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AOS Political Philosophy, Ethics, Feminism and Philosophy of Gender, Personal Identity

AOC Philosophy of Race

EMPLOYMENT

Ashoka University

Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy
Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy

2024 – Present
2018 – 2024

EDUCATION

University of California San Diego

PhD in Philosophy

2018

Dissertation Title: “A Cosmopolitan Theory of Secession”

Committee: Richard Arneson (Chair), Saba Bazargan-Forward, David Brink, Philip Roeder, David Wiens

Washington University in St. Louis

BA in Philosophy and Political Science

2011

BOOK CHAPTERS

“Arbitrariness and Conventionalism about Personal Identity: In Support of Pro-Arbitrary Views.”
In [Conventionalism about Personal Identity](#), edited by Alfonso Muñoz-Corcuera and Nils-Frederic Wagner. Routledge, 2026.

ARTICLES

(With Gil Hersch) “[It’s Not the Slope that Matters: Well-Being and Shapes of Lives](#).” *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, Vol 22 No 1-2, 97-124, 2024.

“[What Do We Want? To Eliminate Gender! When Do We Want It? Later!](#)” *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, Vol 105 No 4, 510-40, 2024.

“[Colonialism is Per Se Wrong only if Colonialism is not Per Se Wrong: Supersession and the Bourgeois Predicament](#).” *Public Affairs Quarterly*, Vol 38 No 3, 239-66, 2024.

["Saving Cosmopolitanism from Colonialism."](#) *Ethics & Global Politics*, Vol 17 No 4, 25-44, 2024.

(With Gil Hersch) ["A New Well-Being Atomism."](#) *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, Vol 107 No 1, 3-23, 2023.

["A Cosmopolitan Instrumentalist Theory of Secession."](#) *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*, Vol 61 No 3, 527-51, 2023.

["What Makes Requests Normative? The Epistemic Account Defended."](#) *Ergo*, Vol 9 No 64, 1715-43, 2023.

["The Paper Chase Case and Epistemic Accounts of Request Normativity."](#) *Thought*, Vol 11 No 4, 199-206, 2022.

["Covert Animal Rescue: Civil Disobedience or Subrevolution?"](#) *Environmental Ethics*, Vol 44 No 1, 61-83, 2022.

["Territorial Exclusion: An Argument against Closed Borders."](#) *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*, Vol 19 No 3, 257-290, 2021.

["Illiberal Immigrants and Liberalism's Commitment to its Own Demise."](#) *Public Affairs Quarterly*, Vol 34 No 3, 271-297, 2020.

DISCUSSION NOTES, COMMENTS, REPLIES, ETC.

["Lack of Literature Engagement is a Reason for Rejecting a Paper in Philosophy."](#) *Philosophical Exchange*, Vol 1 No 1, 50-60, 2026.

["What is \(Fundamentally or *Per Se*\) Wrong with Colonialism: A Reply to Agrawal and Buchanan."](#) *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*, Vol 31 No 1, 2026.

["On Covert Civil Disobedience and Animal Rescue: A Reply to Milligan."](#) *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*, Vol 25 No 2, 2023.

["How Requests Give Reasons: The Epistemic Account versus Schaber's Value Account."](#) *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, Vol 26, 397-403, 2023.

["Colonialism, Injustices of the Past, and the Hole in Nine."](#) *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy*, Vol 26 No 2, 288-300, 2023.

["On the Alleged Laziness of Moral Realists."](#) *The Journal of Value Inquiry*, Vol 54 No 3, 511-518, 2020.

["Must I Accept Prosecution for Civil Disobedience?"](#) *The Philosophical Quarterly*, Vol 70 No 279, 410-418, 2020.

[“Helping Buchanan on Helping the Rebels.”](#) *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*, Vol 15 No 1, 75-84, 2019.

PEDAGOGICAL RESEARCH

[“Short Writing Assignments in Philosophy.”](#) *American Association of Philosophy Teachers Studies in Pedagogy*, Vol 9, 149-71, 2024.

BOOK REVIEWS

Review of Peter Schaber, *Requests as Reasons: A Philosophical Account* (2026). *The Journal of Value Inquiry*, forthcoming.

Review of Christopher Heath Wellman, *Rights and Resistance: Interpersonal and Political Implications of Our Rights* (2025). *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, forthcoming.

Review of Matthias Brinkmann, *An Instrumentalist Theory of Political Legitimacy* (2024). *The Journal of Value Inquiry*, forthcoming.

[Review of J. P Messina, *Private Censorship*](#) (2024). *The Journal of Value Inquiry*, forthcoming.

[Review of Elizabeth Anderson, *Hijacked: How Neoliberalism Turned the Work Ethic against Workers and How Workers Can Take It Back*](#) (2023). *The Journal of Value Inquiry*, forthcoming.

