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RESEARCH

Areas of Specialization	AI ethics; practical ethics; normative ethics
Areas of Competence	experimental philosophy; philosophy of mind

EDUCATION

DPhil in Philosophy ⏐ University of Oxford   2025 (expected)
- Dissertation: *Artificial (non-sentient) Moral Agency*
- Supervisors: Carissa Véliz, Alison Hills
- Affiliations: Institute for Ethics in AI (Oxford), Oxford BioXPhi Lab, Machine Intelligence and Normative Theory Lab (ANU)

MPhil in Philosophy ⏐ University of Cambridge   2021
- Grade: pass with distinction
- Thesis: *The Right to Create Future Generations*

MA in Medieval Icelandic Studies ⏐ University of Iceland   2020
- Grade: first class
- Thesis: *Is Njáll a Compatibilist? Aristotelian Voluntary Action in Njáls Saga*

BA in Philosophy Public Policy, Economics (minor) ⏐ Duke University   2019
- GPA: 3.94/4.00 (magna cum laude); highest distinction in philosophy
- Thesis: *Moral Luck and Responsibility*

PUBLICATIONS

Case Study: Lockdowns   Under Contract
part of the "Liberty" chapter in *Issues in Political Theory*
Oxford University Press

Recent Experimental Work on 'Ought' Implies 'Can' (with P. Henne)   2019
Philosophy Compass, available here

Against some Recent Arguments for 'Ought' Implies 'Can': Reasons, Deliberation, Trying, and Furniture (with P. Henne, V. Chituc, F. De Brigard, & W. Sinnott-Armstrong)   2019
Philosophia, available here

TALKS

Locating Consciousness in Moral Agency
- Machine Intelligence and Normative Theory Lab | *Australian National University (virtual)* 2023

AI and Moral Agency (experimental philosophy project)
- European Experimental Philosophy Conference | *University of Zurich* 2023
- Moral Psychology of AI Conference | *University of Kent* 2023
- Oxford BioXPhi Lab | *University of Oxford* 2023

Types of Artificial Moral Agency
- DPhil Seminar | *University of Oxford* 2023
- Philosophy, AI, and Society (PAIS) Doctoral Colloquium | *University of Oxford* 2023

Can AI be a Genuine Source of Moral Action?
- DPhil Seminar | *University of Oxford* 2023

Artificial Non-sentient Moral Agency
- AAAI/ACM Conference on Artificial Intelligence, Ethics, and Society (AIES) Student Track Program | *University of Oxford* 2022
- DPhil Seminar | *University of Oxford* 2022

People Infer Temporal Order and Causal Structure from Causal Judgments (experimental philosophy project)
- European Experimental Philosophy Conference | *University of Granada* 2022
- Society for Philosophy and Psychology & European Society for Philosophy and Psychology (SPP & ESPP) Joint Conference | *University of Milan* 2022
- Postgraduate Seminar | *University of Cambridge* 2021

Against the Epistemic Response to Moral Luck
- Free Will, Moral Responsibility, and Agency Graduate Conference | *Florida State University (virtual)* 2021

TEACHING

Lectures (primary instructor)
- Moral Agency in Nonhumans (co-taught with Virginie Simoneau-Gilbert) | *University of Oxford* 2024

Oxford-style tutorials (primary instructor)
- Ethics of AI and Digital Technology 2022-23
- Why Be Good? An Introduction to Ethics 2022-23
- Ethical Computing in Practice 2023
- AI Ethics and Public Health 2023
- AI Ethics and Warfare 2023
- Ethics 2023

Seminar Leader
- Why Be Good? An Introduction to Ethics | *Exeter College Summer Programme, Oxford*   2023

Teaching Assistantships (University of Oxford)
- Ethics | *Jean Baccelli*   2022-23
- Moral Philosophy | *Jean Baccelli, Milo Phillips-Brown*   2022-23
- Ethical Computing in Practice | *Milo Phillips-Brown*   2022

