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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION Normative and applied ethics (especially environmental ethics)
Political philosophy
Philosophy, politics, and economics (PPE)

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Philosophy (minor in Natural Resource Studies), University of Arizona (2017)

Dissertation: *Conflict, Conciliation, and the Future of the Planet*

Committee: David Schmidtz (chair), Gerald Gaus, and Steven Wall

B.A., Philosophy (with honors in the major), University of Wisconsin—Madison (2008)

Thesis: “Justice and Climate Change,” Adviser: Harry Brighouse

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

MBA Program Director and Teaching Assistant Professor, West Virginia University (Summer 2023 – present)

Visiting Scholar in Philosophy, Tulane University (Fall 2022 – Spring 2023)

Assistant Professor of Philosophy—Research, University of New Orleans (Fall 2019 – Spring 2022)

Research Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Politics & Economics, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (Fall 2017 – Spring 2019)

Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of Arizona (Fall 2016 – Spring 2017)

PUBLICATIONS

Books and Co-edited Anthology

24. *What Should Individuals Do about Climate Change? A Debate* (with Marion Hourdequin, Routledge series on *Little Debates about Big Questions*, in press, expected 2025)
23. *Environmental Ethics: What Really Matters, What Really Works, 4th Ed.* (ed. with D. Schmidtz, OUP, 2024)
22. *Why It’s OK to Eat Meat* (Routledge series on *Why It’s OK: The Ethics of How We Live*, 2022)
 - Reviewed in *Ethics, Policy & Environment* (Trevor Hedberg, 2023) and *Between the Species* (Josh Milburn, 2024)
 - Ch. 3 adapted for D. Schmidtz and D.C. Shahar, *Environmental Ethics: What Really Matters, What Really Works, 4th Ed.* (OUP, 2024)
21. *Environmental Ethics: What Really Matters, What Really Works, 3rd Ed.* (ed. with D. Schmidtz, OUP, 2018)

Journal Articles and Book Chapters

20. “Immigration and Climate Change,” in S. Akhtar (ed.), *Routledge Handbook on the Ethics of Immigration* (Routledge, revisions accepted and awaiting proofs)
19. “Human Flourishing and Our Relationships with Nature,” *Ethics & the Environment* 29, no. 1 (2024): 89–108
18. “Libertarianism, Pollution, and the Limits of Court Adjudication,” in J. Adler (ed.), *Climate Liberalism: Perspectives on Liberty, Property, and Pollution* (Palgrave, 2023), pp. 129–153

17. "Environmental Issues," in M. Zwolinski and B. Ferguson (eds.), *Routledge Companion to Libertarianism* (Routledge, 2022), pp. 455–470
16. "Harm, Responsibility, and the Far-off Impacts of Climate Change," *Environmental Ethics* 43, no. 1 (2021): 3–20
 - Winner of the International Society for Environmental Ethics' Early Career Essay Prize for 2020
15. "Anarchism for an Ecological Crisis?" in G. Chartier and C. Van Schoelandt (eds.), *Routledge Handbook of Anarchism and Anarchist Thought* (Routledge, 2021), pp. 381–392
14. "Environmental Conflict and the Legacy of the Reformation," *Environmental Politics* 29, no. 6 (2020): 1042–1062
13. "Sustaining Growth" in B. Fischer (ed.), *Ethics, Left and Right: The Moral Issues that Divide Us* (OUP, 2019), pp. 294–301
12. "Public Justification and the Politics of Agriculture," in A. Barnhill, M. Budolfson, and T. Doggett (eds.), *Oxford Handbook of Food Ethics* (OUP, 2018), pp. 427–448
11. "Hayek's Legacy for Environmental Political Economy," in P. Boettke, C. Coyne, and V. Storr (eds.), *Interdisciplinary Studies of the Market Order: New Applications of Market Process Theory* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2017), pp. 87–109
10. "Treading Lightly on the Climate in a Problem-Ridden World," *Ethics, Policy & Environment* 19, no. 2 (2016): 183–195
 - Reprinted in D. Schmidtz and D.C. Shahar, *Environmental Ethics: What Really Matters, What Really Works*, 3rd Ed. (OUP, 2018) and 4th Ed. (OUP, 2024)
9. "Turning Adversaries into Allies: Conciliation in Environmental Politics," in D. Schmidtz (ed.), *Interdisciplinary Handbooks in Philosophy: Environmental Ethics* (Macmillan, 2016), pp. 243–268
8. "Rejecting Eco-Authoritarianism, Again," *Environmental Values* 24, no. 3 (2015): 345–366
7. "Free-Market Environmentalism Pace Environmentalism?" in D. Schmidtz and E. Willott (eds.), *Environmental Ethics: What Really Matters, What Really Works*, 2nd Ed. (OUP, 2012), pp. 438–446
6. "Justice and Climate Change: Toward a Libertarian Analysis," *The Independent Review* 14, no. 2 (2009): 219–237
 - Reprinted in J-M. Meij (ed.), *Social Problems* (Cognella, 2014)

