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EMPLOYMENT

University of Arizona
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Economy and Moral Science
Core Faculty Member, Center for the Philosophy of Freedom

August 2025–Present

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Moral and Political Philosophy • Normative Philosophy of Technology • Early Modern Philosophy

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Feminist Philosophy • Philosophy of Race and Gender • Legal Philosophy

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of California, Berkeley

July 2025

B.A. in Philosophy, Yale University

June 2017

PUBLICATIONS

Grotius Contra Carneades: Natural Law and the Problem of Self-Interest
Journal of the History of Philosophy 63 (1): 49-74 (2025)

Privacy and Assurance: On the Right to be Forgotten
Political Philosophy 1 (1): 212-235 (2024)

WORK IN PROGRESS

Moderation in Moderation: Social Media and the Problem of Free Speech

Scrolling and Sexualization: On Normalizing Power

Claims Against Subordination?

Why Is Pornography Valuable?

PUBLIC WRITING

Boston Review

The Problem Isn't Just Police—It's Politics (interview with Alex Vitale) 2020
Choosing Hope (interview with Noam Chomsky) 2019
Bloody Gina (article on U.S. torture legacy) 2018

Jacobin

The United States is Not the World's 'Indispensable Nation' (interview with Samuel Moyn) 2022

Vox

It's Time For Liberals to Get Over Citizens United (explainer on campaign finance reform) 2018

Marginalia Review of Books

Christian Wiman Illuminated (review of poet's memoir) 2019

TALKS (*=invited)

Scrolling and Sexualization: On Normalizing Power
—University of Arizona Faculty Colloquium September 2025

Should Sexualizing Women Be Normal?
—PPE Society (Panel on Content Moderation) October 2025
—PhilMod, Online Speaker Series* April 2025

Moderation in Moderation
—Research Colloquium, University of Arizona* April 2025
—Research Colloquium, Simon Fraser University* February 2025
—Research Colloquium, Hebrew University of Jerusalem* December 2024

Hobbes's Reply to the Fool Reconsidered
—PHIL Forum, UC Berkeley September 2024

Free Speech, Pornography, and the Subordination of Women
—Workshop on the Philosophy of Social Hierarchy, Tromsø, Norway June 2024
—Richard Wollheim Society, UC Berkeley April 2024

Privacy and Forgetting
—Richard Wollheim Society, UC Berkeley October 2023

Free Speech, Democracy, and Equality
—Berkeley-London Conference, University College London, England July 2022
—Richard Wollheim Society, UC Berkeley March 2022

Are There Comparative Wrongs?
—Richard Wollheim Society, UC Berkeley March 2019

COMMENTARIES

Comments on Lizzy Holt, "The Ethics of *Intercourse*"
—Berkeley-London Conference, UC Berkeley May 2025

Comments on Mike Martin's "Relishing Fine Strokes: Hume's 'Of the Standard of Taste'" —Kadish Workshop in Law, Philosophy, and Political Theory, UC Berkeley	October 2024
Comments on Stephen Darwall's "The Beginnings of Analytic Metaethics and the Analytic/Continental Divide" —Kadish Workshop in Law, Philosophy, and Political Theory, UC Berkeley	September 2023
Comments on Seana Shiffrin's "Democratic Politics: Duty Delegation without Abdication" —Kadish Workshop in Law, Philosophy, and Political Theory, UC Berkeley	October 2021
Comments on Steven Krasner's "Sovereignty and Restraint" —Kadish Workshop in Law, Philosophy, and Political Theory, UC Berkeley	February 2019
Comments on George Borjas's "Immigration Economics and Economic Policy" —Kadish Workshop in Law, Philosophy, and Political Theory, UC Berkeley	April 2018

FELLOWSHIPS and AWARDS

University of California, Berkeley

Outstanding GSI Award (awarded to less than 10 percent of teaching assistants)	2024
Erasmus+ Student Mobility Scholarship	2022
Dissertation Completion Fellowship	2022

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Referee for <i>Philosophical Quarterly</i> (x2)	2024, 2025
Discussant for PEA Soup Blog on Lowry Pressly's "The Right to Be Forgotten and the Value of an Open Future"	2024
Directed Reading Program Mentor, UC Berkeley	2022
Richard Wollheim Society Organizer, UC Berkeley	2017

LANGUAGES

Native fluency: English
Reading competence: Latin, German, Italian

TEACHING

Primary Instructor

Ethics and Economics of Wealth Creation (Arizona)	Fall 2025
Modern Philosophy (Berkeley)	Summer 2024
Individual Morality and Social Justice (Berkeley)	Summer 2023

Assistant Instructor

Moral Questions of Data Science (Niko Kolodny)	Spring 2025
Hobbes (Kristin Primus)	Fall 2024
Nietzsche (Katharina Kaiser)	Spring 2024

Special Topics in Political Philosophy: Political Realism (Hans Sluga)	Fall 2023
Individual Morality and Social Justice (Johann Frick)	Spring 2022
Political Philosophy (Véronique Munoz-Dardé)	Fall 2021
Ancient Philosophy (Michael Arsenault)	Summer 2021
Ethical Theories (R. Jay Wallace)	Spring 2021
Political Philosophy (Véronique Munoz-Dardé)	Fall 2020
Political Philosophy (Florian Grosser)	Summer 2020
Special Topics in European Philosophy: Foucault (Hans Sluga)	Spring 2020
Hume (Mike Martin)	Fall 2019
Philosophy of Race, Ethnicity, and Citizenship (Timothy Crockett)	Summer 2019
Modern Philosophy (Kristin Primus)	Spring 2019
Individual Morality and Social Justice (Hans Sluga)	Fall 2018

COURSEWORK

Qualifying Exams

Meta-Ethical Skepticism (R. Jay Wallace)	Fall 2019
Egalitarianism (Niko Kolodny)	Fall 2019
Space and Time in Hume's <i>Treatise</i> (Mike Martin)	Fall 2019

Seminars

Audit: AI Alignment from the Perspective of Formal Philosophy (Wesley Holliday, Xueyin Zhang)	Fall 2024
Audit: Leviathan (Kinch Hoekstra)	Fall 2024
Audit: History of Political Thought: Renaissance to French Revolution (Kinch Hoekstra)	Spring 2020
Kadish Workshop in Law, Philosophy, and Political Theory: Sovereignty and Human Rights (Joshua Cohen, Daniel Lee)	Spring 2019
Visual Experience (Alva Noë)	Spring 2019
Foundations of Political Philosophy (Sarah Song)	Spring 2019
Early Modern Theories of the Passions (Kristin Primus)	Fall 2018
Comparative Constitutional Law (Amnon Reichman)	Fall 2018
International Environmental Law (Neil Popovic)	Spring 2018
The Reception of Homer (James Porter)	Spring 2018
Kadish Workshop in Law, Philosophy, and Political Theory: Democracy (Joshua Cohen, Niko Kolodny)	Spring 2018
Art, Nature, Experience (Alva Noë)	Fall 2017
Monisms (Kristin Primus)	Fall 2017
Wittgenstein's Rule-Following Considerations (Hannah Ginsborg)	Fall 2017
First-year graduate seminar (Kristin Primus, Seth Yalcin)	Fall 2017

REFERENCES

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