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RESEARCH

Areas of Specialization

Social and Political Philosophy (especially the normative political economy of environmental sustainability, global justice, distributive justice, contract theory, and race and justice)

Areas of Competence

Applied Ethics, Philosophy of Mind, Epistemology

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. University of Utah, Philosophy** May 2019
Dissertation: "Global Justice: A Defense of Institutional
Cosmopolitanism."
Committee: Cynthia Stark (chair), Leslie Francis, Chrisoula
Andreou, Erin Beeghly, Darrel Moellendorf (Goethe
University, Frankfurt)
- MA San Diego State University, Philosophy** May 2012
Thesis: "The Structure of Epistemic Justification"
Supervised by: Steven Barbone, J. Angelo Corlett
- BA California Polytechnic State University San Luis Obispo, Philosophy** May 2009
Graduated *Cum Laude*

ACADEMIC POSITIONS HELD

- Philosophy Lecturer** 2019-Present
University of Colorado, Boulder
- Philosophy Instructor** Spring 2019
Utah Valley University
- Predoctoral Teaching Fellow** 2017-2018
University of Utah Teaching Assistantship Award
- Predoctoral Research Fellow** 2016-2017
Marriner S. Eccles Fellowship, University of Utah

Predocctoral Research Fellow Forschungskolleg Humanwissenschaften Cluster of Excellence, The Formation of Normative Orders, Goethe University, Germany	2015
Graduate Assistant / Teaching Assistant University of Utah	2012-2016
Research Assistant Adviser: Mariam Thalos Research: <u>Reductionism in Science</u>	2013-2014
Research Assistant Adviser: Darrel Moellendorf, the Institute for Ethics and Public Affairs San Diego State University Research: <u>Global Justice and Climate Change</u>	2010-2012
Graduate Assistant / Teaching Assistant Institute for Ethics and Public Affairs, San Diego State University	2010-2012

PUBLICATIONS

“The Separateness of Persons: Defending the Rawlsian Institutional Approach to Distributive Justice.” *The Journal of Value Inquiry*, 57(2), 2023, 319–341.
DOI: 10.1007/s10790-021-09829-7

“Against the Anticosmopolitan Basic Structure Argument: The Systemic Concept of Distributive Justice and Economic Divisions of Labor.” *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy*, 25(2), 2022, 551-571.
DOI: 10.1080/13698230.2019.1697844

“Rescuing Rawls’s Institutionalism and Incentives Inequality.” *Res Publica: A Journal of Moral, Legal and Social Philosophy*, 25(4), 2019, 571-590.
DOI: 10.1007/s11158-018-09413-0

“The Priority of Liberty: Rawls Versus Pogge.” *The Philosophical Forum*, 46(2), 2015, 227-245. DOI: 10.1111/phil.12066

“Dissociative Identity: An Objection to Baker’s Constitution Theory.” *Acta Analytica*, 26(4), 2011, 329-341. DOI: 10.1007/s12136-011-0133-1

“Spinoza’s Rejection of Teleology.” *Revista Conatus: Filosofia de Spinoza*, 4(8), 2010, 25-35. Open access: <https://dialnet.unirioja.es/descarga/articulo/3666510.pdf>

WORK IN PROGRESS OR UNDER REVIEW

Justice and Environmental Sustainability: Eco-Socialism or Degrowth, Liberal Socialism or Property-Owning Democracy?

Degrowth Ecological Economics and the Right to Sustainable Development

Tribal creatures, bounded justice: why patriotism is a virtue (co-author: Renaud-Philippe Garner, PhD)

Reducing Work Hours in a Property-Owning Democracy

Racial Injustice, Self-Respect, and Protest

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

As Lecturer at University of Colorado, Boulder

Philosophy and Race (Race and Justice) x5 Fall 2023-Summer 2024

**Poverty, Power, and Patriotism:
Issues in Global Justice x3**

Bioethics

Philosophy and Race x2 Fall 2022-Spring 2023

Poverty, Power, and Patriotism x 3 & 150 student lecture

Ethics and Sex/Gender

Ethics and Information Technology x2

Philosophy and Race x 5 & 150 student lecture Fall 2021-Spring 2022

Poverty, Power, and Patriotism

Major Social Theories (Political Philosophy) x2 Fall 2020-Spring 2021

Biomedical ethics x2

Poverty, Power, and Patriotism x 2

Biomedical ethics x2 Fall 2019-Spring 2020

Poverty, Power, and Patriotism

Ethics (Applied Ethics) x2

Major Social Theories

As Instructor at Utah Valley University

Ethics and Values (Introduction to Applied Ethics) x2 Spring 2019

Introduction to (Political) Philosophy	
<i>As Instructor at University of Utah</i>	
Global Inequality and Poverty (Politics, Philosophy, and Economics)	Summer 2013-Spring 2018
Ethics (Introduction to Applied Ethics) x3	
Biomedical Ethics x10	
<i>As Teaching Assistant at University of Utah</i>	
Global Justice (for Jason Wyckoff)	Summer 2013
Introduction to Epistemology/Metaphysics x2 (for Dustin Stokes, and as sole instructor every Friday)	Fall 2012-Spring 2013
<i>As Sole Instructor at San Diego State University</i>	
Political Philosophy	2011