Shorter Pieces

5. "Reply to Mayer," in B. Fischer (ed.), *Ethics, Left and Right: The Moral Issues that Divide Us* (OUP, 2019), pp. 305–307
4. "Integrity versus Expediency for Non-Anthropocentrists" (open peer commentary), *Ethics, Policy & Environment* 17, no. 3 (2014): 271–274
3. "Handing Down a Warmer World" (editorial introduction to climate change chapter), in D. Schmidtz and E. Willott (eds.), *Environmental Ethics: What Really Matters, What Really Works*, 2nd Ed. (OUP, 2012), pp. 536–537
2. "Conflict and Comparison between Species" (open peer commentary), *Ethics, Policy & Environment* 14, no. 2 (2011): 163–166
1. "Green Laws and Incentives" (encyclopedia entry), in J. Newman (ed.), *Green Ethics and Philosophy: An A-to-Z Guide* (SAGE, 2011), pp. 505–511

GRANTS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Discourse Initiative Grant, Institute for Humane Studies (2022)

- \$10,000 award to support work on *What Should Individuals Do about Climate Change?*

Five Star & Urban Waters Restoration Program Grant, National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (lead co-PI with Liz Sigler and John Bishop, 2021–22)

- \$33,937.41 award to support “Urban Bird Habitat & Environmental Education at the University of New Orleans”; matched by \$42,183.49 pledged in-kind contributions from the University of New Orleans, Orleans Audubon, Pontchartrain Conservancy, Native Plant Initiative of Greater New Orleans, and Louisiana Master Naturalists of Greater New Orleans

Holmes Rolston III Early Career Essay Prize, International Society for Environmental Ethics (2020)

Hayek Fund for Scholars Travel Grants, Institute for Humane Studies (2014, 2018, 2019)

Fink Prize, Outstanding Graduate Student, University of Arizona, Philosophy (co-recipient, 2015-16)

Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies (Fall 2010 – Spring 2016)

Adam Smith Fellowship—Research Track, Mercatus Center (Fall 2015 – Spring 2016)

Templeton Research Assistantship, Center for the Philosophy of Freedom (Fall 2015 – Spring 2016)

Summer Research Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies (Summer 2015)

Adam Smith Fellowship, Mercatus Center (Fall 2013 – Spring 2014)

Online Education Project Grant, University of Arizona (Spring 2013 – Spring 2014)

Earhart Fellowship, H.B. Earhart Foundation (Fall 2011 – Spring 2012)

Initiative for the Development of Online Programs Grant, University of Arizona (Spring – Summer 2011)

TWS Fellowship, Thomas W. Smith Foundation (Spring 2010)

PRESENTATIONS

“Consumer Inefficacy in Markets for Meat: Exploring ‘Push’ vs. ‘Pull’ Dynamics” (with Molly Hughes), PPE Society (scheduled for November 2024)

“Urban Succession,” PPE Society (2023)

Why It’s OK to Eat Meat, WVU (2023); C. of Charleston (2022); Albright Experience Lecture at Albright College (2021); U. of South Florida (2021); New Orleans Political Economy Roundtable Manuscript Workshop (2021)

“Are We Morally Obligated to Restrict Our Carbon Footprints?” Chapman (2023); Christopher Newport (2022); Cal State—Sacramento (2022); University of Toronto (2021); Institute for Liberal Studies (2020); Center for the Study of Political Economy Speaker Series at Hampden-Sydney College (2018); PPE Speaker Series at Virginia Tech (2018); Value Theory Workshop at UNC Chapel Hill (2018)

“Starting a PPE Program” (with Chris Surprenant, JP Messina, and Jake Monaghan), PPE Society (2022)

