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RESEARCH

AOS: Applied Philosophy, Social Epistemology, Moral Philosophy
AOC: Political Philosophy, Epistemology

EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION

Post-Doctoral Research Fellow in Philosophy   **April 2022 - Present**
The University of Warwick.
AHRC & DFG funded research project: *Moral Obligation, Epistemology and Public Health*.
Collaboration with Universities of Strathclyde and Cologne. (April 2022 – Jan 2024)

Horizon Europe funded project: *GEMS: Gaming as Multi-layered Security Threat* (Jan 2024 - Present)

RAI UK funded project: *Addressing Socio-technical limitations of LLMs for Medical and Social Computing* (April 2024 - Present)

RAI UK funded project: *ARTificial: Show me a Story About AI* (Sept. 2024 - Present)

Lecturer In Political Philosophy   **Jan 2022 – June 2022**
The University of Stirling
Lecturer for MSc on Human Rights & Diplomacy
Collaborative course with United Nations Institute of Training and Research

PhD in Philosophy   **2017-2021**
University of St Andrews & University of Stirling, Philosophy
Dissertation: "Trust, Audit, and Public Engagement"
Examiners: Paul Faulkner, Theron Pummer

MLitt in Philosophy 2016-2017
University of St Andrews & University of Stirling Joint Programme
Pass

BA in Philosophy   **2013-2016**
University of Leeds, Philosophy
First class, with honours

PUBLICATIONS

Academic Publications

(2024) "Towards a Non-Reliance Commitment Account of Trust" *Journal of Value Inquiry*

(2024) "Two Kinds of Vaccine Hesitancy" *Social Epistemology* 1-16 https://doi.org/10.1080/02691728.2024.2330466. (As primary author, with Professor Tom Sorell)

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(2024) "COVID-19 Vaccine Refusal as Unfair Free-Riding" *Medicine, Health Care and Philosophy.*

(2023) "The Rationality of Vaccine Hesitancy: Can Laypersons Evaluate Expert Competence?" *Episteme,* https://doi.org/10.1017/epi.2023.47

(2022) "Trusting To and Trusting As: The Qualitative Dimension of Trustworthiness" *Inquiry* https://doi.org/10.1080/0020174X.2022.2075456

(2021) "The Trust-Based Communicative Obligations of Expert Authorities" *Journal of Applied Philosophy*, 38: 288-305. https://doi.org/10.1111/japp.12465

(2017) "Is Intuition Best Treated as a Sui Generis Mental State, or as a Belief?" *Aporia.*

Under Review

"The Reasonableness of COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Hesitancy" (for edited volume with *Routledge*)

"Violent Video Games, Recruitment and Extremism" as second author, with Professor Tom Sorell

"Against Aesthetic Prescriptivism: Rejecting the Foundations of the Moralism verses Immoralism Debate"

In Progress

"Making Laypersons out of Experts: how LLMs Change the Legal and Medical Landscapes"

"The Application of LLMs in Law: a rapid research review"

"AI Ghost Artists: how AI art replaces the craft in art"

"What's wrong with being a virtual nazi? Explaining the immorality of violent extremist video games"

Impact Publications

(2022) "What Does it Mean for Public Organisations to be Trustworthy?" *Audit Scotland Report 1*

(2022) "Building Government Trustworthiness Through Audit" *Audit Scotland Report 2*

(2022) "Trust Through Empowerment: Building Public Trust in Government Through Public Engagement" *Audit Scotland Report 3*

FUNDING

RAI UK: Integrator Sandpit Funding XXX for 18 month project	**2024**
Society for Applied Philosophy £10,000 doctoral scholarship award	**2020**
Scottish Graduate School for Arts and Humanities Fully-funded PhD scholarship at Universities of St Andrews & Stirling approx. £55,000	**2017-2020**

Against Aesthetic Prescriptivism: Rejecting the Foundations of the Moralism verses Immoralism Debate
Keynote Presentation at Kings College Apophansis Journal Symposium, May 2024

Against Ethicism & Towards an Amoral Theory of Art
Presentation at Dalehead Philosophy Retreat, August 2023

COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy as Unfair Free-Riding
Workshop on vaccine hesitancy organised by the University of Cologne, July 2023

The Rationality of Vaccine Hesitancy
Workshop at University of Warwick Centre for Ethics, Law, and Public Affairs, October 2022

Organisational Trustworthiness as Commitments
Presented by invitation at Audit Scotland for their *Insights* workshop, September 2022

Trust, Audit, and Public Engagement
Presentation at Audit Scotland, October 2020
Dalehead Philosophy Retreat, July 2019

The Role of Respect in Expert Communication
Epistemic Trust in the Epistemology of Expert Testimony workshop, University of Erlangen, March 2019

The Effects of Therapeutic Trust and Therapeutic Distrust
University of St Andrews Postgraduate Seminar, October 2019

The Harm in Hate Speech & Hate Speech Regulation
University of St Andrews MLitt Dissertation Conference, August 2017

