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Employment

July 2009-present Associate Professor of Philosophy, Victoria University of Wellington
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 Limits of Loyalty, Cambridge University Press, 2007. (Winner of the American Philosophical Association Book Prize, 2009.)
Partiality, Princeton University Press, forthcoming (2013).
Patriotism: A Philosophical Debate, co-authored with John Kleinig and Igor Primoratz, Wiley-Blackwell, forthcoming (2013).

Articles

'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* 43:44 (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. 1* (Oxford University Press, 2004) pp. 83-104. Reprint forthcoming in L. Nathan Oaklander (ed.) *The Philosophy of Time: Critical Concepts in Philosophy* (Routledge).
‘Expensive Tastes and Distributive Justice,’ *Social Theory and Practice* 28:4 (2002): 529-552.
‘Presentists Should Believe in Time-Travel,’ (co-authored by Michael Nelson) *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 79:3 (2001): 333-345. Reprint forthcoming in L. Nathan Oaklander (ed.) *The Philosophy of Time: Critical Concepts in Philosophy* (Routledge).
‘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

- Entry on ‘Filial Duty,’ forthcoming in Hugh LaFollette, *International Encyclopedia of Ethics* (Wiley-Blackwell, 2013).
Entry on ‘Loyalty,’ forthcoming in Hugh LaFollette, *International Encyclopedia of Ethics* (Wiley-Blackwell, 2013).
Entry on ‘Loyalty,’ forthcoming in Ruth Chadwick, *Encyclopedia of Applied Ethics* 2nd Ed.
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.

Conference and colloquium presentations

Colloquium presentations

- 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

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.'

Awards and Fellowships

- 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 Honorific 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).

Service

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| 2010-12 | Member of Review Board of International Encyclopedia of Ethics |
| 2011 | Member of the board of the Faculty of Graduate Research, VUW |
| 2011 | 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. |

Referee for Oxford University Press, Princeton University Press, Cambridge University Press, Routledge, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Ethics*, *Mind*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Nous*, *American Philosophical Quarterly*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Journal of Philosophical Research*, *Social Theory and Practice*, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *Erkenntnis*, *Journal of Moral Philosophy* and *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*.

Media

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](http://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.