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Academic employment

- 2022 **University of British Columbia (Okanagan)**
Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Philosophy and Political Science
- 2020-2022 **Aarhus University**
Postdoctoral Fellow & Lecturer in the Department of Political Science
- 2019-2020 **University of Colorado Boulder**
Bradley Scholar in Residence & Lecturer in the Department of Philosophy
- 2015 **L'Institut des études politiques de Paris (Sciences Po)**
Visiting Seminar Instructor and Teaching Assistant

Education

- 2019 **University of Toronto**
Ph.D., Philosophy
- 2017 **Nuffield College, University of Oxford**
Junior Visiting Scholar
- 2015 **Centre de recherches internationales (CERI) – L'Institut des études politiques de Paris**
Visiting scholar
- 2013 **Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne**
M2 (Research masters), Philosophy
- 2012 **Universities of St Andrews and Stirling**
MLitt, Philosophy
- 2011 **University of Ottawa**
Honours B.A., Ethics and society

Areas of interest

Specialization: Ethics & Political Philosophy

Competence: Metaethics, Philosophy of Law, Social Epistemology

Publications

Journal articles

October 2021 ‘Virtue Signalling and the Condorcet Jury Theorem’, Renaud-Philippe Garner & Scott Hill, *Synthese* (Online version)

November 2020 ‘Why cosmopolitan war is an ethics of fantasy, *European Review of International Studies*, Volume 7, Issue 2/3, pp.271-292

September 2016 ‘A Tale of Two Moralities’, *The Journal of Philosophy*, Volume CXIII, Number 9, pp.446-462

Dictionary or Encyclopaedia Entries

May 2022 ‘Nationalism’, *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics* (Online)

April 2019 ‘Conquête’, *Passions sociales*, PUF, ed. by Gloria Origgi, (‘Conquest’ in Social Passions, University Press of France)

April 2019 ‘Thumos’, *Passions sociales*, PUF, ed. by Gloria Origgi, (‘Thumos’ in Social Passions, University Press of France)

Work in progress or under review

In progress

Myth and misunderstanding: Reassessing patriotism as a virtue

Cops and robbers: rejecting a bad analogy in just war theory

Ethics of fantasy: Guiding real actions and making hard choices

A troubled inheritance, co-written with Marion Godman

Who and what is virtuous?

Public philosophy and outreach

For a full list see my website listed above

Apr 2022	‘Front républicain : Si le RN n’a pas le droit de gagner, il faut l’interdire de concourir’, <i>Marianne.net</i> (in French)
Jan 2022	‘Les défenseurs d’une souveraineté européenne doivent assumer qu’elle est l’anti-1789’, <i>Marianne.net</i> (in French)
Dec 2021	‘Un en même temps confus : nationalisme, patriotisme et républicanisme’, <i>Atlantico.fr</i> (in French)
Dec 2021	‘Mélenchon/Zemmour: qui est vraiment un ethniciste?’, <i>Atlantico.fr</i> (in French)
Dec 2021	‘Zemmour, c’est la France éternelle à l’ère des réseaux sociaux!’, <i>Causeur.fr</i> (in French)

Scholarships and awards

2015	Extracurricular scholastic achievement, University of Toronto
2015	Canada Graduate Scholarship: Foreign Study Supplement
2014-2017	CGS Doctoral Scholarship, National competition
2011-2013	Baxter & Alma Ricard Scholarship, National competition
2011	Faculty Plaque (Arts), University of Ottawa
2006-2010	President’s Scholarship, University of Ottawa
2006-2010	Queen Elizabeth II Scholarship, Province of Ontario
2006-2010	Dean’s Merit Scholarship, University of Ottawa
2006	Millennium Scholarship, Province of Ontario

Conferences and talks

April 2021	‘A Troubled Inheritance’, co-presented with Marion Godman, CEPDISC, Aarhus University
May 2020	Respondent, Markets and Ethics Workshop, University of Colorado Boulder
Feb. 2020	‘Depersonalised Flourishing’, Center for Values and Social Policy, University of Colorado Boulder
Oct. 2019	‘For whom we do or die’, Center for Values and Social Policy, University of Colorado Boulder
Jun. 2018	Respondent, CPA Annual Congress, Montréal
Jan. 2017	‘Giving without measure’, Nuffield Political Theory Workshop, Oxford University
Jun. 2016	‘On the Distinction between Treachery and Deception’, Jubilee Center, Birmingham University

Jan. 2016	‘Socratic Lawfulness and Obedience’, Guest lecturer, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Jan. 2016	‘Patriotism and Simulacra’, Jerusalem Lecture Series in Political Thought and Intellectual History, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Dec. 2105	‘Patriotism and Simulacra’ Special presentation at the Doctoral School seminar, Sciences Po Paris
Oct. 2015	Respondent, Joint Doctoral School and CERI seminar, Sciences Po Paris
Feb. 2015	‘Neither Fanaticism, Nor Folklore: An Admirable Patriotism’, Israeli Philosophical Association, Open University of Israel
Sep. 2014	‘A Tale of Two Moralities’, Mancept Conference, University of Manchester
Sep. 2104	‘A Tale of Two Moralities’, ECPR Conference, University of Glasgow
May 2014	‘Quel demos?’, CPA Annual Congress, Brock University
Feb. 2014	‘A Tale of Two Moralities’, Israeli Philosophical Association, Tel Aviv University
Oct. 2013	‘Witches and Unicorns: the case against human rights’, Indiana Philosophical Association, Indiana University
Jun. 2013	‘Why Care about Autonomy?’, Sciences Po Paris Political Theory Graduate Conference

Dissertation abstract

My dissertation is a rehabilitation of patriotism as a virtue. The initial theory-building corrects for the often vague or empirically unsupported characterizations of the phenomenon. More precisely, I draw on the field of nationalism studies and finding in economics and social psychology to produce an empirically grounded account. On my view, patriotism is not analogous to personal loyalty because it depends upon a common identity an intergenerational entity; it is a collective form of loyalty that engages with collective self-understanding. Moreover, I argue that patriotism is predominantly cultural rather than political as loyalty and identity predate and survive regime changes. My defence of patriotism is two-pronged. First, I show that Charles Taylor’s argument that patriotism is necessary for a well-functioning democracy is best served by a cultural view of patriotism rather than a political version. The key problem is that a patriotism dependent upon a purely political social identity is unable to reliably sustain collective loyalty. Second, I argue that patriotism can make a distinct contribution to human flourishing through what I call deindividuated flourishing. Building upon insight from social psychology, I argue that human flourishing should be understood in both personal and collective terms. The latter is characterized by collective self-understanding and collectivizing the parameters of success. Patriotism, by allowing us to engage in large-scale and intergenerational projects, allows for deindividuated flourishing.

Professional experience

2021-2022	Co-organiser of the lecture series ‘Identity and Normativity 2022’, Aarhus University
2013-2018	Research Assistant for various projects (Literature reviews, translation, etc.), University of Toronto
2007	Research Assistant for editing a French publication, University of Ottawa

Citizenship

Canadian (resident of Québec)

Languages

Native speaker (written, read, and spoken): French and English

Referees

Please begin by requesting letters from the placement service at the University of Toronto at placement.philosophy@utoronto.ca. The order of listing of references is also the order of contact (i.e. if you wish for two references contact Tom Hurka and then Jeff McMahan, etc.).

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Dominic Bailey (Teaching reference)

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