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Areas of Specialization: Political Philosophy, Ethics (esp. Digital Ethics and AI Ethics), and Epistemology.

Areas of Competence: Bioethics, Metaethics, Feminist Philosophy, Business Ethics,

Employment

2025 Sept–present

Research Fellow

King's College London, Dickson Poon School of Law

Affiliation: Yeoh Tiong Lay Centre for Politics, Philosophy, and Law

2025 Jan - Sept

Research Fellow in Political Philosophy

University College London, Department of Political Science

Affiliation: Digital Speech Lab

Education

2021– 2025 **DPhil in Philosophy, University of Oxford**, Hertford College

Thesis Title: Echo Chambers and Political Philosophy

Supervisors: John Tasioulas and Neil Levy

Examiners: Elizabeth Anderson and Paul Billingham

Affiliations: Institute for Ethics in AI (Oxford); MINT Lab (ANU)

2020-2021 **MPhil Philosophy, University of Cambridge**, St Edmund's College

Thesis Supervisor: Nikhil Krishnan

Thesis Title: Paternalism, Reasons and Voluntary Choices

2016-2020 **MA Philosophy- University of St Andrews** (Result: *First-class Honours*)

Thesis Supervisor: Elizabeth Ashford

Title: Contractualism and Climate Change as an Intergenerational Problem of Justice

Publications

1. 'Echo Chambers in Political Epistemology'
Philosophy Compass (Commissioned/under contract).
2. 'On Autonomy, Nudges, and Scaffolding'
Philosophia (Forthcoming, online ahead of print). [Link](#).
3. 'Confucian Harmony, Civility, and Echo Chambers'
Journal of Applied Philosophy (2025). 42(3): 887-909. [Link](#).
4. 'Future Selves, Paternalism and Our Rational Powers'
Inquiry (2024, online ahead of print). [Link](#).
5. 'Paternalism and Exclusion'.
Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy (2024). 26(3): 547-570. [Link](#).
6. 'Impairing the Impairment Argument', with Emma J. Curran
Journal of Medical Ethics (2023): 50: 335-339. [Link](#).

Chapters in Edited Volumes

7. 'The Duty to Amplify: Social Media, Hate, and Counterspeech' (draft under review)
(with Jeffrey Howard) in *Oxford Volume on Hate Speech* (Title TBD), edited by Robin Jeshion.
8. 'Civility, Trust, and Trustworthiness' (under contract), *The Oxford Handbook on Civility*. Oxford University Press. Edited by Matteo Bonotti, Nancy Snow and John

Symons.

9. **'Automated Technologies and Artificial Intelligence'** (Forthcoming)
Vikram Bhargava, Michael Kates (Eds.), *An Introduction to Business Ethics: Philosophy, Policy, and Management*, Routledge.

Works in Progress

10. **A paper on algorithms and online political influence** (Decision pending at *Journal of Applied Philosophy*)
11. **A paper on algorithmic content curation** (under review at *Social Theory & Practice*)
12. **A paper on autonomy** (under review at *Ethics*)
13. **A paper on echo chambers** (under review at *Analysis*)

Commentaries and Book Reviews

14. **Review of *Why it's OK to be a Moderate* by Marcus Arvan**
Journal of Moral Philosophy (Forthcoming)
15. **Review of *The Political Philosophy of AI* by Mark Coeckelbergh.**
Journal of Moral Philosophy (2023). [Link.](#)
16. **'My body, still my choice: an objection to Hendricks on abortion'**
Journal of Medical Ethics (2022). 49(2): 145-145. [Link.](#)
17. **'Privacy, autonomy and direct-to-consumer genetic testing: a response to Vayena'**
Journal of Medical Ethics (2022). 48(10): 774-775. [Link.](#)

Teaching Experience

Lecturer

- **Course: 'Technology, Democracy, and Society' (King's College London 2026)**
 - *Description:* Delivered four lectures on the ethics of regulating social media corporations.
- **Course: 'Ethics of AI and Digital Technologies' (Oxford University 2024)**
 - *Description:* Delivered lecture on AI ethics lecture on algorithms and public reason for an undergraduate course organized by Prof. John Tasioulas.
- **Course: 'Ethics of Paternalism: the Limits of Doing Good for Others' (Oxford University 2023)**
 - *Description:* Designed and delivered a series of lectures for undergraduates for the University of Oxford's *Graduate Lecturing Scheme* (co-run with Lorenzo Elijah)

Tutor: Tutoring undergraduate philosophy students in the 'Oxbridge' style creating a syllabus, reading weekly essays, offering feedback and guidance to improve performance in the course in hour-long meetings.

