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Employment

Jan 2014-present Professor of Philosophy, Victoria University Wellington
July 2009-2013 Associate Professor of Philosophy, Victoria University of Wellington
Fall 2012 Lynette S. Autrey Visiting Professor at the Humanities Research Center, Rice University
2007-2009 Senior Research Fellow, Centre for Applied Philosophy and Public Ethics, University of Melbourne
2002-2007 Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Boston University
Fall 2006 Visiting Assistant Professor, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University

Education

2002 Ph.D. in Philosophy, Princeton University
Dissertation: 'On Welfare'
Supervisors: David Lewis and Peter Singer
1999 Master of Arts (Philosophy), Princeton University
1997 Bachelor of Arts with First-Class Honours (Philosophy), Monash University
1997 Bachelor of Science (Psychology), Monash University

Publications

Books

The Ethics of Patriotism: A Debate, co-authored with John Kleinig and Igor Primoratz, Wiley-Blackwell, 2015.
Partiality, Princeton University Press, 2013.
The Limits of Loyalty, Cambridge University Press, 2007.

Articles and chapters

'Mental Health in Old Age,' in C. S. Wareham (ed.) *The Cambridge Handbook of the Ethics of Ageing* (Cambridge University Press, 2022) pp. 79-91.
'Are You a Good Friend?' in Diane Jeske (ed.) *The Routledge Handbook of Philosophy of Friendship* (Routledge, 2022) pp. 301-310.
'The Virtue of Self-Compassion,' (co-authored with Felicia A. Huppert) *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 24 (2021): 443-458.
'Shared Belief and the Limits of Empathy,' (co-authored with Monika Betzler) *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 102:2 (2021): 267-291.
'What Does Mental Health Have to Do with Well-Being?' *Bioethics* 34:3 (2020): 228-234.

- 'Belief for Someone Else's Sake,' *Philosophical Topics* 46:1 (2018): 19-35.
- 'Fiduciary Duties and Moral Blackmail,' *Journal of Applied Philosophy* 35:3 (2018): 481-495.
- 'Love and the Moral Error Theory: Is Love a Mistake?' *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 95:3 (2017): 709-721.
- 'Civic Motivation and Globalization: What Is It Like to Be a Good Citizen Today?' in David Thunder (ed.) *The Ethics of Citizenship in the 21st Century* (Springer, 2017) pp. 29-48.
- 'Moral Blackmail and the Family,' *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 13:6 (2016): 699-719.
- 'Achievement and Well-Being' (co-authored with Gwen Bradford), in Guy Fletcher (ed.) *The Routledge Handbook of Philosophy of Well-Being* (London and New York: Routledge, 2016) pp. 271-280.
- 'Empathizing with Scepticism about Climate Change,' in Jeremy Moss (ed.) *Climate Change and Justice* (Cambridge University Press, 2015) pp. 219-235.
- 'Motives to Assist and Reasons to Assist: the Case of Global Poverty,' *Journal of Practical Ethics* 3:1 (2015): 37-63.
- 'David Lewis's Social and Political Philosophy,' in Barry Loewer and Jonathan Schaffer (eds.) *A Companion to David Lewis* (Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell, 2015) pp. 549-561.
- 'Response to Jörg Löschke and Monika Betzler,' *Social Theory and Practice* 40:4 (2014): 693-700. (In a symposium on my book *Partiality*.)
- 'Posthumous Harm,' in Stephen Luper (ed.) *The Cambridge Companion to Life and Death* (Cambridge University Press, 2014) pp. 181-197.
- 'Worldly Citizens: Civic Virtue without Patriotism,' in Gillian Brock (ed.) *Cosmopolitanism versus Noncosmopolitanism* (Oxford University Press, 2013), pp. 239-254.
- 'Social Psychology and Philosophy: Problems in Translation. A Critical Study of Valerie Tiberius,' *The Reflective Life*, *Nous* 45:4 (2011): 776-791.
- 'Welfare as Success,' *Nous* 43:4 (2009): 656-683.
- 'Against Friendship Between Countries,' *Journal of International Political Theory* 5:1 (2009): 59-74. (Special issue on 'Friendship and International Political Theory'.)
- 'Welfarism,' *Philosophy Compass* 4:1 (2009): 82-95.
- 'Making Nonsense of Loyalty to Country,' in Boudewijn de Bruin and Christopher S. Zurn (eds.) *New Waves in Political Philosophy* (Basingstoke: Palgrave MacMillan, 2008), pp. 87-104.
- 'How Patriots Think and Why It Matters,' in Aleksandar Pavković and Igor Primoratz (eds.) *Patriotism: Philosophical and Political Perspectives* (Aldershot: Ashgate, 2007) pp. 63-74.
- 'Are Patriotism and Universalism Compatible?' *Social Theory and Practice* 33:4 (2007): 609-624. (Special issue on 'Virtue and Social Diversity'.)
- 'Virtue Ethics is Self-Effacing,' *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 85:2 (2007): 221-232.
- 'Royce and Communitarianism,' *The Pluralist* 2:2 (2007): 16-30.
- 'Four Theories of Filial Duty,' *Philosophical Quarterly* 56:223 (2006): 254-274.
- 'Freedom!' *Social Theory and Practice* 31:3 (2005): 337-357.
- 'Patriotism as Bad Faith,' *Ethics* 115:3 (2005): 563-592. Reprinted in Igor Primoratz and Aleksandar Pavkovic (eds.), *Identity, Self-determination and Secession* (Aldershot: Ashgate Publishing, 2006) pp. 77-90.
- 'Friendship and Belief,' *Philosophical Papers* 33:3 (2004): 329-351. (Special issue on 'Immoral Believing'.)
- 'Welfare and the Achievement of Goals,' *Philosophical Studies* 121:1 (2004): 27-41.
- 'On What is the War on Terror?' *Human Rights Review* 5:2 (2004): 48-60. Reprinted in Timothy Shanahan (ed.) *Philosophy 9/11* (Chicago: Open Court, 2005) pp. 53-68.

