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### Employment

#### Leverhulme Early Career Fellow

Department of Philosophy

University of Sheffield

*September 2008 – August 2010*

Project title: War and Innocence

- Research Outputs: **Monograph** (provisionally entitled *Defensive Killing: An Essay on War and Self-Defence*, under consideration at OUP), **edited collection** on civilian immunity in war, **introductory text** on Just War Theory (Routledge), **articles**, **workshop**, **conference** to be held August 2010
- **Visiting Fellow at Harvard Philosophy Dept** during Spring 2010 (sponsored by Frances Kamm)

#### Fixed-Term Lecturer

University of Sheffield

*September 2007 – August 2008*

- Lecturer for 1<sup>st</sup> Yr, 2<sup>nd</sup> Yr and 3<sup>rd</sup> Yr modules
- Supervision of 3<sup>rd</sup> Yr Philosophical Projects
- Personal Tutor for 40 undergraduates
- Chair of Departmental Research Seminar

#### Visiting Lecturer

Shandong University, China

*May 2008 – June 2008*

- Series of eight lectures on Just War Theory
- Two Public Lectures on Terrorism and Self-Defence

### Publications

In progress: *Defensive Killing: An Essay on War and Self-Defence* (est. final draft by August 2010, sample chapters currently under review at OUP)

In progress: *The Ethics of War and Peace: An Introduction to Contemporary Just War Theory*, (Routledge, est. publication March 2011)

Forthcoming: 'Obeying Orders: Responsibility, Duress and War Crimes', *Justice and International Wrongdoing*, Watkins, J (Ed.) (Ashgate)

Forthcoming: 'Killing John to save Mary: A defence of the distinction between killing and letting die', *Topics In Contemporary Philosophy Vol. 7: Action, Ethics and Responsibility*, Campbell, J., O'Rourke, M., Silverstein, H., (Eds.) (Cambridge, MA: MIT Press)

(2009) 'A Practical Account of Self-Defence', *Law and Philosophy*, published online 23.10.09.

(2009) 'The Justified Infliction of Unjust Harm', *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society*, Vol. 109, No. 3, pp. 345 - 351

(2009) 'Human value and human interest: Euthanasia in *Million Dollar Baby*', in Sandra Shapshay, (Ed.), *Bioethics at the Movies*, (Maryland: John Hopkins University Press)

(2008) 'Threats, Bystanders and Obstructors', *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society*, Vol. 108, No. 3, pp. 365 - 372

(2008) 'Equating Innocent Threats and Bystanders', *Journal of Applied Philosophy*, Vol. 25, No. 4, pp. 277 - 290

Forthcoming: Invited Review: Jeff McMahan, *Killing in War*, *The Journal of Moral Philosophy*,

(2009) Invited Review: Igor Primoratz, (Ed.) *Civilian Immunity in War*, *Analysis Reviews*, Vol. 69, No.2, April 2009, pp. 1 -2

(2008) Invited Review: Larry May, (Ed.) *War: Essays in Political Philosophy*, *Notre Dame Philosophical Review*, (Nov. 2008)

Under Review: 'Self-Defence Against the Innocent', (*Mind*, sub. June 09)

Under Review: 'Self-Defence and the Principle of Non-Combatant Immunity', (*Journal of Moral Philosophy*, sub. Oct. 09, part of a special issue of the *JMP* dedicated to papers from the Leverhulme workshop at Sheffield)

## Teaching

### University of Sheffield:

2009 – 2010: Supervisor: MA student in Philosophy  
Supervisor: Philosophical Projects on War and Self-Defence (3<sup>rd</sup> Yr)

2008 - 2009: Lecturer in Philosophy of Law (2<sup>nd</sup> Yr)  
Supervisor: MA students in Philosophy and Political Theory

