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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of St Andrews, *Senior Lecturer, Department of Philosophy*	2019 — >
University of St Andrews, *Lecturer, Department of Philosophy*	2016-2019
University of Chicago, *Lecturer, Pozen Family Center for Human Rights*	2014-2016
The Graduate Center, CUNY, *Mellon Sawyer Postdoctoral Fellow*	2012-2014
Université de Montréal, *GRIPP Postdoctoral Fellow, CRÉUM*	2011-2012

EDUCATION

University of Oxford, *DPhil (PhD), Philosophy*	2008-2011
University of Oxford, *BPhil (MA), Philosophy*	2006-2008
McGill University, *BA, Philosophy (First Class Honours)*	2001-2005

RESEARCH

AOS: Social & Political Philosophy; Ethics
AOC: Moral Psychology; Epistemology; Applied Ethics

PUBLICATIONS

Books

2018:   *Human Rights: Moral or Political?* (Oxford University Press) [Paperback, 2020], ed. Adam Etinson [With 30 authors, and a substantive editorial introduction]

Articles & Chapters

Forth: "The Lure of Minimalism"
The Routledge Handbook of the Philosophy of Human Rights (Routledge, Forthcoming), eds. Jesse Tomalty & Kerri Woods.

Forth: "Visions of Human Rights"
Cambridge History of Rights, Vol. IV (Cambridge University Press), eds. Samuel Moyn & Meredith Terretta. [Co-authored with Jiewuh Song]

2020: "What's So Special About Human Dignity?"
Philosophy & Public Affairs, Vol. 48, No. 4, pp. 353-81.

2018: "Conversation"
New Literary History, Vol. 49, No. 2, pp. 267-273.

2017: "Some Myths About Ethnocentrism"
Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Vol. 96, No. 2, pp. 209-224.

2013: "Human Rights, Claimability, and the Uses of Abstraction"
    Utilitas, Vol. 25, No. 4, pp. 463-486.

2012: "Political and Naturalistic Conceptions of Human Rights: A False Polemic?"
    The Journal of Moral Philosophy, 9(3), pp. 327-352. [With S. Matthew Liao]

2010: "Cosmopolitanism: Cultural, Moral, and Political"
    Sovereign Justice (de Gruyter: New York) eds. G. Angelis & R. Queiroz, 25-47.

2008: "Aboriginal Oral History Evidence and Canadian Law"
    The Central European Journal of Canadian Studies, Vol. 6, 2008, pp. 97-105.

Commentaries & Responses

2022: "Wiggins on Ethical Objectivity and 'Des Cannibales'"
    Philosophy, Vol. 97, No. 1, pp. 321-36.

2020: "Dignity in 'The Streets': A Comment on Gilabert"
    Journal of Global Ethics, Vol. 16, No. 3, pp. 288-93.

2019: "On 'Aristocratic' Dignity"
    European Journal of Political Theory, Vol. 19, No. 3, pp. 399-407.

2014: "On Shareable Reasons: A Comment on Forst"
    The Journal of Social Philosophy, Vol. 44, No. 4, pp. 76-88.

Reviews, Essays, & Public Philosophy

2018: "How High to Dream?"
    The Times Literary Supplement, July 26th. (Reviewing Samuel Moyn's *Not Enough: Human Rights in an Age of Inequality* [HUP, 2018])

2018: "Review: *Reframing the Intercultural Dialogue on Human Rights,* by Jeff Flynn"
    Political Theory, Vol. 46, No. 2, pp. 312-318.

2017: "Is a Life Without Struggle Worth Living?"
    The Stone, The New York Times, October 2nd. Reprinted in *Question Everything: A Stone Reader* (W.W. Norton & Co, 2022), eds. S. Critchley & P. Catapano, V.

2013: "Of Cannibals, Kings, and Culture: The Problem of Ethnocentricity"
    The Stone, The New York Times, Feb. 17th – Republished in: *The Stone Reader* (New York: Liveright, 2016), 79-84, & *Modern Ethics: A Stone Reader* (W.W. Norton & Co, 2017), 306-311, eds. Simon Critchley & Peter Catapano.

2012: "100 Days of Student Protests in Québec: Printemps Érable or Much Ado about Nothing?"
    Dissent (Co-authored with Carlos Fraenkel), May 29th.

