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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Philosophy, Politics, and Economics
Moral Responsibility
Scottish Enlightenment (especially Hume and Smith)

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Moral Psychology
Social Epistemology
Applied Ethics (especially Research & Business Ethics)
Game Theory & Social Choice Theory

EMPLOYMENT

2024 –	Associate Professor	Philosophy Department & Smith Institute for Political Economy and Philosophy Chapman University
2017 –	R.C. Hoiles Endowed Chair in Business Ethics & Free Enterprise	Argyros College of Business and Economics Chapman University
2016 – 2024	Assistant Professor	Philosophy Department & Smith Institute for Political Economy and Philosophy Chapman University
2015 – 2018	Research Fellow	Centre for Ethical Leadership
	Honorary Fellow	School of Historical and Philosophical Studies University of Melbourne
2015 – 2016	Junior Research Fellow & Leading Tutor for Philosophy, Politics, and Economics	Ormond College University of Melbourne

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Philosophy, *University of Arizona*, 2015
M.A., Economics, *Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey*, 2015
A.B., Philosophy (with Honors), *Brown University*, 2008

EDITORIAL POSITIONS

PPE Section Editor, *Philosophy Compass*, 2019 – present
Advisory Board Member, *Social Theory and Practice*, 2023 – present

PUBLICATIONS

12. "Smith on Ideal and Non-Ideal Theory" *The Smithian Mind* (ed. Nir Ben-Moshe, Remy Debes, and Michelle Schwarze), forthcoming
11. "Pursuing Social Progress: The Question of Orientation" with Ryan Muldoon and David Wiens, *Economics & Philosophy*, Published online 2026:1-26. doi:10.1017/S0266267126100698
10. "Associative Responsibility and the Possibility of Blameworthiness Without Culpability," *Social Theory and Practice*, 51(3), 2025, 351 – 386
9. "Does (mis)communication mitigate the upshot of diversity?" with Ryan Muldoon and Alex Schaefer, *PLoS One*, 18(3): e0283248, 2023
8. "Adam Smith and the Creative Role of Imagination," with Brennan McDavid, in Alberto Burgio (ed.) *Adam Smith and Modernity: 1723 - 2023*, Routledge, 2023, 109 – 127
7. "Hume's Politics and Four Dimensions of Realism," with John Thrasher, *Journal of Politics*, 84(2), 2022
6. "Smithian Sympathy and the Emergence of Norms," with John Thrasher, *Philosophy & Phenomenological Research*, 105(3), 2022, 638 – 656
5. "Game Theory and Ethics," with Peter Vanderschraff, *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, 2021
4. "Positional Goods and Upstream Agency," with Daniel Halliday, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, 98(2), 2019, 279 – 293
3. "Searching for the Ideal: The Fundamental Diversity Dilemma," with Jerry Gaus, in Kevin Vallier and Michael Weber (eds.), *Political Utopias*, Oxford University Press, 2017, 175 – 202
2. "Adam Smith's Intriguing Solution to the Problem of Moral Luck," *Ethics*, 126(3), 2016, 711 – 746
1. "When Justice Demands Inequality" with John Thrasher, *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, 12(2), 2015, 172 – 194

BOOK REVIEWS

2. "Review of Paul Sagar's *Adam Smith Reconsidered: History, Liberty, and the Foundations of Modern Politics*," *Independent Review*, 28 (1), 2023
1. "Review of John Tomasi's *Free Market Fairness*," *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, 11 (6), 2014, 769 – 772

WORKING PAPERS

10. *Routledge Companion to Philosophy and Game Theory* (w/ John Thrasher), Book Manuscript solicited by Routledge Philosophy Acquisitions Editor
9. "Scaling the Impartial Spectator" (w/ Kirun Sankaran), commissioned for edited volume associated with NYU Law School Colloquium on Adam Smith and the Law
8. "The Demigod Within the Breast: Reflections on Ben-Moshe's (over)-idealization of the moral point of view" committed to symposium in *Adam Smith Review*
7. "Reconsidering the Case for Property-Owning Democracy" revise and resubmit at *Economics & Philosophy*
6. "Four Dimensions of Realism in Normative Political Theory" (w/ John Thrasher)
5. "When Are Cycles Meaningful? Political Realignment, Social Choice, and the Trade-off Between

