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RESEARCH AREAS

Philosophy
Political philosophy, ethics, Indigenous rights, Indigenous philosophy, philosophy of wellbeing, and conceptual engineering

Social Science
Indigenous peoples and resource extraction industries, Indigenous data sovereignty, participatory wellbeing frameworks

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- **Research Fellow**, School of Regulation and Global Governance, Australian National University (2025–present)

  Interdisciplinary research on Indigenous rights and resource industries, including Indigenous self-determination, agreement-making, consent, and data sovereignty.
- **Research Affiliate**, School of Philosophy, Australian National University (2025–present)

EDUCATION

- **PhD in Philosophy**, Australian National University (2024)

  Thesis: "Engineering Concepts for Public Policy: Wellbeing and Disability"
  Panel: Nicholas Southwood, Garrett Cullity, Katie Steele
  Examiners: Ingrid Robeyns, Valerie Tiberius
- **MA in Philosophy**, Washington University in St. Louis (2019)
- **MA with Distinction (highest honour) in Philosophy**, Victoria University of Wellington (2015)
- **BA with First Class Honours (highest honour) in Philosophy,** Victoria University of Wellington (2014)
- **BA in Philosophy**, **Massey Scholar (highest honour)**, Massey University (2013)
- **Te Pōkaitahi Ngāpuhi-Nui-Tonu** (Certificate in Māori Studies), NorthTec, New Zealand (2006)

LANGUAGES

- **English**, first language
- **Māori**, conversational

PUBLICATIONS

ARTICLES & CHAPTERS

10. "Indigenous Philosophy and Analytic Philosophy: Relationship Issues." *Australasian Philosophical Review*. (Invited, forthcoming)
9. "Wellbeing Frameworks and Future Generations." *Journal of Social Philosophy.* Online first at doi.org/10.1111/josp.70066. (2026)
8. "An Account of Wellbeing for Wellbeing Frameworks." *Ergo: An Open Access Journal of Philosophy* 13. (2026 [accepted 2024])
7. "Australia's Wellbeing Framework: Is It Really Measuring What Matters?" With Kate Sollis and Paul Campbell. *Australian Journal of Social Issues* 60 (2): 511–531. (2025)
6. "Utilitarianism." In *Ethical Theory in Global Perspective*, edited by Michael Hemmingson, 125–141. SUNY Press. (2024)
5. "Love, Reasons, and Desire." *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 23 (3): 591–605. (2020)
4. "A Humean Constructivist Reading of J. S. Mill's Utilitarian Theory." *Utilitas* 28 (2): 189–214. (2016)
3. "Is Moral Bioenhancement Dangerous?" *Journal of Medical Ethics* 42 (1): 3–6. (2016, online first 2015)

REVIEWS

2. "*Choosing Normative Concepts*, written by Matti Eklund." *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 17 (4): 441–444. (2020)

PUBLIC-FACING PUBLICATIONS

1. "Whatever happened to the Albanese government's wellbeing agenda?" With Kate Sollis and Paul Campbell. *The Conversation*. June 26, 2025

WORK IN PROGRESS

UNDER REVIEW

- "Indigenous Peoples, Resource Projects, and Consent." Argues for a statutory requirement for Indigenous peoples' consent for resource projects on Indigenous lands.
- "Yes, There Is Indigenous Knowledge." Responds to recent arguments that there's no such thing as Indigenous knowledge.
- "How to Engineer an Account of Wellbeing." Develops a method for arriving at accounts of wellbeing for practical contexts.

IN PREPARATION

- "Agreements Between Indigenous Peoples and Extractive Companies: A Critical Review and Research Agenda." With Nick Bainton and Jenna Imad Harb.
- "What is Indigenous knowledge?" Identifies the range of different views of Indigenous knowledge and argues for a particular account of Indigenous knowledge for the context of institutional research and teaching, using mātauranga Māori (Māori knowledge) as the central example.
- "An Analysis of Western Bias in Multinational Wellbeing and Social Progress Frameworks." With Kate Sollis, Mohsen Joshanloo, Luciano Sewaybricker, Herdiyan Maulana, and Paul Campbell.
- "Wellbeing for Public Health: A Framework for Action." With Amanda Kvalsvig, Gerry Redmond, Karen McBride-Henry, Lynne Russell, Kristen Maynard, Rebecca Bell.

GRANT APPLICATIONS

- **Principal Investigator**, Mana Tūāpapa Future Leader Fellowship, Royal Society of New Zealand, NZ$820,000 (submitted 2026, decision pending)
- **Investigator**, Tracing Rights and Authority in the Circular Economy: Enabling Indigenous and Community Governance of Global Lithium Supply Chains, Rio Tinto Centre for Future Materials; US$4 million (EOI submitted 2026)

PRESENTATIONS

- "Indigenous Peoples, Resource Projects, and Consent." School of Philosophy, ANU (2026)
- "Wellbeing and Indigenous Rights." School of Regulation and Global Governance, ANU (2026)
- "How to Engineer an Account of Wellbeing." *Workshop on Applied Philosophy of Wellbeing*, ANU (2024)
- "Measuring National Wellbeing in a Multicultural Society." *Measuring Wellbeing in a Multicultural World*, ANU (2023)
- "Conceptual Engineering for Public Policy." Global Priorities Institute, University of Oxford (2023)
- "Measuring National Wellbeing in a Multicultural Society." University of Hawai‘i (2023)
- "Wellbeing Policy and Future Generations." Global Priorities Institute, University of Oxford (2022)
- "Disability and Public Policy." *Conference on Social Categories and Oppression*, ANU (2021)

