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Areas of specialisation: Normative ethics, political philosophy.

Areas of competence: Social ontology, meta-ethics, epistemology, philosophy of action, environmental ethics, philosophy of law.

EMPLOYMENT

Northwestern University, Brady Faculty Fellow, 2023-25.

University of Toronto, Leverhulme Postdoctoral Fellow, 2021-23.

University College London, Associate Lecturer in Political Philosophy, 2020-2021.

EDUCATION

PhD in Philosophy, University College London, 2016-21.
> Supervisor: Véronique Munoz-Dardé.
> Dissertation title: What Does Justice Require of Me? The Individual Demands of Social Justice
> and the Paradox of Collective Harm.

Visiting research student, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris, 2018.

MPhil in Philosophy, University College London, 2014-16.

BA (Hons) in Philosophy, with First Class Honours, University College London, 2011-14.

PUBLICATIONS

'What Are We to Do? Making Sense of 'Joint Ought' Talk' (with Margaret Shea) *Philosophical Studies* (forthcoming).

'Joint Ought' *Philosophy and Public Affairs* 52 (2024).
> Selected for a PEA Soup discussion, with a critical précis by David Estlund.

'Faces of Vicarious Responsibility' *The Monist* 104 (2021).

Book reviews

Groups as Epistemic and Moral Agents, Jessica Brown, *Mind* (forthcoming).

WORK IN PROGRESS

Under review

'Doing Your Part: Joint Obligation and Individual-Level Transmission' (R&R at *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*).

'Joint Reasoning and the Taking Condition'.

In preparation

A paper addressing a puzzle about 'self-depriving' solidarity, whereby a person acts in solidarity by forgoing a good which others lack.

A paper which describes and motivates a distinctive form of forgiveness, which I call 'forgiveness as humility'.

AWARDS

2021-23	Leverhulme Study Abroad Studentship to undertake 2 years of fully funded postdoctoral research.
2019-20	Aristotelian Society Student Bursary, valued at £3,000.
2016-19	London Arts and Humanities Partnership (branch of the Arts and Humanities Research Council) Doctoral Scholarship to undertake 3 years of fully funded doctoral research.
2015-16	Society for Applied Philosophy Doctoral Scholarship, valued at £10,000.
2015-16	UCL Departmental Scholarship, valued at £6,014.
2014-15	UCL Jacobsen Scholarship in Philosophy, contribution to tuition fees.
2013-14	Richard Murphy Memorial Prize, awarded for best performance in the final year examinations of the UCL BA Philosophy program, valued at £100.

TALKS

* = peer reviewed, † = invited

'Solidarity and Self-Deprivation'.
   * Social Ontology 2025, Trinity College Dublin.

'Thinking Together: Shared Reasoning, Shared Reasons, and the Taking Condition'.
   * Philadelphia Normative Philosophy Conference 2024, University of Pennsylvania.
   * Social Ontology 2024, Duke University.

'Why Cooperate? Team Reasons, Participation, and Unwillingness'
   * Laval Everything Agency Conference 2024, Université Laval.
   * Social Ontology 2022, University of Vienna.

'What Are We to Do? The Semantics and Ethics of the Joint Ought' (with Margaret Shea)
  * Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress 2023, University of Colorado at Boulder.
  * Chapel Hill Normativity Workshop 2023, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

'Joint Ought'
  † Berkeley Workshop in Law, Philosophy, and Political Theory 2022, University of California at Berkeley.
  * Humboldt Normativity Conference 2022, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.
  * Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress 2022, University of Colorado at Boulder.
  † University of Toronto Ethics Group 2022, University of Toronto.

'Sovereignty and Non-Alienation'
  * UCL Graduate Conference 2021, UCL.

'It Makes No Difference: Collective Harm and the Law'
  † UCL Departmental Symposium 2021, UCL.

'Injustice, Excuse and Laundry'
  * POLEMO Symposium 2019, Central European University.
  * Braga Meetings on Ethics and Political Philosophy 2019, University of Minho.

'Social Holism without Social Ontology'
  * Social Ontology 2019, University of Tampere.
  London Intersubjectivity Workshop 2019, UCL.

'Does Joint Agency Exist?'
  * London Graduate Philosophy Workshop 2018, University of London.
  * London-Warwick Mind Forum 2018, UCL.

'Are the Proletariat Forced to Sell their Labour?'
  * Braga Meetings on Ethics and Political Philosophy 2018, University of Minho.
  * UCL Philosophy Graduate Conference 2017, UCL.

'What is Collective Responsibility?'
  * Brave New World 2016, University of Manchester.

Invited comments

Sophia Dandelet, 'Epistemic Coercion', University of California at Berkeley, 2019.

TM Scanlon, *Why Does Inequality Matter?* (with Véronique Munoz-Dardé), EHESS, 2017.

Ethan Jerzak, 'Two Ways to Want', University of London, 2016.

TEACHING

As primary instructor

'Shared Agency, Complicity, and Solidarity', upper-level undergraduate, Northwestern University.

'The Good Society', beginner undergraduate, Northwestern University.

'Freedom and Autonomy', upper-level undergraduate, Northwestern University.

'Philosophy of Law', upper-level undergraduate, University of Toronto at Scarborough.

'Environmental Ethics', upper-level undergraduate, University of Toronto at Scarborough.

'Law, Freedom and Morality', upper-level undergraduate, UCL.

'Philosophy and Public Policy' (with Sarah Richmond), upper-level undergraduate, UCL.

'Why Democracy?', upper-level undergraduate, UCL.

'Intro to European History, Law, Politics and Philosophy (Philosophy Modules)', beginner undergraduate UCL.

'Advanced Tutorials: The Philosophy of Social Science', upper-level undergraduate, UCL.

As postgraduate teaching assistant at UCL

'Philosophy and Public Policy', (with Sarah Richmond).

'Iris Murdoch's *The Sovereignty of Good*', (with Mark Kalderon).

'Responsibility, Luck and Excuses', (with Ulrike Heuer).

'Why Democracy?', (with Amanda Greene).

'Topics in Political Philosophy', (with Joe Horton).

'Regulation of Intimacy: The Politics of Sex', (with Véronique Munoz-Dardé)

'Ancient Philosophy', Autumn Term, 2016, (with Simona Aimar).

SERVICE

Degree Coordinator, BA in European Social and Political Studies (ESPS), UCL, 2020-2021.

Personal tutor, ESPS, UCL, 2020-2021.

Co-convener for Departmental Symposium, UCL, 2019-2020.

Co-convener for Philosophy PhD Work in Progress seminars, UCL, 2017-2018.

JOURNAL REFEREEING

Australasian Journal of Philosophy, *Erkenntnis*, *Grazer Philosophische Studien*, *Mind*, *Moral Philosophy and Politics*, *Noûs*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Political Theory*, *Res Philosophica*, and *Utilitas*

LANGUAGES

English: native speaker
French: intermediate (B2); courses taken at King's College London

REFERENCES

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