberg University |
| June 2025 | “Comments on Michael Otsuka’s ‘How nonexistence is worse for us’” |
| | Just Philosophy: A Tribute to Jeff McMahan, University of Oxford |
| March 2025 | “The Rules of Rescue” |
| | University of Aberdeen |
| March 2025 | “Taking Jobs and Doing Harm” (with Ben Sachs-Cobbe) |
| | Philosophy of Work Network, Concordia University |
| Feb 2025 | “Taking Jobs and Doing Harm” (with Ben Sachs-Cobbe) |
| | The Ethics of Choosing and Refusing Work, University of Edinburgh |
| June 2024 | “Future Suffering and the Non-Identity Problem” |
| | Derek Parfit Memorial Lecture, University of Oxford |
| June 2024 | “The Rules of Rescue” |
| | University of Hamburg (online) |
| May 2024 | “Future Suffering and the Non-Identity Problem” |
| | Keynote, Value Theory Workshop, Lund University |
| May 2024 | “Future Suffering and the Non-Identity Problem” |
| | Institute for Futures Studies, Stockholm |
| | Research School Norms and Normativity, Stockholm University |
| May 2024 | “Taking Jobs and Doing Harm” (with Ben Sachs-Cobbe) |
| | Summer Refectorium, University of St Andrews |
| April 2024 | “A Solution to the Non-Identity Problem” |
| | St Andrews-GPI Joint Workshop on the Long-Term Future, St Andrews |
| Jan 2024 | “The Rules of Rescue: Responses to Comments” |
| | Author Meets Critics Session on <i>The Rules of Rescue</i> , Eastern Division |
| | Meeting of the APA, New York City (critics: Julia Nefsky, Sergio |
| | Tenenbaum, Christian Barry, and Mollie Gerver) |
| Dec 2023 | “Compensated Altruism” |
| | Social Entrepreneurship: Theory and Practice, University of Arizona |
| Nov 2023 | “A Solution to the Non-Identity Problem” |
| | Seton Hall University (online) |
| Nov 2023 | “The Rules of Rescue” |
| | University of Hamburg (online) |
| Nov 2023 | “A Solution to the Non-Identity Problem” |
| | St Andrews Philosophy Society, University of St Andrews |
| Nov 2023 | “Impartiality in Ethics” |
| | Neutrality and Neutralism, University of St Andrews |

June 2023 "Comments on Owen Clifton's 'Contractualism, Non-Identity, and Climate Change'"
 Climate Ethics Panel, Energy Ethics 2023, University of St Andrews

May 2023 "Comments on David Molyneux's 'Causal and Moral Responsibility for Doings and Allowings'"
 5th Centre for Ethics, Philosophy and Public Affairs Graduate Conference

May 2023 "Compensated Altruism"
 University of California San Diego

April 2023 "The Rules of Rescue: Responses to Comments"
 Workshop on New Work on Duties to Rescue, University of Leeds
 (unable to attend)

April 2023 "The Rules of Rescue: Core Ideas"
 Visiting Day for Erasmus University Rotterdam, University of St Andrews

April 2023 "The Rules of Rescue"
 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (online)

April 2023 "Compensated Altruism"
 University of Edinburgh

March 2023 "The Rules of Rescue"
 Book Workshop, University of St Andrews

March 2023 "Lifetime Prerogatives and Moral Offsetting"
 Australian National University

March 2023 "Lifetime Prerogatives and Moral Offsetting"
 Queen's University (online)

March 2023 "The Rules of Rescue: Core Ideas"
 Lingnan University (online)

Jan 2023 "Hypersensitivity: No Vague Escape"
 Workshop on Aggregation, Corpus Christi College, University of Oxford
 (commentator: Jonathan Quong)

Jan 2023 "Hypersensitivity: No Vague Escape"
 Ethics after Parfit, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich (online)

Nov 2022 "Lifetime Prerogatives and Moral Offsetting"
 New College of the Humanities (Northeastern University London)

Nov 2022 "Lifetime Prerogatives and Moral Offsetting"
 University College London

Nov 2022 "Lifetime Prerogatives and Moral Offsetting"
 Moral Philosophy Seminar, University of Oxford

