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SPECIALIZATION

Ethics • Epistemology • Social & Political Philosophy

COMPETENCE

Feminist Philosophy • Legal Philosophy • Applied Ethics

EMPLOYMENT

King's College London, Dickson Poon School of Law, Lecturer in Legal and Political Philosophy, 2023–

Stalnaker Postdoctoral Associate, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2022–2023

EDUCATION

PhD in Philosophy, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 2022

Dissertation: "Inquiring Further: Essays on Epistemic Normativity," advised by Sarah Moss & Brian Weatherson

BA in Philosophy, Reed College, 2016

Thesis: "Two Puzzles About Moral Knowledge," advised by Steve Arkonovich

PUBLICATIONS

Articles & Chapters

"[Consent, Trust, and Sexual Ethics](#)," *Philosophical Perspectives*, forthcoming.

"[Mistreating Consent](#)," *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 112 (2): 544–560. 2026.

"[The Construction of Epistemic Normativity](#)" (with [Michael Hannon](#)), *Philosophical Issues: A Supplement to Noûs*, 35 (1): 72–84. 2026.

"[What's Wrong with Partisan Deference?](#)", *Oxford Studies in Epistemology*, Vol. 8, ed. Tamar Gendler, John Hawthorne, & Alex Worsnip. 2026.

"[The Epistemic Significance of Mind-Changing](#)," *Episteme*, 22 (3): 688–706. 2025.

"[On Subtweeting](#)" (with [Eleonore Neufeld](#)), *Conversations Online* (OUP), edited by Patrick Connolly, Sanford Goldberg, and Jennifer Saul. 2025.

"[Why Double-Check?](#)", *Episteme*, 21 (2): 644–667. 2024.

"[Epistemic Norms on Evidence-Gathering](#)" (with [Carolina Flores](#)), *Philosophical Studies*, 180 (9): 2547–71. 2023.

"[Epistemic Atonement](#)," *Oxford Studies in Metaethics*, Vol. 18, edited by Russ Shafer-Landau. 2023.

"A Puzzle About Fickleness," *Noûs*, 56 (2): 323–342. 2022.

"Bad Sex and Consent," *Palgrave Handbook of Sexual Ethics*, ed. David Boonin, 2022.

"The Ignorance Norm and Paradoxical Assertions," *Philosophical Topics*, 49 (2):321–332. 2021.

Books *Political Epistemology: An Introduction* (with Michael Hannon), Routledge, 2025

Reviews Review of Tom Dougherty's *The Scope of Consent*, *Ethics*, 134 (3): 402–407. 2024.

In Progress "The Role of Consent in Sexual Ethics," *Philosophy Compass*

"Genealogical Debunking & Desire"

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

Collaborative Engagement Fund, King's College London, 2024–25; 2025–26

Fellow of the HEA (Higher Education Academy), 2025–

Visiting Fellowship, Institute of Philosophy, University of London, Summer 2023

Sanders Graduate Student Award, 2022

Selected as one of three best papers submitted to the Eastern APA in mind, metaphysics, epistemology, or ethics for "The Ignorance Norm and Paradoxical Assertions"

*University of
Michigan*

Rackham Merit Fellowship, 2016–2022

Funding package which recognizes diverse students who "show exceptional potential for scholarly success in their graduate program, and demonstrate promise for contributing to wider academic, professional, or civic communities"

Cornwell Prize, 2021–2022

Awarded for best philosophy paper submission for "A Puzzle About Fickleness"

Weinberg Dissertation Fellowship, 2020–2021

Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (DEI) Prize, 2020

Dewey Prize for Excellence in Teaching, 2020

Special Prize for Leadership in Cocurricular Enrichment (SPLICE), 2018

Marshall M. Weinberg Summer Fellowship, 2018

Reed College

Edwin N. Garlan Memorial Prize in Philosophy, 2016

For best thesis in philosophy

Phi Beta Kappa, 2016

Ruby-Lankford Grant for Faculty-Student Research, 2015

TALKS

(Selected)

* = Refereed

† = Invited

TBD

University of Luxembourg, TBD†

“Genealogical Debunking and Desire”

Pacific APA, March 2027

Practical, Political, & Ethical Seminar Series, February 2027

Durham University, Consent Workshop, September 2026†

University of Vienna, Knowledge in Crisis Conference, July 2026†

Feminist Sexual Ethos Society Conference (Keynote), June 2026†

Newington Green Circle, June 2026

University of Zurich, May 2026†

“Consent, Trust, & Sexual Ethics”