- ‘Presentism and Truthmaking,’ in Dean Zimmerman (ed.) *Oxford Studies in Metaphysics Vol. I* (Oxford University Press, 2004) pp. 83-104. Reprinted in L. Nathan Oaklander (ed.) *The Philosophy of Time: Critical Concepts in Philosophy* (Routledge, 2008).
- ‘Expensive Tastes and Distributive Justice,’ *Social Theory and Practice* 28:4 (2002): 529-552.
- ‘Presentists Should Believe in Time-Travel,’ (co-authored with Michael Nelson) *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 79:3 (2001): 333-345. Reprinted in L. Nathan Oaklander (ed.) *The Philosophy of Time: Critical Concepts in Philosophy* (Routledge, 2008).
- ‘An Interpretation of Plato’s *Cratylus*,’ *Phronesis* XLV:4 (2000): 284-305.
- ‘How Do I Love Thee? Let Me Count The Properties,’ *American Philosophical Quarterly* 37:2 (2000): 163-173.

Book reviews, encyclopedia entries, and short pieces

- ‘Party Loyalty After Trump’, *The Critique*, <http://www.thecritique.com/articles/party-loyalty-after-trump/> 15 Jan. 2017.
- Review of John Kleinig, *On Loyalty and Loyalties*, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, March 2015.
- Entry on ‘Filial Duty,’ in Hugh LaFollette, *International Encyclopedia of Ethics* (Wiley-Blackwell, 2013), pp. 1981-1988.
- Entry on ‘Loyalty,’ in Hugh LaFollette, *International Encyclopedia of Ethics* (Wiley-Blackwell, 2013), pp. 3089-3093.
- ‘Foreword: On Patriotism and Education,’ in David Hebert and Alexandra Kertz-Welzel (eds.) *Patriotism and Nationalism in Music Education* (Farnham, UK: Ashgate, 2012) pp. xiii-xviii.
- Entry on ‘Loyalty,’ in Ruth Chadwick, *Encyclopedia of Applied Ethics* 2nd Ed. (Elsevier, 2011).
- Entry on ‘Consequentialism,’ in Graham Oppy and N.N. Trakakis (eds.) *A Companion to Philosophy in Australia and New Zealand* (Monash University Publishing, 2010).
- Review of Trenton Merricks, *Truth and Ontology*, *Philosophical Review* 118:2 (2009): 273-276.
- Review of Diane Jeske, *Rationality and Moral Theory*, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, November 2008.
- ‘The Trouble with Patriotism,’ *Res Publica* 17:1 (2008): 6-9.
- Response to George Schedler’s ‘Should Peter Singer Become an Ethical Meat Eater?’ *Southwest Philosophy Review* 21:2 (2005): 159-162.

