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## Personal

Born on 14 September 1972.

Canadian and British Citizen.

## Academic Positions

Department of Philosophy, University of Western Ontario

Acting Undergraduate Chair, 2025–2026.

Full Professor, 2024–present.

Associate Professor, 2012–2024.

Assistant Professor, 2005–2012.

Rotman Institute of Philosophy, University of Western Ontario

Acting Director, 2019–2020.

Associate Director, 2014–2018.

Member 2009–present.

Department of Philosophy, University of Michigan

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Post-doctoral Fellow, 2004–2005.

## Visiting Positions

Somerville College, Oxford, Oxford University

Visiting Academic, April–June, 2022.

Fondation Brocher, Hermance, Switzerland

Visiting Researcher, July–August, 2015.

St. Anne's College, Oxford, Oxford University

Plumer Visiting Research Fellow, 2013.

Oxford Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics, Oxford University

Visiting Scholar, 2012–2013.

Ethox Centre, Oxford University

Visiting Researcher, 2012–2013.

## Education

Ph.D. Philosophy, University of Toronto, 2005. Successfully Defended December 16, 2004.

Dissertation Title: *Reasoning Towards Utilitarianism: Learning From Sidgwick*.

Committee: Wayne Sumner (Supervisor), Thomas Hurka

External Appraiser: Roger Crisp (Oxford University)

M.A. Philosophy, Dalhousie University, 1997.

Thesis Title: *Three Accounts of Cognitivist Internalism Undermined*.

Supervisor: Duncan MacIntosh

B.A. Philosophy (Hons.), *First Class Honours*, University of Manitoba, 1995.

## Awards and Honours

Faculty Scholar Award, 2023–2025.

American Philosophical Association Public Philosophy Op-Ed Contest Prize, 2022.

Graham and Gail Wright Distinguished Scholar Award in the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, 2019.

Arts and Humanities Teaching Excellence Award, 2015.

University Students' Council Teaching Honour Roll Certificate, 2008, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017.

Prize for best paper by a graduate student, Ohio University's Third Biennial Student Conference on Applied Ethics, 2003.

Douglas Butler Memorial Essay Prize, Dalhousie University, 1997.

## Areas of Specialization

Normative Ethics, Applied Ethics, History of Ethics, Legal Philosophy

## Areas of Competence

Meta-ethics, Political Philosophy

## Publications

### *Books*

1. *Consenting Children: Autonomy, Responsibility, Well-Being*, edited with Lisa Forsberg and Isra Black (Proceedings of the British Academy, 2025).
2. *Sidgwick's Ethics* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2025).

3. *Bioethics in Canada*, second edition, edited with Charles Weijer (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2019).
4. *Bioethics in Canada*, edited with Charles Weijer and Samantha Brennan (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013).

### Peer-reviewed journal articles

1. "Transformative Choice and Decision-Making Capacity" (with Isra Black and Lisa Forsberg), *Law Quarterly Review* 139 (2023), 654–680.
2. "Overriding Adolescent Refusals of Treatment" (with Lisa Forsberg and Isra Black), *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* 30 (2021), 221–247.
3. "Achievement and Enhancement" (with Lisa Forsberg), *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 50 (2020), 322–338.
4. "On Henry Sidgwick's 'My Station and its Duties' ", *Ethics* 125 (2014), 186–191.
5. "Henry Sidgwick's Moral Epistemology", *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 48 (2010), 491–519.
6. "W. D. Ross", *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, ed. Edward N. Zalta (2010; revised 2012 & 2022).
7. "On Sidgwick's Demise: A Reply to Professor Deigh", *Utilitas* 22 (2010), 70–77.
8. Critical Notice of Robert Audi, *The Good in the Right: A Theory of Intuition and Intrinsic Value*. *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 37 (2007), 305–325.
9. "Schultz's Sidgwick", *Utilitas* 19 (2007), 91–103.
10. "Henry Sidgwick's Practical Ethics: A Defense", *Utilitas* 18 (2006), 199–217.

### Contributions to edited volumes

1. "Mill's Classical Utilitarianism and Feminism" (with Lisa Forsberg), *Feminist Ethics: An Introduction to Fundamental Concepts and Current Issues*, eds. Celia Edell and Charlotte Sabourin (New York: Routledge, 2026).
2. "Introduction" (with Lisa Forsberg and Isra Black), *Consenting Children: Autonomy, Responsibility, Well-Being*, eds. Lisa Forsberg, Isra Black, and Anthony Skelton (Proceedings of the British Academy, 2025), 1–12.
3. "Treating Adolescents Differently" (with Lisa Forsberg and Isra Black), *Consenting Children: Autonomy, Responsibility, Well-Being*, eds. Lisa Forsberg, Isra Black, and Anthony Skelton (Proceedings of the British Academy, 2025), 205–228.
4. "Heterarchy and Hierarchy in Ross's Theories of the Right and the Good", *The Moral Philosophy of W. D. Ross: Metaethics, Normative Ethics, Virtue, and Value*, eds., Robert Audi and David Phillips (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2025), 250–268.
5. "Sidgwick on Free Will and Ethics", *The Routledge Handbook of Philosophy of Responsibility*, ed. Maximilian Keiner (New York: Routledge, 2023), 82–94.
6. "Children's Prudential Value", *The Cambridge Handbook of the Ethics of Ageing*, ed. Chris Wareham (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2022), 38–53.

