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## SUMMARY

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I recently completed my PhD in Philosophy at the Australian National University (examiners' reports due July 2024). My research is in public policy, especially government approaches to measuring and promoting wellbeing. I excel at identifying and addressing fundamental issues in approaches to public policy. I'm adept at understanding complex systems and information and am highly skilled at communicating ideas clearly and simply both verbally and in writing. I'm now looking for a role in which I can use my knowledge and skills, especially in ways that benefit society.

## RESEARCH AREAS

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### AREAS OF SPECIALITY

Ethics and social and political philosophy, especially philosophy of wellbeing, philosophy and public policy, and philosophy of disability

### AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Māori philosophy, Chinese philosophy

## EDUCATION

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- ⊕ PhD in Philosophy, Australian National University (expected July 2024)  
Dissertation: "Engineering Concepts for Public Policy: Wellbeing and Disability"
- ⊕ MA, Washington University in St. Louis (2019)
- ⊕ MA with Distinction (highest honour), 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)
- ⊕ Certificate in Māori Studies, NorthTec, New Zealand (2006)

## PUBLICATIONS

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### ARTICLES & CHAPTERS

1. "An Account of Wellbeing for Public Policy." *Ergo: An Open Access Journal of Philosophy*. (Forthcoming)
2. "Utilitarianism." *Ethical Theory in Global Perspective*, edited by Michael Hemmingson: 125-141. SUNY Press. (2024)
3. "Love, Reasons, and Desire." *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 23 (3): 591-605. (2020)
4. "A Humean Constructivist Reading of J. S. Mill's Utilitarian Theory." *Utilitas* 28 (2):189-214. (2016)
5. "Is Moral Bioenhancement Dangerous?" *Journal of Medical Ethics* 42 (1):3-6. (2016; online first 2015)

### REVIEWS

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

### WORKS IN PROGRESS

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- ⊕ "Wellbeing Frameworks and Future Generations." R&R at *Public Affairs Quarterly*.
- ⊕ "Australia's Wellbeing Framework: Is It Really Measuring What Matters?" With Kate Sollis (Geography, Planning, and Spatial Sciences, UTAS) and Paul Campbell (Psychology, ANU). Invited article, *Australian Journal of Social Research*. Invited article.
- ⊕ "Wellbeing for Public Health: A Framework for Action." With Amanda Kvalsvig (Otago), Karen McBride-Henry (VUW), Lynne Russell (VUW), Kristen Maynard (VUW), Gerry Redmond (Flinders, UNSW), Rebecca Bell.
- ⊕ "Conceptual Engineering, Disability, and Public Policy." Under submission.
- ⊕ "How to Engineer an Account of Wellbeing." Under submission.
- ⊕ "An Account of Child Wellbeing for Public Policy." Under submission.

### PRESENTATIONS

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- ⊕ "Measuring National Wellbeing in a Multicultural Society." *Measuring Wellbeing in a Multicultural World*, workshop, ANU (2023)
- ⊕ "Conceptual Engineering for Public Policy." Global Priorities Institute, Oxford (2023)
- ⊕ "Measuring National Wellbeing in a Multicultural Society." *ANU-University of Hawai'i Workshop in Philosophy*, University of Hawai'i (2023)

- ⊕ “Wellbeing Policy and Future Generations.” *Early Career Conference Programme*, Global Priorities Institute, 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)

## SELECTED AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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- ⊕ Global Priorities Fellowship, Forethought Foundation for Global Priorities Research, (2022)
- ⊕ Early Career Conference Programme, Global Priorities Institute, Oxford (2022)
- ⊕ Australian Government Research Training Program Stipend Scholarship and Australian Government Research Training Program Fee Offset Scholarship, ANU (2020-2024)
- ⊕ Te Pūtahi Atawhai (Māori and Pasifika Student Success) Excellence in Mentoring Award, Victoria University of Wellington (2015 & 2016)
- ⊕ 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)
- ⊕ Massey Scholar (highest graduation award), Massey University (2013)
- ⊕ 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)

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

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- ⊕ Referee for *Utilitas* (2017), *Bioethics* (2019), *The ILAR* (Institute for Laboratory Animal Research) *Journal* (2020), *Journal of Value Inquiry* (2020), *Journal of Ethics* (2021), and *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* (2024).
- ⊕ Organizer, Workshop on Applied Philosophy of Wellbeing, ANU (upcoming, August 2024)
- ⊕ Organiser, Workshop on Measuring Wellbeing in a Multicultural World, ANU (2023)
- ⊕ Organiser, Works in Progress Group, Centre for Moral, Social, and Political Theory, ANU (2022-current)

- ⊕ Honours Student Mentor, ANU (2021-current)
- ⊕ Diversity Committee, Australasian Association of Philosophy (2020-current)
- ⊕ Senator, Graduate Student Senate, Washington University in St. Louis (2019-2020)
- ⊕ Graduate Student Health Advisory Committee, Washington University in St. Louis (2019-2020)
- ⊕ Founder and organiser, Philosophy Student Mental Health Support Group, Washington University in St. Louis (2018-2020)
- ⊕ Founder and organiser, St. Louis Chinese Philosophy Reading Group (including members from Washington University in St. Louis, Saint Louis University, University of Missouri-St. Louis, and University of Missouri) (2018-2020)
- ⊕ Graduate Student Office Coordinator, Philosophy Department, Washington University in St. Louis (2017-2020)
- ⊕ Founder and organiser, Graduate Student & Postdoc Drinks and Dinners, Philosophy Department, Washington University in St. Louis (2016-2020)
- ⊕ Founder and organiser, Philosophy Graduate Students Group (for students not in the Philosophy-Neuroscience-Psychology programme), Washington University in St. Louis (2016-2019)
- ⊕ Entertainment Committee, Washington University in St. Louis (2016-2017)
- ⊕ Equality and Diversity Committee, School of History, Philosophy, Political Science and International Relations, Victoria University (2014-2016)
- ⊕ Te Pūtahi Atawhai (Māori and Pasifika Student Success) Student Mentor (2014-2016)

## REFERENCES

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