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Current Post

King's College London 2008-
Chair of Ethics (Full Professor)
Director, Centre of Law and Philosophy
Director, Centre of Medical Law and Ethics

Education

Harvard University Ph.D. in Philosophy 1988-97
Dissertation: *Private Property: Conceptual and Normative Analyses*
Advisors: T.M. Scanlon, R. Nozick

Stanford University A.B. in Philosophy (Honors, ΦBK) 1983-87

Citizenship

US & UK National

Publications

1. Published and Forthcoming Articles

“Realistic Reform of International Trade in Resources” in *Pogge and His Critics* ed. A. Jaggar [Polity, 2010].

“Poverty is No Pond: Challenges for the Affluent” in *Giving Well: The Ethics of Philanthropy* ed. T. Pogge, P. Illingworth and L. Wenar [OUP, 2010].

“Are Liberal Peoples Peaceful?” (with B. Milanovic) *Journal of Political Philosophy* vol. 17 no. 4 (2009): 462-86.

“Property Rights and the Resource Curse” *Philosophy & Public Affairs* vol. 36 no. 1 (2008): 2-32.

“Human Rights and Equality in the Work of David Miller” *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy* special issue, vol. 11 no. 4 (2008): 401-11.

+ Reprinted in *Nationalism and Global Justice: David Miller and His Critics* [Routledge, 2011].

“The Analysis of Rights” in *The Legacy of H. L. A. Hart* ed. M. Kramer, C. Grant, B. Colburn, A. Hatzistavrou (Oxford, 2008): 251-73.

“John Rawls” *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (2008). plato.stanford.edu/entries/rawls/.

“The Meanings of Freedom” [response to G.A. Cohen] in *Contemporary Debates in Social Philosophy* ed. L. Thomas (Blackwell, 2008): 36-53.

“The Diversity of Rights in Contemporary Ethical and Political Thought” (with S. Macedo) in *The Nature of Rights at the American Founding and Beyond* ed. B. Shain (University of Virginia Press, 2007): 280-302.

“Responsibility and Severe Poverty” in the UNESCO volume *Freedom from Poverty as a Human Right* ed. T. Pogge (Oxford; United Nations, 2007): 255-74.

- “The Basic Structure as Object: Institutions and Humanitarian Concern”
in *Global Justice, Global Institutions*, special issue of *The Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, ed. D. Weinstock (University of Calgary Press, 2007): 253-78.
- “States, Individuals, and Equality” in *Studies On Global Justice* ed. R. Tinnevelt and G. Verschraegen (Palgrave MacMillan, 2007): 25-35.
- “L’individu, l’Etat et les droits de base” *Philosophiques* special issue, vol. 34, no. 1, ed. K. Nielsen and J. Couture (2007): 97-112.
- “Accountability in International Development Aid” *Ethics and International Affairs* vol. 20, no. 1 (2006): 1-23.
+ Reprinted in *Ethics & International Affairs: A Reader*, 3rd edition (Georgetown, 2009): 285-306.
- “Reparations for the Future” *Journal of Social Philosophy* special issue on reparations, vol. 37 no. 4 (2006): 377-405.
- “Why Rawls is not a Cosmopolitan Egalitarian” in *Rawls’s Law of Peoples: A Realistic Utopia?* ed. R. Martin and D. Reidy (Blackwell, 2006): 95-113.
- “The Nature of Rights” *Philosophy & Public Affairs* vol. 33 no.3 (2005): 223-53.
- “The Value of Rights” in *Law and Social Justice* ed. M. O’Rourke (MIT, 2005): 179-209.
- “Rights” *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (2005). plato.stanford.edu/entries/rights/.
- “The Nature of Human Rights” in *Real World Justice* ed. A. Føllesdal and T. Pogge (Kluwer, 2005): 285-94.
- “The Unity of Rawls’s Work” in *The Journal of Moral Philosophy* vol. 1 no. 3 (2004): 265-75.
+ Reprinted in *The Legacy of John Rawls* ed. T. Brooks and F. Freyenhagen (Sage, 2006): 22-33.