2007 – 2008: Lecturer in Just War Theory (3<sup>rd</sup> Yr / MA)  
Lecturer in Ethics: Theoretical and Practical (2<sup>nd</sup> Yr)  
Lecturer in Philosophy of Religion (1<sup>st</sup> Yr)  
Supervisor: Philosophical Projects on Jealousy and Envy (3<sup>rd</sup> Yr)  
Supervisor: Philosophical Projects on Euthanasia (3<sup>rd</sup> Yr)

### University of Reading:

2004 – 2007: Seminar Tutor in Ethics (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Yr)  
Seminar Tutor in Epistemology and Metaphysics (1<sup>st</sup> Yr)  
Seminar Tutor in Philosophy of Mind (2<sup>nd</sup> Yr)

### University of Kent:

2003 – 2004: Seminar Tutor in Self and Society (1<sup>st</sup> Yr)  
Seminar Tutor in Epistemology and Metaphysics (1<sup>st</sup> Yr)

## Education

### **PhD in Philosophy**

University of Reading

AHRC-funded

*Sept 2004 -August 2007*

Thesis: 'Killing the Innocent in Self-Defence: A Deontological Justification'

Supervisors: Prof. Brad Hooker and Prof. Andrew Williams

Examiners: Prof. John Cottingham and Dr. Gerald Lang

### **Visiting Scholar**

Department of Philosophy, Rutgers

*Jan 2007 – May 2007*

Sponsor: Jeff McMahan

Courses Audited: Responsibility, Repair and Self-Defence (Jeff McMahan, Jules Coleman),

Advanced Ethics (Larry Temkin, Derek Parfit)

### **MA by Research**

University of Kent

*Sept 2003 – August 2004*

Thesis: 'Responsibility, and the Rationale for Asymmetric Deontic Constraints'

Supervisors: Prof. Alan Thomas and Dr. Simon Kirchin

Examiner: Prof. Michael Otsuka

### **BA (Hons) Philosophy – First Class**

University of Kent

*Sept 2000 – August 2003*

## Invited Speaker

1. Symposium on Killing in War, Oxford (October 2010)
2. Philosophy Society, Southampton University, (Autumn 2010)
3. Departmental Research Seminar, Lancaster University, (Autumn 2010)
4. Conference on War, Copenhagen University (Keynote Speaker) (August 2010)
5. Nuffield College Political Theory Workshop, Oxford (June 2010)
6. 12<sup>th</sup> International Law and Ethics Conference, Belgrade (June 2010)
7. Royal Institute of Philosophy Seminar Series, Cardiff University (June 2010)
8. Workshop on Agency, Institute for the Ethics of the Laws of Armed Conflict, Oxford University (with Victor Tadros, Jonathan Quong and David Rodin) (June 2010)
9. Boston University Ethics Reading Group, (work-in-progress session) (April 2010)
10. Edinburgh University Philosophy Society, (December 2009)
11. Departmental Research Seminar, Manchester Centre for Political Theory (Nov. 2009)
12. Symposium on The Ethics of War and Self-Defence (with Suzanne Uniacke), Hull (Nov. 2009)
13. Departmental Research Seminar, University of Glasgow (Nov. 2009)
14. Panel on Civilian Liability (with Jeff McMahan and Seth Lazar), Oxford (Oct. 2009)
15. Symposium on Jeff McMahan's *Killing in War* (commentator), Oxford (Oct. 2009)
16. Workshop on Self-Defence (commentator), University of Stirling, (July 2009)
17. Workshop on Justice and International Wrongdoing, Queen's University, Belfast (July 2009)
18. Symposium on Deference and Responsibility (with Matthew Hanser), Leeds University (May 2009)
19. 'Young Philosophers' Series, State University of New York, Fredonia, (Two talks) (May

- 2009)
20. Departmental Research Seminar, University of Kent (Nov. 2008)
  21. Departmental Research Seminar, University of Sheffield (Oct. 2008)
  22. Conference on Moral Theory, Lund University, Sweden (Sept. 2008)

