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AoS: Ethics; Philosophy of Technology

AoC: Political Philosophy; Philosophy of Science; Philosophical and Formal Logic

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

John Vincent Fellow, *Humanising Machine Intelligence* Grand Challenge Project, ANU	2019-present
Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, The Polonsky Academy	2014-2019

GRANTS

Templeton World Charity Foundation, ($233,000 USD) *Moral Skill and Artificial Intelligence* Project Co-Director	2020-2023

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Philosophy, University of Cambridge (Passed with no corrections)	2010–2014
Thesis: The Nature and Value of the Supererogatory	
Supervisors: Prof. Rae Langton and Prof. Hallvard Lillehammer	
Examiners: Prof. Richard Holton and Prof. Michael Clark	
M.Phil. Philosophy, University of Cambridge (High Pass, First for thesis)	2009–2010
B.A., hons. Philosophy, University of Cambridge (First in all three years)	2006–2009

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

‘**The Rationally Supererogatory**’ *Mind* (2019) Online First, co-authored with Adam Bales

‘**Supererogation and Sequence**’ *Synthese* (forthcoming), co-authored with Adam Bales

‘**Intentions, Motives and Supererogation**’ *Journal of Value Inquiry* (2019) 53(1):107-123

‘**The Enemy of the Good: Supererogation and Requiring Perfection**’ *Utilitas* (2018) 30(3):333-354

‘**Supererogation, Optionality, and Cost**’ *Phil Studies* (2017) 175(10):2399–2417

‘**Supererogatory Spandrels**’ *Etica & Politica/Ethics & Politics* (2017) 19(1):269-290

‘**What is Wrong with Promising to Supererogate**’ *Philosophia* (2014) 42(1):55-61

BOOK CHAPTERS

‘**Child Pornography in the Digital Age: A Conceptual Muddle**’ *Pornography: Interdisciplinary Perspectives*, (Peter Lang), ed. Frank Jacobs (forthcoming)

‘**Over-Demandingness Objections and Supererogation**’ *The Limits of Moral Obligation: Moral Demandingness and Ought Implies Can*, ed. Marcel van Ackeren and Michael Kühler, (Routledge, 2016).

POPULAR PRESS and TEACHING GUIDES

'"Playtest" and the Power of Virtual Reality: Are Our Fears Real?' In *Philosophy and Black Mirror* (Blackwell Philosophy and Pop Culture Series, 2019), edited by David Kyle Johnson, Series Editor: William Irwin (forthcoming)

'A New Ethics for Virtual Worlds' In the Van Leer's magazine *These Times* and *Ha'aretz* (February, 2019)

'An Eloquent Woman is Never Chaste' Review of Caroline Criado Perez's *Do It Like A Woman*, in *The Erotic Review* (2015)

'Tackling the Philosophy Essay: A Student Guide' Co-written with Christina Cameron, Amanda Cawston, and Shyane Siriwardena, under Creative Commons, in various formats (2013)

UNDER REVIEW OR IN PROGRESS

'What is Wrong with Doctored Child Pornography' RnR at *The Journal of Social Philosophy* (resubmission requested on 11 May 2018 and submitted on 16 Oct 2018).

'Pornography and Cause: An Even More Sensible Anti-Porn Feminism' Co-authored with Georgie Statham. Under review at *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*.

'Artificial Moral Agents, Slave Ethics and Supererogation' To be sent out to *Ethics and Information Technology*.

Robot Relationships In progress, expected to be fully drafted in the next 3-5 years

RESEACH AWARDS and PRIZES

Research Awards

Crausaz-Wordsworth PhD Studentship	2010-2013
Cambridge Home and European Scholarship Scheme (CHESS)	2010-2013
Onora O'Neill Studentship	2009-2010
Allen Meek and Read Bursary	2009-2010

Prizes

Robins Prize for Exceptional Performance and College Prize	2009
Foundation Scholarship and College Prize	2008
Scholarship and College Prize	2007

INVITED TALKS

Ethics for Robots, The Law and Philosophy Workshop, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem	2018
The Ethics of Virtual Child Pornography, Center for Ethics, LMU Munich	2018
Life without the Supererogatory, The Philosophy Faculty Colloquium, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem	2015
Defining Supererogation, The Centre for Moral and Political Philosophy, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem	2015
Psychological Perfectionism and the Paradox of Obligation, The Kyoto Workshops on Ethics and Well-being, Kyoto University, Japan	2013

Supererogatory Acts: Optional and Good, The Moral Sciences Club, University of Cambridge — 2013

The Nature of Supererogatory Acts, The Inaugural Session of the Centre for Applied Philosophy and Ethics (CAPE), Kyoto University, Japan — 2013

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Empathy and Virtual Reality, Israeli Philosophical Association, Bar-Ilan University, Israel — 2019