Northeastern University London, March 2026†

University of Leeds, March 2026†

Institute of Philosophy, March 2026

Surrey Centre for Law and Philosophy, February 2026†

KCL Moral, Legal, & Political WIP, December 2025

Sex, Sexuality, & Consent Working Group, October 2025

Newington Green Seminar, August 2025

Third Annual Landmark Trust Workshop, August 2024

“Psychologizing and Relationships”

Fourth Annual Landmark Trust Workshop, April 2025

“The Epistemic Significance of Mind-Changing”¹

PPE Society Annual Meeting, November 2025*

Cambridge Episteme Group, November 2025†

NYU Abu Dhabi, May 2025

Scripps College, Workshop on Deference & Trust, April 2025†

University of Oxford, M&E Group, January 2025†

Eastern APA, New York, January 2025†

University of Lisbon, November 2024†

Barcelona Institute of Analytic Philosophy, October 2024†

Applied Epistemology Workshop (Keynote), Glasgow, September 2024†

Episteme Workshop XIX in Rhodes, Greece, July 2024†

St Andrews Workshop in Epistemology of Enquiry, May 2024†

LEMM Seminar, Institute of Philosophy, January 2024†

Eastern APA, Invited Symposium on Inquiry, January 2024†

Cologne Winter Epistemology Workshop, December 2023†

Discussion of *Political Epistemology: An Introduction* (with Michael Hannon)

University of Oslo, June 2025†

University of Sussex, February 2025†

The Philosopher: Public Philosophy Series, December 2024†

“Mistreating Consent”

Rutgers Law, May 2025

UCL Laws, John Austin Seminar, May 2025†

¹Previous titles: “How to Start Changing Your Mind”; “Belief Change as Evidence”

Yale Law School, April 2025†
 LSE Cumberland Lodge Philosophy Retreat, November 2024†
 University of Oxford, November 2024†
 University of Warwick, October 2024†
 Humboldt University, Workshop on the Nature and Scope of Consent, June 2024†
 LSE Workshop on Normative Powers and Interpersonal Normativity, May 2024†
 University of Hong Kong, April 2024†
 LSE Popper Seminar, March 2024†
 PPE Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, November 2023*
 Legal Philosophy Trident Series, Zoom, October 2023†
 Workshop in Epistemology & Ethics, King's College London, September 2023†
 Newington Green Circle, London, July 2023
 London Feminist Philosophy Conference, King's College London, June 2023*
 University of Nottingham, June 2023†
 Northeast Normativity Workshop, Princeton University, May 2023†
 Social Philosophy Workshop, Harvard University, April 2023†
 MIT Work-In-Progress Group, March 2023
 University of St Andrews, March 2023†
 MIT Working Group on Gender and Philosophy, December 2022
 Harvard Safra Center Works-in-Progress, December 2022

“The Construction of Epistemic Normativity” (with Michael Hannon)
 Workshop on Epistemic Accountability, UND Australia (via Zoom), August 2024†

“What’s Wrong with Political Deference?”
 Croatia Political Epistemology Conference, July 2023*
 Tivoli Workshop in Philosophy, June 2023
 King's College London, Dickson Poon School of Law, June 2023†
 Institute of Philosophy, London, June 2023
 Bled Epistemology Conference, June 2023†
 Workshop on Political Deference & Partisanship, Harvard University, March 2023
 University of Maryland, College Park, March 2023†
 Purdue University, February 2023†
 Political Epistemology Network, Eastern APA, January 2023†
 PPE Society Annual Meeting, November 2022*

“The Ignorance Norm & Paradoxical Assertions”
 Eastern APA Colloquium, January 2022*
 Early Career Inquiry Network, October 2021
 Edinburgh Graduate Epistemology Conference, August 2021*

“Epistemic Atonement”
 Boston University, April 2023†
 University of St Andrews, March 2023†
 Dianoia Institute, Australian Catholic University, October 2022†
 Epistemic Blame Workshop: Theory and Practice, March 2022†
 UC Santa Cruz, March 2022†
 King's College London, Dickson Poon School of Law, February 2022†
 Clemson University, February 2022†
 Wake Forest University, February 2022†
 Syracuse University, January 2022†

University of Denver, January 2022†
 COGITO Epistemology Workshop, University of Glasgow, December 2021†
 Madison Metaethics Workshop (MadMeta), September 2021*
 Virtual Metaethics Colloquium, September 2021
 Princeton-Michigan Metanormativity Workshop, August 2021*
 Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference, July 2021
 Michigan-MIT Social Philosophy Workshop, March 2020*