“Harm, Responsibility, and the Far-off Impacts of Climate Change,” Bishop’s (2022); ‘Towards Justice’ Dean’s Forum at UNO (2021); Bentley (2020); Bridgewater State (2020); U. of Texas—Austin (2020); Samford (2019); Georgia State (2019); Corning Community College (2019); Elmira College (2019); New Orleans Political Economy Roundtable (2019); Philosophy Club Speaker Series at Tulane (2019); PPE Society (2019)

“Bargaining for the Voiceless,” PPE Society (2022)

“Is Eating Meat Ethical?” (with Michael Huemer), Institute for Liberal Studies (2022)

- “Teaching Philosophy Online: Tips for Delivering a Successful and Engaging Class” (with Bob Fischer), Oxford University Press Higher Education Group (2020)
- “Norms for Ecological Citizenship: A Dissenting View,” PPE Society (2018)
- “Hayek’s Legacy for Environmental Political Economy,” Austrian Economics Forum at NC State (2017); Mercatus Center Workshop for Adam Smith Fellows (2016)
- “Environmental Conflict and the Legacy of the Reformation,” Value Theory Workshop at UNC—Chapel Hill (2017)
- “Treading Lightly on the Climate in a Problem-Ridden World,” ‘Economics is Everywhere’ Lecture Series at Radford University (2016); APA Eastern Division (2013); Center for the Philosophy of Freedom Brown Bag Series (2011)
- “A Tale of Two Systems: Working ‘Biotic Land Use’ into ‘The Political Order of a Free People,’” APA Eastern Division (2016)
- “Environmentalism in the Face of Dissent,” *Macmillan Interdisciplinary Handbook of Environmental Ethics* Contributors’ Workshop (2015)
- “Green Constitutionalism and Its Limits,” Institute for Humane Studies Workshop for Summer Research Fellows (2015)
- “How to Argue like an Anthropocentrist,” International Society for Environmental Ethics (2014)
- “A Place for Lockean Appropriation,” Mercatus Center Workshop for Adam Smith Fellows (2014)
- “Fairness and the Cornucopian Gamble,” Association for Private Enterprise Education (2013)

Commentaries

- “New Technologies, Ethics, and Policy Engagement for Sustainable Development” (panelist), IEEE/UN TechEthics Series (2021)
- Ned Hettinger’s “Defending Aesthetic Protectionism,” *Macmillan Interdisciplinary Handbook of Environmental Ethics* Contributors’ Workshop (2015)
- Peter Jaworski’s “Market Architecture: It’s the How, Not the What,” International Consortium for Advanced Research in Social and Political Philosophy (2015)
- Kevin Elliott’s “Anthropocentric Indirect Arguments for Environmental Protection,” International Society for Environmental Ethics (2014)
- Leif Wenar’s *Power/Counter-Power: Might Makes Right, Popular Sovereignty, and the Unity of Humanity*, Center for the Philosophy of Freedom Research Workshop for Leif Wenar (2014)
- David Rondel’s “G.A. Cohen and the Logic of Egalitarian Congruence,” APA Pacific Division (2011)

TEACHING

West Virginia University

- BADM 536 – Leading with Ethics (Spring 2024, scheduled for Spring 2025)
- BADM 557 – Experiential 1 (Fall 2024)
- BADM 558 – Experiential 2 (scheduled for Spring 2025)
- BADM 630 – Corporate Leadership (online: Fall 2023 x 2; Spring 2024; Fall 2024 x 2; scheduled for Spring 2025)
- BADM 644 – Legal Environment and Ethics (online: Spring 2024 x 2)

Tulane University

PHIL 2600 – Ethics in Business (Fall 2022)

PHIL 3340 – Humanity’s Place in Nature (Spring 2023)

University of New Orleans

PHIL 2201 – Ethics (Spring 2020)

PPEL 3000 – Foundations of Public Policy, Ethics, and Law (Spring 2021, Spring 2022)

URBN 4/5810 – Environmental Justice in Urban Environments (Fall 2019)

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

PHIL 089 – First-Year Seminar in Philosophy, Politics & Economics (Fall 2017 x 2, Fall 2018)

PHIL 160 – Introduction to Ethics (Spring 2019)

PHIL 364 – Ethics and Economics (Fall 2018)

PHIL 370 – Political Philosophy (Spring 2018)

