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AREAS OF SPEALITY

Normative Ethics, Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Law

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Moral Responsibility, Metaethics, AI Ethics, Philosophy of Science

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO

2021-

PhD in Philosophy,

Dissertation: Responding to Wrongdoing: Essays on Anger, Blame, and Punishment

Committee: David Brink (co-chair), Dana Nelkin (co-chair), Saba

Bazargan-Forward, Yuan Yuan, David Wiens, Victor Tadros

2026

OXFORD UNIVERSITY

Recognized student in Philosophy; sponsor: David Enoch

2025

WARWICK UNIVERSITY

Recognized student in Law; sponsor: Victor Tadros

2018-2020

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON, BIRKBECK

MA in Philosophy

2012-2015

UNIVERSITY OF THE ARTS LONDON, CHELSEA

BA Hons in Fine Art

PUBLICATIONS

- (3) In Their Name: On the State's Standing to Hold Marginalized Offenders to Account, *Legal Theory* 31(1):74–95

2025

- (2) Modelling Objectively (co-authored with Nancy Cartwright), in: Erdbeer, R.M., Hagenmeyer, V., Stierstorfer, K. (eds) *Modelling the Energy Transition*. Palgrave Macmillan 31(1):74–95

2025

- (1) Objectivity and Intellectual Humility in Scientific Research: They're Harder Than You Think (co-authored with Nancy Cartwright), *European Review* 31(4):367–381.

2023

WORKS IN PROGRESS	Standing and Morally Protected Blame (under review)	
	Aptness and the Justification of Harmful Anger	
	Non-Preventable Attacks and Liability to Harm	
	Proportionate, Necessity, and Still Wrong? A Problem for Deterrent Punishment Under Criminogenic Injustice	
PRESENTATIONS	PROPORTIONATE, NECESSARY, AND STILL WRONG? A PROBLEM FOR DETERRENT PUNISHMENT UNDER CRIMINOGENIC INJUSTICE	
	• UC San Diego East Coast Workshop, Camden, New Jersey, US.	Oct 2026
	STANDING AND MORALLY PROTECTED BLAME	
	• 8 th Chapel Hill Normativity Conference. Montréal, CA.	Apr 2026
	• Workshop in Agency, Value, and Ethics. UC San Diego, US.	Apr 2026
	• Graduate Conference in Legal & Political Theory. Warwick Univ', UK.	Jan 2026
	IN THEIR NAME: ON THE STATE'S STANDING TO HOLD MARGINALIZED OFFENDERS TO ACCOUNT	
	• Oxford Jurisprudence Conference. Brasenose College, Oxford, UK.	Oct 2024
	• Workshop in Agency, Value, and Ethics. UC San Diego, US.	Oct 2024
	• Graduate Philosophy Colloquium. UC San Diego, US.	May 2024
	EXPLAINING ALGORITHMIC DECISIONS	
	• 28 th Meeting of the Philosophy of Science Association. Pittsburgh, US.	Nov 2024
	• Graduate Philosophy Colloquium. UC San Diego, US.	Nov 2024
SCHOLARSHIPS/ FELLOWSHIPS/ AWARDS	• Dissertation Research Fellowship, UCSD Philosophy Department	2025-2026
	• Best Graduate Student Essay, UCSD Philosophy Department	2025
	• Research Assistant Grant, <i>Two Types of Desert</i> , UCSD Senate	2024
	• Research Assistant Grant, <i>Success and Failures in Science Through the Lens of Intellectual Humility</i> , John Templeton Foundation	2022–2023
	• Travel Grant Award, National Science Foundation	2022
	• Graduate Student Fellowship, UCSD Philosophy Department	2021
	• Dean's Award (awarded to highest scoring undergraduate), Chelsea College of Art	2015
RESEARCH ASSISTANT EXPERIENCE	• Project: <i>Two Kinds of Desert</i> (PI: David Brink)	2024
	Research assistant on 'Two Types of Desert'	
	• Project: <i>Success and Failures in Science Through the Lens of Intellectual Humility</i> (PIs: Nancy Cartwright and Robin Hendry)	2022-2023
	Assisted with two co-authored papers: 'Modelling Objectively' and 'Objectively and Intellectual Humility in Scientific Research'; provided research assistance for presentations including Cartwright's 'Is Economics Queen of the Social Sciences', presented at the 27 th Schumpeter Lectures, Graz, and the Hempel Lectures, Princeton	
TEACHING	INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD	
	• Philosophy 13: Introduction to Ethics <i>metaethics, moral theory, applied ethics</i>	June 2026

LECTURES

- Phil 27: Ethics and Society I Aug 2026
Designed and taught 1 lecture on Hugh LaFollette's *Licensing Parents*
- Phil 50: Law and Society Mar 2025
Designed and taught 1 lecture on Jeremy Waldron's *The Core of the Case Against Judicial Review*