2012: "A Rights-Based Utopia?"
    Human Rights Quarterly, Vol. 34, No. 1, pp. 294-299. Also in: *The Utopian*, with a response by Samuel Moyn.

2010: "To Be or Not to Be? Charles Beitz on the Philosophy of Human Rights"
   Res Publica, Vol. 16, No. 2, pp. 235-244.

Encyclopedic Entries

2022: "Human Rights"
   Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy, ed. E. Zalta [Co-author: James W. Nickel]

2020: "John Tasioulas"
   Encyclopedia of the Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy (New York: Springer, 2020), eds. M.N.S. Sellers & Stephan Kirste.

ADDITIONAL FELLOWSHIPS, POSITIONS, & AWARDS

Teaching Award, University of St Andrews Students' Association
   2022 Outstanding Innovation in Teaching, for "PY4665: First Contact"
School Nominee, School of Philosophical, Anthropological, and Film Studies
   2022 Teaching Excellence Award, University of St Andrews
Mind Association, Scots Philosophical Association, JN Wright Trust
   2022 Conference funding, "Epistemic Breakthroughs" (£7,500 with J. Snedegar).
New York University, Center for Bioethics
   Visiting Scholar (Autumn 2019)
Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, UFR de Philosophie
   Erasmus Teaching Fellow (March 2018)
Arts and Humanities Research Council, Institute for Government
   Funded Participant in "Engaging with Government" course (February 2018)
University of Oslo, PluriCourts
   Visiting Scholar (Summer 2014)
New York University, Department of Philosophy
   Visiting Scholar (2013-2014)
The British Council
   Commonwealth Scholarship (2009-2011)
Le Fonds Québécois de la Recherche sur la Société et la Culture
   Doctoral Research Grant (2008-2011)
University of Oxford, Faculty of Philosophy
   Overseas Research Student Award (2007-2010)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (* Indicates self-designed syllabus)

The University of St Andrews (2016 →)
PY4660 – First Contact *
PY5319 – The Ethics of Conversation (*Grad Seminar with Justin Snedegar*) *
PY5319 – Subjectivity in Value, Normativity, and Morality (*with Justin Snedegar*) *
PY4659 – Timely Topics in Political Philosophy *
PY4658 – Why Does the World Exist? (*with Alex Douglas*) *
PY4652 – Toleration in the Early Modern Period (*with Alex Douglas*) *
PY3200 – Reading Philosophy 2: Texts in Ethics, Aesthetics, and Political Philosophy
PY5403 – Intuitions and Philosophical Methodology (*Grad Seminar w/ Jessica Brown*) *
PY5326 – Twentieth Century Philosophers: David Wiggins (*Graduate Seminar*) *
PY4652 – The Philosophy of Human Rights (*with Elizabeth Ashford*) *
PY1011 – Moral & Political Controversies

The University of Chicago (2014 – 2016)
HMRT 39003 – Moral Sainthood *
HMRT 30600 – Foundations of Human Rights (*Graduate Seminar*) *
HMRT 26151 – Human Rights and Human Diversity *
HMRT 26150 – Human Dignity *

Hunter College, City University of New York (2013 – 2014)
PHILO 246 – Introduction to Political Philosophy *
HR 200 – Introduction to Human Rights *

The Fashion Institute of Technology, State University of New York (2013–2014)
PHIL 431 – Ethics *

McGill University (2009, 2011 – 2012)
PHIL 481 – Toleration (Co-taught with Carlos Fraenkel) *
PHIL 481 – Freedom, Diversity, Culture (Co-taught with Carlos Fraenkel) *
PHIL 240 – Introduction to Political Philosophy (76 registered students) *

Oxford University (Hilary Term, 2010)
General Philosophy (Teaching Assistant for Dr. Ralph Walker)

WORK IN PROGRESS

On Falling Short (DRAFT)
   Many of us make easy peace with moral imperfection. In what sense do we
   "accept" our own moral shortcomings, though? And is it ever right to do so?

Inducing Wonder (New Project)
   We typically experience wonder at new, extraordinary sights. But we can also be
   made to feel wonder at quite ordinary things: chairs, toes, a blue sky, local
   customs, everyday assumptions, etc. This paper examines the nature, causes, and
   subversive power of such alienated experiences of the everyday.