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Presentations

“Sexual Consent, Bad Sex, and Duties of Self-Respect.” Kappa Alpha Theta, University of Colorado Boulder (2023)

“The Separateness of Persons: Defending the Institutional Approach to Distributive Justice.” The Center for Values and Social Policy, University of Colorado, Boulder Philosophy Department (2019)

“Social Cooperation and the Scope of Distributive Justice,” Forschungskolleg Humanwissenschaften Normative Orders at Goethe University, Frankfurt Germany (2015)

Conference Papers

“Alternatives to Capitalism: Liberal Egalitarianism or Marxism?” American Philosophical Association Central Division, Denver, Symposium Paper (2023) (peer-reviewed paper)

“Why ‘Autonomy Solutions’ Cannot Avoid Kim’s Downward Causation Argument,” Intermountain Philosophy Conference, Utah Valley University (2013) (peer-reviewed paper)

“Pogge’s Arguments against Rawls’s Priority of Liberty,” Workshop on Thomas Pogge and Global Justice, UCSD/SDSU (2012) (peer-reviewed paper)

“Spinoza’s Rejection of Teleology,” American Philosophical Association Pacific Division, San Diego, Colloquium Paper (2011) (peer-reviewed paper)

HONORS AND AWARDS

University of Utah Teaching Assistantship Award Course Designed: Global Inequality and Poverty (Politics, Philosophy, and Economics) Awarded to 12-15 graduate students annually	2017-2018
Marriner S. Eccles Research Fellowship Awarded to 2 graduate students for 2016-2017	2016-2017
Predoctoral Fellowship, Cluster of Excellence The Formation of Normative Orders, Forschungskolleg Humanwissenschaften, Goethe University Frankfurt, Germany	2015

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Referee: *Philosophers' Imprint, Ergo, Social Theory and Practice, Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review, Acta Analytica*, Intermountain West Student Philosophy Conference, University of Utah 2012-2017

Public Political Philosophy/Associations: American Philosophical Association member, Adviser to the Socioeconomic Justice Society (a student outreach and activism group), and active United Campus Workers of Colorado (union) member

Conference/Colloquium Organizer: The Institute for Ethics and Public Affairs 2010-2012

Conference Chair: American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, San Diego 2011

DISSERTATION ABSTRACT

My dissertation argues first that social and economic institutions, rather than one's character or individual transactions, are the proper site of distributive justice—an account called “institutionalism.” The dissertation makes a case for thinking that distributive justice is “constructed” from liberal democratic ideas to solve the conflict in claims to rights, resources, opportunities, and powers that result from peoples' pluralistic and incompatible ideas of the good life, including their religious and ethical beliefs. Because justice is the solution to a practical interaction problem that results from accepting fundamental democratic ideas, the reasoning for a conception of justice needs to accurately represent the problem. Once this is done, it is argued that only institutionalism is justified. The reasoning for anti-institutionalist conceptions, such as utilitarianism and act-egalitarianism, does not accurately represent the interaction problem arising from distinct persons with their own ideas of the good.

My dissertation uses the framework supporting institutionalism to argue second that distributive justice is global in scope—a view called “cosmopolitanism.” I examine the main cases for distributive justice, compatible with institutionalism, that restrict the scope of justice to the institutions of a state. Conceptions of distributive justice are based on a universal conception of the person, which people share across borders. So, these cases hold that the social institutions of a state organize economic cooperation to conclude that distributive justice applies only among compatriots. This is because distributive justice organizes a division of labor for a joint socioeconomic product, which only occurs with economic cooperation. My dissertation shows that if justice is a response to the conflicting claims we make on resources, then the main cases for distributive justice imply instead

that justice is global in scope. Principles of distributive justice determine the functional roles of a socioeconomic system, that is, they determine what the division of labor in an economy is and who can participate. Thus, being members of an existing division of labor, organized by state institutions, cannot restrict the scope of justice. The main liberal democratic cases for restricting distributive justice to the state fail.

REFERENCES

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