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Areas

Specialisation: Normative Ethics (esp. Population Ethics); Decision Theory.

Competence: Applied Ethics; Formal Epistemology; Logic; Metaphysics; Philosophy of Economics; Philosophy of Physics.

Employment (academic)

2022–present **Junior Research Fellow**, *Wolfson College, University of Oxford.*

2021–present **Postdoctoral Research Fellow**, *Global Priorities Institute, University of Oxford.*

Nov 2019–Mar 2020 **Visiting Research Fellow**, *Global Priorities Institute, University of Oxford.*

2017–2019 **Teaching Assistant**, *Australian National University.*

Nov 2018–Jul 2019 **Visiting Student Research Fellow**, *Princeton University.*

Education

2017–2021 **PhD in Philosophy**, *Australian National University.*

Thesis title: *Infinite Aggregation*

Supervisors: Alan Hájek (chair), Frank Jackson, Christian Tarsney

No grades awarded

2011–2015 **Bachelor of Arts Honours, First Class (Extended Major in Philosophy)**, *University of Queensland.*

Supervisors: Peter Evans, Dominic Hyde

GPA: 7.0 (of 7.0)

2011–2014 **Bachelor of Science (Extended Major in Mathematics)**, *University of Queensland.*

GPA: 6.63 (of 7.0)

Journal Articles

Forthcoming **The moral inefficacy of carbon offsetting**, (with Tyler M. John & Amanda Askell)
Australasian Journal of Philosophy.

2023 **Can risk aversion survive the long run?**, *Philosophical Quarterly*, available [here](#).

2023 **Infinite aggregation and risk**, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, available [here](#).

2022 **Market harms and market benefits**, *Philosophy & Public Affairs*, available [here](#); PEA
Soup discussion [here](#).

2022 **In defence of fanaticism**, *Ethics*, 132.2, pp. 445-77; available [here](#).

- 2022 **Aggregation in an infinite, relativistic universe**, *Erkenntnis*, available [here](#).
- 2021 **Infinite aggregation: Expanded addition**, *Philosophical Studies* 178, pp. 1917-49, available [here](#).

Book Chapters

- Forthcoming **Longtermism in an infinite world**, (with Christian Tarsney), in Greaves, H., D. Thorstad & J. Barrett (eds), *Essays on Longtermism*, Oxford University Press.
- Forthcoming **A critical approach to critiquing economics**, (with Geoffrey Brennan), in Róna P. & L. Zsolnai (eds), *Virtues and Economics* 4, Springer.

Works in Progress

- Under review **Can an evidentialist be risk-averse?**, *Global Priorities Institute Working Paper Series*, available [here](#).
- Under review **The unexpected value of the future**, *Global Priorities Institute Working Paper Series*, available [here](#).
- Under review **Flummoxing expectations**.
- Under review **Chaos, ad infinitum**.
- In preparation **Book review: Theron Pummer, *The Rules of Rescue: Cost, Distance, and Effective Altruism***, (Oxford University Press, 2023), *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* (invited).
- In preparation **The moral stakes of evidentialism**.
- In preparation **Assessing the impact of philosophy research**.
- In preparation **The limits of individual value**.
- In preparation **Evidential probability and cluelessness**.

Awards and Honours

- 2019 **Global Priorities Fellowship**, *Forethought Foundation*, ([website](#)).
- 2018 **Fulbright Scholarship**, *Australian-American Fulbright Commission*, ([website](#)).
- 2017 **Postgraduate Presentation Prize**, *Australasian Association of Philosophy*, ([website](#)).
- 2017 **Australian Postgraduate Award**, *Australian Government*, ([website](#)).

Invited Presentations

The value of long-term prediction,
The 11th European Congress on Analytic Philosophy, University of Vienna (2023)
Workshop on "Scientific Evidence and Uncertainty about the Long-Term Future" at the 17th International Congress on Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science and Technology, University of Buenos Aires (2023).

Separating separabilities: On the best justification of fanaticism,
Workshop on Risk Aversion and Moral Uncertainty, University of Stirling (2023)
Conference on Unbounded Utilities, University of Texas, Austin (2022).

Assessing the impact of philosophy research,
Metascience Annual Conference, National Academy of Science (2023)
11th Workshop on Global Priorities Research, University of Oxford (2022)
Boole Lecture Series, University of Cork (2022).

Flummocking expectations,
International Formal Philosophy Conference, Higher School of Economics (2022).

Market harms and market benefits,
Philosophy, Politics and Economics Society Conference, New Orleans (2022).
Zagreb Applied Ethics Conference, Zagreb Institute of Philosophy (2021).
Australasian Association of Philosophy Annual Conference, University of Waikato (2021).
The 5th International Economics and Philosophy Conference, University of Warsaw (2021).
ANU Philosophy Society Seminar, Australian National University (ANU) (2021).

In defence of fanaticism,
Global Priorities Seminar, Forethought Foundation for Global Priorities Research (2020).
Centre for Moral, Social and Political Theory Graduate Seminar, ANU (2020).
Global Priorities Institute, University of Oxford (2020).
Australasian Postgraduate Philosophy Conference, University of Adelaide (2020).

