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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor of Political Theory, Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford, and Official Fellow and Tutor in Politics, Magdalen College (April 2018 - present)

Junior Research Fellow in Political Philosophy, Christ Church, University of Oxford (October 2015 - September 2018)

EDUCATION

University of Oxford (St Anne's College)

DPhil Politics (Political Philosophy), 2015

- Thesis title: Justification to All: Liberalism, Legitimacy, and Theology
- Supervisor: Stuart White
- Examiners: Simon Caney & Cécile Laborde

University of Oxford (Lincoln College)

MPhil Politics: Political Theory, Distinction, 2012

University of Oxford (The Queen's College)

BA Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, 1st class honours, 2010

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

1. *Does Faith Belong in Politics?: A Debate*. Under contract with Routledge, within the series Little Debates About Big Questions. Debating with Marilie Coetsee.

ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS

1. 'Subsidiarity, Sphere Sovereignty, and State Sovereignty', *European Journal of Political Theory* (forthcoming).
2. 'Rawls, Overlapping Consensus, and Stability for the Right Reasons', in Christie Hartley, Blain Neufeld, and Lori Watson (eds.), *Oxford Handbook on the Philosophy of John Rawls* (Oxford University Press, forthcoming). (Co-authored with Anthony Taylor.)
3. 'Corporate Corporate Religious Liberty', in Cécile Laborde, Nelson Tebbe, and Micah Schwartzman (eds.), *Discrimination By/Against Religion* (Oxford University Press, forthcoming).
4. 'Can Civic Friendship Ground Public Reason?', *The Philosophical Quarterly*, 74(1) (2024): 24–45. (Co-authored with Anthony Taylor.)

5. 'Religion, Democratic Deliberation, and the Requirement of Fallibilism', in James Dominic Rooney and Patrick Zoll (eds.), *Beyond Classical Liberalism: Freedom and the Good* (Routledge, 2024), pp. 147–162.
6. 'Sharing Reasons and Emotions in a Non-Ideal Discursive System', *Politics, Philosophy & Economics*, 22(2) (2023): 294–314.
7. 'Religious Political Arguments, Accessibility, and Democratic Deliberation', *Notre Dame Law Review*, 98(4) (2023): 1595–1621.
8. 'A Framework for Analyzing Public Reason Theories', *European Journal of Political Theory*, 21(4) (2022): 671–691. (Co-authored with Anthony Taylor.)
9. 'Can Christians Join the Overlapping Consensus? Prospects and Pitfalls for a Christian Justification of Political Liberalism', *Social Theory and Practice*, 47(3) (2021): 519–547.
10. 'Should We Shame Those Who Ignore Social Distancing Guidelines?', in Aveek Bhattacharya and Fay Niker (eds.), *Political Philosophy in a Pandemic* (Bloomsbury Academic, 2021), pp. 205–216. (Co-authored with Tom Parr.)
11. 'State Responses to Incongruence: Toleration and Transformation', in Mitja Sardoč (ed.), *The Palgrave Handbook of Toleration* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2021), pp. 229–247.
12. 'Enforcing Social Norms: The Morality of Public Shaming', *European Journal of Philosophy*, 28(4) (2020): 997–1016. (Co-authored with Tom Parr.)
13. 'Reasonable Disagreement About, and Within, Watson and Hartley's Political Liberalism', *Journal of Applied Philosophy*, 37(5) (2020): 836–845.
14. 'Online Public Shaming: Virtues and Vices', *Journal of Social Philosophy*, 51(3) (2020): 371–390. (Co-authored with Tom Parr.)
15. 'The Scope of Religious Group Autonomy: Varieties of Judicial Examination of Church Employment Decisions', *Legal Theory*, 25(4) (2019): 244–271.
16. 'State Speech as a Response to Hate Speech: Assessing "Transformative Liberalism"', *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, 22(3) (2019): 639–655.
17. 'State Sovereignty, Associational Interests, and Collective Religious Liberty', *Secular Studies*, 1(1) (2019): 114–127.
18. 'Shaping Religion: The Limits of Transformative Liberalism', in Jonathan Seglow and Andrew Shorten (eds.), *Religion and Political Theory: Secularism, Accommodation and The New Challenges of Religious Diversity* (ECPR Press / Rowman & Littlefield International, 2019), pp. 57–77.
19. 'Exemptions for Religious Groups and the Problem of Internal Dissent', in John Adenitire (ed.), *Religious Beliefs and Conscientious Exemptions in a Liberal State* (Hart Publishing, 2019), pp. 51–69.

