

Alex Horne
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Education

1. PhD in Philosophy (Awarded without Correction), University of Cambridge. Examined by Professor Guy Kahane (Oxon) and Assistant Professor Sophia Dandelet (Cantab) (2023)
2. Master of Philosophy in Philosophy with Distinction, University of Cambridge (2018)
3. Master of Laws (Awarded without Correction), University of Sydney. Examined by Professor Liam Murphy (NYU) and Professor Dale Smith (Melb) (2017)
4. Bachelor of Laws (Hons 1) (2013), University of Sydney
5. Bachelor of Arts (Hons 1) (Philosophy) (2011), University of Sydney

Publications

1. Putting Good Advice to Work.
(co-authored with Paulina Sliwa) forthcoming in *Metaethics 2.0: Essays on Michael Smith's Rational Ethics* (Eds. E. Lord, B. Maguire & T. McPherson). Edinburgh University Press.
2. Social Normativity: No Mere Formality.
(2025). *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, 103: 796-813.
3. Indirect Evaluative Voluntarism.
(2024). *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 109: 1009-1031.
4. Too Many Cooks.
(2022). *Synthese*, 200: 311.
5. Is Constructive Interpretation Necessary?
(2016). *Australasian Journal of Legal Philosophy*, 41:15-46.

In Progress/Under Review

1. Reasons Internalism, Political and Metaphysical
2. (with Paulina Sliwa). Unsolicited Advice
3. Proleptic Obligations
4. Hermeneutic Humean Constructivism
5. Self-creation as Agential Plasticity
6. Immoral Social Norms and the Bind of What (Not) to Do
7. Epistemic Angst is a Social Problem

Scholarships and Prizes

1. Gates Cambridge Scholarship (2018-2022)
2. Trinity College, University of Cambridge Overseas Studentship (Full Fee) (2017-2018)
3. 3rd Annual New York University Philosophical Bioethics Workshop Graduate Prize (2023)
4. Creighton Club (Philosophy Association of New York) Centennial Conference Graduate Student Presentation Award (2022)
5. ConceptLab, University of Oslo, Visiting Fellowship (2021)
6. Australasian Society of Legal Philosophy Annual Essay Prize (2016)
7. University of Sydney Recca Stone Scholarship in Legal Theory (2014)
8. Australian Postgraduate Award Scholarship (2014)
9. University of Sydney Exchange Scholarship (2012)
10. Walter Reid Memorial Prize, Philosophy Honours Year (Philosophy Honours Thesis: ‘The Kantian Foundations of Nietzsche’s Epistemology’) (2010)
11. University of Sydney Entrance Scholarship (2007)

Talks

1. Advice: The Good, the Bad and the Unwelcome (Knowledge in Crisis, WIP Talk, University of Vienna, March 2026)
2. Putting Good Advice to Work (Knowledge in Crisis, Ethics Working Group Meeting, University of Graz, December 2025)
3. Reasons Internalism, Political and Metaphysical (Association for Social and Political Philosophy, University of Glasgow, July 2025)
4. Reasons Internalism, Political and Metaphysical (Knowledge in Crisis Seminar Series, University of Vienna, June 2025)
5. ‘Quasi-Authoritative Normativity’ (Taking Social Norms Seriously, University of Hamburg, July 2024)
6. ‘The Self-Improvement Machine’ (Yale Early Career Ethics Workshop, April 2023)
7. ‘The Self-Improvement Machine’ (3rd Annual New York University Philosophical Bioethics Workshop, April 2023)
8. ‘Lawmativity’ (Julius Stone Institute Seminar, November 2022)
9. ‘Epistemic Angst is a Social Problem’ (University of Vienna, November 2022)
10. ‘Law’s Normativity, Practically Speaking’ (IVR World Congress, July 2022, Dimitrie Cantemir Christian University)

