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# Nate Adams

## AREAS OF EXPERTISE

**AOS:** social and political philosophy, philosophy of law  
**AOC:** ethics (metaethics, normative, applied, history), social epistemology

## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

**Assistant Professor**, 2019-current  
Philosophy Department  
University of Virginia

**Postdoctoral Fellow**, 2018-2019  
Philosophy Department  
McMaster University

**Research Fellow**, 2015-2018  
Justitia Amplificata Centre for Advanced Studies  
Goethe Universität Frankfurt

**Visiting Assistant Professor**, 2014-2015  
Philosophy Department  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

## EDUCATION

**Washington University in St. Louis**  
PhD, Philosophy, 2014

**Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University**  
MA, Philosophy, 2008

**Spring Arbor University**  
BA, Biochemistry, 2004

## PUBLICATIONS *AS N. P. ADAMS*

*Peer-Reviewed Articles (\* invited):*

**8. In Defense of Exclusionary Reasons**  
*Philosophical Studies* (forthcoming)

**7. Authority, Illocutionary Accommodation, and Social Accommodation**  
*Australasian Journal of Philosophy* (forthcoming)

**6. Legitimacy and Institutional Purpose\***

*Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy* (forthcoming)

**5. Grounding Procedural Rights**

*Legal Theory* 25 (2019), pp. 3-25

**4. Uncivil Disobedience: Political Commitment and Violence**

*Res Publica* 24 (2018), pp. 475-491

**3. The Relational Conception of Practical Authority**

*Law and Philosophy* 37 (2018), pp. 549-575

**2. Institutional Legitimacy**

*The Journal of Political Philosophy* 26 (2018), pp. 84-102

**1. In Defense of Content-Independence**

*Legal Theory* 23 (2017), pp. 143-167

*Other:*

**3. Legitimacy Beyond the State: Institutional Purposes and Contextual Constraints**, with Antoinette Scherz and Cord Schmelzle  
*Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy*  
(forthcoming)

**2. Noam Gur, *Legal Directives and Practical Reason*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018, 256 pp, hb £50**

*Modern Law Review* 82 (2019), pp. 1179-1183

**1. Introduction to the Special Issue on Philip Pettit's *The Robust Demands of the Good***, with Susanne Burri

*Moral Philosophy and Politics* 5 (2018), pp. 1-8

PRESENTATIONS

**Institutional Separation and Legitimacy**

Conference: Should States Do It Alone?, Amsterdam, 2019

**Social Accommodation**

McMaster University, 2018

**The Relational Account of Authority**

Goethe Universität Frankfurt (GU) Political Theory Kolloquium, 2016

**Institutional Purpose and Legitimacy**

Justitia Amplificata (JA) Workshop: Legitimacy Beyond the State, 2017

**Trust, Authority, and Expertise**

ARENA Workshop on Expertise and Democratic Accountability in Courts and Public Administration, Rome, 2016

**An Instrumental Account of Legitimacy and International Institutions**

JA Workshop: Legitimacy & Democracy, FU Berlin, 2015

JA Conference: International Legitimacy and Law, 2015

**Expertise Can Ground Moral Authority**

Virginia Tech Philosophy Colloquium, 2015

**No Justice, No Peace**

JA Workshop: Leif Wenar, *Blood Oil*, 2014

**Why I'm Not a Philosophical Anarchist**

Washington University in St. Louis (WUSTL) Philosophy Department  
Colloquium, 2014

