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## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

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Ethics, Decision Theory, Philosophy of Economics

## AREAS OF COMPETENCE

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Epistemology, Philosophy of Language

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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2021 –	Brown University Assistant Professor, Philosophy and the Political Theory Project
2020 – 2021	University of San Diego Assistant Professor, Philosophy
2019 – 2020	The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Postdoctoral position in philosophy; core faculty in PPE program
2018 – 2019	The University of Groningen Postdoctoral Fellow at the Centre for PPE
2017 – 2018	The Hebrew University of Jerusalem Postdoctoral Fellow at the Centre for Moral and Political Philosophy

## EDUCATION

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2008 – 2016	Massachusetts Institute of Technology PhD in Philosophy
2006 – 2007	Christ Church, University of Oxford Student exchange
2003 – 2008	State University of New York College at Brockport BS in Philosophy, BS in Mathematics

## PUBLICATIONS

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Don't Go Chasing Waterfalls: Against Hayward's 'Utility Cascades'. Forthcoming in *Utilitas*.

Hard Choices Made Harder. Forthcoming in *Value Incommensurability: Ethics, Risk, and Decision-Making*, ed. H. Andersson and A. Herlitz.

The Sunk Cost ‘Fallacy’ Is Not a Fallacy. (2020) *Ergo, an Open Access Journal of Philosophy*, 6(40), 1153-1190.

Opaque Sweetening and Transitivity. (2019) *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, 97(3), 559-571.

If There Are No Diachronic Norms of Rationality, Why Does It Seem Like There Are? (2019) *Res Philosophica* (special issue on Reasons and Rationality), 96(2), 141-173.

Parity, Prospects, and Predominance. (2019) *Philosophical Studies*, 176(4), 1077-1095.

UNDER REVIEW:

“Actual Value Decision Theory” (R&R at *Philosophers’ Imprint*)

“Consider the Ostrich: Non-Utilitarians, Ex Ante Interests, and Burying Your Head in the Sand” (R&R at *Journal of Philosophy*)

“Risk-taking and Tie-breaking”

“Dice Ex Machina”

PRESENTATIONS

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“Dice Ex Machina”

MITing of the Minds Conference, MIT, Winter 2022

“Consensus and Compromise in Collective Choice”

MANCEPT 2021 Workshop, Fall 2021

Social Ontology 2021, Summer 2021

Social Choice and Voting Theory at Virginia Tech, Summer 2021

“A Decent Living: Making the Case for the Minimum Wage” (co-authored with Simone Gubler)

The significance of Work Conference, Tilburg University, Summer 2021

Political Economy Project Workshop, Dartmouth, Fall 2021

“Consider the Ostrich: Non-Utilitarians, Ex Ante Interests, and Burying Your Head in the Sand”

The Center for Population-Level Bioethics at Rutgers University, Summer 2021

Brown University, Spring 2021

University of San Diego, Spring 2020

Chapel Hill PPE Workshop 2019, Fall 2019

“Risk-taking and Tie-breaking”

Mini-Workshop on Attitudes to Risk, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Spring 2018

“Hard Choices Made Harder”

Conference on Ethics and Uncertainty, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Summer 2018

Colloquium, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Spring 2018

Recent Work in Decision Theory and Epistemology, Columbia University, Spring 2018

“If There Are No Diachronic Norms of Rationality, Why Does It Seem Like There Are?”

University of Iowa Graduate Philosophy Conference, Spring 2015

“Gambling for the Hesitant”

Arizona State University Graduate Philosophy Conference, Spring 2015

“The Sunk Cost ‘Fallacy’ is Not a Fallacy”

UMass Amherst Graduate Philosophy Conference, Spring 2014  
Columbia-NYU Graduate Conference in Philosophy, Spring 2014  
St. Louis Gateway Graduate Conference – Group Relations, Spring 2014  
LSU Graduate Student Philosophy Conference, Spring 2014  
Syracuse University Graduate Philosophy Conference, Spring 2014  
South Carolina Society for Philosophy Conference, Spring 2014  
The Rocky Mountain Philosophy Conference, Spring 2013

“Lying, Misleading, and Plausible Deniability”

The New York Philosophy of Language Workshop, March 2014

“Varieties of Preference: What to Care About When What You Care About Depends on What You Cared About”

The Northwestern Time and Rationality Workshop, Spring 2012

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#### SELECTED COMMENTS AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

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“Consider the Ostrich: Non-Utilitarians, Ex Ante Interests, and Burying Your Head in the Sand”

Grundelung Series, University of Groningen, Spring 2019

Reasons and Rationality Reading Group, University of California, San Diego, Fall 2020

“Comments on ‘Rationality, Normativity and Degenerate Intentions: Why Rational Choice Theory is not Self-Defeating’ by Roberto Fumagalli”

Preference-based Modeling in Economics, London School of Economics, Fall 2018

“The Prospects for Decision Theory with Parity”

Decisions, Ethics, and Uncertainty Reading Group, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Fall 2017

“Dutch Book Exploitability and the Space of Epistemic Reason”

Eminees (Harvard and MIT *M&E* workshop), Spring 2013

“Comments on ‘The Problems of *de se* Assertion’ by Isidora Stojanovic”