Awards and Fellowships

- Journal of Applied Philosophy Essay Prize, 2019, for ‘Fiduciary Duties and Moral Blackmail.’ The prize is given for the best paper published in *Journal of Applied Philosophy* in the previous year.
- Visiting Fellowship at the Centre for Advanced Studies at Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität Munich, Nov 2017 - Jan 2018; and Oct-Nov 2019.
- Templeton Grant for ‘Compassion at the Heart of Wellbeing,’ Partner Investigator (2016-18).
- Lynette S. Autrey Visiting Professor at the Humanities Research Center at Rice University, 2012.
- Australian Research Council Discovery Grant for ‘Climate Change and Ethics,’ Partner Investigator (2010-14).
- American Philosophical Association Book Prize, for *The Limits of Loyalty* (2009). The prize is given for the best book of the previous two years by a philosopher under forty.
- Faculty Fellowship at the Edmond J. Safra Foundation Center for Ethics at Harvard University (2004-05).
- Junior Faculty Fellow of the Boston University Humanities Foundation (2004-05).

Mrs. Giles Whiting Honorary Fellowship in the Humanities (2001-02).
Graduate Prize Fellowship at the Princeton University Center for Human Values (2000-01).
Prize for best Philosophy Honours student at Monash University (1997).

Public Lectures and conference and colloquium presentations

Public lectures

University of Melbourne, 12 Aug 2019, 'The Politics of Mental Health'
New Zealand National Public Library, 31 Aug 2017, 'The Ethics of Treaties'
University of Melbourne, 2 Sept 2015, 'Patriotism in War and Peace'
Victoria University Wellington, Inaugural Lecture, 28 Jul 2015, 'The Ethics of Patriotism'
Telefonica Foundation, Madrid, 25 Jun 2015, 'The Complicated Ethics of Loyalty'
New Zealand National Public Library, 11 Jun 2015, 'Patriotism in War and Peace'
Bentley College, 6 Nov 2012, 'Understanding Skepticism about Climate Change.'
University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, 25 Sept 2012, 'Understanding Skepticism about Climate Change'

Colloquium presentations

Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität Munich, 13 Nov 2019, 'Partiality to Self'
University of Waikato, 9 August 2018, 'Shared Belief and the Limits of Empathy'
University of Melbourne, 25 April 2018, 'Shared Belief and the Limits of Empathy'
Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität Munich, 12 Dec 2017, 'A Right to Mental Health'
University of Bern, 29 Nov 2017, 'Belief for Someone Else's Sake'
University of Auckland, 13 Oct 2017, 'Belief for Someone Else's Sake'
University of New South Wales, 4 Apr 2017, 'A Right to Mental Health'
CAPPE Canberra, 20 Apr 2016, 'Moral Blackmail'
Australian National University, 18 Apr 2016, 'Mental Health and Well-Being'
City University Hong Kong, 14 Jan 2016, 'Moral Blackmail'
Lingnan University, 13 Jan 2016, 'Is Love a Mistake?'
Victoria University Wellington, 6 August 2015, 'Moral Blackmail: A User's Guide'
University of Waikato, 20 August 2013, 'Motives to Assist and Reasons to Assist: the Case of Global Poverty'
Australian National University, 13 June 2013, 'Is Love a Mistake?'
Kenan Institute of Ethics, Duke University, 19 Nov 2012, 'Understanding Skepticism about Climate Change.'
Colby College, 5 Nov 2012, 'Is Love a Mistake?'
Rice University, 1 Nov 2012, 'Is Love a Mistake?'
Texas A&M University, College Station, 25 Oct 2012, 'Is Love a Mistake?'
University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, 24 Sept 2012, 'Is Love a Mistake?'
Vassar College, 12 Sept 2012, 'Is Love a Mistake?'
Monash University, September 2010, 'Reasons, Motives, and Special Relationships.'
University of Melbourne, September 2010, 'Reasons, Motives, and Special Relationships.'
University of Canterbury, March 2010, 'The Value of Relationships and the Ethics of Partiality.'
Australian National University, May 2009, 'The Value of Relationships and the Ethics of Partiality.'
City University of Hong Kong, May 2009, 'The Value of Relationships and the Ethics of Partiality.'
University of Auckland, May 2008, 'Self-Effacement in Ethical Theory.'
Victoria University Wellington, May 2008, 'Self-Effacement in Ethical Theory.'

