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CURRENT POSITION

10.2024 – ongoing Leverhulme Early Career Fellow
University of Edinburgh

EDUCATION

09.2020 – 04.2024 Ph.D. in Philosophy
University of St Andrews and University of Stirling

09.2014 – 03.2019 B.A. and M.A. in Philosophy
University of Trento

PAST POSITIONS

04.2024 – 05.2025 St Leonard Research Associate
University of St Andrews

01.2023 – 09.2024 WHO Ethics and Governance Unit Consultant
World Health Organization

04. – 06.2024 DAAD Re-invitation Fellowship in Philosophy
University of Mainz

09. – 12.2022 AHRC Visiting Doctoral Research Fellowship
New York University

09.2019 – 07.2020 DAAD 1-year Fellowship in Philosophy
University of Cologne

03. – 06.2019 DAAD Short-term Fellowship in Philosophy
University of Göttingen

RESEARCH INTEREST

Areas of Specialization: Early Modern Philosophy (esp. Hume and British sentimentalism), Virtue Ethics, Environmental Ethics.

Areas of Competence: History of Philosophy, Enlightenment Studies, Ethics of Technology, Metaethics, Philosophy of Emotions.

PUBLICATIONS*Peer-reviewed articles*

1. “Envy and the Narrow Circle: A Puzzle in Hume’s Moral Philosophy.” In *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* (accepted for publication and forthcoming).
2. “Do Humeans Need Phronesis?” *Journal of Value Inquiry* (accepted for publication and forthcoming)
3. “Engineering Moral Responsibility in the Age of AI: Amelioration or Preservation?” *Inquiry* (with Fabio Tollon) online first, doi: 10.1080/0020174X.2026.2615772
4. “William King on Election, Reason, and Desire: A Reply to Kenneth Pearce.” In *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* (2024), 32 (1), pp. 194-206. doi: 10.1080/09608788.2023.2214187
5. “Secret Sentiments: Hume on Pride, Decency and Virtue.” In *Hume Studies*, 47 (1), 2022, pp. 131-155. doi: 10.1353/hms.2022.0007*
(*Runner-up of the *Hume Studies Essay Prize* 2021)
6. “Hume on Pride, Vanity and Society.” In *Journal of Scottish Philosophy* (2020), 18 (2), pp. 157-173. doi: 10.3366/jsp.2020.0265**
(**Winner of the *G. Graham Prize for Scottish Philosophy*)
7. “Luxury, Mystification, and Oppressive Power in d’Holbach’s Philosophical Writings.” In *Journal of Modern Philosophy* (2020), 2, pp. 1-11. doi: 10.32881/jomp.88

Peer-reviewed book chapters

1. “Beyond the Just Bounds’: Hume on Passion, Morality, and General Rules” in *The Prevalence of General Rules in Hume’s Philosophy*, edited by Tamas Demeter and Jim Chamberlain, Routledge, (forthcoming, 2026).
2. “Climate Change and Virtue Ethics” in *Handbook of the Philosophy of Climate Change*, edited by Gianfranco Pellegrino and Marcello Di Paola, Springer, 2023. <https://link.springer.com/book/9783031070013>
3. “An Empire of Lies. Baron d’Holbach on Vanity and Philosophy.” In *The Great Protector of Wits: Baron d’Holbach and His Time* (ed.) L. Nicolì, Brill: Leiden, 2022 doi: https://doi.org/10.1163/9789004516847_005
4. “Where is the Fury? On Hume’s Peculiar Account of Anger and Resentment.” In *The Dark Side. Philosophical Reflections on the “Negative Emotions”*, (eds.) P. Giacomoni, S. Dellantonio, N. Valentini. Springer: Cham, 2021. doi: 10.1007/978-3-030-55123-0_9

Policy papers

1. *WHO Guidance on The Ethics of Health Research Priority Setting*, pp. 102 (2025) (research and editorial work, lead author was Joseph Millum)

2. *The Ethics of Health Research Priority Setting. A Casebook*, pp. 41 (2025) (research and editorial work, lead author was Joseph Millum) (companion to the publication above)

Book Reviews, Reports, and Short Pieces

1. Review of Greco, Lorenzo “The Proud Self: A Humean Ethics of Virtue” in *Journal of Value Inquiry* (invited).
2. Review of Graham, Gordon, “David Hume and the Aberdeen Philosophers: Reid, Campbell, Gerard, Beattie” in *Hume Studies* (forthcoming)
3. Entry on “Sophie de Grouchy” in *Archivio delle filosofe*, Edizioni università di Trieste, 2023. doi: 10.13137/978-88-8303-950-8/35148 9.
4. Review of Swanton, Christine “Target-Centered Virtue Ethics” (2023), *Journal of Moral Philosophy*. doi.org/10.1163/17455243-20010011 10.
5. Review of Sandis, Constantine “Character and Causation: Hume’s Philosophy of Action.” In *Journal of Scottish Philosophy* 18 no. 3 (2020). doi: jsp.2020.0283 11.

