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EMPLOYMENT

University of Virginia

- Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 2022-Present
- John L. Nau III Assistant Professor of the History and Principles of Democracy, 2022-Present

EDUCATION

University of Arizona, 2017-2022

- PhD in Philosophy
 - Dissertation: *Equality and the Morality of Social Status*
 - Advisors: Gerald Gaus (until deceased), Allen Buchanan (co-chair), Thomas Christiano (co-chair)

University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, 2015-2017

- BA in Philosophy, *Summa cum laude*

RESEARCH

Areas of Specialization

- Social and Political Philosophy; Politics, Philosophy, and Economics (PPE)

Areas of Competence

- Normative Ethics; Applied Ethics; Feminist Philosophy; Philosophy of Law; Social Choice Theory

JOURNAL ARTICLES

1. "Regret and Reproach for Structural Injustice," forthcoming at *Journal of Philosophy*.
2. "Reparations, Recognition, and the Restoration of Relational Equality," *Free and Equal*, 1 no. 1 (2025): 77-107.
3. "What is Authoritarianism? A Justificatory Account," forthcoming at *European Journal of Political Theory*.
4. "Reciprocity and the Rule of Law," *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, 103 no. 2 (2025): 523-539.
5. "Equality, Efficiency, and Hierarchy in the Workplace," *Economics and Philosophy*, 40 no. 3 (2024): 711-730.
6. "Justice, Reciprocity, and the Boundaries of State Authority," *Journal of Political Philosophy*, 30 no. 1 (2022): pp. 48-69.
7. "Relational Egalitarianism and Democracy," *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, 18 no. 6 (2021): pp. 620-49.

8. "Adjudicating Distributive Disagreement," *Synthese*, 198 no. 7 (2021): pp. 5977-6008, in the topical collection on computational modeling in philosophy.
9. "Democratic Public Justification," *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, 50 no. 7 (2020): pp. 844-61.
10. "The Epistemic Limits of Shared Reasons," *European Journal of Philosophy*, 28 no. 1(2020): pp. 164-76.
11. "Principles of Collective Choice and Constraints of Fairness: Why the Difference Principle Would Be Chosen Behind the Veil of Ignorance," with Phil Smolenski, *Journal of Philosophy*, 116 no. 12 (2019): 678-690.

INVITED ARTICLES

1. "Faultlines and Fractures in Political Communities," *Cosmos and Taxis*, 11 no. 9 and 10 (2023), in a symposium on Kevin Vallier's *Trust in a Polarized Age*.
2. "How it Can Pay to be Moral: Markets and the Demand for Morality," in *Market Processes and Market Order*, edited by Chris Coyne, Rosolino Candela, and Kristen Collins: Rowman & Littlefield, 2022.
3. "Political Revolution," with Allen Buchanan in the *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, ed. Edward N. Zalta and Uri Nodelman. <https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/revolution/>

BOOK REVIEWS

1. Review of Laura Valentini, *Morality and Socially Constructed Norms*, in *Mind*, forthcoming.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- "Reparations for Historical Territorial Injustice"
PPE Society London Meeting, 2025
- "Individual Duty and Collective Action"
PPE Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, 2024
- "What is Authoritarianism?"
PPE Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, 2023
- "Toleration and Public Justification"
MANCEPT Workshops, University of Manchester, 2023
- "Fair-Play, Authority, and Punishment"
APSA Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, 2023
- "Reparations, Recognition, and the Restoration of Relational Equality"
APA Pacific Division, San Francisco, 2023
- "The Demands of Reciprocity"
PPE Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, 2022
- "Why Egalitarians Should Tolerate Hierarchy in the Workplace"
Zicklin Center, University of Pennsylvania, 2022
- "Ideology and Political Revolution," with Allen Buchanan
Center for Philosophy of Freedom, University of Arizona, 2022

- PROGRESS Project, Utrecht University (virtual), 2022
- “Reciprocity and the Rule of Law”
 - Center for Philosophy of Freedom, University of Arizona, 2022
 - University College London (virtual), 2022
- “Recognition and Egalitarianism”
 - MANCEPT workshops, University of Manchester (virtual), 2022
- “Immigration, Samaritan Duties, and Future Generations”
 - APA Pacific Division, virtual, 2021
- “Contractarian Egalitarianism”
 - APA Central, virtual, 2021
- “A Liberal Theory of Structural Injustice”
 - APA Eastern, virtual, 2021
- “Convergent Public Reasons”
 - MANCEPT workshops, University of Manchester, 2019
- “The Origin and Inevitability of Inequality: A Model of Rousseau’s Second Discourse”
 - APSA Annual Meeting, Washington DC, 2019
 - Association for Social and Political Philosophy, Warwick UK, 2019
- “Lotteries are as Legitimizing as Elections”
 - European Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Belfast UK, 2019
- “Procedural Justification”
 - The Future of Public Reason Conference, University of Arizona, 2019
- “Democratic Public Justification”
 - MANCEPT workshops, University of Manchester, 2018
- “Resolving Distributive Disagreement: A Computational Model”
 - PPE Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans 2018
- “Persisting Disagreement in the Context of Reasonable Pluralism”
 - MANCEPT workshops, University of Manchester, 2017

TEACHING

University of Virginia

- PHIL 2060 Philosophical Problems in Law: Fall 2023
- PHIL 3710 Ethics: Spring 2023
- PHIL 3640 Political Philosophy: Fall 2022, Fall 2024

University of Arizona (sole instructor)

- PHIL 324 Law and Morality: Spring 2022
- PHIL 321 Medical Ethics: Fall 2021
- PPEL 150C1 Capitalism and Socialism: Spring 2021
- PHIL 323 Environmental Ethics: Fall 2020
- PHIL/GWS 330 Feminist Philosophy: Spring 2020

ACADEMIC SERVICE

- Referee: *American Political Science Review*; *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*; *Ethics*; *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*; *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*; *Journal of Political Philosophy*; *Journal of Social Philosophy*; *Law and Philosophy*; *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*; *Philosophical Studies*; *Politics, Philosophy, and Economics*; *Public Affairs Quarterly*; *Res Publica*; *Synthese*
- Workshop Organizer, MANCEPT workshop on Theories of Public Reason, 2019
- Conference Organizer, University of Arizona Conference on the Future of Public Reason, 2019
- Editorial Assistant, *Social Philosophy and Policy*, 2018- 19

REFERENCES

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