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Curriculum Vitae

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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

University of Arizona (2023-present)
- Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy (2026-)
- Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy (2023-2026)
- Core Faculty Member, Center for the Philosophy of Freedom (2023-)

Bowling Green State University (2019-2023)
- Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy

University of Michigan—Ann Arbor (2017-2019)
- Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Department of Philosophy

Princeton University (2016-2017)
- Postgraduate Research Associate, Department of Philosophy

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Philosophy, Princeton University (2016)
- Dissertation: *Avoiding the One Thought Too Many: Essays on Virtuous Agency*
- Advisors: Gideon Rosen, Michael Smith, and Philip Pettit

M.A., Philosophy, Princeton University (2014)
B.A. (*summa cum laude*), Philosophy, University of Southern California (2010)
M.S., Industrial Engineering and Management Sciences, Northwestern University (2008)
B.S. (*summa cum laude*), Aerospace Engineering, University of Southern California (2007)

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Social and Political Philosophy (esp. PPE), Ethics of Higher Education, Epistemology (esp. Social)

BOOKS

1. *Politics and Public Discourse* (*Cambridge Elements in Political Philosophy*), Cambridge University Press (forthcoming, in press).
2. (with Christopher Freiman) *Should We Have Open Borders?: A Debate*, Routledge (forthcoming, in press).
3. *Why It's OK to Speak Your Mind*, Routledge, 2021.

ARTICLES

4. "Democracy and the Academy," *Philosophy & Public Affairs*, 2026 (online first).
5. "Expertise and Social Epistemic Warrant," *Analysis*, 2025 (online first).
6. (with Gordon Barnes) "Socially Distributed Ignorance," *Synthese* 206(251), 2025.
7. "What is the point of free speech?" *Journal of Contemporary Legal Issues* 27(1): 131-142, 2025.

8. "Science Communication, Paternalism, and Spillovers," *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* [special issue: the applied epistemology of science communication], 2025.
9. "Zetetic Intransigence and Democratic Participation," *Episteme*, 2025.
10. "The Censor's Burden," *Noûs* 59(4): 831-850, 2025.
11. (with Robin McKenna) "The Duty to Listen," *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 110(2): 687-708, 2025.
12. "Socially Motivated Belief and Its Epistemic Discontents," *Philosophic Exchange*, 2024.
13. (with several co-authors) "Prosocial motives underlie scientific censorship by scientists: A perspective and research agenda," *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 120(48): e2301642120, 2023.
14. "Microaggressions and Social Order," (critical essay) *Analysis* 83(2): 318-329, 2023.
15. "Debunking Creedal Beliefs," *Synthese* 200(514), 2022.
16. "The Epistemic Significance of Social Pressure," *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 52(4): 396-410, 2022.
17. "Can we outsource all the reasons?" *Philosophical Studies* 179: 3689-3704, 2022.
18. "What Are the Chances You're Right About Everything? An Epistemic Challenge for Modern Partisanship" *Politics, Philosophy & Economics* 19(1): 36-61, 2020.
19. "What's Personhood Got to Do with It?" *Philosophia* 48(2): 557-571, 2020.
20. "Why Not Socialism" *Public Affairs Quarterly* 33(3): 243-264, 2019.
21. "Is Liberalism Committed to Its Own Demise?" *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* 13(3): 259-67, 2018.
22. "What's the matter with Huck Finn?" *Philosophical Explorations* 20(1): 70-87, 2017.

BOOK CHAPTERS

23. "Immigration: Some Arguments for Limits," *The Routledge Handbook of the Ethics and Economics of Immigration*, Sahar Akhtar ed., Routledge (forthcoming)
24. "The Liberal Tradition" *Sage Encyclopedia of Leadership Studies*, George Goethals, Scott Allison, and Georgia Sorenson eds., Sage, 2023.
25. "Taxation, Ideology, and Higher Education," *New Directions in the Ethics and Politics of Free Speech*, J.P. Messina ed., Routledge, 2022.
26. "Immigration" in the *Routledge Companion to Libertarianism*, Matt Zwolinski and Ben Ferguson eds., Routledge, 2022.
27. "For (Some) Immigration Restrictions," and "Response to Peter Jaworski," in *Ethics: Left and Right*, Bob Fischer ed., Oxford University Press, 2019.
28. "Immigration Enforcement and Fairness to Would-Be Immigrants," in *The Handbook of Philosophy and Public Policy*, David Boonin ed., Palgrave Macmillan, 2018.

