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## Areas of Specialisation / Competence

AOS: Ethics, Aesthetics, Continental Philosophy

AOC: Meta-Ethics, History of Philosophy (esp. German Idealism, Phenomenology, Critical Theory), Pragmatism, Feminist Philosophy

## Previous Positions

2020-23	Leverhulme Early Career Fellow, University of Birmingham
2019-20	Teaching Fellow, Department of Philosophy, University of Birmingham
2019-20	Honorary Research Fellow, Department of Philosophy, University of Sheffield
2019	Research Assistant, School of Management, University of Sheffield
2018	Visiting Assistant in Research, Department of Philosophy, Yale University One month visiting research post.
2017-19	Teaching Fellow, Department of Philosophy, University of Sheffield
2017	Visiting Researcher, Center for Subjectivity Research, University of Copenhagen One-month visiting research post.
2016-19	Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Sheffield

## Education

2015-2019	PhD Philosophy, University of Sheffield Thesis defended in March 2019, passed with no corrections Dissertation supervised by Professor Robert Stern and Dr Paul Faulkner
2014	MA Philosophy, UCL Distinction
2012	BA Politics with Philosophy, Royal Holloway, University of London, First Class Honours, Award for highest result (see Awards and Grants)

## Publications

2018	‘The Discretionary Normativity of Requests’, <i>Philosophers’ Imprint</i> , 18(20), pp.1-16. (11,123 words)
2019	Co-authored with Robert Stern, ‘Commanding, Giving, Vulnerable: What is the Normative Standing of the Other in Levinas?’, in M. Fagenblat ed. (forthcoming), <i>Levinas and Analytic Philosophy: Metaethics, Personal Identity, and the Moral Life</i> , London: Routledge (8,253 words)
2019	Review of R. Jay Wallace ‘The Moral Nexus’, <i>European Journal of Philosophy</i> , 27(4), pp.1093-1096.
Under Review	‘Love First, Ask Questions Later’ at <i>Pacific Philosophical Quarterly</i>
In preparation	‘Acquaintance: With People, With Moral Facts’

In preparation 'Varieties of Second-Personal Reason-Giving'  
In preparation 'The Musicality of Verbal Address'

### **Awards and Grants**

2020 Leverhulme Early Career Fellowship  
2019 White Rose College of the Arts and Humanities (WRoCAH) Associate Award (£2,463)  
2018 WRoCAH Small Award (£200) to attend SEP-FEP Annual Conference in Essex  
2018 WRoCAH Large Award (£2,318) to fund a one-month exchange as a Visiting Assistant in Research at the Philosophy Department of Yale University in September 2018.  
2017 WRoCAH Small Award (£200) to attend symposium in Palma, Mallorca  
2017 Co-applicant for WRoCAH conference grant for Pragmatism and the Analytic - Continental Split conference (£750)  
2017 WRoCAH Researcher Employability Programme Award (£2,146) to fund one month research trip to Copenhagen  
2017 Co-applicant for conference grants for Understanding Value VI from the Mind Association (£1000), the British Society for Aesthetics (£1,500), WRoCAH (£2,000), and the Analysis Trust (£500)  
2016 Lead-applicant for conference grants for the Social Norms and Obligations Workshop from the Mind Association (£600), and WRoCAH (£1,420)  
2016 WRoCAH Small Award (£177) to attend conference in Cork, Ireland (see Selected Talks)  
2016 WRoCAH Small Award (£100) to attend conference in Athens, Greece (see Selected Talks)  
2015-2018 WRoCAH Competition Scholarship (three years, fees & stipend)  
2012 Award for Highest Overall Graduating Result, Department of Politics and International Relations, Royal Holloway, University of London

### **Teaching**

Course Director, University of Birmingham

2019-20 Masters dissertation supervisor  
2019-20 Undergraduate dissertation supervisor  
2019-20 Feminist Philosophy  
2019-20 Early Modern Philosophy  
2019-20 Nietzsche  
2019-20 Human Rights (MA level)

Seminar Tutor, University of Birmingham

2019-20 Political Philosophy

Seminar Tutor, University of Sheffield

2018-19 Ethics

Guest Lecturer & Seminar Tutor, University of Sheffield

2018-19 Feminism

Course Director, University of Sheffield

2017-18 I, You, We (third year Undergraduate and Masters, full-module)  
Together with another PhD Candidate, I wrote and delivered this module. The opportunity to do so was competitively awarded. Responsibilities

included: writing and delivering lectures; preparing seminar materials and delivering seminars; setting essay and exam topics; supervising long essays; marking essays and exams.