- “Democracy and Legitimacy: A Response to Tully” in *Political Exclusion and Domination: NOMOS XLVI* ed. S. Macedo and M. Williams (NYU, 2004).
- “Property” in *The New Dictionary of the History of Ideas* (Charles Scribner’s Sons, 2004).
- “What We Owe to Distant Others” *Politics, Philosophy and Economics* vol. 2, no. 3 (2003): 283-304.
+ Reprinted in *A Global Justice Reader* ed. T. Brooks (Blackwell, 2008).
- “Epistemic Rights and Legal Rights” *Analysis* vol. 63 no. 2 (2003): 142-46.
- “The Legitimacy of Peoples” in *Global Politics and Transnational Justice* ed. P. de Greiff and C. Cronin (MIT, 2002): 53-76.
- “Contractualism and Global Economic Justice” *Metaphilosophy* special issue on global justice, vol. 32 no. 1-2 (2001): 79-94.
+ Reprinted in *Global Justice* ed. T. Pogge (Blackwell, 2002): 76-90.
- “Original Acquisition of Private Property” *Mind* vol. 107 no. 428 (1998): 799-819.
+ Reprinted in *Locke and Law* ed. T. Brooks (Ashgate, 2007): 109-130.
- “The Concept of Property and the Takings Clause” *Columbia Law Review* vol. 97 no.6 (1997): 1923-46.
- “*Political Liberalism: An Internal Critique*” *Ethics* vol. 106 no. 1 (1995): 32-62.
+ Reprinted in *John Rawls: Critical Assessments of Leading Political Philosophers* ed. C. Kukathas (London: Routledge, 2002): 57-86.
- + Included in vol. 18 of *The Philosopher’s Annual* as one of the ten best articles published in philosophy in 1995.

2. Edited Books

Giving Well: The Ethics of Philanthropy (with T. Pogge and P. Illingworth) [OUP, 2010].

Hayek on Hayek: An Autobiographical Dialogue (with S. Kresge), supplement to *The Collected Works of F.A. Hayek* (University of Chicago Press and Routledge, 1994); new edition (Liberty Fund, 2008).

3. Book Reviews

Review of Jędrzej George Frynas, *Beyond Corporate Social Responsibility: Oil Multinationals and Social Challenges*. *International Affairs* vol. 82, no. 2 (2010).

Review of Liam Murphy and Thomas Nagel, *The Myth of Ownership*. *Philosophical Review* vol. 114 (2005): 285-88.

Review of Peter Singer, *One World* and Thomas Pogge, *World Poverty and Human Rights*. *Ethics and International Affairs* vol. 17 no. 1 (2003): 121-23.

Review of Raymond Geuss, *Public Lives, Private Lives*. *Ethics* vol. 113 no. 1 (2002): 151-54.

Review of G.A. Cohen, *Self-Ownership, Freedom, and Equality*. *Mind* vol. 109 no. 436 (2000): 869-73.

Review of J.R. Penner, *The Idea of Property in Law*. *European Journal of Philosophy* vol. 8, no. 2 (2000): 244-48.

Review of Fred D'Agostino, *Public Reason: Making It Up as We Go Along*. *Ethics* vol. 107 no. 3 (1997): 556.

Review of Chandran Kukathas, *Hayek and Modern Liberalism*. *Ethics* vol. 102 no. 3 (1992): 663-64.

4. Book Projects

Clean Trade. A book-length exposition of "Property Rights and the Resource Curse."

The Philosophy of Rights. A study of the nature and justification of rights, with illustrations from philosophy, politics, and the law [Oxford].

5. Non-Academic Work

“Leif Wenar on the Resource Curse” Public Ethics Radio, October 7, 2008. <http://publicethicsradio.org/2008/10/07/episode-3-leif-wenar-on-the-resource-curse/>

“Sudan’s Stolen Oil” *Christian Science Monitor* op-ed, July 31 2008. <http://www.cleantrade.org/sitebuildercontent/sitebuilderfiles/wenarcs-mop-edsudan.pdf>

“Can the Resource Curse be Lifted?” *Cato Unbound*, May 2008 (responses by J. Ghazvinian, A. Illarionov, C. Wellman). <http://www.cato-unbound.org/archives/may-2008/>

“Property Rights and the Resource Curse” *Policy Innovations*, April 2007. http://www.policyinnovations.org/ideas/innovations/data/resource_curse_1

Prior Employment

Department of Philosophy, University of Sheffield

Personal Chair (Full Professor) 2005-08

Reader 2004-05

Lecturer 1997-2004

Professional Activities

Visiting Professor, Princeton University Department of Politics, Spring 2011.

