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PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy & The Smith Institute for Political Economy and Philosophy, Chapman University, 2018-
Adjunct Senior Research Fellow, Department of Philosophy, Monash University, 2018-
Lecturer (Assistant Professor), Department of Philosophy, Monash University, 2014-2018

EDUCATION

PhD	Philosophy	2011-2014	University of Arizona
MA	Philosophy	2008-2011	University of Arizona
BA	Philosophy	2000-2004	University of Colorado, Boulder

PUBLICATIONS

Books

2021 *On Philosophy, Politics, and Economics*, with Gerald Gaus. Princeton University Press.
2020 *The Ethics of Capitalism*, with Daniel Halliday. Oxford University Press.

Edited Volumes & Collections

2021 “Strategic Justice, Conventions, and Game Theory” Topical Collection in *Synthese*, co-edited with Michael Moehler.
2013 *Creating Wealth: Ethical and Economic Perspectives 2nd edition*, co-edited with David Schmidtz. Cognella.

Journal Articles

“Hume’s Politics and Four Dimensions of Realism.” Forthcoming. *The Journal of Politics*, with Keith Hankins.
“Agreeing to Disagree: Diversity, Political Contractualism, and the Open Society.” 2020. *The Journal of Politics* 82(3): 1142-1155.
“On Minimal Morality.” 2020. *Analytic Philosophy* 61(1):45-56.
“Self-Ownership as Personal Sovereignty.” 2019. *Social Philosophy & Policy*. 36(2):116-133.
“Democracy Unchained: Contractualism, Individualism, and Independence in Buchanan’s Democratic Theory.” 2019. *Homo Oeconomicus* 36: 25-40.
“Two of a Kind: Are Norms of Honor a Species of Morality?” 2019. *Biology & Philosophy* 34(3), with Toby Handfield.
“Constructivism, Representation, and Stability: Path-Dependence in Public Reason Theories of Justice.” 2019. *Synthese* 196(1): 429-450.
“Honor and Violence: An Account of Feuds, Duels, and Honor Killings.” 2018. *Human Nature* 29(4):371–389, with Toby Handfield
“Greenbeards and Signaling: Why Morality isn’t Indispensable.” 2018. *Behavioral and Brain Sciences* 41(e103), with Toby Handfield and Julian Garcia.
“Evaluating Bad Norms.” 2018. *Social Philosophy & Policy* 35(1): 196-216.
“Political Stability in the Open Society.” 2018. *American Journal of Political Science* 62(2): 398-409, with Kevin Vallier.

- “Peer Punishment Promotes Enforcement of Bad Social Norms.” 2017. *Nature Communications* 8 (2017), with Klaus Abbink, Lata Gangadharan, and Toby Handfield.
- “The Ethics of Legislative Vote Trading.” 2016. *Political Studies* 64(3): 614-629.
- “The Fragility of Consensus: Public Reason, Diversity and Stability.” 2015. *The European Journal of Philosophy* 23(4): 933-954, with Kevin Vallier.
- “Adam Smith and the Social Contract.” 2015. *The Adam Smith Review* 8: 195-216.
- “When Justice Demands Inequality.” 2015. *The Journal of Moral Philosophy* 12(2): 172-194, with Keith Hankins
- “Uniqueness and Symmetry in Bargaining Theories of Justice.” 2014. *Philosophical Studies* 167(3): 683-699.
- “Ordering Anarchy.” 2014. *Rationality, Markets and Morals* 5(1): 30-46.
- “Reconciling Justice and Pleasure in Epicurean Contractarianism.” 2013. *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 16(2): 423-436.