“Epistemic Norms on Evidence-Gathering”² (with Carolina Flores)
 Inquiry and Its Norms, UNED Madrid, June 2022†
 Chapel Hill Normativity Workshop, April 2022*
 COGITO Epistemology Workshop, University of Glasgow, March 2022†
 Pacific APA Colloquium, April 2021*
 Early Career Inquiry Network, March 2021
 USC Speculative Society, December 2019

“Why Double-Check?”
 Indiana University Bloomington, January 2022†
 King’s College London, October 2021†
 UC Berkeley, January 2021†
 Early Career Inquiry Network, July 2020

“On Subtweeting” (with Eleonore Neufeld)
 Tech Ethics eXchange NorthEast, Flash Talk, May 2023†
 Online Conversations Workshop, July 2022
 Pacific APA Colloquium, April 2022*
 Cal State Long Beach, Applied Ethics Forum, November 2021†
 Words Workshop, November 2021
 Michigan-MIT Social Philosophy Workshop, June 2021*

“A Puzzle About Fickleness”
 Reed College Philosophy Colloquium, November 2019†
 NYU Washington Square Circle, October 2019

“Bad Sex & Consent”
 Bad Romance Conference, Harvard University, March 2019*

“Gaslighting, Implicit Bias, and Higher-Order Evidence”
 Eastern APA Symposium, January 2019*
 IIFS-UNAM Philosophy Graduate Conference, March 2018*

“Consent & Luminosity”
 Michigan-MIT Social Philosophy Workshop, October 2018*

PANELS

“The Limits of Consent,” *Truth, Consent, and Power*, University of Oxford, June 2025

COMMENTS (Selected)

Kirsten La Cour, “Repair as the Pursuit of Moral Understanding,” Philosophy, Law & Politics Graduate Forum, May 2026

²Previous title: “Epistemic Vigilance: In Defense of Epistemic Norms on Evidence-Gathering”

NYU Abu Dhabi Workshop on Normativity & Reasoning, Commentator-at-Large, January 2026

Mollie Gerver, *Under Pressure*: Book manuscript workshop, KCL, August 2024

Michael Hannon, "Public Discourse and Its Problems," *Spring Colloquium on Political Epistemology*, University of Michigan, March 2022

Jude Buckner, "Permission to Exist: Social Classification and Identity Politics," *Re-evaluating Social Essences Workshop*, University of Victoria, May 2021

Ann Cahill, "Disclosing an Experience of Sexual Assault: Ethics and the Role of the Confidant," *Spring Colloquium on Structures*, University of Michigan, March 2021

Eyal Tal, "A Dilemma for Higher-Level Suspension," Eastern APA, January 2020

Jason Konek, "Aggregating Imprecise Probabilities Using Epistemic Utilities," *Michigan Alumni Conference*, University of Michigan (with Calum McNamara), May 2019

Jane Friedman, "The Epistemic & The Zetetic," *Spring Colloquium on Epistemology: Norms and Values*, University of Michigan, February 2019

Chloé de Canson, "Salience & The Sure-Thing Principle," *Athena in Action*, Princeton University, June 2018*

Mari Mikkola, "Extensional Intuitions and Gender Terminology," *Spring Colloquium on Gender*, University of Michigan, March 2017

TEACHING

KCL

Legal & Political Epistemology (x2)
Jurisprudence & Legal Theory (x4) (module co-lead 2026–)
Law, Morality, & Policy Making (x3)
Public Health, Autonomy, & Resource Allocation (x4)

Oxford

Why Be Good? 2025, 2026
Seminar Leader, Exeter College Summer Programme

MIT

Graduate Seminar, Theory of Knowledge: Applied Epistemology, Spring 2023

University of
Michigan

As primary instructor:
PHIL 202: *Introduction to Philosophy*, Spring 2020 (on Zoom)

As graduate student instructor (section leader):
PHIL 444: *Groups & Choices*, Winter 2019
PHIL 443: *Rational Choice Theory*, Fall 2018
PPE 300: *Introduction to Political Economy*, Winter 2018
PHIL 384: *Applied Epistemology: Race, Ethnicity, Knowledge*, Fall 2017

