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Academic Employment

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| Sep 2014 – Present | Assistant Professor in Political Theory, School of Government and International Affairs, Durham University (Fulltime, Permanent, Research and Teaching Position). |
| Sep 2013 – Aug 2014 | Postdoctoral Fellow at 'Justitia Amplificata' "Re-thinking Justice Applied and Global", Centre for Advanced Studies, Goethe-University, Frankfurt am Main (Fulltime Research Fellowship). |
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Education

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| Department of Politics,
University of York. | PhD (Politics) 2009-2013
Thesis title – "Global Poverty, Structural Injustice, and Obligations to take Political Action."
Thesis supervised by Professor Matt Matravers and Dr Martin O'Neill.
Examined by Professor Simon Caney (Oxford) and Professor Mathew Festenstein (York). Awarded 07/2014. |
| Department of Philosophy,
University of Glasgow. | MLitt Moral and Political Philosophy (Distinction), 2008-2009.
Dissertation title – "Citizens' Rights and Democratic Decision Making: A Critique of Waldron's <i>Law and Disagreement</i> ."
Dissertation supervised by Professor Dudley Knowles.
MA Philosophy (1st Class Honours), 2004- 2008.
Dissertation title – "How Successful is Hilary Putnam's 'Brains in the Vat' Argument?"
Dissertation supervised by Dr David Bain. |
| Faculty of Philosophy,
Charles University, Prague. | Erasmus Academic Exchange, 2006-2007. |

Funding and Awards

- 2018 Society of Applied Philosophy Event Funding for Economic Ethics Network Conference (£3000) with Andrew Walton and Sandrine Blanc.
- 2016 Society of Applied Philosophy Event Funding for Workshop 'Labour Market Injustice' (£2000) with Tom Parr and Andrew Walton.
- 2016 Visiting Fellowship, Justitia Amplificata, Goethe University, Frankfurt (1500 euros).
- 2015-2016 'Outstanding Academic Support in Social Science and Health' Durham Students' Union Annual Awards.
- 2009-2012 Arts and Humanities Research Council, Block Grant PhD Studentship (full tuition fees plus maintenance at £13 000 per annum).
- 2006-2008 Lorimer Bursary (£400 per academic year) - awarded on the basis of merit by the Head of Philosophy to an undergraduate honours student.

Research

I work primarily on questions of injustice and moral obligation. I am currently developing a structural account of human rights that considers contributors to social structures the primary agents of justice. I use the concept of 'essentially aggregative harm' to develop a contractualist account of the obligations agents have in relation to the structural violation of these rights.

Publications

'A structural approach to the human right to just and favourable working conditions' the Human Right to Just and Favourable Working Conditions' *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy*, (2018) DOI: [10.1080/13698230.2018.1448152](https://doi.org/10.1080/13698230.2018.1448152)

'Poverty, injustice and obligations to take political action' in *Ethical Issues in Poverty Alleviation* Edited by Helmut P. Gaisbauer, Gottfried Schweiger & Clemens Sedmak, A publication by ASAP Austria, *Springer* (2016) pp. 209-224.

"The Tragedy of the Commons as an Essentially Aggregative Harm", *The Journal of Applied Philosophy*, Vol. 31, no. 3 (2014) pp. 223–236.

"Global Justice: A Structural Approach," *Public Reason*, Vol. 4, no. 1-2(2012) pp. 48-67.

"Review of Gary Browning, *Global Theory: from Kant to Hardt and Negri*", *Studies in Marxism*, Vol. 13 (2012) pp. 223-226.

In Progress

Global Poverty and Obligations to take Political Action, research monograph under contract for *Routledge*, - expected 2019.

Introducing Political Philosophy: A Policy-First Approach co-authored with Andrew Walton, Newcastle University, William Abel, Bank of England and Tom Parr, University of Essex, under contract for *Oxford University Press*, expected 2019.

Blogging

"Iris Young, Bad Dates and #metoo" *Justice-Everywhere.org* (January 2018).

"We middle class liberals" *Justice-Everywhere.org* (December 2016).

"Looking through a distorted window: English reflections on a Scottish referendum", *opendemocracy.net* (October 2nd 2014).

