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## AREAS OF RESEARCH

Expertise: Ethics, Metaethics  
Competence: Philosophy of Language, Metaphysics, Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Law, Nietzsche

## EMPLOYMENT

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| 2018 -      | Inland Norway U. of Applied Sciences | Associate Professor              |
| 2018 - 2023 | Inland Norway U. of Applied Sciences | Head of Philosophy Section       |
| 2015 - 2018 | University of Oslo                   | Postdoctoral Research Fellow     |
| 2015 - 2018 | Inland Norway U. of Applied Sciences | Associate Professor (20%)        |
| 2014 - 2015 | Inland Norway U. of Applied Sciences | Associate Professor (fixed term) |
| 2013 - 2014 | New York University                  | Lecturer                         |

## EDUCATION

|      |                     |                                                                                                                                  |
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| 2013 | New York University | Ph.D., Philosophy<br>Dissertation: <i>Essays in Moral Platonism</i><br>Committee: Sharon Street (chair), Thomas Nagel, Ted Sider |
| 2005 | University of Oslo  | B. A., Philosophy                                                                                                                |

## PUBLICATIONS

### ARTICLES

|      |                                                                                   |
|------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2023 | Metaethics as Conceptual Engineering<br><i>Analytic Philosophy</i>                |
| 2020 | Deservingness Transfers<br><i>Utilitas</i>                                        |
| 2016 | Moral Deference and Interpersonal Authenticity<br><i>Journal of Philosophy</i>    |
| 2015 | How To Be a Moral Platonist<br><i>Oxford Studies in Metaethics</i>                |
| 2011 | Darwin and Moral Realism: Survival of the Fittest<br><i>Philosophical Studies</i> |

### BOOK REVIEW

|      |                                                           |
|------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| 2015 | David Enoch: Taking Morality Seriously<br><i>Utilitas</i> |
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### OPINION

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| 2023 | Vi må forberede oss på en dramatisk sommer i Ukraina<br><i>Dagens Næringsliv</i> |                                                                          |
| 2021 | Tellekantsystemet forskjellsbehandler<br><i>Khrono</i>                           |                                                                          |
| 2019 | Mot menneskeverdspopulisme<br><i>Morgenbladet</i>                                | (with Andreas Carlsson, Espen Gamlund, Bjørn Ramberg and Caj Strandberg) |

## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

|             |                                             |                                                                                                       |
|-------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2015 - 2018 | Norwegian Research Council<br>3 245 000 NOK | FRIPRO Postdoctoral research project: "A Defence of Objective Values"                                 |
| 2012 - 2013 | Andrew W. Mellon Foundation<br>27 000 USD   | Dissertation scholarship                                                                              |
| 2011 - 2012 | Evan Frankel Foundation<br>2 000 USD        | Frankel fellowship (awarded one NYU Philosophy doctoral student each year, for dissertation progress) |
| 2007 - 2012 | New York University<br>26 000 USD x 5 years | MacCracken doctoral fellowship                                                                        |
| 2006 - 2008 | Fulbright Foundation<br>150 000 NOK         | Scholarship for graduate study in the US                                                              |

## PRESENTATIONS

### INVITED

|             |                                                                       |                                                       |
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| forthcoming | <i>How to Promote the Good When You're Clueless (which is always)</i> | Seminar in Practical Philosophy, Stockholm University |
| 2022        | <i>How to Promote the Good When You're Clueless (which is always)</i> | Practical Philosophy Colloquium, University of Bergen |
| 2022        | <i>Moral Platonism</i>                                                | Moral Philosophy Group, St. Andrews University        |
| 2021        | <i>Priority Now without Repugnance Later</i>                          | Seminar in Practical Philosophy, Uppsala University   |
| 2018        | <i>Direct Welfarism</i>                                               | Norwegian Metaethics Workshop, University of Oslo     |
| 2018        | <i>Metaethics As Engineering</i>                                      | University of Duisburg-Essen                          |
| 2017        | <i>Crash Course in Moral Philosophy</i>                               | Stunderterhjemmet, Oslo                               |
| 2016        | <i>What is Metaethical Disagreement?</i>                              | Normative Disagreement Workshop, University of Oslo   |
| 2016        | <i>The Search for Normative Atoms</i>                                 | Varieties of Normativity Workshop, Uppsala University |
| 2015        | <i>Supervenience for Nonnaturalists</i>                               | Moral Supervenience Workshop, University of Oslo      |
| 2014        | <i>Why Not Google Morals?</i>                                         | Ruth Barkan Marcus Philosophical Society, NYU         |
| 2010        | <i>Comments on Wielenberg</i>                                         | Pacific APA                                           |

### PEER-REVIEWED

|      |                                    |                                                      |
|------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| 2013 | <i>How to Be a Moral Platonist</i> | Madison Metaethics Workshop                          |
| 2006 | <i>Moderate Invariantism</i>       | Florida State University graduate student conference |

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### INLAND NORWAY UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES

|             |                                                           |
|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| 2015 - 2022 | Introduction to Philosophy and Critical Thinking (ExPhil) |
| 2015 - 2021 | Lectures on Research Ethics (PhD course)                  |
| 2018        | Philosophy of Science                                     |
| 2015        | Philosophy of Law (ExFac Juss)                            |
| 2014        | Introduction to Philosophy and Critical Thinking (ExPhil) |

### UNIVERSITY OF OSLO

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| 2016 | Lectures on Hume, Relativism and Consequentialism (x3) (part of ExPhil) |
| 2017 | Ethics                                                                  |

### NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

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| 2014 | Topics in Ethics and Political Philosophy |
| 2014 | The Nature of Value                       |
| 2013 | Central Problems of Philosophy            |

### NEW YORK UNIVERSITY (AS TEACHING ASSISTANT)

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|------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| 2010 | The Nature of Values | <i>Matthew Silverstein</i> |
| 2010 | Consciousness        | <i>Ned Block</i>           |
| 2009 | Minds and Machines   | <i>Ned Block</i>           |
| 2009 | Metaphysics          | <i>Peter Unger</i>         |