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RESEARCH AREAS

AREAS OF SPECIALITY
Ethics and social and political philosophy, especially philosophy of wellbeing and wellbeing measurement, philosophy and public policy, philosophy of disability, conceptual engineering, Indigenous rights, and Indigenous philosophy.

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Metaethics, social metaphysics, social epistemology, and comparative philosophy.

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- **Research Fellow**, School of Regulation and Global Governance, Australian National University (2025–current)
- **Research Affiliate**, School of Philosophy, Australian National University (2025–current)

EDUCATION

- **PhD in Philosophy**, Australian National University (2024)
  Dissertation: "Engineering Concepts for Public Policy: Wellbeing and Disability"
  Committee: Nicholas Southwood (Chair), Garrett Cullity, Katie Steele
- **MA in Philosophy**, Washington University in St. Louis (2019)
- **MA with Distinction (highest honour) in Philosophy**, Victoria University of Wellington (2015)
- **BA with First Class Honours (highest honour) in Philosophy,** Victoria University of Wellington (2014)
- **BA in Philosophy**, **Massey Scholar (highest honour)**, Massey University (2013)
- **Certificate in Sustainable Rural Development**, NorthTec, New Zealand (2009)
- **Te Pōkaitahi Ngāpuhi-Nui-Tonu** (Certificate in Māori Studies), NorthTec, New Zealand (2006)

LANGUAGES

- **English**, first language
- **Māori**, intermediate level

PUBLICATIONS

ARTICLES & CHAPTERS

7. "An Account of Wellbeing for Wellbeing Frameworks." *Ergo: An Open Access Journal of Philosophy*. (Forthcoming.)

6. Australia's Wellbeing Framework: Is It Really Measuring What Matters?" With Kate Sollis and Paul Campbell. *Australian Journal of Social Issues* 60 (2): 511-531. (2025)

5. "Utilitarianism." In *Ethical Theory in Global Perspective*, edited by Michael Hemmingson, 125–141. SUNY Press. (2024)

4. "Love, Reasons, and Desire." *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 23 (3): 591-605. (2020)

3. "A Humean Constructivist Reading of J. S. Mill's Utilitarian Theory." *Utilitas* 28 (2): 189-214. (2016)

2. "Is Moral Bioenhancement Dangerous?" *Journal of Medical Ethics* 42 (1): 3-6. (2016; online first 2015)

REVIEWS

1. "*Choosing Normative Concepts*, written by Matti Eklund." *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 17 (4): 441-444. (2020)

WORK IN PROGRESS

- "Indigenous Philosophy and Analytic Philosophy: Relationship Issues." *Australasian Review of Philosophy*. Invited article.
- "Wellbeing Frameworks and Future Generations." Revised & resubmitted.
- "Conceptual Engineering, Disability, and Public Policy." Under submission.
- "How to Engineer an Account of Wellbeing." Under submission.
- "Wellbeing for Public Health: A Framework for Action." With Amanda Kvalsvig (Otago), Gerry Redmond (Flinders, UNSW), Karen McBride-Henry (VUW), Lynne Russell (VUW), Kristen Maynard (VUW), Rebecca Bell (VUW).
- "Analysis of Western Bias in Multi-National Wellbeing and Social Progress Frameworks." With Kate Sollis (University of Tasmania), Mohsen Joshanloo (Keimyung University), Luciano Sewaybricker (University of São Paulo), Herdiyan Maulana (State University of Jakarta), and Paul Campbell (Australian National University).

PRESENTATIONS

- "How to Engineer an Account of Wellbeing." *Workshop on Applied Philosophy of Wellbeing*, ANU (2024)

- "Measuring National Wellbeing in a Multicultural Society." *Measuring Wellbeing in a Multicultural World*, ANU (2023)

- "Conceptual Engineering for Public Policy." Global Priorities Institute, University of Oxford (2023)

- "Measuring National Wellbeing in a Multicultural Society." University of Hawai'i (2023)

- "Wellbeing Policy and Future Generations." Global Priorities Institute, University of Oxford (2022)

- "Disability and Public Policy." *Conference on Social Categories and Oppression*, ANU (2021)

PANELS

- "Indigenous Knowledges and Philosophy: Sharing Experiences in Research, Dialogue and Collaboration." *Thinking from Everywhen: Philosophy, Indigenous Knowledge and Perspectives*, ANU and University of Melbourne (2024)

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- Global Priorities Fellowship (£5000), Forethought Foundation for Global Priorities Research, University of Oxford (2022–2023)

- Early Career Conference Programme, Global Priorities Institute, University of Oxford (2022–2023)

- Australian Government Research Training Program Stipend Scholarship, 3 years, ANU (2020)

- Australian Government Research Training Program Fee Offset Scholarship, 4 years, ANU (2020)

- Te Pūtahi Atawhai (Māori and Pasifika Student Success) Excellence in Mentoring Award, Victoria University of Wellington (2015)

- Te Pūtahi Atawhai (Māori and Pasifika Student Success) Excellence in Mentoring Award, Victoria University of Wellington (2014)

- Tu Horomata Scholarship, for outstanding Māori graduate students, Victoria University of Wellington (2014)

- Victoria Master's Scholarship, Victoria University of Wellington (2014)

- Victoria Graduate Award, Victoria University of Wellington (2013)