Marker
- Ethical Computing in Practice   2023

Other Teaching
- Paradoxes: An Exploration of Problems in Philosophy and Beyond | *Duke University*   2018-19
- Volunteer high school tutor | *CHANCE Tutoring | Durham, NC*   2015-19
- Freelance philosophy tutor (metaphysics, political philosophy) | *virtual*   2017
- K-12 academic tutor | *Turning Point Tutoring | Chappaqua, NY*   2013-16

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Seminar & Discussion Moderator
- Weidenfeld-Hoffmann Trust Leadership Programme | *University of Oxford*   2023
- Sci-Fi and Philosophy Discussion | *Oxford University Speculative Fiction Group*   2022

Presentations & Exhibitions
- The Moral Mind (exhibition) | *Art & Science Exhibition for Brain Awareness Week, Oxford University Museum of Natural History*   2023
- Making Moral Machines (presentation) | *Oxford University Computer Society & Hertford Politics and Economics Society*   2022
- What Does the Future Hold for Humanity? (panelist)| *Reuben College Insights Festival*   2022
- AI in the Moral Community (presentation) | *Student Talks at the Museum of Natural History, Reuben College, Oxford*   2022
- Experimental Philosophy (presentation) | *Student Talks at the Museum of Natural History, Reuben College, Oxford*   2022
- Project Vox (presentation) | *Bass Connections Symposium, Duke University*   2019

Podcasts
- Interviewed on *The Philosopher's Nest* | listen here   2022

Writing

- An Undergraduate's Perspective on Project Vox | *Revealing Voices*   2019
  Blog Series, Project Vox | read here

AWARDS

- Oxford-Reuben Graduate Scholarship (full fees and living expenses for   2021-24
  the DPhil) | *Reuben College, Oxford*
- Global Priorities Fellowship (£5,000) | *Forethought Foundation*   2022
- Early Career Conference Program | *Global Priorities Institute, Oxford*   2022
- Kate Bertram Prize (£100) | *Lucy Cavendish College, Cambridge*   2021
- American Friends of Cambridge University Studentship Award (£2,500) | 2020
  Lucy Cavendish College, Cambridge
- Phi Beta Kappa Society | *Duke University*   2019

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Research Assistantships
- Milo Phillips-Brown (ethics of technology) | *University of Oxford*   2022-23
- Project Vox (PI: Andrew Janiak & Liz Milewicz) | *Duke University*   2018-19
- Moral Attitudes and Decision-Making Lab (PI: Walter   2016-19
  Sinnott-Armstrong) | *Duke University*

Internships
- Research Programs Intern | *National Endowment for the Humanities,*   2018
  Washington, D.C.

SERVICE

Conferences
- Session Chair | *Oxford Graduate Philosophy Conference*   2023
- Reviewer | *Oxford Graduate Philosophy Conference*   2023
- Organizing Committee Member | *Oxford Graduate Philosophy Conference*   2022
- Assistant | *Responsibility and Autonomy in Artificial Intelligence Conference,*   2022
  University of Oxford
- Session Chair | *Cambridge Graduate Conference on the Philosophy of*   2021
  Mathematics and Logic, University of Cambridge
- Organizing Committee Member | *Háskóli Íslands Student Conference on the*   2020
  Medieval North, University of Iceland (cancelled due to COVID-19)

Representation
- Women & Gender Minorities Graduate Philosophy Representative | 2023-24
  University of Oxford
- Graduate Director for Ethics and Values | *Reuben College, Oxford*   2022-24

Additional Service

- Philosophy Undergraduate Admissions Interviewer | *Jesus College, Oxford*   2021-23
- Consent Workshop Facilitator | *Reuben College, Oxford*   2023
- Tutorial Teacher | *PPE UNIQ Summer School*   2023
- Judge | *Ethics Cup (formerly John Stuart Mill Cup)*   2021

SKILLS

Basic proficiency in HTML and CSS