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Areas of Specialisation: penal theory, feminist ethics, ethics & public policy, social justice & equality

Areas of Competence: legal & political theory, philosophy of social science, criminal justice, ethics & technology

Education

PhD	London School of Economics	AHRC Funded	2014
Thesis: Punishing with care: treating offenders as equal persons in criminal punishment			
	Supervisors:	Nicola Lacey (LSE Law) & Anne Phillips (LSE Government)	
MA Legal & Political Theory	University College London	AHRC Funded	2008
BA Economic & Social Studies (Government)	University of Manchester	First Class	2003

Academic Career

University of York, Law School	Research Associate	09/2021-08/2023
University College London, Political Science	Lecturer (Teaching) in Political Theory	since 2020
	Teaching Fellow in Political Theory	2020
London School of Economics GROUPS	Senior Research Supervisor	2017
LSE Government Department	Guest Teacher (political theory)	2016-17
King's College London, Philosophy Department	Guest Teacher (political philosophy)	2015-16
LSE100 The LSE COURSE	Guest Teacher (multidisciplinary social science)	2015-17
LSE GROUPS	Research Supervisor	2014-16
LSE Government Department	Research Assistant, Public Policy Group	2014
LSE Social Policy Department	Graduate Teaching Assistant	2012-13
LSE Law Department	Graduate Teaching Assistant	2011

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

- Brown Coverdale, Helen 2022 [Social connection, interdependence and being sure of ourselves](#). *Analysis* 82, 3, pp571–584, <https://doi.org/10.1093/analys/anac041>
- Brown Coverdale, Helen & Wringe, Bill 2022 '[Non-paradigmatic Punishments](#)', in *Philosophy Compass* 17, 5 available open access online. doi. 10.1111/phc3.12824
- Coverdale, Helen Brown 2021 '[Caring and the prison in philosophy, policy and practice: under lock and key](#)', in *Journal of Applied Philosophy* 38, 3 pp415-430 available open access online. doi: 10.1111/japp.12415
- Coverdale, Helen Brown & Wringe, Bill 2021 '[Special Issue Introduction: Non-paradigmatic Punishments](#)', in *Journal of Applied Philosophy* 38, 3 pp357-365 doi: 10.1111/japp.12499
- Coverdale, Helen Brown 2020 '[What makes a response to schoolroom wrongs permissible?](#)' in *Theory and Research in Education* 18, 1 pp32-39. available open access online doi: 10.1177/1477878520912997
- Coverdale, Helen Brown 2018 '[Punishment and Welfare: Defending offender's inclusion as subjects of care](#)' in *Ethics and Social Welfare* 12, 2 pp117-132 doi: 17496535.2017.1364398 [text also available here](#)

Invited Book Chapters

- Brown Coverdale, Helen *forthcoming* a chapter has been requested for Matilda Carter (ed) *Handbook of Care Ethics*, Bloomsbury (anticipated 2024)

- Coverdale, Helen Brown, 2018. 'Relating to Carpenter's virtuous research ethics committee', in: Emmerich, N. (Ed.), *Virtue Ethics in the Conduct and Governance of Social Science Research (Advances in Research Ethics and Integrity, Vol. 3)*. Emerald Publishing Ltd, Bingley, pp. 127–140. doi.org/10.1108/S2398-601820180000003007
- Coverdale, Helen Brown 2017 'Nicola Lacey' in Sellers, Mortimer & Kirste, Stephan (Eds) *Encyclopaedia of the Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy*, Springer: Netherlands doi:10.1007/978-94-007-6730-0_118-3
- Coverdale, Helen Brown 2013 'How can the ethic of care help us to understand, define and express the limits of state criminal punishment?' in Mahajan, B., & Bagga, R. eds. *Reframing Punishment: Reflections of Culture, Literature & Morals*, Oxford: Inter-Disciplinary Press (e-Book) ISBN 978-1-84888-201-0

Government & Law Commission Consultation Responses

(authored on behalf of Plaid Cymru MPs)

Department for Education and Skills	Section 58 of Children Act 2004 Review	2007
Department for Work and Pensions	In work, better off: next steps to full employment	2007
Department for Work and Pensions	Joint birth registration: promoting parental responsibility	2007
Home Office	Possible Measures For inclusion in a future Counter Terrorism Bill	2007
Office for Criminal Justice Reform	The Use of Bilingual (English & Welsh-speaking) Juries	2006
Law Commission	Cohabitation: Financial Consequences of Relationship Breakdown	2006

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Research Funding

- 2022 British Academy Conferences Scheme** (Awarded July 2022)
Therapeutic spaces for dangerous minds: eco-psychosocially supportive prisons and forensic psychiatric wards has been accepted for the 2023-24 British Academy Conferences programme.