7. "Mandating Vaccination" (with Lisa Forsberg), *The Ethics of Pandemics*, ed. Meredith Celene Schwartz (Peterborough: Broadview Press, 2020), 131–134.
8. "Practical Ethics in Sidgwick and Kant", *Kantian and Sidgwickian Ethics: The Cosmos of Duty Above and the Moral Law Within*, eds. Tyler Paytas and Tim Henning (New York: Routledge, 2020), 13–39.
9. "Late Utilitarian Moral Theory and its Development: Sidgwick, Moore", *A Companion to Nineteenth-Century Philosophy*, ed. John Shand (Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2019), 281–310.
10. "Children and Well-Being", *The Routledge Handbook of the Philosophy of Childhood and Children*, eds. Anca Gheaus, Gideon Calder, and Jurgen De Wispelaere (New York: Routledge, 2018), 90–100.
11. "Children's Well-Being: A Philosophical Analysis", *The Routledge Handbook of Philosophy of Well-Being*, ed. Guy Fletcher (New York: Routledge, 2015), 366–377.
12. "Utilitarianism, Welfare, Children", *The Nature of Children's Well-Being: Theory and Practice*, eds. Alexander Bagattini and Colin Macleod (New York: Springer, 2014), 85–103.
13. "Utilitarian Practical Ethics: Sidgwick and Singer", *Henry Sidgwick: Ethics, Psychics, Politics*, eds. Placido Bucolo, Roger Crisp, and Bart Schultz (Catania: University of Catania Press, 2011), 592–633.
14. "Ideal Utilitarianism: Rashdall and Moore", *Underivative Duty: British Moral Philosophers from Sidgwick to Ewing*, ed. Thomas Hurka (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011), 45–65.

### Commissioned journal articles

1. "Should We Delay Covid-19 Vaccination in Children? " (with Lisa Forsberg), *British Medical Journal* 374 (2021), 96–97.
2. "The Ethical Principles of Effective Altruism", *Journal of Global Ethics* 12 (2016), 137–146.
3. "Introduction to the Symposium on The Most Good You Can Do", *Journal of Global Ethics* 12 (2016), 127–131.
4. "Sidgwick's Argument for Utilitarianism and his Moral Epistemology: A Reply to David Phillips", *Revue d'études benthamiennes* 12 (2013).
5. "Sidgwick's Philosophical Intuitions", *Etica & Politica / Ethics & Politics* 10 (2008), 185–209.

### Guidance documents

1. Contributing Author, "COVID-19 and Mandatory Vaccination: Ethical considerations and Caveats", World Health Organization Ethics and COVID-19 Working Group, 19 April 2021.

### Dictionary entries

1. "E. F. Carritt", *International Encyclopedia of Ethics*, ed. Hugh LaFollette (Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2016).
2. "Singer, Peter (1946–)", *Encyclopedia of Political Thought*, ed. Michael Gibbons (Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2014), 3454–3455.
3. "Griffin, James (1933–)", *Bloomsbury Encyclopedia of Utilitarianism*, ed. James Crimmins (New York: Bloomsbury, 2013), 186–188.

4. "Ideal Utilitarianism", *Bloomsbury Encyclopedia of Utilitarianism*, ed. James Crimmins (New York: Bloomsbury, 2013), 261–265.
5. "Intuitionism", *Bloomsbury Encyclopedia of Utilitarianism*, ed. James Crimmins (New York: Bloomsbury, 2013), 280–286.
6. "Rashdall, Hastings (1858–1924)", *Bloomsbury Encyclopedia of Utilitarianism*, ed. James Crimmins (New York: Bloomsbury, 2013), 463–465.
7. "Ross, W. D. (1877–1971)", *Bloomsbury Encyclopedia of Utilitarianism*, ed. James Crimmins (New York: Bloomsbury, 2013), 488–490.
8. "Rashdall, Hastings", *International Encyclopedia of Ethics*, ed. Hugh LaFollette (Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2013; revised 2016), 4325–4329.
9. "Sidgwick, Henry (1838–1900)", *Biographical Encyclopedia of British Idealism*, ed. William Sweet (Bristol: Thoemmes/Continuum, 2010), 617–624.
10. "Abortion" and "Human Race (Death of the)" (In French), *Dictionnaire de la Mort*, ed. Philippe Di Folco (Paris: Larousse, Collection "In Extenso", 2010), 119–122, 409–411.
11. "Griffin, James (1933–)", *The Dictionary of Twentieth-Century British Philosophers*, ed. Stuart Brown (Bristol: Thoemmes Press, 2005), 348–352.
12. "Sidgwick, Henry (1838–1900)", *The Dictionary of Nineteenth-Century British Philosophers*, eds. J. Mander and A. P. F. Sell (Bristol: Thoemmes Press, 2002), 1018–1028.
13. "Sidgwick, Eleanor Mildred (née Balfour: 1845–1936)", *The Dictionary of Nineteenth-Century British Philosophers*, eds. J. Mander and A. P. F. Sell (Bristol: Thoemmes Press, 2002), 1016–1018.
14. "Birks, Thomas Rawson (1810–1883)", *The Dictionary of Nineteenth-Century British Philosophers*, eds. J. Mander and A. P. F. Sell (Bristol: Thoemmes Press, 2002), 98–100.

### Scholarly reviews

1. David Phillips, Sidgwick's *The Methods of Ethics*: A Guide, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 31 October 2022.
2. J. B. Schneewind, Essays on the History of Moral Philosophy, *Mind* 126 (2017), 949–954.
3. Roger Crisp, The Cosmos of Duty: Henry Sidgwick's Methods of Ethics, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 24 October 2016.
4. David Phillips, Sidgwickian Ethics, *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 12 (2015), 794–797.
5. Terence Irwin, The Development of Ethics: A Historical and Critical Study. Volume III: From Kant to Rawls, *Philosophical Review* 124 (2015), 279–286.
6. Fred Feldman, What is this Thing Called Happiness?, *Philosophical Quarterly* 63 (2013), 395–398.
7. Andrew Irvine and John Russell (eds.), In the Agora: The Public Face of Canadian Philosophy, *University of Toronto Quarterly* 80 (2011), 244–245.
8. Peter Singer, The Life You Can Save: Acting Now to End World Poverty, *The Globe and Mail* (Saturday, March 14, 2009), F11.
9. Kwame Anthony Appiah, Experiments in Ethics, *The Globe and Mail* (Saturday, March 1, 2008), D3.