REVIEWS

29. Review of *Welfare, Meaning, and Worth* (Routledge) by Aaron Smuts, *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 19(5): 535-538, 2022.
30. Review of *Knowing Our Limits* (Oxford) by Nathan Ballantyne, *The Philosophical Quarterly*, 2021. doi: 10.1093/pq/pqaa042

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

"The Irrationality of Affective Polarization"
American Political Science Association Meeting, Boston, MA (September 2026)

Society for Philosophy and Psychology Meeting, Johns Hopkins, Baltimore, MD (June 2026)
Applied Epistemology Project, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC (March 2026)

"Democracy and the Academy"
Democracy in the 21st Century, Institute H21, Prague, Czech Republic (September 2026)
Freedom Center Lunchtime Talk Series, Tucson, AZ (September 2026)
Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH (August 2026)
Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN (February 2026)
Workshop in Political Philosophy, University of Graz, Austria (January 2026)
PPE Society Meeting, New Orleans, LA (November 2025)
Markets & Society, Falls Church, VA (October 2025)

"(In)Equality and Contribution"
PPE Society Meeting London, London, UK (July 2026)

"What's the point of academic freedom?"
PPEL Summer School, University of San Diego, San Diego, CA (June 2026)

"The duty to speak and the duty to listen"
California State University, Sacramento, CA (October 2025)

Interdisciplinary Panel on Immigration
Davidson College, Davidson, NC (September 2025)

"Expertise and Social Epistemic Warrant"
Alabama Philosophical Society, Pensacola, FL (September 2025)
Truth, Consent, and Power Conference, Oxford University (June 2025)
Bled Philosophy Conference, Slovenia (June 2025)
Orange Beach Epistemology Workshop, Orange Beach, AL (May 2025)

"Harm-Justified Censorship"
Censorship in the Sciences Conference, USC, Los Angeles, CA (January 2025)

"Censorship and Knowledge"
FIRE Faculty Conference, Boston, MA (October 2024)
Center for Academic Pluralism, Heterodox Academy, NY (April 2024, virtual)
Humility and Arrogance Conference, Arizona State University, AZ (March 2024)

"Interthematic Polarization, Deference, and Expertise"
PPE Society Meeting, New Orleans, LA (November 2024)

"Science Communication, Paternalism, and Spillovers"
Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ (January 2025)
PPE Society Meeting, New Orleans, LA (November 2024)
University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ (October 2024)
Alabama Philosophical Society, Pensacola, FL (September 2024)

"Dismissing Counterarguments"
Humility and Arrogance Workshop, Tempe, AZ (March 2024)

"The Democratic Problem of Zetetic Intransigence"
PPE Society Meeting, New Orleans, LA (November 2023)

"Doubting the Experts"
PPE Society Meeting, New Orleans, LA (November 2023)

"Socially Distributed Ignorance"
College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, VA (November 2023)
Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX (October 2023)

"The Skeptical Upshot of Social Cognition"
East Carolina University, Greenville, NC (April 2023)
University of Minnesota—Morris, Morris, MN (April 2023)
SUNY-Brockport, Brockport, NY (March 2023)
University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ (February 2023)
James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA (February 2023)
Eastern APA, Montreal, Canada (January 2023)
Tulane University, New Orleans, LA (December 2022)
PPE Society Meeting, New Orleans, LA (November 2022)
Truth and Politics: A political epistemology conference, Bamberg, Germany (August 2022)

"The Epistemic Commons and the End of the University"
Boston University, Institute for Philosophy and Religion (October 2022)

"The Epistemic Significance of Social Pressure"
University of Delaware, Newark, DE (May 2022)
Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL (April 2022)
University of Colorado, Boulder, CO (April 2022)
Georgetown University, DC (March 2022)
Ashoka University, India (April 2022, virtual)