[Review of Cara Nine, *Sharing Territories: Overlapping Self-Determination and Resource Rights*](#) (2022). *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, Vol 22 No 1-2, 238-41, 2025.

[Review of Matthew Cull, *What Gender Should Be*](#) (2024). *Journal of Social Ontology*, Vol 10 No 1, 100-3, 2024.

[Review of Carol J. Adams, Alice Crary, and Lori Gruen \(eds.\), *The Good It Promises, The Harm It Does: Critical Essays on Effective Altruism*](#) (2023). *Teaching Philosophy*, Vol 46 No 4, 594-8, 2023.

[Review of Ben Bramble, *The Passing of Temporal Well-Being*](#) (2018). *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, Vol 18 No 6, 670-3, 2021.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (* = INVITED)

Gender Proliferation is Gender Elimination

- Social Ontology Faces the Future (Boğaziçi University, 2024)

Saving Cosmopolitanism from Colonialism

- Territories, Peoples, Nations (Northwestern University in Qatar, 2024)

Who is the Self in Self-Determination?

- MANCEPT 2023: Decolonial Conceptions of Territory, Sovereignty, and Self-determination (Online, 2023)

***Machine Learning Ethics**

- AI@Ashoka Workshop (Ashoka University, 2023)

Arbitrariness and Conventionalism: In Support of Pro-Arbitrary Views

- Persons, Ethics and Society: Assessing Conventionalism about Personhood (Online, 2022)

Subrevolutions: A Conceptual and Moral Exploration

- MANCEPT 2021: Political Resistance and Contemporary Injustice (Online, 2021)

Territorial Exclusion: An Argument against Closed Borders

- Philosophy of Migration and Asylum (Online, 2021)

Animal Rights Abolitionism is Racist

- Ethics in a Global Environment 2021 (Online, 2021)

Animal Rescue: Civil Disobedience or Subrevolution?

- International Society of Environmental Ethics 17th Annual Meeting (Online, 2020)
- Pre-RoME Workshop on Animal Ethics (University of Colorado, Boulder, 2020)

“I Shouldn’t Have to Ask”: Request Injustice as a Challenge to Freedom

- The Sexual Politics of Freedom Conference, The Irish Centre for Human Rights, School of Law, National University of Ireland-Galway (Online, 2020)

Gender Abolitionism: Not Now, but Later

- MANCEPT 2020: What is Gender and What Do we Want it to Be? (Online, 2020)
- Social Ontology 2019, the 6th Biennial ENSO Conference (Tampere University, 2019)

Cole’s Challenge, Boundaries, and Theories of Territory

- Roundtable on the 20th Anniversary of Phillip Cole’s *Philosophies of Exclusion* (Online, 2020)

What Makes Requests Normative? The Epistemic Account Defended

- 2019 Southampton-Humboldt Normativity Workshop (University of Southampton, 2019)

The Shifting Boundary Problem

- Moral and Political Philosophy at the Border Conference (University of Texas at El Paso, 2019)

Civil War, Regime Change, and Self-Determination

- International Society of Military Ethics 2014 Meeting (Notre Dame University, 2014)

COLLOQUIUM TALKS

Against Agent Regret

- NYU Abu Dhabi, Abu Dhabi, UAE (April 10, 2023)
- Duke Kunshan University, Kunshan, China (October 21, 2019)

CONFERENCE COMMENTARIES

- On *Requests as Reasons: A Philosophical Account* by Peter Schaber (Book Manuscript Workshop, University of Bern, Bern, 2025)
- On *What Responsibility? Whose Responsibility?* by Bhaskarjit Neog (Book Discussion, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi, 2024)
- On “Dirty Hands and Climate Change: Why the Powerful Do Not Have an Absolute Right to Avoid Wrong when Reducing Greenhouse Gas” by Benjamin Howe (ISEE 17th Annual Meeting, Online, 2020)
- On “Human Identity, Animal Identity, and Reflective Endorsement” by Rachel Robison-Greene (Pre-RoME Workshop on Animal Ethics, Online, 2020)
- On “A Plitudinous Solution to the Democratic Boundary Problem” by Vuko Andrić (RoME, Boulder CO, 2019)
- On “The Case against Legislative Office Qualifications” by Udit Bhatia (Manuscript Workshop on *Epistemic Democracy, Epistocracy and the Legislature*, Delhi, 2019)
- On “Impersonal Paternalism” by Steven Wall (New Directions in Social Theorizing, San Diego CA, 2019)
- On “Is Normative Consent a Theory of Authority” by Chris King (Pacific APA, Seattle WA, 2018)
- On “A House Is Not a Home: The Domestic Analogy in Just War Theory” by Elizabeth Lanphier (Pacific APA, San Diego CA, 2017)
- On “Coercion and Distributive Justice: A Defense” by Douglas MacKay (Pacific APA, San Diego CA, 2014)

PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY

Immigration Ethics: An Overview

- Article for 1000-Word Philosophy, March 2026

Equality: What Is It and How Is It Different from Equity?

