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APPOINTMENTS

- 2022 – **Professor**, Department of Philosophy, The University of Warwick
2019 – 2022 **Associate Professor**, Department of Philosophy, The University of Warwick
2015 – 2020 **Assistant Professor**, Department of Philosophy, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
2013 – 2015 **Lecturer**, Department of Philosophy, Universität Bayreuth

VISITING POSITIONS

- 2024 – 2025 **Visiting Research Professor**, Murphy Institute, Tulane University

EDUCATION

- 2009 – 2013 **PhD: Philosophy**, [The Paradox of Exploitation](#), London School of Economics
Supervisors: Alex Voorhoeve, Richard Bradley, Michael Otsuka
2007 – 2008 **MSc: Philosophy of Social Science**, London School of Economics
2002 – 2006 **BSBA: Economics, Philosophy**, Creighton University

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- 2024 [Exploitation: Perspectives from Philosophy, Politics, and Economics](#), (with Matt Zwolinski) Oxford: Oxford University Press.
2022 [The Routledge Companion to Libertarianism](#), (with Matt Zwolinski) Abingdon: Routledge.

Articles

- FORTHCOMING What Exploitation Is, (with Peter H. Matthews, David Ronayne, and Roberto Veneziani) *American Journal of Political Science*.
Altruism or Exploitation? Rethinking the Ethics of Unpaid Lay Community Health Workers in Sub-Saharan Africa. The Case of Zambia, (with Golden Mwinsa and Frances Griffiths) *Journal of Bioethical Inquiry*
[International Bioethics, Ubuntu, and HIV Testing in Sub-Sahara Africa: An Evaluation of Zambia's HIV Testing Policy](#), (with Golden Mwinsa, Kasoka Kasoka, and Frances Griffiths) *Journal of Medical Ethics*.
2025 [Exploitation as Domination?](#), (with Roberto Veneziani) *Analysis*, 85(2): 545–558.
[Moderate Structural Exploitation](#), (with Lavender McKittrick-Sweitzer) *Journal of Applied Philosophy*, 42(5): 1454–1475.
[Exploitation's Grounding Problem](#), *Economics & Philosophy*, 41(2): 357–375.
2021 [Are We All Exploiters?](#) *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 103(3): 535–546.
[Territorial Rights and Colonial Wrongs](#), (with Roberto Veneziani) *European Journal of Philosophy*, 29(2): 425–446.
[Why Buy Local?](#), (with Christopher Thompson) *Journal of Applied Philosophy*, 38 (1): 104–120.

- A Dilemma for Permissibility-based Solutions to the Paradox of Supererogation, (with Marina Uzunova) *Analysis*, 80(4): 723–731.
- 2020 [Bettersness of Permissibility](#), (with Sebastian Köhler) *Philosophical Studies*, 177(9): 2451–2469.
- [Virtues, Consequences, and the Market](#), *Erasmus Journal for Philosophy and Economics*, 13(1): 19–29.
- 2018 [The Value of Robustness: Promotion or Protection?](#), *Moral Philosophy and Politics*, 5(1): 9–27.
- [On Love’s Robustness](#), *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, 21(4): 915–925.
- [Sweatshops and Consumer Choices](#), (with Florian Ostmann) *Economics & Philosophy*, 34(3): 295–315.
- [Can Libertarians Get Away With Fraud?](#), *Economics & Philosophy*, 34(2): 165–184.
- 2016 [The Paradox of Exploitation](#), *Erkenntnis*, 81(5): 951–972.
- [Exploitation and Disadvantage](#), *Economics & Philosophy*, 32(3): 485–509.
- 2012 [Kant on Duty in the Groundwork](#), *Res Publica*, 18(4): 303–319.