Visiting Professor, Stanford University Center for Ethics in Society, Autumn 2010.

Visiting Professor, Princeton University Center for Human Values, 2007-08.

Fellow of the Program on Justice and the World Economy, Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Affairs, 2004-05.

Faculty Fellow, Center for Ethics and Public Affairs, The Murphy Institute of Political Economy, Tulane University, 2003-04.

Laurance S. Rockefeller Fellow, Princeton University Center for Human Values, 2000-01.

Refereeing:

American Journal of Evaluation
American Political Science Review
Canadian Journal of Philosophy
Contemporary Political Theory
Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy
Economics and Philosophy
Ethics
Ethics and International Affairs
European Journal of Philosophy
Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy
Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding
Journal of Moral Philosophy
Journal of Political Philosophy
Journal of Social Philosophy
Mind
Politics, Philosophy and Economics
Philosophical Quarterly
Philosophical Studies
Political Studies

Reviewing:

Blackwell
Cambridge University Press
Oxford University Press
Princeton University Press
Routledge
UN University Press

Editorial Advisory Board, *Ethics & International Affairs*.

Board of Advisors, *Journal of Moral Philosophy*.

Editorial Board, Springer's *Studies in Global Justice* series.

Board of Advisors, Public Ethics Radio.

Visiting Scholar, Queen's University, March 2008.

External Examiner, University of Kent, 2005-07.

Teaching

Teaching at King's College London

Contemporary Political Philosophy

Ethical Theory

Conflict: Its Origins, Ethics, and Containment

International Justice

Human Rights

Courses Taught at Sheffield

Human Rights (for beginning undergraduates).

Ethics: Theoretical and Practical (for intermediate undergraduates).

Political Philosophy (for intermediate undergraduates).

Theories of Rights (for advanced undergraduates).

Property and Persons (history of political theory for advanced undergraduates).

Graduate Research Seminar in Politics and Value.

Course Taught at Princeton (Fall 2007)

Modern Political Theory (for beginning and intermediate undergraduates).

Doctoral Theses Supervised

- Lina Papadaki (2007): *Sexual Objectification: From Kant to Contemporary Feminism*. (with Jennifer Saul)
- Fabian Freyenhagen (2005): *Adorno's Negative Ethics*. (with Robert Stern)
- Thom Brooks (2005): *Taking the System Seriously: Themes in Hegel's Philosophy of Right*. (with Robert Stern)
- Marek Dalibor (2004): *The Content of Social Institutions: An Attempt at Reconciling the Political Philosophies of J. Rawls and G. W. F. Hegel*. (with Robert Stern)
- Vince East (2004): *Angels, Saints and Heroes: Candidates for Ethical Exemplarity*. (with Jennifer Saul)
- Christopher Bennett (2001): *On the Right to be Punished: Responsibility, Blame and Reintegration*. (with Robert Stern)

Teaching Assistantships at Harvard

Political and Social Philosophy	J. Rawls
Democracy and Equality	T.M. Scanlon
Reason and Evaluation	T.M. Scanlon
Recent Ethical Theory	D. Parfit & T.M. Scanlon
Justice	M. Sandel
Public and Private	S. Macedo
Autonomy and Alienation	F. Neuhouser
History of Modern Philosophy	A. Simmons

Administrative Roles

Director of the Centre of Law and Philosophy, Centre of Medical Law and Ethics (King's College London).

Co-Organizer and Director of the MA in Political Theory; Director of Second- and Third-Year Studies; Head of Teaching Committee; Careers Advisor (Sheffield).