- Article for 1000-Word Philosophy, November 2025

Robert Nozick’s ‘Wilt Chamberlain’ Argument for Libertarianism

- Article for 1000-Word Philosophy, October 2024

The Buddhist Theory of No-Self (*Anātman/Anattā*)

- Article for 1000-Word Philosophy, February 2023

G. E. M. Anscombe’s “Modern Moral Philosophy”

- Article for 1000-Word Philosophy, May 2022

“Can They Suffer?”: Bentham on our Obligations to Animals

- Article for 1000-Word Philosophy, March 2022

Reason is the Slave to the Passions: Hume on Reason vs. Desire

- Article for 1000-Word Philosophy, November 2021

“Nasty, Brutish, and Short”: Thomas Hobbes on Life in the State of Nature

- Article for 1000-Word Philosophy, July 2021

Philosophy Phriday: Personal Identity and Personal Identity

- Article for The Daily Ant, June 2018

TEACHING

Ashoka University

- Philosophy Thesis Seminar (Every Monsoon and Spring semester 2019-20 to present)
- Philosophy 3777: Ethics and Global Politics (Spring 2025)
- Philosophy 2678: AI Ethics (Spring 2023)
- Philosophy 2770: Political Philosophy (Monsoon 2021) (Spring 2024)
- Philosophy 3695: Personal Identity and Ethics (Monsoon 2021)
- Philosophy 3486: Kant’s Political Philosophy (Spring 2021) (Monsoon 2026)
- Philosophy 4730: Advanced Ethics (Monsoon 2020) (Monsoon 2023)
- Philosophy 2730: Introduction to Ethics (Monsoon 2020) (Monsoon 2023)
- Philosophy 1000: Introduction to Philosophy (Spring 2020) (Spring 2021) (Spring 2023) (Monsoon 2024)
- Foundation Course 16: Environmental Ethics (Monsoon 2019)
- Philosophy 2807: The Creation and Destruction of States: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives (Monsoon 2019)
- Philosophy 3630: Metaethics (Spring 2019)
- Philosophy 2665: Ethics and Technology (Spring 2019) (Spring 2020)
- Philosophy 216: Normative Ethics (Monsoon 2018)
- Philosophy 404: Advanced Political Philosophy (Monsoon 2018) (Spring 2024)

University of California San Diego

- Philosophy 164: Technology & Human Values (Summer 2015) (Summer 2017)
- Philosophy 162: Contemporary Moral Issues (Summer 2016)

RESEARCH SUPERVISION

Ashoka University

- Undergraduate Thesis on Global Justice (2025-6)
- Independent Study on Attention (2 Undergraduates) (Monsoon 2025)
- Independent Study on Love in Continental Philosophy (1 Undergraduate) (Spring 2025)

- Independent Study on Freedom and Autonomy (1 Undergraduate) (Spring 2025)
- Undergraduate Thesis on Privacy (2024-25)
- Undergraduate Thesis on Privacy (2024-25)
- Undergraduate Thesis on Surveillance Capitalism (2023-24)
- Master's Student in Liberal Studies (2022-23)
- Undergraduate Thesis on Depression (2022-23)
- Undergraduate Thesis on Personal Identity (co-supervisor with Marya Schechtman) (2022-23)
- Undergraduate Thesis on AI Ethics (2022-23)
- Undergraduate Thesis on Markets and Democracy (2022-23)
- Undergraduate Thesis on Care Ethics (co-supervisor with Vrinda Dalmiya) (2022-23)
- Independent Study on Moral Laziness (1 Undergraduate) (Monsoon and Spring 2021)
- Independent Study on Bioethics (1 Undergraduate) (Monsoon 2021)
- Independent Study on Ethics (1 Undergraduate) (Monsoon 2021)
- Undergraduate Thesis on Self-Ridicule and Laughter (2021-22)
- Undergraduate Thesis on Social Norms (2021-22)
- Independent Study on Social Contract Theory (2 Undergraduates) (Summer 2021)
- Independent Study on AI Minds and AI Ethics (1 Undergraduate) (Spring 2021)
- Independent Study on Bioethics (2 Undergraduates) (Monsoon 2020)
- Master's Student in Liberal Studies (2020-21)
- Undergraduate Thesis on Expressivism (co-supervisor with Raja Rosenhagen) (2020-21)
- Independent Study on History of Western Ethics (1 Undergraduate) (Summer 2020)
- Independent Study on Virtue Ethics (1 Undergraduate) (2019-20)
- Independent Study on Kantian Metaethics (2 Undergraduates) (2019-20)
- Independent Study on Bioethics (2 Undergraduate) (2019-20)
- Independent Study on Normative Ethics (2 Undergraduates) (2019-20)
- Independent Study on Equality (1 Undergraduate) (2019-20)
- Undergraduate Thesis on Virtue Ethics (2019-20)
- Undergraduate Thesis on Environmental Ethics (2019-20)
- Undergraduate Thesis on Autonomous Weapons (2019-20)
- Undergraduate Thesis on Buddhist Ethics (co-supervisor with Alex Watson) (2019-20)
- Undergraduate Thesis on the Ethics of Immigration (co-supervisor with Pratap Bhanu Mehta) (2019-20)
- Independent Study on Philosophy Research (2 Undergraduates) (Summer 2019)
- Independent Study on Animal Ethics (3 Undergraduates) (Spring 2019)

