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EMPLOYMENT

West Virginia University
John Chambers College of Business & Economics
Associate Professor (with tenure)

Jan 2025-present

King's College London
Department of Political Economy
Senior Lecturer in Political Philosophy
Lecturer in Political Theory
Lecturer in Political Theory (Education)

Aug 2022-Dec 2024
Sept 2019-July 2022
Jan 2019-Aug 2019

New York University
School of Law
Fellow (Classical Liberal Institute)

Sept 2017-Dec 2019

EDUCATION

The University of Manchester
PhD Politics
MA (Distinction) Political Economy
BA (First Class Hons) Philosophy

Sept 2014-June 2017
Sept 2013-Aug 2014
Sept 2010-July 2013

EXPERTISE

Areas of Specialization
Political, Economic, and Moral Philosophy
Political Economy

Areas of Competence
Philosophy of Social Science
Legal Philosophy

RESEARCH

Monograph

Property and Justice: A Liberal Theory of Natural Rights. Routledge (2021)

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

“Free to Build: Liberty and Urban Housing” *Philosophy & Public Affairs* (online first)

“Against Kantian Statism” *The Journal of Politics*, 83 (2021): 1721-1733

“Answering the Conventionalist Challenge to Natural Rights Theory” *Res Publica*, 27: 329-345 (2021)

“Ambidextrous Lockeanism” *Economics & Philosophy*, 36 (2020): 193-215

“Hugo Grotius and Private Property” *Raisons Politiques*, 73 (2019): 21-38

“A Reformulation of the Structure of a Set of Compossible Rights” *The Philosophical Quarterly*, 69 (2019): 221-234

“Rescuing the Libertarian Non-Aggression Principle” *Moral Philosophy and Politics*, 5 (2019): 305-322

“Incommensurability and Property Rights in the Natural Environment” *Environmental Politics*, 26 (2017): 502-520

“Libertarianism and Privilege” *Molinari Review*, 1 (2017): 25-46

“The Possibility of Thick Libertarianism” *Libertarian Papers*, 8 (2017): 1-21

Book Chapters

“Rights and Classical Liberalism” *Routledge Handbook on Classical Liberalism*, ed. R. A. Epstein, M. Rizzo and L. Palagashvili (forthcoming)

“John Locke: Property Rights and Labour-Mixing” *Global Encyclopedia of Territorial Rights*, ed. K. Gray Springer (forthcoming)

“Markets” *Cambridge Dictionary of Political Thought*, ed. C. Atack, C. Brooke, L. Jenco (forthcoming)

“Libertarianism” *Routledge Companion to Social and Political Philosophy*, 2nd edition, ed. G. Gaus, F. D’Agostino & R. Muldoon (2024)

“Libertarianism” (with Bas van der Vossen) *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (Summer 2023), ed. Edward N. Zalta

“Pollution and Natural Rights” *Climate Liberalism: Perspectives on Liberty, Property, and Pollution*, ed. J. Adler. Palgrave (2023)

“Nozick and the Natural Duty of Justice” *Defending Liberty: Essays in Honor of David Gordon*, ed. Douglas B. Rasmussen. The Ludwig von Mises Institute (2022)

“Force and Coercion” *The Routledge Companion to Libertarianism*, ed. Benjamin Ferguson & Matt Zwolinski. Routledge (2022)

“Methodological Anarchism” (with Jason Lee Byas) *The Routledge Handbook of Anarchy and Anarchist Thought*, ed. Gary Chartier & Chad Van Shoelandt. Routledge (2021)

“Social Equality and Liberty” *The Dialectics of Liberty: Exploring the Context of Human Freedom*, ed. E. Younkins, R. Bissel & C. M. Sciabarra. Rowman & Littlefield (2018)

Invited Journal Articles

“Moral Science: What Is It?” *Reason Papers*, 44: 87-95 (2024)