10. Bart Schultz and Georgios Varouxakis (eds.), Utilitarianism and Empire, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 12 July 2006.
11. "Liberty's Godfather", *The Globe and Mail* (Saturday, May 20, 2006), D19.
12. Bart Schultz, Henry Sidgwick: Eye of the Universe. An intellectual Biography, *Philosophy in Review* 25 (2005), 231–234.
13. Mark Kingwell, Nothing For Granted, *The Globe and Mail* (Saturday, May 7, 2005), D12.
14. Ted Honderich, After the Terror and Trudy Govier, A Delicate Balance: What Philosophy Can Tell us about Terrorism, *Literary Review of Canada* (November 2003), 21–23.
15. Peter Singer, One World: The Ethics of Globalization, *Books in Canada* (May 2003), 30.
16. Robert H. Myers, Self-Governance and Cooperation, *Utilitas* 14 (2002), 128–130.
17. R. M. Hare, Sorting Out Ethics, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 79 (2001), 583–585.
18. Dale Jamieson (ed.), Singer and His Critics, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 79 (2001), 574–576.
19. Glenn McGee (ed.), Pragmatic Bioethics, *Philosophy in Review* 20 (2000), 365–367.
20. Shelly Kagan, Normative Ethics, *Philosophy in Review* 19 (1999), 350–351.
21. David Heyd (ed.), Toleration: An Elusive Virtue, *Philosophy in Review* 18 (1998), 180–182.

### *Research in progress*

1. "Utilitarian Socialism: Mill and Sidgwick".
2. "Sidgwick's Argument for Rational Egoism".
3. "On the Irrelevance of Sidgwick's Political Philosophy".
4. "The Conditions for Permissible Bodily Interference in Children", (with Lisa Forsberg, Thomas Douglas, and Julian Savulescu).
5. "Difficulty, Achievement, and Perfectionist Value" (with Lisa Forsberg).
6. "Rawls and Utilitarianism", for *Oxford Handbook on the Philosophy of Rawls*, eds. Blain Neufeld, Christie Hartley, and Lori Watson.
7. "The Ethics of Multifetal Pregnancy Reduction" (with Jennifer Flynn and Maxwell Smith).
8. "Utilitarian Feminism Grown Tame and Sleek?" (with Lisa Forsberg).
9. "Replies to the Critics of *Sidgwick's Ethics*".
10. "Effective Altruism", for *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy Online*.
11. *Henry Sidgwick and the Conflicts of Ethics* (Book).

## Presentations

1. "Mill's Feminism and the Contagious Diseases Act"  
Multidisciplinary Mill(s): One-Day Conference on John Stuart Mill, Somerville College, Oxford University, 20 May 2025
2. "Difficulty, Achievement, and Perfectionist Value"  
American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, New York City, New York, 8–11 January 2025.
3. "Sidgwick's Argument for Rational Egoism"  
Colloquium Series, University of Guelph, Guelph, ON, 22 November 2024.
4. "On the Irrelevance of Sidgwick's Political Philosophy"  
Seventeenth Conference of the International Society for Utilitarian Studies, Faculty of Laws, University College London. London, UK, 18–20 June 2024.
5. "Replies to My Critics"  
Seventeenth Conference of the International Society for Utilitarian Studies, Faculty of Laws, University College London. London, UK, 18–20 June 2024.
6. "Sidgwick's Feminism"  
Seventeenth Conference of the International Society for Utilitarian Studies, Faculty of Laws, University College London. London, UK, 18–20 June 2024.
7. "Sidgwick's Axiom of Prudence and the Case for Rational Egoism"  
Invited Symposium: 150th Anniversary of *The Methods of Ethics* (1874) by Henry Sidgwick, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, Portland, Oregon, 20–23 March 2024.
8. "Difficulty, Achievement, and Perfectionist Value"  
Atlantic Region Philosopher's Association, Department of Philosophy, University of Prince Edward Island, Charlottetown, PEI, Canada, 13–14 October 2023.  
Keynote Address, University of Manitoba's Philosophy Students Association (PSA) Undergraduate Conference on Value Theory, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB, 19–20 August 2023.
9. "Why Perfecting Oneself Might Not Be Difficult"  
Sixteenth Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado, Boulder, Boulder, CO, USA, 10–13 August 2023.
10. "Utilitarian Feminism After Mill"  
Sixteenth Conference of the International Society for Utilitarian Studies, LUISS Guido Carli University, Rome, Italy, 5–7 July 2023.
11. "Sidgwick on Free Will and Moral Responsibility"  
Routledge Handbook of Philosophy of Responsibility Mini-Workshops, Oxford University, Oxford, 17 December 2022.
12. "Children and COVID-19 Vaccination: Ethical impacts and considerations"  
Epidemic Ethics Seminar, The Global Health Network, Ethox Centre, Oxford University, 13 September 2021.

