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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- Professor of Moral Philosophy, University of Leeds (2013-)
- Senior Lecturer in Philosophy, University of Leeds (2008-13)
- Docent [Adjunct Professor] of Practical Philosophy, University of Helsinki (2008-)
- Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of California, Davis (2002-08)

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

- Moral Philosophy (in particular Metaethics)

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

- Philosophy of Language, Metaphysics

EDUCATION

- Cornell University, PhD in Philosophy (Aug. 2002), MA in Philosophy (May 2000)
  PhD thesis: *Ruling Reasons: A Defense of Moral Generalism*
- University of Helsinki, Master of Social Sciences, major: Philosophy (April 1997)

PUBLICATIONS

Book

- *The Lewd, the Rude and the Nasty: A Study of Thick Concepts in Ethics* (Oxford University Press, 2013; paperback 2015; pp. xi + 271).

Research papers

- "Normative Explanation and Justification", *Noûs* (forthcoming).
- "Reasons Why in Normative Explanation", *Inquiry* (forthcoming).
- "Normative Commitments in Metanormative Theory", in *Methodology and Moral Philosophy*, ed Jussi Suikkanen and Antti Kauppinen (Routledge 2018), 193-213. [Invited.]
- "Doubts about Moral Perception", in *Evaluative Perception*, ed. Anna Bergqvist and Robert Cowan (Oxford University Press, 2018), 109-28. [Invited; refereed.]

- "A Simple Escape from Moral Twin Earth", *Thought* 7 (2018), 109-18.
- "Essential Contestability and Evaluation", *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 92 (2014), 471-88.
- "Shapelessness in Context", *Noûs* 48 (2014), 573-93.
- "Grounding and Normative Explanation", *Aristotelian Society Supplementary Volume* 87 (2013), 155-78. [Invited.]
- "Thick Concepts and Underdetermination", in *Thick Concepts*, ed. Simon Kirchin (Oxford University Press, 2013), 136-60. [Invited; refereed.]
- "Thick Concepts: Where's Evaluation?", *Oxford Studies in Metaethics*, vol. 7, ed. Russ Shafer-Landau (Oxford University Press, 2012), 235-70.
- "Thick Concepts and Variability", *Philosophers' Imprint* 11.1 (2011).
- "A Wrong Turn to Reasons?", in *New Waves in Metaethics*, ed. Michael Brady (Palgrave Macmillan, 2011), 185-207. [Invited.]
- "Objectionable Thick Concepts in Denials", *Philosophical Perspectives* 23 (2009), 439-69. [Invited.]
- "A Theory of Hedged Moral Principles", *Oxford Studies in Metaethics*, vol. 4, ed. Russ Shafer-Landau (Oxford University Press, 2009), 91-132.
- "Normative Appeals to the Natural", *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 79 (2009), 279-314.
- "Slim Epistemology with a Thick Skin", *Philosophical Papers* 37 (2008), 389-412. (Special issue: *Epistemology Through Thick & Thin*.)
- "Some Good and Bad News for Ethical Intuitionism", *Philosophical Quarterly* 58 (2008), 489-511.
- "Usable Moral Principles", in *Challenging Moral Particularism*, ed. Mark Lance, Matjaz Potrc, and Vojko Strahovnik (Routledge, 2008), 75-106. [Invited.]
- "Moral Generalism: Enjoy in Moderation", *Ethics* 116 (2006), 707-41.
- "Ethical Theories and Moral Guidance", *Utilitas* 18 (2006), 291-309.
- "Resisting the Buck-Passing Account of Value", *Oxford Studies in Metaethics*, vol. 1, ed. Russ Shafer-Landau (Oxford University Press, 2006), 295-324.
- "Particularism and Default Reasons", *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 7 (2004), 53-79.

Handbook and encyclopedia articles

- "Reasons and Moral Principles", in *The Oxford Handbook of Reasons and Normativity*, ed. Daniel Star (Oxford University Press, 2018), 839-61.
- "The Supervenience Challenge to Non-Naturalism", in *Routledge Handbook of Metaethics*, ed. Tristram McPherson and David Plunkett (Routledge, 2017), 170-84.
- "Thick Ethical Concepts", *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, ed. Edward N. Zalta. [Refereed.] URL= <http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/thick-ethical-concepts/>
- "Moral Particularism", in *Continuum Companion to Ethics*, ed. Christian B. Miller (Continuum Press, 2011), 247-60.
- "Moral Realism", *Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, 2nd edition, ed. Donald Borchert (Macmillan Reference USA, 2006), vol. 6, 379-82.