TEACHING (Full teaching portfolio available upon request)

Teaching at Edinburgh:

- Winter 2026:** Lecturer for *The Birth of Modern Ethics* (year 4 UG*)
- Winter 2025:** Lecturer for *Environmental Ethics* (year 4 UG)
- Spring 2025:** MA dissertation supervisions

Teaching at St Andrews:

- Spring 2025:** Guest Lecturer for module *Virtue & Vice* (year 4 UG)
- Summer 2024:** Lecturer and organiser of a 3-week *PPE Summer School*
- Spring 2024:** Lecturer for *Moral and Aesthetic Values* (year 2 UG); Tutor for *The Enlightenment* (year 1 UG)
- Winter 2023:** Lecturer for *Moral and Political Controversies* (year 1 UG)
- Summer 2023:** Lecturer for the *PPE Summer School* and the *SAEC Academic Summer School*
- Spring 2023:** Tutor for *Moral and Aesthetic Value* (year 2 UG); Lecturer for the *Moral and Aesthetic Value* and *The Enlightenment*
- Summer 2022:** Lecturer for the *SAEC Academic Summer School*
- Spring 2022:** Tutor for *The Enlightenment* (year 1 UG)
- Winter 2021:** Tutor for *Moral and Political Controversies* (year 1 UG)

Spring 2021: Tutor for *Reasoning* (Logic, year 1 UG, online)

*UG=undergraduate teaching

SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

Research Scholarships and Grants (selected)

- 2026 Visiting Scholar at Peking University and Nankai University, China, March 16-29, 2026. Sponsors: Dr. Hongbin Zhao and Dr. Xiao Qi.
- 2026 Visiting Scholar at the National University of Singapore, March 2-15, 2026. Sponsor: Prof. Hsueh Qu.
- 2025 Wellcome Trust-funded InFrame Grant for project: Ethical Leadership Amid Precarity (ca. £ 21,500 currently) in collaboration between Edinburgh and Glasgow.
- 2024 Leverhulme Early Career Fellowship (36 months). Sponsor: Pro. Michael Gill (ca. £ 170,000 currently covering my salary at Edinburgh)
- 2024 DAAD re-invitation stipend, University of Mainz, Germany (April to June 2024). Sponsor: Prof. Konstantin Pollok (6,500 €)
- 2022 SGSAAH award for a Doctoral Research Visit at NYU, September to December 2022. Supervisor: Prof. Don Garrett (£ 10,562)
- 2020-2024 St Andrews Maintenance Scholarship awarded by St Leonard's College, 3 years and 6 months. (ca. £57,500)
- 2020-2024 SGSAAH AHRC Doctoral Training Partnership Scholarship for EU students, 3 years and 6 months. (ca. £15,000)
- 2020-2024 SGSAAH AHRC Research and Travel expenses coverage (£ 1750)
- 2020-2024 Full 4-year IRC Ph.D. Scholarship to study at the University College Dublin (ca. 96,000€ - declined to take up position at St Andrews)
- 2020-2023 Full 3-year Ph.D. Scholarship awarded by the School of Philosophy, Psychology and Language Sciences, University of Edinburgh. (56,880£ - declined to take up position at St Andrews)
- 2019-2020 DAAD 1-year grant for a research fellowship at the University of Cologne (Germany). Supervisor: Thiemo Breyer. (1,200€/month, plus 1,680€ travel and research allowance)
- 2019 DAAD short-term grant for a research fellowship, Lichtenberg Kolleg, University of Göttingen (Germany). Supervisor: Laura Nicoli. (1,200€/month, plus 400€ travel allowance)
- 2018 Research Grant for a Visiting Period at Oxford Brookes University, (UK) assigned by the University of Trento. Supervisor: Dan O'Brien. (1,800€)

Merit-based Awards and prizes (selected)