Invited Talks

- 2021 University of Birmingham, Philosophy of Education Research Seminar Guest Speaker** 14/12
What makes a response to schoolroom wrongs permissible?
- LSE Political Theory Research Group, Guest Speaker** 07/10
Risk, penal collateral consequences, and the moral permissibility of punishment
- University of Oxford, Jurisprudence Discussion Group, Guest Speaker** 18/03
Is proportional punishment possible in the context of structural injustice? (via zoom)
- 2020 Bilkent University, Turkey, Philosophy Colloquium, Guest Speaker** 17/12
Risking penal collateral consequences and the moral permissibility of punishment (via zoom)

Conferences & Workshops by Invitation

- 2022 Paris, Sciences Po, REDEM project workshop: Equality And Electoral Democracy** 28-9/11
Prisoners voting: Rights and responsibilities
- 2021 University of Nottingham organisers: Zachary Hoskins & William Bülow** 21/06
The harms beyond punishment? A workshop on collateral consequences of conviction
Risk, penal collateral consequences, and the moral permissibility of punishment
- 2020 Free speech at work, contribution: Free speech, Domination and Early Career Academics** 03/03
 with colleagues from UCL Laws, Political Science & Philosophy:
 Virginia Manatouvalou, Colm O'Conneide, George Letsas, Jeff King, Robert Simpson, & Jeffrey Howard
- 2019 UCL Laws, discussant on Civil Disobedience: Foundational Concepts in Constitutional Theory** 10-12/07

- 2019 'Pedagogies of Punishment: How and Why Should Schools Punish Students (If At All)?'
Project funded by *The Center for Ethics and Education, University of Wisconsin-Madison*
Organisers: Winston C Thompson, Ohio State & John Tillson, Liverpool Hope
Liverpool Hope University, UK: Pedagogies of Punishment Conference: paper presentation 02-06/07
Ohio State University, Columbus, USA: Pedagogies of Punishment Symposium: session leader 24-28/04
- 2018 UCL Political Science, discussant 15/2
Book manuscript workshop, on Albert Weale's *Modern Social Contract Theory*
London School of Economics, Workshop Leader: Research Ethics Workshop for LSE academic staff 17/1
- 2016 Prague, Charles University, European Consortium for Political Research General Conference 10/9
Invited contribution to panel: *Can impartial proportionality in criminal punishment avoid structural injustice?*

Selected academic presentations

- 2019 University of Manchester Centre for Political Theory Workshops 9-11/09
Panel: Pedagogies of Punishment: *What makes a permissible response to schoolroom wrongs?*
Panel: The Limits of Punishment: *Collateral consequences, risk, and state responsibility*
- 2018 University of Manchester Rethinking social justice & the public realm 12/11
Interactions, Institutions, & Interdependence: What can relational methods offer public policy?
- 2017 University of Manchester Centre for Political Theory Workshops
Panel: Moral Equality & Equal Respect: *Moral equality, equal respect & responding to wrong* 12/9
University of Reading, Ethics and Political Philosophy Early Careers Conference 13/6
What IS the harm in punishment?
- 2016 NUI Galway, Society for Women In Philosophy, Ireland: Feminist Ethics in Theory & Practice 4/12
Care and Punishment: recognizing the ethics of care and caring practice in criminal punishment
London, Ethics & Social Welfare 10th Anniversary Conference 1/9
Care in justice after injustice: criminal punishment & using caring resources wisely for social welfare
- 2015 Barcelona, Universitat Pompeu Fabra 22/5
European Society of Criminology, Sentencing & penal decision-making Interest Group Meeting:
'Emotions in sentencing & penal decision-making'
Feeling the difference: care ethics, emotional information & sentencing real people
London, Academy of Social Sciences/British Sociology Association: 'Virtue Ethics in the Practice
& Review of Social Science Research' *Response to Carpenter's The Virtuous Ethics Committee* 1/5
University of Warwick, Socio-legal Studies Association Conference 31/3
Challenging harm as normatively definitive of criminal punishment: What's the harm in punishment?
- 2014 University of Manchester Centre for Political Theory Workshops (3 papers across 2 panels) 9-10/9
Dignity and Respect: practical differences between republican & relational equality
Are intuitions about offenders' moral obligations to victims morally relevant for punishment?
Out of place, or overlooked and undervalued? moral intuitions in defining criminal punishment
Manchester, Political Studies Association Conference 15/4
Criminal Justice State Agents as rebels without a clue: treating citizens as equals as a radical claim