“The Neoliberal Turn: Libertarian Justice and Public Policy” *Journal des Économistes et des Études Humaines*, 26 (2020)

“Responsibility, Respect, and Justice: Skepticism about Metanorms” *Reason Papers*, 39 (2018): 48-59

Guest Editor

International Journal of the Commons, special issue on “Mismatched Property Rights to Landscape-Level Resources: Legal and Customary Solutions,” 14 (2020) Introduction coauthored with Karen Bradshaw & Dean Lueck, pp. 553-556

Book Reviews

Andrius Bielskis & Kelvin Knight (eds) *Virtue and Economy: Essays on Morality and Markets* *Political Studies Review*, 15, no. 1 (2017)

James M. Buchannan & Young J. Yoon *Individualism and Political Disorder* *Political Studies Review*, 15, no. 1 (2017)

Leif Wenar *Blood Oil: Tyrants, Violence, and the Rules that Run the World* *Journal of Applied Philosophy*, 33, no. 3 (2016)

John Tomasi *Free Market Fairness* *Center for a Stateless Society*, online (2015)

Presentations

2024/25

“Rights, Uncertainty, and State Capacity”
Colloquium in Social and Political Philosophy
Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, Germany (invited)

2023/2024

“Political Legitimacy, Risk, and State Capacity”
 Georgetown Institute for the Study of Markets and Ethics
 Georgetown McDonough School of Business, USA (invited)

“State Capacity for Political Theory”
Social Ontology of Sovereignty
 University of Navarra, Spain

2022/23

“Property, Authority, and Unavoidable Unilateralism”
Locke and Lockeanism Working Group
 New York University, School of Law, USA

“Property, Price, and Place: Justice in Urban Housing”
Group Ownership
 University of Toronto, School of Law, Canada (invited)

“Political Legitimacy, Risk, and State Capacity”
 Smith Institute for Political Economy and Philosophy
 Chapman University, USA (invited)

“Property, Price, and Place: Justice in Urban Housing”
 Smith Institute for Political Economy and Philosophy
 Chapman University, USA (invited)

“Political Legitimacy, Risk, and State Capacity” *Ethics and Political Philosophy Colloquium*
 University of Fribourg, Switzerland (invited)

“Against Kantian Statism” *Ethics and Political Philosophy Colloquium*
 University of Fribourg, Switzerland (invited)

2021/22

“Political Legitimacy, Risk, and State Capacity” *Colloquium on Market Institutions and Economic Processes*
 New York University, USA (invited)

“Nozick and the Natural Duty of Justice”
Political Theory Research Group
 King’s College London, UK

“Pollution and Natural Rights”
Colloquium on Liberty, Property, Pollution
 Institute for Humane Studies (invited, online)

2020/21

“Political Legitimacy and Risk”
Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Research Group
 King’s College London, UK (online)

“Property and Justice”

King's College London Libertarian Society
King's College London, UK

“Property, Authority, and Unavoidable Unilateralism”
Locke and Lockeanism Working Group
Online

“Self-Governance and State Capacity”
Evaluating Self-Governance, Centre for the Study of Governance and Society
King's College London, UK (online)

“Nozick and the Natural Duty of Justice”
Colloquium on Market Institutions and Economic Processes
New York University, USA (invited, online)

2019/20

“Property and Justice”
Department of Political Economy Research Seminar
King's College London, UK

“Answering the Conventionalist Challenge to Natural Rights Theory”
Department of Political Economy Research Day
King's College London, UK

2018/19

“Against Kantian Statism”
Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society Meetings
New Orleans, USA

“Against Kantian Statism”
MANCEPT Workshops
University of Manchester, UK

“Against Kantian Statism”
Political Theory Research Group
King's College London, UK

“Against Kantian Statism”
Politics, Philosophy, and Economics Department
The King's College, New York City, USA (invited)

“Against Kantian Statism”
Colloquium on Market Institutions and Economic Processes
New York University, USA (invited)