Talks

“Clean Trade” Workshop on Human Rights and International Legitimacy, Stirling, July 2010; International Political Theory Conference, Frankfurt, June 2010; Brave New World Conference (keynote), Manchester, June, 2010; Department of Philosophy, LUISS-Rome, April 2010; ‘A Struggle for Peace’ Conference, Utrecht, February 2010; Oxford Political Thought Conference, January 2010; Human Rights Centre, University of Essex, December 2009; LSE Forum in Legal and Political Theory, December 2009; Stanford Program on Global Justice Workshop, November 2009; Workshop in Justice and Global Health, University of Virginia, November 2009; University of Birmingham Centre for Global Ethics, October 2009; Colloquium on the Human Right to Political Participation, Stirling, September 2009.

“Clean Trade and Environmental Harm” Stanford Workshop on Environmental Norms, Institutions, and Policy, November 2009.

“Property Rights and the Resource Curse” Nuffield Political Theory Workshop, Oxford, June 2009; British Institute of International and Comparative Law Annual Conference, London, June 2009; Chevening Fellows Seminar, Bradford University, March 2009; Workshop on Territory and Justice, London, February 2009; Political Philosophy and International Political Economy Workshop, Queen’s University Belfast March 2009; Warwick Graduate Conference in Political Theory (keynote), February 2009; School of Law, King’s College London, October 2008; Conference on Absolute Poverty and Global Justice, University of Erfurt, July 2008; Center for the Advancement of Applied Ethics and Political Philosophy, Carnegie Mellon University, April 2008; Department of Philosophy, SUNY Albany, April 2008; Conference on a Common Liberalism, UCLA, March 2008; Department of Philosophy, Queen’s University, Kingston, March 2008; Ira W. DeCamp Seminar, Princeton University, October 2007; Department of Philosophy, University of Tennessee, October 2007; World Bank Conference on Global Distributive Justice, Washington DC, May 2007; Priority in Practice, UCL, April 2007; Department of Philosophy, Brown University, February 2007; Eastern APA, Washington DC, December 2006; Department of Philosophy, University of Copenhagen, November 2006; Conference on Pogge and His Critics, University of Newcastle, November 2006.

“The Nature of the Claim” “The Concept of Rights and its Legal and Political Dimensions’ Conference, Frankfurt, July 2010; ‘Rights and Directed Duties’ Workshop, King’s College London, May 2010; Oxford Political Theory Research Seminar, April 2010; Department of Philosophy, University of Virginia, November 2009; Department of Philosophy, University of Stirling, April 2009; Department of Philosophy, University of Arizona, November 2008; Georgetown School of Law, April 2008; Melden Workshop on Rights, UC Irvine, February 2008; Conference on the Legacy of H. L. A. Hart, Cambridge University, July 2007.

“Patents in the Human Genome” Philosophy and Intellectual Property Conference, London, May 2009; Conference on Patenting People, Cardozo School of Law, November 2006.

“Scanlon on Rights” Conference on the Political Philosophy of T.M. Scanlon, Manchester, May 2009.

“The Values of the International System” (keynote) and “Global Values and Democracy” Conference on The United Nations and the Evolution of Global Values, Peace Palace, The Hague, December 2008.

“Accountability in International Development Aid” 14th Annual International Development Conference, Harvard University, April 2008; Norwegian Association for Development Research Annual Conference, Oslo, September 2006; Association of Legal and Social Philosophy, Dublin, June 2006; Carnegie Council for Ethics and International Affairs, June 2005; Princeton University Center for Human Values Conference on Philanthropy, Ethics, and International Aid, May 2005 (Panel Organizer); Priority in Practice, UCL, April 2005.

“Are Liberal Peoples Peaceful?” Department of Philosophy, Queen’s University, Kingston, March 2008.

“The Analysis of Rights” Department of Philosophy, Carnegie Mellon University, April 2008; Melden Colloquium, UC Irvine, February 2008.

“The Future of Global Equality” Department of Philosophy, University of Copenhagen, November 2006; Conference on Equality and the New Global Order, Harvard University, May 2006; Department of Politics, University of Newcastle, April 2006.

