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University of Notre Dame

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Research Interests

Areas of Specialisation: Ethics, Moral Psychology, Meta-Ethics

Areas of Competence: Political Philosophy, Applied Ethics

Employment

Associate Professor

Aug. 2024 – Continuing

Department of Philosophy,
University of Notre Dame

Associate Professor in Moral and Political Philosophy

Mar. 2022 – Jul. 2024

School of Philosophy, Religion and History of Science,
University of Leeds

Lecturer in Moral and Political Philosophy

Sep. 2018 – Mar. 2022

School of Philosophy, Religion and History of Science,
University of Leeds

Postdoctoral Fellow

Oct. 2017 – Aug. 2018

Australian National University

ARC project: The Origins of Inequality, Hierarchy, and Social Complexity

PI: Kim Sterelny

Education

PhD, Philosophy

Awarded Jul. 2018

Australian National University

BA (Hons), 1st Class, Philosophy

2012

Monash University, Clayton Campus

BA, Philosophy & Comparative Literature

2011

Monash University, Clayton Campus

Publications

Original Articles (Journals)

1. 'Mercy: A Right and A Privilege', Forthcoming in *Noûs*.
2. 'De-Moralizing Friendship: Unfinished Business', Forthcoming in *Philosophical Perspectives*.
3. 'Pride and Investment', *Ethics* 135, 259-289 (2025).
4. 'Situational Dependence and Blame's Arrow', *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society* 124, 167–190 (2024).

5. 'Self-Esteem: On the Form of Self-Worth Worth Having', *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, 104, 4: 686-719 (2023).
6. 'Moral Kombat: Analytic Naturalism and Moral Disagreement', *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 53, 366-282 (2023), co-authored with Edward Elliott.
7. 'Naturalising Moral Naturalism', *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*, 608-641 (2023).
8. 'Doubts about Duty as a Secondary Motive', *Philosophy & Phenomenological Research* 105, 2: 276-298 (2022).
9. 'Subjunctive Hypocrisy', *Ergo* 9, 7: 172-199 (2022).
10. 'Don't Stop Believing (Hold onto That Warm Fuzzy Feeling)', *Ethics* 132, 4-37 (2021), co-authored with Edward Elliott.
11. 'Moral Worth: Having it Both Ways', *The Journal of Philosophy* 117, 529-556 (2020).
12. 'Moral Worth and Doing the Right Thing by Accident', *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 97, 251-264 (2019).
13. 'Evolutionary Hypotheses and Moral Skepticism', *Erkenntnis* 84, 1025-1045 (2019).
14. 'On Having Bad Persons as Friends', *Philosophical Studies* 175, 3099-3116 (2018).
15. 'Hypocrisy and Moral Authority', *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* 12, 191-222 (2017), co-authored with Colin Klein.

Original Articles (Edited Collections)

16. 'Should Error Theorists Make Do with Make-Believe?' in R. Joyce & S. Brock (eds.), *Moral Fictionalism and Religious Fictionalism*. Oxford University Press (2023).
17. 'Minimizing the Misuse of Morality,' In R. Garner, & R. Joyce (eds.), *The End of Morality: Taking Moral Abolitionism Seriously*. Routledge (2019).

Book Reviews

1. 'Holroyd, Jules. Oppressive Praise', *Ethics* 136, 420-425 (2026).
2. 'Richard Joyce, Essays in Moral Skepticism', *Utilitas* 32, 126-129 (2020).
3. 'Empathy and Morality', *Biology and Philosophy* 30, 597-608 (2015).

Encyclopedia and Handbook Entries

1. 'What is the relationship between moral language and moral disagreement?', Forthcoming in A. Stamatiadis-Bréhier (Ed.), *A Collaborative Introduction to Metaethics* (w Edward Elliott).
2. 'Moral Hypocrisy', *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (2020).

Teaching Experience

Lecturing/Course Design

University of Notre Dame

PHIL93611 The Magic of 'My': The Ethics of Personal Attachments
 PHIL20415 Meats, Markets, Medicine, and Other Moral Issues

University of Leeds

PHIL1444 Philosophy, Politics, and Economics First Year Seminar
 PHIL1080 The Good, The Bad, The Right, The Wrong
 PHIL2322 Moral Philosophy
 PHIL3723 War, Terror, Justice
 PRHS5500M Moral and Political Philosophy in a Global Context I

