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**Areas of Specialisation:** Moral Psychology and Moral Responsibility.

**Areas of Competence:** Justice, Bioethics, Critical Thinking, Philosophy of Science.

#### Employment History

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2021 –	Research Fellow (Level B)	The University of Notre Dame, Australia
2020 – 2020	Lecturer (Level B)	The University of New England
2019 – 2020	Anderson Research Fellow	The University of Sydney
2018 – 2019	Teaching Fellow (Level A)	The University of Sydney
2015 – 2021	Lecturer and Tutor	The University of Sydney

#### Education

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2015 – 2019	<b>Doctor of Philosophy</b>	The University of Sydney Supervisors: Luke Russell, Caroline West Thesis Title: <i>Situationism and Moral Responsibility</i> Examiners: Dana Nelkin, Victoria McGeer, Matthew Talbert
2013 – 2014	<b>Master of Bioethics (First Class)</b>	Monash University Thesis Title: <i>Standards of Care in Multinational Research.</i>
2009 – 2011	<b>Bachelor of Arts</b>	The University of Wollongong Double major in Psychology and Philosophy, double minor in International Studies, and Science and Technology Studies. Graduated with Distinction.

#### Research

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##### Articles Accepted for Publication

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| 2026 | 1. On the Importance of Slack. <i>Ethics</i> , forthcoming.   |
|      | 2. Signalling, Sanctioning and Sensitising: How to Uphold Norms with Blame. <i>Synthese</i> , forthcoming.                      |
| 2025 | 3. Epistemic Blame isn't Relationship Modification. <i>The Philosophical Quarterly</i> , forthcoming.                           |
|      | 4. Scepticism About Epistemic Blame Scepticism. <i>Episteme</i> , forthcoming.  |
| 2024 | 5. Epistemic Hypocrisy and Standing to Blame. <i>Erkenntnis</i> , 90: 2549–2569.  |
|      | 6. Hypocritical Blame as Dishonest Signalling. <i>Australasian Journal of Philosophy</i> , forthcoming.                         |
|      | 7. A Modest Defence of Somewhat Selective Outrage (with Scott Siskind). <i>Ergo</i> , forthcoming.                              |
|      | 8. The Utilitarian's Guide to Dreams. <i>Pacific Philosophical Quarterly</i> 105(1): 75–97.                                     |
| 2023 | 9. How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Ignore Unwelcome Epistemic Company. <i>Canadian Journal of Philosophy</i> 53(2): 121–137. |

10. Does Being a 'Bad Feminist' Make Me a Hypocrite? Politics, Commitments and Moral Consistency. *Philosophical Studies*, 180(12): 3467–3488.
11. Epistemic Health, Epistemic Immunity, and Epistemic Inoculation (with Scott Siskind). *Philosophical Studies*, 180(8): 2329–2354.
12. Attributionist Group Agent Responsibility. *The Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*, 25(3): 495–515.
13. Vice Epistemology, Norm-Maintenance and Epistemic Evasiveness. *Synthese*, 203(105): 1–20.
14. Situationism, Subjunctive Hypocrisy and Standing to Blame *Inquiry*, 66(4): 514–538.
- 2022 15. Situationism and Trait-Eliciting Situations. *Analysis*, 83 (1): 80–88.
16. Situationism, Capacities and Culpability. *Philosophical Studies*, 179(6): 1997–2027.
- 2021 17. A Second-Personal Solution to the Paradox of Moral Complaint. *Utilitas*, 33(1): 111–117.
18. What Do We Want From a Theory of Epistemic Blame? *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, 99(4): 791–805.
19. Responsibility for Testimonial Injustice. *Philosophical Studies*, 178: 597–615.
- 2020 20. Hypocrisy, Standing to Blame and Second-Personal Authority. *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, 101(4): 603–627.
21. Blame in the Aftermath of Excused Wrongdoing. *Public Affairs Quarterly*, 34(2): 142–168.
22. Philosophy's Undergraduate Gender Gaps and Early Interventions. *Ergo*, 6: 707–741.

#### **Edited Collections**

- 2023 23. Introduction to Philosophy of Religion. *Short Cuts: Philosophy*. UniPress Books.

