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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION Political Philosophy • Normative Ethics • Philosophy of Law
AREAS OF COMPETENCE Applied Ethics • Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE)
History of Moral and Political Philosophy

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Philosophy, University of Arizona	2015
M.A., Political Science, Arizona State University	2007
B.A. (with high distinction), Philosophy and Politics, University of Virginia	2005

BOOKS

Why It's OK to Mind Your Own Business. Routledge, 2023. (with Brandon Warmke)
Grandstanding: The Use and Abuse of Moral Talk. Oxford University Press, 2020. (with Brandon Warmke)
Translations: Portuguese, Korean, Arabic, Chinese, Persian

ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS

“Censorship Boosts the Credibility of Bad Ideas.” *Oxford Studies in Political Philosophy* (forthcoming)
“When Universities Censor, What Do They Say?” *Georgetown Journal of Law & Public Policy* (forthcoming)
“Moral Grandstanding and Cancel Culture,” in *Reason and Relevance: Philosophy for Today*, ed. Steven Hales. Hackett Publishing Company. (forthcoming; with Brandon Warmke)
“The Business Project: Teaching Business Ethics Through Student Entrepreneurship.” *Journal of Business Ethics Education* (forthcoming; with Peter Jaworski and Sahar Akhtar)
“Don’t Block the Exits,” in *New Directions in the Ethics and Politics of Speech*, ed. J.P. Messina. Routledge, 2022, pp. 50–60. (with Brandon Warmke)
“Conservative Critiques,” in *Routledge Companion to Libertarianism*, ed. Ben Ferguson and Matt Zwolinski. Routledge, 2022, pp. 579–592. (with Brandon Warmke)
“Moral Grandstanding, Narcissism, and Self-Reported Responses to the COVID-19 Crisis.” *Journal of Research in Personality* 97, 2022. (with Joshua B. Grubbs, A. Shanti James, and Brandon Warmke)
“Moral Grandstanding and Political Polarization: A Multi-Study Consideration.” *Journal of Research in Personality* 88, 2020, pp. 1–12. (with Joshua B. Grubbs, Brandon Warmke, and A. Shanti James)
“Moral Grandstanding as a Threat to Free Expression.” *Social Philosophy & Policy* 37:2, 2020, pp. 170–189. (with Brandon Warmke)
“Moral Grandstanding in Public Discourse: Status-Seeking Motives as a Potential Explanatory Mechanism in Predicting Conflict.” *PLoS One* 14:10, 2019. (with Joshua B. Grubbs, Brandon Warmke, A. Shanti James, and W. Keith Campbell)
“Relational Sufficiency and Basic Income,” in *The Future of Work, Technology, and Basic Income*, ed. Michael Cholbi and Michael Weber. Routledge, 2019, pp. 49–61.
“Rethinking the Principle of Fair Play.” *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 99:4, 2018, pp. 612–631.

- “A Fair Play Account of Legitimate Political Authority.” *Legal Theory* 23:1, 2017, pp. 55–67.
- “Playing Fair and Following the Rules.” *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 14:2, 2017, pp. 134–141.
- “The Possibility of a Fair Play Account of Legitimacy.” *Ratio* 30:1, 2017, pp. 88–99.
- “Moral Grandstanding.” *Philosophy & Public Affairs* 44:3, 2016, pp. 197–217. (with Brandon Warmke)
- “Punishment and Forgiveness,” in *Routledge Handbook of Criminal Justice Ethics*, ed. Jonathan Jacobs and Jonathan Jackson. Routledge, 2016, pp. 203–216. (with Brandon Warmke)
- “David Foster Wallace on the Good Life,” in *Freedom and the Self: Essays on the Philosophy of David Foster Wallace*, ed. Steven Cahn and Maureen Eckert. Columbia University Press, 2015, pp. 133–168. (with Nathan Ballantyne)
- “Anticipating the Political and Ethical Challenges of Human Nanotechnologies,” in *Nanoethics: The Ethical and Social Implications of Nanotechnology*, ed. Fritz Allhoff, Patrick Lin, James Moor, and John Weckert. Wiley, 2007, pp. 185–197. (with David Guston and John Parsi)

BOOK REVIEWS

- Review of Douglas J. Den Uyl and Douglas B. Rasmussen, *The Perfectionist Turn: From Metanorms to Metaethics*. *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, Oct. 2017.
- Review of Matt Matravers, *Responsibility and Justice*. *Journal of Politics* 71:4, 2009, pp. 1600–1602.

PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY

- “AI and Political Economy: Citizens Beware.” *The Journal of Politics Blog* (with Greg Robson), Aug. 12, 2025.
- “Shame on You! Moral Grandstanding Is More than Tiresome. It’s Pushing People to Extremes.” *Persuasion* (with Brandon Warmke), Dec. 7, 2020.
- “Moralising to Impress.” *The Philosophers’ Magazine* (with Brandon Warmke), Nov. 2020.
- “The Immorality of Moral Showcasing.” *Discourse* (with Brandon Warmke), Nov. 4, 2020.
- “The Art of the Grandstand: Solving Social Problems Comes with a Built-in Paradox.” *City Journal* (with Brandon Warmke), Aug. 12, 2020.
- “It’s Our Own Fault that Politicians Don’t Come Up with Policies that Actually Fix Problems.” *MarketWatch* (with Brandon Warmke), July 6, 2020.
- “Oscar Acceptance Speeches: When Moral Outrage Verges on Grandstanding.” *CNN.com* (with Brandon Warmke), Feb. 10, 2020.
- “Moral Grandstanding and Self-Righteous Anger: How Are We Served by This New Incivility?” Public talk for Canadian Centre for Ethics and Public Affairs series *The Seven Deadly Sins*, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Apr. 26, 2018.
- “Moral Grandstanding.” Audio recording for *The Academic Minute* on WAMC Northeast Public Radio and Inside Higher Ed, Oct. 19, 2017.
- “Why There Are Costs to Moral Outrage.” *The Conversation* (with Brandon Warmke), June 19, 2017. Republished by *Newsweek*, *Salon*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *The Huffington Post*, *Live Science*.
- “Moral Grandstanding: There’s a Lot of It About, All of It Bad.” *Aeon* (with Brandon Warmke), May 10, 2017. Reprinted as “Grandilocuencia Moral: Estar del Lado de los Ángeles.” *Revista Santiago*, trans. Patricio Tapia, Dec. 17, 2019.
- “Let’s Talk About Moral Grandstanding.” *So That Happened*, Huffington Post Politics Podcast, Dec. 30, 2016.

SELECTED MEDIA COVERAGE

- “The Grandstanding Case.” *Commentary*, Sep. 2020.
- “Social Media and Public Grandstanding.” *Christianity Today*, July 28, 2020.
- “In a Pandemic, We Need Philosophers, Too.” *Forbes*, July 22, 2020.
- “I’ve Protested for Racial Justice. Do I Have to Post on Social Media?” *The New York Times Magazine*, June 30, 2020.
- “The Science of Why Online Outrage Is Counterproductive and Toxic.” *Inc.com*, Jan. 24, 2020.
- “Virtue Signalling Drowns Us in Hopelessness.” *The Irish Times*, Jan. 8, 2020.
- “What Drives the ‘Moral Grandstanding’ that Has Infected Our Politics?” *The Guardian*, Jan. 3, 2020.
- “Moral Grandstanding Is Making an Argument Just to Boost Your Status. It’s Everywhere.” *Vox*, Nov. 27, 2019.
- “Psychological Study of ‘Moral Grandstanding’ Helps Explain Why Social Media Is So Toxic.” *British Psychological Society Research Digest*, Nov. 14, 2019.
- “Are You a Moral Grandstander?” *Scientific American*, Oct. 28, 2019.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Exceptional Scholarship Award, Heterodox Academy	2020
Texas Tech Humanities Center Alumni College Fellow	2020–2021
Hayek Fund for Scholars Travel Grant	2015, 2019
University of Arizona Graduate College Fellow	2012–13
Freedom Center Fellow	2012–13
National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Scholar	2012
Fullinwider Fellow	2010–11
Humane Studies Fellow	2010–11, 2013–14
Thomas W. Smith Fellow	2008–10

RECENT PRESENTATIONS

“In Praise of Shallowness”	
2026 Markets & Society Conference, Arlington, VA	October 2026
Alabama Philosophical Society, Pensacola Beach, FL	September 2026
“The Instability of Censorship”	
American Institute for Economic Research, Great Barrington, MA	April 2026
East Carolina University, Greenville, NC	April 2026
Orange Beach Epistemology Workshop, Orange, AL	May 2025
“How Censorship Fails”	
University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC	April 2026
Kendrick Center for an Ethical Economy, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV	February 2026
“When Universities Censor, What Do They Say?” <i>Symposium on the Ethics of Free Inquiry on the University Campus</i> , Georgetown University, Washington, DC	November 2025
“Censorship Promotes the Credibility of Bad Ideas”	
13th Annual Workshop for Oxford Studies in Political Philosophy, Tucson, AZ	October 2025
PPE Workshop, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA	December 2024