PANELS

- Φ Invited panellist, *Thinking from Everywhen: Philosophy, Indigenous Knowledge and Perspectives*, ANU and University of Melbourne (2024)

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- Φ Global Priorities Fellowship (£5,000), Forethought Foundation for Global Priorities Research, University of Oxford (2022–2023)
- Φ Early Career Conference Programme, Global Priorities Institute, University of Oxford (2022–2023)
- Φ Australian Government Research Training Program Stipend Scholarship, 3 years, ANU (2020)
- Φ Australian Government Research Training Program Fee Offset Scholarship, 4 years, ANU (2020)
- Φ Te Pūtahi Atawhai (Māori and Pasifika Student Success) Excellence in Mentoring Award, Victoria University of Wellington (awarded in both 2024 and 2015)
- Φ Tu Horomata Scholarship, for outstanding Māori graduate students, Victoria University of Wellington (2014)
- Φ Victoria Master's Scholarship, Victoria University of Wellington (2014)
- Φ Victoria Graduate Award, Victoria University of Wellington (2013)
- Φ Humanities & Social Sciences Scholarship for graduate study, Massey University (2013, declined by recipient)
- Φ Massey Scholar, highest award for Bachelor's degree graduates, Massey University (2013)
- Φ Orangi Kaupapa Trust Award ($4,000), to recognise work promoting positive social change in New Zealand (2004); for founding Te Whiti-o-Rongomai House, providing accommodation and support for homeless people.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP AND EVENT ORGANISATION

- Φ Conference convenor, *Workshop on Applied Philosophy of Wellbeing*, ANU (2024)
- Φ Conference convenor, *Measuring Wellbeing in a Multicultural World*, ANU (2023)
- Φ Convenor, Works in Progress Group, Centre for Moral, Social, and Political Theory, ANU (2022–2024)
- Φ Founder and convenor, St. Louis Chinese Philosophy Reading Group (2018–2020)
- Φ Founder and convenor, Philosophy Graduate Students Group, Washington University in St. Louis (2016–2019)
- Φ Founder and convenor, Social Events Series, Washington University in St. Louis (2016–2020)

PEER-REVIEW

- Referee for *Utilitas*, *Bioethics*, *The ILAR* (Institute for Laboratory Animal Research) *Journal*, *Journal of Value Inquiry*, *Journal of Ethics*, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, *Ratio*, *Res Philosophica*, and the *Australian Journal of Social Issues*

EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION

- Diversity Committee, Australasian Association of Philosophy (2020–2025)
- Equality and Diversity Committee, School of History, Philosophy, Political Science and International Relations, Victoria University of Wellington (2014–2016)

MENTORING AND STUDENT SUPPORT

- Mentor, Alumni as Mentors Program, Victoria University of Wellington (2026)
- Honours Student Mentor, ANU (2021–2025)
- Graduate Student Health Advisory Committee, Washington University in St. Louis (2019–2020)
- Founder and convenor, Mental Health Support Group, Washington University in St. Louis (2018–2020)
- Te Pūtahi Atawhai (Māori and Pasifika Student Success) Student Mentor, Victoria University of Wellington (2014–2016)

UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

- Work Health and Safety Committee, College of Law, Governance, and Policy, ANU (2025–present)
- Director of Social Programming, School of Regulation and Global Governance, ANU (2025)
- Program Scholarships Committee, School of Regulation and Global Governance, ANU (2025)
- Content audit and revision plan for the School of Philosophy website, ANU (2025)
- Senator, Graduate Student Senate, Washington University in St. Louis (2019–2020)
- American Philosophical Association Data Task Force Departmental Liaison, Washington University in St. Louis (2018–2020)
- Graduate Student Office Coordinator, Washington University in St. Louis (2017–2020)
- Entertainment Committee, Washington University in St. Louis (2016–2017)

TEACHING

SOLE INSTRUCTOR

- Phil 234 Business Ethics, Washington University in St. Louis (2019)
- Phil 233 Biomedical Ethics, Washington University in St. Louis (2018)

GUEST LECTURER

- Para 604 Clinical Practice 1 [Paramedicine], Auckland University of Technology (2019)—ethics and medical care

HEAD ASSISTANT INSTRUCTOR

- Phil 105 The Big Questions, Victoria University of Wellington (2016)
- Phil 104 Minds, Brains, and Persons, Victoria University of Wellington (2015)
- Phil 106 Contemporary Ethical Issues, Victoria University of Wellington (2015)

ASSISTANT INSTRUCTOR

- Phil 1005 Logic and Critical Thinking, ANU (2024)
- Phil 2122 Philosophy and Public Policy, ANU (2022, 2024)
- Phil 1004 Fundamental Ideas in Philosophy, ANU (2021)
- Re St 3091 Confucian Thought, Washington University in St. Louis (2019)
- Phil 315 Philosophy of Mind, Washington University in St. Louis (2018)
- Phil 233 Biomedical Ethics, Washington University in St. Louis (2018)
- Phil 233 Biomedical Ethics, Washington University in St. Louis (2017)
- Māori and Pasifika Assistant Instructor, Phil 107 Philosophy of Media and the Arts, Victoria University of Wellington (2015)
- Phil 104 Knowledge and Reality, Victoria University of Wellington (2015)
- Phil 105 The Big Questions, Victoria University of Wellington (2014)

TEACHER TRAINING

- Mental Health Awareness Training, ANU College of Arts & Social Sciences (2021)
- Gender Inclusive Teaching Workshop, ANU College of Arts & Social Sciences (2020)

REFERENCES

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