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Academic Employment

- Present* **Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Ethics and Political & Social Philosophy**, University of British Columbia. Affiliated with Prof. Kimberley Brownlee.
- 2023* **Senior Postgraduate Teaching Assistant**, Politics, University College London.
- 2020–2023* **Teaching Assistant**, Politics, University of Manchester.
- 2021–2023* **Conference Organiser**, MANCEPT Workshops, University of Manchester (one of the largest conferences in Political and Moral Philosophy worldwide). Employed once as regular organiser and once as co-lead organiser.
- 2020–2022* **Widening Participation Fellow**, University of Manchester.
Work increasing access to Higher Education for students from under-represented backgrounds.

Education

- 2023* **PhD in Political Theory**, Manchester Centre for Political Theory, University of Manchester (ESRC funded). Passed without corrections.
Examiners: Prof. Alasdair Cochrane (external) and Dr Christian Schemmel (internal).
Visiting PhD Student, Philosophy Department and W. Maurice Young Centre for Applied Ethics, University of British Columbia, Autumn 2022.
Thesis: “Dignity Beyond the Human: A Deontic Account of the Moral Status of Animals”. *Supervisors*: Dr Liam Shields and Dr Richard Child.
- 2019* **MA in Political Theory**, University of Manchester. Passed with Distinction (and a commendation for the highest grade in my cohort). ESRC Funded.
- 2018* **BA in Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE)**, University of Manchester
First Class Honours (with three awards for achievement).
- 2017* **Erasmus Exchange Student**, Paris Institute of Political Studies (Science Po).
GPA of 16.5/20 (First Class UK equivalent).

Academic Publications

- Forthcoming* “Sentient Dignity and the Plausible Inclusion of Animals”, *Politics, Philosophy, and Economics*.
- Forthcoming* “From Concept to Conception: Dignity and the Basic Needs Approach”, in Pribytkova, E. (ed), *In Search for a Social Minimum: Human Dignity, Poverty and Human Rights*, Springer: London.
- 2024 “Why Sentience should be the Only Basis of Moral Status”, *The Journal of Ethics*. 28(4), 719–741 <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10892-024-09487-4>
- 2023 “The Dignitarian Return”, *European Journal of Political Theory*. (Online First) <https://doi.org/10.1177/14748851231216878>
- 2023 ““Human” Dignity Beyond the Human”, *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy*. (Online First) <https://doi.org/10.1080/13698230.2023.2232221>

Book Reviews

- Forthcoming* “Raffael Fasel, *More Equal Than Others*”, Book Review, *Philosophical Quarterly*.
- 2023 “Jeff Sebo, *Saving Animals, Saving Ourselves*” Book Review, *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, 20(3-4): 350-353. <https://doi.org/10.1163/17455243-20030005>

Selected Works in Progress

1. “The Impossibility of Anti-Perfectionist Parenting” – symposium paper (co-author Kimberley Brownlee) (Under review at Law, Ethics and Philosophy).
2. “On the Bright Side of Rights” (draft available). Target: *Ethics*.
3. “Licencing Animal Guardians” (co-author Davide Pala) (in progress). Target: *Political Studies*.
4. “How (not) to Anthropomorphise Other Animals” (second author Kimberley Brownlee). Target: *Journal of Applied Philosophy*
5. “The Desubjectification of Animals” (early draft available). Target: *Free & Equal* (formerly *Philosophy and Public Affairs*).

Qualifications and Awards

2023	Excellence in Student Feedback Award, University College London.
2022	Fellow of the Higher Education Academy, granted after assessment of teaching.
2020	Nominee for the Student Union's Excellent Academic Advising Award.
2019	Letter of Commendation for attaining the highest grade in my cohort (MA).
2018	UKRI Economic and Social Research Council 1+3 PhD Funding.
2018	Norman Geras Prize for best Political Theory thesis grade (BA).
2018	Deans Award for Achievement (BA).
2018	PPE Final Year Award for highest grade in my cohort (BA).
2017	Le Certificat en Sciences Sociales et Humanités, Sciences Po (Paris) for recognition of academic attainment.

Conference and Workshop Organisation

2025	The Philosophy of Interspecies Sociality Workshop , UBC, Vancouver (Hybrid), May 8 th & 9 th . Confirmed speakers: Will Kymlicka, Sue Donaldson, Kristin Voigt, Cheryl Abbate, Matthew Perry.
2024	Animals, Equality and Democracy: Themes in Memory of Siobhan O'Sullivan Panel , MANCEPT Workshops, University of Manchester, Manchester (in-person), Sept 4 th to 6 th . Selected list of speakers: Robert Garner, Peter Niesen, Alasdair Cochrane, Josh Milburn & Angie Pepper.
2023 & 2022	MANCEPT Workshops , University of Manchester, Manchester (Hybrid), early September. Paid organiser (the second time as lead), facilitating over 20 different panels on a range of themes in Political and Moral Philosophy.
2022	Recasting Human Rights Without a Shadow Panel , MANCEPT Workshops, University of Manchester, Manchester (Hybrid), Sept 7 th to 9 th . Selected list of speakers: Joseph Bowen, Raffael Fasel, Suzy Killmister, Jesse Tomalty & Kerri Woods.
2022	Brave New World Postgraduate Conference , University of Manchester, Manchester (in-person), July 6 th to 7 th . Keynotes: Jules Holroyd & Dorothea Gädeke.

