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Areas of Specialization Social and Political Philosophy, Ethics
Areas of Competence Free Will and Moral Responsibility, Politics, Philosophy and Economics (PPE), Bioethics

Employment

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Wake Forest University (2025—present)

Education

PhD., Philosophy, University of Arizona (2019—2025)
Dissertation: *Place-Based Liberalism*
Committee: Steven Wall (chair), Allen Buchanan, Thomas Christiano, Michael McKenna
MA, Philosophy, Tufts University (2017—2019)
BA, Politics Honors & Philosophy, University of Virginia (2013—2017)

Papers

Published

"Local Housing Discretion and the Affordability Override." *Journal of Applied Philosophy*. Forthcoming.

"Acceptance and Deference: The Case for Epistemic Discipline." *Synthese*. 206 (5) (2025).

"The Civic Friendship Dilemma." *The Philosophical Quarterly*. Online first (2025).

"Conservatism and Justified Attachment." *European Journal of Philosophy*. 32 (4): 1304-1316 (2024).

"Compatibilism and Truly Minimal Morality." *Utilitas* 36 (4): 323-337 (2024).

"Why Restrict Medical Effective Altruism?" *Bioethics* 38 (5): 452-9 (2024).

"Against Deference to Authority." *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* 26 (1): 99-125 (2023).

"NIMBYism and Legitimate Expectations." *Journal of Applied Philosophy* 40 (4): 708-24 (2023).

Book Chapters

"Buchanan and Institutional Legitimacy; Or, Universal Buchanan Income," in *Political Economy and Social Philosophy of James M. Buchanan*, eds. Rosolino Candela, Mikayla Novak, & Alain Marciano (Rowan & Littlefield). Forthcoming.

"Immigration, Integration, and 'National Culture'" with Lionel K. McPherson. *Education and Migration*, ed. Tetyana Kloubert (Springer). 2019.

Book Reviews

"A Perfectionist Theory of Justice," by Collis Tahzib. *Journal of Moral Philosophy*. Forthcoming.

Presentations

"Children as Public Investments." *Politics, Philosophy, and Economics.* November 2026.

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"Exit Liberalism Does Not Collapse." Oxford Studies in Political Philosophy. October 2026.

"Zoning, Place, and the Builder's Remedy." *PPE London*. July 2026.

"Political Sufficiency." *Northwestern Society for the Theory of Ethics and Politics (NUSTEP).* June 2026.

"Children as Public Investments." *Christopher Newport University*. March 2026.

"Governing Hyper Entertainment." *Politics, Philosophy, and Economics.* November 2025.

"Does Undue Inducement Make Sense?" *Politics, Philosophy, and Economics.* November 2025.

"Loneliness, Community, and Liberalism." *Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress.* August 2025.

"Liberal Civic Friendship." *Politics, Philosophy, and Economics.* November 2024.

"The Nonalienation Theory of Legitimacy." *Politics, Philosophy, and Economics.* November 2024.

"Autonomy and the Exit Ability." *Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress.* August 2024.

"Acceptance and Deference: The Case for Epistemic Discipline." *Southwest Graduate Philosophy Conference*. April 2024.

"Liberal Civic Friendship." *IHS Graduate Conference.* February 2024.

"Federal Collective Self-Determination." *Politics, Philosophy, and Economics*. November 2023.

"Why Restrict Medically Effective Altruism?" *Politics, Philosophy, and Economics*. November 2023.

"Exiting, Editing, and Educating." *Markets and Society*. October 2023.

"Community Federalism." *American Political Science Association.* September 2023.

"Challenging Ourselves: Challenge Trials and Institutional Tribulations." *Ethics and Public Affairs*, Carlton University. November 2022.

"NIMBYism and Nationalism." *Southwestern Philosophical Society.* November 2022.

"Philosophical Ideals and Political Decisions." *Philosophy, Politics, and Economics.* November 2022.

"Community Federalism." *Philosophy, Politics, and Economics*. November 2022.

"Philosophical Ideals and Political Decisions." *IHS Graduate Conference*. April 2022.

"Friendship, Utilitarianism, and Estrangement." *Virtuous and Vicious Partiality,* Christopher Newport University, February 2022.

"Federalism, Group Agency, and Universal Basic Income." *MANCEPT Workshop on the Philosophy of Federalism*, September 2021.

"Defending Ideals." *UT Austin Graduate Conference,* April 2019.

Comments

Comments on Yiran Hua's "Equal as Friends." Eastern APA. January 2026.

Comments on Mike Gadomski's "Non-Moralized Public Justification." *Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress.* August 2025.

Comments on Jacob MacDavid's "Reasons, Resonance, and Idealization." *Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress*. August 2024.

Comments on Seonjung Kim's "Rethinking Answerability for Relational Autonomy." *Arizona Feminist Philosophy Graduate Conference*. April 2024.

Comments on "Political Authority and Legitimacy" panel (Daniel Layman, Alexander Motchoulski, Fabian Wendt). *American Political Science Association.* September 2023.