Conference and Workshop Presentations and Invited Papers

- 'Individual Collectivization Efforts to Address Structural Injustice: Excused by the Apathy of Others?' Queens Belfast Political Theory Seminar Series, January 2019.
- 'Social Structural Standards as Human Rights' Global Ethics Tea Series, University of Birmingham, November 2018.
- 'Collectivization and Reasonable Excuse' *MANCEPT* panel *Climate Change Mitigation and Imperfect Duties*, Manchester University, September 2018.
- 'Collectivization and Reasonable Excuse' *Economic Ethics Network Meeting*, Paris, June 2018.
- 'Collectivization excuses' *Durham Centre for Political Thought*, April 2018.
- 'Collectivization Duties, Apathy, and Wasted Efforts' *Festival of Idea 3*, University Pompeu Fabra, April 2018.
- 'Human Rights as Social Structural Claims' invited talk *MANCEPT*, Manchester University, December 2017.
- 'Human Rights as Social Structural Claims' invited talk, University College London, October 2017.
- 'Socio-Economic Human Rights and Social Structure', *European Consortium on Analytical Philosophy*, Munich, (August 2017).
- 'A Structural approach to the right to fair and decent working conditions' *Workshop on Labour Market Injustice*, Newcastle (December 2016) (Funded by the Society for Applied Philosophy).

- 'Domination, workers rights and social structure' Lisa Herzog's Colloquium, Technical University Munich (November 2016) (invited by political philosophy at TUM).
- 'Domination, workers rights and social structure' Rainer Forst and Darrel Moelendorf's Colloquium, Goethe University, Frankfurt Am Main (November 2016) (invited and funded by Normative Orders/ Justitia Amplificata).
- Comment on Simon Caney's 'Right to Resist Global Injustice', book manuscript workshop, Essex (October 4th) (invited and funded by Politics at Essex).
- Human Rights and Social Structures, research seminar, University of Nottingham (October 2016) (invited and funded by Politics at Nottingham).
- 'Contractualism and Essentially Aggregative Harm', Research Set, University of Durham (September, 2016).
- 'Self Employment and the Right to Fair and Decent Working Conditions' ECPR General Conference, Prague (September 2016).
- Are Socio-Economic Human Rights Merely Utopian? *Yaounde Justice Seminar*, 2016 Justice and Utopia (August 2016), (invited as keynote speaker by the organisers).
- Comment on Iris Young's Legacy – Iris Young and Global Health Justice Munich (July 8th -9th 2016).
- 'Work Place Abuse and Social Structures – Global Justice and Political Reality', University of Durham, Social Justice Seminar, Centre for the History of Political Thought (July 2016).
- 'Human Rights and Social Structure' Festival Ideas: Justice and Equality, Pompeu Fabre, Barcelona (April 2016).
- 'Aggregative Harm, Contractualism and the State' at *Dudley Knowles' memorial conference* Glasgow (10th and 11th September 2015) (invited and funded by Philosophy at Glasgow).
- 'Deontology and Essentially Aggregative Outcomes', Justice Beyond Borders, International Political Theory, *ECPR General Conference* Montreal (28th August 2015).
- 'Structural Injustice, Political Responsibility and the University' *Social Justice Conference*, Chads College, Durham (3rd July 2015).
- 'Towards an account of duties to prevent future injustice' at *Collective Responsibility for the Future* at University College Dublin (June 15th and 16th 2015).
- 'A Contractualist Approach to Essentially Aggregative Harm', At the University of York *Morrell Centre for Toleration* (26th May 2015) (invited and funded by politics at York).

- ‘Essentially Aggregative Harm and Moral Principles’ at the University of Bristol Research Seminar, (20th May 2015) (invited and funded by political philosophy at Bristol).
- ‘A structural account of workers’ rights’ seminar series ‘Theories of Modern Liberty’, Centre for the History of Political Thought, Durham University (18th May 2015).
- ‘Structural Injustice and Negative Collectivization Duties’ Manchester Cooperation and Equality series (April 14th 2015) (invited and funded by Politics at Manchester).
- Berlin Structural Injustice Workshop, ‘Why adopt a structural approach’ (February 12th-13th, 2015) (invited and funded by the organisers).
- “Structural Injustice, Workers’ Rights and the Responsibility Deficit” at the *Justitia Amplificata Global Economic Justice Conference*, Goethe University, Frankfurt (July 2014).
- “A Structural Account of Socio-Economic Human Rights” at the *Meeting on Ethics and Political Philosophy* at the University of Minho (May 2014).
- “Essentially Aggregative Harm and Moral Principles” at the *Lukas Mayer Colloquium*, University of Graz (March 2014).
- “On Contribution to Essentially Aggregative Harm” at the Forschungskolleg Humanwissenschaften, Bad Homburg (January 2014).
- “Who is Obligated to turn Theory in to Practice” at the *Association of Legal and Social Philosophy Annual Conference: Combining Theory and Practice*, University of Stirling (June 2013).
- “The Tragedy of the Commons and Moral Obligation” at the *Morrell Political Theory Workshop*, University of York (November 2012).
- “Global Economic Justice: a Structural Approach” at “On the Scope of Distributive Justice: Relational and Non-Relational Views” a conference organised by the *Global Justice Network* and Central European University, Budapest (July 2012).
- “Global Economic Justice, The Tragedy of The Commons and Moral Obligation” at “Global Justice: Norms and Limits”, University of Bucharest (May, 2012).
- “Global Justice: A Structural Approach”, at the 2012 Warwick Graduate Conference in Political Theory (February 2012).
- “Approaches to Global Economic Injustice and Responsibilities of the Affluent”, at the *Morrell Political Theory Workshop*, University of York (January 2012).
- “Complicity in Global Economic Injustice” tabled paper at the 6th *ECPR General Conference*, University of Iceland, Reykjavik (August 2011).