13. "Vaccine Mandates for Children and Adults" (with Lisa Forsberg)  
The Ethics of the Covid-19 Pandemic, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim, Norway, 3–4 June, 2021.
14. "Liking, Disliking, and the Claims of the Many"  
Annual Meeting of the Canadian Philosophical Association, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB, Canada, 31 May–3 June 2021.
15. "The Important, the Trivial, and Their Moral Relevance"  
Kiwani's Club Talk, Middlesex Kiwanis Club, London, ON, 30 January 2020.  
World Philosophy Day, University of Western Ontario, London, ON, 21 November 2019.
16. "Temporal Neutrality, Childhood, and the Value of a Life"  
The Times of Our Lives: The Nature and Significance of Temporal Well-Being, University of Liverpool, Liverpool, UK, 1–2 April 2019.
17. "Children's Consent and Prudential Value"  
Children's Consent: Philosophy and Law in Conversation, Oxford University, Oxford, UK, 21–22 March 2019.
18. "Thriving Children"  
Happiness and Well-Being: Philosophical Perspectives Lecture Series, Central Public Library, London, ON, 24 January 2019.
19. "Well-Being Methodology: Some Reflections"  
Fifteenth Conference of the International Society for Utilitarian Studies, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, Karlsruhe, Germany, 24–26 July 2018.
20. "Henry Sidgwick and the Ethical Significance of the Free Will Problem"  
Tenth Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado, Boulder, Boulder, CO, USA, 10–13 August 2017.
21. "Achievement and Biomedical Human Enhancement" (with Lisa Forsberg)  
Oxford Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics, Work in Progress Seminar, Oxford University, Oxford, UK, 8 June 2018.  
Ninth Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado, Boulder, Boulder, CO, USA, 11–14 August 2016.  
Society for Applied Philosophy Annual Conference, Queen's University, Belfast, Belfast, UK, 1–3 July 2016.
22. "Adolescent Refusals of Life-Prolonging Medical Treatment: A Welfarist Proposal" (with Lisa Forsberg and Isra Black)  
Tenth Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado, Boulder, Boulder, CO, USA, 10–13 August 2017.  
Philosophy and Childhood, Centre for Ethics and Poverty Research, University of Salzburg, Salzburg, Austria, 13–14 July 2017.  
Society for Applied Philosophy Annual Conference, University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark, 30 June–2 July, 2017.  
Annual Meeting of the Canadian Philosophical Association, Ryerson University, Toronto, ON, Canada, 28–31 May 2017.

23. "Adolescent Capacity to Refuse Life-prolonging Treatment and Transformative Experience" (with Lisa Forsberg and Isra Black)  
Canadian Society for the Study of Practical Ethics, Ryerson University, Toronto, ON, Canada, 30 May–1 June 2017.
24. "On Patricia Marino's Moral Reasoning in a Pluralistic World"  
Annual Congress of the Canadian Philosophical Association, Ryerson University, Toronto, ON, Canada, 28–31 May 2017.
25. "Temporal Neutrality, Childhood, and the Value of a Life"  
Fourteen Conference of the International Society for Utilitarian Studies, Universite Catholique de Lille, Lille, France, 6–8 July 2016.
26. "Two Conceptions of Children's Wellbeing"  
Bled Ethics Conference, Bled, Slovenia, 6–10 June 2016.
27. "Gwen Bradford's Achievement"  
Annual Meeting of the Canadian Philosophical Association, University of Calgary, Calgary, AB, 29 May–1 June 2016.
28. "The Ethical Principles of Effective Altruism"  
Annual Meeting of the Canadian Philosophical Association, University of Calgary, Calgary, AB, Canada, 29 May–1 June 2016.  
Department of Philosophy, Oakland University, Rochester, Michigan, USA, 11 March 2016.  
Higher Seminar in Practical Philosophy, Stockholm University, Stockholm, Sweden, 16 February 2016.  
University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, Canada, 18 September 2015.
29. "Reflections on *The Point of View of the Universe*"  
University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, Canada, 19 September 2015.
30. "Hurka's British Moral Theorists"  
Annual Meeting of the Canadian Philosophical Association, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, ON, Canada, 31 May–3 June, 2015.
31. "Deciding Controversial Moral Problems in Public: The Philosopher's Role"  
American Philosophical Association Pacific Division, Vancouver, BC, Canada, 1–4 April 2015.
32. "What Makes a Child's Life Go Well?"  
What is Welfare? Can We Measure it?: A Interdisciplinary Workshop, Institute of Applied Ethics, University of Hull, Hull, UK, 28–29 November 2013.  
Carnegie-Uehiro-Oxford Conference in Practical Ethics: Happiness and Wellbeing, Oxford University, Oxford, UK, 20–21 June 2013 .
33. "On the Ethical Barrier to In vitro Eugenics"  
Ethox Centre, Oxford University, Oxford, UK, 25 June 2013.
34. "Children's Well-Being: A Philosophical Discussion"  
St. Anne's College, Oxford University, Oxford, UK, 28 May 2013.