MIT-Institut Jean Nicod Conference on Self-Locating Belief, Fall 2009

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#### SERVICE

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Summer 2019	University of Groningen PPE Summer School Organizer
Summer 2019	OZSW Business Ethics Workshop Organizer
Spring 2019	University of Groningen PPE Workshop Organizer
2018 – 2019	University of Groningen PPE Winter School Organizer
2017 – 2018	Hebrew University of Jerusalem PhD Summer Workshop Organizer
Summer 2015	PIKSI-Boston, videographer and video editor
2011 – 2012	MIT Philosophy Colloquia Series Organizer
2010 – 2011	MIT Departmental Librarian
2009 – 2010	Harvard/MIT Eminees Workshop in Metaphysics & Epistemology Organizer
2008 – 2009	Harvard/MIT Graduate Conference in Philosophy Organizer
2008 – 2013	Referee for Harvard/MIT Graduate Conference in Philosophy

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#### AWARDS

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2014, 2015, 2017	Derek Bok Center Certificate of Teaching Excellence
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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### Primary Instructor:

Ethics, Economics, and the Future	Brown	Spring 2022
Choice, Commerce, and Conflict	Brown	Fall 2021
Pandemic Ethics	USD	Spring 2021
Morality, Markets, Government	USD	Fall 2020
PPE Gateway	UNC Chapel Hill	Spring 2020
PPE Capstone	UNC Chapel Hill	Fall 2019
Rationality & Ethics (Grad Seminar)	Hebrew University of Jerusalem	Fall 2017

### Teaching assistantships:

Economic Justice	Mathias Risse (Harvard)	Spring 2016
Responsibilities of Public Action	Mathias Risse (Harvard Kennedy School)	Fall 2015
The Meaning of Life	Mathias Risse (Harvard)	Fall 2015
Philosophy of Probability	Susanna Rinard (Harvard)	Spring 2015
Foundations of Political Theory	Eric Beerbohm (Harvard)	Spring 2015
Medical Ethics	David Jones (Harvard)	Fall 2014
Morality and Its Critics	Benjamin Bagley (Harvard)	Fall 2014
Institutional Corruption	William English & Lawrence Lessig (Harvard)	Spring 2014
Economic Justice	Joanne Baldine (Harvard Extension)	Spring 2014
Introduction to Philosophy: God, Knowledge, and Consciousness	Caspar Hare (edX)	Fall 2013
Human Rights: A Philosophical Introduction	Mathias Risse (Harvard)	Spring 2013
Justice	Lucas Stanczyk (MIT)	Spring 2012
Classics of Western Philosophy	Rae Langton (MIT)	Fall 2011
Bioethics	Caspar Hare & David Jones (MIT)	Spring 2011
Philosophical Issues in Brain Science	Alex Byrne & Pawan Sinha (MIT)	Fall 2010
Decision, Games and Rational Choice	Robert Stalnaker (MIT)	Spring 2010
Moral Problems and the Good Life	Sally Haslanger (MIT)	Fall 2009

### Supervisions:

Timothy Scriven (The University of Sydney, Political Economy)  
 Dallas Amico (UCSD, Philosophy PhD)  
 Siebe Rozendale (University of Groningen, Masters of a Specific Discipline)  
 Bjorn de Kruijf (University of Groningen, PPE Masters)  
 Michael Jacobs (University of Groningen, PPE Masters)  
 Thierry Volker (University of Groningen, Philosophy undergraduate thesis)  
 Laurens Wouda (University of Groningen, PPE undergraduate thesis)  
 Binyamin Rosenstein (Hebrew University of Jerusalem, PPE undergraduate thesis)

## COURSE WORK

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### **Epistemology & Philosophy of Science**

*Social Structure: What? How? Why? (Haslanger)	Spring 2012
*Formal Epistemology (Stalnaker)	Fall 2010
*Skepticism and Epistemic Levels (White)	Spring 2010
Causation, Explanation, Confirmation (Skow)	Fall 2008

### **Ethics & Rationality**

*Topics in Moral Philosophy (Hare)	Spring 2012
*Metaethics (Berker, Harvard)	Fall 2011
*Addiction and Rationality (Holton & Prelec)	Spring 2011
*Epistemic Normativity (Berker, Harvard)	Spring 2011
The Limits of Rationality (Hare and Rayo)	Fall 2010
*Normative Ethics (Hare)	Spring 2009

### **Mind & Metaphysics**

*Intentionality and Mental Content (Byrne & Rayo)	Fall 2012
*Representation & Fragmentation (Rayo & Elga)	Fall 2011
Ontology and Its Discontents (Yablo)	Fall 2009
Modeling Representation (Rayo)	Spring 2009
Philosophy of Memory (Byrne)	Fall 2008

### **Language & Logic**

*Conditionals (Stalnaker)	Fall 2012
*Philosophy & Theoretical Computer Science (Aaronson, Computer Science)	Fall 2011
*Seminar on Vagueness (McGee)	Spring 2010
Modal Logic (Stalnaker)	Fall 2009

### **History**

Kant: Critique of Pure Reason (Langton)	Spring 2010
Ancient Philosophy: Plato & Aristotle (Haslanger)	Spring 2009
Proseminar II: Quine to Kripke (Byrne and White)	Spring 2009
Proseminar I: Frege to Carnap (Rayo and Langton)	Fall 2008

\* courses audited

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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2013 – 2017	MITx Graduate Fellow (edX) Introduction to Philosophy: God, Knowledge, and Consciousness Minds & Machines Paradox & Infinity
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*Responsibilities:* Course construction, authoring online exercises, securing copyright permissions, moderating online discussion forums, teaching in virtual environment, digital marketing, managing instructor-grading

## REFERENCES

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Stephen Yablo  
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