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RESEARCH INTERESTS

AOS Ethics, Moral Psychology, Social Philosophy

AOC Feminist Philosophy, Political Philosophy, Meta-Ethics

POSITIONS

2023– Assistant Professor
Department of Philosophy & Religious Studies, Utrecht University

Fall 2022 Postdoctoral Researcher
Department of Philosophy, Stockholm University

EDUCATION

2018–2022 PhD in Philosophy, Stockholm Centre for the Ethics of War and Peace (SCEWP),
Stockholm University

2016–2018 BPhil in Philosophy (distinction in thesis component), Balliol College, University of
Oxford

2014–2016 BA in History (cum laude), Utrecht University

2012–2015 BA in Philosophy (cum laude), Utrecht University

PUBLICATIONS

ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS

Forthcoming Gelijkheid ("Equality"). *Basisboek Ethiek*, ed. Eskens, Hopster, de Mesel & Nys
(Amsterdam: Boom)

Forthcoming Enemies and Rivals (with Gunnar Björnsson). *Oxford Handbook of the Philosophy of
Personal Relationships*, ed. Betzler & Stroud (Oxford: OUP)

2025 On Discounting Wrongdoers (with Gunnar Björnsson). *Analysis* Online First.

2025 Gratitude and Rights. *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 103(4): 1024–1038.

2025 Moral Gratitude. *Journal of Applied Philosophy* 42(1): 115–130.

2024 Expressive Duties Are Demandable and Enforceable. *Oxford Studies in Normative Ethics*, vol. 14, ed. Timmons (Oxford: OUP) 203–226.

2024 Reciprocity, Inequality, and Unsuccessful Rescues. *Utilitas* 36(1): 64–82.

2022 Other-Sacrificing Options: Reply to Lange. *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* 21(2): 290–297.

2017 Is Sex with Robots Rape? *Journal of Practical Ethics* 5(2): 62–76.

Winner of the 3rd Annual Oxford Uehiro Prize in Practical Ethics

EDITOR

2026 Basisboek Ethiek (with Jeroen Hopster, Benjamin de Mesel, and Thomas Nys). *Amsterdam: Boom*

2025 Symposium on Gratitude and Community. *Journal of Applied Philosophy* 42(1).

REVIEWS

2022 George Sher: A Wild West of the Mind. *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 25(5): 895–897.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Scheduled LSE Moral and Political Philosophy Seminar **INVITED**

Scheduled Linköping Workshop on Dehumanisation **INVITED**

Scheduled Stockholm Higher Seminar in Practical Philosophy

Scheduled Oxford Studies in Agency & Responsibility **PEER-REVIEWED**

2026 Swedish Congress of Philosophy **PEER-REVIEWED**

2026 VU Moral and Political Philosophy Colloquium **INVITED**

2026 Bern Moral Philosophy Seminar **INVITED**

2026 Utrecht Ethics Institute Colloquium

FUNDING AND AWARDS

MAJOR RESEARCH GRANTS

2025 Veni Research Grant, NWO Talent Programme, for 'The Guilty Mind' €320,000

OTHER FUNDING AND AWARDS

2022 Society for Applied Philosophy Further Funding, for travel to the 2023 Arizona Workshop in Normative Ethics and a visit to UC Berkeley £1,100

- 2020 APA Pacific Graduate Travel Award (cancelled – event moved online) \$400
- 2020 Society for Applied Philosophy Event Funding, for the SCEWP Workshop on Gratitude (cancelled – event moved online) £3,000
- 2019 Cultuurfonds, for research visit at UT Austin €10,000
- 2017 Oxford Uehiro Prize in Practical Ethics (3rd Annual), for 'Is Sex with Robots Rape?' £300
- 2017 Balliol College Travel Grant, for the 9th European Society for Analytic Philosophy Congress £250
- 2016 VSB Foundation, for BPhil tuition fees and living expenses €10,000
- 2016 Vreedefond Foundation, for BPhil tuition fees and living expenses €6,000
- 2016 Vrijevrouwe van Renswoude Foundation, for BPhil tuition fees and living expenses €4,000
- 2016 Hendrik Müller Foundation, for BPhil tuition fees and living expenses €4,000

TEACHING

LECTURER

Tutorial: MacKinnon's A Feminist Theory of the State 2026 Graduate

Topics in Ethical Theory: Blame 2025 Graduate

Normative Ethics 2025, 2024, 2023 Undergraduate

Political and Social Philosophy 2025, 2023 Undergraduate

Topics in Moral Psychology: Emotion 2024 Graduate

Core Seminar: The Active Mind 2023 (×2) Graduate

Contemporary Political Philosophy 2023 Undergraduate

Emotions 2023 Undergraduate

Introduction to Political Philosophy 2020 Undergraduate

Global Ethics 2020 Open to all levels

The Ethics of War 2019 Graduate

SEMINAR CONVENOR

Introduction to Normative Ethics 2022 Undergraduate

Ancient Philosophy 2015, 2014 Undergraduate

Medieval and Early Modern Philosophy 2014 Undergraduate

GUEST LECTURE

Guest lecture & seminar on moral contractualism 2022 Undergraduate