#### **Book Reviews**

- 2025 1. 'Desert and Responsibility', by Michael McKenna. *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (forthcoming).
2. 'Living Accountably: Accountability as a Virtue', by C. Stephen Evans. *Philosophical Psychology* 38(6): 2978–2983.
- 2024 3. 'Character Trouble: Undisciplined Essays on Moral Agency and Personality', by John Doris. *The Journal of Moral Philosophy* (forthcoming).
- 2023 4. 'The Problem of Blame: Making Sense of Moral Anger', by Kelly McCormick. *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*. 101(3): 790–791.
- 2022 5. 'The Philosophy of Envy', by Sara Protasi. *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, 100(2): 425–426

#### **Articles Under Review**

- Transparency, Legibility and the Trappings of Expertise.
- Inoculation Theory: A Conceptual Intervention.
- Conspiracy Theories are Improbable.
- Conspiracy Theories are Infohazards.
- Conspiracy Theories and The Ways of Bayes.
- Pathologies of Blame.
- There's No Such Thing as Epistemic, Aesthetic, Athletic, Zetetic or Even Moral Blame.

## Teaching Experience

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		Student evaluation score ( /5):
	<b>The University of Notre Dame, Australia</b>	
	<b>Course Lecturer:</b>	
2024	PHTH4005: Social Epistemology <sup>†</sup>	n/a
	<b>The University of New England</b>	
	<b>Course Lecturer:</b>	
2020	PHIL101: Bioethics <sup>†</sup>	4.71
2020	HASS101: Foundations of Critical Social Analysis <sup>†</sup>	4.35
2020	PHIL342/542: Ethical Theory <sup>†</sup>	4.38
	<b>The University of Sydney</b>	
	<b>Course Lecturer:</b>	
2021, 2018	PHIL2617: Practical Ethics <sup>†</sup>	4.80
2021, 2017	HSBH3004: Public Health Ethics and the Law	4.50
2022, 2021, 2020	BMRI5001: Neuroethics <sup>†</sup>	4.60
2020	PHIL2633: Justice <sup>†</sup>	4.75
2019	PHIL2655/3655: Normative Ethics	4.25
	<b>Course Developer:</b>	
2018	OLET2111: Thinking Critically	n/a
	<b>Tutor:</b>	
2021, 2017	HSBH3004: Public Health Ethics and the Law	4.50
2021, 2016	PHIL2623: Moral Psychology	4.40
2020, 2017, 2016	HPSC1000: Bioethics	4.72
2020, 2019, 2018, 2017	PHIL2617: Practical Ethics	4.42
2020, 2016	PHIL2663/3663: Justice/Justice (Advanced)	4.50
2018, 2017, 2015	PHIL2642: Critical Thinking	4.64
2018, 2017	PHIL3647: Philosophy of Happiness	4.34
2016	PHIL1011: Reality, Ethics and Beauty	4.52

<sup>†</sup> denotes lecturing and unit co-ordination. Full survey results, student feedback, and commendations available upon request.

## Awards and Grants

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### Research Funding

2025	Australian Research Council Discovery Early Career Research Award, 'The Blame Game: Culpability Co-operation and Cultural Change' – \$490,495
2023	Notre Dame Internal ECR Grant for 'Accountability Practices in Epistemology' – \$3633
2018	University of Sydney Postgraduate Research Subsidy Scheme – \$3000 University of Sydney Grant-in-Aid Travel Scholarship – \$3500
2016	University Postgraduate Award (UPA) from the University of Sydney – \$94 500

### Conference Bursaries

2023	Wake Forest University Honesty Summer Seminar Bursary (Templeton) – \$10 000
2021	Latin American Free Will Seminar Series Bursary (Templeton) – \$2800
2019	Australasian Association of Philosophy Best Paper Shortlist Subsidy – \$260 Australasian Association of Philosophy Postgraduate Bursary – \$100
2018	Aristotelian Society Open Session Subsidy – £280

- 2017 Australasian Association of Philosophy Best Paper Shortlist Subsidy – \$250  
 Australasian Association of Philosophy Postgraduate Bursary – \$150  
 2016 Australasian Association of Philosophy Best Paper Shortlist Subsidy – \$250

#### Conference Host Funding

- 2020 Conference funding, *Bodies of Work*:  
 · The University of New South Wales, Department of Arts and Sciences – \$1800  
 · The University of Sydney Department of English – \$1500  
 · Sydney University Postgraduate Representative Association – \$600