Book Chapters and Encyclopedia Entries

- FORTHCOMING [Restitution after Conquest, Colonialism, and Territorial Acquisition](#), (With Jason Lee Byas) *Springer Global Encyclopedia of Territorial Rights*.
- 2024 [Introduction](#), (with Matt Zwolinski) in *Exploitation*, Ed. Benjamin Ferguson and Matt Zwolinski. Oxford: Oxford University Press: 1–10.
- 2022 [Exploitation](#), (with Matt Zwolinski) *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* Ed. Edward N. Zalta & Uri Nodelman.
- [Introduction](#), (with Matt Zwolinski), in *Routledge Companion to Libertarianism*, Ed. Matt Zwolinski and Benjamin Ferguson. London: Routledge: 1–9.
- [Colonialism and Territorial Rights](#), in *Routledge Companion to Libertarianism*, Ed. Matt Zwolinski and Benjamin Ferguson. London: Routledge: 401–413.
- 2021 [Exploitation and Consumption](#), in *Routledge Handbook of Philosophy of Economics*, Ed. Conrad Heilmann and Julian Reiss. London: Routledge.
- 2018 [Exploitation](#), (with Hillel Steiner) in *The Oxford Handbook of Distributive Justice*, Ed. Serena Olsaretti. Oxford: Oxford University Press: 533–555.
- [Exploitation](#), in *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*, Ed. William Thompson. New York: Oxford University Press.
- [Exploitation and Labour](#), in *The Routledge Companion to Business Ethics*, Ed. Eugene Heath, Byron Kaldis, and Alexei Marcoux. London: Routledge: 490–505.

Reviews and Shorter Pieces

- FORTHCOMING Political Economy in Africa: Contemporary Issues, (with Katherine Furman) *Review of Social Economy*.
- 2024 [Exploitation as Domination: What Makes Capitalism Unjust](#), by Nicholas Vrousalis, *Ethics* 135(1): 217–222.
- [How to Pool Risks Across Generations: The Case for Collective Pensions](#), by Michael Otsuka, *Erasmus Journal for Philosophy and Economics* 17(1).
- 2021 [On Trade Justice: A Philosophical Plea for a New Global Deal](#), by Mathias Risse and Gabriel Wollner, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 24(4): 1069–1071.
- 2019 [An Introduction to Moral Philosophy](#), by Jonathan Wolff, *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, 16(6): 781–784.
- [Exploitation and the Social Economy](#), (with Nicholas Vrousalis) *Review of Social Economy*, 77(2): 91–93.
- 2018 [Exploitation](#), (with Roberto Veneziani) *Economics & Philosophy*, 34(3): 291–294.

PRESENTATIONS

- BIOETHICS **International Bioethics, Ubuntu, and HIV Testing in Sub-Sahara Africa**
African Bioethics Workshop, Stellenbosch University, 2025
- EXPLOITATION **Dignity-based solutions to the Paradox of Exploitation**
Exploitation and Social Inequality, University of Gothenburg, 2025
8th PPE Society Conference, New Orleans, 2024
- What Exploitation Is: The Philosophers' View**
Philosophy Department Seminar, University of Stellenbosch, 2025
Murphy Institute Philosophy Seminar, Tulane University, 2025
Choice Group, LSE, 2024
Philosophy Department Seminar, University of Durham, 2024
Warwick - Konstanz Behavioural Economics Workshop, Konstanz, 2023
6th PPE Society Conference, New Orleans, 2022
- Exploitation's Grounding Problem**
CELPA, University of Warwick, 2024
Research Seminar Series in Philosophy, Umeå University, 2023
3rd Practical Philosophy Conference, Society for Practical Philosophy, Turkey, 2022
Conference in Honour of Hillel Steiner's 80th Birthday, University of Manchester, 2022
MANCEPT: A Unified Theory of Exploitation?, University of Manchester, 2021
Exploitation Workshop, Essex, 2021
- Are We All Exploiters?**
New Work Workshop, Frankfurt School of Finance and Management, 2019
Department Colloquium, VU Amsterdam, 2018
MANCEPT: Exploitation, University of Manchester, 2011
Graduate Conference in Political Theory, Warwick University, 2011
- Bargaining Based Fairness**
3rd PPE Society Meeting, New Orleans, 2019
MANCEPT: New Ideas in Economic Justice, University of Manchester, 2017
OZSW Conference, University of Groningen, 2016
Radical Exploitation Workshop, Humboldt University, 2016
EIPE Research Seminar, Erasmus University Rotterdam, 2016