Utilizing and Imputing Information”

4. “Aristotelian Magnanimity and the Demands of Representing a Public”
3. “A Society for the Individual? Searching for the Core of Classical Liberalism in Hayek and Humboldt”
2. “Evaluating the Impact of the Alaska Native Regional Corporations on Native Welfare”
1. “Who Does Data Really Belong To?”

INVITED TALKS & PRESENTATIONS

53. “Aristotelian Magnanimity and the (Inegalitarian) Demands of Representing a Public” PPE Society Meeting, November 2025
52. “Why responsibility must extend beyond culpability (and why this shouldn’t worry us)” PPE Society Meeting, November 2025
51. “Pursuing Social Progress: The Question of Orientation” Benson Center for Western Civilization, University of Colorado, Boulder, April 2025
50. “Pursuing Social Progress: The Question of Orientation” Population Wellbeing Initiative, University of Texas, Austin, April 2025
49. “Idealization and Practical Normative Guidance in Smith’s Ethics and Politics” International Adam Smith Society Meeting, March 2025
48. “Why responsibility must extend beyond culpability (and why this shouldn’t worry us)” Brown University PPE Workshop, March 2025
47. “Four Dimensions of Realism in Normative Political Theory” PPE Society Meeting, November 2024
46. “Four Dimensions of Realism in Normative Political Theory” Georgetown Institute for the Study of Markets and Ethics, October 2024
45. “Pursuing Social Progress: The Question of Orientation” PPE Society Meeting, November 2023
44. “Comments on Ben-Moshe’s *Idealization and the Moral Point of View*” Smith, Ferguson, and Witherspoon at 300, St. Andrews University, July 2023
43. “Modeling the Diversity Dilemma” Department of Political Economy and Moral Sciences, University of Arizona, April 2023
42. “Does (mis)Communication Mitigate the Benefit of Diversity?” Quantum Photonics Fireside Chat, April 2023
41. “Modeling the Diversity Dilemma” Jepson School of Leadership, University of Richmond, January 2023
40. “Does Diversity Trump Ability in the Lab?” PPE Society Meeting, November 2022
39. “Does (mis)Communication Mitigate the Benefit of Diversity?” Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, April 2022
38. “Adam Smith and the Creative Role of Imagination,” Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, April 2022
37. “When Are Cycles Meaningful?” Bowling Green Conference on Applied Ethics and Public Policy, April 2022
36. “Who Does Data Really Belong To?” PPE Society Meeting, February 2022
35. “Role Models and the Positional Character of Opportunity,” MANCEPT (online), September 2020

