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Specialization

AOS Metaethics, political theory, normative ethics

AOC Philosophy of law, philosophy of the social sciences

Appointments

since 2019 CONCORDIA SOCIAL JUSTICE CENTRE
Co-director (with Pablo Gilabert)

since 2018 CENTRE DE RECHERCHE EN ÉTHIQUE
Member of Advisory Board

since 2016 CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY
Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy

2015-2017 STANFORD UNIVERSITY
Postdoc, Center for Ethics in Society [declined second year]

Education

2015 UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH
Ph.D. in Philosophy
Dissertation: "Moral Norms and Social Conventions"
Main adviser: Michael Thompson

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
Visiting doctoral student (2012–2013)
Sponsor: Axel Honneth

2009 UNIVERSITÄT TRIER
Magister Artium in philosophy

OXFORD UNIVERSITY
Visiting MA student (2008-2009), full scholarship from Jesus College
Tutor: Roger Teichmann

2008 UNIVERSITÄT TRIER
Diplom (=M.Sc.) in psychology
Specialization: Clinical psychology

Languages

German (native)

English (TOEFL)

French (DALF-C1 and Certificat de sélection du Québec)

Latin (Latinum)

Publications

ARTICLES IN REFEREED JOURNALS

1. Ulf Hlobil & Katharina Nieswandt (2019): "Foot without Achilles' Heel." *Philosophia*: online first: 1-15.
2. Katharina Nieswandt & Ulf Hlobil (2018): "Virtues for the Imperfect." *Journal of Value Inquiry*: online first: 1-21.
3. Katharina Nieswandt (2018): "What Is Conventionalism about Moral Rights and Duties?" *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 97(1): 15-28.
4. Katharina Nieswandt (2017): "Anscombe on the Sources of Normativity." *Journal of Value Inquiry* 51(1): 141-163.
5. Katharina Nieswandt (2016): "Do Rights Exist by Convention or by Nature?" *Topoi* 35(1): 313-325.
6. Ulf Hlobil & Katharina Nieswandt (2016): "Anscombe's Philosophical Method." *Klēsis: Revue Philosophique* 35: 180–198.
Reprint in: John Haldane (ed.) (forthcoming): *The Life and Philosophy of Elizabeth Anscombe*. (St. Andrews Studies in Philosophy.) Imprint Academic: Exeter: 42-61.

ARTICLES IN EDITED VOLUMES

1. Katharina Nieswandt (2019): "Authority and Interest in the Theory of Right." In: David Plunkett, Scott Shapiro & Kevin Toh (eds.): *Dimensions of Normativity: New Essays on Metaethics and Jurisprudence*. Oxford University Press: Oxford: 315-334.
2. Katharina Nieswandt (2017): "Grammatik und Funktion: Peter Geach." In: Martin Hähnel (ed.): *Der Aristotelische Naturalismus: Ein Handbuch*. Metzler: Stuttgart, 163-174.
English translation in: Martin Hähnel (ed.) (forthcoming) *Aristotelian Naturalism: A Research Companion*. Springer: Dordrecht.

EDITING AND TRANSLATION

1. G. E. M. Anscombe (2014): *Aufsätze*. Herausgegeben, übersetzt und mit einer Lektürehilfe von Katharina Nieswandt und Ulf Hlobil. Nachwort von Anselm W. Müller. [Papers. Edited, Translated and with a Study Guide by KN and UH. With an Afterword by AWM.] Suhrkamp: Berlin: 400 pages.
Reviews by: Dominik Perler (in the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*) and by Christian Kietzmann (in *Philosophische Rundschau*).

OTHER

1. Katharina Nieswandt (forthcoming): "Book Review of: James Doyle's 'No Morality, No Self: Anscombe's Radical Skepticism.'" *Ethics*.
2. Katharina Nieswandt (2016): "Basic Income after Automation? That's Not How Capitalism Works!" *The Conversation*, October 6, 2016.

Presentations (REF = refereed, INV = invited)

1. "Life and Other Basic Rights in Anscombe"
INV 2019: U. di Udine.
INV 2019: *Anscombe Centenary*, Lindenthal-Institut, Cologne.
2. "Automation, Income and Merit"
INV 2019: *Filosofie*, U. du Québec à Montréal.
INV 2019: *Department Research Day*, Concordia U.
3. "Do the Virtues Make You Happy?" (co-authored with Ulf Hlobil)
INV 2018: *The Virtues and Practical Reason*, U. di Udine [presented by UH].
INV 2018: *Teleological Structures in Human Life*, Research Cluster Analytic German Idealism, U. of Leipzig. [with UH]
4. "Revolutionary Virtues?" (co-authored with Ulf Hlobil)
REF 2018: *Virtue Ethics and Psychology: Towards a New Science of Virtues?*, Aretai Center on Virtues, European U. of Rome.
INV 2018: *Virtue and Moral Reasoning under Oppressive Social Conditions*, Concordia U. [WS, organized with UH]
5. "Virtues for the Imperfect" (co-authored with Ulf Hlobil)
REF 2018: XI. Annual Conference of the *Felician Institute for Ethics and Public Affairs*, Felician U. (Rutherford, NJ). [presented by UH]
INV 2017: *DFG Network "Practical Thought and Good Action"*, Friedrich-Alexander-U. (Erlangen-Nürnberg). [presented by UH]
6. "What is Conventionalism about Moral Rights and Duties?"
INV 2018: *Normative Powers*, Centre de recherche en éthique, U. de Montréal & McGill U.
REF 2017: *Varieties of Contemporary Moral Realism*, Czech Academy of Sciences [declined].
INV 2017: Centre for Ethics as Study in Human Value, U. of Pardubice.
7. "Do I Apprehend My Life-Form in Acting Well?"
INV 2017: Philosophy Department Colloquium, U. Guelph.