**Political Authority as Public Expertise**

WUSTL Political Theory Workshop on Politics, Economy, and Society  
(WPES), 2013

**Authority and Content-Independence**

WUSTL WPES, 2012

COMMENTS

**On “Large-Scale Moral Change: The Shift Toward Inclusive Moralities,”** Allen Buchanan

University of Arizona, *Buchanan Manuscript Workshop*, 2019

**On “Toward a Naturalistic Theory of Inclusivist Moral Progress,”** Allen Buchanan and Russell Powell

JA Workshop: *The Evolution of Moral Progress*, 2018

**On “Estrangement and Exploitation,”** Julius Sensat

JA Conference: Exploitation and Domination, 2018

**On “Relaxed Normative Realism,”** Kai Hüwelmeyer

GU Kolloquientreffen, 2016

**On “Targeting Terror,”** Tamar Meisels

JA Conference: Europe Today, 2016

**On “Are Concepts of Legitimacy for International Courts Related, and How?”** Andreas Føllesdal

JA Conference: The Challenges of Global Pluralism, 2015

**On “Public Equality and Democratic Legitimacy,”** Amanda Greene

American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, 2014

**On “Doing Without Love,”** Ian McMullen

WUSTL WPES, 2011

**On “Fair Play, Political Obligation and Punishment,”** Zach Hoskins  
WUSTL WPES, 2009

FELLOWSHIPS  
& AWARDS

**Arts and Sciences Summer Research Stipend**

University of Virginia, 2020

**Visiting Research Fellowship**

Chair of International Political Theory, Sommersemester 2014  
Goethe Universität Frankfurt

**Dean’s Award for Teaching Excellence**

Washington University in St. Louis, 2013-2014

**Dissertation Fellowship**

Washington University in St. Louis, 2012-2013

**Helen Stenner Graduate Essay Prize in Philosophy**

Washington University in St. Louis, 2011  
For “Minimal Responsibility and Supreme Emergencies”

PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICE

**Guest Editor:**

*Moral Philosophy and Politics* 5 (1), 2018

Special Issue: On Pettit’s *The Robust Demands of the Good*  
(with Susanne Burri)

*Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy* (expected 2020)

Special Issue: Legitimacy Beyond the State  
(with Antoinette Scherz and Cord Schmelzle)

**Organizer:**

JA Workshop: Legitimacy Beyond the State, 2017 (with Antoinette  
Scherz and Cord Schmelzle)

WUSTL Ethics Reading Group, 2011

**Session Chair:**

JA Conference: Demarcating the Demos, 2018

JA Workshop: International Institutions and Global Justice, 2017

JA Workshop: Humanity, Reciprocity, and Solidarity, 2015

**Assistant to the Directors:**

NEH Summer Seminar in Liberty, Equality, and Justice, 2012

NEH Summer Seminar in International Justice, 2010

**Member:**

American Philosophical Association; Association for Political Theory

**Reviewer:**

*Australasian Journal of Philosophy; Philosophers' Imprint; American Political Science Review; European Journal of Political Theory; International Criminal Law Review; Social Theory and Practice; International Theory; Theoria; Moral Philosophy & Politics; Res Publica; Social Philosophy Today*

DEPARTMENTAL  
SERVICE

**Thesis Advisor:**

MA: L. Siggelkow, 2018  
BA: L. Spieker, 2018; D. Kiracofe 2020

**President:**

WUSTL Philosophy Graduate Student Association, 2013, 2011

TEACHING

**As Professor:**

Democracy, Misinformation, & Prop. (G)	UVA	2020
Political Philosophy (AU)	UVA	2019, 2020
Intro to Moral and Political Phil. (U)	UVA	2019
History of Political Philosophy (U)	MU	2018
Phil. of Constitutional Law (AU/G)	MU	2018
Legit. of Supranational Institutions (G)	GUF	2018
Propaganda and Political Speech (G)	GUF	2017
Philosophy of Civil Disobedience (G)	GUF	2017, 2016
Theories of Cosmopolitanism (G)	GUF	2016
Global Ethics (U)	VT	2015
Jurisprudence (AU)	VT	2015, 2014
Ethical Theory (AU)	VT	2015, 2014
Morality and Justice (U*)	VT	2014
Present Moral Problems (U)	WUSTL	2013, 2011
Business Ethics (U)	WUSTL	2013
Global Ethics (U, online)	VT	2008

*Undergraduate (U); Advanced Undergraduate (AU); Graduate (G); 300 Enrollment (\*)  
University of Virginia (UVA); McMaster (MU); Goethe Universität Frankfurt (GUF)  
Virginia Tech (VT); Washington University in St. Louis (WUSTL)*

REFERENCES

**Christopher Heath Wellman**

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Goethe Universität Frankfurt  
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