Book reviews

- *Ethical Intuitionism: Re-evaluations*, ed. P. Stratton-Lake. *European Journal of Philosophy* 14 (2006), 159-63.
- Christian Illies, *The Grounds of Ethical Judgement*. *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews 2004.03.11*. <http://ndpr.nd.edu/review.cfm?id=1399>
- *Moral Particularism*, ed. Hooker & Little. *Philosophical Review* 111 (2002), 478-83.

Awards and Grants

- Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Cultures Study Leave Award, University of Leeds (Autumn 2017)
- AHRC Early Career Fellowship, grant agreement no. H038035. Project: "The Lewd, the Rude, and the Nasty: A Study of Thick Concepts"; total award £64,813 (2010-11)
- Faculty of Arts Study Leave Award, University of Leeds (Spring 2010)
- Marie Curie International Reintegration Grant, European Community FP7/2007-2013; project: "Thick Value Concepts"; total award €100,000 (2009-12)
- Faculty Research Development Award, UC Davis, March-June 2008
- UC Davis Small Grant in Aid of Research (2004-06, 2005-07, 2006-08, 2007-09)
- UC Davis Faculty Research Travel Grant (July 2003, Oct. 2004, Aug. 2006, July 2007)
- UC Davis New Faculty Research Grant (2002-03)
- Graduate Student Presentation Award, The Creighton Club (Oct. 2001)
- Dissertation Grant, Finnish Cultural Foundation (1999-2000)

Presentations

Papers
- "TBA", Cambridge Moral Sciences Club (May 2019)
- "Evaluative Properties, Determination, and Realization", University of Barcelona (March 2019)
- "Practical Commitment in Evaluative Discourse", Normativity and Reasoning VII at NYU Abu Dhabi (Jan. 2019)
- "Normative Explanation and Justification", keynote at the Philosophical Society of Finland Conference (Jan. 2018); Normativity and Reasoning VI at NYU Abu Dhabi (Feb. 2018); Metaethics seminar, École Normale Supérieur and Institut Jean Nicod (April 2018); University of St. Andrews (April 2018); Bled Philosophical Conference (June 2018); Central European University, Budapest (Nov. 2018); Durham University Normativity Seminar (Dec. 2018)
- "Normative Explanation Unchained", Stockholm University (Oct. 2017); University of Virginia (Oct. 2017); Moral Philosophy Seminar, University of Oxford (Nov. 2017)
- "Evaluative Terms and Normative Role", University of Geneva (April 2017); Humboldt University, Berlin (June 2017); Uppsala University (Oct. 2017); New York Philosophy of Language Workshop (Nov. 2017)
- "Normative Assumptions in the Metasemantics of Evaluatives", workshop on Evaluatives, San Raffaele University-Milan (Jan. 2017)

- "Normative Challenges within Metaethics", The New Methods of Ethics, conference 2, University of Birmingham (Jan. 2017)
- "Might Thin Terms Not Be Semantically Evaluative?", workshop on Normativity, University of Fribourg (June 2016)
- "Pejoratives and Evaluatives", Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa (April 2016).
- "Metaethics and Normative Explanation", Freie Universität Berlin (Oct. 2014); Metaethics conference, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (Jan. 2015); Normativity: New Directions conference, Institute of Philosophy, University of London (Feb. 2015); University of Glasgow (March 2016); Lund University (May 2016); The Language and Metaphysics of Normativity conference, Uppsala (May 2016)
- "Normative Dependence and Explanation", Normative Supervenience/Grounding workshop, University of Oslo (Sept. 2015)
- "Reduction and Normative Explanation", Grounding and Fundamentality in Metaphysics and Ethics conference, Bogazici University, Istanbul (Oct. 2013)
- "Essential Contestability and Evaluation", University of East Anglia (Oct. 2013)
- "Doubts about Moral Perception", Evaluative Perception conference, Glasgow (Sept. 2013); Moral Perception workshop, University of Cardiff (Nov. 2014)
- "Evaluation, Multidimensionality and Context", Values in Context workshop, Lisbon (May 2013); University of Edinburgh (May 2013); University of Kent (March 2013)
- "Grounding and Normative Explanation", Joint Session invited symposium, Exeter (July 2013); University of York (May 2012)
- "Two Sorts of 'Because' Claims in Ethics", Ethics and Explanation conference, Nottingham (Nov. 2011)
- "Shapelessness in Context", Pacific APA, Seattle (April 2012), Kings College London (Jan. 2012), University of Nebraska, Lincoln (Sept. 2011), ECAP7, Milan (Sept. 2011)
- "Thick Concepts and Reasons", Reasons for Action Seminar, London (Feb. 2011)
- "Thick Concepts and Presupposition", University of Reading (Oct. 2010), 7th Wisconsin Metaethics Workshop, University of Wisconsin, Madison (Sept. 2010); Knowledge and Agency joint workshop by CMM (Leeds) and CSMN (Oslo), University of Leeds (Sept. 2010); 11th Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, Western Washington University (Aug. 2010); Rocky Mountain Ethics Conference, University of Colorado, Boulder (Aug. 2010), University of Stirling (April 2010)
- "Thick Concepts and Variability", BSET conference, Nottingham (July 2010); University of Manchester (Dec. 2009); University of Sheffield (Dec. 2009)
- "Objectionable Thick Concepts in Denials", University of Nottingham (April 2009); Thick Concepts conference, Canterbury (July 2009); Boston University (Sept. 2009)
- "Conditions of Moral Perception", keynote address at the Varieties of Experience graduate conference, University of Glasgow (July 2009)
- "A Wrong Turn to Reasons?", University of Birmingham (Feb. 2009); Moral Philosophy Seminar, University of Oxford (March 2009)
- "Thick Evaluative Terms and Gradability", Rocky Mountain Ethics Conference, University of Colorado, Boulder (Aug. 2008); Leonard Lecture, University of Nevada, Reno (April 2008); University of California, Davis (Feb. 2008)
- "Reasons and Evaluative Properties", Reasons & Value workshop, Leeds (May 2008)
- "Explaining Exceptions in Ethics", Ethics Without Principles conference, University of Paris (May 2008); University of Stockholm (Sept. 2007); University of Turku (Sept. 2007); University of Oxford (Jan. 2007)

