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## Employment

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**University of California, Riverside**  
Lecturer in Political Philosophy

September 2025 – Present

## Education

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**University of California, Riverside**  
Ph.D. Philosophy  
Dissertation: Does Cooperation Matter?  
Chair: Luca Ferrero

September 2018 – June 2025  
Riverside, CA, USA

**University of London, Birkbeck**  
M.A. Philosophy

October 2016 – November 2017  
London, UK

**University of Hull**  
B.A. Politics and Philosophy

September 2013 – June 2016  
Hull, Yorkshire, UK

## Academic Interests

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### Areas of Specialisation

Philosophy of Agency, Political Philosophy

### Areas of Competence

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

## Awards & Honors

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### 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

### SSHPP 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

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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

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### 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

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(\*indicates audit)

### Agency Courses:

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| 2023 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Love, Sex and Agency, Michael Nelson</li><li>• Freedom and Equality, Michael Nelson</li><li>• Love, Myisha Cherry</li></ul>  |
| 2020 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Moral Constitutivism Part 2, Michael Nelson &amp; Luca Ferrero</li><li>• Anger, Myisha Cherry</li><li>• *Developmental Perspectives on Morality, Jay Wallace &amp; Jan Engelmann</li></ul> |
| 2019 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Valuing &amp; Caring, Agnieszka Jaworska</li><li>• Moral Constitutivism Part 1, Michael Nelson &amp; Luca Ferrero</li></ul>  |

- 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

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#### 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

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<b>German</b>	Proficient: Intermediate
B2.1 Achieved	
<b>French</b>	Reading Proficient

### Professional Associations

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<b>Emotions and Society Lab</b>	<a href="https://www.emotionandsociety.com">https://www.emotionandsociety.com</a>
Directed by Myisha Cherry	
<b>American Philosophical Association (APA)</b>	<a href="https://www.apaonline.org">https://www.apaonline.org</a>

### References

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Associate Professor of Philosophy, Founder of Emotions Lab	University of California, Riverside