11. 'Epistemic Angst is a Social Problem' (PERITIA, Ethics of Trust and Expertise, American University of Armenia, June 2022)
12. 'Too Many Cooks' (Cambridge-Oxford Bernard Williams Workshop, April 2022)
13. 'The Self-Improvement Machine' (Creighton Club of New York Centennial Conference Graduate Presentation Award, April 2022)
14. 'Agential Plasticity' (Sapientia Lecture, Dartmouth College, March 2022)
15. 'Rebel without a Cause' (Cambridge Political Philosophy Workshop, February 2022)
16. 'Agential Plasticity' (Cambridge Graduate Philosophy Workshop, February 2022)
17. 'The Self-Improvement Machine' (Oxford Graduate Philosophy Conference, 14 November 2021)
18. 'You can run, but you can't hide: social norms and social normativity' (Cambridge Moral Sciences Club, 9 March 2021)
19. 'Community, Identity, Legality' (MANCEPT Workshop: Law, Agency and Collective Lives 2020)
20. 'Being Social about Reasons' (Cambridge Political Philosophy Workshop 2020)
21. 'Law and Metanormativity' (Cambridge Doctoral Forum for Legal Theory 2019)
22. 'Reasonable Persons May Differ: Reasons Internalism and the Law' (Trinity College Philosophy Society 2019)
23. 'Reasons Internalism, Idealisation and Underdetermination' (Trinity College BA Forum 2019)
24. 'Responsibility and Luck' (Cambridge Graduate Seminar 2018)
25. 'How Should We Think about Law?' (Julius Stone Institute Seminar 2016)
26. 'Does Dworkin's Theory of Law Need His Theory of Truth?' (Australian Society of Legal Philosophy Annual Conference 2016)
27. 'Is Constructive Interpretation Necessary?' (Australian Society of Legal Philosophy Annual Conference 2015)

Teaching

1. Lecturer, University of Vienna (2025-present)
 - a. *Liberty, Equality, Responsibility and Identity: Themes from Contemporary Moral, Social and Political Philosophy*
 - b. *Practical Research Methods*
 - c. *Metaethics and Political Philosophy (S2026)*
 - d. *Introduction to Topics and Methods in Philosophy and Economics (W2026)*
2. Lecturer/Tutor, University of Sydney (2023-2025):
 - a. *Practical Ethics*

- b. *Contemporary Political Philosophy*
 - c. *Core Issues in Practical Philosophy*
 - d. *Essential Texts in Politics and International Relations*
 - e. *Political Analysis*
 - f. *Global Ethics*
 - g. *Moral Psychology*
 - h. *Reality, Ethics, Beauty*
 - i. *Thinking Critically*
3. Tutor, Australian National University (2023):
Theories of Social Justice
 4. Lecturer/Undergraduate Supervisor, University of Cambridge (2018-2023):
 - a. *Political Philosophy II*
 - b. *Political Philosophy IB*
 - c. *Ethics II*
 - d. *Ethics IB*
 - e. *Ethics and Political Philosophy IA*
 5. Marker, University of Cambridge (2018-2019):
Logic IA
 6. Discussion Group Leader, University of Cambridge (2018-2019):
Ethics and Political Philosophy IA
 7. Law Tutor, Macquarie University (2014):
Introduction to Human Rights

Academic Service

1. Co-convenor of the Ethics Working Group for the Knowledge in Crisis Cluster of Excellence: Austrian Science Fund (FWF) (10.55776/COE3) (2025-2026)
2. Knowledge in Crisis World Philosophy Day Public Philosophy Film Host Presenter (2025)
3. Co-founder and Convenor of Knowledge in Crisis Reading Group on Practical Reasons and Normativity (2025-2026)
4. Refereeing (including *Synthese*, *Journal of the APA*, *Acta Analytica*)
5. Chair, St Louis Annual Conference on Reasons and Rationality (2022)
6. Secretary of the University of Cambridge Moral Sciences Club (2019-2020)
7. Treasurer of the Trinity College Philosophy Society, University of Cambridge (2019-2020)
8. Student Mentor, Trinity College, University of Cambridge (2018-2022)

Previous Employment

1. Solicitor, King & Wood Mallesons (Competition, Regulatory and Intellectual Property) (2015-2017)
2. Research Assistant to Professor Ben Saul, University of Sydney (2013-2014)
3. Research Assistant to Ian Enright, author of *Sutton on Insurance* (2013-2014)
4. Law Clerk, King & Wood Mallesons (2011-2012)

Pro Bono:

1. Volunteer Lawyer, Salvos Legal Humanitarian, Lakemba Advice Bureau (2015-2017)
2. Volunteer Lawyer, National Children's and Youth Law Centre (2015-2017)
3. Full-time Seconded Solicitor, National Children's and Youth Law Centre (2016)
4. Volunteer Lawyer, Refugee Advice and Casework Service (RACS) (2015-2017)

Referees:

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