Why It's OK to Speak Your Mind
Institute for Liberal Studies Summer School, McGill University, Canada (August 2023)
East Carolina University, Greenville, NC (April 2023)
James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA (February 2023)
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, in-person guest lecture (September 2022)
Indian Institute of Technology-Kanpur (June 2022, virtual)
Author Meets Critics, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ (May 2022)
Author Meets Critics, *PPE Society Meeting*, New Orleans, LA (February 2022)

"The Externalist's Extension Problem"
Kentucky Philosophical Association, Louisville, KY (July 2021)

"The Indeterminacy of Corporate Social Responsibility: Why corporate responsibility depends on background political institutions"
PPE Society Meeting, New Orleans, LA (March 2019)

"What Hangs on Personhood?"
Michigan Summer Ethics Reading Group, Ann Arbor, MI (June 2019)
Minnesota Philosophical Society Conference, Rochester, MN (October 2018)

"The Epistemic Costs of Political Polarization"
Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH (March 2019)
Rutgers University, Newark, NJ (January 2019)
Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI (October 2018)
Princeton Workshop in Normative Philosophy, Princeton, NJ (April 2017)
PPE Society Meeting, New Orleans, LA (March 2017)
Prindle Institute at DePauw University, Greencastle, IN (February 2017)
Penn-Rutgers-Princeton Social Epistemology Conference, New Brunswick, NJ (March 2016)

"Cosmopolitan Restrictionism"
University of Richmond, Richmond, VA (April 2019)
Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (poster), Boulder, CO (August 2018)
Minorities and Philosophy Immigration Reading Group, Ann Arbor, MI (April 2018)
Moral and Political Philosophy Workshop, Ann Arbor, MI (March 2018)
PPE Society Meeting, New Orleans, LA (March 2018)

"Socialism for Ideally Motivated Agents"
James Buchanan Boot Camp, Deer Valley, UT (May 2018)

"Designing Epistocracy"
PPE Society Meeting, New Orleans, LA (March 2018)

"Immigration Enforcement and Fairness to Would-Be Immigrants"
Panel on Immigration, Ann Arbor, MI (November 2017)
"What's the matter with Huck Finn?"
Central States Philosophical Association Meeting, Lincoln, NE (October 2016)
Pacific APA, San Francisco, CA (April 2016)
Princeton-Michigan Graduate Metaethics Conference, Ann Arbor, MI (September 2015)
Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (poster), Boulder, CO (August 2015)

"Drawing Conclusions"
Princeton-Michigan Graduate Metaethics Conference, Ann Arbor, MI (September 2013)

COMMENTS

On Antonia Peacocke's "Self-Portraits in Mirrors"
Philosophy in the Desert Workshop, Joshua Tree, CA (April 2025)

On Robin McKenna's "Persuasion and Epistemic Paternalism"
Applied Epistemology Workshop, UNC-Chapel Hill (September 2023)

On Casey Johnson's "Maternalism and Public Discourse"
Eastern APA, Montreal, Canada (January 2023)

On David Riemer's *Putting Government in Its Place: The Case for a New Deal 3.0*
University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI (May 2022)

On Mike Gadomski's "Borders, Movement, and Global Egalitarianism"
Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, Boulder, CO (August 2021; presented virtually)

On Christopher Freiman's *Why It's OK to Ignore Politics*
University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ (May 2020; presented virtually)

On Ben Bronner's "Proportionality: Problems of Application"
Eastern APA, New York, NY (January 2019)

On Abraham Graber's "Towards Operationalizing and Falsifying Expressivism"
Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, Boulder, CO (August 2018)

On Jessica Flanigan's *Pharmaceutical Freedom*
PPE Society Meeting, New Orleans, LA (March 2018)

On Marcus Arvan's "The Dark Side of Morality: Group Polarization and Moral Belief Formation"
Minds Online Conference (September 2017)

On Matthew Cashen's "Pleasure, Pain, and Emotional Responsiveness in Aristotle's Ethics"
Central States Philosophical Association Meeting, Lincoln, NE (October 2016)