- REF 2017: *Situating the Human*, Centre for Ethics as Study in Human Value, U. of Pardubice.
- REF 2017: III. Conference on *Wittgensteinian Approaches to Moral Philosophy*, KU Leuven.
8. "Beyond Frontier Town: Do Early Modern Theories of Property Apply to Capitalist Economies?"
- REF 2019: *Philosophy, Politics and Economics Society*, 3rd Annual Meeting (New Orleans).
- INV 2019: *Parr & CRÉ*, 1st Annual Joint Meeting (Chapel Hill).
- INV 2018: Sociedad Argentina de Análisis Filosófico (Buenos Aires).
- INV 2018: Philosophy Department Colloquium of Auburn U.
- REF 2018: *Market, Justice and the Cooperative as a Political Institution*, U. du Québec à Montréal.
- INV 2018: Annual *Humanities and Public Life Conference* of Dawson College (Montréal).
- REF 2018: Annual Congress of the *Canadian Philosophical Association*, Montréal.
- REF 2018: *Justice and Markets*, Aarhus U.
- REF 2017: *Philosophy and Social Science*, Czech Academy of Sciences.
- REF 2017: *Why Private Property? Politics of Property and Its Alternatives*. U. libre de Bruxelles [declined].
- INV 2016: *Le 5 à 7 du CRÉ*, U. de Montréal.
9. "Basic Income after Automation?"
- INV 2017: *Matt Townsend Show*, BYU Radio.
10. "Practice Views Revisited"
- REF 2016: VII. *Braga Meeting on Ethics and Political Philosophy*, U. do Minho.
- INV 2016: *Women in Philosophy Workshop*, Stanford U.
- INV 2016: Bilkent U. (Ankara), Philosophy Department.
11. "Authority and Interest in the Theory of Right"
- INV 2016: *Political Theory Workshop*, Stanford U.
- INV 2015: *Legal Philosophy Workshop*, U. of Edinburgh.
12. "Anscombe on Hume's Circle"
- REF 2014: *The Nature of Rules and Normativity*, Czech Acad. of Sciences [with Ulf Hlobil].
13. "In What Sense are Rights Conventional?"
- REF 2014: *Political Community*, Centre for Citizenship, Civil Society and Rule of Law, U. of Aberdeen.

REF	2014: <i>Social Contract Theory: Past, Present, Future</i> , U. Nova de Lisboa.
REF	2013: <i>XVII. Interamerican Philosophy Congress</i> , Salvador de Bahia, Brazil.
INV	2013: <i>Ethics and International Affairs</i> , U. of Pittsburgh, Political Science Department.

Grants and Fellowships

GRANTS (IN CAD \$)

- 2019-2020 Anonymous donation to the *Concordia Social Justice Centre*.
- 2019–2020 *Centre de recherche en éthique*: Matching fund for workshop: \$1,500.
- 2019–2020 *Groupe de recherche interuniversitaire sur la normativité*: Matching fund for workshop: \$1,500.
- 2017-2019 *Concordia University*: “Working Group” at the Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies in Society and Culture (CISSC): \$5,300.
- 2017–2018 *Concordia University*: Aid to Research Related Events, Publication, Exhibition and Dissemination Activities (ARRE): \$4,981.
- 2017–2018 *Centre de recherche en éthique*: Matching fund for workshop: \$1,500.
- 2017–2018 *Groupe de recherche interuniversitaire sur la normativité*: Matching fund for workshop: \$1,500.

FULL FELLOWSHIPS

- 2015-2017 Postdoctoral fellowship, *McCoy Family Center for Ethics in Society*.
- 2014–2015 Dissertation finishing fellowship, *Charlotte W. Newcombe Foundation*.
- 2012–2014 Research fellowship, *Andrew W. Mellon Foundation*.
- 2009–2010 First-year doctoral fellowship, *Andrew W. Mellon Foundation*.
- 2008–2009 Graduate research fellowship, *Jesus College, Oxford University*.

