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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Philosophy, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	2025
Dissertation: Harm and Benefit	
Committee: Luc Bovens, Alex Worsnip, Sarah Stroud, Ben Bradley	
M.A. Philosophy, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	2021
Thesis: Vagueness and Moral Theory	
Committee: Tom Dougherty (chair), Thomas Hofweber, Alex Worsnip	
M.A. Philosophy, Bowling Green State University	2019
Thesis: A Temporal Comparative Account of Death's Badness	
B.A. Philosophy, Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne	2017
B.S. Mathematics, Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne	2017
B.A. Women's Studies, Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne	2017

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Ethics, Social and Political Philosophy (including PPE)

AREAS OF COMPETENCY

Metaphysics, Philosophical Logic, Philosophy of Language

PUBLICATIONS

1. "Death and Decline," *The Philosophical Quarterly* 73, no. 1 (2022): 248–257.
2. "The Question-Centered Account of Harm and Benefit," *Noûs* 59, no. 4 (2025): 938–956.
3. "Actualism and Joint Harm," *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 111, no. 3 (2025): 897–918.
4. "Question-Centered Consequentialism," *The Philosophical Quarterly* (forthcoming).
5. "The New Challenge of Preemption and Overdetermination," *Synthese* (forthcoming).

PRESENTATIONS

<i>It Would Be Bad if the Error Theory Were True</i>	August 2024
Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado at Boulder	
<i>Death and Perfectionism</i>	January 2024
Eastern APA, New York	
<i>Contrastivism and Preemption</i>	July 2023
97 th Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association, University of London	
<i>Moral Theory and Scalar Concepts</i>	March 2023
2023 North Carolina Philosophical Society Meeting, Duke University	

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Department Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching by a Graduate Student	May 2023
Maynard Adams Fellow for the Public Humanities	2022–2023

TEACHING

PRIMARY INSTRUCTOR

Aesthetics and Philosophy of Art	Spring 2025
Introduction to Ancient Greek Philosophy	Summer 2023
Philosophy of Western Religion	Spring 2023
Introduction to Existentialism	Summer 2022
AI and the Future of Humanity	Spring 2022
Introduction to Mathematical Logic	Fall 2021/2022
Ethics of Peace, War, and Defense	Summer 2021

TEACHING ASSISTANT

Introduction to Philosophy of Science (UNC)	Spring 2021
Introduction to Ethics (UNC)	Fall 2020
Bioethics (Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth)	Summer 2019
Introduction to Ethics (BGSU)	Spring 2018
Introduction to Ethics (BGSU)	Fall 2017

EMPLOYMENT, SERVICE, AND OUTREACH

Referee: *Ergo*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Utilitas*, *Ratio*, *Journal of Ethics*
Judge, National High School Ethics Bowl (Spring 2023)
Committee Member: Graduate Student Council (2022–2023), Chapel Hill Colloquium Committee (2021–2022), Prospective Student Committee (2019–2020)
Research Assistant, Philosophy, Politics, Economics, and Law Program at BGSU (2018–2019)

REFERENCES

Luc Bovens

Professor of Philosophy
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Alex Worsnip

Professor of Philosophy; Director of Graduate Studies
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Sarah Stroud

Professor of Philosophy; Director, Parr Center for Ethics
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Ben Bradley

Anita and Allan D. Sutton Distinguished Professor of Philosophy; Chair, Philosophy Department
Syracuse University

Errol Lord

Professor of Philosophy; Graduate Chair
University of Pennsylvania

Mariska Leunissen, Teaching Reference

Professor of Philosophy; Associate Chair, Philosophy
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill