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Academic Employment

University of Alabama at Birmingham (2026-), Assistant Professor

University of Alabama at Birmingham (2024-2026), Visiting Assistant Professor

Dartmouth College (2021-2024), Postdoctoral Fellow with the Political Economy Project and Lecturer in the Department of Philosophy

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (2020-2021), Visiting Teaching Assistant Professor, and Special Projects Coordinator (part-time) for the Parr Center for Ethics

Education

PhD, Philosophy (2020): **University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**

Dissertation: “The Elements of a Humean Theory of Justice”

Committee: Geoffrey Sayre-McCord (Director), Gerald Postema, Alex Worsnip, Sarah Stroud, Luc Bovens

MA, Philosophy (2016): **University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**

MA Thesis: “An Argument Against Motivational Judgment Internalism”

Committee: Russ Shafer-Landau (Director), Geoffrey Sayre-McCord, and Susan Wolf

MSc (*Distinction*), Philosophy and Public Policy (2012): **London School of Economics**

Dissertation: “Voluntarist Legitimacy and the Morality of Secession”

BA (*summa cum laude*), Philosophy (2011): **Louisiana State University**

Thesis: “Human Rights, Development, and Global Justice”

Areas of Specialization

Ethics, Applied Ethics (including Bioethics), Political Philosophy, History of Ethics and Political Philosophy, Hume, PPE

Areas of Competence

Metaethics, Early Modern Philosophy, Philosophy of Law, Ethics of AI

Publications

“Hume’s Account of the Scope of Justice,” *Hume Studies* (Vol. 46, 2020)

“Hume’s Justice and the Problem of the Missing Motive,” *Ergo* (Vol. 11, 2024)

“The Obligation and Value of Justice in Hume,” *Hume Studies* (Vol. 51, no. 1, 2026)

“Work and Public Health,” *Public Affairs Quarterly* (Vol. 40, no. 1, 2026)

“Taylor Swift and the Revenge Fantasy,” in *The Philosophy of Taylor Swift*, Editors: Lindsay Brainard, Ryan Davis, and Jessica Flanigan, Oxford University Press (forthcoming)

Working Papers

“Justice and the Social Determinants of Agency” with Edward Song (draft available on request)

“The Social Determinants of Health, Adverse Childhood Experiences, and Responsibility” (draft available on request)

“Consent, Promising, and Publicity” (draft available on request)

“Moral Worth, Moral Motivation, and Hume’s Circle Argument” (draft available on request)

“A Humean Account of Political Obligation” (draft available on request)

“Conventions and the Circumstances of Justice” (draft available on request)

“Mill’s Euthyphro Dilemma” (draft available on request)

Conference Presentations

- “A Humean Account of Political Obligation.” 16th Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, August 2023 (Boulder, CO).
- “Moral Worth, Moral Motivation, and Hume’s Circle Argument.” The Moral, Political, and Economic Philosophy of the Scottish Enlightenment Workshop at Dartmouth College, May 2023 (Hanover, NH).
- “*De Dicto* Moral Motivation and Hume’s Circle Argument.” Hume Society Group Meeting at the Central APA, February 2023 (Denver, CO).
- “Consent, Promising, and Publicity.” PPE Society Conference, March 2019 (New Orleans, LA).
- “Consent, Promising, and Publicity.” CRÉ/Parr Joint Conference, March 2019 (Chapel Hill, NC).
- “Hume’s Theory of Distributive Justice.” Alabama Philosophical Society Meeting, September 2018 (Pensacola, FL).
- “The Place of Equality in Hume’s Theory of Justice.” 11th Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, August 2018 (Boulder, CO).
- “Mill on Higher and Lower Pleasures.” Poster at the 10th Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, August 2017 (Boulder, CO).

- “Mill on Higher and Lower Pleasures.” Meeting of the North Carolina Philosophical Society, February 2017 (Wilmington, NC).
- “Klosko on Fairness: Duty, Obligation, and Voluntary Action.” Joint Meeting of the South Carolina Society for Philosophy and the North Carolina Philosophical Society at Queen’s University-Charlotte, February 2010 (Charlotte, NC).

Comments and Participation

- Comments on “How Not to Theorize About Normative Powers” by Hallie Liberto. 12th Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, August 2019 (Boulder, CO).
- Comments on “A Humean Approach to the Boundaries of Morality” by Mark Collier. 46th International Hume Society Conference, July 2019 (Reno, NV).
- Participant. American Association of Philosophy Teachers Workshop on Teaching and Learning, February 2019 (Chapel Hill, NC).
- Invited Participant. Brown-Princeton Workshop on Moral Epistemology, May 2018 (Princeton, NJ).
- Comments on “The Metaethical Implications of Epistemic Value” by Spencer Case. American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, February 2018 (Chicago, IL).
- Comments on “A Solution to the Problem of Moral Luck” by Philip Swenson. 10th Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, August 2017 (Boulder, CO).