On Brian Hutler's "Rawls on Accepting the Punishment for Civil Disobedience"
Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, Boulder, CO (August 2015)

TEACHING

University of Arizona

PHIL 205: Ethics and Economics of Wealth Creation (S2025, F2025, F2026)
PHIL 213: Contemporary Moral Problems (S2025)
PHIL 598C001: Social Epistemology and Public Discourse (S 2024)
PHIL 599: Independent Study (x2)
PHIL 150C1: Freedom, Equality, and Authority (F 2023, F2024, F2025, F2026)

Bowling Green State University

PHIL 7800: Recent Work in Social and Political Epistemology (S 2023)
PHIL 7800: Social Epistemology (S 2021)
PHIL 1250: Contemporary Moral Problems (F 2020, F2021)

PHIL 7800: Graduate Seminar in PPE (S 2020)
PPEL 3100: Methods of Philosophy, Politics & Economics (S 2020, S 2021, S 2022, S2023)
PPEL 2240: Philosophy, Politics & Economics (F 2019, F 2020, F2021)
PPEL 3000: History of Political Economy (F 2019, F2022)

University of Michigan—Ann Arbor

PHIL 298: Topics in Philosophy – Liberalism (W 2019)
PHIL 353: The Rights and Wrongs of Business (F 2018, F 2017)
Senior Thesis Advising (PPE program) (2018-2019)
PPE 400: Seminar in Political Economy (W 2018)

Princeton University

Instructor

PHI 277/CHV 277: Biomedical Ethics (S 2017)
Senior Thesis Advising (political philosophy) (2016-2017)
Junior Paper Advising (applied ethics, political philosophy) x3 (S 2017)

Teaching Assistant

PHI 321: Philosophy of Science, for Shamik Dasgupta (S 2016)
PHI 385/CHV 310: Practical Ethics, for Peter Singer (F 2016, F 2013)
PHI 307/CHV 311: Systematic Ethics, for Sarah McGrath (S 2013)
PHI 203: Intro to Metaphysics and Epistemology, for Shamik Dasgupta (F 2011)

Grading Assistant

PHI 344/CHV 333: Bioethics, for Johann Frick (S 2016)

SERVICE

Referee: *American Philosophical Quarterly* (x3), *Analysis* (x2), *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* (x3), *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* (x3), *Cosmos & Taxis, Dialectica, Dialogue: The Canadian Philosophical Review, Ergo*, Hackett Press, *Journal of Applied Philosophy*, *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* (x3), *Journal of Global Ethics, Journal of Moral Philosophy* (x2), *Journal of Philosophy, Mind, Noûs, Philosophy & Public Affairs*, *Philosophical Studies* (x2), *Philosophia* (x3), *Philosophy*, *Politics, Philosophy & Economics*, Polity Press, Routledge Press (x4), *Social Epistemology* (x3), *Social Theory and Practice* (x2), Stanford University Press, *Synthese*, *Utilitas*

Committees: At Arizona: GTA Committee, Hiring Committee, College Awards Committee
At Bowling Green: Personnel, Undergraduate Curriculum, Activities (Colloquia), Graduate Admissions
At Princeton University: Graduate Student Representative (with Adam Lerner)

Organizer: Academic Freedom Conference, University of Arizona (F 2025)
Session on Social Epistemology and Public Policy, *PPE Society Meeting* (Nov 2025)
Session on Social Epistemology and Institutions, *PPE Society Meeting* (Nov 2023)
11th Annual BGSU Workshop in Applied Ethics and Public Policy (April 2022)
Panel on Political Epistemology, *PPE Society Meeting* (March 2020)

Panel on Corporate Responsibility, *PPE Society Meeting* (March 2019)
Panel on Immigration, *PPE Society Meeting* (March 2019)

Co-organizer: Polarization Panel, University of Michigan (F 2018)
Immigration Panel, University of Michigan (F 2017)
Princeton Workshop in Normative Philosophy (2015-2016)
Princeton-Rutgers Graduate Philosophy Conference (2012-2013)
Philosophy of Economics Reading Group (F 2010)

REFERENCES

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