35. "Sidgwick's Hedonism: A Reply to Kasia de Lazari-Radek and Peter Singer"  
Faculty of Philosophy, Oxford University, Oxford, UK, 6 May 2013.
36. "Utilitarianism, Welfare, Children"  
Centre of Medical Law and Ethics, King's College, London, UK, 27 March 2013.  
Ethox Centre, Oxford University, Oxford, UK, 4 February 2013.
37. "Two Conceptions of Children's Welfare"  
St. Cross Seminar in Ethics, Oxford University, Oxford, UK, 31 January 2013.
38. "Remarks on David Phillips's *Sidgwickian Ethics*"  
Twelfth Conference of the International Society for Utilitarian Studies 2012, New York University,  
New York City, NY, USA, 8–11 August 2012.
39. "Faring Well as a Child"  
Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, USA, 28 October 2011.  
Eleventh Conference of the International Society for Utilitarian Studies, Lucca, Italy, 23–25 June 2011.  
University of Montreal, Montreal, QC, Canada, 28 March 2011.  
McMaster University, Hamilton, ON, Canada, 25 March 2011.
40. "Utilitarian Practical Ethics: Sidgwick and Singer"  
Second World Congress on Henry Sidgwick: Ethics, Psychics, and Politics, 2009–2010, University of  
Catania, Catania, Italy, 26 May 2010.
41. "Well-Being and the Child"  
Carleton University, Ottawa, ON, Canada, 12 March 2010.  
University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI, USA, 4 December 2009.  
York University, Toronto, ON, Canada, 20 November 2009.  
Rights and Wrongs: Life, Death, and the Pursuit of Happiness: A Conference in Honour of L. Wayne  
Sumner, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON, Canada, 23 October 2009.
42. "Rashdall's Ideal Utilitarianism"  
Two Centuries of Utilitarianism: International Interdisciplinary Conference, University of Rennes II,  
Rennes, France, 4–5 June 2009.
43. "Reflective Equilibrium in Ethics"  
Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland, 27 April 2007.
44. "On Solving the Environmental Crisis: A Philosopher's View"  
Environmental Research Western Earth Day Colloquium, The University of Western Ontario, ON,  
Ontario, Canada, 20 April 2007.
45. "The Normative Significance of the Free Will Controversy in Mill and Sidgwick"  
Ninth Conference of the International Society for Utilitarian Studies, University College London,  
London, UK, 5–7, April 2006.
46. "The Forms and Limits of Reflective Equilibrium in Ethics"  
Annual Congress of the Canadian Philosophical Association, The University of Western Ontario,  
London, ON, 28–31 May 2005.

47. "In Defence of Temporal Neutrality"  
The University of Western Ontario, London, ON, 9 February 2004.
48. "Henry Sidgwick's Practical Ethics: A Defense". \*Voted best paper by a graduate student\*  
Ohio University's Third Biennial Student Conference on Applied Ethics, The Institute for Applied and Professional Ethics, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, 26–27 April 2003.
49. "Henry Sidgwick's Moral Epistemology"  
Seventh Conference of the International Society for Utilitarian Studies, Culturgest, Lisbon, Portugal, 11–13 April 2003.
50. "Principlism and the Sanctity of Life" (with Donald Ainslie)  
Speaker Series, Joint Centre for the Study of Bioethics, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON, Canada, 17 April 2002.  
Thirtieth Annual Conference on Value Inquiry Values in Health Care: Past, Present and Future, Center for the Study of Bioethics, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI, 4–6 April 2002.
51. "Henry Sidgwick's Proof for the Principle of Utility"  
Forum Series, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON, Canada, 29 November 2001.
52. "In Defense of Moral Externalism"  
Annual Meeting of the Canadian Philosophical Association, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB, Canada, 24–27 May 2000.
53. "On The Vindication of Welfare"  
Sixth Conference of the International Society for Utilitarian Studies, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC, USA, 24–26 March 2000.
54. "On Preferences and Welfarism"  
Annual General Meeting of the Western Division of the Canadian Philosophical Association, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, SK, Canada, 15 October 1999.
55. "The Consequences of Applying Consequentialist Calculus to Consequentialism Itself"  
University of Waterloo Annual Philosophy Graduate Student Conference, Waterloo, ON, Canada, 22 March 1999.
56. "Can Moral Judgements Be Simultaneously Objective and Practical? "  
Annual General Meeting of the Western Division of the Canadian Philosophical Association, University of Winnipeg, Winnipeg, MB, Canada, 24 October 1997.
57. "The Moral Problem?"  
Department of Philosophy, Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS, Canada, 18 July 1997.

## Commentaries

1. On David Phillips, "Philosophical Intuitionism in Sidgwick and Ross"  
Sixteenth Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, 10–13 August 2023.

2. On Howard Nye, "Objective Goods, Beneficial Lives, and Morality"  
Annual Meeting of the Canadian Philosophical Association, University of Calgary, Calgary, AB, Canada, 29 May–1 June 2016.
3. On Stina Bjorkholm, "An Analysis of the Critique of Irreducibly Normative Reasons"  
International Virtual Colloquium for Undergraduate Philosophers: Ethics and Applied Ethics, 8–9 March 2016.
4. On Amy Mullin "Parents as Fiduciaries: Standards of Loyalty and Care"  
Workshop on Fiduciary Relationships, London, ON, Canada, 14–15 November 2014.
5. On Blain Neufeld "Civic Respect and the Impossibility of Non-Liberal Well-Ordered Societies" and Gordon Davis "The Normative Limits of Political Liberalism and the Norm of Limiting Illiberalism"  
Annual Meeting of the Canadian Philosophical Association, Carleton University, Ottawa, ON, Canada, 25–28 May 2009.
6. On Lorraine Besser-Jones "Clarke's Theory of Obligation: A Hybrid Model of Intuitionism and Practical Reason"  
Annual Meeting of the Canadian Philosophical Association, York University, Toronto, ON, Canada, 29 May–1 June, 2006.
7. On Chrisoula Andreou "The Voices of Reason"  
Annual Meeting of the Canadian Philosophical Association, Laval University, Quebec City, QC, Canada, 24–27 May 2001.
8. On Rockney Jacobsen "Moral Realism for Irrationalists"  
Annual General Meeting of the Western Division of the Canadian Philosophical Association, University of Saskatoon, Saskatoon, SK, Canada, 17 October 1999.
9. On Anita Ho "Kymlicka's Multicultural Liberalism"  
Annual General Meeting of the Western Division of the Canadian Philosophical Association, University of Winnipeg, Winnipeg, MB, Canada, 24 October 1997.