- “Rawls: A Debate” (with Raymond Geuss) Department of Politics, Cambridge University, November 2006.
- “The Philosophy of Human Rights and Political Power” Department of Politics, University of York, June 2006; School of Public Policy, University of London, February 2006; Centre for International Studies, Cambridge University, October 2005; Philosophy and Public Policy Seminar, London School of Economics, October 2005.
- “The End of Terror” Stirling Conference on Justice, Security, and Rights, October 2005.
- “Reparations for the Future” World Congress of Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy, Granada, Spain, May 2005.
- “The Very Idea of Human Rights” Department of Philosophy, University of Birmingham, April 2005; Department of Government, London School of Economics, March 2005; MANCEPT conference, University of Manchester, November 2004.
- “Will and Interest” Edinburgh Workshop on Rights, February 2005.
- “Theorizing Human Rights” Departments of Philosophy and Political Science, Brown University, April 2004.
- “The Impossibility of Cosmopolitanism” Response to Charles Beitz’s Keynote Address, Pacific APA Conference on Global Justice, March 2004.
- “The Importance of Institutions to Justice” Pacific APA Conference on Global Justice, March 2004.
- “Legitimacy through Human Rights” National Institutes of Health/Georgetown University Department of Philosophy Joint Seminar, December 2003.
- “Human Rights and Power” Symposium on Global Justice, University of Oslo, September 2003.

- “The Sense of Security” American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, August 2003.
- “Justice for Individuals in the Global Economic Order” 19th International Political Science Association World Congress, Durban, July 2003.
- “A New Analysis of Rights” International Society for Utilitarian Studies 7th International Conference, Lisbon, April 2003.
+ Unanimous award of “Best Paper of the Conference.”
- “Human Rights and Responsibility” UNESCO Workshop on Severe Poverty, All Souls College, March 2003.
- “The Value of Rights” Department of Philosophy/Murphy Institute, Tulane University, September 2003; Department of Philosophy, University of St. Andrews, May 2003; Department of Philosophy, University of Bristol, February 2003; Department of Philosophy, University of Georgia, August 2002.
- “What We Owe to Distant Others” University of St. Andrews, Conference on Global Justice, July 2002; Columbia University Center for Law and Philosophy, Conference on Human Rights and Global Economic Justice, April 2001.
- “Rights as Instruments” Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference, University of Idaho, April 2002.
- “Rights and Consequences” Department of Politics and Centre for Philosophy, University of Manchester, October 2001.
- “Voters, Markets, Democracy” American Society for Political and Legal Philosophy Annual Meeting, Atlanta, December 2001.
- “The Nature of Rights” Hebrew University, Conference on Rights in Moral and Legal Theory, Jerusalem, June 2001.
- “Comment on P. Singer, ‘Genocide and the Justification of Humanitarian Intervention’” Princeton University Center for Human Values, April 2001.

- “Comment on P. Vallentyne, ‘Self-Ownership’” American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, San Francisco, April 2001.
- “What Must our Schools Not Teach?” Association for Practical and Professional Ethics Annual Convention, Cincinnati, March 2001.
- “Comment on F. Kamm, ‘Rights’” Princeton University Program in Ethics and Public Affairs, November 2000.
- “Contractualism and Global Economic Justice” ZiF Conference on Global Justice, Bielefeld, Germany, June 2000.
- “Contractualism and Human Rights” University of Glasgow, May 2000; Department of Politics, University of Sheffield, June 2000.
- “Taxation is Not Wrong in Principle” University of Birmingham, November 1999.
- “Taxation, Self-Ownership, Desert” University of Nottingham, April 1999.
- “Original Acquisition of Private Property” White Rose Conference, York University, November 1997; Department of Philosophy, University of Maribor, April 1998.
- “Reconciliation and Capitalism” Town Hall, Maribor, Slovenia, April 1998.
- “Copyright neither Property nor Deserved” University College London, February 1998.
- “Comment on R. Van Wyk: ‘Public Reason and Private Values’” American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Chicago, April 1996.
- “Rawls’s Political Turn” American Political Science Association Regional Conference, University of Virginia, April 1992