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CURRENT APPOINTMENTS AND AFFILIATIONS

- Since 2017* **Associate Professor of Philosophy**
Department of Philosophy, UiT The Arctic University of Norway
- Since 2015* **Research Associate**
Centre for Philosophy of Natural and Social Science, London School of
Economics and Political Science

PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS

- 2014 – 2017 **Postdoctoral Researcher**
Trusting Banks project, University of Cambridge and University of Groningen
- 2012 – 2014 **Temporary Lecturer**
Faculty of Philosophy, University of Cambridge
- 2014 – 2015 **College Lecturer**
Robinson College, University of Cambridge
- 2003 – 2006 **Policy Advisor**
Social Exclusion Unit, Office of the Deputy Prime Minister/ Dept. for
Communities and Local Government, UK
- 2003 **Community Councils Officer**
London Borough of Southwark
- 2002 – 2003 **Senior Policy Analyst**
Strategic Social Policy Group, Ministry of Social Development, NZ
- 2001 – 2002 **Private Secretary (Social Policy)**
Office of the Minister of Social Services and Employment, NZ
- 1999 – 2001 **Policy Analyst**
Social Policy Agency/ Ministry of Social Policy, NZ

EDUCATION

- 2012 **PhD** in Philosophy
London School of Economics and Political Science
Thesis: “Beyond Epistemic Democracy: The identification and pooling of information by groups of political agents”
Supervisors: Richard Bradley, Franz Dietrich, Christian List
Examiners: Stephan Hartmann, Jonathan Wolff
- 2006 **MA with Distinction** in Philosophy
King’s College, University of London
- 1998 **BA with First Class Honours** in Philosophy
University of Otago, NZ
- 1995 **BSc in Biochemistry**
University of Otago, NZ

PHILOSOPHICAL INTERESTS

AOS: Political philosophy, epistemology, philosophy of public policy

AOC: Applied ethics, normative ethics, philosophy of science

PUBLICATIONS

Articles

- 2018 “The Moral Agency of Group Agents”, *Erkenntnis*, 83(3): 517-538.
- 2018 “Rose’s Prevention Paradox”, *Journal of Applied Philosophy*, 35(2): 242-256.
- 2017 “Trust without reliance”, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, 20(3): 643-655.
- 2015 “Epistemic Landscapes, Optimal Search and the Division of Cognitive Labor”, *Philosophy of Science*, 82(3): 424-453 (with Jason McKenzie Alexander and Johannes Himmelreich)
- 2013 “A general model of a group search procedure, applied to epistemic democracy” *Synthese*, 190(7): 1233-1252.
- 2012 “A (mainly epistemic) case for multiple-vote majority rule” *Episteme*, 9(1): 63-79 (2012). (with Richard Bradley)

Chapters, Reviews, etc.

- 2018 Review of Hausman, D., McPherson, M., and Satz, D. (2016) ‘Economic Analysis, Moral Philosophy, and Public Policy’, *Economics and Philosophy*, 34(1): 121-127.

- 2018 “Trust in artifacts; trust at a distance”, published as ‘Faire confiance aux artéfacts; faire confiance à distance’ in J. Domenicucci and M. Douehi (eds.) *La confiance à l’ère numérique*, Editions Berger-Levrault and Editions Rue d’Ulm.
- 2015 Review of Schwartzberg, M. “Counting the Many: The Origins and Limits of Supermajority Rule”, *Contemporary Political Theory*, 14: e35-e38. First published online November 2014.
- 2009 “How to tell when efficacy will NOT translate into effectiveness” *Contingency and Dissent in Science, Centre for Philosophy of Natural and Social Science (CPNSS) Technical Report No. 03/09*.