## Popular writing (selected)

1. "New Publication: 'Overriding Adolescent Refusals of Treatment'" (with Lisa Forsberg and Isra Black), *Ethics in the News*, 19 April 2022.
2. "Comment évaluer les risques et les avantages de la vaccination contre la Covid-19 pour les enfants?", *The Conversation*, 8 November 2021.
3. "Ethical Decisions: Weighing Risks and Benefits of COVID-19 Vaccination in Children Ages 5-11", *The Conversation*, 1 November 2021.
4. "We Should Vaccinate Children Against COVID-19 in High-income Countries, Too" (with Lisa Forsberg and Isra Black), *Ethics in the News*, 28 August 2021.
5. "3 Reasons for Making COVID-19 Vaccination Mandatory for Children" (with Lisa Forsberg), *The Conversation*, 13 May 2021.
6. "Mandating COVID-19 Vaccination for Children" (with Lisa Forsberg), *Ethics in the News*, 9 April 2021.

7. "[Sex, Sex Surrogates, and Disability](#)", *Ethics in the News*, 9 April 2013.
8. "[Kyle Edwards: Methods of Legitimation: How Ethics Committees Decide Which Reasons Count](#)", *Ethics in the News*, 14 March 2013.
9. "[Abortion and the Senseless Death of Savita Halappanavar](#)", *Ethics in the News*, 16 November 2012.

## Media appearances

### *Television*

1. Interviewed on [Global TV The New Reality](#): 5 March 2022. (On effective Altruism.)
2. Interviewed on [CTV National News](#): 2 November 2021. (On the ethics of vaccinating children aged 5–11.)
3. Panelist on TRT World Roundtable: 29 July 2021. (Not aired.) (On the ethics of vaccinating adolescents.)
4. Panelist on [TVO's The Agenda with Steve Paikin](#): 17 December 2019. (On generosity.)
5. Interviewed on Roger's Television London: 24 March 2006. (On the Tim Horton's Dilemma.)

### *Radio*

1. Interviewed for a documentary by XFM News at Fanshawe College entitled [What is Happiness?](#): 8 February 2022.
2. Interviewed on Global News Radio 980 CKNW Vancouver: 7 November 2021. (On the ethics of vaccinating children aged 5–11.)
3. Interviewed on Global News Radio 980 CFPL London: 4 November 2021. (On the ethics of vaccinating children aged 5–11.)
4. Interviewed on Global News Radio 640 Toronto: 3 November 2021. (On the ethics of vaccinating children aged 5–11.)
5. Interviewed on [Global 630 CHED Edmonton](#): 2 November 2021: (On the ethics of vaccinating children aged 5–11.)
6. Interviewed on Rogers CityNews 570 Kitchener: 2 November 2021. (On the ethics of vaccinating children aged 5–11.)
7. Interviewed on [BBC Radio 4 PM Programme](#) with Evan Davis: 17 June 2021. (On vaccinating adolescents.)
8. Interviewed on [CBC Afternoon Drive with Chris dela Torre](#): 14 March 2018. (On genome editing.)
9. Interviewed on CHIXX FM: September 2013. (On bioethics.)

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Interviewed for and quoted in

1. Krista Hessey, "The virtuous few: How effective altruists are doing good better", *Global News*, 5 March 2021.
2. Delphine Roucaute, "Pour les parents, le dilemme de la vaccination des enfants de moins de 12 ans contre le Covid-19", *Le Monde*, 30 November 2021.
3. Melissa Guillemette, "Vaccination des 5-11 ans: pistes de réflexion pour les parents", *Quebec Science*, 15 November 2021.
4. Sharon Kirkey, "Are COVID vaccines for children under 12 in their best interest – or just everyone else's?", *National Post*, 6 July 2021.
5. John Authers, "Vaccine Confronts Humanity with Next Moral Test", *Bloomberg News*, 2 August 2020.
6. Katrina McCallum, "Maclean's survey shows divide on students' views of free speech", *Western Gazette*, 31 October 2019.
7. Olivia Goldhill, "Are the students in the admissions scandal morally culpable?", *Quartz Magazine*, 13 March 2019.
8. Grace To, "Back to the future: Western professors talk then and now Western professors talk then and now", *Western Gazette*, 11 August 2017.
9. Kevin Spurgatis, "Do we Face a Future Without Down Syndrome", *UC Observer Magazine*, 8 September 2018.
10. Constanze Kindel, Moral International column: "Darf man indianischen Federkopfschmuck als Mode-accessoire tragen?", *Geo Magazine*, 1 April 2016.
11. Peter Kavanagh, "Are Peter Singer's ideas too dangerous to hear?", *Toronto Star*, 13 September 2015.
12. Matt Moir, "The Ethical Dilemma of Psychics", *Mosaic Magazine*, Autumn 2014.
13. Hamza Tariq, "Supreme Court to Rule on Euthanasia", *Western Gazette*, 14 November 2014.

Quoted in:

1. Peter Jackson, "Parents itching to get kids vaccinated", *Toronto Star*, 16 November 2021.

*Podcast*

1. "We Asked An Ethics Professor to Solve Our Dilemmas", *Dilemma Dudes Podcast*: 14 June 2021.

*Interviewed by*

1. Mac Link, Carleton Journalism Student, for article on hologram concert ethical issues: 27 February 2022.
2. James Chaarani, CBC London, for article on conspiracy theories: 2 September 2021.
3. Michelle Anderson, Continuing Education Researcher, for article on genome editing: 3 December 2019.
4. Erin Anderssen, *Globe and Mail*, for article on passion and reason: 13 December 2018.

