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Citizenship: Canadian

AOS

Epistemology (incl. formal); Applied Ethics (esp AI Ethics, AI Safety); Philosophy of Language

AOC

Philosophy of Religion, Logic.

Academic Appointments

Aug 2023-
Aug 2027 Postdoctoral Researcher at the University of Hong Kong

Education

May 2023 PhD in Philosophy, University of Southern California
Dissertation: Uncertain Knowledge
Committee: Andrew Bacon (Co-Chair), Jeffrey Russell (Co-Chair), John Hawthorne, Jeremy Goodman, Stanislav Minsker.

2015 MA in Philosophy, University of Toronto

2014 BA in Honours Philosophy, The University of British Columbia
Career Breaks: I have taken 5 months parental leave from August - December 2020

Publications

JOURNAL ARTICLES

2024 "Group Prioritarianism: Why AI Should Not Replace Humanity", *Philosophical Studies*

2024 "Moral Facts Do Not Supervene on Non-Moral Qualitative Facts", *Erkenntnis*

2024 "Know Your Way Out of St. Petersburg: An Exploration of 'Knowledge-First' Decision Theory", *Erkenntnis*

2023 "Prefaces, Knowledge, and Questions", *Ergo*

2021 "Uttering Moorean Sentences and the Pragmatics of Belief Reports", *Philosophical Studies*

UNDER REVIEW

A paper on Infinite Ethics and Decision Theory (with Jeff Russell) *R&R at Nous*

A paper on Knowledge and Fanaticism *R&R at Synthese*

A paper on Infinite Population Axiology *R&R at Analysis*

A paper on the Simulation Hypothesis and Rational Choice (with Simon Goldstein)

Honours & Awards

- 2023 AI Fellowship (Center for AI Safety)
(7-month grant to research the philosophy surrounding AI safety. Total \$80,000.00 USD)
- 2021 Longview Research Grant
(2-year grant for Global Priorities Research. Total ~\$64,000.00 USD)
- 2021 Forethought Fellowship (Oxford)
(Includes a one-month visiting fellowship at the Global Priorities Institute at Oxford)
- 2015 University Provost's Fellowship (USC)
(Highly selective entrance scholarship)
- 2015 Martha Lile Love Essay Prize Honorable Mention (Toronto)
(Honorable mention for best essay written by a University of Toronto graduate student)
- 2013 James Ruggles Memorial Scholarship (UBC)
(For most promising graduating undergraduate honours philosophy student)
- 2013 Student Scholarship in Arts (UBC)
(Given to students at the recommendation of members of the Faculty of Arts)
- 2012 Chui Yin Lai Memorial Scholarship (UBC)
(Given to two undergraduates in the philosophy department with outstanding academic achievement)
- 2011 Dean of Arts Scholarship (UBC)
(Given to students at the recommendation of members of the Faculty of Arts)
- 2011 Stephen Straker Arts One Prize (UBC)
(Given to two students graduating from the Arts One Program with high academic standing, promise, and distinction)
- 2011-2013 Trek Scholarship (UBC)
(Given to students with high academic achievement)
- 2010 President's Entrance Scholarship (UBC)
(Given to entering first year undergrads for excellent academic achievement in high school)
- 2010 British Columbia Government Scholarship (UBC)
(Given to graduating high school seniors for academic excellence)

Talks

INVITED TALKS

- 2019 Symposium: 'The Preface Paradox and Question Relative Contextualism'
Cal Baptist University, Riverside, CA
- 2022 Workshop: 'Knowing Enough Not to Be a Fanatic: On Knowledge, Normality, and Global Priorities'
Normality and Epistemology Workshop. Zoom.

2024 “Knowledge and Fanaticism”
Lingnan University, Hong Kong.

REFEREED TALKS

- 2021 ‘The Preface Paradox for Knowledge and Question-Sensitive Contextualism’
Arche Graduate Conference.
University of St. Andrews, Scotland.
- 2020 ‘What Do You Know in St. Petersburg?’
Wisconsin Philosophical Association Conference
Zoom Talk
- 2020 ‘Moore’s Paradox and The Pragmatics of Belief Reports’
Western Michigan Graduate Conference
Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI.
- 2020 ‘Gambling with Infinity’
Evangelical Philosophical Society Conference
Cancelled Due to COVID-19
- 2020 ‘The Lottery Paradox and Question-Sensitive Contextualism’
Philosophy of Religion and Science Conference
Trinity Western University, Langley, BC. (Postponed)
- 2020 ‘The Lottery Paradox and Question-Sensitive Contextualism’
UAnalyticon Conference
Ural Federal University, Yekterinburg, RU. (Postponed)
- 2020 ‘Solving the Lottery Paradox: A Model of Uncertain Knowledge’.
New Mexico Texas Philosophical Society Conference
- 2017 ‘A Puzzle About Belief and Utterance’
University of Alberta Graduate and Postgraduate Conference on Interiority
University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB.

Teaching

TEACHING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

- Spring 2024 Probability in Epistemology and Ethics
Spring 2024 AI Ethics and Society Workshop (graduate level course) (co-taught with Rachel Sterken)

TEACHING AT SANTA FE SPRINGS FACILITY (PRISON EDUCATION PROJECT)

- Spring 2021 Introduction to Ethics (co-taught with Sean Donahue)

TEACHING ASSISTANT AT UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

- Spring 2019 Current Moral and Social Issues Mark Schroeder
Fall 2018 Freedom, Equality, and Social Justice Jonathan Quong
Spring 2017 Ethical Theory and Practice Jacob Ross
Fall 2016 The Meaning of Life Stephen Finlay

TEACHING ASSISTANT AT UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

Spring 2015 Modern Symbolic Logic Niko Scharer
Fall 2014 Critical Reasoning Nate Charlow

Relevant Work Experience

2013-2014 Research Assistant John Woods
Worklearn, UBC, Vancouver, CA.
Assisted research into Aristotle's earlier logic and the possibility of a naturalized logic.

July-Aug 2021 Summer Research Fellow Happier Lives Institute
Remote, Happier Lives Institute, Oxford, UK.
Foundational Research on determining the point of neutral well-being on a variety of subjective well-being scales. Research culminated in an internal document to be used to guide policy recommendations.

Jan-Aug 2023 Research Fellow Center for AI Safety
San Francisco, CAIS, CA, USA.
Worked on building the field on the philosophy of AI Safety as well as worked on papers under the supervision of Prof. Ben Levinstein.

Service to the profession

Organizer for the AI and Humanity Speaker Series at HKU [Fall 2023 - present]
Organizer for the Philosophy of AI Asia Workshop at HKU [Spring 2024]
Referee for USC-UCLA Graduate Conference [2015-2019]
Referee for *Philosophical Studies*
Referee for *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*
Referee for *Erkenntnis*
Referee for *Philosophical Papers*
Referee for *Inquiry*
Referee for *Acta Analytica*

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