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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2021-22 **SOAS, University of London**
Senior Teaching Fellow in Business Ethics

EDUCATION

2023 (exp.) **University of Warwick**
PhD Politics & International Studies
Thesis: *Seismic Justice: The Ethics & Politics of Cascadia Earthquake Risk Management*
Supervisors: Keith Hyams, Simon Caney

2020 **University of Warwick**
Postgraduate Certificate in Social Science Research Methods (Distinction)
Philosophy of Social Science, Qualitative Methods, Quantitative Methods & Research Design

2017 **University College London**
MA Transnational Studies (Distinction)
Dissertation: 'The Moral Duty of Liberal Democracies to Provide Gender-Neutral Public Conveniences' (Grade: 77/100)
Supervisor: Avia Pasternak

2014 **University of Warwick**
BA Philosophy, Politics & Economics with Study Abroad (2.1)

2013 **Grenoble Institute of Political Studies (France)**
Certificate in Political Studies (72/100)
Erasmus Year Abroad

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

2021 'Reducing Flood Risks for Young People in the UK Housing Market', in Adrot, A., R. Grace, K. Moore and C. Zobel (eds.) *Proceedings of the 18th Conference on Information Systems for Crisis Response and Management*. Blacksburg, VA: ISCRAM.

2020 'The Narrative Coherence Standard and Child Patients' Capacity to Consent', *American Journal of Bioethics Neuroscience* 11(1): 40-42.

RESEARCH & TEACHING AREAS

Social, Political & Legal Philosophy
Science, Technology, Ethics & Public Policy
Natural Hazards, Disasters & Emergencies
Gender & Sexuality
Parenting, Childhood & Education

WORK IN PROGRESS

- 2022 'Earthquakes', in N. Wallenhorst and C. Wulf (eds.), *Handbook of the Anthropocene* (Cham: Springer)
- 2021 'The Value of Values in Climate Science' (with K. Pulkkinen, S. Undorf, F. Bender, P. Wikman Svahn, F. Doblas-Reyes, C. Flynn, G. Hegerl, A. Jönsson, J. Roussos, T. Shepherd and E. Thompson), *Nature Climate Change*

GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2021-22 Frédéric Bastiat Fellowship in Public Policy: c. \$5,000
- 2020-22 Economic & Social Research Council Doctoral Scholarship: c. £40,000
- 2020-22 Warwick Politics & International Studies Departmental PhD Scholarship: c. £8,000 (declined)
- 2019 European Union Grant: €200 (for assisting in academic translation from French to English)
- 2012-13 British Council Erasmus Grant: c. €4,000 (for study abroad in France)

AWARDS & PRIZES

- 2021 Warwick Awards for Teaching Excellence for Postgraduate Researchers: Winner
- 2015 The Undergraduate Awards: Highly Commended, Literature 1710-Present
- 2014 The Undergraduate Awards: Highly Commended, International Relations & Politics (Highly Commended entrants are placed in the top 10% of their category worldwide)

SELECTED CONFERENCE PAPERS

- 2021 'Reducing Flood Risks for Young People in the UK Housing Market', Housing in Crisis, MANCEPT Online Workshops in Political Theory, 8-10 September
- 2021 'The Ethical Argument for Gender-Neutral Public Conveniences', Queerness Beyond Borders, University of Oxford, 9 July
- 2021 'The Legitimate Use of Emergency Powers in Response to Pandemics', Fifth International Conference on Public Policy, University of Barcelona, 5-9 July
- 2021 'The Social and Environmental Harms of Earthquakes', Sixth Annual Global Ethics Conference, University of Birmingham, 26-28 May
- 2020 'Ethical Issues in the Policy Response to Earthquake and Tsunami Hazards in Cascadia: A Critical Survey of the Field', Public Issues and Public Reason: A Conference of Applied Ethics and Social Sciences, Carleton University (Canada), 20-21 October
- 2020 'The Legitimacy of Mandatory Emergency Preparedness Measures', The Ethics and Politics of Risk (Mis)Communication, MANCEPT Online Workshops in Political Theory, 9-11 September
- 2020 'The Narrative Coherence Standard and Child Patients' Capacity to Consent', Graduate Conference in Political & Legal Theory, University of Warwick, 15 February
- 2018 'Sexuality, Science & Religion in the Public Sphere: Perfectionism and the Problem of Justificatory Disagreement', MANCEPT Brave New World Graduate Conference in Political Theory, University of Manchester, 11-12 June
- 2018 'An Argument for Gender-Neutral Public Toilets: Urinary Segregation as Morally Wrongful Discrimination', Graduate Conference in Political & Legal Theory, University of Warwick, 17 February
- 2016 'A Public Reason Defence of Same-Sex Marriage', Graduate Conference in Political & Legal Theory, University of Warwick, 13 February