Infinite aggregation and risk,
Formal Ethics Conference, Vanderbilt University (2022).
Global Priorities Institute, University of Oxford (2020).
Social Ethics Seminar, Princeton University (2019).
International Formal Philosophy Conference, Higher School of Economics, Moscow (2018).
The 7th National Meeting in Analytic Philosophy, University of Lisbon (2018).
Salzburg Conference for Young Analytic Philosophy, University of Salzburg (2018).
The 13th Conference of the Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy, University of Eastern Piedmont, Novara (2018). .

Chaos, ad infinitum,
Centre for Moral, Social and Political Theory Graduate Seminar, ANU (2020)
The 2nd Oxford Workshop on Global Priorities Research, University of Oxford (2019)
Effective Altruism Global - Academic Session, San Francisco (2019).

Infinite aggregation: Expanded addition,
Department of Philosophy, Princeton University (2019).

Aggregation under relativity, without relativism,
Space and Time: An Interdisciplinary Perspective, Vilnius University (2018).
The 15th Conference of the International Society for Utilitarian Studies, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (2018).
Centre for Moral, Social and Political Theory Graduate Seminar, ANU (2018).
International Congress of Analytic Philosophy, Université Catholique de Louvain (2018).
The 4th International Conference for Economics & Philosophy, University of Lyon (2018).

Does consequentialism work in our universe?,
Centre for Moral, Social and Political Theory Graduate Seminar, ANU (2018).
Australasian Postgraduate Philosophy Conference, University of Queensland (2017).
New Zealand Association of Philosophers Annual Conference, University of Otago (2017).

Teaching

- 2024 **BPhil Pro-Seminar: Decision theory**, *University of Oxford*, (co-taught with Jean Baccelli).
- 2019 **BIOL3191: Biology, Society & Ethics**, *Australian National University*, (teaching assistant).
- 2019 **PHIL2116: Philosophy, Politics & Economics Integration 2**, *Australian National University*, (teaching assistant).
- 2017 **PHIL1005: Logic & Critical Thinking**, *Australian National University*, (teaching assistant).

Service

Referee for: *Analysis*; *The Australasian Journal of Philosophy*; *Economics & Philosophy*; *Ergo*; *Erkenntnis*; *Ethics*; *Journal of Ethics & Social Philosophy*; *Journal of Political Philosophy*; *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*; *Mind*; *Moral Philosophy & Politics*; *Noûs*; *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*; *Philosophical Quarterly*; *Philosophical Studies*; *Philosophy Compass*; *Politics, Philosophy & Economics*; *Utilitas*.

- 2023–present Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, *Global Priorities Institute*.
- 2023–present Associate Editor for *The Australasian Journal of Philosophy*.
- 2023–present Area Editor for *PhilPapers*: Decision Theory & Ethics; Axiology.
- 2022–present Peer Review College Member for the Arts & Humanities Research Council.
- 2021–present Convener of the Global Priorities Institute's Work-In-Progress Group.
- 2018–present Board Member for the *International Society for Utilitarian Studies*.
- 2023 Co-organiser of the workshop "Scientific Evidence and Uncertainty about the Long-Term Future" at the 17th International Congress on Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science and Technology.
- 2023 Co-organiser of the *LSE-GPI Joint Workshop on Longtermism*.
- 2020 Co-organiser of the *EAGxAustralia Academic Workshop on Global Priorities*.
- 2017–2019 Postgraduate Committee Member for the *Australasian Association of Philosophy*.

Employment (non-academic)

- 2020–2021 **Deputy Chief Executive Officer**, *Commission for the Human Future*.
- 2019–2021 **Research Committee Member**, *Australia21*, ([website](#)).
- 2019–2020 **Conference Director**, *Effective Altruism Global x Australia Conference*, ([website](#)).
- 2018–2019 **Director of Content**, *Effective Altruism Global x Australia Conference*.
- 2018 **Head of Research Operations**, *Global Priorities Institute, University of Oxford*.
- 2009–2017 **Firefighter**, *NSW Rural Fire Service*.
- 2016–2017 **Humanitarian Relief Worker**, *Oinofyta Refugee Camp (Greece)*.

Jan–Oct 2016 **Research Analyst**, *Centre for Effective Altruism*.

Non-Academic Writing

- 2020 **Effective aid policy**, submission to the Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade for the 2020 International Development Policy Review, available [here](#).
- 2019 **Governance of artificial intelligence in Australia**, submission to the Australian Human Rights Commission Human Rights & Technology Project, available [here](#).
- 2016 **The Health-Education Link**, *Centre for Effective Altruism*, with H. Hillebrandt, M. Capriati, J. Snowden, & M. Hutchinson.

Referees

Hilary Greaves, *University of Oxford*, hilary.greaves@philosophy.ox.ac.uk.

Alan Hájek, *Australian National University*, alan.hajek@anu.edu.au.

Frank Jackson, *Australian National University*, frank.jackson@anu.edu.au.