34. "Social Choice and the Trade-off Between Utilizing and Imputing Information," Philosophy Department, University at Buffalo, September 2019
33. "Social Choice and the Trade-off Between Utilizing and Imputing Information," Oxford Conference on Collective Intentions and Voting, July 2019
32. "Who Does Data Really Belong To?" Harvard Business School Conference on Business Ethics in a Digital Age, April 2019
31. "Modeling the Costs and Benefits of Perspectival Diversity," PPE Society Meeting, March 2019
30. "Assessing the Impact of the ANCSA Corporations on the Welfare of Alaskan Natives," Hoover Institute Conference on Indigenous Economies, September 2018
29. "Modeling the Costs of Perspectival Diversity (*to better appreciate its benefits*)," CSU Sacramento Center for Practical and Professional Ethics, September 2018
28. "The Puzzle of Hume's Politics," 45th Annual Hume Society Conference, July 2018
27. "Social Choice and the Trade-off Between Utilizing and Imputing Information," PPE Society Meeting, March 2018
26. "Smithian Sympathy and Norm Convergence," International Adam Smith Society Chile Conference, January 2018
25. "Information, Independence, and Social Choice," Mont Pelerin Society Special Meeting, November 2017
24. "Information, Independence, and Social Choice," Australasian Association of Philosophy, July 2017
23. "Productivity and Self-Respect in a Growing Economy," Association for Private Enterprise Education, April 2017
22. "A Liability Model of Moral Responsibility," Philosophy Department, University of Maryland, College Park, February 2017
21. "Reaping the Benefits of Diversity" & "Accidents, Apologies, and Cooperation in Uncertain Environments," Southern Economic Association, November 2016
20. "Productivity and Self-Respect in a Growing Economy," Mont Pelerin Society Meeting, September 2016
19. "Comments on McHugh 'Comparing Smith and Hume on Sympathy'," International Hume Society Conference, July 2016
18. "Some Ethical Puzzles Related to Economic Growth," Australasian Association of Philosophy, July 2016
17. "A Liability Model of Moral Responsibility," Philosophy Department, University of Melbourne, May 2016
16. "The Case for Property-Owning Democracy?" Philosophy Department, Monash University, May 2016
15. "A Liability Model of Moral Responsibility," Philosophy Department, University of Queensland, March 2016
14. "Responsibility Without Culpability," Georgetown Institute for the Study of Markets and Ethics, January 2016
13. "Diversity, Disagreement, and the Search for Better States of Affairs," Centre for Moral, Social, and Political Theory, Australian National University, November 2015
12. "The Opaque Sources of Blame and Responsibility," Philosophy Department, Australian National University, October 2015

11. "The Opaque Sources of Blame and Responsibility," Australasian Association of Philosophy, July 2015
10. "Pulling Apart the Evaluative and Prescriptive Dimensions of Blame," poster presentation at Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, August 2014
9. "Smithian Sympathy and Norm Convergence," Association for Private Enterprise Education, April 2014
8. "Searching for the Ideal, and Feasible Paths to It," (w/ Jerry Gaus), PPE Workshop, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, April 2014
7. "The Case Against Property-Owning Democracy," Cox Business School, Southern Methodist University, October 2013
6. "A Non-Aspirational Role for Ideal Theory," Association for Political Theory Annual Meeting, October 2013
5. "A Critical Perspective on Property-Owning Democracy," IHS Summer Research Fellow Workshop, August 2013
4. "Public Reason Liberalism and Institutional Justice," Association for Private Enterprise Education, April 2013
3. "Idealization, Institutional Recommendations, and the Distinction Between Political Philosophy and Political Theory," Southern Economics Association, New Orleans, November 2012
2. "Adam Smith and Our Irregular Sentiments," North Sea Early Modern Workshop on Moral Psychology in the Scottish Enlightenment, October 2010
1. "The Role of Idealization in Normative Political Theory," Brown University, June 2009

COURSES TAUGHT

Chapman

10. Moonshots and Epic Fails, *Chapman University*
Co-taught freshman seminar that explores the conditions that make innovation possible and what the social ramifications of technological change are.
9. Life Through the Eyes of the Nobel Laureates, *Chapman University*
Co-taught seminar that puts the work of literature laureates in conversation with the work of economics laureates. Each week focuses on an insight, method, or technique for which a Nobel prize in economics was awarded, and then explores that idea through a combination of short stories, plays, and films written by the literature laureates and the Nobel lectures given by the economics laureates.
8. Diversity: What Is It and Why Does It Matter? *Chapman University*
Seminar for advanced philosophy majors exploring a number of epistemic and ethical questions related to diversity with an emphasis on the role that diversity plays in science and politics.
7. Nobel Savages and Free Citizens, *Chapman University*
Co-taught seminar exploring themes from Rousseau's work alongside anthropological work on early states and Lampedusa's novel *The Leopard* and Vargas Llosa's *The Storyteller*.
6. Markets and Morality, *Chapman University*
Co-taught freshman seminar exploring the benefits of markets, the things that make flourishing markets possible, and the social problems that markets exacerbate, encourage, or help to alleviate.
5. Business Ethics, *Chapman University*

Lecture course exploring issues in business ethics with an emphasis on why good people and good organizations sometimes do bad things.

