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## Areas

AOS: Normative and Applied Ethics  
AOC: Meta-Ethics, Decision Theory, Political Philosophy,  
Epistemology, Metaphysics,

## Appointments

2019 - present **Senior Research Fellow**, Global Priorities Institute, Faculty of  
Philosophy, University of Oxford

2015 - 2021 **Associate Professor**, Faculty of Philosophy, University of  
Oxford

2015 - 2019 **Tutorial Fellow**, Jesus College, University of Oxford

2010 - 2015 **Examination Fellow**, All Souls College, University of Oxford

## Education

2010 - 2014 **D. Phil. in Philosophy**, University of Oxford.  
Thesis title: "Evolutionary Debunking Arguments in Ethics"  
Supervisors: Krister Bykvist, John Hawthorne

Spring 2012 **Visiting Scholar**, Department of Philosophy, Duke University

2008 - 2010 **B. Phil. in Philosophy**, University of Oxford

2005 - 2008 **B.A. (Hons.) in Philosophy**, University of Cambridge

## Publications

Forthcoming "Evolution, utilitarianism, and normative uncertainty: the  
practical significance of debunking arguments" (with William  
MacAskill), *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*

2022 "The only ethical argument for positive  $\delta$ ? Partiality and pure  
time preference," *Philosophical Studies* 179, 2731–2750

- “Tough enough? Robust satisficing as a decision norm for long-term policy analysis,” (with David Thorstad) *Synthese* 200, 36
- “Fine-tuning the Darwinian Dilemma” in Machuca, ed., *Evolutionary Debunking Arguments in Philosophy*, 56-80 (Routledge)
- “Population ethical intuitions,” (with Lucius Caviola, David Althaus, Geoffrey Goodwin) *Cognition* 218, 104941
- “Against Large Number Scepticism” in McMahan, Campbell, Goodrich, and Ramakrishnan, eds., *Ethics and Existence: The Legacy of Derek Parfit*, 311-30 (Oxford University Press)
- 2021 “Moral demands and the far future,” *Philosophy & Phenomenological Research* 103, 567-85.
- “The Paralysis Argument” (with William MacAskill), *Philosophers’ Imprint* 21, 1-17.
- “Is identity illusory?” *European Journal of Philosophy* 29, 55-73.
- “Should you save the more useful? The effect of generality on moral judgments about rescue and indirect effects” (with Lucius Caviola and Stefan Schubert), *Cognition* 206, 1-15.
- “Maximal cluelessness,” *Philosophical Quarterly* 71, 141-62.
- 2020 “Meaning, medicine, and merit,” *Utilitas* 32, 90-107.
- 2019 “Racial profiling and cumulative injustice” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 98, 452-77.
- “The Callousness Objection,” in Pummer and Greaves, eds., *Effective Altruism: Philosophical Perspectives*, pp. 227-43 (OUP)

- “Life-years at stake: justifying and modelling acquisition of life-potential for DALYS,” in Gamlund and Tollef, eds. *Saving people from the harm of death*, pp. 48-60 (OUP)
- 2018 “The brave officer rides again” *Erkenntnis* 83, 315-329.
- “Giving isn’t demanding” (with William MacAskill and Toby Ord) in Woodruff, ed. *The ethics of giving: philosophers’ perspectives on philanthropy*, pp. 178-203 (OUP)
- “How ecumenical expressivism confuses the trivial and the substantive,” *Analysis* 78, 666-674.
- 2017 “Disagreements in moral intuition as defeaters” *The Philosophical Quarterly* 67, 282-302.
- “Moral testimony pessimism and the uncertain value of authenticity” *Philosophy & Phenomenological Research* 95, 261-284.
- 2016 “Do evolutionary debunking arguments rest on a mistake about evolutionary explanations?” *Philosophical Studies* 173, 1799-1817.
- “Should we prevent optimific wrongs?” *Utilitas* 28, 215-226.
- 2015 “Contingency anxiety and the epistemology of disagreement” *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 97, 590-611.
- “Evolutionary debunking arguments and the proximate/ultimate distinction” *Analysis* 75, 196-203.