University of Otago, May 2008, 'Self-Effacement in Ethical Theory.'
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (works-in-progress seminar), Apr 2008, 'Successful Attitudes, Successful Agents.'
University of Melbourne, Mar 2008, 'Welfare as Success.'
Monash University, Mar 2008, 'Welfare as Success.'
Australian National University (CAPPE), Oct 2007, 'Welfare as Success.'
University of Melbourne (CAPPE), Sep 2007, 'Making Nonsense of Loyalty to Country.'
University of Texas at Austin, Feb 2007, 'Welfare as Success' and 'Making Nonsense of Loyalty to Country.'
University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Sept 2006, 'Self-Effacement in Ethical Theory.'
Bates College, Jan 2006, 'Self-Effacement in Ethical Theory.'
McGill University (Department of Political Science), Nov 2005, 'Disloyalty.'
Davidson College, Feb 2005, 'Four Models of Filial Duty.'
University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Nov 2003, 'Friendship and Belief.'
Identity, Self-Determination and Secession workshop, University of Melbourne, Aug 2003, 'Patriotism as Bad Faith.'
University of Nebraska, Omaha, May 2004, 'Patriotism as Bad Faith.'
University of California, Santa Cruz, Nov 2002, 'Patriotism as Bad Faith.'
Monash University, Aug 2001, 'Freedom!'
Australian National University (RSSS), Aug 1999, 'Desire Theories of Welfare.'
Monash University, Jun 1999, 'Presentists Should Believe in Time-Travel.'

Conference papers

Karlsruhe Institute of Technology Conference on Impartiality, Oct 2019, 'Partiality to Self.'
Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität Munich Conference on Neglected Relationships, Oct 2019, 'The Virtue of Self-Compassion.'
Australasian Association of Philosophy conference (New Zealand Association of Philosophy Presidential Address), Victoria University of Wellington, Jul 2018, 'Putting Mental Health in Its Place'
Australasian Association of Philosophy conference, University of Adelaide, Jul 2017, 'A Right to Mental Health'
University of Berne conference on The Normative Impact of Personal Relationships, July 2016, 'Is Love a Mistake?'
American Association of Philosophy Conference (Pacific Division), March 2016, contributor to a 'Meet the Author' session on Gwen Bradford's *Achievement*.
University of Western Ontario conference on Fiduciary Duties, November 2014, 'Fiduciary Duty and Moral Blackmail'
Australasian Association of Philosophy conference, Australian National University, Jul 2014, 'Empathizing with Skepticism about Climate Change'
Conference on The Ethics of Citizenship in the 21st Century, University of Navarra, Spain, 30-31 May, 2014, 'What is it Like to Be a Good Citizen?'
Kioloa Ethics Workshop, February 2014, 'Is Love a Mistake?'
Meet the Author Workshop, University of Bern, 13 Sept 2013, 'Responses to Critics'.
Australasian Association of Philosophy conference, University of Queensland, Jul 2013, 'Is Love a Mistake?'
Workshop on Moral Rationalism at University of Melbourne, 10 Jan 2013, 'Love and Moral Rationalism.'

Workshop on philosophy and climate change at Victoria University, Wellington, October 2011, 'Empathizing with Skepticism about Climate Change.'

Keynote address, conference of the Australasian Philosophy Postgraduate Association, Monash University, May 2011, 'Reasons to be Partial.'

Workshop on global poverty at Australian National University, September 2010, 'Motives to Assist and Reasons to Assist.'

Workshop on patriotism at Australian National University, December 2009, 'The Case against Patriotism.'

'Ethics of Patriotism' conference at Dartmouth College, November 2009, 'Worldly Citizens: Anti-Patriotism as a Civic Virtue.'

Australasian Association of Philosophy conference, RMIT, Jul 2008, 'Self-Effacement in Ethical Theory.'

Conference of the International Studies Association, San Francisco CA, Mar 2008, 'Against Friendship Between Countries.'

Response to Lucy Allais, 'Restorative Justice, Retributive Justice, and the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission,' APA Pacific Division Conference, Pasadena CA, Mar 2008.

SPAWN Conference, Syracuse University, Jul 2006, 'Welfare as Success.'

Keynote address, Royce and Community conference, Oklahoma City University, Apr 2006, 'Royce and the Communitarians.'

Response to Ben Bradley, 'A Paradox for Theories of Welfare,' APA Pacific Division Conference, Portland OR, Apr 2006.

Response to Chrisoula Andreou, 'Environmental Damage and the Puzzle of the Self-Torturer,' APA Eastern Division Conference, New York, Jan 2006.