Nov 2022 "Hypersensitivity: No Vague Escape"
 Global Priorities Institute, University of Oxford

Oct 2022 "Hypersensitivity: No Vague Escape"
 Workshop on Vagueness and Sharp Cut-offs in Ethics, University of Fribourg

Oct 2022 "The Rules of Rescue: Cost, Distance, and Effective Altruism"
 Queen's University (online)

July 2022 "Contrastive Consent and Secondary Permissibility"
 The Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association, University of St Andrews

June 2022 "Lifetime Prerogatives and Moral Offsetting"
 Summer Refectorium, University of St Andrews

May 2022 "Comments on Jonas Haeg's 'A Duty to Accommodate Wrongdoers?'"
 4th Centre for Ethics, Philosophy and Public Affairs Graduate Conference (online)

April 2022 "The Rules of Rescue: Cost, Distance, and Effective Altruism"
 University of Edinburgh

March 2022 "Contrastive Consent and Secondary Permissibility"
 Queen's University (online)

Dec 2021 "The Rules of Rescue: Cost, Distance, and Effective Altruism"
 Keynote at the 7th Stockholm Graduate Conference in Philosophy (online)

Nov 2021 "The Rules of Rescue: Cost, Distance, and Effective Altruism"
 University of Toronto (online)

Oct 2021 "Whether and Where to Give"
 Queen's University (online)

Sept 2021 "The Rules of Rescue: Cost, Distance, and Effective Altruism"
 Rutgers University (online)

July 2021 "The Rules of Rescue: Cost, Distance, and Effective Altruism"
 University of Vermont (online)

May 2021 "Comments on Helen Frowe's 'Harm-Preventing Resources'"
 2nd Rights Workshop: Rights and Harm (online)

May 2021 "The Rules of Rescue: Cost, Distance, and Effective Altruism"
 University of California San Diego (online)

April 2021 "The Rules of Rescue: Cost, Distance, and Effective Altruism"
 University of California Davis (online)

April 2021 "The Rules of Rescue: Cost, Distance, and Effective Altruism"
 Worldwide Book Workshop (four sessions, online)

Feb 2021 "Comments on Alexander Velichkov's 'The Natural Emotional Roots of Free Will Skepticism and Compatibilism'"

3rd Centre for Ethics, Philosophy and Public Affairs Graduate Conference
(online)

Nov 2020 “Impermissible Yet Praiseworthy”
 Queen’s University (online)

Sept 2020 “Conditional Obligations and Supererogation”
 All or Nothing Workshop Miniseries (online)

Oct 2019 “More on Rescue, Cost, and Numbers”
 Princeton Workshop in Normative Philosophy, Princeton University

Oct 2019 “Rescue, Cost, and Numbers”
 Ira W. DeCamp Seminar, Princeton University

Oct 2019 “Rescue, Cost, and Numbers”
 Value Theory Reading Group, Rutgers University

Oct 2019 “Rescue, Cost, and Numbers”
 Moral Philosophy Working Group, Yale University

Sept 2019 “Comments on Julia Driver’s ‘Ethical’ Hunting”
 Oxford Workshop on Animal Ethics, University of Oxford

April 2019 “All or Nothing, but If Not All, Next Best or Nothing”
 Stockholm University (commentator: Krister Bykvist)

April 2019 “Sorites on What Matters”
 Institute for Futures Studies, Stockholm

March 2019 “Rescue and Charity”
 University of Edinburgh

March 2019 “All or Nothing, but If Not All, Next Best or Nothing”
 Political Theory Research Group, University of Edinburgh

March 2019 “Suboptimal Charity”
 Choice Group, London School of Economics

March 2019 “Suboptimal Charity”
 School of Government, University of Oxford

Feb 2019 “Comments on Jessica Fischer’s ‘On Doing Less Good’”
 2nd Centre for Ethics, Philosophy and Public Affairs Graduate Conference

Feb 2019 “All or Nothing, but If Not All, Next Best or Nothing”
 University of York

Oct 2018 “Suboptimal Charity” and “All or Nothing, but If Not All, Next Best or Nothing”
 Centre for Ethics, Law and Public Affairs, University of Warwick

Oct 2018 “Sorites on What Matters”
 Metaphysics Reading Group, University of St Andrews

