

# Curriculum Vitae

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## Areas of Specialisation

Normative Ethics; Applied/Practical Ethics; Value Theory

## Areas of Competence

Political Philosophy; Social Philosophy; Meta-Ethics

## Employment

- Postgraduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Philosophy, Theology and Religion. University of Birmingham. (September 2023 to June 2024)

## Education

- Doctor of Philosophy, Philosophy. University of Birmingham, United Kingdom. (Submitted May 2025; viva voce June 2025)  
Thesis title: *Anti-Natalist Ethics and Their Broader Moral Significance*  
Supervisors: Ema Sullivan-Bissett, Jussi Suikkanen, and Yujin Nagasawa.
- Master of Arts, Philosophy. University of Birmingham, United Kingdom. (2021)
- Bachelor of Arts, Politics. Loughborough University, United Kingdom. (2020)

## Publications (Peer-Reviewed)

- “Anti-Natalism and (The Right Kinds of) Environmental Attitudes” (2024) *Res Publica*: 1-15. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11158-024-09698-4>

## Work in Progress

- “Answering the Anti-natalist–Pro-mortalist Question” (under review) *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*.
- “The Short-sightedness of Anti-natalist Views of Extinction” (under review) *Journal of Moral Philosophy*.

- “The Unnecessary Harm Principle, Ethical Veganism, and the Case Against Reproduction” (under review) *Journal of Moral Philosophy*.
- “Whose Death is it, Anyway? Developing Subjective Evaluations of Death” (under review) *Inquiry*.

### **Selected Presentations**

- “The Vegan’s Compromise: Unnecessary Harm and Reasonable Demandingness”, *OZSW Annual Conference*, TU Delft. (May 2025)
- “A Predicament for Anti-natalists: Environmentalism Against Their Will”, *Association for Social and Political Philosophy Conference*, Swansea University. (July 2024)
- “Whose Death is it, Anyway? Comparativist and Subjectivist Evaluations of Death”, *Braga Meetings*, University of Minho. (June 2024)
- “Whose Death is it, Anyway? Comparativist and Subjectivist Evaluations of Death”, *Relating to Death, Relating to the Dead Conference*, University of Edinburgh. (May 2024)
- “Subjectivity and the Badness of Death”, *Northwest Philosophy Conference*, Lewis & Clark College. (2023)
- “Subjectivity and the Badness of Death”, *Zagreb Applied Ethics Conference*, Institute of Philosophy, Zagreb. (2023)

### **Research Grants**

- Visiting Research Fellow, Hebrew University. Six-week workshop on “The Value of Human Life”. Received a \$3,000 stipend and had accommodation provided and travel expenses covered. (May–June 2023)
- Funding Award, Middlemore Foundation. Received £4,000 to cover tuition fee. (2022)

### **Teaching Qualifications and Experience**

Education:

- *Introduction to Learning and Teaching*, Department of Philosophy, Theology and Religion. University of Birmingham. (2023)

Teaching Assistant:

- *Moral and Political Philosophy*, Department of Philosophy, Theology and Religion. University of Birmingham. (Semester 2, 2023)
- *Philosophers’ Toolkit*, *Ibid.* (Semester 1, 2023)

- *Philosophical Traditions*, Ibid. (Semester 1, 2023)

Other teaching experience:

- Scholar's Programme Teacher, *The Brilliant Club*. Two-month programme teaching high-school students based on my PhD research. (January–March, 2023)
- Tutor, *Brilliant Grades*. Tutor in Philosophy, Politics, and English for students in high school up to undergraduates. (2021–2022)
- Tutor, *Coachbright*. Volunteer tutor for disadvantaged high school students. (2020–2021)

### **Professional Experience**

- Academic English Editor, *MDPI*. Provided academic editing to over 1,600 papers for various journals. (2021–)

### **Conference Organisation**

- Visiting Speaker Series, Department of Philosophy, Theology and Religion. University of Birmingham. Received funding to co-host a speaker series. I invited Michael Hauskeller, University of Liverpool, to present. (June 2024)