Conferences Organised

- 2023-24 (Forthcoming) British Academy Conferences programme.
Therapeutic spaces for dangerous minds: eco-psychosocially supportive prisons and forensic psychiatric wards
(with Evangelia Chryssikou (PI), Artemis Igoumenou, & Alberto Urrutia-Moldes)
- 2017 University of Manchester Centre for Political Theory Workshops
Panel Co-convener (with Bill Wringe, Bilkent): Non-paradigmatic punishments 13/9

TEACHING & RESEARCH SUPERVISION**Current UCL Post**

Postgraduate Lectures & Seminars:

Peer Assisted Learning (taught postgraduate applied normative methods training) (2017/18, 2022)

Contemporary Political Philosophy 1 (Political Obligation & Democracy) (2018 - 2022)

Equality Justice & Difference (2018 - 2022)

Global Ethics (2019)

Public Ethics (2017, co-taught with Jeffrey Howard)

Undergraduate Lectures & Seminars:

Ethics of crime & punishment (2020 – 2022, with supervision of PGAs)

Justice: Moral Foundations of Politics† (2021) (team taught with Richard Bellamy, Albert Weale, & John Wilesmith)

Philosophy, values & social sciences (2020)

Justice & public policy (2017, co-taught with Jeffrey Howard)

Supervision:

Taught Postgraduate dissertations (from 2017)

Undergraduate dissertations (from 2021)

Research Postgraduate: Approved as a UCL supervisor for research postgraduate students 2022

Staff-student political theory workshop (doctoral methods training) (participant from 2017, convenor 2022)

Staff-student weekly writing practice group in political theory (summer terms only 2017-21, year-round from 2022)

Previous Roles

LSE Undergraduate Supervision:

LSE GROUPS Programme Senior Supervisor (2017)

LSE GROUPS Programme Supervisor (2014-16)

LSE Undergraduate Seminars:

Introduction to Political Theory (Government Department, 2016-17)

LSE100 multidisciplinary social science course (2015-17)

Social values & social policy (Social Policy Department, 2012-13)

Property 1 (Law Department, 2011)

KCL Undergraduate Seminars:

Political Philosophy I & Political Philosophy II (Philosophy Department, 2015-16)

Pedagogic practice engagement

Guest post

[Study Buddies & Study Huddles](#), Active Learning in Political Science blog 30/11/20

Previous Career Experience

Plaid Cymru MPs Westminster Group **Lead Parliamentary Researcher** **2006-2007**

I provided analysis of legislation in progress, briefings, & consultation responses across all policy areas

Nominated for *Parliamentary Researcher of the Year* 2006

Nacro, the Crime Reduction Charity **Helpline Advisor** **2004-6 & 2008-9**

Communicating complex information regarding criminal records to the general public

Designing & delivering professional development training for criminal justice professionals

