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University of Colorado, Boulder
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RESEARCH

Areas of Specialization
Social and Political Philosophy (especially the normative political economy of environmental sustainability; distributive justice, markets, and labor; global justice/patriotism; contract theory; the philosophy of John Rawls; and race and justice)

Areas of Competence
Applied Ethics, Philosophy of Mind, Epistemology

EDUCATION

Ph.D. **University of Utah, Philosophy** May 2019
Dissertation: "Global Justice: A Defense of Institutional Cosmopolitanism."
Committee: Cynthia Stark (chair), Leslie Francis, Chrisoula Andreou, Erin Beeghly, Darrel Moellendorf (Goethe University, Frankfurt)

MA **San Diego State University, Philosophy** May 2012
Thesis: "The Structure of Epistemic Justification"
Supervised by: Steven Barbone, J. Angelo Corlett

BA **California Polytechnic State University San Luis Obispo, Philosophy** May 2009
Graduated *Cum Laude*

ACADEMIC POSITIONS HELD

Philosophy Lecturer 2019-Present
University of Colorado, Boulder

Philosophy Instructor Spring 2019
Utah Valley University

Predoctoral Teaching Fellow 2017-2018
University of Utah Teaching Assistantship Award

Predoctoral Research Fellow 2016-2017
Marriner S. Eccles Fellowship, University of Utah

Predoctoral Research Fellow 2015
Forschungskolleg Humanwissenschaften
Cluster of Excellence, The Formation of Normative Orders,
Goethe University, Germany

Graduate Assistant / Teaching Assistant 2012-2016
University of Utah

Research Assistant 2013-2014
Adviser: Mariam Thalos
Research: Reductionism in Science

Research Assistant 2010-2012
Adviser: Darrel Moellendorf, the Institute for Ethics and Public Affairs
San Diego State University
Research: Global Justice and Climate Change

Graduate Assistant / Teaching Assistant 2010-2012
Institute for Ethics and Public Affairs, San Diego State University

PUBLICATIONS

"**Liberal Environmentalism Without Capitalism's Endless Growth**." *Ethics & the Environment*, 30(1), 2025, 1-31. DOI: 10.2979/een.00011

"**The Separateness of Persons: Defending the Rawlsian Institutional Approach to Distributive Justice**." *The Journal of Value Inquiry*, 57(2), 2023, 319–341. DOI: 10.1007/s10790-021-09829-7

"**Bounded Justice for Tribal Creatures: A Fact-Sensitive Defence of Patriotism.**" *Inquiry: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Philosophy*, Forthcoming. (Co-Authors: Renaud-Philippe Garner & Eric D. de Roulet) DOI: 10.1080/0020174X.2026.2728124

"**Against the Anticosmopolitan Basic Structure Argument: The Systemic Concept of Distributive Justice and Economic Divisions of Labor**." *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy*, 25(2), 2022, 551-571. DOI: 10.1080/13698230.2019.1697844

"**Rescuing Rawls's Institutionalism and Incentives Inequality**." *Res Publica: A Journal of Moral, Legal and Social Philosophy,* 25(4), 2019, 571-590. DOI: 10.1007/s11158-018-09413-0

"**The Priority of Liberty: Rawls Versus Pogge**." *The Philosophical Forum*, 46(2), 2015, 227-245. DOI: 10.1111/phil.12066

"**Dissociative Identity: An Objection to Baker's Constitution Theory.**" *Acta Analytica*, 26(4), 2011, 329-341. DOI: 10.1007/s12136-011-0133-1

"**Spinoza's Rejection of Teleology**." *Revista Conatus: Filosofia de Spinoza*, 4(8), 2010, 25-35. Open access: https://dialnet.unirioja.es/descarga/articulo/3666510.pdf

WORK IN PROGRESS OR UNDER REVIEW

Labor, Competition, and Status

The Right to Sustainable Development and Degrowth Ecological Economics

Racial Injustice, Self-Respect, and Protest

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

As Lecturer at University of Colorado, Boulder

Major Social Theories (Political Philosophy) Fall 2026-Spring 2027
Ethics and Sex/Gender
Philosophy and Race x2
Introduction to Medical Ethics x4

Ethics and Sex/Gender Fall 2025-Spring 2026
Philosophy and Law
Philosophy and Race x3
Introduction to Medical Ethics x3

War and Morality Fall 2024-Summer 2025
Ethics and Economics
Philosophy and Race x 2
Introduction to Medical Ethics x3
Poverty, Power, and Patriotism:
Issues in Global Justice x2

Philosophy and Race (Race and Justice) x5 Fall 2023-Spring 2024
Poverty, Power, and Patriotism x3

Philosophy and Race x2 Fall 2022-Spring 2023
Poverty, Power, and Patriotism x 3
Ethics and Sex/Gender
Ethics and Information Technology (AI/robotics) x2

Philosophy and Race x 5 Fall 2021-Spring 2022
Poverty, Power, and Patriotism x3

Major Social Theories (Political Philosophy) x3 Fall 2020-Spring 2021
Biomedical ethics x2
Poverty, Power, and Patriotism x 2