Oct 2018 “Suboptimal Charity”
 St Andrews Philosophy Society, University of St Andrews

June 2018 "All or Nothing, but If Not All, Next Best or Nothing"
 Summer Refectorium, University of St Andrews

May 2018 "Sorites on What Matters"
 Conference in Memory of Derek Parfit, University of Oxford

May 2018 "Whether and Where to Give"
 University of Edinburgh

April 2018 "Optimizing outside Options"
 University of Cambridge

April 2018 "Optimizing outside Options"
 Moral Philosophy Seminar, University of Oxford

Feb 2018 "Comments on Korbinian Rüger's 'Aggregation with Constraints'"
 Centre for Ethics, Philosophy and Public Affairs Graduate Conference

Oct 2017 "Avoid Gratuitous Nonbeneficence"
 Effective Altruism Workshop, Trinity College Dublin

Sept 2017 "Avoid Gratuitous Nonbeneficence"
 St Andrews Philosophy Society, University of St Andrews

Jan 2017 "Spectrum Arguments and Hypersensitivity"
 University of Southern California

Nov 2016 "Effective Justice" (with Roger Crisp)
 Oxford Workshop on Effective Altruism, University of Oxford

Nov 2016 "Comments on Jeff McMahan's 'Doing Good and Doing the Best'"
 St Andrews Philosophy Society, University of St Andrews

Sept 2016 "Effective Justice"
 St Andrews Philosophy Society, University of St Andrews

June 2016 "Unbounded Lives"
 White Rose Early Career Ethics Researchers Conference, University of York (commentator: Christopher Jay)

Jan 2016 "Lopsided Lives"
 Seventh Annual Arizona Workshop in Normative Ethics, University of Arizona

Dec 2015 "The Worseness of Nonexistence"
 Winter Refectorium, University of St Andrews

Nov 2015 "The Worseness of Nonexistence"
 Theoretical Population Ethics Conference, University of Oxford

Oct 2015 "Whether and Where to Give"
 St Andrews Philosophy Society, University of St Andrews

June 2015 "The Worseness of Nonexistence"
 Saving Lives from the Badness of Death Conference, University of Oslo

May 2015 "The Worseness of Nonexistence"
 Life and Death: Contemporary Philosophical Perspectives, Henry Janssen
 Memorial Conference in Philosophy, San Diego State University

May 2015 "The Worseness of Nonexistence"
 Population Ethics Work-In-Progress Seminar, University of Oxford

April 2015 "Spectrum Paradoxes and their Solutions"
 Australian National University

March 2015 "Whether and Where to Give"
 Charles Sturt University

March 2015 "Whether and Where to Give"
 University of Melbourne

March 2015 "Whether and Where to Give"
 Moral and Political Philosophy Work-In-Progress Group, University of Oxford

Feb 2015 "The Priority Monster"
 University of St Andrews

Feb 2015 "The Priority Monster"
 University of Leeds

Feb 2015 "The Priority Monster"
 University of Oxford

Jan 2015 "Whether and Where to Give"
 Oxford Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics Work-In-Progress Seminar,
 University of Oxford

Jan 2015 "Can Distributive Ethics Survive Fission and Fusion?"
 Population Ethics Work-In-Progress Seminar, University of Oxford

Nov 2014 "Whether and Where to Give"
 Applied Ethics Discussion Group, University of Oxford

Nov 2014 "What's Wrong with Cycling?"
 Population Ethics Work-In-Progress Seminar, University of Oxford

Oct 2014 "The Priority Monster"
 Population Ethics Work-In-Progress Seminar, University of Oxford

July 2014 "What's Wrong with Cycling?"
 British Society for Ethical Theory Annual Conference, University of Cambridge (unable to attend)

Feb 2014 "Can Distributive Ethics Survive Fission and Fusion?"
 Western Washington University

Jan 2014 "Spectrum Arguments and Distributive Justice"
 University of Utah

Oct 2013 "Intuitions about General Principles"
 Southern California Philosophy Conference, San Diego State University

May 2013 "Reasons for Transitivity"
 Annual Graduate Philosophy Conference, University of California San Diego

