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APPOINTMENTS

2020- Assistant Professor of Philosophy (IT), Indiana University Bloomington
2018-2020 Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Ethics in Society, Stanford University

EDUCATION

2018 Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of Virginia
 Dissertation: A Contractualist Theory of Nonideal Justice
 Advisor: A. John Simmons

2017 Visiting Research Fellow, Brown University

2011 B.Phil. in Philosophy, University of Oxford
 Thesis: Regulative and Constitutive Principles in Kant's Epistemology

2009 B.A., Trinity College Dublin
 First Class Honors, Gold Medal

RESEARCH INTERESTS

AOS Political Philosophy, Ethical Theory, Applied Ethics
AOC Philosophy of Law, Aesthetics, Ancient Philosophy, Kant

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- (1) "Can the Future-Like-Ours Argument Survive Ontological Scrutiny?" (with Nicholas Rimell), *The Journal of Medicine and Philosophy*, forth.
- (2) "Nonideal Justice, Fairness, and Affirmative Action," *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*, 2021.
- (3) "An Ideology Critique of Nonideal Methodology," *The European Journal of Political Theory*, 2021.
- (4) "Material Scarcity & Scalar Justice," (with Ross Mittiga), *Philosophical Studies*, 2021.
- (5) "Plato's Theory of Punishment and Penal Code in the *Laws*," *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, 2019.
- (6) "The Aesthetic Value of Local Food," *The Monist*, 2018.

Chapters

- (7) “Exploiting the Epistemic Value of Crises.” (with Fay Niker), *Political Philosophy in a Pandemic*, ed. Aweek Bhattacharya and Fay Niker (Bloomsbury, 2021).
- (8) “Risk Assessment in Sentencing,” (with Anne Metz), *Handbook of Issues in Criminal Justice Reform*, ed. Cynthia Calkins & Elizabeth Jeglic (Springer, 2021).
- (9) “The Value of Ideal Theory,” in *John Rawls: Debating the Major Questions*, ed. Jon Mandle and Sarah Roberts-Cady, (Oxford University Press, 2020).

Book

- (10) Co-editor of *Methods in Bioethics: The Way We Reason Now*, John D. Arras (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017).

Book Reviews

- (11) “John Rawls: Reticent Socialist by William A. Edmundson,” *Philosophical Quarterly*, 2021.
- (12) “Virtue and Law in Plato and Beyond by Julia Annas,” *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, 2018.

Under Review (titles redacted)

- (13) On crises (with Fay Niker). (R&R at *The Journal of Political Philosophy*.)
- (14) On epistemic limitations and theorizing about justice.
- (15) On engineering food concepts (with Vera Flocke).

In preparation

- (16) “Apathy & Injustice.”
- (17) “The Degeneration of Traditional Practices.”
- (18) “The Regress Problem for Experiments in Living.” (With Johannes Himmelreich).
- (19) “The Appeal (and Limits) of Conceptualizing Food as Medicine.”

PRESENTATIONS

Select Peer-refereed Presentations

- 2022 “The Regress Problem for Experiments in Living.” (with Johannes Himmelreich)—CAP, Humboldt University, Berlin.
“The Regress Problem for Experiments in Living.” (with Johannes Himmelreich)—The Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society, New Orleans.
- 2019 “Nonideal Justice, Fairness, and Affirmative Action”—Western Political Science Association, San Diego.

- 2018 “Nonideal Justice, Fairness, and Affirmative Action”—The Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society, New Orleans.
 “An Ideological Critique of Nonideal Methodology”—Western Political Science Association, San Francisco.
 “An Ideological Critique of Nonideal Methodology”—The Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society, New Orleans.
 “A Dilemma for the Future-Like-Ours Argument Against Abortion” (with Nicholas Rimell)—American Philosophical Association Central Division, Chicago.
- 2017 “The Aesthetic Value of Local Food”—Annual Meeting of the American Society for Aesthetics, New Orleans.
 “Ideal Theory, Epistemic Access, and the Values of Justice”—MANCEPT Workshop in Political Theory: Assessing the Relevance of Ideal theory, Manchester.
 “Material Scarcity and Justice” (with Ross Mittiga)—Western Political Science Association, Vancouver.
 “The Aesthetic Value of Eating Local Food”—American Philosophical Association Eastern Division, Baltimore.
- 2016 “Plato’s Theory of Punishment in *The Laws*”—American Philosophical Association Pacific Division, San Francisco.

Select Invited Presentations

- 2022 “The Regress Problem for Experiments in Living” (with Johannes Himmelreich)—EPP Working Group (online).
- 2020 “The Opportunities and Perils of Crisis Exploitation,” (with Fay Niker)—Pandemic Philosophy Workshop (online).
 “Using Healthy Food to Ameliorate Injustice”—Half Baked Colloquia Series, University of Milan, Italy (online).
 “Nonideal Justice, Fairness, and Affirmative Action”—San Francisco State University.
 “The Significance of the Social-Guiding Function of Justice”—The University of Sheffield.
- 2019 “Traditional Foods and Local Landscapes”—Conference on Philosophy and/of Culinary Traditions, Swiss National Science Foundation, University of Fribourg.
 “The Most Peculiar Virtue/Vice of Being Apolitical”—Portland State University.
- 2014 “Nonideal Justice, Fairness, and Affirmative Action”—Rochester University.
 “Philosophy, Threat and Climate Change” (with Andrew Morgan)—Mellon Interdisciplinary Workshop, Trinity College Dublin.