Determining the Relevant Intuitions in Experimental Philosophy
Dalehead Philosophy Undergraduate Conference, University of Leeds, June 2016
Afternoon Philosophy seminar, the University of Leeds, December 2015

TEACHING

UNIVERSITY OF STIRLING

Human Rights Theory – Lecturer/Module Co-Ordinator   **2022**
MSc course introducing the philosophy of human rights with a focus on international perspectives

Great Political Thinkers - Tutor   **2021**
Second-year course covering history of political thought: Mill, Marx, Rousseau, Hobbes & Locke

Political Philosophy – Guest Lecturer/Tutor   **2019**
Prepared lecture & tutorial on redistributive justice centred on Cohen, Nozick & Locke

UNIVERSITY OF ST ANDREWS

Advanced Epistemology – Guest Lecturer/Seminar Leader   2021
MLitt course, responsible for design and delivery of one lecture on the role of epistemic trust and expertise in democracy. Also marked and moderated 50% of class essays

The Foundations of Western Philosophy   2021
Second-year course covering classics of Ancient Greek Philosophy. Topics include Pre-Socratics, Plato, Aristotle, and Hellenistic Philosophy

Moral and Political Controversies - Tutor   2018-2021
First-year course covers normative ethics and political philosophy covering utilitarianism, Kantian ethics, virtue ethics, animal rights, distributive justice and democracy

Moral and Aesthetic Value - Tutor   2021
Second-year course in aesthetics and metaethics. Topics include Kantian aesthetics, Hume's aesthetics, feminist aesthetics, moral nihilism, Hume's sentimentalism, and cognitivism vs non-cognitivism

Meaning and Knowing - Tutor   2020
Second-year epistemology & philosophy of language course. Topics include scepticism, theory of knowledge, social epistemology, Russell, Frege, and Kripke

Logic/Reasoning   2019
First-year informal and formal logic course. Topics include validity, fallacies, first-order logic, predicate logic, and natural deduction

PPE St Andrews Summer School   2018
Lecturer & Seminar Leader responsible for design and delivery of three lectures and seminars, for 16–18-year-old visiting school students

PRIVATE TUITION   2021- Present

Taught students in various topics ranging from A-level ethics, and philosophy, to undergraduates and postgraduates taking political philosophy, ethics, epistemology and philosophy

ENGAGEMENT/OUTREACH

Responsible AI-Integrator Sandpit

Participated in a sandpit with academics from multiple disciplines across the humanities, social sciences, and computer sciences to put together funding bids for 12 - 18-month projects on the topic of responsible AI development. Helped form a team and project based on the use of AI in the arts. Successfully received funding for the project.

Vaccine Hesitancy Podcast
Arranging, conducting, and uploading interviews with philosophers, health psychologists, public health professionals and key employees from social media companies to conduct a series of podcast interviews on vaccine hesitancy.

Demos Disinformation Conference

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Collaboration with a leading UK think tank to bring together public policy professionals and public health experts to discuss the effects of disinformation on vaccine uptake during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Audit Scotland

Extensive engagement with key members of Audit Scotland including the Auditor General for Scotland, Controller of Audit, and Director Best Value. Engagement involved conducting interviews with key members of staff, holding two workshops on the early findings of my thesis, and presenting the final findings of my thesis to Audit Scotland in 2020. Following the project, I was invited to apply for the Audit Scotland fast-track graduate scheme.

The National Audit Office

Led a roundtable discussion on my research. The session took the form of a mini-lecture where I introduced the current findings of my research, then followed by a 30 minute open-question period.

John Stuart Mill Cup

In 2017 I worked as an outreach officer for the John Stuart Mill cup, a debating contest on ethics and politics held at the University of St Andrews. In 2017, I contacted schools across the UK to garner interest in the cup. Since then, I have run the social media pages for the cup. Also, from 2018, I have been responsible for the design and delivery of the training module for the judges of the contest.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member of Centre for Ethics, Law, and Public Affairs University of Warwick (2022-Present)
Member of St Andrews Centre for Ethics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs (2017-2021)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Conference Organisation

Co-Organiser for *PAIS Research Conference 2022* (June 2022)
Co-Organiser for *The Psychology of Vaccine Hesitancy Workshop* (June 2022)
Co-Organiser for *Vaccine Hesitancy and Disinformation Conference* (September 2022)
Reviewer for the *St Andrews Centre for Ethics, Philosophy and Public Affairs Graduate Conference* (2019 & 2020)
Conference organiser for *St Andrews University MLitt Dissertation Conference* (2017)
Conference organiser for *University of Leeds Dalehead Philosophy Conference* (2016)

Misc.

Joint Organiser for *The University of St Andrews PhD Seminar* (2018-2019)
Joint Organiser for *The University of St Andrews MLitt Seminar* (2016-2017)
Joint Organiser for *The University of Leeds Afternoon Philosophy Seminar* (2015-2016)
Treasurer for *The University of Leeds Philosophical Society* (2014-2015)

REFERENCES

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