Seminar Tutor, University of Sheffield (first year Undergraduate, half-modules):

2018-19	History of Ethics
2017-18	History of Ethics
2016-17	Knowledge, Justification and Doubt
2016-17	History of Philosophical Ideas
2016-17	History of Ethics
2016-17	Philosophy of Sex
2014-19	Private tutor for A-Level Philosophy, and A-Level Politics

### **Selected Talks**

(\* = invited talk; all others competitively awarded)

May 2021	‘Love is not deeply relational’, 20th International Conference on Moral and Political Philosophy: New Ethical and Political Subjects, Palma
February 2020*	‘The musicality of verbal address’, Students’ Philosophy Society, Birmingham
February 2020*	‘Acquaintance: with people, with moral facts’, Work in Progress Seminar, Department of Philosophy, University of Birmingham
May 2019	‘The musicality of verbal address’, White Rose Aesthetics Forum, University of Hull
September 2018*	‘Love first, ask questions later’, Yale Moral Philosophy Working Group
July 2018	‘Interpersonal Interaction and Value Epistemology’, Understanding Value VII, University of Sheffield
June 2018	‘Unmediated Interpersonal Experience’, Joint Annual Conference of the Society of European Philosophy and the Forum for European Philosophy, University of Essex
September 2017 *	‘Love first, ask questions later’, Research Seminar of the Center for Subjectivity Research, Copenhagen University
July 2017	‘The openness of thinking of you’, Understanding Value VI, University of Sheffield
June 2017*	‘Response to Stephen Darwall on ‘Respect as Honor and as Accountability’’, NOMOS Symposium on Steven Darwall’s second personal approach to morality, Palma
October 2016	‘Requesting as second-personal reason-giving’, Cork Annual Workshop in Social Agency, University College Cork
July 2016	‘Communicating value in requests’, Understanding Value V, University of Sheffield
June 2016	‘Second-person relations as emotional connections’, Annual Conference of the European Philosophical Society for the Study of Emotions, Athens

### **Further Talks**

March 2018	‘Revealing, concealing, enabling: the faces in George Eliot’s <i>Middlemarch</i> ’, Sheffield Philosophy Reading Weekend
February 2017*	‘The immanent value of others’, Postgraduate Seminar, Department of Philosophy, University of Sheffield

September 2016\* 'Non-doxasticism about valuing', Postgraduate Seminar, Department of Philosophy, University of Sheffield

### Academic Services

2019-present Peer Reviewer for *Ergo, Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*  
2017 Organising Committee member, Pragmatism and the Analytic - Continental Split, University of Sheffield  
2017 Organising Committee Chair, Understanding Value VI, University of Sheffield  
2016-2019 Postgraduate social secretary, Sheffield Philosophy Department  
2016-2018 Sheffield Representative on the Organising Committee of the White Rose Postgraduate Philosophy Forum  
2016 Lead-organiser of the Social Norms and Obligations Workshop, University of Sheffield  
2016 Assistant organiser at Understanding Value V, and New Directions for Expressivism

### Outreach

2019 Participated in panel discussion on diversity and inclusion as part of University of Birmingham Arts and Humanities *Pride Not Prejudice* series.  
2018 Gave a talk on romantic love to a public audience as part of the Seminar in a Bar series.  
2017-18 Designed and ran lectures and workshops on philosophical topics for 16-18 year-olds as part of the 'Discover Arts and Humanities' programme, University of Sheffield

### Publications for a Public Audience

2015 'Commentary to Montaigne's *On Liars*', *Four by Three Magazine*  
2016 'The Problem with Levinas: Interview with Simon Critchley and Alexis Dianda', *Four by Three Magazine*

### References

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