Chapters in Edited Volumes

- “The Right to Own the Means of Production.” 2019. In Jahel Queralt and Bas Van Der Vossen (eds.) *Economic Liberties as Human Rights*. Routledge, with Chris Freiman.
- “When Equality Matters.” 2018. In David Boonin (ed.) *The Palgrave Handbook of Philosophy and Public Policy*. Palgrave. 182-199.
- “On *The Calculus of Consent*.” 2017. In Jacob Levy (ed.) *The Oxford Handbook of Classics in Contemporary Political Theory*. Oxford University Press, with Gerald Gaus.
- “Social Contractarianism” 2017. In Brennan, Jason, Bas van der Vossen, and David Schmidtz (eds.) *The Routledge Handbook of Libertarianism*. Routledge.
- “Rational Choice and the Original Position: The (Many) Models of Rawls and Harsanyi.” 2015. In Timothy Honton (ed.) *The Original Position*. Cambridge University Press, with Gerald Gaus.
- “Bankers, Vampires, and Organ Sellers: Who Can You Trust?” 2015. In Garnett, Robert, Paul Lewis, and Lenore Ealy (eds.) *Commerce and Community: Ecologies of Social Cooperation*. Routledge, with David Schmidtz.
- “The Virtues of Justice.” 2014. In Timpe, Kevin and Craig A. Boyd (eds.) *Virtues and their Vices*. Oxford University Press, with David Schmidtz.
- “Social Evolution.” 2013. In Gaus, Gerald and Fred D’Agostino *The Routledge Companion to Social and Political Philosophy*. Routledge, with Gerald Gaus.

Reference Works

- “Taxation.” 2020. *The International Encyclopedia of Ethics*. Hugh LaFollette (ed.), with Daniel Halliday.
- “Contemporary Approaches to the Social Contract.” 2017. *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, with Fred D’Agostino and Gerald Gaus.

Book Reviews

- “The Price of Sociality: Review of Jonathan Birch, *The Philosophy of Social Evolution*.” 2018. *Metascience*.
- Review of “John Tomasi, *Free Market Fairness*.” 2014. *Public Choice* 159(1-2): 309-311.
- Review of “Charles Tilly, *Credit and Blame*.” 2013. *The European Legacy: Toward New Paradigms* 18(7): 967, with David Schmidtz.
- Review of “Herbert Gintis, *The Bounds of Reason: Game Theory and the Unification of the Behavioral Sciences*.” 2011. *The Journal of Value Inquiry* 45(1): 85-90.

Work in Progress

- “Why is there an omission effect? The role of norms, causal perception, and efficiency on the choice to punish acts or omissions,” with Shaun Nichols and Toby Handfield. Under Review.
“Smithian Sympathy and the Emergence of Norms,” with Keith Hankins. Under Review.
“The Limits of Feasibility: Stability, Compliance, and Identification.” Under Review

Invited Talks & Presentations

- 2019** Waseda University (Tokyo, Japan), Harvard Business School, PPE Society Meeting
2018 Texas Tech University, Monash University, PPE Society Meeting
2017 Australasian Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy (University of Sydney), PPE Society Meeting, American Philosophical Association (Pacific)
2016 Southern Economics Association, Social Philosophy & Policy, Seoul National University, Australasian Association of Philosophy, American Philosophical Association (Pacific) University of Arizona
2015 University of Melbourne, Australasian Association of Philosophy, Center for Moral, Political and Social Theory (Australian National University), American Philosophical Association (Pacific), Australian National University
2014 New Zealand Association for Philosophy, American Philosophical Association (Pacific)
2013 London School of Economics, University of Utah, University of Manchester
2012 University of New Orleans
2011 Southern Economics Association, Rational Choice Contractarianism: 25 Years after *Morals by Agreement* (York University)