4. Adam Smith and the Morality of Markets, *Chapman University*
Co-taught seminar exploring the relationship between Adam Smith's seminal works.
3. Exchange and the Human Condition, *Chapman University*
Co-taught freshman seminar exploring questions about economic growth, human well-being, and inequality through social scientific texts and literature.
2. Political Philosophy, *Chapman University*
Small lecture course exploring classic works in political philosophy from Hobbes to Rawls.
1. Games and Decisions, *Chapman University*
Small lecture course examining issues related to decision making in individual, strategic, and group contexts.

Other Institutions

5. Inequality: Moral, Political, and Economic Perspectives, *Ormond College*
Intensive seminar exploring normative and empirical issues related to various kinds of inequality.
4. The Ethics and Economics of Wealth Creation, *Ormond College*
Intensive seminar exploring the social preconditions for successful markets, the benefits of functioning markets, and some of the ethical problems that arise in markets.
3. Economics Through the Eyes of the Nobel Laureates, *Ormond College*
Lecture series introducing attendees to the ideas and methods that have shaped modern economics by exploring the work of some of the Nobel Laureates in Economics
2. The Social Contract, *University of Arizona*
Medium sized lecture course exploring classic texts from the social contract tradition, using tools from game theory and experimental economics to illuminate the texts.
1. The Ethics and Economics of Wealth Creation, *Rutgers*
Graduate seminar w/ substantial lecture and discussion components exploring the foundations of growth and prosperity.

Professional Education

2. Program Director, Leadership and Ethics Colloquium, *Monash Business School*
Ran and taught an intensive 4 day workshop on social psychology, ethics, and organizational decision-making for 25 eMBA students.
1. Instructor and Workshop Facilitator for *Centre for Ethical Leadership*
Taught courses on ethics, social psychology, organizational leadership, and decision making, and facilitated workshops for senior executives in military, corporate, and public service organizations including the Australian Defence Force, Victoria, Queensland, and New South Wales Police, Commonwealth Bank, Rio Tinto, BHP Billiton, Qantas, University of Western Australia, University of Melbourne, St. Vincent's, Alfred, and Maitland Hospitals, and the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

10. *Secretary-Treasurer*, International Adam Smith Society (2026 – present)
9. *Undergraduate Academic Committee*, Chapman University (2025 – present)

8. *Coordinator, Philosophy Department Colloquium and Works in Progress Series* (2016 – present)
7. *Faculty Senator, Chapman University* (2023 – 2025)
6. *Lead Organizer, International Adam Smith Society Conference* (hosted at Chapman University, January 2019)
5. *Member of Freshman Foundations Development Committee, Wilkinson College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences* (2016 – 2017)
4. *Referee* – American Political Science Review; Journal of Social Philosophy; Independent Review; Journal of Moral Philosophy; Politics, Philosophy, and Economics; Philosophical Quarterly; Social Theory and Practice; Philosophical Studies; Journal of the History of Economics; Journal of Economics & Behavioral Organization; European Journal of Philosophy; Social Philosophy & Policy; Episteme; Synthese; Economics and Philosophy; Australasian Journal of Philosophy; Southern Journal of Philosophy; Journal of Business Ethics
3. *Professional Member of Human Research Ethics Committee, St. Vincent's Hospital, Fitzroy, VIC* (2015 – 2016)
2. *Coordinator of Current Research Workshop Series, Center for the Philosophy of Freedom, University of Arizona* (2010 – 2011)
1. *Organizer of Freedom Center Brown Bag Series, Center for Philosophy of Freedom, University of Arizona* (2008 – 2011)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

Australasian Association of Philosophy; American Philosophical Association; Southern Economic Association; American Political Science Association; Association for Political Theory; International Adam Smith Society The Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society; Midwest Political Science Association