Anger and Remorse (New Project)
   We know that remorse, on the part of offenders, has a powerful capacity to abate
   anger, on the part of victims. This suggests that anger is a desire for recognition,
   not revenge. It also suggests that anger seeks the satisfaction of remorse itself.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS (* Indicates refereed presentation)

"Anger and Remorse"
   - *UCL Institute for Law, Politics, and Philosophy*, Jan 31st, 2023.
   - *Virtual Workshop on Social Human Rights*, Rice University, January 26th, 2022.
   - *Cambridge Seminar in Political Thought*, Cambridge University, January 21st, 2022.
   - *Blame & Responsibility Workshop*, University of St Andrews, April 9-11, 2021
   - *The Ethics of Punishment Online Workshop*, Leiden University, Nov 12th, 2020
   - *Seminar in Practical Philosophy*, University of Bergen, October 9th, 2020
   - *The Philosophy Society*, University of St Andrews, Jan 27th, 2020.
   - *APA Eastern Division Meeting*, Philadelphia, Jan 8th, 2020.

"Visions of Human Rights"
  - *MANCEPT Workshop on Human Rights,* September 8th, 2020

"On Disrupting (Ethnocentric) Bias"
  - *Social Anthropology Seminar*, University of St Andrews, April 11th, 2019
  - *The Department of Politics*, University of Sheffield, Feb 28th, 2018.

"On Falling Short"
  - *NoSoPhi Seminar:* Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, March 22nd, 2018.
  - *Political Theory Reading Group*, University of Edinburgh, Jan 17th, 2018.
  - *Northern Political Philosophy Group*, University of Edinburgh, December 7th, 2017.
  - *Departmental Colloquium:* NYU Center for Bioethics, October 6th, 2017.
  - *Law and Ethics Society*, Columbia University, October 11th, 2017.
  - *Conference: The Ethics of Giving*, University of St Andrews, May 23-25th, 2017.

"The Lure of Minimalism"
  - *The European Convention on Human Rights and the Theoretical Crisis of Human Rights,* University of Glasgow, September 6-9, 2021.
  - *Center for Global Ethics and Politics,* CUNY Graduate Center, September 17th, 2019
  - *APA Eastern Division Meeting*, Jan 8th, 2019, New York.
  - *How Demanding Should Human Rights Be?* Northwestern University, Oct 13 2017.
  - *APA Pacific Division*, San Francisco, March 30th, 2016. (w Robert Simpson)

"What's So Special About Human Dignity?"
  - *NYU Bioethics Lunchtime Lecture,* New York University, October 10th, 2019.
  - *The University of Groningen*, Department of Philosophy, March 6th, 2017.
  - *Edinburgh Legal Theory Workshop*, University of Edinburgh, October 9th, 2016.
  - *The Future of Human Dignity*, University of Utrecht, October 13th, 2016. *
  - *ECPR: Annual Meeting*, University of Montreal, August 26th, 2015.
  - *Human Rights and Human Dignity: A Workshop*, Univ. of Chicago, May 29th, 2015.

"On Being Faithful to the 'Practice' of Human Rights"
  - *Workshop on the Philosophy of Human Rights*, Univ. of St Andrews, Sept 26th, 2016.
  - *American Political Science Association* in Philadelphia, September 2nd, 2016. *
  - *Theory & Practice: The 2015 Annual Weissbourd Conference*, UChicago, May 9 2015. *
  - *Human Rights Workshop*, University of Chicago, Jan 14th, 2015.
  - *Workshop on Human Rights*, McGill University, Faculty of Law, Nov 20th, 2014.

"Some Myths About Ethnocentrism"
  - *The Philosophy Society*, University of St Andrews, November 10th, 2016.
  - *Social Theory Workshop*, University of Chicago, Oct 15th, 2015.
  - *Practical Philosophy Workshop*, University of Chicago, March 20th, 2015.
  - *New Research in Practical Philosophy*, Queen's College, CUNY, April 19th 2013.

