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Areas of Specialization: Ethics (Normative and Applied), Political Philosophy, Applied Epistemology.

Areas of Competence: Philosophy of Law, Philosophy of Science, AI Ethics

Education

2021– present **DPhil in Philosophy, University of Oxford**, Hertford College

Supervisor: John Tasioulas

Provisional Thesis Title: Echo Chambers and Political Philosophy

2020-2021 **MPhil Philosophy, University of Cambridge**, St Edmund's College (Result: *Pass*)

Thesis Supervisor: Nikhil Krishnan

Thesis Title: Paternalism, Reasons and Voluntary Choices

2016-2020 **MA Philosophy- University of St Andrews** (Result: *First-class Honors*)

Thesis Supervisor: Elizabeth Ashford

Title: Rawlsian Contractualism and Climate Change as an Intergenerational Problem of Justice

Publications

1. **'Paternalism and Exclusion'**. [Link to pre-print](#).
Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy (forthcoming).
2. **'My body, still my choice: an objection to Hendricks on abortion'**
Journal of Medical Ethics (2023). 49(2): 145-145. [Link](#).
3. **'Privacy, autonomy and direct-to-consumer genetic testing: a response to Vayena'**
Journal of Medical Ethics (2022). 48(10): 774-775. [Link](#).

Book Reviews

1. **Review of *The Political Philosophy of AI* by Mark Coeckelbergh.**
Journal of Moral Philosophy (forthcoming).

Teaching Experience & University Work

2022-23 – **Tutor, University of Oxford**

Class: Practical Ethics (Finalists/Third-year undergraduates)

Role Description: Tutoring three undergraduate philosophy students in the 'Oxford' style: creating a syllabus, reading weekly essays, offering feedback and guidance to improve performance in the course in hour-long meetings.

2022-23 – **Tutor, University of Oxford**

Class: Ethics in AI and Digital Technology (Finalists/Third-year undergraduates)

Role Description: Tutoring two pairs of undergraduate philosophy students in the 'Oxford' style: creating a syllabus, reading weekly essays, offering feedback and guidance to improve performance in the course in hour-long meetings.

2022 – **Teaching Assistant, University of Oxford**

Class: Moral Philosophy (first-year undergraduate student class)

Role Description: Taught a class on Mill's 'Utilitarianism', critically discussing work, clarifying philosophical ideas for a first-year philosophy class.

2022 – **Undergraduate Admissions Interviewer, University of Oxford (Hertford College)**

Role Description: Interviewing undergraduate applicants for Philosophy, Politics and

Economics (PPE) and Philosophy and Modern Languages courses at the University of Oxford. Drafted interview questions and interviewed 30+ potential candidates over two weeks.

Talks, Presentations, Conferences

1. Perfectionism, Free Speech and the Echo Chamber

University of Geneva: IVth Geneva Graduate Conference in Political Philosophy
(February 2023)

2. The Limits of the Human Rights Obligations of Social Media Corporations

University of Oxford: DPhil Graduate Seminar
(January 2023)

3. Public Reason as a Guide to the Echo Chamber

University of Manchester: MANCEPT Conference: The Political Morality of Social Media
(September 2022)

4. Paternalism and Hard Choices

Trinity School: Think Society Plus
(July 2022)

5. Exclusionary Reasons and the Wrongness of Paternalism

University of Oxford: DPhil Graduate Seminar
(February 2022)

6. Secondary Medical Research and Consent-Requirements

Arizona Bioethics Network: Webinar and Conference
(April 2021)

7. Social Media Design, Autonomy and ‘Snudges’

World Ethical Data Foundation (WEDF): [Conference](#)
(March 2021)

8. What’s Wrong with Believing in Conspiracy Theories?

Trinity School: Think Society Plus
(March 2021)

9. Belief in Conspiracy Theories: The Stakes Have Never Been Higher

University of Cambridge: St Edmund’s College Conference
(February 2021)

10. Could a Prioritarian support a UBI?

University of Cambridge: Graduate Seminar
(February 2021)

Honors and Awards

2021 –DPhil(PhD) Scholarship awarded by the Institute for Ethics in AI at Oxford

Description: Merit-based and fully funded scholarship to undertake a 3-year DPhil in Philosophy at the University of Oxford.

2021 – Best Presentation at the 7th Annual St Edmund’s College Conference

Description: Awarded [prize](#) for a presentation entitled “What’s Wrong with Believing in Conspiracy Theories: The Stakes Have Never Been Higher” in a panel on Philosophy, Linguistics, History and Classics. (*Value: £50.00*)

2020 - Haldane Essay Prize in Philosophy and Public Affairs

- *Description:* Awarded for an essay that applied philosophy to public affairs entitled “What is Epistemically Problematic about Conspiracy Theories?” (*Value:* £250.00)

2020 - **Sir Henry Jones Memorial Prize**

- *Description:* Awarded to the best undergraduate at Moral Philosophy in at the University of St Andrews (*Value:* £60.00)

2020 - **Deans’ List Distinction**

- *Description:* Achieved an average First-Class Mark across all classes.

2018-2020 - **Undergraduate Research Assistantships at University of St Andrews**

- *Role Description:* Awarded for high-quality research assistance for Dr Ashford’s recent article for “Essays in Honour of Derek Parfit” (2020) and Dr Pummer’s module on Effective Altruism (2018).

2017 - **Deans’ List Distinction**

- *Description:* Achieved an average First-Class mark across all classes.

2017 - **Medal awarded for Moral Philosophy (First Level)**

- *Description:* Awarded for performance in First-year Level Moral Philosophy.

Service to the Profession & Outreach

2022 – **Co-host, The Philosopher’s Nest (with Lewis Williams)**

- *Role Description:* Running a successful podcast interviewing graduate students about their research and insights into the discipline of philosophy as it is practiced today.
- Sponsors include: **Faculty of Philosophy** (Oxford), **Linacre College** (Oxford) and the **American Philosophy Association** (Berry Fund Grant worth \$1000)

2022 – **Co-Organized the 26th Annual Oxford Graduate Philosophy Conference**

- *Role Description:* Attending meetings, reviewing 190+ papers, running communication and assisting in logistics for a 2-day conference at the [University of Oxford](#).

2021-2022 – **Research Mentor - Lumiere Education**

- *Role Description:* Supervising a high school student in the production of a **15 to 20-page paper on the philosophy of time travel**.
 - o Mentoring consisted of **15 hour-long meetings** on how to write and think philosophically, assigning readings in metaphysics and helping in the production of a high-school level/undergraduate journal publication.

2020-21 – **Co-Organizer of Practical Ethics Reading Group, University of Cambridge**

Role Description: Co-running a practical ethics [reading group](#) for MPhil and PhD students. **Michaelmas Term:** COVID-19 and Public Health Ethics **Lent Term:** Ethics and New Technologies. **Easter Term:** Ethics and Policymaking

PUBLIC WRITING

“Qualified Immunity” 2020, in the [St Andrews Law Review](#)

“On Targeted Lockdowns” 2020, in the [St Andrews Law Review](#)

“Psychopaths and Morality: Where do they fit?” 2017, [Undercurrent Philosophy](#)

“Bundle Theory and the Buddha” 2016, [Undercurrent Philosophy](#)