SELECTED TALKS

- 2016 ‘Trust without reliance’, Erasmus Institute for Philosophy and Economics seminar, Rotterdam/ VU University Amsterdam.
 ‘Trust without reliance’, Trust and Belief workshop, Cambridge.
 ‘The moral responsibility of group agents’, Hope and Trust Workshop, University of Frankfurt.
- 2015 ‘The moral responsibility of group agents’, OZSW Conference, VU University Amsterdam.
 ‘Why buy local?’, MANCEPT Workshop, University of Manchester.
- 2014 ‘The Prevention Paradox, and distributive justice in health care’, Political Philosophy Workshop, University of Cambridge.
 ‘An epistemic defence of deliberative democracy’, Free Speech, Public Deliberation, and Global Affairs conference, University of Tromsø.
- 2013 ‘An epistemic defence of deliberative democracy’, Political Philosophy Workshop, University of Cambridge.
- 2012 ‘An epistemic defence of deliberative democracy’, 5th Copenhagen/ Lund Workshop in Social Epistemology.
- 2011 ‘A general model of a search procedure, applied to epistemic democracy’, 3rd Copenhagen Conference in Epistemology: Epistemic Inclusiveness and Trust.
 ‘A general model of a search procedure, applied to epistemic democracy’, The Choice Group, LSE.
- 2010 ‘A (mainly epistemic) case for multiple-vote majority rule’, The Choice Group, LSE.
 ‘A (mainly epistemic) case for multiple-vote majority rule’, Decisions, Games and Logic, Paris.
- 2009 ‘A defense of the Condorcet Jury Theorem’, LSE-Groningen II, Groningen.
- 2008 ‘Does the Condorcet Jury Theorem Really Underwrite Epistemic Democracy?’, The Epistemology of Liberal Democracy, Copenhagen.

TEACHING

As lecturer

- 2018-2019 Democracy and policy design (BA in philosophy, UiT)
 Research project seminar (MA in philosophy, UiT)
 Global justice (MA in philosophy, UiT)
- 2017-2018 Contemporary political philosophy (MA in philosophy, UiT)

	Responsibility and group agency (MA in philosophy, UiT)
	Just war theory (MA in philosophy, UiT)
2014-2015	Deontology and global poverty; climate change and future people (MPhil in public policy, Cambridge)
	'Trust' Seminar (BA, Cambridge)
2013-2014	Deontology and global poverty; climate change and future people (MPhil in public policy, Cambridge)
	J. S. Mill's <i>On Liberty</i> and <i>The Subjection of Women</i> (BA, Cambridge)
	Political philosophy: Liberty, Equality, Democracy, Political Obligation (BA, Cambridge)
	Global Justice (BA, Cambridge)
	Ends of Action (wellbeing) (BA, Cambridge)
2012-2013	Punishment (BA, Cambridge)
	J. S. Mill's <i>On Liberty</i> and <i>The Subjection of Women</i> (BA, Cambridge)
	Political philosophy: Liberty, Equality, Democracy, Political Obligation (BA, Cambridge)
	Global Justice (BA, Cambridge)
	Ends of Action (wellbeing) (BA, Cambridge)
2011-2012	Social epistemic mechanisms (PhD seminar, LSE)

As supervisor

MPhil (research) in Philosophy, Cambridge

2012-2014	Incomparability and justified choice
	Government intervention in the economy and public goods
	A defense of Philippa Foot's natural goodness account of morality
	Combat liability in revolution. Who counts as a legitimate target?
	Genuine friendships in virtual worlds
	Toleration and reasonable disagreement
	Distributive justice in online games

PhD supervision, Cambridge

2014-2016	Marco Meyer "Justice in Global Finance" (second supervisor)
	Jens van't Klooster "The Democratic Legitimacy of the Central Bank" (second supervisor)

As class teacher

2012-2015	Political Philosophy, Ethics, and History of Philosophy (BA, Cambridge)
2007-2012	Philosophy and Public Policy, Morals and Politics, Introduction to Philosophy, Introductory Logic, and Philosophy of Mind (BA, LSE)

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Occasional refereeing	Synthese, Topoi, Philosophical Quarterly, Journal of Philosophical Research.
2018	Chair, committee on the establishment of a Politics, Philosophy and Economics degree (UiT).
2016	Co-organiser (with Tony Booth) of a conference on Trust and Belief, University of Cambridge.
2012-2015	Director of Studies (Philosophy), Robinson College, University of Cambridge. (Admissions, course selection, examinations, mentoring and pastoral care.)

- 2012-2014 Temporary Lecturer, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Cambridge.
(Syllabus design, postgraduate admissions, exam boards.)
- 2012-2013 Co-organiser (with Nicholas Vrousalis) of the Political Philosophy Workshop,
University of Cambridge.
- 2012 Acting Post Graduate Administrator, Department of Philosophy, Logic and
Scientific Method, LSE.
- 2011 Administrator, Lakatos Award in Philosophy of Science, LSE.
- 2011 Co-organiser of the Third Meeting of the Rationality and Decision Research
Network “Deliberation – Individual and Public”, LSE.
- 2010 Co-organiser of a master class on Deliberative Democracy, by John Dryzek
(ANU), LSE.
- 2010 Co-organiser of a workshop on Deliberative Democracy, LSE.

REFERENCES

Available on request.