#### Prizes

- 2021 Latin American Free Will Publication Prize (Templeton Foundation) – \$1000  
 2019 Lucy Firth Graduate Publication Prize – \$1000  
 Shortlist for Best Postgraduate Paper and Presentation, Annual conference of the  
*Australasian Association of Philosophy*  
 Winner, The University of Sydney Faculty of Arts Three Minute Thesis  
 2017 Shortlist for Best Postgraduate Paper and Presentation, Annual conference of the  
*Australasian Association of Philosophy*  
 2016 University of Sydney Dean’s Citation Award for Excellence in Teaching  
 Shortlist for Best Postgraduate Paper and Presentation, Annual conference of the  
*Australasian Association of Philosophy*

### **Presentations**

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#### On the Importance of Slack

- 2026 *Kioloa Moral and Political Philosophy Conference*, ANU.

#### Conspiracy Theories are Typically Improbable

- 2025 *Conspiracies, Facts and Truth* workshop, University of Waikato

#### Transparency, Legibility and the Trappings of Expertise

- 2024 Speaker series, University of Queensland

#### How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Ignore Unwelcome Epistemic Company

- 2023 Annual conference of the *Australasian Association of Philosophy*, Australian Catholic University

#### Signalling, Sanctioning and Sensitising: How to Uphold Norms with Blame

Agora Speaker Series, The University of Wollongong

Speaker series, Australian Catholic University

Keynote Talk at *Australasian Association of Philosophy* Postgraduate Conference

Department of Philosophy Seminar Series, Macquarie University

*Forgiveness and Punishment Workshop*, The University of Sydney

Research Seminar, The University of Notre Dame, Australia

Research Seminar, The Australian National University

*The Ethics of Moral Criticism: Moral Grandstanding, Social Punishment and Beyond*, University of Pardubice, Czechia

#### Epistemic Health, Epistemic Immunity, and Epistemic Inoculation

- 2022 Department of Philosophy Seminar Series, The University of Tasmania

Sydney Health Ethics Conversation, The University of Sydney

Annual conference of the *Australasian Association of Philosophy*, University of Waikato

#### Pathologies of Blame

- 2021 Annual conference of the *Australasian Association of Philosophy*, The University of Sydney  
University of Sydney Department of Philosophy Seminar Series  
Sydney Health Ethics Conversation, The University of Sydney  
What Do We Want From A Theory of Epistemic Blame?
- 2020 *Faculty of Arts Seminar Series*, The University of New England  
Hypocrisy, Standing to Blame and Normative Powers
- 2019 Annual conference of the *Australasian Association of Philosophy*, University of Wollongong (shortlisted for Best Postgraduate Paper and Presentation)  
Responsibility for Testimonial Injustice
- 2018 *Aristotelian Society Open Session*, Oxford University (peer reviewed)  
*USC/UCLA Graduate Conference*, University of Southern California (peer reviewed)  
*Conference on Current Trends in Social Epistemology*, University of Melbourne (peer reviewed)  
Situationism, Subjunctive Hypocrisy and Standing to Blame
- 2018 *Ethics and Atrocity Graduate Conference*, The University of Texas, San Antonio (peer reviewed)
- 2017 University of Sydney, Department of Philosophy weekly departmental seminar  
Annual conference of the *Australasian Postgraduate Philosophy Committee*, University of Queensland  
Blame, When You'd Do the Same? Obedience and Moral Responsibility
- 2017 *Centre for Agency, Values and Ethics (CAVE) workshop on Forgiveness, Blame and the Reactive Attitudes*, Macquarie University (invited presentation)  
Annual conference of the *Australasian Association of Philosophy*, University of Adelaide. (Shortlist for Best Postgraduate Paper and Presentation)  
Annual conference of the *Australasian Postgraduate Philosophy Committee*, Australian National University  
Annual conference of the *Sydney Philosophy of Psychology Society*  
Blaming the Excused: Causal Responsibility and Reactive Attitudes
- 2016 Annual conference of the *Australasian Association of Philosophy*, Monash University. (Shortlist for Best Postgraduate Paper and Presentation)  
Annual conference of the *Australasian Postgraduate Philosophy Committee*, University of Adelaide  
Situationism and Agency
- 2016 Annual conference of the *Sydney Philosophy of Psychology Society*