2017/18

“A Reformulation of the Structure of a Set of Compossible Rights”
Midwest Political Science Association
Chicago, USA

“A Reformulation of the Structure of a Set of Compossible Rights”

Liberty and Well-Being Workshop

University of Oxford, UK (invited)

“Hugo Grotius and Private Property

Why Private Property? The Politics of Private Property and its Alternatives

Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium

“Hugo Grotius and Private Property

The Conditions for Social Order: Arizona–King’s College London PPE Workshop

King’s College London, UK (invited)

2016/17

“Responsibility, Respect, and Justice: Skepticism about Metanorms”

American Philosophical Association Eastern Division

Baltimore, USA

“Methodological Anarchism”

Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society Meetings

New Orleans, USA

“Methodological Anarchism”

Association for Private Enterprise Education Annual Meeting

Las Vegas, USA

“Methodological Anarchism”

MANCEPT Seminar

University of Manchester, UK

2015/16

“The Possibility of Thick Libertarianism”

MANCEPT Workshops

University of Manchester, UK

2014/15

“Incommensurability and Property Rights in the Natural Environment”

Fall Graduate Research Colloquium

Institute for Humane Studies, USA

“Incommensurability and Property Rights in the Natural Environment”

The Ethics of Nature, the Nature of Ethics

University of Manchester, UK

“Self-Ownership and Contractual Labour”

Brave New World, Manchester Centre for Political Theory

University of Manchester, UK

“Second Amendment for Me, Gun Control For Thee”

Firearms and Freedom - The Relevance of the Second Amendment in the 21st Century

British Library, UK

“Libertarianism and Privilege”

2/17/2025

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American Philosophical Association Eastern Division
Philadelphia, USA

“Left-Libertarianism and Historical Injustice”
MANCEPT Workshops
University of Manchester, UK

2012/13

“Left-Libertarianism and Historical Injustice”
The University of Manchester Undergraduate Philosophy Conference
University of Manchester, UK

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TEACHING AND SUPERVISION

West Virginia University, John Chambers College of Business & Economics 2025-

Undergraduate

Ethics and Commercial Society

King's College London, Department of Political Economy 2019-2024

Undergraduate

Political and Economic Philosophy

Freedom and the State (x2)

Marxian Political Economy (x2)

Introduction to Political Theory (x3)

Contemporary Issues in Political Theory (x3)

Dissertation supervision

Postgraduate

Radical Political Economy (x2)

Liberty, Equality and Justice: Political Theory and Public Policy

Dissertation supervision

Doctoral supervision

Rebecca Lowe, *Moral Property Rights: A Lockean-Liberal Account* (completed April 2022)

University of Manchester, Department of Politics 2015-2016

Undergraduate

Introduction to Political Theory

University of Manchester, Department of Philosophy 2015-2016

Undergraduate

Philosophy & Social Science

VISITING APPOINTMENTS

- Oct 2024 Visiting Professor | Institute for Political Studies
Charles University, Czech Republic
- Feb 2023 Fellow | Classical Liberal Institute
New York University, School of Law
- May 2023 Visiting Affiliated Scholar | Smith Institute for Philosophy and Political Economy
Chapman University, California

REFERENCES

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SERVICE

West Virginia University, Department of General Business

2025- Promotion and Tenure Committee

King's College London, Department of Political Economy

2020-24 Philosophy, Politics & Economics BA/BSc Programme Director
Education Committee
Senior Management Team
Exam Scrutiny Panel
Hiring committee