Citizens Advice, Head Office **Social Policy Clerical Officer** **2004**

Clerical work and conducting telephone survey research

Fabian Society **Research Intern** (*House of Lords reform project*) **2004**

IMPACT

Public talks, Engagement and Outreach

Invited public talk	TBC at Dundonald Congregational Church Local community event	TBC/01/23
Invited Commentary	‘Vaccine passports: state authority v individual autonomy’ for The UK in a Changing Europe think tank blog • Shared with the House of Commons Science & Technology Select Committee	27/04/21
Discussant	UCL Uncovering Politics podcast guest On my article <i>‘Caring & the prison in philosophy, policy and practice’</i>	4/02/21
Blog Post	Unlocking care in prisons , Justice Everywhere blog On my article <i>‘Caring & the prison in philosophy, policy and practice’</i>	4/06/20
Interview	The emotional curriculum podcast On my article <i>‘What makes a response to schoolroom wrongs permissible?’</i>	26/04/20
Invited public talk	‘What is tolerance’ at Dundonald Congregational Church Local community event	8/03/20
Invited debate expert	UCL Debating Society ‘Feminism & Capitalism are incompatible’ By invitation from students	24/02/20
Blog Post	Prison doesn’t work. Why don’t we care? LSE Government Department blog; LSE Politics and Policy blog	2017
Philosophy in Prisons	KCL research student led project, curriculum design volunteer • Successfully piloted with a group of 10 students at HMP Belmarsh	2016
Blog Post	Prisoners should share the responsibility of democracy , Political Studies Association Blog Re-posted by invitation: LSE British Politics and Policy blog; Democratic Audit blog • invited to interview for Sky News (not taken up due to schedule clash)	2014
Visual Rhetoric Film	Visual communication of my doctoral research, LSE Research Festival 2013 <i>Prizewinning collaboration</i> with London College of Communication design student	

Awards, Grants and Distinctions

External

British Academy Conferences Scheme 2023-4	2022
European Consortium for Political Research Summer School funding (€500)	2016
AHRC Block Grant Partnership Doctoral Studentship Award (3x £15,290 stipend)	2009-2012
AHRC Research Preparation Masters Award (£10,800 stipend)	2007-2008

Internal

Nominated for UCL-wide Student-Led Teaching Award	2022
UCL Faculty Education Award: Outstanding response to teaching during a pandemic	2021
Nominated for UCL-wide Student-Led Teaching Award	2021
UCL Faculty Education Award: Education success for all	2020
Nominated for two UCL-wide Student-Led Teaching Awards	2019
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LSE Teaching Award (£100)	2016
LSE Research Studentship (£6,000 stipend)	2012-2013
UCL Gay Clifford Fees Award for Outstanding Women Students (£2,500) <i>(Declined to accept AHRC Research Preparation Masters Award)</i>	2007
University of Manchester Maurice Prize for Achievement in Government Department	2003
University of Manchester Letter of Commendation for dissertation on Multiculturalism	2003

ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATION & SERVICE**Departmental Citizenship**

Leadership Roles

Executive Committee	UCL Institute for Law, Politics & Philosophy Colloquia	2022 -
Programme Director	UCL MSc Government and Global Ethics	2018-19
MA Exam Board Deputy Chair	UCL Department of Political Science	2018
Plagiarism panel chair	UCL Department of Political Science	2018
Programme Director	UCL MA Legal & Political Theory	2018

Other Duties

Plagiarism panel member	UCL Department of Political Science	since 2017
Search committee member	UCL Associate Lecturer recruitment	2021
	UCL Senior PGTA recruitment	2020 -
	UCL Teaching Fellow recruitment	2019
Seminar Series Chair	UCL Legal & Political Theory Guest Seminars	2017
Seminar Leader Representative	KCL Philosophy Department	2015-16
Peer Mentor	LSE Law PhD candidates; Lead Mentor	2011-12

Professional Service

PhD examiner	Law, University of New England, Australia	2019
	<i>Imprisonment as Punishment: Recidivism & The Problem of Retribution</i>	
Grant Application Reviewer	• National Science Centre, Poland	2022
	• Nuffield Foundation	2021
Refereeing	• American Political Science Review	• Oxford Journal of Legal Studies
	• Journal of Applied Philosophy	• Ratio
	• Criminal Law & Philosophy	• Philosophy & Public Issues
	• Analysis	• Raisons Politique
	• The Journal of Value Inquiry	
Committee Secretary	Political Studies Association UK, Postgraduate Network	2009-11

Professional Training

Policy engagement & research communication	UCL Policy Lab	2022-23
Media & Public Engagement for Philosophers	Institute of Philosophy Workshop	2018
Normative Methods in Political Theory	ECPR Summer School, University of Limerick	2016
Public & Policy Engagement Training	London Arts & Humanities Partnership	2015
PG Cert Higher Education	LSE (Full HE Teaching Qualification)	2013
PG Cert Social Science Research Methods	Open University	2009

Memberships

- Fellowship of the Higher Education Academy
- Britain & Ireland Association for Political Thought
- British Society of Criminology
- Society for Women in Philosophy
- Socio-legal Studies Association