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Employment

University of California, Riverside September 2025 – Present
Lecturer in Political Philosophy

Education

University of California, Riverside September 2018 – June 2025
Ph.D. Philosophy
Dissertation: Does Cooperation Matter?
Chair: Luca Ferrero

University of London, Birkbeck October 2016 – November 2017
M.A. Philosophy
University of Hull September 2013 – June 2016
B.A. Politics and Philosophy

London, UK

Hull, Yorkshire, UK

Academic Interests

Areas of Specialisation

Philosophy of Agency, Political Philosophy

Areas of Competence

Kant, 19th Century German Philosophy (esp. Nietzsche and Hegel), Philosophy of Evil, Civil Disobedience

Awards & Honors

Dissertation Completion Fellowship	2024
University of California, Riverside	Competitive fellowship to complete dissertation
Dissertation Year Fellowship	2022
University of California, Riverside	Competitive fellowship to work on dissertation
Harrah Prize	2021
University of California, Riverside	Essay Prize in Applied Philosophy
SSHP Dissertation Prize	2017
University of London, Birkbeck	Highest dissertation grade in Philosophy MA
Cyril Jode Prize	2017
University of London, Birkbeck	Highest seminar grades in Philosophy MA
Dissertation Prize	2016
University of Hull	Highest dissertation grade in Philosophy BA

Academic Service

APA Pacific: Portland: 2024, as chair

UCR Chancellors MEI (Making Excellence Inclusive) Diversity Certificate: 2022

UCR Agency Conference: 2019, as reviewer and speaker

Teaching Experience

As Primary Instructor

University of California, Riverside	September 2018 – June 2025
2024 * PHIL118: Personhood	Fall
2024 * PHIL164: Justice (Solidarity & Community)	Summer
2022 * PHIL164: Justice (Relational & Luck Egalitarianism)	Summer
2021 * PHIL002: Contemporary Moral Issues (Civil Disobedience; Insurrection)	Summer

As Teaching Assistant

University of California, Riverside	2018 – Present
2025 * PHIL003W: Ethics & Meaning of Life (Writing Intensive)	Winter
2024 * ENGL1B: Intermediate Composition	Winter
2024 * ENGL1B: Intermediate Composition	Winter
2023 * ENGL1A: Basic Composition	Fall
* PHIL001: Introduction to Philosophy	Winter
* PHIL004: Philosophy of Race	Spring
2022 * LWSO100: Law & Society	Fall
* PHIL164: Philosophy of Law	Winter
* PHIL005: Philosophy of Evil	Spring
2021 * PHIL003W: Ethics & the Meaning of Life (Writing Intensive)	Fall
* PHIL004: Philosophy of Race	Winter
* PHIL001: Introduction to Philosophy	Spring
2020 * PHIL005: Philosophy of Evil	Fall
* PHIL030E: Ethics & the Meaning of Life	Winter
* PHIL001: Introduction to Philosophy	Spring
2019 * PHIL005: Philosophy of Evil	Fall

Selected Graduate Coursework

(*indicates audit)

Agency Courses:

2028 • Love, Sex and Agency, Michael Nelson
• Freedom and Equality, Michael Nelson
• Love, Myisha Cherry

2020 • Moral Constitutivism Part 2, Michael Nelson & Luca Ferrero
• Anger, Myisha Cherry
• *Developmental Perspectives on Morality, Jay Wallace & Jan Engelmann

2019 • Valuing & Caring, Agnieszka Jaworska
• Moral Constitutivism Part 1, Michael Nelson & Luca Ferrero

2021 • *Rousseau, Andrews Reath

2022 • *Forward Looking Attitudes, Myisha Cherry
 • *Diachronic Agency, Luca Ferrero

Nature of Collectives:

2022 • *Joint Agency, Margaret Gilbert

2020 • Will, Kim Frost
 • *Collectives, Adam Harmer
 • *Buber, Howie Wettstein

2019 • Unity of (Group) Consciousness, Eric Schwitzgebel
 • *Leibniz's Substance, Adam Harmer

History of Philosophy Courses:

2023 • Barbara Hermann's *Moral Habitat*, Andrews Reath
 • Kant's *Critique of Judgment*, Sasha Newton

2020 • Hegel's Phenomenology Part 2, Pierre Keller
 • Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason*, Sasha Newton

2019 • Hegel's Science of Logic, Andreja Novakovic & Maudemarie Clark
 • Nietzsche's Political Philosophy, Andreja Novakovic & Maudemarie Clark
 • Aristotle's Posterior Analytics, Jozef Müller
 • Hegel's Phenomenology Part 2, Pierre Keller

Professional Skills

Technical Skills

- * Developed LaTeX dissertation guide with template for UC Riverside PhD students.
- * Productivity & Creative Tools: proficient with Microsoft Office Suite, Google Workspace, and Adobe Creative Suite (administration, grading, presentation etc.,).
- * Bibliography & reference management: proficient in LaTeX/BibTeX formatting, Zotero library management, and citation style customization (APA, Chicago, MLA, etc.).
- * Version control (Git, GitHub).

Homelab Administration

- * Deployed and maintained a Synology NAS with secure external access via TLS-based VPN, currently Tailscale.
- * Managed containerized applications (e.g., Sonarr, Radarr) to automate media workflows for a self-hosted Plex environment.
- * Operated a virtual machine as homelab: a mirrored test environment for server configuration and reliability testing.

- * Configured NAS as private backup solution — a ‘private cloud.’

Transferable Skills

My PhD Experience Helped me Practice

- * Self-motivation to complete long-term projects: the PhD is self-authored, research-first and it took seven years to complete and defend.
- * Public speaking in large and small groups. As Teaching Assistant, graded papers and oversaw discussion. As Associate/Primary Instructor, using syllabus of my own design.
- * Familiarity navigating mentorship and supervision in a variety of roles (as student, TA and Primary Instructor).
- * Time management: compartmentalise self-scheduling my deadlines while teaching students on university schedule.
- * Teamwork: engaged in interdisciplinary collaboration, participated in event organisation, regularly attended research labs, designed class group work etc.
- * Attention to detail: close reading of complex work (philosophy, CTAN, immigration etc.,), editing and reviewing for conferences and Emotions Lab (see associations).
- * Experienced with online, hybrid and in-person work environments.

Languages

German	Proficient: Intermediate
B2.1 Achieved	
French	Reading Proficient

Professional Associations

Emotions and Society Lab Directed by Myisha Cherry	https://www.emotionandsociety.com
American Philosophical Association (APA)	https://www.apaonline.org

References

Luca Ferrero Professor of Philosophy, Chair of Dissertation	luca.ferrero@ucr.edu University of California, Riverside
Andrews Reath Professor of Philosophy	andrews.reath@ucr.edu University of California, Riverside
Michael Nelson Professor of Philosophy, Chair of Department	michael.nelson@ucr.edu University of California, Riverside
Myisha Cherry Associate Professor of Philosophy, Founder of Emotions Lab	myisha.cherry@ucr.edu University of California, Riverside