<i>2024 PPE Society Meeting</i> , New Orleans, LA	November 2024
<i>Alabama Philosophical Society</i> , Pensacola Beach, FL	September 2024
Keynote Address, <i>AGENT Conference</i> , University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX	October 2023
<i>Workshop in Heterodox Moral and Political Philosophy</i> , University of Colorado Boulder, Boulder, CO	April 2023
“Corporate Moral Grandstanding”	
<i>Politicization of Business Conference</i> , Boca Raton, FL	March 2026
<i>2025 Markets & Society Conference</i> , Arlington, VA	October 2025
<i>Alabama Philosophical Society</i> , Pensacola Beach, FL	September 2025
“The Hidden Costs of Mockery”	
<i>2024 Markets & Society Conference</i> , Arlington, VA	October 2024
Center for Values and Social Policy, University of Colorado Boulder	May 2024
“Moral Grandstanding and Corporate Activism.” The Trinity Centre for Social Innovation, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland	December 2020
Authors Meet Critics session on <i>Grandstanding: The Use and Abuse of Moral Talk</i> , with comments from Rebecca Tuvel and Maura Priest. <i>2020 PPE Society Meeting</i> , New Orleans, LA	March 2020
“Markets and Moral Bigotry: An Argument against Consumer Boycotts”	
<i>2019 PPE Society Meeting</i> , New Orleans, LA	March 2019
<i>Workshop in Heterodox Moral and Political Philosophy</i> , University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI	March 2019
“Moral Grandstanding as a Threat to Free Expression.” <i>AAUP Annual Conference on the State of Higher Education</i> , Arlington, VA	June 2018
“Why Moral Grandstanding is Ruining Public Discourse” (with Brandon Warmke). <i>Workshop in Heterodox Moral and Political Philosophy</i> , University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI	March 2018

SELECTED WORKSHOPS

Faculty Workshop on the Conservative Intellectual Tradition, American Enterprise Institute, Washington, DC	May 2026
Workshop on <i>Why It’s OK to Mind Your Own Business</i> , Institute for Humane Studies, Arlington, VA	November 2020
<i>Ideological Bias in the Classroom</i> , Institute for Humane Studies, Washington, DC	November 2019
<i>Critical Theory and Higher Education: The Frankfurt School and Free Inquiry on College Campuses</i> , Washington College, Chestertown, MD	May 2019
Workshops on <i>Grandstanding: The Use and Abuse of Moral Talk</i>	
Institute for Humane Studies, Arlington, VA	March 2019
Georgetown University, Washington, DC	May 2018
<i>Teaching Professional Ethics through Experiential Learning</i> , Georgetown University, Washington, DC	June 2017

Georgetown University

Undergraduate

Moral Foundations of Market Society
Ethical Values of Business
Social Responsibilities of Business

Professional

Ethical Leadership

Texas Tech University

Undergraduate

Introduction to Ethics
Introduction to Political Philosophy
The Ethics and Economics of Free Societies
History of Modern Political Thought

Graduate

Independent Study on Topics in Political Philosophy
Proseminar: Moral Psychology
Consequentialism
Independent Study on Creating Reasons
Independent Study on Rawls and Nozick
Independent Study on Anarchism
Political Philosophy
Social Morality
State Legitimacy
Thesis Supervision: Lawson Hamilton; Luke Winbery; Emily Adams

University of Michigan

Contemporary Moral Problems
Independent Study on Territoriality
Privilege, Race, and Gender
The Lockean Tradition in Political Philosophy
Introduction to Political Economy

University of Arizona

Instructor

Medical Ethics
Philosophy of Happiness (traditional and online)
Law and Morality (traditional and online)
Business Ethics (online)
Ethics and Economics of Wealth Creation (online)
The Social Contract (online)
Philosophy of Law (online)

Teaching Assistant

Critical Thinking
Sex, Race, and Power in the Supreme Court
Ethics and Economics of Wealth Creation

SERVICE

Professional

Journal Referee: *Analysis*; *Asian Journal of Philosophy*; *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*; *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*; *Erkenntnis*; *Ethics*; *European Journal of Political Theory*; *The Independent Review*; *Journal of Applied Philosophy*; *Journal of Ethics*; *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*; *Journal of Moral Philosophy*; *Journal of Political Philosophy*; *Journal of Politics*; *Journal of Social Philosophy*; *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*; *Journal of Value Inquiry*; *Law and Philosophy*; *Legal Theory*; *Philosophical Studies*; *Philosophy & Public Affairs*; *Philosophy Compass*; *Polish Journal of Aesthetics*; *Political Research Quarterly*; *Politics, Philosophy, and Economics*; *Public Affairs Quarterly*; *Res Philosophica*; *Social Theory and Practice*; *Synthese*

Book Proposal Referee: Oxford University Press; Routledge; University of Chicago Press; W.W. Norton & Company

Book Manuscript Referee: Polity; University of Chicago Press

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McDonough School of Business Board of Appeals

2025–2026

Undergraduate Curriculum & Standards Committee

2024–2025

Texas Tech University

Remnant Trust Advisory Committee

2019–2024

Institute for the Study of Western Civilization Advisory Committee

2019–2024

Texas Tech University, Department of Philosophy

Faculty Search Committee

2019–20; 2022–23

Degree Assessment Committee

2021

Undergraduate Enrollment Committee

2018–2019

Strategic Plan Committee

2018