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AOS: meaning in life, philosophy of well-being, ethics, AI ethics

AOC: political philosophy, history of philosophy, epistemology

EDUCATION

- 2018-2022** University of Edinburgh, PhD. Philosophy
 Thesis: *Asymmetric Welfarism about Meaning in Life*
 Supervisors: Guy Fletcher & Michael Cholbi
 Examiners: Prof. Michael Hauskeller & Dr. Filipa Melo Lopes
- 2014-2018** University of Melbourne, M.A. Philosophy
 Thesis: *Playing the Hand You're Dealt: The Poker-hand Account of Well-being*
 Supervisors: Daniel Halliday & Karen Jones
 Examiners: Dr. Guy Fletcher & Prof. Eden Lin
- 2005-2007** Box Hill Institute, B.A. Music Performance (pianoforte)

PUBLICATIONS

- Forthcoming** Lucky Idiots & Incompetent Villains: Luck and Responsibility in Meaningful Lives. *Philosophia*
- 2023** Moral Monsters, Significance, and Meaning in Life. *The Journal of Value Inquiry*
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s10790-023-09961-6>
 Accesses: 900
- 2022** Anything Can Be Meaningful. *Philosophical Papers* 51(3), pp. 427-455.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/05568641.2022.2079552>
 Accesses: 1,550 Citations: 1
- 2018** Experience Machines, Conflicting Intuitions, and the Bipartite Characterization of Well-being. *Utilitas* 30(4), pp. 383-398. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S095382081800002X>
 Accesses: 430 Citations: 13

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Revise & Resubmit Meaning, Anti-Alienation, and Fulfilment, *Southern Journal of Philosophy*

Consequentialism, Welfarism, and Meaning in Life.

Under review Two Objections Against Purpose Theories about Meaning in Life.

Utility Servants and Consequentialism about Meaningful Living.

In Progress

Repugnant Conclusions, Citizen Z, and Consequentialism about Meaningful Living.

Polyvalence about Meaning in Life and retaining the Status Quo.

Rise of the Nozickian Machines.

In Progress The Nozickian Imperative.

Paper about meaning in life and political and economic theories.

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

2023-onwards Engagement & Impact Officer (Research, Grants, Visitors, & Awards)
Operations Team
Australian National University, Canberra, Australia
Schools of Music and Art & Design

This role handles research facing endeavours, including (but not limited to) publications collection, grants, visitor and honorary appointments, awards, and instrument management. The position works closely with academic faculty to ensure their research outputs, goals, and achievements are met and recognised both within academia and beyond.

TEACHING

2019-2022 Teaching Assistant/Tutor - Greats: Plato to the Enlightenment (1st year), University of Edinburgh.

Subjects included: Socrates (*Apology*); Plato (*The Republic*); Aristotle (*Nicomachean Ethics*); Descartes (*Meditations*); Hume (*Treatise, Dialogues*); Hobbes (*Leviathan*).

2019-2022 Teaching Assistant/Tutor - Morality and value (1st year), University of Edinburgh.

Subjects included: theories of well-being, ethical theories, political authority, practical ethics (topics included ethics of consent, immigration, business ethics).

2019-2020 Teaching Assistant/Tutor - PPLS Writing and Skills Centre, University of Edinburgh.

Duties included: reading the work of, and working alongside with, students from first year undergraduates through to Doctoral candidates in various disciplines (e.g, biology, architecture, physics, etc.) to help improve their academic writing and argumentation.

2015-2018 Teaching Assistant/Tutor - Big Questions (1st year), University of Melbourne.

Subjects included: ethical theories, bioethics (specifically eugenics), personal identity, consequentialism, epistemology, radical scepticism, structure of justification, philosophy of science, problem of induction, philosophy of mind.

2015-2018 Teaching Assistant/Tutor - Great Thinkers (1st year), University of Melbourne.

Socrates (*Apology*); Plato (*Meno, The Republic, Euthyphro*); Aristotle (*Nicomachean Ethics*); Descartes (*Meditations*); Spinoza (*Ethics*); Kant (*3rd Critique*).

2017 Discussion Facilitator - Ethics Forum, Australian Catholic University, Melbourne.

FUNDING/AWARDS

2018-2022 James Forrester PhD Scholarship, University of Edinburgh. Scholarship for ethics (4 years); tuition fees at overseas rate and stipend.

2020 Nominated for 'Outstanding Feedback' award, University of Edinburgh Student Association.

2016 Graduate Research in Arts Travel Award, University of Melbourne.

Research and Graduate Studies Funding Award, University of Melbourne.

SERVICES

Journal Refereeing *Philosophical Psychology - Northern Journal of Philosophy - Ethical Theory and Moral Practice - The Journal of Value Inquiry*

Public Service Sutton Trust Summer Scholar, leader of Philosophy Project Day, University of Edinburgh (2022)
 Judge for John Stuart Mill Cup, UK (2021)

TALKS/PRESENTATIONS

* accepted but unable to attend

- 2023 “AI Ethics & Meaningful Living: more to worry about?”
 AAP Conference, Australian Catholic University.
- 2022 “Lucky Idiots and Incompetent Villains: Anti-Luck and Meaning in Life” *
 Texas A&M University Graduate Conference.
- 2020 “Towards an Ontology of Lives” *
 AAP Conference, University of Sydney (canceled due to COVID-19).
- 2019 Agency and Outcomes in Meaningful Lives”
 AAP Conference, University of Wollongong.
- “Towards an Ontology of Lives”
 Ethics and Morality workshop, University of Edinburgh.
- “The Role of Luck in Meaningful Lives”
 Postgraduate Work in Progress Talk, University of Edinburgh.
- 2018 “The Shape of a Life and the Plays We Make”
 Whole Lives, Time, and Self-Hood, Deakin University.
- 2017 “The Shape of a Life and the Plays we Make”
 XXIV SICC, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid.
- “Are Conflicting Intuitions a Problem for the Experience Machine?” *
 Long Island Philosophy Society, St. John’s University.
- 2016 “Well-being and the Bipartite Distinction” *
 NZAP Annual Conference, University of Waikato
- “Doing Well does not Imply Going Well” *
 10th Annual Graduate Conference, Western Michigan University.
- “Well-being and the Bipartite Distinction” *
 53rd Western Canadian Philosophical Association, University of Alberta.
- “What is Bad for You Could be Good for Your Life”
 Australian Postgraduate Conference, Australian National University.
- “What is Good for Your Life Might not be Good for You”
 AAP Conference, Monash University.
- “Doing Well Does not Imply Going Well”
 AUB 1st Graduate Philosophy Conference, American University of Beirut
- “Doing Well Does not Imply Going Well”
 23rd Graduate Philosophy Conference, University of Waterloo.
- 2015 “Doing Well Does not Imply Going Well”
 Australasian Postgraduate Philosophy Conference, University of Adelaide.

COMMENTARIES

- 2022 Molly Gardner’s “Suffering and Meaning in the Life of Wild Animals”
 Edinburgh/Kansas Workshop on Well-being, University of Edinburgh.

ACADEMIC REFERENCES

References available upon request.