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## EMPLOYMENT

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY – Associate Professor of Philosophy (pending confirmation), 2016 - present

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA – Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 2012 – 2016, Secondary Appointments: (1) Perelman School of Medicine, Medical Ethics & Health Policy, (2) University of Pennsylvania Law School

INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY, Princeton, NJ – Member Scholar of the School of Social Science, 2014 – 2015

## SPECIALIZATIONS

Political Philosophy, Legal Philosophy, Moral Philosophy, Social Epistemology

## COMPETENCIES

African Philosophy, Applied Ethics (Bioethics and Professional Ethics)

## EDUCATION

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, Ph.D. in Philosophy, 2012  
Committee: Samuel Scheffler, Thomas Nagel, Japa Pallikkathayil

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, J.D., with honors, 2008  
Editor-in-Chief, NYU LAW REVIEW, 2005-06

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, A.B. in Philosophy, *summa cum laude*, 2001

## PUBLICATIONS

### ARTICLES

“Don’t Know, Don’t Kill: Moral Ignorance, Culpability, and Caution”  
PHILOSOPHICAL STUDIES, Vol. 136, pp. 59-97 (2007)

“The Paradox of Voting and the Ethics of Political Representation”  
PHILOSOPHY AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS, Vol. 38, pp. 272-306 (2010)

“Lawyers, Context, and Legitimacy: A New Theory of Legal Ethics”  
GEORGETOWN JOURNAL OF LEGAL ETHICS, Vol. 25, pp. 107-164 (2012)

“Coercion, Political Accountability, and Voter Ignorance: The Mistaken Medicaid Expansion Ruling in *NFIB v. Sebelius*”  
PUBLIC AFFAIRS QUARTERLY, Vol. 27, pp. 199-214 (2013)

*reprinted in* THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT DECISION: PHILOSOPHICAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS (Routledge: F. Allhoff, M. Hall, eds., 2014)

- “Against Elections: The Lottocratic Alternative”  
PHILOSOPHY AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS, Vol. 42, pp. 135-178 (2014)
- “Deliberation, Responsibility, and Excusing Mistakes of Law”  
JURISPRUDENCE, Vol. 6, No. 1, pp. 81-94 (2015)
- “On Marie Collins Swabey’s ‘Publicity and Measurement’”  
ETHICS, Vol. 125, pp. 555-558 (2015)
- “Appropriately Using People Merely as a Means”  
CRIMINAL LAW AND PHILOSOPHY (special issue on Deontology and Criminal Law), (forthcoming 2016)
- “Unexcused Reasonable Mistakes: Can the Case for Not Excusing Mistakes of Law be Supported by the Case for Not Excusing Mistakes of Morality?”  
LEGAL THEORY (forthcoming 2016)

#### *BOOK CHAPTERS*

- “Political Functionalism and the Importance of Social Facts”  
*in* POLITICAL UTOPIAS (ed. by Michael Weber and Kevin Vallier, Oxford University Press, 2016)
- “Intellectual Difficulty and Moral Responsibility”  
*in* RESPONSIBILITY: THE EPISTEMIC CONDITION (ed. by Jan Willem Wieland & Philip Robichaud, Oxford University Press, 2016)
- “Living with Ignorance in a World of Experts”  
*in* PERSPECTIVES ON IGNORANCE FROM MORAL AND SOCIAL PHILOSOPHY (ed. by Rik Peels, Routledge, forthcoming 2016)
- “Secrecy, Security, and the Possibility of Popular Sovereignty”  
*in* SOVEREIGNTY AND THE NEW EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY (ed. by Claire Finkelstein & Sharon Lloyd, Oxford University Press, forthcoming 2017)
- “Government by Amateurs: The Private and the Public,”  
NOMOS LVII: Privatization (ed. by Jack Knight and Melissa Schwartzberg, forthcoming 2017)

#### *SHORTER PIECES*

- “The Lottocracy”  
AEON MAGAZINE (2014) (long-form online magazine) (3000 words)
- “Review of *Minds, Brains, and Law: The Conceptual Foundations of Law and Neuroscience*, by Michael Pardo and Dennis Patterson”  
NOTRE DAME PHILOSOPHICAL REVIEWS (2014) (3000 words)

## WORK IN PROGRESS

*The Lottocracy*

book manuscript, in progress

*What Good is Government? (What Government is Good?) An Introduction to Legal and Political Philosophy*

book manuscript, in progress

“Save the Children?”

