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**AOS:** meaning in life, philosophy of well-being, ethics, AI ethics

**AOC:** political philosophy, history of philosophy, epistemology

## CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

2023-onwards Engagement & Impact Officer (Research, Grants, Visitors, & Awards)  
Operations Team  
Australian National University, Canberra, Australia  
Schools of Music and Art & Design

## EDUCATION

2018-2022 University of Edinburgh, PhD. Philosophy. *Pass with Minor Corrections*.  
Thesis: *Asymmetric Welfarism about Meaning in Life*.  
Supervisors: Guy Fletcher & Michael Cholbi  
Examiners: Prof. Michael Hauskeller & Dr. Filipa Melo Lopes

2014-2018 University of Melbourne, M.A. Philosophy. *First Class Honours*.  
Thesis: *Playing the Hand You're Dealt: The Poker-hand Account of Well-being*  
Supervisors: Daniel Halliday & Karen Jones  
Examiners: Dr. Guy Fletcher & Prof. Eden Lin

2005-2007 Box Hill Institute, B.A. Music Performance (pianoforte). *Distinction*

## PUBLICATIONS

2023 Moral Monsters, Significance, and Meaning in Life. *The Journal of Value Inquiry*  
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s10790-023-09961-6>  
Accesses: 734

2022 Anything Can Be Meaningful. *Philosophical Papers* 51(3), pp. 427-455.  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/05568641.2022.2079552>  
Accesses: 1,459 Citations: 1

2018 Experience Machines, Conflicting Intuitions, and the Bipartite Characterization of Well-being. *Utilitas* 30(4), pp. 383-398. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S095382081800002X>  
Accesses: 424 Citations: 13

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

Revise & Resubmit Meaning, Anti-Alienation, and Fulfilment, *Southern Journal of Philosophy*

Lucky Idiots & Incompetent Villains. *Philosophia*.

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Under review Consequentialism, Welfarism, and Meaning in Life.

Two Objections Against Purpose Theories about Meaning in Life.

## Utility Servants and Consequentialism about Meaningful Living.

- In Progress    Repugnant Conclusions, Citizen Z, and Consequentialism about Meaningful Living.
- Polyvalence about Meaning in Life and retaining the Status Quo.
- Rise of the Nozickian Machines.
- The Nozickian Imperative.
- Paper about meaning in life and political and economic theories.
- Paper about meaning in life and toxic masculinity/manosphere.

## TEACHING

- 2019-2022    Teaching Assistant/Tutor - Greats: Plato to the Enlightenment (1st year), University of Edinburgh.
- Subjects included: Socrates (*Apology*); Plato (*The Republic*); Aristotle (*Nicomachean Ethics*); Descartes (*Meditations*); Hume (*Treatise, Dialogues*); Hobbes (*Leviathan*).
- 2019-2022    Teaching Assistant/Tutor - Morality and value (1st year), University of Edinburgh.
- Subjects included: theories of well-being, ethical theories, political authority, practical ethics (topics included ethics of consent, immigration, business ethics).
- 2019-2020    Teaching Assistant/Tutor - PPLS Writing and Skills Centre, University of Edinburgh.
- Duties included: reading the work of, and working alongside with, students from first year undergraduates through to Doctoral candidates in various disciplines (e.g., biology, architecture, physics, etc.) to help improve their academic writing and argumentation.
- 2015-2018    Teaching Assistant/Tutor - Big Questions (1st year), University of Melbourne.
- Subjects included: ethical theories, bioethics (specifically eugenics), personal identity, consequentialism, epistemology, radical scepticism, structure of justification, philosophy of science, problem of induction, philosophy of mind.
- 2015-2018    Teaching Assistant/Tutor - Great Thinkers (1st year), University of Melbourne.
- Socrates (*Apology*); Plato (*Meno, The Republic, Euthyphro*); Aristotle (*Nicomachean Ethics*); Descartes (*Meditations*); Spinoza (*Ethics*); Kant (*3rd Critique*).
- 2017    Discussion Facilitator - Ethics Forum, Australian Catholic University, Melbourne.

## FUNDING/AWARDS

- 2018-2022    James Forrester PhD Scholarship, University of Edinburgh. Scholarship for ethics (4 years); tuition fees at overseas rate and stipend.
- 2020    Nominated for 'Outstanding Feedback' award, University of Edinburgh Student Association.
- 2016    Graduate Research in Arts Travel Award, University of Melbourne.
- Research and Graduate Studies Funding Award, University of Melbourne.

## SERVICES

- Journal Refereeing    *Philosophical Psychology* - *Northern Journal of Philosophy* - *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* - *The Journal of Value Inquiry*
- Public Service    Sutton Trust Summer Scholar, leader of Philosophy Project Day, University of Edinburgh (2022)
- Judge for John Stuart Mill Cup, UK (2021)

## TALKS/PRESENTATIONS

\* accepted but unable to attend

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| 2023 | “AI Ethics & Meaningful Living: more to worry about?”<br>AAP Conference, Australian Catholic University.                       |
| 2022 | “Lucky Idiots and Incompetent Villains: Anti-Luck and Meaning in Life” *<br>Texas A&M University Graduate Conference.          |
| 2020 | “Towards an Ontology of Lives” *<br>AAP Conference, University of Sydney (canceled due to COVID-19).                           |
| 2019 | Agency and Outcomes in Meaningful Lives”<br>AAP Conference, University of Wollongong.  |
|      | “Towards an Ontology of Lives”<br>Ethics and Morality workshop, University of Edinburgh.                                       |
|      | “The Role of Luck in Meaningful Lives”<br>Postgraduate Work in Progress Talk, University of Edinburgh.                         |
| 2018 | “The Shape of a Life and the Plays We Make”<br>Whole Lives, Time, and Self-Hood, Deakin University.                            |
| 2017 | “The Shape of a Life and the Plays we Make”<br>XXIV SICC, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid.                                    |
|      | “Are Conflicting Intuitions a Problem for the Experience Machine?” *<br>Long Island Philosophy Society, St. John’s University. |
| 2016 | “Well-being and the Bipartite Distinction” *<br>NZAP Annual Conference, University of Waikato                                  |
|      | “Doing Well does not Imply Going Well” *<br>10th Annual Graduate Conference, Western Michigan University.                      |
|      | “Well-being and the Bipartite Distinction” *<br>53rd Western Canadian Philosophical Association, University of Alberta.        |
|      | “What is Bad for You Could be Good for Your Life”<br>Australian Postgraduate Conference, Australian National University.       |
|      | “What is Good for Your Life Might not be Good for You”<br>AAP Conference, Monash University.                                   |
|      | “Doing Well Does not Imply Going Well”<br>AUB 1st Graduate Philosophy Conference, American University of Beirut                |
|      | “Doing Well Does not Imply Going Well”<br>23rd Graduate Philosophy Conference, University of Waterloo.                         |
| 2015 | “Doing Well Does not Imply Going Well”<br>Australasian Postgraduate Philosophy Conference, University of Adelaide.             |

## COMMENTARIES

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| 2022 | Molly Gardner’s “Suffering and Meaning in the Life of Wild Animals”<br>Edinburgh/Kansas Workshop on Well-being, University of Edinburgh. |
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## REFERENCES

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