- 2022 **Moral Equality at the Margins Workshop**, University of Manchester, Manchester (Online), Jan 28th to 29th. Selected list of speakers: Anca Gheaus, Pablo Gilabert, Suzy Killmister, Katie McShane, Jeff Sebo & Ariel Zylberman.
- 2021 **Brave New World Postgraduate Conference**, University of Manchester, Manchester (Online), July 7th to 8th. Keynotes: Jesse Tomalty & Ben Saunders.

Selected Presentations

- 2025 **The Philosophy of Interspecies Sociality** (in person), University of British Columbia, Vancouver, May 8th and 9th. Title: How (not) to Anthropomorphise Other Animals.
- 2025 **APA Pacific, Society for Human Rights Group Session** (in person), San Francisco Apr 16th to 20th: “Are Animal Rights Claimable?”
- 2025 **Rights and Reasons Workshop** (in person), Bielefeld, Jan 17th to 18th: “On the Bright Side of Rights”
- 2024 **MANCEPT Workshops** (in person), University of Manchester, Manchester, Sept 4th to 6th: Panel – *The New Dignity*: “The Desubjectification of Animals”
Panel – *Animals, Equality and Democracy*: “The Domestic Domination of Animals: Licencing Animal Guardians” (co-author Davide Pala)
- 2023 **Human Dignity: Theory and Practice Conference** (in person), McGill, Montreal, Apr 28th to 29th: “Sentient Dignity without Hierarchy”
- 2022 **W. Maurice Young Centre for Applied Ethics** (hybrid), University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Nov 17th: “The Bright Side of “Human” Rights”
- 2022 **Human Rights and Human Exceptionalism Workshop** (in person), University of Bergen, Bergen, Apr 21st to 22nd: “Sentient Dignity without Hierarchy”
- 2022 **Moral Equality at the Margins Conference** (online), Jan 28th to 29th: “Sentient Dignity without Hierarchy”
- 2021 **Human Dignity and Human Rights: Rethinking the Connection Workshop** (Online), organised by Dr Suzy Killmister (Monash), July 5th to 9th: “Human Dignity Beyond the Human”
- 2021 **Value X Conference** (online), University of Sheffield, Sheffield, July 14th to 16th: “A Reductive Account of Moral Status”
- 2021 **MANCEPT Seminar Series** (online), University of Manchester, Manchester, March 24th: “A Reductive Account of Moral Status”
- 2020 **MANCEPT Workshops** (online), University of Manchester, Manchester, Sept 9th to 11th, Panel – *Human Rights*: “Human Dignity Beyond the Human”

- 2019 **IVR World Congress** (in person), Lucerne, July 7th to 13th: "Dignity: the Grounds of "Human" rights as Human Needs"
- 2018 **MANCEPT Away Day** (in person), University of Manchester, Manchester, June 16th to 17th: "What is the Point of Dignity?"

Teaching Experience

- 2025 **PHIL 102-003: Introduction to Philosophy (for PPE)** (in person), University of British Columbia – Introductory survey course for students in the Politics, Philosophy and Economics Coordinated Arts Program.
- 2025 **PHIL 585: MA-level Directed Reading in Animal Ethics** (in person), University of British Columbia – Graduate-level supervision of student project on the similarity of our practical duties to children and companion animals.
- 2023 **POLS0063: Ethics & Public Policy** (in person), University College London – Intermediate course focusing on normative issues in policy analysis and development, including economic and political challenges to ethics & public policy.
- 2023 **SOCS10121: Issues in PPE** (in Person), University of Manchester – Introductory course for BA Philosophy, Politics and Economics students. Led seminars and formally supervised students group presentation projects. Focus on interdisciplinary approach to PPE.
- 2023 & 2020 **POLI10702: Introduction to Political Theory** (Taught twice – once in-person and once online, over BB Collaborate), University of Manchester – introductory course with three blocks 1) why we have states, 2) how states should govern and 3) how states can be more just.
- 2023 & 2022 **POLI20961: Injustice and Resistance (formerly Challenges for Democratic Politics)** (Taught twice - dual delivery), University of Manchester – intermediate level course on applied political philosophy and ethics.
- 2021 **POLI20881: Ideals of Social Justice** (Online, over Zoom), University of Manchester – intermediate level course on contemporary theories of justice.

Academic Service

- Present* **Contributor for *Justice Everywhere***, a public philosophy blog (writing twice annually). Website: <https://justice-everywhere.org/>
- Present* **Referee for *Journal of Philosophy*, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, *Journal of Applied Philosophy*, *Journal of Social Philosophy*, and *Philosophy*.**

- 2021–2022* **Course Planning Assistant**, University of Manchester
Produced a new list of course reading recommendations considering decolonial and diverse perspectives.
- 2020–2022* **Co-editor of Political Perspectives**, Graduate Politics Journal at University of Manchester. Website: <https://sites.manchester.ac.uk/political-perspectives/>
- 2017–2018* **Co-lead editor of Juncture**, Undergraduate Politics Journal at University of Manchester. Co-founded the journal, which is still running. Website: <https://www.junctureuom.co.uk/>

Further Information

- Languages** English (native), French (intermediate level).
- References** Prof. Kimberley Brownlee, Prof. Alasdair Cochrane, Dr. Liam Shields, Dr. Suzy Killmister, Prof. Miriam Ronzoni, Dr. Richard Child.
- Interests** Triathlon & marathon training, hiking, wildlife photography.