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RESEARCH AREAS

Philosophy
Political philosophy, ethics, Indigenous rights, Indigenous philosophy, philosophy of wellbeing, and conceptual engineering

Interdisciplinary research
Indigenous peoples and resource extraction industries, including agreement-making and consent; data sovereignty; national and community wellbeing measurement frameworks

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- **Research Fellow**, School of Regulation and Global Governance, Australian National University (2025–present)

  Interdisciplinary research on Indigenous rights and resource industries, including Indigenous self-determination, agreement-making, consent, and data sovereignty.
- **Research Affiliate**, School of Philosophy, Australian National University (2025–present)

EDUCATION

- **PhD in Philosophy**, Australian National University (2024)

  Thesis: "Engineering Concepts for Public Policy: Wellbeing and Disability"
  Panel: Nicholas Southwood, Garrett Cullity, Katie Steele
  Examiners: Ingrid Robeyns, Valerie Tiberius
- **MA in Philosophy**, Washington University in St. Louis (2019)
- **MA with Distinction (highest honour) in Philosophy**, Victoria University of Wellington (2015)
- **BA with First Class Honours (highest honour) in Philosophy,** Victoria University of Wellington (2014)
- **BA in Philosophy**, **Massey Scholar (highest honour)**, Massey University (2013)
- **Te Pōkaitahi Ngāpuhi-Nui-Tonu** (Certificate in Māori Studies), NorthTec, New Zealand (2006)

LANGUAGES

- **English**, fluent
- **Māori**, conversational

PUBLICATIONS

ARTICLES & CHAPTERS

10. "Indigenous Philosophy and Analytic Philosophy: Relationship Issues." *Australasian Philosophical Review*. (Invited, forthcoming)
9. "Wellbeing Frameworks and Future Generations." *Journal of Social Philosophy.* Online first at doi.org/10.1111/josp.70066. (2026)
8. "An Account of Wellbeing for Wellbeing Frameworks." *Ergo: An Open Access Journal of Philosophy* 13. (2026 [accepted 2024])
7. "Australia's Wellbeing Framework: Is It Really Measuring What Matters?" With Kate Sollis and Paul Campbell. *Australian Journal of Social Issues* 60 (2): 511–531. (2025)
6. "Utilitarianism." In *Ethical Theory in Global Perspective*, edited by Michael Hemmingson, 125–141. SUNY Press. (2024)
5. "Love, Reasons, and Desire." *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 23 (3): 591–605. (2020)
4. "A Humean Constructivist Reading of J. S. Mill's Utilitarian Theory." *Utilitas* 28 (2): 189–214. (2016)
3. "Is Moral Bioenhancement Dangerous?" *Journal of Medical Ethics* 42 (1): 3–6. (2016, online first 2015)

REVIEWS

2. "*Choosing Normative Concepts*, written by Matti Eklund." *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 17 (4): 441–444. (2020)

PUBLIC-FACING PUBLICATIONS

1. "Whatever happened to the Albanese government's wellbeing agenda?" With Kate Sollis and Paul Campbell. *The Conversation*. June 26, 2025

WORK IN PROGRESS

UNDER REVIEW

- "Indigenous Peoples, Resource Projects, and Consent." Argues for a statutory requirement for Indigenous peoples' consent for resource projects on Indigenous lands.
- "Yes, There Is Indigenous Knowledge." Responds to recent arguments that there's no such thing as Indigenous knoweldge.
- "How to Engineer an Account of Wellbeing." Develops a method for arriving at accounts of wellbeing for practical contexts.

IN PREPARATION

- "Understanding Indigenous Knowledge." Argues that existing accounts of Indigenous knowledge are inadequate and develops an alternative approach.
- "Agreements Between Indigenous Peoples and Extractive Companies: A Critical Review and Research Agenda." With Nick Bainton and Jenna Imad Harb.
- "An Analysis of Western Bias in Multinational Wellbeing and Social Progress Frameworks." With Kate Sollis, Mohsen Joshanloo, Luciano Sewaybricker, Herdiyan Maulana, and Paul Campbell.
- "Wellbeing for Public Health: A Framework for Action." With Amanda Kvalsvig, Gerry Redmond, Karen McBride-Henry, Lynne Russell, Kristen Maynard, Rebecca Bell.

GRANT APPLICATIONS

- **Principal Investigator**, Mana Tūāpapa Future Leader Fellowship, Royal Society of New Zealand, NZ$820,000 (submitted 2026)
- **Investigator**, Tracing Rights and Authority in the Circular Economy: Enabling Indigenous and Community Governance of Global Lithium Supply Chains, Rio Tinto Centre for Future Materials; US$4 million (EOI submitted 2026)

PRESENTATIONS

- "Yes, There Is Indigenous Knowledge." School of Philosophy, ANU (2026)
- "Indigenous Peoples, Resource Projects, and Consent." School of Philosophy, ANU (2026)
- "Wellbeing and Indigenous Rights." School of Regulation and Global Governance, ANU (2026)
- "How to Engineer an Account of Wellbeing." *Workshop on Applied Philosophy of Wellbeing*, ANU (2024)
- "Measuring National Wellbeing in a Multicultural Society." *Measuring Wellbeing in a Multicultural World*, ANU (2023)
- "Conceptual Engineering for Public Policy." Global Priorities Institute, University of Oxford (2023)
- "Measuring National Wellbeing in a Multicultural Society." University of Hawai‘i (2023)
- "Wellbeing Policy and Future Generations." Global Priorities Institute, University of Oxford (2022)
- "Disability and Public Policy." *Conference on Social Categories and Oppression*, ANU (2021)