- Humanities & Social Sciences Scholarship for graduate study, Massey University (2013, declined by recipient)

- Φ Massey Scholar, highest award for Bachelor's degree graduates, Massey University (2013)
- Φ Orangi Kaupapa Trust Award ($4000), to recognize and reward people whose work promotes positive social change and benefits the quality of life in New Zealand (2004); for founding and running Te Whiti-o-Rongomai House, providing accommodation and support for homeless people.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

- Φ Referee for *Utilitas*, *Bioethics*, *The ILAR* (Institute for Laboratory Animal Research) *Journal*, *Journal of Value Inquiry*, *Journal of Ethics*, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, *Ratio*, and *Res Philosophica*
- Φ Program Scholarships Committee, School of Regulation and Global Governance, ANU (2025)
- Φ Director of Social Programming, School of Regulation and Global Governance, ANU (2025-current)
- Φ Work Health and Safety Committee, College of Law, Governance, and Policy, ANU (2025-current)
- Φ Conference organiser, *Workshop on Applied Philosophy of Wellbeing*, ANU (2024)
- Φ Conference organiser, *Measuring Wellbeing in a Multicultural World*, ANU (2023)
- Φ Organiser, Works in Progress Group, Centre for Moral, Social, and Political Theory, ANU (2022–2024)
- Φ Honours Student Mentor, ANU (2021–2024)
- Φ Diversity Committee, Australasian Association of Philosophy (2020–current)
- Φ Senator, Graduate Student Senate, Washington University in St. Louis (2019–2020)
- Φ Graduate Student Health Advisory Committee, Washington University in St. Louis (2019–2020)
- Φ Founder and organiser, Mental Health Support Group, Washington University in St. Louis (2018–2020)
- Φ Founder and organiser, St. Louis Chinese Philosophy Reading Group (including members from four local universities) (2018–2020)
- Φ American Philosophical Association Data Task Force Departmental Contact, Washington University in St. Louis (2018–2020)
- Φ Graduate Student Office Coordinator, Washington University in St. Louis (2017–2020)
- Φ Founder and organiser, Social Events Series, Washington University in St. Louis (2016–2020)
- Φ Founder and organiser, Philosophy Graduate Students Group (for the minority of philosophy students not in the department's Philosophy-Neuroscience-Psychology programme), Philosophy Department, Washington University in St. Louis (2016–2019)

- Φ Entertainment Committee, Washington University in St. Louis (2016–2017)
- Φ Equality and Diversity Committee, School of History, Philosophy, Political Science and International Relations, Victoria University (2014–2016)
- Φ Te Pūtahi Atawhai (Māori and Pasifika Student Success) Student Mentor (2014–2016)

TEACHING

SOLE INSTRUCTOR
- Φ Phil 234 Business Ethics, Washington University in St. Louis (2019)
- Φ Phil 233 Biomedical Ethics, Washington University in St. Louis (2018)

GUEST LECTURER
- Φ Para 604 Clinical Practice 1 [Paramedicine], Auckland University of Technology (2019)—lecture on ethics and medical care

SOLE ASSISTANT INSTRUCTOR
- Φ Re St 3091 Confucian Thought, Washington University in St. Louis (2019) – Tobias Benedikt Zürn
- Φ Phil 315 Philosophy of Mind, Washington University in St. Louis (2018) – Austin Andrews
- Φ Phil 233 Biomedical Ethics, Washington University in St. Louis (2018) – John Doris
- Φ Phil 233 Biomedical Ethics, Washington University in St. Louis (2017) – Charlie Kurth

HEAD ASSISTANT INSTRUCTOR (Supervising a group of Assistant Instructors)
- Φ Phil 105 The Big Questions, Victoria University of Wellington (2016) – Richard Joyce
- Φ Phil 104 Minds, Brains, and Persons, Victoria University of Wellington (2015) – Simon Keller
- Φ Phil 106 Contemporary Ethical Issues, Victoria University of Wellington (2015) – Nicholas Agar

ASSISTANT INSTRUCTOR
- Φ Phil 1005 Logic and Critical Thinking, ANU (2024) – Daniel Stoljar
- Φ Phil 2122 Philosophy and Public Policy, ANU (2024) – Katie Steele
- Φ Phil 2122 Philosophy and Public Policy, ANU (2022) – Katie Steele
- Φ Phil 1004 Fundamental Ideas in Philosophy, ANU (2021) – Ben Bramble
- Φ Māori and Pasifika Assistant Instructor, Phil 107 Philosophy of Media and the Arts, Victoria University of Wellington (2015) – Sondra Bacharach
- Φ Phil 104 Knowledge and Reality, Victoria University of Wellington (2015) – Simon Keller
- Φ Phil 105 The Big Questions, Victoria University of Wellington (2014) – Richard Joyce

GRADER
- Φ Phil 347C Ancient Philosophy, Washington University in St. Louis (2017) – Eric Brown

Φ Phil 227/327 Minds and Persons, Victoria University of Wellington (2014) – Justin Sytsma

TEACHER TRAINING

Φ Mental Health Awareness Training, ANU College of Arts & Social Sciences, 2021

Φ Gender Inclusive Teaching Workshop, ANU College of Arts & Social Sciences, 2020

REFERENCES

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