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AOS: Political Philosophy, Bioethics and Normative Ethics
AOC: Democratic Theory and Philosophy of Law

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 (15.000 GBP/Annum)
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

2022: A Review of Clare Chambers' 'Intact: A Defence of the Unmodified Body' *Journal of Value Inquiry*.

2021: 'Ending the War on Drugs: Public Attitudes and Incremental Change', *The American Journal of Bioethics*, Vol. 21, No. 4, pp. 26-28

2020: 'How to Regulate the Right to Self-Medicating' *HEC Forum* (Online View). DOI: 10.1177/1932296820957728

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

Co-Authored Publications:

2021: 'Prescribing Unapproved Medical Devices? The case of DIY Artificial Pancreas Systems' forthcoming in *Medical Law International*, co-authored with Muireann Quigley and Victoria Moore.

2020: 'User and Healthcare Professional Perspectives on Do-It-Yourself Artificial Pancreas Systems' *Journal of Diabetes Science and Technology*, co-authored with J Shepard, M Breton, R Nimri, T Street, D Klonooff, K Barnard-Kelly. (Online View)

Funding Awarded:

2019: Awarded 5000 GBP from the ESRC Impact Acceleration Award to organise the interdisciplinary workshop '#WeAreNotWaiting: The DIY-Pancreas and the Future of Diabetes Management' (Co-authored with Rachael Dickson and Muireann Quigley)

2019: Awarded 30 hours of research assistance to by a LLM student by the CEPLER RE-Skill programme at the University of Birmingham. The student was employed over 3 weeks, with weekly supervision.

Presentations

2022: *Recreational Drugs and the Value of Community*, Society of Applied Philosophy, Edinburgh, 2nd July.

2022: *Taking Embodiment Seriously in Ethics, Medical Practice, and Public Policy*, Centre for Biomedicine, Self, and Society, University of Edinburgh, 23rd June.

2021: *Liberalism, Communitarianism and Recreational Drugs* presented at Birmingham Law School Seminar, 21st April.

2021: *Being Novel? Regulating Emerging Technologies Under Conditions of Uncertainty* presented at Max Planck Institute for Social Law and Social Policy, 23rd February (presented with Muireann Quigley).

2021: *Respect for Destructive Choices: Exploitation and Fair Play* presented at Annual Southwest Graduate Philosophy Conference, Arizona State University, 20th February

2020: *Respect for Destructive Choices: Exploitation and Fair Play* presented at the Natural Law Forum, University of Birmingham, 19th November.

2020: *The Permissibility of Self-Destruction* presented at MANCEPT Graduate Work in Progress Seminar, 5th June

2020: *Do-It-Yourself Artificial Pancreas Systems: Ethical Issues* presented at Advanced Technologies & Treatments for Diabetes (ATTD), 19-22nd February, Madrid

2019: *Bio-technological Enhancement: Distributive Justice and the Value of Being Human* presented at Centre for Digital Cultures, University of Birmingham, 9th December

2019: *Respect for Persons, Destructive Choices and the Value of Agency* presented at MANCEPT Seminars, 15th June

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* presented at MANCEPT Workshops in Political Theory, 11-13th September

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

2017: *A Lockean Theory of Abandonment* presented at Warwick Graduate Conference in Political and Legal Theory, 18th of February

2017: IHS and Liberty Fund Advanced Topics in Liberty 'Property and Freedom' hosted at Crystal City Marriot Hotel, Arlington VA 4th to 6th 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* presented at Brave New World, Manchester 21st of June

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

2014: *Treating the Enhancement Debate: Irrelevant Distinctions in the Enhancement Medicine Debate* presented 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 - Present: **Postdoctoral Research Fellow** in Law and Philosophy at the University of Birmingham.

I am currently employed as a postdoctoral fellow on the Wellcome Trust Funded Project 'Everyday Cyborgs 2.0: Law's Boundary Work and Alternative Legal Futures'. Led by Professor Muireann Quigley, the project focuses on the novel regulatory challenges posed by our increased use of implanted and attached medical devices. My focus on the project is to work on the normative and conceptual questions that the use of medical devices pose.

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

Between 2018 and 2019 I was a 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.

I was the lead organiser of the MANCEPT Workshops in Political Theory in 2019. 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.

Reviewer for Philosophical Quarterly and the American Journal of Bioethics.

Other attributes

Spanish: Native speaking, reading and writing

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