## Research grants

1. University Student Research Internship, 2023. Project title: Ethics in 12 Arguments. Amount: \$8680.
2. University Student Research Internship, 2022. Project title: Well-Being, its Nature and Causes. Amount: \$8400.
3. Western Space Seed Grant, 2022. Project title: Health Ethics in Space: Toward a Research Agenda for Space Bioethics, 2020. Co-applicant. Amount: \$29,570.
4. Mitacs Research Training Award, 2020. Project title: The Ethics of Mandatory Vaccination. Amount: \$6000.
5. Western Research Catalyst Grant, 2020. Project title: Ethical, legal, and policy dimensions of scaling back social distancing and restrictive public health measures for the COVID- 19 pandemic. Co-Investigator. Amount: \$49,664.60.
6. School for Advanced Studies in Arts and Humanities Curriculum Development Grant, 2019. Project title: Well-Being: Its Nature and Practical Significance. PI. Amount: \$7000.
7. Graham and Gail Wright Distinguished Scholar Award, 2019. Project title: Sidgwick's Ethics. PI. Amount: \$5000.
8. Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Explore Grant, 2019. Project title: Sidgwick's Ethics. PI. Amount: \$5240.36.
9. Board of Faculty of Philosophy Workshop Funding, University of Oxford, 2019. Project title: Symposium on David Brink, *Fair Opportunity, Responsibility, and Excuse* (with Lisa Forsberg). Amount: £1094.95.
10. Faculty of Law Workshop Funding, University of Oxford, 2018. Project title: Children's Consent: Philosophy and Law in Conversation (with Lisa Forsberg and Jonathan Herring). Amount: £3000.
11. Oxford University's John Fell OUP Research Fund, 2018. Project title: Children's Consent: Philosophy and Law in Conversation (with Lisa Forsberg, Isra Black and Jonathan Herring). Amount: £7500.
12. Society for Applied Philosophy Event Funding, 2018. Project title: Children's Consent: Philosophy and Law in Conversation (with Isra Black and Lisa Forsberg). Amount: £2660.
13. Faculty Development Fund - Conference Travel, 2017. Project title: Overriding Adolescent Refusals of Treatment. PI. Amount: \$2300.
14. Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Reapplication Assistance, 2009. Project title: Children's Well-Being. PI. Amount: \$5000.
15. Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Internal Travel Grant, 2009. Project title: Rashdall's Ideal Utilitarianism. PI. Amount: \$1253.
16. Kristeller-Popkin Travel Fellowship, *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, 2009. Project title: Rashdall's Meta-ethics. PI. Amount: US \$2500.
17. Academic Development Fund Research Award, 2006. Project title: Henry Sidgwick, the Free Will Controversy and the Autonomy of Ethics. PI. Amount: \$3949.
18. International Research Award, 2006. Project title: The Normative Significance of the Free Will Controversy in Sidgwick's Ethics. PI. Amount: \$3820.

19. Dean's Travel Research Award, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018, 2020, 2021, 2022. Amount: about \$1600 each time.
20. Ontario Graduate Scholarship, University of Toronto, 2002-2003. Project title: Reasoning Towards Utilitarianism. PI. Amount: \$15000.
21. Gordon Cheesbrough Graduate Fellowship in Philosophy, University of Toronto, 2000, 2001, 2002. Project title: Reasoning Towards Utilitarianism. PI. Amount: \$1200.
22. School of Graduate Studies Travel Grant, University of Toronto, 2000, 2001, 2002. Amount: \$6000.
23. Doctoral Fellowship, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, University of Toronto, 2000–2002. Project title: Reasoning Towards Utilitarianism. PI. Amount: \$34000.
24. George Paxton Young Memorial Essay Prize, University of Toronto 1999, 2000, 2002, 2003.
25. University of Toronto Graduate Fellowship, University of Toronto, 1999–2000, 2000–2001. Amount: \$20000.
26. Dalhousie University Graduate Fellowship, 1996–1997. Amount: \$8000.

## Supervision

### *Postdoctoral*

1. Chomanski, Bartek.
2. Forsberg, Lisa.
3. Graham, Mackenzie. (Co-supervised with Adrian Owen)

### *Doctoral*

1. Razzaghi, Ashkan. TBD. In progress.
2. Craib, Jordan. *On Difficulty and Well-Being*. In progress.
3. Winsby, Meghan. *The Prospective Stance: Developing Moral Agency and Agents*. In progress.
4. Fice, Nicole. *Essays on Privilege and its Implications for Relational Autonomy and Vaccine Hesitancy*. PhD received: 2022.
5. Kantymir, Lori. *Varieties of Objectivity: What's Worth Keeping*. PhD received: 2016.
6. Graham, Mackenzie. *The Moral Status and Welfare of Patients Diagnosed as Vegetative with Covert Awareness*. PhD received: 2016. (Co-supervised with Charles Weijer)
7. Bieber, Trevor. *Love and Ethics in the Works of J. M. E. McTaggart*. PhD received: 2014.
8. Beldan, Alex. *A Defence of Anti-psychologism About Reasons*. PhD Received: 2013.
9. Hebert, Michel. *Well-Being, Authority, and Worth*. PhD received: 2013. (Co-supervised with Samantha Brennan)
10. Clipsham, Patrick. *Does Empirical Moral Psychology Rest on a Mistake?* PhD received: 2012.