2019/20 Teaching Assistant Coordinator

University of Manchester, Department of Politics

2015-17 Teaching Assistant Representative
Post-Graduate Research Representative

Journal peer-review

<i>American Journal of Political Science</i>	<i>New Political Economy</i>
<i>American Political Science Review</i> (x2)	<i>Philosophical Forum</i>
<i>Analysis</i>	<i>Philosophical Quarterly</i>
<i>Economics and Philosophy</i> (x3)	<i>Philosophy & Public Affairs</i>
<i>Environmental Politics</i>	<i>Political Perspectives</i>
<i>Ethics, Policy & Environment</i>	<i>Political Philosophy</i>
<i>European Journal of Political Theory</i> (x2)	<i>Political Studies</i>
<i>History of Political Thought</i>	<i>Politics</i>
<i>The Independent Review</i>	<i>Politics, Philosophy & Economics</i> (x3)
<i>International Journal of the Commons</i>	<i>Reason Papers</i>
<i>Journal of Applied Philosophy</i> (x2)	<i>Res Publica</i> (x3)
<i>Journal of Value Inquiry</i> (x2)	<i>Review of Austrian Economics</i>
<i>Journal of Politics</i>	<i>Social Philosophy & Policy</i> (x2)
<i>Journal of Political Philosophy</i>	<i>Social Theory and Practice</i> (x2)
<i>Law and Philosophy</i>	<i>Thought</i>
<i>Libertarian Papers</i>	

Manuscript peer-review

Bloomsbury Academic	Routledge (x2)
Palgrave Macmillan (x2)	

Anthology peer-review

Wealth and Power: Philosophical Perspectives, ed. M. Bennet, H. Brouwer & R. Claassen. Routledge (2022)
Oxford Handbook of Hate Speech, ed. T. Herrenberg. Oxford University Press (2025)

Grant peer-review

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) (2021)

Conference peer-review

Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society Annual Meeting 2023

Editorial board

Journal of Libertarian Studies

Conference Hosting

2022/23	Workshop: <i>Locke and Lockeanism Working Group</i> annual meeting, NYU School of Law
2021/22	Workshop: <i>Locke and Lockeanism Working Group</i> annual meeting, King's College London
2018/19	Conference: <i>Mismatched Property Rights to Landscape-Level Resources: Legal and Customary Solutions</i> , New York University School of Law. (In collaboration with The Ostrom Workshop, Indiana University Bloomington)
	Author-meets-critics session: Dan Layman's <i>Locke Among the Radicals</i> , PPE Society Meetings, New Orleans
2017/18	Panel: <i>The Right to Property: Kant vs. Locke</i> , PPE Society Meetings, New Orleans
2016/17	Workshop: <i>The Political Theory of Social Norms</i> , MANCEPT Workshops, University of Manchester
2015/16	Conference: <i>Brave New World: MANCEPT Graduate Conference</i> , University of Manchester

Workshop: *Lockean Libertarianism*, MANCEPT Workshops, University of Manchester

Discussion Colloquia

Liberty Fund & Institute for Humane Studies: Advanced Policy Seminar on Economic Freedom 28/5/15

Liberty Fund & Institute for Humane Studies: F. A. Hayek, *Law, Legislation and Liberty* 14/10/16

Institute for Human Studies and Bradley Foundation: Civil Society, Citizenship, and Self-Governance 19/10/18

Liberty Fund: Nozick's *Anarchy, State, and Utopia* at 50 Years 25/4/24

Other Affiliations

Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Archdiocese of North America (Ecumenical Patriarchate) – Tonsured Reader

Classical Liberal Institute (NYU School of Law) – Program Affiliate Scholar

Institute for Economic Affairs (Think Tank) – Academic Advisory Committee member

200-Proof Liberals (Blog) – Contributor

Christian Orthodox Thyateira Youth (Charity number 1203373) – Trustee and Secretary (2022-2024)

Other Service

Book panel: *Faith in Markets*, ed. By Benedikt Kohler, Institute for Economic Affairs 29/6/23

Book panel: *Bad Religion*, by Ross Douthat, Archdiocesan Lates, Cathedral of Divine Wisdom 13/1/22

Manuscript workshop: *The Realist Turn: Repositioning Liberalism*, by Douglas B. Rasmussen & Douglas J. Den Uyl, Mercatus Center, George Mason University 19/4/19