## **Graduate Courses**

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		<b>Course Convener</b>
2019	<i>Advanced Topics in Philosophy of Science</i>	Prof. Mark Colyvan
2018	<i>Responsibility, Moral and Otherwise</i>	Prof. Dana Nelkin
2017	<i>Relational Autonomy</i>	Assoc. Prof. Natalie Stoljar
	<i>Happiness</i>	Dr. Caroline West
2016	<i>Sympathy</i>	Prof. Anik Waldow
	<i>Re-imagining Epistemology</i>	Prof. Moira Gatens
2015	<i>Intuitions</i>	Prof. Folke Tersman
	<i>Early Modern Persons and Consciousness</i>	Prof. Anik Waldow

### **Service Activities**

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- 2021 – 2022 Managing Editor, *Solidarity: the Journal for Catholic Social Thought and Secular Ethics*
- 2016 – Reviewer for: *Acta Analytica*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* (x9), *Analysis* (x3), *The Asian Journal of Philosophy*, *De Ethica*, *Episteme*, *Ergo* (x7), *Erkenntnis* (x3), *Ethics* (x2), *Ethics, Policy and Environment*, *Hypatia*, *Inquiry* (x2), *The Journal of Applied Philosophy* (x4), *The Journal of the APA*, *The Journal of Ethics* (x2), *The Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* (x6), *The Journal of Moral Philosophy* (x3), *The Journal of Social Philosophy*, *The Journal of Philosophy*, *The Journal of Value Inquiry*, *Philosophical Studies* (x8), *Politics, Philosophy and Economics*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *The Philosophical Quarterly* (x5), *Research in Ethical Issues in Organizations*, *Social Epistemology* (x4), *Synthese* (x2), *Utilitas* (x2).
- 2020 Conference Organiser, ‘Who’s Watching - Surveillance, big data and applied ethics in the digital age’ - 27th Annual Conference of the Australian Association for Professional and Applied Ethics
- 2019 Conference Organiser, ‘Bodies of Work’ - postgraduate conference, jointly held by The University of Sydney and The University of New South Wales  
Facilitator, Stanton Public Philosophy Group
- 2018 PhilPapers Profiles Organiser, University of Sydney Department of Philosophy  
Facilitator, *Widening Participation and Outreach* Critical Thinking Workshop
- 2017 – 2018 Volunteer, North Sydney Girls High School Philosophy Symposium
- 2017 – 2019 Faculty of Arts High School Outreach Officer, University of Sydney
- 2017 – 2019 Committee member, *Minorities and Philosophy (MAP)*, Sydney Chapter
- 2017 Adjudicator, *Federation of the Australasian Philosophy in Schools Association (FAPSA)* High School Philosothon
- 2016 – 2017 Postgraduate Committee Member, *Australasian Association of Philosophy*
- 2015 – 2019 Postgraduate representative to University of Sydney’s Philosophy Department
- 2015 – 2018 Chair and organiser of University of Sydney’s postgraduate Work-In-Progress Seminar Series
- 2014 – 2015 Volunteer teacher, *Primary Ethics*, Bulli Primary School

### **Media Appearances**

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- 2023 ‘The Ethics of Intervention’ *God Forbid*, ABC Radio National, 24 Feb.
- 2021 ‘What’s the point of blame?’ *Focus with Cassie McCullagh*, ABC Radio Sydney, 19 July
- 2016 ‘Philosophy for Children’, *Drive with Richard Glover*, ABC Radio Sydney, 30 August.  
‘Philosophy for Children’, *Breakfast with Loretta Ryan*, ABC Radio Brisbane, 30 August.

### **Public Philosophy Articles**

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- 2023 “A Stanford professor says science shows free will doesn’t exist. Here’s why he’s mistaken” *The Conversation*, 1 December.  
“The Importance of Blaming Responsibly” *ABC Religion and Ethics*, 27 Feb.
- 2021 “Moral superiority is no way to encourage people to be vaccinated” *ABC Religion and Ethics*, 11 November.  
“As Australia begins to open up, don’t forget what it was like to be locked down” *ABC Religion and Ethics*, 26 October.

- Reprinted in *Salvos Magazine*, weekly publication of The Salvation Army
- “Why we wanted the Prime Minister to say ‘I’m sorry’” *The Age* and *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 22 July.
- “Why the blame game is an important social tool” *The Age* and *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 16 July.
- 2016 “Want to improve NAPLAN scores? Teach children philosophy” *The Conversation*, 30 August
- “Whose decision? The ethics of being nudged” *The Ethics Centre*, 31 October.

## **Referees**

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Please contact for details.