2025	The Hume Society's Emerging Scholars Award 2025. (800 \$)
2023	St Leonards College Travel Award (£ 125)
2022	Santander Research Mobility Awards (£ 295)
2022	Runner-up of the Hume Studies Essay Prize competition
2019	The Hume Society's Emerging Scholars Award 2019. (1,000 \$)
2018	Gordon Graham Prize for Scottish Philosophy. (2,000 \$)
2016	University of Trento Award for outstanding academic results. (5,000 €)

Other Awards and Scholarships (selected)

2022	British Society for the History of Philosophy Conference Funding for the Workshop "Society and Human Nature in Early Modern Philosophy" (£ 400)
2022	Scots Philosophical Association Conference Funding for the Workshop "Society and Human Nature in Early Modern Philosophy" (£ 450)
2022	St Leonard's College, St Andrews, Community Fund for the Workshop "Society and Human Nature in Early Modern Philosophy" (£ 350)
2022	CEPPA, St Andrews funding for the Workshop "Society and Human Nature in Early Modern Philosophy" (£ 200)
2019	The Hume Society Mentorship Workshop Award. (400 \$)
2018	UCD Stipend for Prospective PhD Students to attend the Agency in Early Modern Philosophy Workshop, 27-28 September. (200 €)

PRESENTATIONS

Refereed Presentations (selected from the last 4 years)

1. "Hume on Sympathy, Authority and Morality" Nankai University, Tianjin, China, March 28, 2026.
2. "From Voluntarism to Virtue: Pufendorf and Hume on the foundations of morality," Peking University, Beijing, China, March 20, 2026.
3. "Hume's One and Only Definition of Virtue" National University of Singapore, March 11, 2026.
4. "Midgely on Hume: Human Nature, Virtue and Morality" 51st Hume Society Conference, McMaster University, Hamilton, Canada, 14-18 July 2025.
5. "Hutcheson on the Foundation of Morality" Early Modern NYC Workshop, 21-22 June 2025
6. "Hume and Midgley on the Study of Animals and Human Nature" BSHP Cambridge, April 2025.
7. "King and Hume on the Creation of Value," 50th Hume Society Conference, Oxford University, July 2024. [comments by Jason Fissette]

8. “Pufendorf and Hume on the Nature of Morality,” 49th Hume Society Conference, Provo, July 2023. (online) [comments by Elizabeth Radcliffe]
9. “King and Hume on the Construction of Value,” SSEMP, St Andrews, May 2023.
10. “Hume on Natural Obligation, Virtue, and Supererogation,” 48th Hume Society Conference, Prague, July 2022. [comments by Alison McIntyre]
11. “Virtues Without Motives? Character and Reliability in Hume’s Ethics,” BSHP Annual Conference Annual Conference, 21–23 April 2022, University of Edinburgh.
12. “Envy: A Puzzle in Hume’s Moral Philosophy,” Institute for the Study of Scottish Philosophy Conference 2021 - Naturalizing religion in the Scottish Enlightenment, September 2021, 8-10, University of Antwerp. (online)
13. “Microprotective Virtues,” 14th Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics (RoME) Congress, Boulder, Colorado, August 12-15, 2021. (online)
14. “Hume of Envy,” 47th Hume Society Conference, Bogotá, Colombia, July 2021. (online) [comments by Willem Lemmens]
15. “Sophie de Grouchy on Positive Suffering,” 7th Dutch Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Radboud University Nijmegen, The Netherlands, 22nd May 2021. (online)
16. “Microaggressions and the Virtues,” BPPA Micro-Progressions Masterclass, Durham University, April 15th, 2021. (online)
17. “Sophie de Grouchy on Positive Suffering,” Vanderbilt Modern Philosophy Seminar Series 2020-21, January 27th 2021. (online)

Invited Presentations (selected from the last 3 years)

1. “‘Beyond the Just Bounds’: Hume on Passion, Morality, and General Rules”, Budapest Corvinus University, January 2025.
2. “Moral Sentimentalism and the Will”, Mainz Work in Early Modern Philosophy, University of Mainz, June 2024.
3. “Sustaining Sentiments: Hutcheson and Hume on the Nature of Morality,” Edinburgh Early Modern Group, June 2nd, 2023.
4. “Hutcheson and Hume on the Foundation of Ethics,” May 22nd, 2023, NYU History of Philosophy research group.
5. “Hume’s Secular Voluntarism,” Washington Square Circle, November 18th, 2022, New York University.
6. “Envy and the Narrow Circle: A Puzzle in Hume’s Moral Philosophy” 19th October 2022, NYU History of Philosophy research group.
7. “Hume’s Account of Virtue and Its Place in the History of Ethics”, CEPPA Work-in-Progress Talk, June 1st 2022, University of St Andrews.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Workshop and Conference Organization

- May 14-15, 2026 Co-organiser of the 2-day *Scottish Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy XIV*, Edinburgh ([Scottish Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy XIV - PhilEvents](#)).