Political Philosophy Workshop, Universität Bayreuth, 2013
IV Meetings on Ethics and Political Philosophy, University of Minho, 2013
Institute of Philosophy Spring Graduate Conference, University of London, 2013
Brave New World Conference, University of Manchester, 2010

The Paradox of Exploitation

Creative Studios Philosophy Festival, University of Warsaw, 2023
EIPE Research Seminar, Erasmus University Rotterdam, 2015
Ethics of Economic Institutions, Utrecht University, 2015
Philosophy Seminar Series, ENS Lyon, 2014
Eighth European Conference of Analytic Philosophy, University of Bucharest, 2014
Seminar Series, Institute of Philosophy, Slovak Academy of Sciences, 2014
MANCEPT: Exploitation, University of Manchester, 2013
Department Retreat, LSE, 2011

Sweatshops and Consumer Choices

UCLU UNICEF Panel, UCL, 2017
Non-ideal Justice Workshop, University of Amsterdam, 2017
Exploitation Workshop II, QMUL, 2015
Practical Philosophy Colloquium, VU Amsterdam, 2015
Exploitation Workshop I, QMUL, 2014

Exploitation and Disadvantage

Decisions, Games and Logic, KTH Stockholm, 2013
Graduate Conference in Political Philosophy, University of Pavia, 2012
Political Philosophy Conference II, Vejle, 2012
Choice Group, LSE, 2012
Historical and Philosophical Perspectives on Economics Seminar Series, LSE, 2012

MARKETS **Can Libertarians Get Away With Fraud?**

MANCEPT: Libertarian Political Philosophy, University of Manchester, 2014

Why Buy Local?

OZSW Conference, University of Twente, 2018
Political Science Research Seminar, Leiden University, 2018
MANCEPT: Normative Challenges of Food Governance, University of Manchester, 2015

MORAL REASONS **A Dilemma for Two-Domain Solutions to the Paradox of Supererogation**

New Orleans Political Economy Workshop, Tulane, 2024

Betterness of Permissibility

Morals and Politics Workshop, University of Hamburg, 2018

A Defence of Moral Continence

OZSW Conference, University of Amsterdam, 2019
CELPA, University of Warwick, 2020

KANT **Kant on Duty in the *Groundwork***

Rocky Mountain Ethics Conference, UC Boulder, 2011
Graduate Philosophy Conference, CUNY, 2010

BORDERS **The Ethics of Migration**

STAI Migration Symposium, Tilburg University, 2019

Territorial Rights and Colonial Wrongs

PPE Conference, New Orleans, 2017
Società Italiana di Filosofia Analitica, Pistoia, 2016
ASPP Meeting, LSE, 2016
Practical Philosophy Colloquium, VU Amsterdam, 2015

LOVE **On Love's Robustness**

Creative Studios Philosophy Festival, University of Warsaw, 2023
Seminar Series, University of Amsterdam, 2017
Research Seminar, Uppsala University, 2017

Seminar Series, Creighton University, 2016
Social Seminar Series, VU Amsterdam, 2016
Workshop: The Robust Demands of the Good, University of St. Gallen, 2016

COMMENTARIES

Third Party Coercion by Mollie Gerver
Workshop on *Consent under Pressure*, KCL, 2024

Beyond Bargaining by Tom Parr
Workshop on *Empowering Workers in an Age of Automation*, Warwick, 2023

The Politics of Sweatshop Labor by Janelle Poetszsch
Exploitation Workshop, University of San Diego, 2020

Exploitation as Domination by Nicholas Vrousalis
OZSW Workshop, University of Leiden, 2019

