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AOS: meaning in life, philosophy of well-being, ethics

AOC: history of philosophy, epistemology, political and social philosophy

EDUCATION

2018-2022   University of Edinburgh, PhD. Philosophy. *Pass with Minor Corrections.*
Thesis: Asymmetric Welfarism about Meaning in Life
Supervisors: Guy Fletcher, Michael Cholbi
Committee: Prof. Michael Hauskeller, Dr. Filipa Melo Lopes

2014-2018   University of Melbourne, M.A. Philosophy, *First Class Honours.*
Thesis: Playing the Hand You're Dealt: The Poker-hand Account of Well-being
Supervisors: Daniel Halliday, Karen Jones
Examiners: Dr. Guy Fletcher, Prof. Eden Lin

2013   University of Melbourne, Postgrad Dip, Philosophy. *Second Class Honours A*

2012   University of Melbourne, Grad Dip, Philosophy. *Second Class Honours B*

2005-2007   Box Hill Institute, B.A. Music Performance (pianoforte). *Distinction*

PUBLICATIONS

2022   Anything Can Be Meaningful. *Philosophical Papers.*
https://doi.org/10.1080/05568641.2022.2079552

2018   Experience Machines, Conflicting Intuitions and the Bipartite Characterization
of Well-   being. *Utilitas 30*(4), pp. 383-398.
https://doi.org/10.1017/S095382081800002X

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Under review   meaning and morality. *Ethics*

"   meaning and fulfilment. *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*

"   a consequentialist theory of meaning. *Southern Journal of Philosophy*

In Progress   meaning and luck

"   meaning and purpose

"   consequentialism about meaning and the utility monster

"   consequentialism about meaning and the repugnant conclusion

TEACHING

2019-2022   TA/Tutor - Greats: Plato to the Enlightenment (1st year), University of Edinburgh
Subjects included: Socrates (*Apology*); Plato (*The Republic*); Aristotle (*Nicomachean Ethics*); Descartes (*Meditations*); Hume (*Treatise, Dialogues*); Hobbes (*Leviathan*); Kant (First *Critique*).

TA/Tutor - Morality and value (1st year), University of Edinburgh
Subjects included: theories of well-being, ethical theories, political legitimacy/authority, practical ethics (topics included ethics of consent, immigration, business ethics).

2019-2020   Tutor - PPLS Writing and Skills Centre, University of Edinburgh
Duties included: reading the work of, and working alongside with, students from first year undergraduates through to Doctoral candidates in various disciplines (e.g., bioloegy, architecture, physics, etc.) to help improve their academic writing and argumentation.

2015-2018   TA/Tutor - Big Questions (first year), University of Melbourne
Subjects included: Socrates (*Apology*); Plato (*Meno, The Republic, Euthyphro*); Aristotle (*Nicomachean Ethics*); Descartes (*Meditations*); Spinoza (*Ethics*); Kant (*3rd Critique*).

TA/Tutor - Great Thinkers (first year), University of Melbourne
Subjects included: ethical theories, bioethics (specifically eugenics), personal identity, consequentialism, epistemology, radical scepticism, structure of justification, philosophy of science, problem of induction, philosophy of mind.

2017   Discussion Facilitator - Ethics Forum, Australian Catholic University

FUNDING/AWARDS

2018-2022   James Forrester PhD Scholarship, University of Edinburgh. Department internal scholarship for ethics (4 years); tuitions fees at overseas rates and stipend.

2020   Nominated for 'Outstanding Feedback' award, University of Edinburgh Student Association.

2016   Graduate Research in Arts Travel Award, University of Melbourne.

Research and Graduate Studies Funding Award, University of Melbourne.

SERVICES

Refereeing   *Philosophical Psychology; Northern European Journal of Philosophy; Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*

Service   Judge for John Stuart Mill Cup, UK (2021). Sutton Trust Summer School, Philosophy Project Day, University of Edinburgh (2022).

TALKS/PRESENTATIONS
* accepted but unable to attend

2022   "Lucky Idiots and Incompetent Villains: Anti-Luck and Meaning in Life" *
Texas A&M University Graduate Conference

2020	"Towards an Ontology of Lives" *
	AAP Conference, University of Sydney (canceled due to COVID-19)
2019	"Agency and Outcomes in Meaningful Lives"
	AAP Conference, University of Wollongong

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"Towards and Ontology of Lives"
Ethics and Morality workshop, University of Edinburgh

"The Role of Luck in Meaningful Lives"
Postgraduate Work in Progress Talk, University of Edinburgh

2018   "The Shape of a Life and the Plays We Make"
Whole Lives, Time, and Self-Hood, Deakin University

2017   "The Shape of a Life and the Plays we Make"
XXIV SICC, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid

"Are Conflicting Intuitions a Problem for the Experience Machine?"
Postgraduate Philosophy Colloquium, University of Melbourne

"Are Conflicting Intuitions a Problem for the Experience Machine?" *
Long Island Philosophy Society, St. Johns University

2016   "Well-being and the Bipartite Distinction" *
NZAP Annual Conference, University of Waikato

"Doing Well does not Imply Going Well" *
10th Annual Graduate Conference, Western Michigan University

"Well-being and the Bipartite Distinction" *
53rd Western Canadian Philosophical Association, University of Alberta

"What is Bad for You Could be Good for Your Life"
Australian Postgraduate Conference, Australian National University

"What is Good for Your Life Might not be Good for You"
Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference, Monash University

"Doing Well Does not Imply Going Well"
AUB 1st Graduate Philosophy Conference, American University of Beirut

"Doing Well Does not Imply Going Well"
23rd Graduate Philosophy Conference, University of Waterloo

2015   "Doing Well Does not Imply Going Well"
Australasian Postgraduate Philosophy Conference, University of Adelaide

COMMENTARIES

2022   Molly Gardner's "Suffering and Meaning in the Life of Wild Animals"
Edinbrugh/Kansas Workshop on Well-being, University of Edinburgh

REFERENCES

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