- April 16-17, 2026 Main organiser for a 2-day workshop on *Humean Virtue Ethics: New Directions*, Edinburgh ([Humean Virtue Ethics: New Directions - PhilEvents](#)).
- Aug. 6, 2024 Organisation of a Hume Society session at the 25th World Philosophy Congress, Rome. (6 speakers)
- Sept. 12, 2023 Organisation of an online workshop on Hume's Moral Philosophy including presentations by 6 early career speakers currently developing work on Hume's ethics). Co-organised with Dr. Avital Hazony Levi
- June 22, 2022 Organisation of the Scottish Graduate School for Art and Humanities' Annual Symposium in Glasgow. This was a 1-day workshop with 4 parallel sessions and a total of 32 speakers. The Symposium was co-organized together with three other Ph.D. students from other Scottish universities).
- June 15, 2022 Organisation of the Workshop "Society and Human Nature in Early Modern Philosophy". This was a 1-day workshop including 6 talks on early modern subjects. It was funded by the BSHP, Scots Phil Association, St Leonard's College and CEPPA.

Reading Groups Organization

- Feb. – May 2025 Convenor for a reading group on Bernard Williams's *Ethics and the Limits of Philosophy*.
- Oct. – Dec. 2024 Convenor for the Hume Society Reading Group on 'Humean Virtue Ethics' (sponsored by The Hume Society)
- Feb. – Apr. 2023 Convenor for the CEPPA's Cover to Cover Reading Group on David McPherson's *The Virtues of Limits*. University of St Andrews.
- Oct. – Dec. 2021 Convenor for the CEPPA's Cover to Cover Reading Group on Rebecca Stangl's *Neither Heroes nor Saints*. University of St Andrews.
- Mar. – Apr. 2020 Organization of a reading seminar on Aristotle's Rhetoric and Nicomachean Ethics, a.r.t.e.s. Graduate School, University of Cologne. (with Dr. Emanuela Carta)
- Nov. – Dec. 2019 Organization of a reading seminar on Franz Brentano's *Origin of Our Knowledge of Right and Wrong*, a.r.t.e.s. Graduate School, University of Cologne. (with Dr. Emanuela Carta)

Other Engagements

- 2021 - 2024 Participation in the preparation for *The Ethics Cup* (Previously John Stuart Mill Cup) discussion cases for CEPPA, St Andrews.
- 2021 – 2023 Ph.D. Representative for the Postgraduate Research Students community at the University of St Andrews.
- 2021 – 2023 MAP (Minorities and Philosophy) Mentor.

REVIEWER/REFEREE FOR JOURNALS AND CONFERENCES

Journals:

Journal of Character Education (2026)
Journal of Controversial Ideas (2026)
British Journal for the History of Philosophy (2025)
Filozofia (2025)
Hume Studies (2025)
Southern Journal of Philosophy (2025)
Australasian Journal of Philosophy (2022; 2025)
Environmental Values (2024)
The Journal of Value Enquiry (2024)
Journal of Modern Philosophy (2022; 2023)
Manuscrito (2022)
Theoria (2022)
Journal of Scottish Philosophy (2022)

Conferences:

SACAIR2025, The Southern African Conference for AI Research; 52nd Hume Society Conference (2026); 48th Hume Society Conference (2022); Italian Association of Cognitive Science (AISC) 2022 Conference; 4th CEPPA Graduate Conference, University of St Andrews; 96th Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association

Books:

A Bloomsbury Book Manuscript on Hume

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

2018–present *The Hume Society*

2021–present *The Aristotelian Society*

2022–present *The British Society for the History of Philosophy*

LANGUAGES

Italian: native; English: fluent; French: fluent; German: good; Latin: reading; Chinese: elementary (HSK3)

REFERENCES

Prof. Michael Gill University of Edinburgh
 Prof. James Harris University of St Andrews
 Prof. Don Garrett New York University
 Prof. Julia Driver University of Texas at Austin