

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

<i>PhD in Philosophy, St Andrews and Stirling Philosophy Graduate Programme 2016-2020.</i> Supervisors: Theron Pummer and Simon Prosser. Dissertation: <i>No Tears for Spilt Milk – Temporal Neutrality and the Rationality of Future-Bias.</i> (Pass with no corrections) Examiners: Antti Kauppinen (Helsinki), Alexander Douglas (St Andrews) Funded by a research-scholarship from the Heinrich-Böll Foundation
<i>Master of Letters in Philosophy, St Andrews and Stirling Philosophy Graduate Programme 2015-2016.</i> Dissertation Topic: <i>Feminist Impartiality</i> (with Distinction)
<i>Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and Law, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München 2011-2014.</i> Dissertation Topic: <i>Impartiality and Moral Patriotism</i> (with Distinction)

Professional Experience

<i>IRC Postdoctoral Fellow, University College Dublin, 2024-2026</i> Project: The Philosophy of Climate Protest Mentor: Prof Maeve Cooke
<i>Teaching Fellow, University of Edinburgh, September 2022-2024</i> Design & Delivery of Feminist Philosophy, Political Philosophy lectures and seminars for 3rd year undergraduates, Environmental Ethics seminars for postgraduate taught students, including assessment design, marking and feedback. Supervision of 4th year undergraduate dissertations & PhD Tutor Support Coordinator.
<i>Tutor, University of Lancaster, January 2022 - May 2022</i> Design & Delivery of advanced moral philosophy seminars for PPE Programme, including feedback and marking of essays and exams. Additionally, feedback & marking for first year Moral Philosophy & second & third year Metaethics course.
<i>COP26 Coalition Coordinator, Friends of the Earth Scotland, June 2020 - January 2022</i> Coordinating UK, Scottish & International civil society coalition organising around the UN climate change negotiations in Glasgow. Fundraising, political strategy and communication, international outreach, organisation & delivery of workshops, talks and conferences on climate justice. Mobilisations lead, including: main organiser for Global Day of Action for Climate Justice, People's Summit for Climate Justice, Migrant Justice Caucus. Team leader for 30 organisers.
<i>Tutor, University of St Andrews, Sept 2016 - April 2020</i> Design & Delivery of first- & second-year tutorials, including Moral and Political Controversies, Reasoning, The Enlightenment, Moral and Aesthetic Value, Meaning and Knowing, including feedback & marking of essays and exams. Additionally, Design and Delivery of Lectures for Moral and Political Controversies on Feminist Ethics.

Publications

Published peer reviewed papers
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ein Gutes Leben Muss Keine Geschichte erzählen: Gegen Die Narrativitäts-These in Der Moralphilosophie“. <i>Zeitschrift für Praktische Philosophie</i> 10 (1), 2023. https://doi.org/10.22613/zfpp/10.1.8.• Future-Bias and Intuition Shifts over Moments and Lifetimes, <i>Inquiry</i> 2022• Pessimism for Climate Activists, <i>Ethics and the Environment</i>, 2024• Joel's Choice as an Act of Philosophical Pessimism, in: <i>The Last of Us and Philosophy</i>, The Blackwell Philosophy and Pop Culture Series, 2024

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Defence of Despair about Climate Breakdown, in <i>The Philosophy of Environmental Emotions</i>, Routledge, 2024
Manuscripts submitted/under revision
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Losing Your Concepts during Climate Breakdown • Never Trust a COP: The Epistemic Costs of Participation in UN Climate Spaces for Grassroots Activists and Communities • Wieviel Darf Klima-Aktivismus Verlangen? • Why take the side of the powerful? Lessons from Feminist Ethics on Effective Altruism, Longtermism and Existential Risk
Manuscripts in preparation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a paper on how governments and corporations hijack moral concepts engineered by climate activists and climate scientists, re-engineering their meaning • a paper on pessimism as a grounding virtue for solidarity • a paper on pessimism as a response to tragedy in moral choices
Public Philosophy Publications
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to face never-ending defeat, <i>Scottish Left Review</i>, 2024. URL: https://scottishleftreview.scot/how-to-face-never-ending-defeat/ • Barbie for Radicals - or how Greta Gerwig took on Plato and won. <i>Scottish Left Review</i> 2023. URL: https://scottishleftreview.scot/barbie-for-radicals/ • Migration Experiences, New Scots, and the Limits of Civic Nationalism. <i>Scottish Left Review</i> 2023. URL: https://www.scottishleftreview.scot/migration-experiences-new-scots-and-the-limits-of-civic-nationalism/ • The Ruins of COP26. <i>Bella Caledonia</i>, November 2022. URL: https://bellacaledonia.org.uk/2022/10/22/from-glasgow-to-sharm-el-sheikh-out-of-the-ruins-of-cop26/ • How should we rationally respond to climate breakdown? – <i>Thoughts Podcast Episode</i>, October 2020. URL: https://linktr.ee/Thoughts_PhilosophyUntangled • Fear and Anger are Rational Responses to Climate Change. <i>The Conversation</i>, March 2019. URL: https://theconversation.com/why-fear-and-anger-are-rational-responses-to-climate-change-114056 • The Presidents Club Dinner: Why Good Deeds Never Justify Bad Actions, <i>The Conversation</i>, January 2018. URL: https://theconversation.com/presidents-club-dinner-why-good-deeds-never-justify-bad-actions-90678