Virtual Reality: The Empathy Machine, International Conference on Applied Ethics, Kyoto University, Japan — 2018

Artificial Agents and Slave Ethics, New Agents and Agencies: Science, Technology and Subjectivity Summer School, Jerusalem — 2018

Supererogation and Sequence, Ethics and Risk, Australian National University — 2018

Doctored Child Pornography, 3rd Haruv Workshop on 'Child Maltreatment', Jerusalem — 2016

What is Wrong with Virtual Child Pornography, 3rd Annual Workshop in Applied Philosophy: The Ethics of Emerging Technology, Bowling Green State University, Ohio, U.S. — 2015

On the Goodness of Supererogatory Acts, Supererogation: Concept and Context, University of Basel, Switzerland — 2015

Supererogatory Spandrels, Royal Institute of Philosophy Conference on Supererogation, University College Dublin — 2014

The Value of Supererogatory Acts, Understanding Value Conference, University of Sheffield — 2013

What is Wrong with Promising to Supererogate, The Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and Mind Conference, University of Exeter — 2013

Supererogatory Spandrels, The Limits of Duty Workshop, University of Cambridge — 2013

TEACHING

Lecturing

The Moral and Political Philosophy of AI (Philosophy honours and final year undergraduates), Australian National University. Facilitator — 2019

Introduction to Ethics (Science undergraduates, first to fourth year BA), Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Instructor of record (Average quality rating: 9/10) — 2017-8

The Ethics of Technology (Philosophy MA students and Interdisciplinary Humanities Honours students), Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Instructor of record (Average quality rating: 8.2/10) — 2017

Utilitarianism, for MASSOLIT (a provider of online lecturers, as part of a series of lectures covering Bertrand Russell's *History of Western Philosophy*). — 2014

The Non-Identity Problem (Ethics and Political Philosophy BA (Third Year) and MPhil students), Cambridge (Average quality rating: 9/10) — 2012

Supervising (University of Cambridge) (Average quality rating: 8.4/10)

Ethics (First, Second and Third Year)	2011-2014
Political Philosophy (First, Second and Third Year)	2010-2014
Logic (First and Second Year)	2010-2013
Extended essays in ethics (Second and Third Year)	2013-2014
Dissertations in ethics (Third Year)	2013-2014

Seminars/Discussion Groups/Classes (University of Cambridge)

Ethics and Political Philosophy (First Year) (Average quality rating: 8/10)	2010-2012
Metaphysics and Mind (First Year) (Average quality rating: 8/10)	2010-2012
Formal logic (First Year) (Average quality rating 8.4 out of 10)	2010-2012

Essay-Writing Workshop	2013

Designed, organised and taught a workshop on essay writing skills for first year students

Outside the academy (selected)

Parkinson's UK, Sutton, Kingston & Epsom	2017
Recalibrating: Experiments in Alternative Realities, The Jerusalem Season of Culture	2016
Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnicity (BAME) Summer School, Cambridge	2014
Further Education Summer School, Cambridge	2014
Philosophy and Theology Master Class, Cambridge	2014
Reach Cambridge International Summer School	2013
Taster Day, Newnham College, Cambridge	2012-2013
Philosophy Society, Emanuel School, Battersea, London	2012
Reach Cambridge International Summer School	2012
Sutton Trust Summer School	2012-2014
Hills Road Sixth-Form, Cambridge	2011

SERVICE AND ORGANISATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Reviewer for *Philosophia*, *The Journal of Political Philosophy*, *The Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *The American Philosophical Quarterly*, *Hypatia*, *Social Theory and Practice* and *MIT Press*	2014-present
Coordinator and Chair, *The Van Leer Jerusalem Philosophy Seminar*	2014-present
Co-Creator and Coordinator, *Women in Philosophy Group*, Jerusalem	2014-present
Cybersmith, in charge of the website and online profile for *BSET: British Society for Ethical Theory*	2014-present
Co-organiser and Investigator, *Realism and Virtual Reality*, a project interviewing about people's experience of realism in virtual reality, The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute	2016-present
Organiser, *New Agents and Agencies: Science, Technology and Subjectivity Summer School*, The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute	2018
Organiser, *Beyond Crisis: Meeting Points between the Humanities and the Sciences*, The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute	2017
Coordinator and Chair, *The Philosophy Graduate Seminar*, Cambridge	2014

Interviewer of prospective undergraduates at the University of Cambridge   2013
Organiser, Chair and Fundraiser, *The Limits of Duty Workshop*, Cambridge   2013
Organiser, Chair and Fundraiser, *Alterity, Intersubjectivity, Ethics*,   2013
    Cambridge
Coordinator and Chair, *The Cambridge Women in Philosophy Group*   2011-2013
Organiser and Secretary, *The Moral Sciences Club*, Cambridge   2011-2012
Supervisor Assessor, *Supervisor Appraisal Scheme*, Cambridge   2011-2013