Other Research Activities

CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

1. *2nd Annual Virtue Ethics and Politics Workshop* (together with Tristan Rogers), “The Personal and the Common Good,” Concordia Social Justice Centre 2020. Invited speakers: Lisa Tessman, Mark LeBar, Colin Farelly, John Hacker-Wright and Karen Stohr.
2. *1st Annual Virtue Ethics and Politics Workshop* (together with Ulf Hlobil), “Virtue and Moral Reasoning under Oppressive Social Conditions,” Concordia University 2018. Keynote speakers: Charlotte Witt, Elijah Millgram, Eric Wiland and Macalester Bell.

3. At the *Concordia Social Justice Centre*: (1) Philipp van Parijs, "Should Surfers Still Be Fed?" Public lecture, Concordia University 2018. (2) Erik Olin Wright, "Envisioning Real Utopias," public lecture, preceded by a reading group, Concordia University 2017. (3) Brownbag lunch talks by network members, Concordia University 2017.
4. *Colloquium Series*, Concordia Philosophy Department, 2016-17. Talks by: Robert Brandom, Helga Varden, John Hacker-Wright, Kristin Andrews, Marc Ereshefsky and Christine Tappolet.

CONFERENCE COMMENTARY

1. 2019: Christine Sypnovich, *2nd Annual Social Justice Theory Workshop*, "Democracy, Justice, Equality," Concordia Social Justice Centre & Centre de Recherche en Éthique.
2. 2018: Peter Dietsch, "On the Very Idea of an Efficient Wage." *2nd Annual Social Justice Theory Workshop*, "From Each According to Their Abilities; to Each According to Their Needs," Centre de Recherche en Éthique.
3. 2018: Frank Hindrik, "The Problem of Insignificant Hands." *2018 Meeting of the Canadian Philosophical Association (CPA)*.
4. 2017: Stefan Gosepath, "Understanding Human Dignity as a Plurally Justified Normative Surplus." *Global Justice Conference 2017*, Yan P. Lin Centre (McGill U.).
5. 2014: Nicolas Cornell, "Wrongs, Rights, and Remedial Ambiguity." *Bechtel Workshop in Political and Legal Philosophy*, U. of Pittsburgh.
6. 2008: Jonathan Dancy, "Practical Reasoning and Inference." *XVII. Philosophy Graduate Conference*, Oxford U.

MEMBERSHIPS

Centre de recherche en éthique (CRÉ), Montréal
 Groupe de la recherche sur la normativité (GRIN), Montréal
 Canadian Philosophical Association
 Deutsche Gesellschaft für Philosophie
 Gesellschaft für analytische Philosophie
 Action Network, Leipzig.

Teaching and Supervision

REGULAR CLASSES AT CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

Graduate Classes

PHIL 621: *Advanced Topics in Value Theory*:
 2018: "Anscombe's Moral Philosophy."
 2017: "Private Property Rights."

PHIL 633: *Selected Topics in Value Theory: Values & Biotechnology*: 2016, 2017, 2018.

Undergraduate Classes

PHIL 330: *Contemporary Ethical Theory* (seminar): 2017, 2018.

PHIL 241: *Philosophy of Human Rights* (lecture): 2018, 2019.

PHIL 232: *Introduction to Ethics* (lecture): 2019.

OTHER CLASSES

Stanford University: “Economic Justice” (undergraduate seminar): 2016.

University of Pittsburgh: teaching assistant: 2010-2012.

ADVISING

Concordia University

2019-2020 MA Thesis Jordan Walters, “Minimalist Responses to Moral Debunking Arguments.”

2017-2018 MA thesis Sophie Arase, “Sentimental Phenomena in Kant’s Theory of Right Action.” (Winner of the department’s *Vladimir Zeman Award* 2018.)

Stanford University

2015-2016 Honors thesis Kate Mosle, “Equality and Excellence: Distributing Educational Opportunity under Resource Constraints.”

EXAMINATION

2018 MA thesis Mehdi Nahjafi, “Sharon Street and Moral Debunking;” supervisor: Matthew Barker. (Completed 03/2018.)

Academic Service at Concordia

- Chair search committee (2019): History Department.
- Hiring committee (2018): “Smart, Sustainable and Resilient Cities and Communities” (philosophy assistant professorship, TT).
- Graduate Studies Committee (2016–2018): Review of applications to the MA program; feedback on MA thesis proposals.
- Library liaison (2017–2018).
- Presentation at Concordia’s open house, “What Is Philosophy and Why Study It?” (with Ulf Hlobil) (Feb. 2017, Sep. 2017).
- Presentation at department undergraduate career panel “Graduate School Application in Philosophy” (Apr. 2017, Oct. 2017).

- Presentation at department faculty workshop on diversity, “Survey on Gender Distribution in Philosophy versus Psychology” and “Anonymous Grading with Moodle” (Oct. 2018).
- Department website text “Philosophy and Society” (with Ulf Hlobil) (Jan. 2017).

Further Work Experience

- Student research assistant *Kant-Forschungsstelle Trier*; director: Bernd Dörflinger (2005–2008).
- Clinical internship *Charité Berlin*, ward for affective disorders and ward for attention disorders; director: Michael Colla (Feb.–May 2006).