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EMPLOYMENT

- 2023– Lecturer in Environmental Philosophy, University of Edinburgh
- 2022–23 Teaching Fellow in Aesthetics, University of Edinburgh
- 2020–22 Lecturer in Philosophy, University of Michigan

EDUCATION

- 2019 PhD Philosophy, University of Michigan
- 2015 MA Philosophy, University of Michigan
- 2011 BS Physics & BA Philosophy, Stanford University

PUBLICATIONS

- (forthcoming) “Earthworks and Inorganic Ethics: Nonlife in the Anthropocene.” *Environmental Humanities*.
- 2026 “On the Genealogy of Environmental Ethics.” *Environmental Ethics*, 48(2), 163–185. doi: [10.5840/enviroethics2026618116](https://doi.org/10.5840/enviroethics2026618116)
- 2026 “‘Producing Like a Plant’: Artistic Simplicity and Environmental Understanding.” *Environmental Values*. doi: [10.1177/09632719261456349](https://doi.org/10.1177/09632719261456349)
- 2022 “Revaluing Laws of Nature in Secularized Science.” In Yemima Ben-Menahem (Ed.), *Rethinking the Concept of Law of Nature: Natural Order in the Light of Contemporary Science* (Springer), 347–377. doi: [10.1007/978-3-030-96775-8_13](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-96775-8_13)
- 2022 “Inconvenient Truth and Inductive Risk in COVID-19 Science.” *Philosophy of Medicine*, 3(1), 1–25. doi: [10.5195/pom.2022.132](https://doi.org/10.5195/pom.2022.132)
- 2021 “Artistic Objectivity: From Ruskin’s ‘Pathetic Fallacy’ to Creative Receptivity.” *British Journal of Aesthetics*, 61(4), 505–526. doi: [10.1093/aesthj/ayaa041](https://doi.org/10.1093/aesthj/ayaa041)
- 2021 “Classical Form or Modern Scientific Rationalization? Nietzsche on the Drive to Ordered Thought as Apollonian Power and Socratic Pathology.” *Journal of Nietzsche Studies*, 52(1), 105–134. doi: [10.5325/jnietstud.52.1.0105](https://doi.org/10.5325/jnietstud.52.1.0105)
- 2021 “(Mis)Understanding Scientific Disagreement: Success versus Pursuit-Worthiness in Theory Choice.” *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science*, 85, 166–175. doi: [10.1016/j.shpsa.2020.10.005](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.shpsa.2020.10.005)
- 2021 “How Anti-Humeans Can Embrace a Thermodynamic Reduction of Time’s Causal Arrow.” *Philosophy of Science*, 88(5), 1161–1171. doi: [10.1086/715514](https://doi.org/10.1086/715514)
- 2020 “Nietzsche contra Sublimation.” *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, 58(4), 755–778. doi: [10.1353/hph.2020.0075](https://doi.org/10.1353/hph.2020.0075)
- 2019 “Sensory Force, Sublime Impact, and Beautiful Form.” *British Journal of Aesthetics*,

- 59(4), 449–464. doi: [10.1093/aesthj/ayz033](https://doi.org/10.1093/aesthj/ayz033)
- 2019 “The Passions and Disinterest: From Kantian Free Play to Creative Determination by Power, via Schiller and Nietzsche.” *Ergo*, 6, 249–279. doi: [10.3998/ergo.12405314.0006.009](https://doi.org/10.3998/ergo.12405314.0006.009)

HONORS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Edinburgh University Students’ Association Teaching Awards – nomination in Teacher of the Year category, 2024 (long-listed), 2026

ProQuest Distinguished Dissertation Award – Finalist & Honorable Mention, U-Michigan, 2019

John Dewey Prize for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, Michigan Philosophy Dept., 2019

Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship, University of Michigan, 2018 – 2019

Marshall M. Weinberg Summer Fellowship, Michigan Philosophy Dept., 2015

Suppes Award for Excellence in Philosophy, Stanford University Philosophy Dept., 2011

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS (• = refereed, † = invited)

“Nietzsche on Mastery of Nature”

- International Association for Environmental Philosophy 30th Annual Meeting [online], May 2026
- 99th Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society & the Mind Association, Glasgow, July 2025
- British Society for the History of Philosophy Annual Conference, Cambridge, April 2025

“Earthworks: Inorganic Ethics in the Anthropocene”

- †University of Edinburgh Philosophy Society Lecture Series, January 2025

“Earthworks and Respect for Inorganic Nature”

- International Association for Environmental Philosophy 28th Annual Meeting [online], May 2024

“How Anti-Humeans Can Embrace a Thermodynamic Reduction of Time’s Causal Arrow”

- Philosophy of Science Association 27th Biennial Meeting, Baltimore [online], Nov 2021
- Society for the Metaphysics of Science 5th Annual Conference, Toronto, November 2019
- 6th International Association for Philosophy of Time Conference, Boulder, June 2019

“Artistic Objectivity as Creative Receptivity”

- †Uppsala University Higher Seminar in Aesthetics [online], February 2021

“Schiller on (Two Kinds of) Play and Aesthetic Disinterestedness”

- American Society for Aesthetics Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. [online], Nov 2020

“Sensory Force, Sublime Impact, and Beautiful Form”

- American Society for Aesthetics Rocky Mountain Division Meeting, Santa Fe, July 2019

TEACHING

University of Edinburgh

Aesthetics	Fall 2022, Fall 2023, Fall 2026
Continental Philosophy	Spring 2023
MSc Philosophy Proseminar	Fall 2024, Fall 2025, Fall 2026
Philosophy and the Environment	Spring 2024, Fall 2024, Spring 2027
Philosophy of Science [MSc]	Spring 2023, Spring 2024, Spring 2026

University of Michigan

Lecturer – Section Instructor:

Critical Reasoning	Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Spring 2022
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PhD Student – Sole Instructor:

Bioethics	Spring 2018
Issues in Bioethics	Fall 2017
Philosophy and the Arts	Fall 2016

PhD Student – Teaching Assistant:

Issues in Bioethics	Fall 2015
History of Philosophy: 17 th & 18 th Centuries	Winter 2015
Law and Philosophy	Fall 2014

Dissertation Supervision

University of Edinburgh

PhD Dissertations: 2

PhD in Philosophy (primary supervisor) – in progress

PhD in Architecture (secondary supervisor) – in progress

MSc Dissertations: 14

Undergraduate Honours Dissertations: 6

SERVICE

Reviewer for: *British Journal of Aesthetics*, *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Environmental Humanities*, *Erkenntnis*, *Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism*, *Journal of Nietzsche Studies*, *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences*, *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science*

Philosophy MSc Programme Director – University of Edinburgh, 2024–25, 2025–26, 2026–27

Philosophy Postgraduate Research Admissions Committee – University of Edinburgh, 2025–26

Subject Area Student Exchange Coordinator – University of Edinburgh, January–June 2025

Cohort Lead – Year 4, Philosophy, University of Edinburgh, 2023–24

Foundational Course Initiative Grant (Critical Reasoning), University of Michigan, 2021–22
Minorities and Philosophy (MAP) Facilitator, University of Michigan Philosophy, 2019–20
Rackham Interdisciplinary Workshop Co-organizer, University of Michigan, 2018–19, 2019–2020
Graduate Representative, Graduate Studies Committee, University of Michigan Philosophy, 2018
Tanner Library Committee, University of Michigan Philosophy, 2014–15
Event Facilitation Crew, University of Michigan Philosophy, 2013–14

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