The PPE Perspective on Global Trade
NuVu Studio, Cambridge, MA, 2019

PPE at VU Amsterdam
PPE outside the US and UK Roundtable, 2nd PPE Society Meeting, 2018

What Do Tyrants Teach Us About Freedom?, by Katrina Gajewska
British Postgraduate Philosophy Association Conference, 2012

Virtue Theory and Action-Guidance, by Joshua Habgood-Coote
London Intercollegiate Graduate Conference, 2012

Terrorism and Moral Distinctiveness, by Brian Berkey
London-Berkeley Graduate Philosophy Conference, 2010

MEDIA

- 2025 [Weighing Informed Consent: COVID and Zambian HIV Testing](#), (with Golden Mwinsa, Kasoka Kasoka, Frances Griffiths) *Forum: Journal of Medical Ethics*.
- 2021 [VAR and Philosophy](#) *The Outsiders Podcast*
- 2020 Meet the Philosophers [Part I](#) and [Part II](#), *I Leeds Therefore I Am Podcast*

TEACHING

- MA COURSES History of Political Philosophy (VU)
Ethics (VU, Bayreuth)
Business Ethics (VU)
Law, Ethics and AI (VU, guest lecturer)
- BA COURSES Current Topics in Political Philosophy (Frankfurt School of Finance & Management)
Principles of Political Economy: Economics & Philosophy (Warwick)
Dissertation (Warwick)
Independent Project (Warwick)
Ethics (VU)
PPE in Practice II (VU)
Contemporary Topics in Philosophy (VU)
Ethics of Responsibility (VU)
Living, Eating, Loving, Dying: Topics in Applied Ethics (Bayreuth)
Introduction to Philosophy (Bayreuth, LSE)
Exploitation (Bayreuth)
Business Ethics (Bayreuth)
Philosophy of Economics (LSE)
Problems of Analytic Philosophy (VU, LSE)

- HIGH SCHOOL Widening Participation Programme: Mathematics Course Director (LSE)
PPE Pre-University Master Course (VU)
Course Advisor: Gifted Talented Class (River Hill HS)
EPQ Advisor (Solihull School)
- SUPERVISION Golden Mwinsa, PhD Thesis, Warwick, 2025
Adam Neal, PhD Thesis, Warwick, 2024
Beatrice Mella, MA Thesis, VU Amsterdam, 2016
Elizabeth Backer, MA Thesis, VU Amsterdam, 2016
Sam van Dijck ReMA Thesis, Erasmus University Rotterdam, 2016
Fabrizio Ciatti, ReMA Thesis, Erasmus University Rotterdam, 2016

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- GRANTS **5,000 GBP + 100,000 ZAR, Stellenbosch – Warwick Joint Seed Fund**
Bioethical Principles in and Beyond the African Context, 2024-2025
- 70,000 USD, Murphy Institute**
Faculty Fellowship, Tulane University, 2024–2025
- 12,000 USD, Review of Social Economy**
Funding for European PPE Network Conference, 2024
- 2,826 GBP, Warwick International Higher Education Academy**
Student-led Curriculum Design in Joint Degrees, 2022
- 10,000 GBP, British Academy / Leverhulme Small Research Grant**
Exploitation and Procedural Justice: An Experimental Assessment, 2021-2022
- 250,000 EUR, NWO Veni**
Fair for All, 2016–2020
- AWARDS Philosophy teaching prize, LSE, 2011
Philosophy PhD scholarship, LSE, 2009
Postgraduate travel fund award, LSE, 2010–2012