Meeting of the International Society for Utilitarian Studies, Dartmouth College Aug 2005, 'Virtue Ethics is Self-Effacing.'

Response to George Schedler, 'Should Peter Singer Become an Ethical Meat Eater?' Meeting of the Southwest Philosophical Society, New Orleans, Nov 2004.

Response to Katie McShane, 'Anthropocentrism vs. Nonanthropocentrism: Why Should We Care?' International Society for Environmental Ethics and International Association for Environmental Philosophy Joint Conference, Colorado, June 2004.

Response to Ben Bradley, 'Death and Previous Gains,' APA Central Division Conference, Chicago, Apr 2004.

Understanding Terrorism: Philosophical Issues conference, Loyola Marymount University, Sept 2003, 'On What is the War on Terror?'

Meeting of the North American Society for Social Philosophy, Northeastern University, Jul 2003, 'Patriotism as Bad Faith.'

Australasian Association of Philosophy conference, University of Tasmania, Jul 2001, 'Expensive Tastes and Distributive Justice.'

Australasian Association of Philosophy conference, University of Melbourne, Jul 1999, 'Desire Theories of Welfare.'

Australasian Association of Philosophy conference, Macquarie University, Jul 1998, 'Presentism and Truthmaking.'

Service

2020-present	Programme Director, Philosophy, VUW
2018-2019	President, New Zealand Association of Philosophy
2016-2020	Deputy Dean, Faculty of Graduate Research, VUW

2014- present	Associate Editor, <i>Australasian Journal of Philosophy</i>
2013-present	Nominating Editor, <i>Philosopher's Annual</i>
2012-present	Advisory Board, <i>Social Theory and Practice</i>
2013-2016	Member of Leave Committee, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, VUW
2010-12	Review Board, <i>International Encyclopedia of Ethics</i>
2011	Member of the board of the Faculty of Graduate Research, VUW
2011-12	Head of Philosophy Programme, VUW
2010	Staff Seminar Coordinator for Philosophy, VUW
2007-08	Postgraduate Coordinator, CAPPE Melbourne
2002-07	Served on various departmental committees at Boston University, including admissions and search committees.
2002-07	Convener, Boston area ethics reading group.
2003-07	Organizer, Karbank Symposium on Environmental Philosophy.
2003-05	Convener, graduate student seminar series in Philosophy at Boston University.
2003-07	Undergraduate academic counsellor, Boston University.
1999-2000	Graduate representative to the Princeton University Department of Philosophy.

Media

- 12 Oct 2021: op-ed at newsroom.co.nz, 'Let the Children Vote.'
- 7 Aug 2018: op-ed at newsroom.co.nz, 'Free Speech: It's Complicated.'
- 7 Jul 2018: interview with Kim Hill on Radio New Zealand on mental health.
- Dec 2018: interviews for Radio New Zealand series 'Pants on Fire.'
- 13 Jan. 2017: op-ed at newsroom.co.nz, 'The dangerous ideal of mental health'. Also printed in the *Dominion Post* and at stuff.co.nz, on 20 Jan. 2017.
- 6 Mar. 2016: interview on Australian Radio National, 'The Philosopher's Zone,' on special relationships.
- 13 Sept. 2015: interview on Australian Radio National, 'Sunday Extra with Jonathan Green', on patriotism and war.
- 20 August 2015, op-ed in *Dominion Post*, 'A flag does not need to tell a story to be successful'
- 26 August 2014, op-ed in *Dominion Post*, 'Time will tell whether book should have been published'
- 17 August 2014: interview on 'Sunday Morning,' Radio New Zealand, discussing the ethical issues associated with Nicky Hager's *Dirty Politics*.
- 23 Jan 2014: 'The Price of Patriotism', opinion piece on theage.com.au
- 7 April 2012: Interview on Encounter on Radio National (Australia): a one hour special programme on 'Dutiful Sons and Daughters.'
- 5 March 2011: Philosophy TV (philosophytv.com), conversation with Sarah Stroud about the ethics of special relationships.
- 31 October, 2010: Philosophy TV (philosophytv.com), conversation with Valerie Tiberius about well-being and social psychology.
- 15 August, 2010: Interview on 'Sunday Morning with Chris Laidlaw,' Radio New Zealand, discussing the ethics of vegetarianism.
- 14 October, 2009: Bloggingheads.tv, conversation with Niko Kolodny about love for persons and love for countries.

10 Feb, 2005: Interview on 'In Depth,' News 14 Charlotte, discussing the duties of grown children to their parents.