## Masters

1. Arafa, Dana, "TBD." In progress.
2. Yu, Yonghao, "Utilitarianism and Rights." In progress.
3. Luebke, Tobias, "TBD." In progress.
4. Sagbilge, Mehmet. "Ross's Value Theory and The Problem of Asceticism." MA received: 2023.
5. Wolbaum, Tracy. "Employer Obligations and the Ethics of Mandatory Vaccination." MA received: 2023.
6. Yaffa, Jaqueline. "Medical Assistance In Dying for Patients with Mental Illness – A Review of Ethical Concerns and Decision-Making Capacity." MA received: 2021.
7. Cook, Chris. "Desire-Satisfaction Theories of Well-Being and the Experience Requirement." MA received: 2019.
8. Craib, Jordan. "Skepticism about Symmetry in Welfare Theorizing." MA received: 2019.
9. Filipovich, Tara. "Children's Well-Being and the Capabilities Approach." MA received: 2018.
10. Lucia, Francesco. "On Child Well-Being and Hedonism." MA received: 2018.
11. Parnell, Jane. "Sumner's Happiness Theory of Well-Being: Two Puzzling Implications." MA received: 2018.
12. Dean, Matthew. "Drowning Children and Meaning in Life." MA received: 2016
13. Jones, Zac. "Nudging Free Citizens: Normative Considerations of Governmental Nudging Practices in a Liberal Democracy." MA received: 2014,
14. Milde, Clara. "Preferences and Public Policy." MA received: 2012.
15. Mills, Kevin. "Henry Sidgwick and the Importance of the Free Will Debate for the Study of Ethics." MA received: 2011.
16. Symonds, Thomas. "A Second Look at Henry Sidgwick's Esoteric Morality." MA received: 2009.

## Teaching

### *Course Instructor (at UWO unless otherwise noted):*

Ethics, Law, and Politics, 2024.

Ethics in 10 Arguments (Graduate Course), 2023.

Well-Being: Its Nature and Practical Importance, 2023.

Ross's Ethics (Graduate Course), 2022.

Well-Being (Graduate Course), 2018.

Introduction to Philosophy, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2025.

Sidgwick's Ethics, International Society for Utilitarian Studies, Summer School on Utilitarianism, Université Catholique de Lille, France, 2016.

The Ethics of Science/The Science of Ethics II, 2016.

The Ethics of Science/The Science of Ethics I, 2015.

Ethics and Society, 2013-2014, 2014-2015.

Utility, Liberty, Equality: The Case of J. S. Mill (Graduate Course), 2014.

Mill's Moral and Political Philosophy, 2012.

Promises: Sidgwick, Ross, Scanlon (Graduate Course), 2011.

Advanced Introduction to Philosophy, 2011.

Moore's Ethics (Graduate Course), 2010.

Topics in the History of Ethics, 2008, 2015, 2016.

Sidgwick's Ethics (Graduate Course), 2009, 2017, 2020.

Advanced Topics in Practical Ethics: Population Ethics, 2008.

Normative Ethics, 2007, 2010, 2016, 2017, 2023, 2023, 2024.

Twentieth-Century Value Theory (Graduate Course), 2007.

Advanced Topics in Practical Ethics: The Ethics of Killing, 2006.

Ethics: The Good and the Right, 2005-2006.

Introduction to the Theory of Knowledge, 2005, 2007.

Introduction to Ethics and Value Theory, 2005 (online), 2006, 2006, 2007, 2010, 2010, 2012, 2016, 2018, 2022.

Seminar: Ethics (on Henry Sidgwick), University of Toronto, 2004.

Moral Questions and Social Policies, Glendon College, York University, 2004.

Ethics and Mental Health, University of Toronto, 2004.

Ethics and Medical Research, University of Toronto, 2003.

Philosophy of Law, Justice and Rights, Trent University, 2002.

## Editorial service

Editorial Committee, *Utilitas*, 2023–present.

Associate Editor, *Journal for the History of Analytical Philosophy*, 2017–present.

Category Editor, Utilitarianism, PhilPapers, 2011–present.

Editorial Advisory Panel Member of Bloomsbury Encyclopedia of Utilitarianism, ed., James Crimmins (New York: Bloomsbury, 2013), 2011–2012.

Referee for *Bioethics* (3x), *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* (2x), *British Medical Journal*, *Canadian Journal of Law and Jurisprudence*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* (5x), *Critica*, *Dialogue*, *Ergo*, *Ethics* (2x), *Ethics and Social Welfare*, *History of Philosophy Quarterly* (2x), *Hypatia*, *International Encyclopedia of Ethics* (11x), *International Journal of Philosophical Studies*, *Journal of Applied Philosophy* (2x), *Journal of Ethics* (2x), *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* (2x), *Journal of Medical Ethics* (4x), *Journal of Modern Philosophy*, *Journal for the History of Analytical Philosophy* (2x), *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, *Journal of Social Philosophy* (3x), *Mind*, *Philosophers' Imprint* (2x), *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophy Compass*, *Politics, Philosophy and Economics* (3x), *Public Health Ethics*, *Res Philosophica*, *Social Theory and Practice*, *Southwest Philosophy Review*, *Utilitas* (7x), British Society for Ethical Theory, Broadview Press (4x), Canadian Philosophical Association (8x), Cambridge University Press, Emond Montgomery Publications (2x), Lingnam University, Oxford University Press (9x), Routledge (2x), Springer, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Western Canadian Philosophical Association (5x), Yale University Press.

## Professional activities (selected)

Committee Member, International Society for Utilitarian Studies

Co-organizer, Workshop on Children's Consent: Philosophy and Law in Conversation, Exeter College, University of Oxford, 21-22 March 2019 (with Lisa Forsberg, Isra Black, and Jonathan Herring).

Co-organizer, Symposium on David Brink, Fair Opportunity, Responsibility, and Excuse, Somerville College, University of Oxford, 20 March 2019 (with Lisa Forsberg).

Review Board Member, *International Encyclopedia of Ethics*.

Member, American Philosophical Association.

Member, British Society for the History of Philosophy.

Member, Canadian Philosophical Association.

Member, Canadian Society for the Study of Practical Ethics.

Member, International Society for Utilitarian Studies.

Member, Society for Applied Philosophy.

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