Invited Commentaries

2021: On Kimberley Brownlee's, *Being Sure of Each Other* (OUP, 2020), in *PEA Soup: Philosophy, Ethics, Academia,* October 31st, 2021. (Online Discussion)

2019: On Pablo Gilabert's *Human Rights and Human Dignity* (OUP, 2018), at the *Pacific Division Meeting of the APA*, April 17-20, 2019.

2017: On George Letsas's paper, "Minimalism and Maximalism in Human Rights: A False Dillema?" at *How Demanding Should Human Rights Be? An Interdisciplinary Workshop*, Northwestern University, IL, Oct 13-14.

2016: On Luke Ulas and Pietro Maffettone's paper on legitimacy at *Contemporary Political Thought*, a conference at Durham University, Dec 7ᵗʰ.

2016: On Ryan Beaton's paper, "The Recent Focus of Settler-State Courts on the Procedural Legitimation of State Sovereignty over Indigenous Lands" at *Human Rights and Empire Graduate Student Conference*, 06/19, Univ. of Chicago.

2014: On Gopal Sreenivasan's "Still no Human Right to Health(Care)" at *Is Health Care a Human Right*, University of Chicago, October 10ᵗʰ.

2013: On John Tasioulas', "Towards a Philosophy of Human Rights" at *Theorizing Human Rights: A Conference in Honor of James Nickel*, Duke University, 03/22.

2012: On Rainer Forst's "Toleration and Democracy" in *Democratic Citizenship and the Recognition of Cultural Differences*, CUNY Graduate Center, November 8ᵗʰ.

Invited Lectures, Panel Discussions, Blogs, & Podcasts

2023: Syllabus Showcase – The blog of the *American Philosophical Association (APA)*, on "PY4660 – First Contact" [Running April 19ᵗʰ, 2023]

2022: Panel Discussion – *Being Social: The Philosophy of Social Human Rights* (OUP, 2022), eds., Kimberley Brownlee, David Jenkins, Adam Neal. Co-panelists: Laura Valentini & Charlie Richards. December 2ⁿᵈ, 2022.

2022: "Dignity with Adam Etinson" podcast for *The Dignity Initiative,* May 22ⁿᵈ, 2022.

2021: "What's Wrong with Rights?" *LSE Forum for Philosophy,* October 19ᵗʰ, 2021. Co-panelists: Lindsey Stonebridge, Yoriko Otomo, Danielle Sands. Video

2018: "Feasibility and Claimability in Human Rights Theory" – Two lectures in Emmanuel Picavet's Master's Seminar, *Philosophie et Société,* Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, March 2018.

2015: "The Philosophical Foundations of Human Rights" in *International Human Rights Law and Advocacy*, Co-taught by B Citro & C Flores, UChicago Law.

2014: Lecture for *Human Rights, International Law, & Cosmopolitanism*, Summer Class: University of Oslo, June 2014.

EDITORIAL & ADMINISTRATIVE WORK

Administrative Work & Service

- *Conversion Diploma Director,* Department of Philosophy, St Andrews [2022 ->]
- *Examinations Officer*, Department of Philosophy, St Andrews [2020-2022]
- *Co-Lead,* St Andrews/Stirling Chapter of the Scottish Graduate School for the Arts & Humanities (with Sonia Roca Royes) [Spring 2020]
- *Assistant Director*, Center for Ethics, Philosophy and Public Affairs (CEPPA), University of St Andrews. (Director: Theron Pummer) [2016-2020]
- *Co-Director*, Society for the Philosophy of Human Rights, which holds annual events at meetings of the APA. (Co-Director: Jesse Tomalty) [2015 ->]
- *Co-Organizer*, *Northern Political Philosophy Group*, holding 4-6 workshops a year on works-in-progress by Scottish political philosophers (with Ben Sachs) [2016 ->]
- *Library Officer,* University of St Andrews, Philosophy [2019 ->]
- *Undergraduate Reading Party Co-ordinator,* St Andrews, Philosophy [2020 ->]

- *Visiting Day Coordinator & Outreach Officer*, St Andrews, Philosophy [2016-2019]
- *Curriculum Designer*, University of Chicago, Human Rights Center [Spring 2015]