SERVICE

- ADMINISTRATIVE Faculty of Social Sciences Steering Group, 2024–
Joint Programmes Coordinator, University of Warwick, 2021–2024
PPE Director, University of Warwick, 2020–2024
PPE Programme Coordinator, VU Amsterdam, 2016–2019
- MEMBERSHIP UKRI Future Leader Fellowships Peer Review College Member, 2021–present
Warwick International Higher Education Academy Fellow, 2022–2025
Warwick FSS GC Education Workstream Member, 2022–2024
Warwick FSS Education Committee Member, 2021–2023
Warwick Social Sciences First Year Board of Examiners, Deputy Chair, 2021–2022
Warwick Undergraduate Research Support Scheme Review Board, 2021, 2023
VU Philosophy Research Review Committee, 2019
VU Filosofie BAC Committee, 2017
VU Internationalisation Committee, 2016
VU Amsterdam PPE BA Accreditation Proposal Committee, 2015
- EDITORIAL Assistant Editor, *Review of Social Economy*
Guest Editor, Exploitation Special Issue, *Review of Social Economy*
Guest Editor, Exploitation Special Issue, *Economics & Philosophy*

ASSESSMENT PPE Course Validation, Keele University, 2024-2025
External Examiner, LSE, 2019–2024
PhD Examiner, LSE, 2023
PhD Examiner, Stellenbosch University, 2025
PhD Examiner, University of Warwick, 2025

REFEREE *American Philosophical Quarterly* *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*
Business Ethics Quarterly *Cambridge Journal of Economics*
Critical Rev. of Int. Social & Political Phil *Economics & Philosophy*
Erasmus Journal for Phil & Econ *Erkenntnis*
Ergo *Ethical Theory & Moral Practice*
Ethics *Ethics & the Environment*
Ethics, Policy & Environment *European Journal of Political Theory*
Food Ethics *History of Philosophy Quarterly*
Homo Oeconomicus *Humanities & Soc. Sci. Comm.*
Journal of Applied Philosophy *Journal of Business Ethics*
Journal of Economic Surveys *Journal of Ethics & Social Philosophy*
Journal of Global Ethics *Journal of Philosophy*
Journal of Political Philosophy *Journal of Social & Political Philosophy*
Journal of Social Philosophy *Journal of Value Inquiry*
Moral Philosophy & Politics *Organon F*
Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics *Oxford Studies in Political Philosophy*
Pacific Philosophical Quarterly *Philosophers' Imprint*
Philosophia *Philosophical Quarterly*
Philosophical Studies *Philosophy Compass*
Philosophy & Public Affairs *Politics, Philosophy, & Economics*
Public Affairs Quarterly *Reinvention*
Res Publica *Review of Social Economy*
Sage Open *Social Choice & Welfare*
Social Theory & Practice *Southern Journal of Philosophy*
The Journal of Ethics *Theoria*
Utilitas

Bristol University Press
Netherlands Research Council (NWO)
SSHRC Canada

Cambridge University Press
Routledge

ORGANISATION MANCEPT 'The Philosophy and Political Economy of Food' Workshop, 2025
European PPE Network Annual Conference, Warwick, 2024
MANCEPT 'Justice, and the Future of Work' Workshop, 2023
Exploitation Panel, PPE Society Conference, 2022
Exploitation Workshop, University of San Diego, 2020
Amsterdam PPE Graduation Committee, 2019
Exploitation Panel, PPE Society Conference, 2019
Amsterdam Young Philosophers Workshop, 2019
EIPE – VU Seminar Series in PPE, 2016
QMUL exploitation workshop II (with Roberto Veneziani), 2015
QMUL exploitation workshop I (with Roberto Veneziani), 2014
Bayreuth Political Philosophy Workshop, 2014
Bayreuth 'Research Forum' Seminar Series, 2014
LSE–Bayreuth Student Philosophy Conference, 2014
Bayreuth Political Philosophy Workshop, 2013
MANCEPT 'Exploitation' Workshop, 2013
LSE–Bayreuth Student Philosophy Conference, 2013
LSE Student Philosophy Conference, 2012
LSE Student Philosophy Conference, 2011
LSE Philosophy PhD Seminar Series, 2011

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

TEACHING	Dutch Basic Qualification in Education (BKO) Dutch Senior Teaching Qualification (SKO)
DEVELOPMENT	How Warwick Works 2021-2022 International Education Leadership Programme 2023-2024
LANGUAGES	English: Native speaker. Dutch: Written CEF A2; Spoken CEF A2.