*under review*

“Equality, Legitimacy, and the Problem of Political Minorities”

*under review*

“Difficulties with Difficulty”

*in progress*

## GRANTS

Institute for Advanced Study, School of Social Science Fellowship, 2014 – 2015 (\$60,000)

National Pharmaceutical Council Research Award, 2014 (\$33,000)

## PRESENTATIONS

“Difficulties with Difficulty,” Simon Fraser University, January 2017 (scheduled)

“Unprofessional Politicians,” Colorado State University, October 2016 (scheduled)

“Lottocracy: Five Concerns,” University of Maryland, Baltimore County, October 2016 (scheduled)

“Lotteries and the Transformation of Democratic Theory,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2016 (scheduled)

“The Promise and Perils of Single-Issue Legislative Institutions,” International Political Science Association Conference, Poland, July 2016 (scheduled)

“The Political Problems that Electoral Democracy Cannot Solve,” Keynote Speaker, Eastern Pennsylvania Philosophical Association, King’s College, April 2016

“Again Toward Perpetual Peace: World Government and Lottocracy,” Winnie Veenstra Peace Lecture, Center for the Study of Ethics and Society, Western Michigan University, April 2016 (scheduled)

“José Martí: Philosopher of Identity and Liberty,” Penn Alumni in Havana, Cuba, January 2016

“Art, Politics, and Freedom,” Penn Alumni in Havana, Cuba, January 2016

“Democracy and Death,” National Institutes of Health, Bioethics Center, Priorities in Global Health 2020, April 2015

“The Lottocracy: What and Why,” Stanford University Political Theory Workshop, March 2015

“Democracy and/or Expertise? The Lottocratic Alternative,” Drexel University, Keynote Speaker for Philosophy Week at Drexel University, February 2015

“Governing by Lottery: May the Odds be Ever in Your Favor,” University of Louisville, McConnell Center Public Lecture in the Debating America series, February 2015

“Democracy and the Problem of Political Minorities,” American Philosophical Association: Eastern Division, December 2014

“Short-Term Incentives and Being Dead in the Long Run,” American Philosophical Association: Eastern Division, December 2014

“The Case for Lottocracy,” Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ, October 2014

“Age and Allocation,” Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, August 2014

“The Lottocratic Alternative,” Keynote Speaker, 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Northwest Student Philosophy Conference, May 2014

“Why Is the Lack of Diversity Within Philosophy a Problem?,” Western Washington University, May 2014

“Setting Global Health Priorities Democratically: The Why and the How” (with Jennifer Ruger), University of Bergen, Norway, Conference on Priority Setting in Global Health, May 2014

“Against Elections: The Lottocratic Alternative,” University of Michigan Law and Philosophy Workshop, April 2014

“Can the Case for Not Excusing Mistakes of Law Be Supported by the Case for Not Excusing Mistakes of Morality?,” VU University Amsterdam Conference on *Responsibility: The Epistemic Dimension*, April 2014

“Political Legitimacy and Social Context,” Bowling Green Applied Ethics and Public Policy Conference on *Political Utopias: Promise or Peril?*, April 2014

“Testimony, Trust, and Expertise: Responding Rationally to Information Asymmetry,” Penn-Princeton-Rutgers Conference on Social Epistemology, April 2014

“Age and Allocation,” Ivy Plus Symposium at Harvard/MIT, March 2014

“Democracy, Disagreement, and Moral Uncertainty,” American Philosophical Association: Eastern Division, December 2013

“Using People,” Rutgers Institute for Law and Philosophy, Conference on Deontology and Criminal Law, October 2013

“Toward a Taxonomy of Political Problems” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2013

“Federal Coercion, Political Accountability, and Voter Ignorance,” XXXIII International Congress on Law and Mental Health, July 2013

“Mental Health, Involuntary Treatment, and Due Process of Law,” American Psychiatric Association Annual Meeting, May 2013

“The Utopian Turn in Contemporary Democracy: From Diagnosis to Design,” American Political Science Association Annual National Conference (Panel Participant), September 2012 (cancelled, but reconvened at NYU Straus Institute November 2012)

“The Medicaid Expansion Mistake in *NFIB v. Sebelius*: Federal Coercion, Political Accountability, and Voter Ignorance,” Medical Humanities Conference at Western Michigan University, September 2012

“Against Representation: Accountability, Information, and Ignorance,” American Philosophical Association: Pacific Division, April 2012

“Lawyers, Context, and Legitimacy: A New Theory of Legal Ethics”

University of Chicago School of Law, January 2012

Rutgers University School of Law – Camden, December 2011

University of Texas School of Law, November 2011

Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, November 2011

Indiana University Maurer School of Law, November 2011

“Equality, Legitimacy, and Political Minorities: The Lottocratic Alternative,” Princeton University Department of Politics, December 2011