Teaching Experience

At UAB

- Ethics of AI, Spring 2026
- Introduction to Philosophy (x2), Spring 2026
- Bioethics (online), Spring 2026
- Introduction to Philosophy (online), Fall 2025
- Bioethics (x3), Fall 2025
- Introduction to Philosophy, Spring 2025
- Bioethics (x2), Spring 2025
- Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, Spring 2025
- Introduction to Philosophy (x2), Fall 2024
- Bioethics (x2), Fall 2024

At Dartmouth

- History of Political Philosophy, Spring 2024
- Philosophy and Economics, Instructor, Winter 2024
- Philosophy and Economics, Instructor, Spring 2023
- Law and Philosophy, Instructor, Winter 2023
- Law and Philosophy, Instructor, Spring 2022
- Philosophy and Economics, Instructor, Fall 2021

At UNC

- Philosophy of Law, Instructor, Spring 2021
- Introduction to Philosophy, Instructor, Fall 2020 (Correspondence course with the North Carolina Correctional Institution for Women)
- The History of Moral Philosophy: Justice, Instructor, Fall 2020
- The Ethics of Peace, War, and Defense, Instructor, Summer 2020
- Introduction to Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, Instructor, Spring 2020
- Bioethics (online), Instructor, Summer 2019
- The Ethics of Peace, War, and Defense, Instructor, Summer 2018
- Ethics in Practice, Instructor, Fall 2017
- The Ethics of Peace, War, and Defense, Instructor, Summer 2017
- Classics of Moral Philosophy, Teaching Assistant for Geoff Sayre-McCord, Spring 2017
- Introduction to Ethics: Historical and Contemporary Topics, Instructor, Fall 2016
- Practical Ethics: Topics in Applied Ethics and Public Policy, Instructor, Summer 2016
- Practical Ethics, Teaching Assistant for Doug MacLean, Spring 2016
- Introduction to Philosophy, Teaching Assistant for Matt Kotzen, Fall 2015

Honors, Awards, Grants, and Fellowships

- Parr Center for Ethics Graduate Fellow (2018-2019)
- Parr Center for Ethics Research Assistantship (2017-2018)
- Institute for Humane Studies Conference and Research Grant (2017, 2018, and 2019)
- Horace Williams Fellowship (2014-2015, UNC-Chapel Hill)
- Andrea Mannu Prize (2012, LSE)
- University Medal (2011, LSU)
- Honors College Outstanding Student (2010-2011, LSU)
- Phi Beta Kappa (2010, LSU)
- LSU Centennial Award (2006-2010, LSU)
- National Merit Scholarship (2006-2010, LSU)

Advising

- Faculty advisor to Rine Uhm, who worked on a research project on justice, gender, and liberalism funded by a Social Justice Research Grant from Dartmouth Philosophy.

Service

- Program Officer, PPE Research Consortium
 - Submissions coordination, research group management, and resource collections for a \$3.2 million grant from the John Templeton Foundation to the PPE Society
- PPE Society Conference Co-organizer (2016-Present)
 - Submissions coordinator and referee, scheduling, and conference organization
- Discussion Leader for Dartmouth Political Economy Project reading group, Topic: John Stuart Mill's *On Liberty*.
- Organizer, Workshop on the Moral, Political, and Economic Philosophy of the Scottish Enlightenment, sponsored by the Political Economy Project, Dartmouth College (May 2023)

- Discussion Leader for Dartmouth Political Economy Project reading group, Topic: Elizabeth Anderson's *Private Government* (Fall 2022)
- Talk for Dartmouth undergraduates sponsored by the Political Economy Project: "What Undergraduates Should Know About Hume's Theory of Justice" (Winter 2022)
- Discussion Leader for a Dartmouth Political Economy Project reading group, Topic: Michael Huemer's *The Problem of Political Authority* (Winter 2022)
- Northeast Normativity Workshop, referee (2020)
- National High School Ethics Bowl Case Writing Committee (2017-2019)
- Discussion Leader for a UNC Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE) program reading group, Topic: Adam Smith's *The Theory of Moral Sentiments* (Fall 2018)
- Discussion Leader for a UNC Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE) program reading group, Topic: John Stuart Mill's Moral and Political Philosophy (Fall 2016)
- Research Assistant to Gerald Postema: Reviewed and compared manuscript editions of the works of Sir Matthew Hale for a collection edited by Postema (Summer and Fall 2015)
- Discussion Leader and Ethics Bowl Coach for the Philosophy Club at the Durham School of the Arts (2015-2020)
- Judge for the North Carolina State and National High School Ethics Bowls (January 2015, April 2015, April 2016, April 2017, January 2018, April 2018, January 2019)

Journal Refereeing

- Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy (x2)
- Philosophy and Phenomenological Research (x2)
- Hume Studies (x6)
- Pacific Philosophical Quarterly
- British Journal for the History of Philosophy (x2)
- Journal of Moral Philosophy (x2)
- Journal of Scottish Philosophy

Professional Memberships

- PPE Society
- The Hume Society

Other Experience

- Economic Policy Analyst for the Louisiana Department of Revenue, 2012-2014.
 - Analyzed tax reform policy proposed by then-Governor Bobby Jindal
 - Generated revenue and economic growth forecasts, analyzed distributive effects, and crafted policy to ameliorate them

References**Geoffrey Sayre-McCord**

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