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Academic appointments

July 2023-present *Assistant Professor*, Department of Political Science, University of California, San Diego
Fall 2021-July 2023 *Postdoctoral Fellow*, McCoy Family Center for Ethics in Society, Stanford University

Areas of specialisation

Social and Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Social Science, Ethics

Education

2021 PhD in Philosophy, Duke University
Committee: Gopal Sreenivasan, Alex Rosenberg, Allen Buchanan, Wayne Norman, Robert Brandon
2015 MA in Philosophy, University of Houston
2013 BA in Philosophy, Economics, Wellesley College

Publications

2023 Soon, V., "Sorting and the Ecology of Freedom of Association." *The Journal of Political Philosophy* 31(4): 411-432.
2021 Soon, V. "Social Structural Explanation." *Philosophy Compass* 16(10).
2021 Soon, V. "An Intrapersonal, Intertemporal Solution to an Interpersonal Dilemma." *Philosophical Studies* 178: 3353-3370.
2020 Soon, V. "Implicit Bias and Social Schema: a Transactive Memory Framework." *Philosophical Studies* 177: 1857-1877.

Book reviews

2022 Review of Schafran, A., Smith, N., and S. Hall. *The Spatial Contract: A New Politics of Provision for an Urbanized Planet*. *Environmental Ethics* 44(4).
2019 Review of Anderson, E., *Private Government: How Employers Rule Our Lives (and Why We Don't Talk about It)*. *Essays in Philosophy* 20(1).
2018 Review of Brennan, J., *Against Democracy*. *Essays in Philosophy* 19(1).

Presentations

INVITED TALKS

- 2023 Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society (New Orleans). “Is There an Imperative of Integration?”
- 2023 Hong Kong Catastrophic Risk Center, Lingnan University. “What We Owe the Future is Not Ours (Alone) to Give.”
- 2023 Columbia River Ethics Workshop. “Unbundling Freedom of Association.”
- 2023 Stanford Existential Risks Conference. “What We Owe the Future is Not Ours (Alone) to Give.”
- 2022 University of Southern California Legal Philosophy Workshop. “Unbundling Freedom of Association.”
- 2022 American Philosophical Association Pacific Division. “Unbundling Freedom of Association.”
- 2022 Stanford Political Theory Workshop. “Sorting and the Ecology of Freedom of Association.”
- 2020 Society for Business Ethics. “Personalization and the Problem of Sorting.”
- 2019 Philosophy of the City (University of Detroit Mercy). “Urban Planning as Prefigurative Politics.”
- 2019 Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (University of Colorado Boulder). “A Humean Theory of Responsibility for Structural Injustice.”
- 2019 Philosophy of Social Science Roundtable (University of Vermont Burlington). “Making Room for Ideological Explanation.”
- 2019 Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society (New Orleans). “Making Room for Ideological Explanation.”
- 2016 Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (University of Colorado Boulder). “Empathy’s for the Devil: On the Dangers of Using Empathy for Social Justice.”
- 2015 Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (University of Colorado Boulder). “Honor, Dignity, and Collective Resistance.”
- 2015 The Self in Time (Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich, Germany). “The Moral Significance of Animal Time and Memory.”
- 2015 Society for Philosophy and Psychology (Duke University). “The Moral Significance of Animal Time and Memory.” (Poster presentation.)
- 2015 Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology (New Orleans). “The Moral Significance of Animal Time and Memory.”

INVITED COMMENTS

- 2023 Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society (New Orleans). Author Meets Critics session, Joseph Heath’s *Cooperation and Social Justice*.
- 2023 Stanford FairML Workshop. Barocas, Hardt, and Narayan’s “Relative Notions of Fairness.”
- 2022 Stanford Political Theory Workshop. Elsa Kugenberg’s “The Socio-Sexual Bases of Self-Respect.”
- 2022 Political Theory In/And/As Political Science (Stanford). Stephanie Ahrens’ “Rethinking Institutionalized Distrust in Democracies.”
- 2019 Business Ethics in a Digital Age (Harvard Business School). Rebecca Rühle’s “Corporate Digital Nudging: Targeting Individual Weaknesses.”
- 2015 Minds Online Conference (online). Saray Ayala’s “Explaining Injustice in Speech: Individualistic vs. Structural Explanation.”
- 2015 Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology. Josh May’s “The Death of the Doctrine of Double Effect.”

Fellowships and awards

- 2020 Society for Business Ethics Founders’ Award for Emerging Scholars
- 2020 Duke Ottis Green Fellowship (\$24,300)
- 2020 Duke Competitive Summer Research Fellowship (\$5,500)
- 2020 Duke PhD Lab in Digital Knowledge Fellow (\$1,500)

2018 Duke Support for Interdisciplinary Graduate Networks (D-SIGN): Social Science Methods Network (\$6,000)
2018 Duke Competitive Summer Research Fellowship (\$5,500)
2017 Duke Kenan Institute for Ethics Fellow (\$3,000)
2015 University of Houston Phronesis Honors College Fellow (\$1,500)

Teaching

UCSD

Global Justice: Theory and Action (undergraduate)

STANFORD UNIVERSITY

Introduction to Global Justice (undergraduate)

DUKE UNIVERSITY

Introduction to Philosophy (undergraduate)

Logic (undergraduate)

Service

2022 Volunteer instructor at Hope House (a residential treatment facility for women in Redwood City, CA)
2019-20 President of Duke Philosophy Graduate Student Association
2017-20 Duke Minorities and Philosophy (MAP) Chapter Organizer
2016 Volunteer instructor at [Freedom Summer Collegiate](#) (Meridian, Mississippi).

Reviewer for: *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, *European Journal of Philosophy*, *Erkenntnis*, *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*, *Philosophia*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Race and Social Problems*, *Res Publica*

References

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Alex Rosenberg, Professor of Philosophy, Duke University
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