- "A Theory of Hedged Moral Principles", 4th Wisconsin Metaethics Workshop, University of Wisconsin, Madison (Sept. 2007)
- "What Properties Count as Evaluative?", Joint Session, Bristol (July 2007)
- "Normative Appeals to the Natural", 7th Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, Western Washington University (Aug. 2006); University of Edinburgh (Nov. 2005)
- "Is Goodness Just a Great Pretender?", SPAWN (Syracuse Philosophy Annual Workshop and Network), Syracuse University (July 2006)
- "The Buck-Passing Account of Value (Almost) Refuted", 1st Wisconsin Metaethics Workshop, University of Wisconsin, Madison (Oct. 2004); Practical Reason and Moral Motivation meeting, Rome (Sept. 2004)
- "Particularism and Default Reasons", BSET conference, Queens University, Belfast (July 2003); Lewis & Clark College (April 2003)
- "Correct Reasoning and Normative Force", Joint Session, Belfast (July 2003)
- "Why Epistemic Norms Are Not Hypothetical Imperatives", The Creighton Club meeting, Cornell University (Oct. 2001)
- "Epistemic Basicness and the Epistemology of Moral Belief", Epistemology of Basic Belief conference, the Free University of Amsterdam (June 2001)

Invited comments
- "Comments on Louise Hanson", Companions in Guilt conference, the Rome Centre of Australian Catholic University (Sept. 2017)
- "Robert Audi's 'Moral Perception and Moral Knowledge'", Pacific APA (April 2009)
- "Douglas Portmore's 'Imperfect Reasons and Rational Options'", 9th Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, Western Washington University (Aug. 2008)
- "Comments on R. Jay Wallace's 'Reasons, Values, and Agent-Relativity'", Reason and Value conference, University of California, Santa Barbara (Feb. 2008)
- "Heathwood on Reducing Sensory Pleasure to Desire", 6th Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, Western Washington University (Aug. 2005)
- "Modest, All Too Modest: McKeever and Ridge on Guiding Moral Principles", APA Central Division meetings, Chicago, IL (April 2004)
- "Miller on Motivational Internalism and Reliably Connected Agents", APA Pacific Division meetings, San Francisco, CA (March 2003)
- "Comments on Peacocke's 'Moral Rationalism'", Cornell University (Oct. 2001)

TEACHING AND SUPERVISION EXPERIENCE

University of Leeds

Graduate level
- Ethics and Metaethics; Analytic Philosophy A/B (taught MA seminars)
- PhD supervision: Wouter Kalf (PhD 2013), Marc Wilcox (PhD 2017), Adina Covaci (2015-), Olof Leffler (2015-), Alexios Brehier-Stamatiadis (2017-), Andreas Bruns (2017-), David Heering (2018-)

Undergraduate level
- Metaethics (Level 3)
- Moral Philosophy (Level 2)

- Introduction to Ethics (Level 1)
- Interpreting Philosophical Texts (Level 1)