April 2013 "The Problem of Joyless Life"
 Princeton-Rutgers Graduate Philosophy Conference, Princeton University and Rutgers University (commentator: Tim Campbell)

April 2013 "The Problem of Joyless Life"
 Berkeley-Stanford-Davis Graduate Philosophy Conference, University of California Berkeley (commentator: Kirsten Pickering)

Feb 2013 "The Priority Monster"
 University of Edinburgh

Sept 2012 "Intuitions about Large Number Cases"
 British Postgraduate Philosophy Association Annual Conference, University of Edinburgh (unable to attend)

Aug 2012 "Would Division Multiply Desert?"
 Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress 2012, University of Colorado at Boulder (commentator: Jeff McMahan)

May 2012 "Intuitions about Large Number Cases"
 Annual Graduate Philosophy Conference, University of California San Diego

April 2012 "Would Division Multiply Desert?"
 Berkeley-Stanford-Davis Graduate Philosophy Conference, Stanford University (commentator: R. J. Leland)

July 2011 "The Priority Monster"
 Society for Applied Philosophy Annual Conference 2011, University of Manchester (commentator: Arne Norderhaug)

June 2011 "The Priority Monster"
 International Society for Utilitarian Studies XI Conference, Lucca, Italy

April 2011 "The Priority Monster"
 Stephen L. Weber Graduate Conference in Ethics, San Diego State University (commentator: Kelly Vincent)

April 2011 "Comments on Kelly Vincent's 'Consequentialism and Commitments'"
 Stephen L. Weber Graduate Conference in Ethics, San Diego State University

March 2011 "The Priority Monster"

Valuing Lives: A Conference on Ethics in Health & the Environment,
New York University (commentator: Greg Bognar)

May 2009 "The Preferences of Mill's Competent Judges: Evidential or Criterial?"
Graduate Philosophy Colloquium, University of California San Diego

Teaching

2015-present Lecturer, University of St Andrews
Contemporary Moral Theory (Autumn 2015, 2017, and 2024), *Life and Death* (Spring 2017 and 2025), *Climate Ethics* (Spring 2025 and Autumn 2025), *Moral and Aesthetic Value* (Spring 2018, 2024, and 2025), *Graduate Seminar: Topics in Recent Moral Theory* (Autumn 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2023), *Effective Altruism* (Autumn 2016, 2023, and 2025), *Moral and Political Controversies* (Autumn 2015, 2016, and 2017), *Reading Philosophy* (Spring 2017 and 2025), *Value and Normativity* (Spring 2016)

2017-23 Director of Teaching and Lecturer, Summer Short Programme, University of St Andrews (high school level)
Philosophy, Politics, and Economics

2018-19 Director of Teaching and Lecturer, Summer Academic Experience Course, University of St Andrews (high school level)
Introduction to Moral Philosophy

2015 Lecturer, St Anne's College, Oxford Summer School, Garden International School, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (high school level)
Philosophy, Politics, and Economics

2014-15 Tutor, St Anne's College, Queen's College, and University College, University of Oxford
Ethics (Michaelmas 2014, Hilary 2015) and *Moral Philosophy* (Trinity 2015)

2014-15 Graduate Seminar Convener, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Oxford
Population Ethics (Trinity 2015) and *Practical Ethics* (Michaelmas 2014, week 8)

2014 Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, University of California San Diego
Introduction to Philosophy (Spring 2014) and *Ethics and Society II* (Winter 2014)

2011-13 Instructor, Department of Philosophy, University of California San Diego

2006-12 *Introduction to Philosophy: Ethics* (Winter 2013) and *Contemporary Moral Issues* (Summer 2011, 2012, and 2013)
 Teaching Assistant, Department of Philosophy, University of California San Diego
Ethics and Society, Philosophy of Religion, Mill's Moral and Political Philosophy, Biomedical Ethics, Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Neuroscience, Introduction to Philosophy, Contemporary Legal Issues, Logic and Decision-Making, and Epistemology

Administrative Roles

2025-present Director of Research, Philosophy, University of St Andrews
 2024-25 EDI Representative, Employability Officer, and Honours Advisor, Philosophy, University of St Andrews
 2024-present Honours Advisor, Philosophy, University of St Andrews
 2015-23 Director, St Andrews Centre for Ethics, Philosophy and Public Affairs, University of St Andrews
<https://ceppa.wp.st-andrews.ac.uk/>
 2010-11 Graduate Student Representative, University of California San Diego