20. 'Law, Religion, and Public Reason', in Russell Sandberg, Norman Doe, Bronach Kane, and Caroline Roberts (eds.), *Research Handbook on Interdisciplinary Approaches to Law and Religion* (Edward Elgar Publishing, 2019), pp. 128–148. (Co-authored with Jonathan Chaplin.)
21. 'Consensus, Convergence, Restraint and Religion', *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, 15(3) (2018): 345–361.
22. 'Liberal Perfectionism, Moral Integrity, and Self-Respect', *The American Journal of Jurisprudence*, 63(1) (2018): 63–79. (Co-authored with Anthony Taylor.)
23. 'Public Reason and Religion: The Theo-Ethical Equilibrium Argument for Restraint', *Law and Philosophy*, 36(6) (2017): 675–705.
24. 'Convergence Liberalism and the Problem of Disagreement Concerning Public Justification', *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, 47(4) (2017): 541–564.
25. 'Liberal Perfectionism and Quong's Internal Conception of Political Liberalism', *Social Theory and Practice*, 43(1) (2017): 79–106.
26. 'How Should Claims for Religious Exemptions be Weighed?', *Oxford Journal of Law and Religion*, 6(1) (2017): 1–23.
27. 'Can My Religion Influence My Conception of Justice? Political Liberalism and the Role of Comprehensive Doctrines', *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy*, 20(4) (2017): 403–424.
28. 'Does Political Community Require Public Reason? On Lister's Defence of Political Liberalism', *Politics, Philosophy & Economics*, 15(1) (2016): 20–41.
29. 'Convergence Justifications Within Political Liberalism: A Defence', *Res Publica*, 22(2) (2016): 135–153.
 - Previously shortlisted for the 2014 *Res Publica* postgraduate essay prize.

BOOK REVIEWS

1. 'Review of Benjamin R. Hertzberg, *Chains of Persuasion: A Framework for Religion in Democracy*', *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, 18(5) (2021): 537–541.
2. 'Review of Christine Sydnovich, *Equality Renewed: Justice, Flourishing and the Egalitarian Ideal*', *Ethics*, 129(1) (2018): 144–149.

INTRODUCTIONS TO JOURNAL SPECIAL ISSUES

1. 'Introduction to the Special Issue on Religious Diversity, Political Theory, and Theology: Public Reason and Christian Theology', *Social Theory and Practice* 47(3) (2021): 451–456. (Co-authored with Jonathan Chaplin.)
2. 'Introduction: Diverse Religious Responses to Pluralism', *Political Theology*, 21(4) (2020): 279–283. (Co-authored with Jonathan Chaplin.)
3. 'Introduction: Hate, Offence and Free Speech in a Changing World', *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, 22(3) (2019): 531–537. (Co-authored with Matteo Bonotti.)

4. ‘Introduction to the Symposium on Matthew Kramer’s *Liberalism with Excellence*’, *The American Journal of Jurisprudence*, 63(1) (2018): 1–7. (Co-authored with Anthony Taylor.)

BLOG POSTS

1. ‘A Sackable Offence? Employers’ Responses to Public Shaming’, *The Ethical War Blog*, 9th July 2020. (Co-authored with Tom Parr.)
2. ‘Should We Shame Those Who Ignore Social Distancing Guidelines?’, *Justice Everywhere: A blog about philosophy in public affairs*, 13th April 2020. (Co-authored with Tom Parr.)

PRESENTATIONS (SINCE 2018)

‘Online Public Shaming and the Case for Regulating Social Media Platforms’.

- ‘Social Media Corporations: Risks, Rights, and Responsibilities’ workshop, Magdalen College, University of Oxford, May 2024.
- Moral Sciences Club, University of Cambridge, March 2024.
- CELPA seminar, University of Warwick, October 2023 (with Tom Parr).
- Interdisciplinary Conference on Social Norms, Nuffield College, University of Oxford, March 2023 (with Tom Parr).

‘Subsidiarity, Sphere Sovereignty, and State Sovereignty’.