University of California, Davis

Graduate level
- Proseminar in Ethics
- Thick Evaluative Concepts
- Ethical Naturalism
- Moral Epistemology
- Practical Reason, Value, and Morality
- PhD supervision: Christian Coons (PhD 2006), Brooke Roberts (PhD 2008)

Undergraduate level
- Introduction to Ethics and Political Philosophy
- Ethical Theories
- Foundations of Ethics
- Rationality
- Topics in Ethics: Reasons and Value in the Natural World

Other institutions

- Moral Epistemology, Central European University, Budapest (July 2014; one of nine invited instructors for a summer seminar aimed at PhD students, postdocs, etc.)
- Ethical Naturalism, a graduate seminar at University of Helsinki (May 2006)

SERVICE ACTIVITY

Service to University of Leeds

- Director of Research and Innovation (an *ex-officio* member of the School Management Group), School of Philosophy, Religion & History of Science (2014-20)
- Director, Centre for Ethics and Metaethics (since 2009, apart from periods of research leave)
- Postgraduate Research Tutor for Philosophy, School of PRHS (Jan. 2014-July 2016)
- Member of Internal Peer Review College, School of PRHS (2016-)
- Member of working group on poorly recruiting modules (2010-11)
- Web Liaison Director, School of Philosophy, Religion & History of Science (2011-13)
- Leader, Curricular Stream in Philosophy of Value (2008-09; 2012-13)
- Convenor, Philosophy Senior Seminar (2008-09)
- Workshop organization: "Normative Disagreement" (Nov. 2012); "Value Concepts" (March 2010); "Naturalism: Ethical and Metaphysical" (Sept. 2009)

Service to University of California, Davis

- Chair, Search Committee (2 positions) (2007-08)
- Dean's Recruitment Advisory Committee, Division of Social Sciences (2005-06)

- Member, Search Committee (2003-06)
- Faculty Adviser, Colloquia Committee (2005-07)
- Member, Curriculum Committee (2002-08)
- Department representative, UC Davis Academic Senate (2002-03, 2005-07)
- Department representative, Assembly of the College of Letters & Sciences (2003-07)
- Member, Search Committee (political theory), Dept. of Political Science (2003-04)

Service to profession

- Associate Editor, *Ethics* (March 2016-)
- Section editor (Ethics), *Ergo: An Open Access Journal of Philosophy* (2014-)
- Section editor (Ethics), *Philosophy Compass* (2014-17)
- Article referee: *Ethics, Philosophical Review, Noûs, Mind, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, Philosophical Quarterly, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Analysis, Ergo, Philosophers' Imprint, Philosophical Studies, Philosophical Perspectives, Thought, Erkenntnis, Philosophy Compass, Canadian Journal of Philosophy, European Journal of Philosophy, Analytic Philosophy, Journal of Ethics & Social Philosophy, Journal of Moral Philosophy, American Philosophical Quarterly, Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, Ratio, Southern Journal of Philosophy, Utilitas, Ethical Theory and Moral Practice, dialectica, Journal for Philosophical Research, Philosophical Papers*
- Monograph referee: Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, Routledge
- Book proposal referee: Oxford University Press, Blackwell, Routledge, Bloomsbury
- Member of Review Panel, The Sanders Prize in Metaethics (2013; inaugural prize)
- Expert evaluator, European Commission's Horizon 2020 Programme (2014, 2016, 2017)
- Tenure or promotion reviews for North American research universities: 2x tenure with promotion to Associate Professor, 1x promotion to Full Professor
- Member of appointing committee (3-year lectureship in Moral and Political Philosophy), University of Helsinki (Oct-Nov 2018).
- External member of search committee (Assistant Professor in Philosophy), Trinity College Dublin (April-May 2016)
- External member of search committee (Assistant Professor in Philosophy), University of Cyprus (March-May 2015)
- External grant reviewer, Helsinki Collegium of Advanced Studies (Dec. 2018); National Science Center, Poland (2016); Swedish Research Council (2015)
- Program Committee Member, Wisconsin Metaethics Workshop (2008, 2011, 2012)
- Member of Advisory Committee, British Society for Ethical Theory (2011-)
- External PhD Examiner: Uppsala University (Sept. 2018); University of Warwick (Aug. 2017); Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa (Jan. 2017), University of Reading (Oct. 2009)
- External Examiner of Philosophy BA and MA: University of Reading (2011-15)
- Member of Advisory Board, *Practical Reason and Moral Motivation: Research Project in Theoretical Ethics,* University of Helsinki (2003-05); funding: Academy of Finland