Australian National University

PHIL3073/4010 Advanced Ethics, Social and Political Philosophy

PhD Dissertation Committee member

University of Notre Dame

Abby Concha, Kesavan Thanagopal

University of Leeds

Nathan Barrett

Professional Service and Administrative Work

Associate Editor

Free & Equal

2026 – present

Analysis

2021 – 2026

Editorial Board Member

Mind

2026 – present

Research Centre Director

Centre for Aesthetic, Moral, and Political Philosophy

2022 – 2024

University of Leeds

Committee member for PhD funding applications

White Rose College of the Arts & Humanities

2020 – 2022

Programme Director

Philosophy, Politics, and Economics

2020 – 2024

University of Leeds

MA Global Ethical Challenges

2022 – 2023

University of Leeds

Seminar Convenor

Philosophy seminar series

Aug. 2019 – Jan. 2021

University of Leeds

Work in Progress Pre-Read Seminar

Aug. 2019 – Jan. 2021

University of Leeds

Philosophy Society weekly seminar series

Jul. – Nov. 2015

Australian National University

Conference/Workshop organiser

Lakeside Ethics Workshop: University of Michigan & University of Notre Dame

Sep. 2026

University of Notre Dame

The Heart of Ethics: The Role of Emotions in Value Theory Conference

Jun. 2024

University of Leeds

Personal Relationships and the Normative Landscape Conference

May 2023

University of Leeds

Australian Association of Philosophy Annual Conference

Jul. 2014

Australian National University

Philosophy postgraduate conference

Nov. 2013

Kioloa Coastal Campus, Australian National University

Referee

Philosophy of Science, Journal of Applied Philosophy, Ethical Theory and Moral Practice, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy, Ergo, Inquiry, Topoi, Disputatio, Utilitas, Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophical Quarterly, Review of Philosophy and Psychology, The Journal of Ethics, British Journal for the Philosophy of Science, Analysis, Ethics, Philosophers' Imprint, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, Philosophical Studies, Journal of the American Philosophical Association, Canadian Journal of Philosophy, Erkenntnis, Oxford University Press], Journal of Philosophy, Routledge Press, Mind, Journal of Value Inquiry.

Awards & Scholarships

Society of Applied Philosophy Conference Grant Value: £1000	Jan. 2024
Mind Association Conference Grant Value: £600	Jan. 2023
Pre-doctoral Fellow Hebrew University of Jerusalem, AU\$4000 stipend	May-Jun. 2017
Vice Chancellor's HDR Travel Grant Australian National University, AU\$2000	2016
Domestic Student Scholarship Australian National University, AU\$25,766/yr. for 3.5 years	2013-16
Jubilee Honours Scholarship Monash University, Clayton Campus	2012
John Bigelow Prize for History of Philosophy Monash University, Clayton Campus	2011
Robert Turnbull Prize for Ancient Philosophy Monash University, Clayton Campus	2010
Deans Recognition Award Monash University, Clayton Campus	2009, 2010, 2011
Full fee-paying scholarship for BA Monash University, Clayton Campus	2008-2011

Upcoming Presentations & Commentaries

• Colloquium, College of William & Mary	Apr 2027
• Workshop on Agency and Responsibility, Cornell	Oct 2026
• Colloquium, University of Wisconsin-Madison	Oct 2026

Recent Presentations & Commentaries (Since 2021)

2026

• Moral Metaphysics Workshop, University of Maryland	Jun 2026
• Colloquium presentation, Central APA	Feb 2026

2025

- Princeton Workshop in Normative Philosophy Oct 2025
- Commentary, Chapel Hill Colloquium in Philosophy Sep 2025
- Philosophy Colloquium, University of California Davis May 2025
- Commentary on Johnson King's *Praiseworthiness: Its Contours and Limits*, APA Jan. 2025

2024

- PhilSoc Seminar, Australian National University. Nov. 2024
- Philosophy Seminar, University of Sydney Nov. 2024
- Ethics and Political Philosophy Seminar, University of Toronto Oct. 2024
- Explaining Normativity Workshop, University of Sheffield Apr. 2024
- MANCEPT seminar series, University of Manchester Apr. 2024
- Aristotelian Society, London Mar. 2024
- CELPA Seminar, University of Warwick Feb. 2024
- Philosophy Research Seminar, University of Nottingham Feb 2024
- Philosophy Society, University of Birmingham Jan. 2024
- Popper Seminar, London School of Economics Jan. 2024

2023

- Workshop, Aarhus University Nov. 2023
- Visiting Speaker Seminar, University of Stirling Nov. 2023
- 'The Standing to Blame and Beyond' Workshop, Lund University Oct. 2023
- Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference, Melbourne Jul. 2023
- Moral Philosophy Seminar, University of Oxford Mar 2023

2022

- MetaFS Workshop, Frankfurt Business School Dec. 2022
- Workshop on Epistemic and Practical Normativity, University of St Andrews Nov 2022
- Moral Philosophy Seminar, University of Gothenburg Nov 2022
- ACU/Leeds Normativity Workshop, Rome Sep. 2022
- Conference on Rational and Fitting Happiness, University of Southampton Sep. 2022
- Biannual Meta-Essen Workshop, University of Duisburg-Essen Jun. 2022
- Workshop on Happiness, Utility and Well-Being, University of York Jun. 2022
- Leeds/Durham Postgraduate Moral Philosophy Workshop, University of Leeds Apr. 2022
- The Practical, the Political and the Ethical Series, Royal Institute of Philosophy Apr. 2022
- Philosophy Colloquium Series, University of Helsinki Mar. 2022
- Philosophy Colloquium Series, University of Stockholm Feb. 2022

2021

- Workshop on Nihilism and its Implications, University of Stockholm Dec. 2021
- Religious and Moral Fictionalism Workshop, Victoria University of Wellington Sep. 2021
- Workshop on New Directions for Normative Naturalism, University of Leeds Jul. 2021

References available upon request