Teaching and Supervision

- Co-supervisor of Richard Williams (with Professor Julian Reiss, Philosophy) funded PhD Candidate, part of the K4U project, provisional title 'Democratic Theory: Between Idealism and Realism' 2016-present.
- Second Supervisor for Ravza Altuntas-Cakir 'Muslim Democracy: The Return of Political Theory', Awarded May 2018.
- Sponsor and Mentor for Ali Emre Benli on the project 'Theorizing Justice in Asylum in the Here and Now', *Global Policy Junior Fellow*, 2017.
- Module Convenor *Ethical Aspects of International Institutions* (Masters Level Course) 2017-18.
- Module Convenor *Theories of Global Justice* (masters level course) University of Durham 2015- 16, 2018-19.
- Module Convenor *Ideas and Ideologies* (level 1), University of Durham 2017- 2018.
- Module Convenor *Introduction to Political Theory* (level 1), University of Durham 2018-2019.
- Lecturer *Foundation of Western Political Thought* (level 2), Durham 2014-present.
- Tutor for *Research Project* Level 2 Module (26 students), School of Government and International Affairs, Durham University (2014- 2018).
- Module Convenor for "What is Injustice? An Introduction to Social and Political Philosophy," Centre for Life Long Learning, University of York (2013).
- Seminar Tutor for *Contemporary Political Philosophy* (2nd Year Course), Department of Politics, University of York (2010-2013).
- Seminar Tutor for *Introduction to Political Theory* (1st Year Course), Department of Politics, University of York (2010-2011).

Academic Administration and Conference Organisation

- Developed new 1st year module 'Introduction to Political Theory' as part of a committee initiating a full curriculum review (June 2017 - September 2018). The module focuses on developing reasoning and argumentation skills through engaging with philosophical debates concerning contemporary political issues.
- Athena Swan Lead, School of Government and international Affairs 2017-19.
- Programme Director, Global Politics Masters 2018.
- Organiser 'Global Justice meets Global Democracy' Global Politics/ Centre for Political Thought – Durham July 2017.

- Blog Series Co-ordinator – ‘Labour Market Injustice’ – Justice Everywhere (April 2017).
- Co -organiser – ‘Labour Market Injustice Workshop’ – Newcastle, December 2016, funded by the Society for Applied Philosophy.
- Blog Series Co-ordinator – ‘Justice in Academic Events’ – Justice Everywhere (November-December 2016).
- Department representative for Philosophy, Politics and Economics (2014-17) Durham University.
- Department representative for Combined Honours (2014- 2016) Durham University.
- Co-organiser – ‘Global Injustice and Political Reality’, Global Politics, University of Durham June 2016.
- Co-organiser of *The Social Justice Seminar Series*, Centre for the History of Political Thought Durham and Politics Newcastle September 2015- June 2016 - with Andrew Walton.
- Representative on the School of Government and International Affairs Gender Equality Mainstreaming Committee (2015-2017).
- Widening Participation programme contributor – Chads College, Durham.
- Conducting open day sample lecture ‘Introducing Political Philosophy’ (2015-2018).
- Organiser for the *Justitia Amplificata* Summer Conference on Global Economic Justice, Forschungskolleg Humanwissenschaften, Bad Homburg (June, 2014).
- Open Day Representative and Department Ambassador, Department of Politics, University of York (2010-2013).
- Graduate Student Representative, Department of Politics (2010-2011).
- Co-organiser of ‘First Scottish Undergraduate Philosophy Conference: Ethics, Politics and Social Values’ (May- September 2008).

Professional Membership

- Economic Ethics Network (2017 -present).
- Society for Applied Philosophy (2016-present).
- Higher Education Academy (2016- present).

External Experience

- Treasurer and founding member of *SCOOP* York University Student Food Co-operative (November 2009- January 2012).
- Events-Organiser for *Glasgow University Stop the War Coalition* (December 2008).

- Administrative Assistant for the Scottish Government in the Health Department and the Community Learning and Development Department (May-September 2008).
 - Intern for *Red Pepper* – feminist, socialist and environmentalist magazine (August 2006).
 - Board Member, Debates Representative and Politics Columnist at the Queen Margaret Union, University of Glasgow (January 2005- September 2006).
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Referees

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