Philosophy Graduate Student Teaching Mentor, 2020–21

<i>PhD Supervision</i>	Deena Sharuk, Primary Advisor, 2025– Elettra Plati, Primary Advisor, 2026– Stefanos Arvanitakis, Secondary Advisor, 2024–2025
<i>Training & Mentorship</i>	APA Mentoring the Mentors Workshop, Participant, April 2020 Teaching Certificate, UM Center for Research on Learning and Teaching, 2020 Athena in Action, Participant, June 2018
PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT	Applied Epistemology Program Public-Facing Writing Group, Summer 2025 “Truth, Expertise, and Democracy,” <i>The Philosopher</i>: Discussion with Michael Hannon and Jonathan Benson, December 2024 “Epistemic Norms on Evidence-Gathering,” a Reductress-style write-up (with Carolina Flores), <i>New Work in Philosophy</i>, January 2023 “Epistemic Atonement,” <i>New Work in Philosophy</i>, December 2022
SERVICE	
<i>Editorial Work</i>	Associate Editor, <i>Analysis Reviews</i>, 2025– Guest Co-editor, Special Issue of <i>Midwest Studies in Philosophy</i>: Political Epistemology, 2026–27
<i>At KCL Law</i>	Deputy Director of the YTL Centre for Politics, Philosophy, & Law, 2024– Interim Director of <i>Philosophy, Politics, & Law</i> degree, January–July 2026 Moral, Legal, & Political Philosophy Work-in-Progress Group Co-Organizer, 2024– Continuous Assessment Reading Group for REF, 2025– Postgraduate Research Studies Committee, 2024–
<i>Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (Selected)</i>	Mentor for SWIP (Society for Women in Philosophy), 2024– Minorities and Philosophy (MAP), Board of Trustees, 2020–26 Minorities and Philosophy (MAP), Director/International Organizer, 2016–2020 Director from 2017–19; Co-Director 2016–17 Colorado Summer Seminar, <i>Panelist</i> on “Women and Graduate School in Philosophy,” 2020 & 2021 GPS at the University of Southern California, <i>Panelist and Presenter</i>, 2019

COMPASS Workshop, Co-Organizer, 2016–2018; Mentor, 2017–20

AALAC Workshop: Diversifying Core Philosophy, Reed College, Asst. Organizer, 2016

Conference
Organizing

YEAR	TOPIC
2022–23	Political Deference & Partisanship, Harvard Safra Center
2021–22	Spring Colloquium on Political Epistemology, University of Michigan
2018–19	Michigan Alumni Conference
2018–19	Spring Colloquium on Epistemology: Norms & Values, University of Michigan
2018–20	Michigan-MIT Social Philosophy Workshop (Co-founder)
2016–18	Princeton-Michigan Metanormativity Workshop

Series Organized
(Selected)

The Practical, the Political and the Ethical Seminar Series (w/ Michael Hannon), Institute of Philosophy, 2023–

Political Epistemology Quasi-Seminar (w/ Carolina Flores, via Zoom), Summer 2021

Race, Gender, & Feminist Philosophy Interdisciplinary Working Group, 2016–2020

Refereeing

Analysis x3; Australasian Journal of Philosophy; Axon; British Society for Ethical Theory; Cambridge Law Review; Chapel Hill Normativity Workshop x2; Constellations; Episteme x2; Ergo; Ethical Theory & Moral Practice x2; Ethics; Feminist Philosophy Quarterly; Hypatia; Independent Social Research Foundation; Inquiry x2; Journal of the American Philosophical Association x2; Journal of Applied Philosophy; Journal of Moral Philosophy; Journal of Philosophy; Legal Theory; Mind x2; National Science Centre of Poland; Noûs; Oxford University Press; Pacific Philosophical Quarterly; Philosophia; Philosophical Review x2; Philosophical Topics; The Philosophical Quarterly; Philosophical Studies x4; Philosophy and Phenomenological Research x5; Polity Press; Res Philosophica; Social Epistemology; Synthese x2; Thought

Additional Service
(Selected)

Early Career Workshop, Institute of Philosophy, April 2026
Co-organizer and hosted a session on “Building Your Academic Profile”

Public Philosophy Network Board Member, 2025–2026

Early Career Workshop, Institute of Philosophy, April 2024
Hosted a session on “Job Market Bootcamp”

Steering Committees: Inquiry Network; Social Epistemology Network

Professional Development & Mentorship Series, University of Michigan, 2019–22

Philosopher’s Annual, Co-Editor, 2018 & 2019

VISITS

New York University (sponsored by Jane Friedman), Fall 2019

University of Southern California (sponsored by Mark Schroeder), Fall 2019

REFERENCES

Tom Dougherty

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Brian Weatherson

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