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RESEARCH AREAS

Areas of Specialization

Political philosophy; social philosophy

Areas of Competence

Applied ethics, normative ethics, social epistemology, philosophy of law

EDUCATION

Visiting Scholar, University of Arizona (2026)

Project: "Democratic Co-authorship"

Supervisor: Thomas Christiano

Ph.D. Philosophy, Queen's University (2023–)

Thesis: *Minoritized Agency and Democratic Co-authorship*

Committee: Will Kymlicka (supervisor), Andrew Lister, Margaret Moore

M.A. Philosophy, Concordia University (2023)

Thesis: *Nonabsolutism and Social Change*

Supervisor: Pablo Gilabert

B.A. Philosophy (honours), Saint Mary's University (2021)

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

"Trusting Conspiracy Theories", *Social Epistemology* (2025): 1–14 (online first)

"The Yoke of Emancipation: A Reworked Toolkit for Social Transformation", *Gnosis: Graduate Journal of Philosophy* Vol. 20, (2022): 76–104

Edited Volumes

"Explorations in Current Philosophy" *Gnosis* (graduate journal) Vol. 21, (2024) – with Petru Dragnef

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

SSHRC Michael Smith Foreign Study Award: \$6,000 (2026)

SSHRC Canada Graduate Scholarship – Doctoral Award: \$120,000 (2025–2028)

Doctoral Fellowship: Animals in Philosophy, Politics, Law, and Ethics (APPLE), Queen's (2025–)

Ontario Graduate Scholarship: \$15,000 x2 (2024; *declined in 2025*)

Dr. H. Martyn Estall Award, Queen's: \$500 (2024)

Queen's Graduate Award: \$2,000 (2024)
Various conference travel awards (Queen's; APA): \$2300 (2024–27)
Senator Frank Carrel Fellowship: \$15,000 (2023)
Dean's Award (*merit in social justice*) Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Queen's: \$3,000 (2023)
Social Justice Centre Fellowship, Concordia University: \$5,000 (2022)
Centre de recherche en éthique (CRÉ) Fellowship, interuniversity research group: \$5,000 (2022)

REFEREED TALKS (* = INVITED)

“Democratic Authorship and the Political Turns in Child, Disability, and Animal Rights”
APA East, Papers in Progress Workshop – Boston, January 2027

“Co-authors of a Shared Society”
APA East – Boston, January 2027
Canadian Philosophical Association (CPA) – Dalhousie, June 2026
International Association for Social and Legal Philosophy (CS-IVR) – Dalhousie, June 2026

“Trusting Conspiracy Theories”
APA East – Baltimore, January 2026
Guest Lecture: PHIL 451 Current Issues in Epistemology – Queen's, October 2025 *
CPA – George Brown College, June 2025
Atlantic Region Philosophers' Association (ARPA) – Memorial University, October 2024

“The Boundaries of Democratic Autonomy”
APA Pacific, Papers in Progress Workshop – (Online), April 2026
Western Canadian Philosophical Association – University of Alberta, October 2025
ARPA – University of New Brunswick, October 2025

“We Know Best: Cognitive Disability and Shared Decision-Making”
Southern Ontario Regional Ethics Network – Kingston Health Sciences Centre, April 2025 *

“Frontiers of Freedom: Citizen, State, and Political Responsibility”
Guest Lecture: Humanities 102 Worldviews – Champlain College, March 2025 *

“Nonabsolutism and Social Change”
CPA – (Online), June 2024
Social Justice Centre Annual Fellows Seminar – Concordia, April 2023
CRÉ Annual Graduate Student Seminar – Université de Montréal, March 2023

Commentary

“A Defense of Non-Rawlsian Ideal Theory” by Jorge Sanchez-Perez
CS-IVR – Dalhousie, June 2026

“Sharing Labour as a Principle of Justice” by Yuanjin Xia
CPA – Dalhousie, June 2026 *

“Ottawa's Freedom Convoy, Annexation and Sowing Chaos Abroad” by John Edwards-Boone
Emerging Challenges for Liberal Democracy – Queen's, April 2026

“Inclusive Dignity” by Pablo Gilabert
Philosophy Research Symposium – Concordia, February 2023 *

TEACHING POSITIONS

Instructor of Record

Markets and Morals – PHIL 303, Queen's (2027)

Tutorial Leader

Animals and Society – PHIL 296, Queen's (2026)

Philosophy of Human Rights – PHIL 241, Concordia (2023)

Philosophy of Science – PHIL 220, Concordia (2022)

Teaching Assistant

Science and Society – PHIL 203, Queen's (2025)

Great Works of Philosophy – PHIL 151, Queen's x2 (2024–25)

Moral Issues – PHIL 157, Queen's (2025)

Epistemology – PHIL 252, Queen's (2024)

Space-Time, Matter, and Reality – PHIL 382, Queen's (2024)

Practical Ethics – PHIL 247, Queen's (2023)

Critical Thinking – PHIL 210, Concordia x3 (2021–2022)

PRACTICUM AND RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

Practicum in Biomedical Ethics: Kingston General Hospital, Ontario (2025)

Advisor: Dr. David Campbell

Research Assistant (Queen's Law) to Prof. Grégoire Webber (2024–)

Project: SSHRC Insight Grant on the foundations of law

SERVICE

Professional

Referee: *Journal of Applied Philosophy* (x1)

Conference Organizer:

- *Emerging Challenges for Liberal Democracy* – Queen's (2026)
- *Normativity and Social Critique* – CRÉ (2023)

Judge at Ethics Bowl Canada (2025)

Co-Editor-in-Chief: *Gnosis*, Concordia (2022–23)

Departmental

SSHRC applications workshop leader, Queen's (2026)

Social Committee: Philosophy Graduate Association, Queen's (2025–26)

Prospective Graduate Student Liaison, Queen's and Concordia (2023–25)

Teaching Assistant Mentor, Queen's (2024–25)

Co-Convenor: Faculty of Arts and Sciences annual open house, Queen's (2024)

Colloquium Facilitator: Philosophy Graduate Association, Queen's (2023–24)

GRADUATE COURSEWORK (* = AUDITED)

Ph.D.

Philosophical Problems of Democracy – Thomas Christiano (2026) *
Membership and Solidarity – Will Kymlicka (2025) *
Philosophical Methods Proseminar – Meena Krishnamurthy (2025) *
Contractualism and Future Generations – Rahul Kumar (2024)
Duties, Constraints, Prerogatives, and Permissions – Kera Gordon-Solmon (2024)
Epistemology of Conspiracy Theories – Sergio Sismondo (2024)
Interspecies Politics – Will Kymlicka (2023)
Intergenerational Justice – Andrew Lister (2023)
Legal and Political Philosophy Colloquium – Grégoire Webber and Jean Thomas x3 (2023–25*)

M.A.

Philosophy of Well-Being – Pablo Gilabert (2023)
Kant and 18th-Century German Philosophy – Nabeel Hamid (2022)
Origins of Analytic Philosophy – Gregory Lavers (2022) *
Philosophy of Language – Gregory Lavers (2022)
Plato – Paul Catanu (2022)
Egalitarian Theories of Social Justice – Pablo Gilabert (2021)
Private Property Rights – Katharina Nieswandt (2021)

MEMBERSHIPS

American Philosophical Association
The Canadian Philosophical Association
Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE) Society
Society for Philosophy and Disability

REFERENCES

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Pablo Gilabert
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