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Areas of specialisation: Ethics (*especially Moral Psychology, Normative Ethics, Well-being*).

Areas of competence: Philosophy of Mind (*especially Philosophy of Psychology*), Political Philosophy.

Employment

October 2026–October 2028: Boya Postdoctoral Fellow — Peking University

September 2024–September 2026: International Research Fellow — Wuhan University

January 2024–July 2024: Teaching Fellow — University of Southampton

Education

November 2023: PhD in Philosophy (pass, no corrections) — University of Southampton

Thesis: “A defence of the desire theory of well-being”.

Supervisors: Alex Gregory (primary) and Brian McElwee (secondary).

Examiners: Guy Fletcher (external) and Kurt Sylvan (internal).

June 2019: Master of Philosophical Studies — Birkbeck, University of London

Thesis: Well-being. **Topics:** Aristotle, Ethics, Political Philosophy.

July 2014: BA (Hons) Philosophy and English Literature (First Class) — Anglia Ruskin University

Journal Articles

Mariqueo-Russell, A. (2025). Dead Sea apple cases of disappointment. *Utilitas*, 37(3), 199–210. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0953820825000093>

Mariqueo-Russell, A. (2023). Well-being and the problem of unstable desires. *Utilitas*, 35(4), 260–276. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0953820823000171>

Mariqueo-Russell, A. (2023). Desire and motivation in desire theories of well-being. *Philosophical Studies*, 180(7), 1975–1994. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11098-023-01966-y>

Invited Papers

Mariqueo-Russell, A. (2017). Rights of nature and the precautionary principle. *RCC Perspectives: Transformations in Environment and Society*, 6, 21–27. <https://doi.org/10.5282/rcc/8211> [Translated into Portuguese and republished as: Mariqueo-Russell, A. (2022). Direitos da natureza e o princípio da precaução. *Revista Latino-Americana de Direitos da Natureza e dos Animais*, 5(1), 7–16].

Reviews

Mariqueo-Russell, A. & R. Read (2019). Fully automated luxury barbarism. *Radical Philosophy*, 2.06, 108–110.

Work in Progress

A paper about happiness over time. (under review).

A paper about hedonism and the experience machine. (under review).

A paper about desires that feel alien to us. (under review).

A paper about prudential reasons. (in progress).

Awards

August 2022: Royal Institute of Philosophy Jacobsen Scholarship, £9,600.

September 2019–July 2022: University of Southampton Presidential Scholarship, £21,000.

Academic Talks (* Indicates refereed talk)

“Desire-based hedonism”

- Current Themes in Normative Ethics Workshop, Peking University, China. 10 October 2025.

* “Misery disables big picture happiness”

- 6th International Congress of Philosophy, University of Lisbon, Portugal. 1–3 September 2025.

* “The axiological significance of disappointment”

- 5th POLEMO Symposium, Central European University, Austria. 16–17 May 2024.

* “Desire theories of well-being and the harm of depression”

- 4th PhiGS Graduate Colloquium, University of Kent, United Kingdom. 20–21 June 2022. [Online].

* “Against mental state theories of welfare”

- 15th London-Berkeley Philosophy Conference, London, United Kingdom. 16–17 May 2018.

“Recent developments in rights of nature and the precautionary principle”

- Rights of Nature in Transatlantic Perspective Workshop, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, Germany. 20 July 2016.

Teaching Experience

University of Southampton (October 2019–July 2024):

Lecturer — Political Philosophy. Spring 2024.

- Full responsibility for writing, delivering, and assessing this module of 36 first-year students.
- Covered debates about political authority, just war theory, and political ideals.

Teaching Assistant — Appearance and Reality. Autumn 2023.

- Led 3 seminar groups of 5–10 second-year students, marked assessments, and gave feedback.
- Covered the development and key themes of empiricism.

Teaching Assistant — Ethics. Autumn 2019, Spring 2021 (online), Spring 2024.

- Led 6 seminar groups of 6–12 first-year students, marked essays, and gave feedback.
- Covered topics in normative ethics, metaethics, and moral psychology.

Teaching Assistant — Ethics of Public Policy. Autumn 2020 (online).

- Held online forum discussions with second-year students, marked essays, and gave feedback.
- Covered debates about paternalism and justice in relation to public policy.

Teaching Assistant — Knowledge and Mind. Spring 2020.

- Led 2 seminar groups of 5-6 first-year students, marked essays, and gave feedback.
- Covered arguments in Descartes' *Meditations*.

Teaching Assistant — Mind and World. Autumn 2023.

- Led 3 seminar groups of 8-10 first-year students, marked essays, and gave feedback.
- Covered the development and key themes of rationalism.

Miscellaneous.

- 1 guest lecture in Ethics (Spring 2021), and 3 in Happiness and Wellbeing (Spring 2024).
- Supervised 2 undergraduate dissertations about death and dying (Spring 2024).

Departmental Service

Wuhan University (September 2024–September 2026):

- Organised a fortnightly staff work in progress group (Spring 2025–Spring 2026).
- Co-organised a weekly philosophy of desire reading group (Spring 2026).
- Sat on 2 undergraduate thesis pre-defence committees, and 2 final committees.
- Interviewed 2 sets of undergraduate students for summer school grants.
- Reviewed papers and interviewed applicants for a graduate student workshop.
- Organised and hosted a visiting speaker talk.

Professional Service

Referee (Book Proposals): Routledge.

Referee (Journals): American Philosophical Quarterly, Journal of Value Inquiry.

Languages

English (Native). Portuguese (Conversational). Spanish (Conversational). Chinese (Basic).