## **Conference Papers**

1. 'Non-Combatant Immunity and Non-Combatant Liability', Conference for Value Inquiry, University of Southern Illinois, IL (April, 2010)
2. 'War as Self-Defence', Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association, University of East Anglia, (July 2009)
3. 'The Justified Infliction of Unjust Harm', Graduate Sessions, Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association, University of Aberdeen, (July 2008)
4. 'Non-Just Threats and Non-Just Combatants', Society for Applied Philosophy, Manchester (July 2008)
5. 'Threats, Non-Combatants and Terrorism', Conference for Ethical Theory and Moral Practice, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam, (March 2008)
6. 'Flagpoles, Wells and Other Stories', British Postgraduate Philosophy Conference, University of East Anglia, (July 2007)
7. 'Threats, Bystanders and Obstructors', Graduate Sessions, Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association, University of Bristol and University of the West of England, (July 2007)
8. 'Wolves in Sheep's Clothing: Why Obstructors are Threats', Conference for Value Inquiry, Adrian College, MI, (April 2007)
8. 'Is it Morally Permissible to Kill Innocent Threats?' Society for Italian Analytic Philosophy, Università Vita-Salute San Raffaele, Milan, (Sept. 2006)
9. 'Randomising Harm Amongst Bystanders: A Critique of Tooley', Joint Session of The Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association, University of Southampton, (July 2006)
10. 'Killing John to Save Mary: A Defence of the Distinction Between Killing and Letting Die', National Postgraduate Analytic Philosophy Conference, University of Warwick, (June 2006)
11. 'Killing John to save Mary: A Defence of the Distinction Between Killing and Letting Die', Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference, University of Idaho and Washington State University, (March 2006).
12. 'Modelling Deontic Constraints and Options in Terms of Reasonable Costs: A Critique of Kagan', International Society for Utilitarian Studies, Dartmouth College, NH, (Aug. 2005)
13. 'Defending Deontology Against Kagan's Rejection of Cost and Intuition', Philosophy as a Way of Life Conference, Liverpool University, (Nov. 2004)

## **Research Funding Awards**

- Leverhulme Early Career Fellowship (2008 – 2010)
- Major Conference Grant from The Mind Association (£2000)
- Conference Grant from the Aristotelian Society
- Study Abroad Grant from the Arts and Humanities Research Council (£3600 to visit Rutgers)

- PhD Fees and Maintenance Award from the Arts and Humanities Research Council (2004 – 2007)
- Research Award from the University of Reading (2004 – 2007) (Declined)
- MA Scholarship from the School of European Cultures and Languages, University of Kent (2003 – 2004)

### **Administrative Experience**

- Chair of the departmental research seminar at Sheffield (inviting speakers, maintaining the seminar series website, arranging accommodation etc)
- Organizer of workshop on War and Self-Defence (Sheffield, June 2009)
- Organizer of conference on War and Self-Defence (keynote speakers: Frances Kamm, Jeff McMahan, David Rodin and Noam Zohar) (Sheffield, August 2010)
- Staff organizer of undergraduate conference in Philosophy (Sheffield, June 2010)

### **Professional Activities** Referee:

- AHRC Peer Review Panel
- Oxford University Press (Political Science)
- Polity (Politics)
- Routledge (Philosophy)
- Rowman and Littlefield (Philosophy)
- *Ethics and Information Technology*
- *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*
- *European Journal of Philosophy*
- *Legal Theory*
- *Journal of Applied Philosophy*
- *Journal of Global Analysis*
- *Journal of Human Rights*
- *Journal of Value Inquiry*
- *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*
- *Political Studies*

British Society for Ethical Theory committee member

### **Research Interests**

I am currently writing a monograph that examines the relationship between war and self-defence. The first part of the book argues for a particular account of self-defence, focusing primarily upon the permissibility of killing innocent people in self-defence. I then argue that the rules of war are based upon the rules of self-defence. The second part of the book explores the implications that this has for civilian immunity in war. I defend the view that a principle of universal non-combatant immunity is philosophically unsustainable. More generally, my research focuses on contemporary political philosophy, normative ethics and applied ethics. In my future research, I plan to investigate philosophical issues related to war crimes and crimes against humanity.

**References**

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