PANELS

- Invited panellist, *Thinking from Everywhen: Philosophy, Indigenous Knowledge and Perspectives*, ANU and University of Melbourne (2024)

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- Global Priorities Fellowship (£5,000), Forethought Foundation for Global Priorities Research, University of Oxford (2022–2023)
- Early Career Conference Programme, Global Priorities Institute, University of Oxford (2022–2023)
- Australian Government Research Training Program Stipend Scholarship, 3 years, ANU (2020)
- Australian Government Research Training Program Fee Offset Scholarship, 4 years, ANU (2020)
- Te Pūtahi Atawhai (Māori and Pasifika Student Success) Excellence in Mentoring Award, Victoria University of Wellington (awarded in both 2014 and 2015)
- Tu Horomata Scholarship, for outstanding Māori graduate students, Victoria University of Wellington (2014)
- Victoria Master's Scholarship, Victoria University of Wellington (2014)
- Victoria Graduate Award, Victoria University of Wellington (2013)
- Humanities & Social Sciences Scholarship for graduate study, Massey University (2013, declined by recipient)
- Massey Scholar, highest award for Bachelor's degree graduates, Massey University (2013)
- Orangi Kaupapa Trust Award ($4,000), to recognise work promoting positive social change in New Zealand (2004); for founding Te Whiti-o-Rongomai House, providing accommodation and support for homeless people.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP AND EVENT ORGANISATION

- Conference convenor, *Workshop on Applied Philosophy of Wellbeing*, ANU (2024)
- Conference convenor, *Measuring Wellbeing in a Multicultural World*, ANU (2023)
- Convenor, Works in Progress Group, Centre for Moral, Social, and Political Theory, ANU (2022–2024)
- Founder and convenor, St. Louis Chinese Philosophy Reading Group (2018–2020)
- Founder and convenor, Philosophy Graduate Students Group, Washington University in St. Louis (2016–2019)
- Founder and convenor, Social Events Series, Washington University in St. Louis (2016–2020)

PEER-REVIEW

- Referee for *Utilitas*, *Bioethics*, *The ILAR* (Institute for Laboratory Animal Research) *Journal*, *Journal of Value Inquiry*, *Journal of Ethics*, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, *Ratio*, *Res Philosophica*, and the *Australian Journal of Social Issues*

EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION

- Diversity Committee, Australasian Association of Philosophy (2020–2025)
- Equality and Diversity Committee, School of History, Philosophy, Political Science and International Relations, Victoria University of Wellington (2014–2016)

MENTORING AND STUDENT SUPPORT

- Mentor, Alumni as Mentors Program, Victoria University of Wellington (2026)
- Honours Student Mentor, ANU (2021–2025)
- Graduate Student Health Advisory Committee, Washington University in St. Louis (2019–2020)
- Founder and convenor, Mental Health Support Group, Washington University in St. Louis (2018–2020)
- Te Pūtahi Atawhai (Māori and Pasifika Student Success) Student Mentor, Victoria University of Wellington (2014–2016)

UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

- Work Health and Safety Committee, College of Law, Governance, and Policy, ANU (2025–present)
- Director of Social Programming, School of Regulation and Global Governance, ANU (2025)
- Program Scholarships Committee, School of Regulation and Global Governance, ANU (2025)
- Content audit and revision plan for the School of Philosophy website, ANU (2025)
- Senator, Graduate Student Senate, Washington University in St. Louis (2019–2020)
- American Philosophical Association Data Task Force Departmental Liaison, Washington University in St. Louis (2018–2020)
- Graduate Student Office Coordinator, Washington University in St. Louis (2017–2020)
- Entertainment Committee, Washington University in St. Louis (2016–2017)

TEACHING

SOLE INSTRUCTOR

- Phil 234 Business Ethics, Washington University in St. Louis (2019)
- Phil 233 Biomedical Ethics, Washington University in St. Louis (2018)

GUEST LECTURER

- Para 604 Clinical Practice 1 [Paramedicine], Auckland University of Technology (2019)—ethics and medical care

HEAD ASSISTANT INSTRUCTOR

- Phil 105 The Big Questions, Victoria University of Wellington (2016)
- Phil 104 Minds, Brains, and Persons, Victoria University of Wellington (2015)
- Phil 106 Contemporary Ethical Issues, Victoria University of Wellington (2015)

ASSISTANT INSTRUCTOR

- Phil 1005 Logic and Critical Thinking, ANU (2024)
- Phil 2122 Philosophy and Public Policy, ANU (2024)
- Phil 2122 Philosophy and Public Policy, ANU (2022)
- Phil 1004 Fundamental Ideas in Philosophy, ANU (2021)
- Re St 3091 Confucian Thought, Washington University in St. Louis (2019)
- Phil 315 Philosophy of Mind, Washington University in St. Louis (2018)
- Phil 233 Biomedical Ethics, Washington University in St. Louis (2018)
- Phil 233 Biomedical Ethics, Washington University in St. Louis (2017)
- Māori and Pasifika Assistant Instructor, Phil 107 Philosophy of Media and the Arts, Victoria University of Wellington (2015)
- Phil 104 Knowledge and Reality, Victoria University of Wellington (2015)
- Phil 105 The Big Questions, Victoria University of Wellington (2014)

TEACHER TRAINING

- Mental Health Awareness Training, ANU College of Arts & Social Sciences (2021)
- Gender Inclusive Teaching Workshop, ANU College of Arts & Social Sciences (2020)

REFERENCES

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