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**AOS** Moral Theory, Metaphysics.

**AOC** Philosophy of Law, Epistemology.

## EMPLOYMENT

2022-2024 Law and Philosophy Postdoctoral Fellow, UCLA School of Law.

2021-2022 Postdoctoral Associate, MIT.

## EDUCATION

2021 **PhD in Philosophy, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)**

✦ Dissertation: "MAKING Ethics" (supervised by Caspar Hare, Brad Skow & Kieran Setiya).

2016 **Master of Philosophical Studies, King's College London**

✦ Thesis: "Knowledge and Epistemic Utility" (supervised by Clayton Littlejohn).

2014 **BA Philosophy, King's College London (KCL)**

2018 *American Association of Philosophy Teachers* Workshop

## PUBLICATIONS

✦ "Increasing the risk that someone will die without increasing the risk that you will kill them," *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* (forthcoming).

✦ "Legal Causation," *Jurisprudence* (forthcoming).

✦ "MAKING Metaphysics," *Philosophers' Imprint*: July 2021, vol. 21, No. 20, PP. 1-18.

✦ "Might anything be plain good?" *Philosophical Studies*: 173(12), 3335-3346 (2016).

## IN PROGRESS

✦ "Saving and Letting Live," (revise and resubmit).

## TALKS

2023 "TBD." Legal Theory Workshop, UCLA School of Law.

2022 "Saving and Letting Live." Universidade de Lisboa.

"MAKING Metaphysics." University of Cambridge.

2020 "Trolleyspotting with Peter Singer." Work in progress group, MIT.

"Counting Deaths." Work in progress group, MIT.

- 2019 “Killing Causation.” MITing of the Minds 2020, MIT.
- 2019 “The Trolley Problem.” MIT Philosophy Club.
- 2018 “Factive *Frege-Geach*” with Kelly Gaus. Boston Area Morality Group, Harvard University.
- “*Knows, Musts and Shoulds*,” with Kelly Gaus. Rocky Mountain Philosophy Conference, University of Colorado, Boulder.
- 2015 “Comments on Caspar Hare.” MITing of the Minds, MIT.
- “The Bearers of Intrinsic Value.” Cumberland Lodge, KCL.
- “Virtue Epistemology and the Plasticity of the Value Problem.” Virtue Epistemology Conference, KU Leuven.
- “Knowledge, Achievement and Epistemic Vigilance.” Swedish Philosophy Conference, Linköping University.

## TEACHING

- 2023 *Introduction to Legal Philosophy* (Undergraduate; UCLA School of Law)
- Causation in the Law and in Ethics* (Graduate; UCLA)
- 2022 *Introduction to Legal Philosophy* (Undergraduate; UCLA)
- 2021 24.02 *Moral Problems and the Good Life* (Undergraduate; MIT)
- 24.191 *Being, Thinking, Doing (or Not): Ethics in Your Life* (Undergraduate; MIT)

## SERVICE

- Referee *Mind, Ethical Theory and Moral Practice, Ethical Perspectives, Philosophical Studies, Ergo, Analysis.*
- 2018 Graduate Representative (MIT).
- 2017 Philosophy Judge, *MIT INSPIRE* high school research programme.
- 2017 Teacher at *Splash* (MIT’s programme for high school students).
- 2016, 2017 Colloquia Series Organiser (MIT).
- 2014 MPhilSt representative, *Student Staff Liaison Committee* (KCL).

## AWARDS

- 2016 Presidential Fellowship (MIT).
- 2016 MPhil. Stud. Award (top of class) (KCL).
- 2015 London Arts and Humanities Partnership PhD Studentship (awarded till 2018 at KCL).
- 2015 Philosophy Award (KCL).