Editorial Work

- Member of the Editorial Board of *The Philosophical Quarterly*.
- Edited Volume: *Human Rights: Moral or Political?* (OUP), 30 authors.
- Special Issue Editor: [1] *Journal of Global Ethics,* Symposium on Pablo Gilbert's *Human Dignity & Human Rights* (OUP, 2018); [2] *Journal of Social Philosophy*, Special Issue on "Democratic Citizenship and the Recognition of Cultural Differences" (with Carol C. Gould & Joshua Keton)

Peer-Reviewer & Evaluator

- Journals: (1) *Constellations*; (2) *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*; (3) *Human Rights Review*; (4) *Journal of Moral Philosophy*; (5) *Journal of Global Ethics*; (6) *Philosophical Quarterly*; (7) *Philosophical Studies* (8) *Res Publica*; (9) *Law & Philosophy*; (10) *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*; (11) *Journal of Social Philosophy*; (12) *Ethics & International Affairs*; (13) *Oxford Journal of Legal Studies*.
- Presses: (1) *Routledge*.
- Reviewer for *Canada Research Chair* program, Government of Canada [Fall 2020].

PhD Students

2018 - 2022 Rasa Davidaviciute, Co-Supervised with Rowan Cruft.
2017 - 2020 Jakob Hinze, Primary Supervisee.
2018 - 2020 Deryn Thomas, Primary Supervisee.
2018 - 2020 Colin McLean, Secondary PhD Supervisee.

Master's Thesis Supervision & Examination

2022: Bram Wesseling, "On The Meaning of Life" (MLitt thesis)
2022: Matthew Wall, "The Service Conception of Authority" (MLitt)
2021: Dominik Boll, "The Rationality of Regret" (MLitt thesis)
2020: Mallika Balakrishnan, "Rightless Abandon? On Human Rights, Imperialism, and Reshaping the Practice" (Master's)
2018: Andreas-J Sorger, "Truth Commissions Beyond Transitional Justice" (Master)
2018: J. Rumbelow, "The Will of the People: An Essay in Political Epistemology"
2018: Zhengyue Huang, "Why There Could Be a Human Right to 'Free' Internet Access" (Examined Thesis - MPhil, 2018)
2017: Rufaida Al-Hashimi, "Human Dignity in Human Rights" (Honours Thesis)
2017: Jakob Hinze, "Epistemic Implications of Democratic Decisions" (Master's)
2017: Jonathan Fogarty, "Can Human Dignity Ground Human Rights" (Master's)
2016: Timothy Hoff, "The Claimability of Human Rights" (Master's)

Independent Research Supervision

2021: Franciszek Bryk, *St Andrews Undergraduate Research Intern* for my project on "Inducing Wonder"
2019: Sophia Rommel, *St Andrews Undergraduate Research Intern* for my project on "Breakthrough Conversations"

Special Events Organized

2023: _Humanistic Ethics:_ A workshop with funding from the _YTL Center for Politics, Philosophy, and Law_. Summer 2023 at King's College London. Co-organized with Jonathan Gingerich.
2022: _Epistemic Breakthroughs._ A workshop with 16 participants, with funding from the _Mind Association, Scots Philosophical Association,_ & _JN Wright Trust._ June 24-25, 2022. Co-organized with Justin Snedegar.
2019: _Edwin Curley on "Spinoza, Enlightenment, and Religious Liberty"._ Public Lecture by Edwin Curley (Michigan) – _Toleration: Past & Present,_ Conway Hall, London, Apr 29th, 2019.
2016: _Strangers Drowning: An Evening with Larissa MacFarquhar_. A public interview with Larissa MacFarquhar, staff writer at _The New Yorker_, May 10, 2016.
2015: _Human Rights and Human Dignity: A Workshop_, University of Chicago. Co-organizer, Pablo Gilabert. Supported by Pozen Center for Human Rights – May 29, 2015.
2011: _Philosophy Workshop in Akwesasne_, Akwesasne Native American Reservation, Ontario. Co-organized with Carlos Fraenkel – Fall & Winter 2011.
2009: _13th Annual Graduate Oxford Philosophy Conference_, University of Oxford – Fall.

LANGUAGES

English (Mother tongue); French (Fluent); Spanish (Fluent); Hebrew (Basics).

REFEREES

Jeremy Waldron, University Professor, School of Law, New York University
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Jonathan Wolff, Blavatnik Professor of Public Philosophy, U of Oxford
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