TEACHING ASSISTANT/DISCUSSION INSTRUCTOR

- Philosophy 50: Law and Society Spr 2025
Philosophical Foundations of Law: property, tort, contract, democracy and rule of law, civil liberties, judicial review
- Philosophy 28: Ethics and Society II Win 2025
Civic Engagement: free speech, voting, civil disobedience, conscientious objection
- Philosophy 27 Ethics and Society I Fall 2024
Topics in Ethical Theory: utilitarianism, communitarianism, sources of normativity, moral realism
- Philosophy 27 Ethics and Society I Sum 2024
Distributive Justice and Identity: Marx, Hayek, Rawls, Dworkin, Kymlicka.
- Philosophy 28: Ethics and Society II Spr 2023
Liberalism and Justice: Mill, Nozick, Rawls
- Philosophy 28: Ethics and Society II Win 2023
Ethics and AI: privacy, hate speech, polarization
- Philosophy 28: Ethics and Society II Fall 2022
Topics in Applied Ethics: war, compensation, immigration, vaccines
- Humanities 1: Foundations of Western Civ': Isreal and Greece Fall 2023
Homer, *The Odyssey*; *The Tanakh*; Plato, *Republic*, *Meno*; Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*; Sophocles, *Antigone*; Aristophanes, *Lysistrata*; Euripides, *Medea*.
- Humanities 1: Foundations of Western Civ': Isreal and Greece Win 2024
Homer, *The Odyssey*; *The Tanakh*; Plato, *Euthyphro*, *Apology*, *Crito*; Sophocles, *Antigone*; Aeschylus, *Prometheus Bound*; Aristophanes, *The Clouds*.
- Humanities 2: Rome, Christianity, and the Middle Ages Spr 2024
Virgil, *The Aeneid*; *The New Testament*; Ovid, *Metamorphoses*; St Augustine, *Confessions*; *The Quran*; *Arabian Nights*; Rumi, *Selected Poems*; *Beowulf*; Dante, *Divine Comedy*; Chaucer, *Canterbury Tales*

SERVICE / OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

ORGANIZATION

- Co-organizer of the UCSD Workshop in Agency, Value, and Ethics (WAVE) 2026–2027

COMMENTS

- Yishai Cohen & Travis Timmerman, *Immutable Obligations*, RoME XIX. Aug 2026
Boulder, Colorado, US.
- Yahui Chen, *Hypocrisy, Standing, and a Different Kind of Blame*, UCSD May 2026
Graduate Conference. San Diego, US.
- Edmund Tweedy Flanigan, *Why Riot? An Expressive Theory of the Justification of Rioting* (Invited commentator, PEA Soup) Jan 2026
- Alec Walen, *An Account of Blame and Guilt as the Basis for Censure and Punishment*, Workshop in Agency, Value, and Ethics, UCSD. San Mar 2025
Diego, US.
- Gunnar Bjornsson, *Rebalancing: From Distributive to Retributive Desert*. Feb 2024
Workshop in Agency, Value and Ethics, UCSD. San Diego, US.

OUTREACH

- Volunteer Instructor for Corrupt the Youth, San Diego 2023-
Designed and taught classes on distributive justice, immigration, gun regulation, drug criminalization
- OTHER
- Graduate Mentor for Incoming First Year Graduate Students, UCSD 2024

GRADUATE COURSEWORK

VALUE THEORY

- Reactive Attitudes and Responsibility Practices (Dana Nelkin and David Brink), UCSD*
- Authoritative Normativity (Lewis Williams), Oxford*
- Philosophy, Politics, and Law (David Enoch), Oxford*
- Prudence and the Personal Good (David Brink), UCSD*
- Punishment and Political Authority, (Directed Independent Study, Yuan Yuan), UCSD
- Collective Responsibility and the State, (Directed Independent Study, Saba Bazargan-Forward, UCSD
- Blame and Punishment, (Directed Independent Study, Dana Nelkin and David Brink), UCSD
- Ethics of War (Saba Bazargan-Forward and Yuan Yuan), UCSD*
- Complicity (Saba Bazargan-Forward), UCSD
- Responsibility and Justice (Richard Arneson, Dana Nelkin, and David Brink), UCSD
- Benefitting from Injustice (Richard Arneson and Saba Bazargan-Forward), UCSD
- Ethics and AI (David Danks), UCSD
- Early Modern Political Thought: Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau (Sean Ingham), UCSD

METAPHYSICS/ EPISTEMOLOGY/ MIND

- Metaphysics of Causation, (Directed Independent Study, Nancy Cartwright), UCSD
- Human Motivation (Matt Fulkerson), UCSD
- Rationality: Decision Theories for Belief and Action (Jennifer Carr), UCSD
- Foundations in Cognitive Science: Theories & Methods in the Study of Cognitive Phenomena (Seana Coulson), UCSD
- Philosophy of Mind (Alex Grzankowski), Birkbeck
- Masters' Thesis: A Contrastive Counterfactual Account of Cognitive Penetration (Alex Grzankowski), Birkbeck

HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY

- Kant: Critique of Pure Reason (Eric Watkins), UCSD
- Aristotle: Nicomachean Ethics (Christopher Shields), UCSD
- Early Greek Philosophy, Xenophanes to Democritus (Monte Johnson), UCSD

PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE & RELATED

- Philosophy and Climate Change (Karen Kovaka), UCSD
- Special Topics in Philosophy of Science: Objectivity (Nancy Cartwright), UCSD
- Philosophy and Evolution (Robert Northcott), Birkbeck
- Philosophy of Science (Alexander Bird), King's College London
- Game Theory (Sean Ingham), UCSD
- Quantitative Methods in Social Science (Juan Pablo Pardo-Guerra), UCSD

OTHER

- Introduction to Logic (Florian Steinberger), Birkbeck
- Advanced Logic (Florian Steinberger), Birkbeck
- Philosophy Proseminar (Craig Callender), UCSD

* - audit only

REFERENCES

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