

## Curriculum Vitae

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**A.O.S.:** ethics, epistemology, decision theory, political philosophy, PPE.

**A.O.C.:** applied ethics, metaethics, metaphysics, philosophy of science, logic.

### EMPLOYMENT

|                                                |           |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Princeton University                           | 2026–     |
| Louis Skolnick Postdoctoral Research Associate |           |
| University of Fribourg                         | 2025–2026 |
| Postdoctoral Researcher in Philosophy          |           |

### EDUCATION

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| New York University                                                                                           | 2019–2025 |
| PhD in Philosophy                                                                                             |           |
| Dissertation: <i>Topics in the Ethics of Risk: Prerogatives, Incompleteness, and Higher-Order Uncertainty</i> |           |
| Committee: Samuel Scheffler (chair), Cian Dorr, and Daniel Viehoff                                            |           |
| University of Oxford, Balliol College                                                                         | 2017–2019 |
| BPhil in Philosophy (with distinction)                                                                        |           |
| Thesis: <i>Deontological Population Ethics</i>                                                                |           |
| Supervisors: Ralf Bader and Roger Crisp                                                                       |           |
| Bowdoin College                                                                                               | 2013–2017 |
| BA in Philosophy ( <i>summa cum laude</i> , minor in Government & Legal Studies)                              |           |
| Thesis: <i>From Equality to Democracy</i>                                                                     |           |
| Advisor: Kristi Olson                                                                                         |           |

### RESEARCH

“Prerogatives Under Risk”  
*Free & Equal* (forthcoming)

“Opaque Options” (with Kacper Kowalczyk)  
*Philosophical Studies* 181 (2024): 1837–1849. DOI: 10.1007/s11098-024-02134-6

“Ethics Without Epistemic Internalism”  
Under review (R&R at *The Philosophical Review*)

## PRESENTATIONS

### “Composing Constraints”

Panel on Deontology and Risk. PPE Society Conference.

July 2026

### “Ethics without Epistemic Internalism”

Workshop on Risk and Uncertainty in Ethics. University of Leeds.

April 2026

Formal Philosophy Group. Princeton University.

February 2025

Graduate Work in Progress Group. New York University.

November 2024

Ethics and Political Philosophy Colloquium. University of Fribourg.

February 2024

### “Incomparability and Social Risk”

Decision Theory Workshop. University of Fribourg.

April 2024

### “Prerogatives under Risk”

The Joint Session of the Arist. Soc. and the Mind Assoc. (Grad Session).

July 2023

Yale Early Career Ethics Conference. Yale University.

April 2023

Varieties of Risk Conference. University of Stirling.

March 2023

MANCEPT. University of Manchester.

September 2022

### “Anti-anti-future-bias”

Graduate Work in Progress Group. New York University.

November 2019

### “Equality, Pareto, and freedom of occupational choice”

Warwick Graduate Conference. University of Warwick.

February 2018

### “Reductive Individualism, Combined Justification, and Complicitious Liability”

MANCEPT. University of Manchester.

September 2017

## TEACHING

### As primary instructor (at NYU):

Epistemology

Summer 2024

Metaethics

Summer 2022

### As teaching assistant (at NYU):

Texts & Ideas: The Meaning of Life (primary instructor: Jessica Moss)

Spring 2023

Ethics (primary instructor: Sanford Diehl)

Fall 2022

Ethics & Society (primary instructor: Sophia Dandeleit)

Spring 2022

Political Philosophy (primary instructor: Daniel Viehoff)

Fall 2021

NYU Teaching Certificate, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

Fall 2023

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

### Journal Referee

*The Journal of Philosophy*, *Noûs*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* (2), *Philosophical Studies* (3),  
*The Philosophical Quarterly*.

## University of Fribourg

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| Organized the “Liberty, Equality, and Utility” Annual Workshop | 2026    |
| Co-organized “Liberty, Equality, and Utility” Reading Group    | 2025-26 |

## New York University

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| Co-organized department lunch talks        | 2023–25 |
| Co-organized graduate colloquia            | 2022–23 |
| Co-organized decision theory reading group | 2022    |
| Co-organized climate committee             | 2021–23 |
| Co-organized prospective student visit     | 2021    |
| Co-organized department colloquia          | 2020–21 |

## FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AWARDS

|                                                                    |            |
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| MacCracken Fellowship, New York University                         | 2019–2024  |
| AI and Data Ethics Summer School, Northeastern University          | 2023       |
| International Strategy Forum, Schmidt Futures                      | 2022       |
| Forethought Fellowship, Forethought Foundation                     | 2021, 2022 |
| Early Career Conference Program, Global Priorities Institute       | 2021       |
| Clarendon Fellowship, University of Oxford (declined)              | 2019       |
| Phillip W. Cummings Prize in Philosophy, Bowdoin College           | 2017       |
| Alan M. Christenfeld Fellowship in the Humanities, Bowdoin College | 2016       |
| Phi Beta Kappa, Bowdoin College                                    | 2016       |

## SELECTED GRADUATE COURSEWORK (\* = audited)

|                                                                                       |           |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Attachment and Detachment in Ethics (Samuel Scheffler and Sharon Street)              | NYU       |
| Truthmaker Semantics (Kit Fine)                                                       | NYU       |
| Higher-Order Epistemology (Jim Pryor)                                                 | NYU       |
| Philosophy of Action (David Velleman)                                                 | NYU       |
| Metaethics (Sharon Street)                                                            | NYU       |
| Compassion in the History of Ethics (Anja Jauernig)                                   | NYU       |
| Advanced Logic (Cian Dorr)                                                            | NYU       |
| Discrimination* (Daniel Viehoff)                                                      | NYU       |
| Ethics* (Samuel Scheffler)                                                            | NYU       |
| Rawls and Race* (Samuel Scheffler)                                                    | NYU       |
| Metaphysics* (Cian Dorr)                                                              | NYU       |
| Probability and Decision* (Cian Dorr and Hartry Field)                                | NYU       |
| Bayesian Epistemology* (Snow Zhang)                                                   | NYU       |
| Heterodox Decision Theory* (Lara Buchak)                                              | Princeton |
| Normative Ethics: <i>Weighing Goods</i> and <i>Weighing Lives</i> * (Jake Nebel)      | Princeton |
| Problems of Risk in Law and Society* (Johann Frick, Lara Buchak, and Renée Jorgensen) | Princeton |
| Advanced Seminar in Ethics* (Larry Temkin)                                            | Rutgers   |
| Rights* (Alex Guerrero and Francis Kamm)                                              | Rutgers   |
| Topics in Ethics (Hilary Greaves and Teru Thomas)                                     | Oxford    |
| Defensive Harm (Jeff McMahan)                                                         | Oxford    |
| Population Ethics (Jeff McMahan)                                                      | Oxford    |

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| Population Ethics (Ralf Bader)                                 | Oxford |
| F.H. Bradley's Ethics (Roger Crisp and Terence Irwin)          | Oxford |
| Political Philosophy (Cécile Fabre and Thomas Sinclair)        | Oxford |
| Causation (Simona Aimar and Alex Kaiserman)                    | Oxford |
| Topics in Metaphysics* (Timothy Williamson and Alex Kaiserman) | Oxford |
| Feminism and the Future* (Amia Srinivasan and Sophie Smith)    | Oxford |

## REFERENCES

Samuel Scheffler  
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