TEACHING

Moral Theory	Chapman University	Spring 2021
Utopia and Dystopia in Fiction & Film (w/Michael Valdez Moses)	Chapman University	Fall 2020
David Hume (Junior/Senior Seminar)	Chapman University	Spring 2020
Cause, Effect, and Freedom (w/Erik Kimbrough)	Chapman University	Fall 2019
Utopia and Dystopia in Fiction & Film (w/Michael Valdez Moses)	Chapman University	Fall 2019 (Two Sections)
Philosophy in Literature	Chapman University	Spring 2019
Games and Decisions	Chapman University	Inter-term 2019
Global Justice	Chapman University	Fall 2018
The Tragedy in Morality (w/Brennan McDavid)	Chapman University	Fall 2018
Presidential Seminar (w/ Jan Osborn)	Chapman University	Fall 2018
Hobbes and Spinoza (Honors Seminar)	Monash University	2017
Human Rights Theory 1 (w/ Linda Barclay)	Monash University	2017
Conventions and Norms (Honors Seminar)	Monash University	2015, 2016
Moral Psychology (Honors Seminar)	Monash University	2015
Human Rights Theory 1 (w/ Robbie Arrell)	Monash University	2015,2016
Democratic Theory	Monash University	2015-2017
Political Philosophy	Monash University	2014-2017
Rationality and Morality (Honors Seminar)	Monash University	2014
The Social Contract	University of Arizona	2013
The Ethics & Economics of Wealth Creation	University of Arizona	2009

RESEARCH SUPERVISION

MA

Matthew Ringenbergs (w/ Toby Handfield) HD1	Monash University	2018-2019
Lucy Mayne (Primary) HD1	Monash University	2016-2018
James McGuire (Primary) HD1	Monash University	2016-2018

Honors

Jade Popper (Completed)	Monash University	2017
Andrew Belyea-Tate (Completed)	Monash University	2016
Lucy Mayne (Completed)	Monash University	2015

SELECTED GRANTS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

2017-20	Discovery Project DP170102834, “Informal Sanctions and Bad Social Norms,” with Klaus Abbink, Lata Gangadharan, Toby Handfield, and David Skarbek, \$231,500,
2020	Discourse Initiative Grant, \$15,000
2020	Grant for Experimental Pilot, \$4,000
2015-18	Dean’s Commendation for Early Career Researcher
2016	Monash Focus Program Grant, \$50,000
2014-15	SoPHIS Research Grants
2015	New Appointee Research Grant, \$5,000
2013	Fink Prize for the Most Outstanding Graduate Student
2013	University of Arizona Excellence Dissertation Fellowship
2012	Bernard Marcus Fellowship
2011	H.B. Earhart Fellowship
2010	Bernard Marcus Fellowship
2009	Thomas W. Smith Fellowship

SERVICE

2021	Organizer, Summer Seminar on PPE
2019-20	Search Committee, Research Associate, Smith Institute for Political Economy and Philosophy
2015-18	SoPHIS Honors Coordinator, Monash University
2014-18	Philosophy Honors Coordinator, Monash University
2017	External Reviewer, Council for the Humanities of the Netherlands
2017	Project Editor, <i>Social Philosophy and Policy</i>
2016	External Reviewer, Organization for Scientific Research
2015	Organizing Committee, Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference
2015	External Reviewer, American Academy in Berlin
2014	Project Editor, <i>Social Philosophy and Policy</i>
2012-14	Assistant Editor, <i>Social Philosophy and Policy</i>

REFEREE

Adam Smith Review, American Philosophical Quarterly, American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Analysis, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, British Journal of Political Science, Canadian Journal of Philosophy, Cambridge University Press, Economics & Philosophy, Episteme, Erasmus Journal for Philosophy & Economics, Erkenntnis, Ergo, Ethical Theory & Moral Practice, Ethical Perspectives, Hobbes Studies, Japanese Journal of Political Science, Journal of Applied Philosophy, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, Journal of Economic Psychology, Journal of Ethics, Journal of Philosophical Research, Journal of Politics, Journal of Political Philosophy, Journal of Social Philosophy, Journal of Value Inquiry, Legal Theory, Manuscripta, Oxford Studies in Experimental Philosophy, Oxford Studies in Political Philosophy, Philosopher’s Imprint, Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophical Papers, Philosophical Perspectives, Philosophical Psychology, Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, Philosophy of Science, Philosophical Studies, Philosophical

Quarterly, Polish Journal of Philosophy, Polity, Public Affairs Quarterly, Ratio, Res Publica, Routledge, Social Theory and Practice, Social Philosophy & Policy, Synthese, Theoria