### Invited or peer-reviewed presentations

- Jul 2022 “Respect for others’ risk attitudes and the long-run future,”  
Munich Centre for Mathematical Philosophy, LMU Munich
- “Just saving in non-ideal theory,” *Mind/Aristotelian Society Joint Session (Open Session)*, University of St. Andrews

- “The weight of suffering,” *Society for Applied Philosophy Annual Conference*, University of Edinburgh
- Sep 2019 “‘The only ethical argument for positive  $\delta$ ’?” *Interdisciplinary Research Network for Economists and Philosophers*, University of York
- Oct 2018 “Meaning, Medicine, and Merit,” University College Dublin
- Sep 2018 “Against Large Number Scepticism,” Institute for Future Studies, Stockholm
- “Fine-tuning the Darwinian Dilemma,” Stockholm University
- May 2018 “Against Large Number Scepticism,” *Derek Parfit Memorial Conference*, Faculty of Philosophy, Oxford.
- Apr 2018 “Long-termism for Risk Averse Altruists,” Global Priorities Institute, Oxford
- Jun 2016 “Life Years at Stake,” *Oxford Workshop on Saving Lives from the Badness of Death*, Corpus Christi College, Oxford
- Nov 2015 “Moral Testimony Pessimism and the Uncertain Value of Authenticity,” *The Philosophical Society*, Faculty of Philosophy, Oxford.
- “What Natural Selection Can’t Explain about Ethics,” *Reasons and the Psychology of Human Agents Workshop*, Faculty of Philosophy, Copenhagen.
- Mar 2015 “Ethics, Evolution, and the Coincidence Problem” *New Insights and Directions for Religious Epistemology: Etiology, Debunking, and Religious Epistemology Workshop*, Faculty of Philosophy, Oxford.
- Jun 2014 “Do Evolutionary Debunking Arguments Rest on a Mistake About Evolutionary Explanations?” *Experiments and Intuitions Conference*, Ertegun House, Oxford

- Apr 2014 “Do Evolutionary Debunking Arguments Rest on a Mistake About Evolutionary Explanations?” *Philosophy of Biology in the UK Conference*, Christ’s College, Cambridge
- Nov 2011 “Positive Ethics for Non-Consequentialists” *Positive Ethics Seminar*, Balliol College, Oxford
- Jul 2011 “Ethical Beliefs Are Debunked by Evolutionary Accounts of their Origins” *Evolution of Morality Conference*, St. Anne’s College, Oxford

### Professional activity

Administration: Director for External Academic Engagement (Philosophy), Global Priorities Institute, Faculty of Philosophy, Oxford, 2022 -

Assistant Director (Philosophy), Global Priorities Institute, Faculty of Philosophy, Oxford, 2019-2022

BPhil Course Coordinator, Faculty of Philosophy, Oxford, 2019 – 2021.

Graduate Teaching Co-ordinator, Faculty of Philosophy, Oxford, 2016 – 2019.

Academic Committee, Jesus College, Oxford, 2016.

Referee: *Ethics, Noûs, Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophical Studies, Synthese, Utilitas, Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, Biology and Philosophy, Journal of Applied Philosophy, Oxford University Press, Routledge.*

Conferences: *Workshop on Longtermism and Non-Consequentialist Moral Philosophy*, Global Priorities Institute, Oxford, Aug 2022, Co-Organizer with Andreas Schmidt

*Good Done Right: A Conference on Effective Altruism*, All Souls College, Oxford, Jul 2014, Organizer

*Oxford Hedonism Conference*, Ertegun House, Oxford, Mar 2014, Co-Organizer with Bastian Stern

## Public engagement

Publications: “The secret to making yourself happier? Give your money away”  
*The Huffington Post* 12<sup>th</sup> Jun 2015,  
<[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/andreas-mogensen/the-secret-to-making-your\\_b\\_7569180.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/andreas-mogensen/the-secret-to-making-your_b_7569180.html)>

Interviews:  
“Andreas Mogensen on whether effective altruism is just for consequentialists,” The 80,000 Hours Podcast, Sep 2022

Talks:  
“Taking charity seriously,” The Boston Consulting Group, London, Sep 2016.  
“Giving without sacrifice?” All Souls College, Oxford, Jun 2011; The Union, Cambridge, Nov 2011; St. John’s College, Oxford, Nov 2012.

Service:  
Assistant Director, Giving What We Can, Oct 2012 – Oct 2015  
Legal and Financial Manager, the Centre for Effective Altruism, Jun – Oct 2012