- **Trinity Term 2024, Class: Theory of Politics**
Lady Margaret Hall, University of Oxford
- **Michaelmas Term 2023, Class: Ethics of AI and Digital Technology**
- **Summer Term 2023, Class: Ethics of AI** (for Visiting Students)
- **Trinity Term 2023, Class: Practical Ethics**
St Catherine's College, University of Oxford.
- **Hilary Term 2023, Class: Practical Ethics**
Balliol College, University of Oxford

- **Hilary Term 2023, Class: Ethics in AI and Digital Technology**
New College and Brasenose College, University of Oxford
- **Michaelmas Term 2022, Class: Ethics in AI and Digital Technology**
St Peter's College and Regent's Park College, University of Oxford
- **Michaelmas Term 2022, Class: Practical Ethics**
Balliol College, University of Oxford
- **Michaelmas Term 2022, Class: Moral Philosophy (on Mill's 'Utilitarianism')**
Hertford College, University of Oxford

Conferences and Academic Presentations (± = Peer-reviewed, §=Invited)

- 1. Paternalism, Moral Repair, and Reparations** (Jan. 2026)±
University of Cape Town: Philosophy Society of South Africa Annual Conference
- 2. Paternalism, Pluralism, and Exclusion** (December 2025)§
London School of Economics: Workshop on Paternalism
- 3. Civility and Uncertainty** (Oct. 2025)§
Kings College London: Moral, Legal, & Political Philosophy Work-in-Progress
- 4. Social Media and the Amplification of Counterspeech** (Sept. 2025)±
University of Zagreb: Zagreb Applied Ethics Conference
- 5. Public Reason, Civic Friendship, and Civic Solidarity** (Sept. 2025)±
University of Manchester: MANCEPT Workshop: Theories of Public Reason
- 6. Algorithms, Corporations, and Self-Respect**
 - University of Erlangen-Nuremberg: AI & Human Dignity (October 2024)±
 - Society for Business Ethics Annual Meeting (August 2024)±
 - Australian National University: Political Philosophy and AI (June 2024)§
 - University of Oxford: Institute for Ethics in AI Lunchtime Seminar (February 2024)§
- 7. Social Media Corporations, Political Equality and Political Influence** (Sept. 2024)±
University of Manchester: Open Minds XVII
- 8. Echo Chambers and Political Philosophy**
University of Oxford: Oxford/Stanford/Imperial College Workshop (June 2024)§
- 9. Property (Rights) and Social Media Platform Design**
Australian National University: MINT Lab Weekly Meeting (June 2024)§
- 10. Property Rights, Social Media Corporations and Free Association** §
University of Oxford: Social Media Corporations Workshop (May 2024) (co-organized by Ethics in AI Institute and Digital Speech Lab)
- 11. Ethics of Enhancement and the Utility Monster Objection** ±
University of Zagreb: Zagreb Applied Ethics Conference (September 2023)
- 12. Perfectionism, Free Speech and the Echo Chamber** ±
University of Geneva: IVth Geneva Graduate Conference in Political Philosophy (February 2023)
- 13. Public Reason as a Guide to the Echo Chamber** ±
University of Manchester: MANCEPT Conference: The Political Morality of Social Media (September 2022)
- 14. Secondary Medical Research and Consent-Requirements** ±

Arizona Bioethics Network: Webinar and Conference (April 2021)

15. Social Media Design, Autonomy and ‘Snudges’±

World Ethical Data Foundation (WEDF): [Conference](#) (March 2021)

Honors and Awards

2024 - Founders' Award in Business Ethics

Description: This award is given to promising PhD students in the field of business ethics.

2024 – **APA Berry Fund Grant for Public Philosophy (partially renewed)(Value: \$500.00)**

2023 – **APA Berry Fund Grant for Public Philosophy (renewed) (Value: \$1000.00).**

2022 – **APA Berry Fund Grant for Public Philosophy**

Description: Awarded by the American Philosophy Association for co-creation of the successful Philosopher's Nest podcast, which interviews graduate students in philosophy about their research and experiences in the discipline (**Value: \$1000.00**).