IMPACT, PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT & MEDIA

2021	Co-authored a report on heat networks and net zero policy for Cambridgeshire County Council
2021	Authored a report on flood risk and the UK housing market for the Young Fabians
2021	Finalist in the Warwick 3 Minute Thesis public engagement competition
2021	Co-wrote an evidence submission to UK Government consultation on flood insurance reforms
2021	Gave evidence to UK Parliament Risk Assessment and Risk Planning Committee inquiry on emergencies
2021	Co-authored a report on seismic safety for the Earthquake Engineering Research Institute
2016-	Creator, producer and host of The Provocateur podcast : more than 8,000 views in 90 countries
2013	Filed interview with BBC ancient historian Michael Scott : more than 9,000 views on YouTube

EVENT ORGANISATION

2021	Disasters, Risk & Resilience (co-convenor), MANCEPT Workshops in Political Theory, University of Manchester, 7-10 September
2021	Critical International & Political Studies Annual Lecture (co-organiser), Department of Politics & International Studies, University of Warwick, 26 April. Speaker: Laura J. Shepherd.
2020	Democracy & Intergenerational Justice (co-convenor), MANCEPT Workshops in Political Theory, University of Manchester, 9-11 September
2020	Technology & Global Governance Virtual Forum (co-organiser and forum moderator), Centre for Law, Regulation & Governance of the Global Economy, University of Warwick, 31 July

INVITED COMMENTARIES

2020	on Riana Popat, 'How Plausible is the Autism Objection to Hermeneutic Fictionalism?' Joint Birmingham-Nottingham-Warwick Graduate Philosophy Conference, University of Birmingham, 14 December
2020	on Jana Wolkowski, 'Contested Borders and Contested States: The Political and Human Rights Consequences Resulting from the Regulation of Migrant Flows between Africa and Europe', Public Issues and Public Reason: A Conference of Applied Ethics and Critical Social Sciences, Carleton University (Canada), 20-21 October
2020	on Kerry O'Neill, 'Conditional Cash Transfers as Third-Party Exploitation', Public Issues and Public Reason: A Conference of Applied Ethics and Critical Social Sciences, Carleton University (Canada), 20-21 October

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

(at Warwick unless otherwise stated)

As Module Convenor & Primary Instructor

Business Ethics & Corporate Social Responsibility (SOAS)	undergraduate year 2	2021-22
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As Graduate Teaching Assistant

Ethics & Public Policy (UCL)	undergraduate year 2	2021-22
Individual, Polis & Society: Philosophical Reflections in History	undergraduate year 2	2020-21
Introduction to Philosophy	undergraduate year 1	2020-21
Introduction to Politics	undergraduate year 1	2020-21

As Guest Lecturer

The Politics of Values (Sciences Po Paris)	undergraduate year 3	2020-21
Responsible Conduct of Research (University of Oregon)	graduate	2019-20

RELEVANT ACCREDITED TRAINING

2021	Lifeline Systems & Disasters, Portland State University, 30 September - 9 December
2021	Institutional Development, The Open University, 1 May - 15 October
2021	Philosophy and Methodology of the Social Sciences, ECPR Methods School, 9-13 August
2021	Advanced Qualitative Interviewing, University of Birmingham, 17-24 May
2021	Policy Evaluation, University of Birmingham, 20-21 May
2020	Science, Experts & Politics, University of Amsterdam, 12 May
2020	Fundamentals in Quantitative Research Methods, University of Birmingham, 25 Feb - 24 March
2019	Biosciences, Politics & Social Acceptability, University of Warwick, 18-29 November
2019	Philosophy of Risk, Eindhoven University of Technology, 4-8 November

OUTREACH

2021	Tutor in Politics, Philosophy & Law, Warwick/Sutton Trust Summer School, 2 August
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SERVICE

2021-	Member of Student Leadership Council, Earthquake Engineering Research Institute
2019-	Secretary of Politics PhD Student-Staff Liaison Committee
2019-21	Member of Critical International and Political Studies (CRIPS) Graduate Working Group

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

2020	'China's Appalling Abuses in Xinjiang Show Why We Need a World Court of Human Rights', <i>Young Fabians Blog</i> , 23 September. (https://tinyurl.com/GKLYF230920)
2017	'Review: MMICS Workshop on Russian Masculinities', <i>HARTS & Minds Journal</i> 3(2), pp. 127-128.
2016	'Gah-Kai Leung on Edward Said', <i>The Statesman's Yearbook 2017</i> (London: Palgrave), p. xix. Winner of a competition to write a 500-word essay on an influential political thinker.

VOLUNTEERING & EXTRA-CURRICULAR

2021	Judging panel member for the 2021 EERI Undergraduate Seismic Design Competition, 15-16 April
2020-	BAME Officer, Young Fabians LGBT+ Advocacy Group
2020-21	Vice-President & Welfare Officer, Warwick Language Society

LANGUAGES

French (advanced)
 Spanish (intermediate)
 German, Italian and Mandarin (elementary)

RESEARCH SKILLS

Quantitative: SPSS
 Qualitative: NVivo, interview methods, case studies, philosophical methods
 Shorthand: Teeline 100wpm certified

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Association for Political Theory | American Philosophical Association | Scientists for Global Responsibility
 Earthquake Engineering Research Institute | UK Alliance for Disaster Research
 UCL Institute for Risk & Disaster Reduction | Warwick Centre for Ethics, Law & Public Affairs
 Consortium for Socially Relevant Philosophy of/in Science and Engineering