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Areas of Specialization — Moral, Legal, and Political Philosophy

Areas of Competence — Metaethics, Phil. Language, Phil. Religion

Employment

2023-2025 **Postdoctoral Research Fellow**, Center for Philosophy of Freedom, University of Arizona

Education

University of Southern California

Los Angeles, CA

PHD PHILOSOPHY

2017 - Spring 2023

- Dissertation: “Responding to Harm”
- Advisors: Jonathan Quong (chair), Mark Schroeder (chair), Jake Nebel, Jake Ross, Greg Keating

Northern Illinois University

DeKalb, IL

MA PHILOSOPHY

2015 - 2017

Biola University

La Mirada, CA

BA PHILOSOPHY

2009 - 2012

United States Military Academy

West Point, NY

BA (PROGRESS TOWARDS)

2007 - 2009

Research

PUBLICATIONS

“Refusing Protection” (*Philosophy & Public Affairs*, 2022)

“The Demands of Necessity” (*Ethics*, 2023)

UNDER REVIEW

“The Price of Duty”

“Defense Without Threat”

“Fixing Aggregation”

Presentations & Workshops

“Refusing Protection”

Spring 2023. PEA Soup Ethics Discussion (invitation), comments from Kimberly Kessler Ferzan.

“Defense Without Threat”

Spring 2023. The Ethics of Defense Under Incomplete Information Workshop, University of Zurich.

“Defense Without Threat”

Spring 2023. Purdue University.

“Defense Without Threat”
Spring 2023. The University of Mississippi.

Comments on “Defensive Injuries and the Prorating of Punishment”
Spring 2023. Pacific APA.

“Fixing Aggregation”
Spring 2019. Invited Talk, Talbot Philosophy Department, Biola University, CA.

“Mysterious Normative Relations”
Spring 2019. Berkeley-Stanford-Davis Graduate Conference, UC Berkeley, CA.

“Aggregation & Risk”
Spring 2019. Speculative Society, University of Southern California, CA.

“Comments on ‘Confidence Level Invariantism’ ”
Fall 2015. Northern Graduate Conference, Northern Illinois University, IL.

Teaching

AS PRIMARY INSTRUCTOR

S2023 **Philosophy of Markets, Money, and Property**, University of Southern California
S2022 **Philosophy of Markets, Money, and Property**, University of Southern California
S2019 **Ethics in the 21st Century**, University of Southern California

AS DISCUSSION INSTRUCTOR & TEACHING ASSISTANT

S2021 **Philosophy of Law**, University of Southern California
F2020 **Ethical Theory & Practice**, University of Southern California
S2020 **Philosophy of Law**, University of Southern California
S2019 **Moral Issues in the Legal Domain**, University of Southern California
F2018 **Freedom, Equality, and Justice**, University of Southern California
S2017 **Epistemology**, Northern Illinois University
F2016 **Introduction to Philosophy**, Northern Illinois University
S2016 **Contemporary Moral Issues**, Northern Illinois University
F2015 **Logic**, Northern Illinois University

Academic Service

2021 — **Conceptual Foundations of Conflict Project**, Media Production Assistant
2019-2020 **Journal of Ethics & Social Philosophy**, Managing Editor
2019 **Philosophy of Religion Reading Group (USC)**, Organizer, President
2018-2019 **“Speculative Society” Graduate Workshop Group (USC)**, President
2018 **Open House Organizing Committee (USC)**, Co-Lead
2016-2017 **Philosophy Dept. Climate Committee (NIU)**, Member
2016 **Graduate Student Advisory Council (NIU)**, Member

Other Academic Activities

2020 — **Conceptual Foundations of Conflict Project**, Graduate Fellow
2021 **Research Assistant**, for Scott Soames
2019-2021 **Research Assistant**, for Stephen Finlay

Awards & Fellowships

2022 **Teresa Wilson Fellowship Finalist**, University of Southern California
2021 **Gold Fellowship Finalist**, University of Southern California
2017 **Myers Graduate Philosophy Award for Outstanding Achievement**, N. Illinois University
2017 **Honors, Comprehensive Exam: Metaphysics**, N. Illinois University
2011 **Outstanding Senior Thesis Award**, Biola University

References

Jonathan Quong, Professor of Law and Philosophy (USC), Dissertation Co-Chair

Mark Schroeder, Professor of Philosophy (USC), Dissertation Co-Chair

Scott Soames, Distinguished Professor of Philosophy (USC), Teaching Mentor

Jacob Ross, Associate Professor of Philosophy (USC), Dissertation Committee Member

Jacob Nebel, Assistant Professor of Philosophy (USC), Dissertation Committee Member

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