Professional Service

Associate Editor: *Journal of Moral Philosophy* (2023-present), *Ergo* (2019-2023)

Nominating Editor: *Philosopher's Annual* (2020-present)

Guest Editor: *Public Affairs Quarterly* (2024, for a special issue on effective altruism)

Editorial Board: *Philosophical Quarterly* (2015-present), *Utilitas* (2014-present)

Section Editor: *Philosophy Compass* (2023-2024)

Executive Committee Member: Society for Applied Philosophy (2020-2023)

Press Referee: Oxford University Press (x5), Routledge (x2), Polity

Journal Referee: *Nous* (x10), *Ethics* (x7), *Mind* (x3), *Analysis* (x9), *Philosophical Studies* (x9), *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* (x8), *Philosophical Review*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Journal of Moral Philosophy* (x15), *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* (x7), *Philosophical Quarterly* (x5), *Journal of Political Philosophy* (x3), *Economics and Philosophy* (x6), *Ergo* (x3), *Philosophy Compass* (x2), *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* (x2), *Utilitas* (x13), *American Philosophical Quarterly* (x3), *Synthese*, *Erkenntnis* (x2), *Thought* (x2), *Law and Philosophy* (x2), *Journal of Applied*

Philosophy (x3), *Public Affairs Quarterly*, *Philosophical Psychology* (x3), *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy* (x3), *Politics, Philosophy and Economics* (x3), *Philosophia* (x3), *Feminist Philosophy Quarterly*, *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*, *Journal of Ethics*, *Journal of Practical Ethics*, *Journal of Controversial Ideas*, *Social Theory and Practice*, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, *Bioethics* (x2), *Journal of Value Inquiry*, *American Political Science Review*

Conference Referee: Arizona Workshop in Normative Ethics, British Society for Ethical Theory (x4), Eastern APA, American Society for Bioethics and Humanities (x2), Effective Altruism Global, Society for Applied Philosophy (x2)

Funding Referee: Leverhulme Research Fellowship (x2), St John's College Research Fellowship (University of Cambridge), John Templeton Foundation, Early Career Research Fellowship at Corpus Christi College (University of Cambridge), Peterhouse Research Fellowships (University of Cambridge), Riksbankens Jubileumsfond (x2), Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich Research Fellowships, Swiss National Science Foundation (x2)

Category Editor: *PhilPapers* (2014-2021)

Organizer: Conference on The Ethics of Choosing and Refusing Work (University of Edinburgh, 2025), CEPPA Fest Conference (St Andrews, 2023), Climate Ethics Panel at Energy Ethics 2023 (St Andrews, 2023), Summer/Winter Ethics Workshop Miniseries (2020-present, online), Workshop on Blame and Responsibility (2021, online, co-hosted with UT Austin), Centre for Ethics, Philosophy and Public Affairs Talks series (St Andrews, 2016-present), Knox Lecture series (St Andrews, 2016-2023), The Ethics of Giving Conference (St Andrews, 2017), Workshop on the Philosophical Foundations of Effective Altruism (Oxford, 2016), The Philosophical Foundations of Effective Altruism Conference (St Andrews, 2016), Workshop on Personal Identity and Ethics (Oxford, 2015), Population Ethics Reading Group (Oxford, 2014-15), Workshop on Population Ethics (Oxford, 2014), Giving What We Can events (University of California San Diego, 2011-14 and St Andrews, 2015-2019), Ethics in the Public Sphere Symposium (University of California San Diego, 2012), Graduate Philosophy Conference (University of California San Diego, 2012)

Internal Examiner: Patrik Hummel (PhD, University of St Andrews, 2017), Joe Slater (PhD, University of St Andrews, 2018), Jiwon Kim (MPhil, University of St Andrews, 2019), Joshua Kelsall (PhD, University of St Andrews, 2021), George Rountree (MPhil, University of St Andrews, 2022), Anuj Puri (PhD, University of St Andrews, 2022), Jacob Librizzi (PhD, University of St Andrews, 2025)

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