PHIL 384 – Gateway to Philosophy, Politics & Economics (Spring 2018, Spring 2019)

University of Arizona

PHIL 150c1 – Philosophical Perspectives on Society (online: Summer 2012)

PHIL 205 – The Ethics and Economics of Wealth Creation (hybrid format: Spring 2014; online: Fall 2016)

PHIL 220 – Philosophy of Happiness (conventional format: Spring 2016; online: Spring 2017)

PHIL 322 – Business Ethics (online: Spring 2017)

PHIL 323 – Environmental Ethics (conventional format: Fall 2010; online: Summer 2011, Fall 2015, Fall 2016;
intensive course for high school teachers: Summer 2018, Summer 2019)

PHIL 324 – Law and Morality (conventional format: Fall 2014)

SERVICE

West Virginia University

MBA Summer Practicum Organizer (Summer 2024)

Chambers College Graduate Programs Committee (Fall 2023–present)

MBA Case Competition Team Co-Coach (w/ Ryan Noon and Kara Sherrell, Fall 2023–Spring 2024)

MBA Experiential Learning Project Team Advisor (w/ WVU Division of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, Fall 2023–Spring 2024)

University of New Orleans

“Urban Bird Habitat & Environmental Education at UNO” (Fall 2021–Spring 2022)

- \$76k project to improve migratory bird habitat on the UNO campus and provide environmental educational experiences to UNO TRiO Upward Bound Students (lead co-PI with Liz Sigler and John Bishop, with financial and in-kind support from the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation, University of New Orleans, Orleans Audubon, Pontchartrain Conservancy, Native Plant Initiative of Greater New Orleans, and Louisiana Master Naturalists of Greater New Orleans)

UNO Sustainability Circle (Fall 2021–Spring 2022)

Steering Committee for PhD Program in Justice Studies (Fall 2020–Spring 2021)

Search Committee for Assistant Vice President for Graduate Programs (Spring 2020–Spring 2021)

Tolmas Scholarship Mentor (Magdalene Maihles, Spring 2020; Robyn Harlow, Spring–Summer 2021)

Referee

American Journal of Political Science; American Political Science Review; Australasian Journal of Philosophy; Bloomsbury; Edward Elgar; Environmental Ethics; Environmental Politics; Environmental Values; Ergo; Ethics & the Environment; Ethics, Policy & Environment; The Independent Review; International Society for Environmental Ethics; Journal for Ethics & Moral Philosophy; Journal of Ethics & Social Philosophy; Journal of Private Enterprise; Journal of Public Philosophy; Journal of Social Philosophy; Philosophy Compass; Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society; PLOS One; Public Affairs Quarterly; Res Publica; Routledge; Social Philosophy & Policy

Conference Session Organizer

“Honoring Attachments in a Changing World,” PPE Society Annual Meeting (2020; session canceled due to COVID-19)

“Justice, Migration, and Climate Change,” PPE Society Annual Meeting (2019)

“The Role of Norms in Driving Pro-Environmental Behavior,” PPE Society Annual Meeting (2018)

“Unilateral Restrictions on Contributions to Climate Change,” APA Eastern Division, International Society for Environmental Ethics Group Session (2013)

Other Service

University of Pittsburgh Katz School of Business, Super Analytics Challenge selection & teaming committee (WVU representative, Fall 2023)

International Society for Environmental Ethics, nominating committee (Spring 2019–Spring 2023; as committee chair, Fall 2021–Spring 2023)

Dissertation committee—external reader (Siobhain Lash, Tulane University, Fall 2022)

NOLA Ready, city-assisted evacuation exercise volunteer (Jul. 10, 2020 and May 9, 2021); COVID-19 community mass vaccination site volunteer (Mar. 6 and 27, 2021); Gentilly Walmart Evacuspot lead (2020 hurricane season); Hurricane Zeta medical special needs shelter volunteer (Oct. 29, 2020)

NOLA Tree Project, Hurricane Laura evacuee resource fair setup volunteer (Aug. 30, 2020); volunteer food delivery driver during COVID-19 lockdown (1–2 days per week, Mar.–Aug. 2020)

ISeeChange, urban heat mapping study volunteer (Jul. 25, 2020)

Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation, Caernarvon Swamp restoration volunteer (Feb. 29, 2020)

National High School Ethics Bowl, volunteer judge (regional and national finals, 2018 and 2019)

References available upon request