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**AOS:** Political Philosophy, Bioethics and Normative Ethics  
**AOC:** Moral Philosophy, Democratic Theory

### Education

2019-2015: MANCEPT (Manchester Centre for Political Theory) PhD student at University of Manchester.

Thesis title: Body Modification Practices, Respect for Persons, and the Medical Monopoly  
Supervisors: Dr Richard Child and Dr Christian Schemmel  
Awarded with no corrections on the 12th of July 2019

#### Funding:

2015-2019: School of Social Sciences Studentship, University of Manchester

2018-2019: 3000 USD awarded by the Institute for Humane Studies

2017: 2500 USD awarded by the Charles Koch Foundation to support research on a paper entitled *Owned to Unowned: A Theory of Abandonment*

2015-2014- MA Ethics and Political Philosophy at University of Manchester (Distinction)

Thesis on Harry Frankfurt's account of moral responsibility

2014-2010: Philosophy Degree at University of Barcelona (UB) (84% Average)

Thesis on moral responsibility in John Rawls' 'A Theory of Justice'

2011: Athens To Al-Qaeda: Political Theory and International Politics (Grade A-) at the London School of Economics Summer School

### Publications

2019 - 'Body Modification Practices and The Medical Monopoly' *Social Theory and Practice*, Vol. 45, No. 2, pp. 307-327 DOI: 10.5840/soctheorpract201971261

2019- A review of Jessica Flanigan's 'Pharmaceutical Freedom: Why Patients Have a Right to Self-Medicate' in *Journal of Applied Philosophy*, Vol. 36, No. 3, pp. 523-525 DOI: 10.1111/japp.12333

2018 - A Review of Roberto Esposito's 'Person's and Things' *Logical Analysis and History of Philosophy*, Vol. 21, pp. 267-271

2018 - 'Autonomy Competence and Non-Interference' *HEC Forum*, Vol. 30, No. 3, pp. 235–252  
DOI: 10.1007/s10730-017-9344-1.

2017- A review of J.M. Bernstein's 'Torture and Dignity: An Essay on Moral Injury' in *Philosophy in Review*, Vol. 37, No. 1 pp. 5-9

2014- A review of Dale Miller's 'J.S. Mill: Moral, Social and Political Thought' *Logical Analysis and History of Philosophy*, Vol. 17 pp. 212-216

## Conferences

2018: *Abolishing the Medical Monopoly?* presented at 35th Annual International Social Philosophy Conference, 19th-21st July at Oakland University, Rochester MI.

2018: *Abandonment, Squatting and the Lockean Proviso* presented at IHS Summer Research Colloquium, 12-15th July at Chapman University, Orange CA

2018: *Owned to Unowned: On Abandonment and Lockean Loss* presented at the Reading Ethics and Political Philosophy Graduate/Early Career Conference, 11th of June.

2018: *Body Modification Practices and The Medical Monopoly* presented at the Warwick Graduate Conference in Political and Legal Theory, 17th of February

2017: *Legalising Body Modification – The Physician's Duty to Refer and the Use of Medical Technology* given at MANCEPT Workshops in Political Theory, 11-13th September

2017: *A Lockean Theory of Abandonment* given at MANCEPT Seminars, 2nd March

2017: *A Lockean Theory of Abandonment* given at Warwick Graduate Conference in Political and Legal Theory, 18<sup>th</sup> of February

2017: IHS and Liberty Fund Advanced Topics in Liberty '*Property and Freedom*' hosted at Crystal City Marriot Hotel, Arlington VA 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> of February.

2016: IHS Advanced Summer Seminar *Origins, Tensions & Impacts of Classical and Modern Liberalism* hosted at Bryn Mawr College, Philadelphia PA

2016: *Risk-Relative Standards of Competence and Values* given at Brave New World, Manchester on 21st of June 2016

2015: *John Rawls and Responsibility* given at Warwick Graduate Conference in Political and Legal Theory, 21st of February

2014: *Treating the Enhancement Debate: Irrelevant Distinctions in the Enhancement Medicine Debate.* Given at SOPhiA conference in Salzburg on the 5th of September.

## Prizes

2015: Winner of the 'MA-Ethics and Political Philosophy' prize for best overall mark awarded by the University of Manchester.

2013: Premi Pensa awarded by the University of Barcelona Philosophy Department with the essay "Tortura i Terror- Els TBS" (Torture and Terror - Ticking Bomb Scenarios)

2013: Winner of the XXXII Premi de Filosofia Arnau de Vilanova with the essay "El aborto, el eterno retorno del debate" (Abortion, the Eternal Recurrence of the Debate)

## Employment

**September 2019 - Postdoctoral Research Fellow** in Law and Philosophy at the University of Birmingham

September 2018 — June 2019: **Teaching Associate** in Political Theory at the University of Manchester

As a teaching associate I delivered a number of tutorials and lectures on first and second year modules Challenges to Democratic Politics (POLI20961) and Introduction to Political Theory (POLI 10702). As part of the role I also delivered teacher training for new Graduate Teaching Assistants, conducted peer reviews of tutorial teaching across undergraduate modules delivered by the department and contributed to the virtual learning environment.

Autumn 2017 – **Senior Graduate Teaching Assistant** on POLI20961 Challenges to Democratic Politics at the University of Manchester

This course analyses the problems faced by contemporary democracies and classical democratic theory's inability to provide complete answers to them. This course takes a bottom-up approach to problems such as health and educational inequality, the refugee crisis, the erosion of democratic participation mechanisms and Universal Basic Income. As part of the role of Senior Graduate Teaching Assistant I conducted peer reviews of fellow TAs and contributed to course administration.

Spring 2017 and Spring 2018 – **Graduate Teaching Assistant** on POLI10702 Introduction to Political Theory at the University of Manchester

This course introduces students to normative political theory as part of their Politics Philosophy and Economics (PPE) degrees. This course tackles the problem of the legitimacy of States. In particular students consider: i) whether and why states have a right to rule, ii) over whom they should rule and iii) whether legitimacy constrains how states should rule.

Autumn 2015 and Autumn 2016 — **Graduate Teaching Assistant** on POLI20961 Challenges to Democratic Politics at the University of Manchester

This course analyses the problems faced by contemporary democracies and classical democratic theory's inability to provide complete answers to them. This course takes a bottom-up approach to problems such as health inequality, poverty, migration, globalisation and asks whether these problems can be solved by democratic means.

## **Professional Qualifications**

Associate Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (AFHEA)

## **Additional Academic Activities**

PhD tutor for the Brilliant Club, a UK wide educational charity that brings PhD researchers into schools in economically deprived areas as a means of closing the educational gap between wealthy and non-wealthy students in Britain.

Lead organiser of the MANCEPT Workshops in Political Theory. The workshops brings together around 250 political philosophers from the UK, Europe and the USA for three days of in depth workshops on all aspects of contemporary analytical political theory.

## **Other attributes**

Spanish: Native speaking, reading and writing

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