Select Departmental Presentations

- 2020 “Using Food in New Ways to Ameliorate Injustice”—Indiana University Bloomington.
 “The Significance of the Social-Guiding Function of Justice”—Indiana University Bloomington.

- 2019 “Access to Free Healthcare and Free Healthy Food”—Workshop on Food and Justice, Stanford University.
- 2018 “Nonideal Justice, Fairness and Affirmative Action”—Workshop in Political Theory, Stanford University.
- 2017 “Why Should Bioethicists be Self-Conscious about Methodology?”—Symposium on John Arras’s *Methods in Bioethics: The Way We Reason Now*, University of Virginia.

Select Comments

- 2021 On Timothy Blosler’s, “Self-Effacement and Virtue Ethics,” Indiana Philosophical Association, Indiana University Bloomington.
- 2018 On Katrina Forrester’s, “In the Shadow of Justice,” Workshop in Political Theory, Stanford University.
- 2016 On Tom Beauchamp’s, “The Future of Bioethics: Methods, Principles, Practices,”—Conference on The Public Life of Ethics, University of Virginia.
- 2015 On Colleen Murphy’s, “The Conceptual Foundations of Transitional Justice”—P.P.L. Conference, University of Virginia.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2022 Indiana University Trustee’s Teaching Award
- 2018 Edgar F. Shannon award for the most outstanding graduating student in the University of Virginia Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.
- 2017 University of Virginia Dean’s Dissertation Completion Fellowship.
University of Virginia Travel Stipend (also awarded 2016, and 2014).
- 2016 University of Virginia Society of Fellows Reuben Clark Dissertation Fellowship.
University of Virginia Society of Fellows Summer Research Grant.
- 2015 Elected Junior Fellow of the University of Virginia Society of Fellows.
- 2013 University of Virginia GSAS Summer Language Fellowship (Ancient Greek).
- 2009 Gold Medal, for outstanding undergraduate results, Trinity College Dublin.
Luce Memorial Prize, for the highest marks on the final philosophy examination, Trinity College Dublin.
- 2007 Elected Scholar of Trinity College Dublin.

ACADEMIC AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

- Committees Philosophy Colloquium, Philosophy Budget, Philosophy Ethics, Gen Ed, Ewing Undergraduate Essay Competition, Nelson and Moss Graduate Fellowships Selection.
- Referee Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Philosophical Studies, Public Affairs Quarterly, Political Science & Politics, The Journal of Ethics (x2), The Southern Journal of Philosophy, Humana Mente, European Journal of Political Theory, Utilitas, Radical Philosophy Review, Philosophy, Social Theory and Practice, Journal of Social Philosophy.
- 2019 Workshop organizer, “Food and Justice,” Stanford University.

- 2017 Symposium organizer, John Arras’s *Methods in Bioethics: The Way We Reason Now*, the University of Virginia.
- 2014 Research assistant to John Arras.
- 2013 Founder and organizer of the UVA Ethics Discussion Group.
- 2008 Chair University of Dublin Metaphysical Society.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Indiana University

- 2023 “Rawls.” (Graduate)
 “PPE Gateway Course.”
- 2022 “Free Speech, Civil Disobedience, and Political Violence.”
 “Moral Progress, Hope, and Despair.” (Graduate)
- 2021 “Environmental Ethics.”
 “Love, Sex, and Ethical Obligation.”
 “Introduction to Social and Political Philosophy.”
 “Philosophy of Literature.”
- 2020 “Justice.” (Graduate)
 “Philosophical Perspectives on Punishment.”

PhD Committees: Savannah Pearlman (co-chair), Ricky Mouser, Paul Howatt, Ethan Kerns, Joshua Paschal, Kyle Stroh.

Undergraduate Honors Theses/Independent Studies: Afsheen Mansoori, Robbie Bruner, Elizabeth McAvory, Bre Casteneda.

Stanford University

- 2019/20 “Introduction to Environmental Ethics.”

University of Virginia

- 2016 “Ethics and Technology.”
- 2015 “Punishment.”
 “Philosophy of Food.”

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- 2012- American Philosophical Association
- 2018- American Political Science Association

REFERENCES

- Colin Bird Associate Professor of Politics
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A. John Simmons	John Allen Hollingsworth Professor of Philosophy University of Virginia, 120 Coker Hall, Charlottesville, VA 22904. ajs7m@virginia.edu, (+1) 434-924-6924
Walter Ott (Teaching)	Professor of Philosophy University of Virginia, 120 Coker Hall, Charlottesville, VA 22904. wo5n@virginia.edu, (+1) 434-243-4041

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