Other

- Member, PhD Student Research Committee, Vaishali Singh (2021-Present) (IIT Delhi)
- Member, PhD Student Research Committee, Amzad Ansari (2021-Present) (IIT Delhi)
- Member, PhD Student Research Committee, Praveen Gond (2020-Present) (IIT Delhi)

REFEREEING

American Journal of Political Science, Analysis, Australasian Journal of Philosophy (x3), Croatian Journal of Philosophy, Environmental Ethics (x3), Ergo, Erkenntnis (x3), Ethical Theory and Moral Practice, Ethics and International Affairs, European Journal of Political Theory (x2), Hypatia, Inquiry, Journal of Applied Philosophy, Journal of Ethics (x2), Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy (x8), Journal of Medical Ethics, Journal of Pacifism and Nonviolence (x3), Journal of Social Philosophy (x5), Journal of the American Philosophical Association, Journal of Value Inquiry, Moral Philosophy and Politics, Noûs, Oxford Intersections, Philosophers' Imprint (x6), Philosophia, Philosophical Studies (x6), Philosophies (x2), Radical Philosophy Review, Res Publica, Social Theory and Practice (x2), The Journal of Philosophy, The Philosophical Quarterly (x6), Theoria, Palgrave Macmillan (book proposal; book manuscript), Routledge Philosophy (book proposal; book manuscript), Swiss National Science Foundation (grant application)

SERVICE

- Subject Expert, Thapar School of Liberal Arts & Sciences Faculty Selection Committee (2025 x2)
- Philosophy Department Chair, Ashoka University (2024 – Present)
- Mentor for Junior Faculty, Ashoka University (2024 – Present)
- Philosophy Coordinator, Philosophy and Computer Science (PHICS) Program, Ashoka University (2023 – Present)
- Philosophy Coordinator, Politics Philosophy and Economics (PPE) Program, Ashoka University (2019 – Present)
- Member, Committee for AI Policy, Ashoka University (2026 – Present)
- Member, Academic Integrity Committee, Ashoka University (2019 – 2025) (Chair 2023 – 2025)
- Member, Foundation Courses Steering Committee, Ashoka University (2019 – Present)
- Organizer, Philosophy Thesis Research Seminar, Ashoka University (2019 – Present)
- Faculty Advisor, Critical Thinking Society, Ashoka University (2024 – Present)
- Faculty Advisor, Ashoka PPE Society, Ashoka University (2021 – Present)
- Faculty Advisor, Team Pawsitive, Ashoka University (2021 – Present)
- Organizer, Analytic Political Philosophy Workshop, India/Online (2020 – 2023)
- Organizer, Philosophy Colloquium Speaker Series, Ashoka University (2019 – 2021)
- Member, Advisory Board, UC San Diego Summer Program for Women in Philosophy (2016 – 2018)
- Reading Group Organization (UC San Diego): Borders, Territory, and Obligations (co-organizer, 2012 – 2013); Chinese, Islamic, and Indian Philosophy (2016); Feminist Reading Group (2016 – 2018); Moral and Political Philosophy Seminar (formerly Ethics Reading Group) (2016 – 2018)

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Graduate Fellowship

UC San Diego Philosophy (Fall 2016 – Winter 2017)

Summer Graduate Teaching Scholar Fellowship
UC San Diego (2015)

Borders, Territory, and Obligation Reading Group Grant (with Alan Ward)
UC San Diego Center for Humanities (2012 – 2013)

SHORE Fellowship
UC San Diego (2011)

Antoinette Dames Prize for Best Political Science Honors Thesis
Washington University in St. Louis Department of Political Science (2010 – 2011)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Three Day Certification Program in Philosophical Counseling
American Philosophical Practitioners Association, 2022

Week-long Training on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in Teaching
UC San Diego, 2018

Semester-long Class on Pedagogy
UC San Diego Center for Engaged Teaching, 2015