- Montagu Barker Lecture, Oxford Centre for Mission Studies, March 2024.
- Friday Faith & Politics group, online, May 2023.

‘Corporate Corporate Religious Liberty’.

- Analytic Legal & Political Philosophy conference, King’s College London, September 2023.
- Freedom, Equality, and Religion conference, Nuffield College, University of Oxford, June 2023.

‘Sovereignty, Subsidiarity, and Competence-Competence’, Political Theologies After Christendom conference, New College, University of Oxford, March 2023.

‘Corporate Religious Liberty, For-Profit Businesses, and Group Action’, Colloquium on Corporate Personhood in Law and Christian Theology, Pusey House, Oxford, February 2023.

‘Religious Political Arguments, Accessibility, and Democratic Deliberation’, Symposium on Liberalism, Christianity, and the Constitution, University of Notre Dame, November 2022.

‘Defending the Place of Religion in Democratic Discourse’.

- The Future of European Religion-State Regimes conference, Wesley House, Cambridge, November 2022
- United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, April 2022.
- Canterbury Institute, Oxford, January 2022 (manuscript workshop).

‘The Morality of Public Shaming’, Freedom of Expression summer school, University of Warsaw, Poland, July 2022 (with Tom Parr).

‘The Scope of Religious Group Autonomy’, Discrimination By/Against Religion conference, Nuffield College, University of Oxford, June 2022.

‘Comments on *A Perfectionist Theory of Justice*, by Collis Tahzib’, Political Theory Workshop, Nuffield College, University of Oxford, January 2021.

‘Comments on *Democratic Speech in Divided Times*, by Maxime Lepoutre’, Political Theory Workshop, Nuffield College, University of Oxford, October 2020.

‘Comments on *Equal Citizenship and Public Reason: A Feminist Political Liberalism*, by Lori Watson and Christie Hartley’, PPE Society Third Annual Meeting, New Orleans, March 2019.

‘How (Not) to Think About Public Reason’ (co-presented with Anthony Taylor).

- ‘Themes from the Political Philosophy of Gerald Gaus’ Workshop, Nuffield College, University of Oxford, March 2019.
- Centre for the Study of Social Justice, University of Oxford, February 2019.

‘The Scope of Religious Group Autonomy: Varieties of Judicial Examination of Church Employment Decisions’.

- Cambridge Forum for Legal and Political Philosophy Public Lecture, University of Cambridge, February 2019.
- ‘A Tolerant Society?’ Workshop, Morrell Centre for Toleration, University of York, September 2018.
- MANCEPT Workshop on Religion in Liberal Politics, University of Manchester, September 2018.
- Association for Social and Political Philosophy Annual Conference, LUISS Guido Carli / Sapienza University of Rome, June 2018.

‘Laborde on Collective Religious Liberty’, Symposium on *Liberalism’s Religion* by Cécile Laborde, Nuffield College, University of Oxford, May 2018.

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Shortlisted for the 2016 Oxford University Student Union teaching award for ‘Outstanding Tutor, Social Sciences Division’.

Awarded first prize in the 2016 Robert Davies Memorial Essay Contest, an annual competition run by the Skoll Centre for Social Entrepreneurship, for a co-authored essay entitled ‘The Democratisation of Accountability in the Digital Age: Promise and Pitfalls’.

Arts and Humanities Research Council Studentship – full DPhil funding (2012-14).

University of Oxford Vice-Chancellors’ Fund and Andrew Smith Memorial Foundation grants (June 2014).

University of Oxford Department of Politics and International Relations Studentship (2014-15).

Arts and Humanities Research Council Studentship – full MPhil funding (2010-12).

Achieved the highest thesis mark (81) in Oxford's MPhil in Politics in 2012, and the highest mark in both second year papers taken.

Achieved one of the top 10 highest marks in PPE finals examination in 2010 (out of 238 students), with an average mark of 75.

Gibbs Prize in Politics, for achieving the highest mark in undergraduate politics exams, and John Hicks Foundation Prize, for achieving the highest mark in undergraduate macroeconomics (2010).

Michel Studentship and Alan Webster Prize, The Queen's College, Oxford (2008-10).

TEACHING

Associate Fellow of the Higher Education Academy

- Awarded in March 2014, based on completion of the 'Developing Learning and Teaching' programme run by the Oxford Learning Institute.