Biomedical ethics x2 Fall 2019-Spring 2020
Poverty, Power, and Patriotism
Ethics (Applied Ethics) x2
Major Social Theories

As Instructor at Utah Valley University

Ethics and Values (Introduction to Applied Ethics) x2 Spring 2019
Introduction to (Political) Philosophy

As Instructor at University of Utah

Global Inequality and Poverty (Politics, Philosophy, and Economics) Summer 2013-Spring 2018
Ethics (Introduction to Applied Ethics) x3
Biomedical Ethics x10

As Teaching Assistant at University of Utah

Global Justice (for Jason Wyckoff) Summer 2013
Introduction to Epistemology/Metaphysics x2 Fall 2012-Spring 2013
(for Dustin Stokes, and as sole instructor every Friday)

As Sole Instructor at San Diego State University

Political Philosophy 2011

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Presentations

"Political Polarization, Dating, and Algorithms." Women in Philosophy Club, University of Colorado, Boulder (2026)

"Sexual Consent, Bad Sex, and Duties of Self-Respect." Kappa Alpha Theta, University of Colorado Boulder (2023)

"**The Separateness of Persons: Defending the Institutional Approach to Distributive Justice**." The Center for Values and Social Policy, University of Colorado, Boulder Philosophy Department (2019)

"**Social Cooperation and the Scope of Distributive Justice**,"

Forschungskolleg Humanwissenschaften Normative Orders at Goethe University, Frankfurt Germany (2015)

Conference Papers

"Alternatives to Capitalism: Liberal Egalitarianism or Marxism?" American Philosophical Association Central Division, Denver, *Symposium Paper* (2023) (peer-reviewed paper)

"**Why 'Autonomy Solutions' Cannot Avoid Kim's Downward Causation Argument**," Intermountain Philosophy Conference, Utah Valley University (2013) (peer-reviewed paper)

"**Pogge's Arguments against Rawls's Priority of Liberty**," Workshop on Thomas Pogge and Global Justice, UCSD/SDSU (2012) (peer-reviewed paper)

"**Spinoza's Rejection of Teleology**," American Philosophical Association Pacific Division, San Diego, Colloquium Paper (2011) (peer-reviewed paper)

HONORS AND AWARDS

University of Utah Teaching Assistantship Award 2017-2018
Course Designed: Global Inequality and Poverty
(Politics, Philosophy, and Economics)
Awarded to 12-15 graduate students annually

Marriner S. Eccles Research Fellowship 2016-2017
Awarded to 2 graduate students for 2016-2017

Predoctoral Fellowship, Cluster of Excellence 2015
The Formation of Normative Orders,
Forschungskolleg Humanwissenschaften,
Goethe University Frankfurt, Germany

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Journal and Conference Reviewer: *The Journal of Social Philosophy, Philosophers' Imprint, Ergo x2, Social Theory and Practice x2, Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review, Acta Analytica x2,* Intermountain West Student Philosophy Conference, University of Utah 2012-2017

Public Political Philosophy/Associations: American Philosophical Association member, Adviser to the Socioeconomic Justice Society (a student outreach and activism group), and active United Campus Workers of Colorado (union) member

Conference/Colloquium Organizer: The Institute for Ethics and Public Affairs 2010-2012

Conference Chair: American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, San Diego 2011

Dissertation Abstract

My dissertation argues first that social and economic institutions, rather than one's character or individual transactions, are the proper site of distributive justice—an account called "institutionalism." The dissertation makes a case for thinking that distributive justice is "constructed" from liberal democratic ideas to solve the conflict in claims to rights, resources, opportunities, and powers that result from peoples' pluralistic and incompatible ideas of the good life, including their religious and ethical beliefs. Because justice is the solution to a practical interaction problem that results from accepting fundamental democratic ideas, the reasoning for a conception of justice needs to accurately represent the problem. Once this is done, it is argued that only institutionalism is justified. The reasoning for anti-institutionalist conceptions, such as utilitarianism and act-egalitarianism, does not accurately represent the interaction problem arising from distinct persons with their own ideas of the good.

My dissertation uses the framework supporting institutionalism to argue second that distributive justice is global in scope—a view called "cosmopolitanism." I examine the main cases for distributive justice, compatible with institutionalism, that restrict the scope of justice to the institutions of a state. Conceptions of distributive justice are based on a universal conception of the person, which people share across borders. So, these cases hold that the social institutions of a state organize economic cooperation to conclude that distributive justice applies only among compatriots. This is because distributive justice organizes a division of labor for a joint socioeconomic product, which only occurs with economic cooperation. My dissertation shows that if justice is a response to the conflicting claims we make on resources, then the main cases for distributive justice imply instead that justice is global in scope. Principles of distributive justice determine the functional roles of a socioeconomic system, that is, they determine what the division of labor in an economy is and who can participate. Thus, being members of an existing division of labor, organized by state institutions, cannot restrict the scope of justice. The main liberal democratic cases for restricting distributive justice to the state fail.

References

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