2021 – **DPhil(PhD) Scholarship awarded by the Institute for Ethics in AI at Oxford**

Description: Merit-based and fully funded scholarship to undertake a 3-year DPhil in Philosophy at the University of Oxford.

2021 – **Best Presentation at the 7th Annual St Edmund's College Conference**

Description: Awarded [first prize](#) for a presentation entitled “What’s Wrong with Believing in Conspiracy Theories: The Stakes Have Never Been Higher” in a panel on Philosophy, Linguistics, History and Classics. (*Value: £50.00*)

2020 - **Haldane Essay Prize in Philosophy and Public Affairs**

- *Description:* Awarded for an essay that applied philosophy to public affairs entitled “What is Epistemically Problematic about Conspiracy Theories?” (*Value: £250.00*)

2020 - **Sir Henry Jones Memorial Prize**

- *Description:* Awarded to the best undergraduate at Moral Philosophy in at the University of St Andrews (*Value: £60.00*)

2020 - **Deans' List Distinction**

- *Description:* Achieved an average First-Class Mark across all classes.

2018-2020 - **Undergraduate Research Assistantships at University of St Andrews**

- *Role Description:* For high-quality research assistance for Dr Ashford's article for "Essays in Honour of Derek Parfit" (2020) and Dr Pummer's module on Effective Altruism (2018).

2017 - **Deans' List Distinction**

- *Description:* Achieved an average First-Class mark across all classes.

2017 - **Medal awarded for Moral Philosophy (First Level)**

- *Description:* Awarded for performance in First-year Level Moral Philosophy.

Outreach, Impact, Public Engagement, and Service

November 2025 – **Conference Co-Organizer (with Jeffrey Howard)**

Role Description: Helped organize an interdisciplinary conference on the theme “Cumulative Harm Online” hosted at University College London with speakers from philosophy, law, political theory, and META's Oversight Board.

July 2025 – **Commentator**

- *Role Description:* Delivered comments for a paper given at the Talks On Morality Across the Ocean (TOMATO2) Conference at Durham University. Organized by Brian Berkey, David Faraci, and Peter Jaworski.

June 2025 – **Panel Chair**

- *Role Description:* Panel chair for Sam Berstler’s Book Workshop on the Philosophy of Erving Goffman at University College London.

June 2025 – **Participant at Roundtable**

- *Role Description:* Participant at roundtable event with UK and EU policymakers entitled “People Power: New Rights for Social Media Users to Protect Speech and Ensure Fair Enforcement Online.”

May 2024 - **Conference Co-Organizer (with Jeffrey W. Howard (UCL))**

- *Role description:* Arranged an interdisciplinary conference on the theme “Social Media Corporations: Risks, Rights and Responsibilities” hosted at the Institute for Ethics in AI, Oxford. Speakers from philosophy, law, political theory, and META’s Oversight Board were present.

October 2023-June 2024 - **DPhil Seminar Co-Convenor (with Lewis Williams)**

- *Role Description:* Arranging the Oxford work-in-progress seminars for PhD students in philosophy.

December 2022-2023 - **Undergrad Admissions Interviewer, University of Oxford (Hertford College)**

- *Role Description:* (2 years running) Interviewing undergraduate applicants for Philosophy, Politics & Economics (PPE) and Philosophy & Modern Languages courses at Oxford University. Drafted interview questions and interviewed 30+ potential candidates over two weeks.

Nov 2022 – **Co-Organized the 26th Annual Oxford Graduate Philosophy Conference**

- *Role Description:* Attending meetings, reviewing 190+ papers, running communication and assisting in logistics for a 2-day conference at the [University of Oxford](#).

March 2022 – April 2025 **Co-creator, The Philosopher's Nest (with Lewis Williams)**

- *Role Description:* Running a successful podcast interviewing graduate students about their research and insights into the discipline of philosophy as it is practiced today (**40+ episodes**).
 - Sponsors include: **Faculty of Philosophy (Oxford), Linacre College (Oxford)** and the **American Philosophy Association, 80,000 Hours, Effective Thesis**

June 2021-2022 – **Lumiere Education Mentor**

Role Description: Supervising two high-school students’ 20 page papers on the role of education in democratic citizenship and the philosophy of time travel.

Journal Refereeing

Utilitas (1x), Philosophers Imprint (2x), Journal of Business Ethics (3x), Social Theory & Practice (1x), Perspectives on Politics (1x).

References

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