“Considerations on Non-Representative Government: The Lottocratic Alternative,” Harvard University Department of Government, November 2011

“The Paradox of Voting and the Ethics of Political Representation,” Midwest Political Science Association Annual National Conference, April 2010

“Defending the Law Review,” part of an AALS Scholarship Section panel, Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, January 2010

“A Solution to the Paradox of Voting,” American Philosophical Association: Eastern Division, December 2009

“All Political Justification Is Instrumental,” American Philosophical Association: Pacific Division, April 2009

## AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

“Expertise, Testimony, and Asymmetric Ignorance,” The Legal Studies & Business Ethics Department, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, September 2015

“Age and Allocation,” University of Pennsylvania Department of Philosophy Colloquium Series, November 2014

“The Varieties of Written Assignments in the Philosophy Classroom,” Center For Teaching and Learning, University of Pennsylvania, November 2014

“Living Disagreeably,” University of Pennsylvania School of Law Federalist Society Conference on The Hobby Lobby Case: Conscience, Contraceptives, and the Constitution, March 2014

“Why Is the Lack of Diversity Within Philosophy a Problem?,” University of Pennsylvania Chapter of Minorities and Philosophy, March 2014

“Philosophy, Relevance, and the ‘Real World’,” Center For Teaching and Learning, University of Pennsylvania, December 2013

“Religion, Bioethics, and Personhood: Reasonable Pluralism in Practice,” University of Pennsylvania, sponsored by Penn Bioethics Journal, October 2013

“Scarce Resources and Legal Process: Lessons from the Sarah Murnaghan Case,” University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing – Living Independently for Elders Ethics Program, July 2013

“All My Best Students Have Been in Prison,” Center For Teaching and Learning, University of Pennsylvania, April 2013

“National Insecurity: Democracy, War, and Popular Sovereignty,” Center for Ethics and the Rule of Law Conference on Sovereignty and the New Executive Authority, University of Pennsylvania School of Law, April 2013

## COMMENTS

Comments on Susana Nuccetelli’s “Why Is There No Quine in Latin American Philosophy?,” MAP Conference on Non-Western Philosophy, February 2016

Comments on Gillian Hadfield’s and Barry Weingast’s, “Is Rule of Law an Equilibrium Without Private Ordering?,” American Society for Political and Legal Philosophy, January 2016

Comments on Chelsea Rosenthal’s “Substantive and Procedural Oughts,” Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, August 2015

Comments on James Edwards’s “Harm Principles,” Legal Philosophy Workshop, May 2014

Comments on Michael Madary’s “External Manipulation,” American Philosophical Association: Eastern Division, December 2013

Comments on Suzy Killmister's "Autonomy Under Oppression: Tensions, Trade-Offs and Resistance," University of Connecticut Conference on Duty to Resist Oppression, Sept. 2013

Comments on Kate Manne's "Internalism about Reasons: Sad but True?," Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, August 2013

Comments on Kyla Ebels-Duggan's "Dealing with the Past: Responsibility and Personal History," Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, July 2012

Comments on Julia Markovits's "Saints, Heroes, Sages, and Villains," Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, August 2011

Comments on Gideon Yaffe's "Excusing Mistakes of Law," American Philosophical Association: Pacific Division, April 2011

Comments on Matthew Noah Smith's "The Fact-Sensitivity of Political Principles," Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, August 2009

Comments on Jorn Sonderholm's "A Logical Response to Blackburn's Supervenience Argument," American Philosophical Association: Pacific Division, April 2007

Comments on Neil Levy's "Are Zombies Responsible? The Role of Consciousness in Moral Responsibility," Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference, April 2006

## TEACHING

### Coursera

Revolutionary Ideas: Power, Law, and Politics, Fall 2015

- special version of the course, taken by 650 University of Pennsylvania alumni

Revolutionary Ideas: An Introduction to Legal and Political Philosophy, Parts 1 & 2

- on-demand beginning July 2015
- since July 2015: 25,000 students with some engagement, 12,000 students with active engagement

Revolutionary Ideas: An Introduction to Legal and Political Philosophy, Fall 2014

- 35,000 students with some engagement
- over 300,000 lectures viewed

### University of Pennsylvania

Philosophy 576: Expertise: Its Nature and Uses, Fall 2015

Philosophy 577: Epistemology and Democracy, Fall 2013

Philosophy 77: Philosophy of Law, Fall 2012, Fall 2015

### New York University School of Law

The Good Lawyer: Philosophical Legal Ethics & Professional Responsibility, Spr. 2012

New York University

Philosophy of Law, Summer 2008  
Life and Death, Summer 2005  
Ethics and Society, Summer 2003