Recent Academic Presentations

January 2025: Make Self-Care Feminist Again! Fribourg, Workshop on Care for the Soul in Plato and Platonicienne Ethics
September 2024: On the Demandingness of Climate Action - Sabotage or Civil Disobedience? Münster, DKPHIL 2024
May 2024: Never Trust a COP - Epistemic Barriers to Grassroots Groups and Communities at UN Climate Conferences, Climate Justice: Transdisciplinary and Cross-cultural Conversations, St Andrews
May 2024: Losing Your Concepts during Climate Breakdown, International Association for Environmental Philosophy Annual Meeting, Online
March 2024: In Defence of Despair about Climate Breakdown, Climate Ethics seminar series, Centre for Ethics, Philosophy and Public Affairs, St Andrews
December 2023: Lessons from Feminist Ethics on Effective Altruism, Philosophy Seminar Nottingham
August 2023: In Defence of Despair about Climate Breakdown, Environmental Emotions Conference, Pardubice
August 2023: Lessons from Feminist Ethics on Effective Altruism - ECAP, Vienna
June 2023: Losing your Concepts during Climate Breakdown - Energy Ethics Conference, St Andrews
June 2023: What is to be done with Asian men? - Society for Applied Philosophy Conference, Antwerp
April 2023: Losing your Concepts during Climate Breakdown - Workshop on Climate Protest, Cambridge
September 2022: Pessimism for Climate Activists - MANCEPT, Manchester

Teaching Experience

Environmental Ethics - Seminar Leader, University of Edinburgh, 2023&2024
Political Philosophy - Lecturer and Tutor, University of Edinburgh, 2023&2024
Feminist Philosophy - Lecturer and Tutor, University of Edinburgh, 2022&2023
Advanced Moral Philosophy - Seminar Leader, University of Lancaster, 2022
Meaning and Knowing – Tutor, St Andrews 2019
Moral and Aesthetic Value – Tutor, St Andrews 2018, 2020
Moral & Political Controversies – Tutor, St Andrews, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019

Academic Organising (Including Grants)

- 2025: Workshop Series on The Philosophy and Politics of Despair, UCD. Awarded Grant by Mind (£1000)
- 2022-2023: PhD Tutor Support at University of Edinburgh
- 2019: *What Difference Does It Make? Philosophy's Impact Beyond Philosophy* – 2nd CEPPA Graduate Conference in Moral and Political Philosophy. Awarded Grants by Mind (£1000), Scots Philosophical Association (£1500), CAPOD St Andrews (£500) and CEPPA (£1000).
- 2018: Founding Member of the Minorities and Philosophy (MAP) Chapter for St Andrews and Stirling
- 2018: 1st CEPPA Graduate Conference in Moral and Political Philosophy. Awarded Grants by Mind (£2000), Scots Philosophical Association (£1500), University of St Andrews CAPOD and CEPPA (£1000)
- 2017-2020: *Mentoring Programme for Women and Minorities in Philosophy*, St Andrews.
- 2014: 1st MCMP Summer School in Mathematical Philosophy – Co-organised as student employee at Munich Centre for Mathematical Philosophy

Political Organising (Including Grants)

2016-2019: Projekt Denkende Gesellschaft e.V. - Co-Founder and Chair

Projekt Denkende Gesellschaft is an initiative for social cohesion and political education, founded in 2017 to combat right-wing extremism and voters disenfranchisement in the German General Election.

Awarded Grants: “Jugend in Aktion” Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union (42 000€), Democracy Award of the German Ministry for Family and Social Affairs (3000€), Youth Democracy Award by the Federal Centre for Political Education (500€), Open Society Programme Fund of the Robert-Bosch Foundation (3000€).

Website: www.gesellschaftsdenken.org

2019-Present: Climate Camp Scotland - Co-Founder & Finance Coordinator

Climate Camp Scotland is a national collective organising for climate justice and an end to fossil fuels in Scotland.

Awarded grants:

2021: Lush Charity pot (£9000), Network for Social Change (£7000), Edgefund (£1500)

2022: Patagonia Charity Fund (£7000)

2023: Patagonia Charity Fund: (£11000), Lush Charity Pot (£2000)

2020-2022: COP26 Coalition Coordinator

The COP26 Coalition was the civil society alliance organising for climate justice before and during the UN Climate Conference in Glasgow, bringing together climate groups, NGOs, trade unions, faith groups, youth strikers and migrant groups to organise for climate justice.

Awarded Grants:

Rosa Luxemburg Foundation (20 000€), Climate Emergency Collaboration Fund (40 000€), Open Society Foundation (10 000€)

Languages

German 1st Language

Vietnamese 2nd Language

English IELTS 8.0