Comments on Laura Siscoe's "Public Justification Under Conditions of Epistemic Injustice." *Arizona Feminist Philosophy Graduate Conference.* April 2023.

Public Writing

"Liberalism's Boundaries." *Illiberalism Studies Program*.
https://www.illiberalism.org/liberalisms-boundaries-toward-a-new-local-politics/

"Conservatism and Justified Attachment." *New Work In Philosophy*.
https://newworkinphilosophy.substack.com/p/travis-quigley-university-of-arizona

"How Should We Understand NIMBYism?" *Justice Everywhere*. June 2023.
http://justice-everywhere.org/general/how-should-we-understand-nimbyism/

Reviewer

Episteme; Ergo; European Journal of Political Theory; Journal of Applied Philosophy; Journal of Ethics (x2)*; Journal of Social Philosophy; Medicine, Health Care, and Philosophy; Moral Philosophy and Politics; Philosopher's Imprint; Res Publica; Topoi*

Teaching

Wake Forest University

PHI 160, Introduction to Political Philosophy
PHI 161, Introduction to Bioethics
PHI 361, Topics in Ethics (Meaning, Community, and Liberalism)
PHI 362, Social and Political Philosophy

University of Arizona

Medical Ethics (x5)
Justice and the Good Life (x3)

Awards and Scholarships

Fink Prize for Outstanding Graduate Student, University of Arizona Philosophy, 2024
IHS Junior Fellow (2023)
Adam Smith Fellow (2022–3)
IHS Publication Accelerator Grant (2022)
Humane Studies Fellow (2021–2)
Graduate College Fellowship, University of Arizona (2019)
Scholarship Participant. Intro to Chinese Philosophy, Beijing National University (2018)
Graduated with High Honors, Politics, University of Virginia (2017)
Exemplary Student Award, Philosophy, University of Virginia (2017)
Phi Beta Kappa (2017)

Service

University of Arizona

Organizer, PhD job market preparation group, 2024
Editorial Assistant, *Social Philosophy & Policy*, 2020–2024
Referee for Arizona Feminist Graduate Philosophy Conference, 2020, 2023–2024
Organizer, Graduate Work In Progress group, 2021–2023
Organizer, Buddhist Ethics Reading Group, Spring 2023
Developed syllabus for *Introduction to Philosophy Through Film*, 2023
Research Assistant for Allen Buchanan, 2022–2023
Local organizer, Philosophers Against Malaria Fundraiser, 2022
Local public school philosophy teaching (organized by Jacob Blitz), 2022
Organizer, Graduate Student Orientation, 2022
PhD Peer Mentor, 2021–2022

Tufts University

Judge, Tufts Collegiate Ethics Bowl, November 2018
Moderator, CIVIC Policy Challenge, March 2018
Guest Lecture, "Introduction to Health Ethics," Health Communication in Society, February 2018
Talk, Tufts High School Ethics Bowl, "Introduction to Mill and Consequentialism," February 2018
Talk, Tufts Collegiate Ethics Bowl, "Deflating Mill's Higher Pleasures," October 2017

Graduate Coursework

** indicates audited courses. Coursework at University of Arizona unless otherwise indicated.*

Political Philosophy

Legitimate Injustice* (Wall, Fall 2023)
The Rationality and Morality of Democratic Participation* (Christiano & Sepe, Spring 2022)

Enforcing Morality (Wall, Fall 2022)
Independent Study on Institutional Legitimacy (Buchanan, Spring 2021)
Morality of International Law (Buchanan, Fall 2020)
Model Thinking in Political Philosophy (Gaus, Fall 2019)
Independent Study on Political Obligation (Christiano, Spring 2020)
Contemporary Political Philosophy (McPherson, Spring 2019 — Tufts University)
Philosophy of Law (Kelly, Spring 2018 — Tufts University)
Philosophy of Law* (Simmons, Spring 2017 — University of Virginia)
Political Philosophy (Simmons, Spring 2016 — University of Virginia)

Value Theory

Moral Emotions* (McKenna & Timmons, Fall 2022)
Rationality & Morality (Schmidtz, Spring 2021)
Moral & Social Evolution (Buchanan, Spring 2020)
The Ethical Marketplace (Russell, Fall 2019)
Ordinary Language Philosophy (Baz, Spring 2019 — Tufts University)
Race & Racial Progress (McPherson, Spring 2018 — Tufts University)
Ethical Theory (Svavarsdottir, Fall 2017 — Tufts University)

Metaphysics, Epistemology, & Logic

Grounding Agency & Responsibility (McKenna & Sartorio, Fall 2021)
Action & Agency (McKenna & Sartorio, Fall 2019)
Epistemology (Ninan, Fall 2018 — Tufts University)
Logic (Smith, Fall 2017 — Tufts University)
Foundations of Rationality (Forber & White, Fall 2017 — Tufts University)

History

Ancient Political Theory (Annas, Spring 2020)
20th Century Analytic Philosophy (Denby, Spring 2019 — Tufts University)
Ancient Philosophy (Olfert, Spring 2018 — Tufts University)

References

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