**ADVISING**

PhD Student Advising

Justin Bernstein	(dissertation committee chair) (political)
Jan Maxmillian Robitzsch	(dissertation committee member) (Ancient)
Rob Willison	(dissertation committee member) (language/ethics)
Harold Parker	(dissertation committee member) (Ancient)
Daniel Fryer	(dissertation committee member) (political/race)
Karen Kovaka	(dissertation committee member) (science)
Molly Sinderbrand	(dissertation committee member) (ethics)
Pierce Randall	(dissertation committee member) (political)
Vikram Bhargava	(dissertation committee member) (ethics)
Patrick Ball	(dissertation committee member) (feminist/modern)
Chetan Cetty	(dissertation committee member) (political)

Philosophy MA Advising

Charles Phillips (MA thesis advisor, MA awarded 2014)

Masters of Bioethics Thesis Advising

Victor Alcade	(2013)
Geoffrey Lucks	(2013)
Rachel Gargiulo	(2014)

Undergraduate Thesis Advising

Rebecca Stein (2015)

Undergraduate Pre-Major Advising

7 School of Arts and Sciences students entering Fall 2013

**HONORS & AWARDS**

Institute for Advanced Study (Princeton, NJ), School of Social Science Fellowship, 2014 - 2015  
Graduate Student Paper Prize, APA (Pacific Division, 2012), (Eastern Division, 2009)  
Furman Academic Scholarship, three-year, full-tuition law school scholarship  
Ann Petluck Poses Memorial Prize, for most outstanding work in a clinical course, 2007-08  
Jacob K. Javits Fellowship, 2001-05  
Mellon Fellowship in Humanistic Studies (declined)  
Carrier Prize for best thesis in moral or political philosophy, 2001  
Phi Beta Kappa, 2000  
Mellon-Mays Undergraduate Fellowship, 1999-2001  
Detur Book Prize, 1997



## PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

### Furman Academic Fellow/Adjunct Professor of Law

New York University School of Law, 9/2010 – 9/2012

### Judicial Law Clerk

For the Honorable Marjorie O. Rendell, United States Court of Appeals, Third Circuit, Philadelphia, PA, 8/2009 – 8/2010

### Summer Associate

Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP, NY, 5/07 – 8/07  
Debevoise & Plimpton LLP, NY, 5/06 – 9/06

## SERVICE

### PROFESSIONAL

#### ▪Referee for the journals:

AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE REVIEW (3)	PHILOSOPHICAL STUDIES (3)
ANALYTIC PHILOSOPHY	POLITICS, PHILOSOPHY & ECONOMICS
CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL THEORY	SYNTHESE
CRIMINAL LAW AND PHILOSOPHY	THEORIA
DE ETHICA	UTILITAS
EPISTEME (2)	
ERGO	
ETHICS (2)	
JOURNAL OF APPLIED PHILOSOPHY	
JOURNAL OF ETHICS & SOCIAL PHILOSOPHY (2)	
JOURNAL OF MORAL PHILOSOPHY (2)	
LAW AND PHILOSOPHY	
MIND (4)	
NOÛS	
PHILOSOPHERS' IMPRINT (2)	
PHILOSOPHICAL QUARTERLY	
PHILOSOPHICAL REVIEW	

#### ▪Referee for PRINCETON UNIVERSITY PRESS

▪Member of American Phil. Association Committee on Philosophy and Law, 2013 – 16

▪Faculty Mentor, Minorities and Philosophy (MAP), 2013 – present

▪Faculty Mentor, Mellon Mays Fellows Professional Network (for PhD students from underrepresented groups), 2012 – present

## **UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA**

- Hearing Officer, Student Disciplinary System Hearing Panel, 2015-2017
- Electoral Board Officer, Delta Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, 2013 – 2016
- Member, Teaching Awards Committee, School of Arts and Sciences, 2014 – 2016
- Member, Faculty Advisory Board, Penn Undergraduate Law Journal, 2013 – 2016
- Faculty Host, Penn Alumni Trip to Cuba, January 2016

## **DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAL ETHICS AND HEALTH POLICY**

- Member, Planning Committee, Global Health Priorities 2020 Conference, 2014
- Member, Planning Committee, Bioethics Boot Camp, 2014

## **DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY**

- Chair, Website and Technology Committee, 2015-2016
- Member, Colloquium Committee, 2012 – 2013
- Member, Moral Philosophy Search Committee, 2013 – 2014
- Chair, Systematic Candidate Identification Project (SCIP) to address diversity in hiring, 2012 – 2013

## **CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF PHILADELPHIA**

- Member, Ethics Committee, 2014 – 2016