Associate Professor of Political Theory (2018-)

- Introduction to the Theory of Politics (undergraduate first year paper; tutorials and revision classes; examining).
- Theory of Politics (undergraduate finals paper; course convenor; lectures, tutorials, and revision classes; examining).
- Advanced Paper in Theories of Justice (undergraduate finals paper; course convenor; lectures and tutorials; examining).
- Reasonable Disagreement & Political Argument (MPhil optional paper; course convenor; seminars and revision classes; examining).
- Theory of Politics core course for MPhil in Politics: Political Theory (seminars; examining).
- Supervision of students on the MPhil in Politics: Political Theory.
- DPhil students supervised:
 - Simeon Goldstraw (completed 2024)
 - Pascal Mowla (expected completion 2025)
 - Jacob Williams (expected completion 2026)
- Marking undergraduate and MPhil theses and exams.
- Undergraduate admissions for Philosophy, Politics, and Economics and History and Politics at Magdalen.
- Graduate admissions for DPhD for the MSc, MPhil, and DPhil programmes.

College Lecturer in Political Theory, Christ Church, Oxford (2015-18)

Seminar Leader in Political Philosophy, Blavatnik School of Government, Oxford (2015-16)

- Shortlisted for the 2016 Oxford University Student Union ‘Outstanding Tutor’ award.

Career Development Lecturer in Political Theory, Trinity College, Oxford (2014-15)

College Lecturer in Political Theory, Queen’s College, Oxford (2011-15)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editor of Online Resource Centre of widely used textbook, *Issues in Political Theory* (4th edition, Oxford University Press, 2019).

Referee for *American Political Science Review*; *Analysis*; *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*; *British Journal of Political Science*; *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*; *Contemporary Political Theory*; *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy*; *Erkenntnis*; *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*; *European Journal of Philosophy*; *European Journal of Political Theory*; Hart Publishing; *Journal of Applied Philosophy*; *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*; *Journal of Social Philosophy*; *Moral Philosophy and Politics*; *Noûs*; *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*; *Philosophical Studies*; *Philosophy & Social Criticism*; *Polish Political Science Yearbook*; *Political Studies*; *Politics, Philosophy & Economics*; *Politics and Religion*; *Polity*; *Religious Studies*; *Res Publica*; Routledge books; *Social Philosophy Today*; *Social Theory and Practice*; *Studies in Christian Ethics*; *The American Journal of Jurisprudence*; *The Journal of Ethics*; *The Journal of Political Philosophy*; *The Journal of Politics*; *The Journal of Value Inquiry*; *The Philosophical Quarterly*; *The Review of Politics*; *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*; *Utilitas*.

Editor or co-editor of six journal special issues and book symposia, in *Critical Review of Social and Political Philosophy* (forthcoming), *Social Theory and Practice* (2021), *Journal of Applied Philosophy* (2020), *Political Theology* (2020), *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* (2019), and *The American Journal of Jurisprudence* (2018).

Co-director of The Centre for the Study of Social Justice, University of Oxford (2022-).

Harassment Advisor, Department for Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford (2023-).

Academic Policy Committee, Magdalen College (2019-2023).

Widening Participation Fellow, Magdalen College (2023-).

Conferences/workshops (co-)organised:

- ‘Religion, Freedom, Equality’ conference, Magdalen College, Oxford, June 2024.
- ‘*All the Kingdoms of the World*, Integralism, and Religious Attitudes Toward Liberalism’ workshop, Magdalen College, Oxford, June 2024.
- ‘Themes from the Political Philosophy of Gerald Gaus’ workshop, Nuffield College, Oxford, March 2019.

- ‘Religious Diversity, Political Theory, and Theology’ workshop, at a conference on Public Life and Religious Diversity, University of Oxford, September 2017.
- Symposium on *Liberalism with Excellence* by Matthew Kramer, Christ Church, Oxford, June 2017.
 - o Secured funding totalling £7,850 for this event, from the Society for Applied Philosophy; Christ Church, Oxford; the Cambridge Forum for Legal and Political Philosophy; The Mind Association; and Oxford’s Department of Politics and International Relations.
- Oxford Political Theory Research Seminar, Hilary (Spring) Term 2017.
- MANCEPT Workshop on Theories of Public Reason, University of Manchester, September 2015 & 2016.