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Employment

Leverhulme Early Career Fellow

University of Sheffield

September 2008 – August 2010

Project title: War and Innocence

- Planned Research Outputs: **Monograph** (provisionally entitled *Defensive Killing: An Essay on War and Self-Defence*), **edited collection** on Civilian Immunity in War, **introductory text** on Just War Theory (Routledge), **articles, workshops**, major **conference** to be held August 2010
- Visiting Scholar at Harvard Philosophy Dept during Spring 2010 (sponsored by Frances Kamm)

Fixed-Term Lecturer

University of Sheffield

September 2007 – August 2008

- Lecturer for 1st Yr, 2nd Yr and 3rd Yr modules
- Supervision of 3rd Yr Philosophical Projects
- Personal Tutor for approx. 40 undergraduates
- Chair of department 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)

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

Forthcoming (2009): 'The Justified Infliction of Unjust Harm', *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society*, Vol. 109, No. 3

Forthcoming (2009): '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): Invited Review: Igor Primoratz, (Ed.) *Civilian Immunity in War*, *Analysis Reviews*, Vol.

69, No.2, April 2009, pp. 1 -2

(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

(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: 'A Practical Account of Self-Defence', (*Law and Philosophy*, sub. Mar 09)

Teaching

University of Sheffield:

2008 - 2009: Lecturer in Philosophy of Law (2nd Yr)

Supervisor: MA students in Philosophy and Political Theory

2007 – 2008: Lecturer in Just War Theory (3rd Yr / MA)

Lecturer in Ethics: Theoretical and Practical (2nd Yr)

Lecturer in Philosophy of Religion (1st Yr)

Supervisor: Philosophical Projects on Jealousy and Envy (3rd Yr)

Supervisor: Philosophical Projects on Euthanasia (3rd Yr)

University of Reading:

2004 – 2007: Seminar Tutor in Ethics (1st and 2nd Yr)

Seminar Tutor in Epistemology and Metaphysics (1st Yr)

Seminar Tutor in Philosophy of Mind (2nd Yr)

University of Kent:

2003 – 2004: Seminar Tutor in Applied Ethics (1st Yr)

Seminar Tutor in Epistemology and Metaphysics (1st 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: Dr. 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. Conference on War, Copenhagen University (Keynote Speaker) (August 2010)
2. Departmental Research Seminar, Cardiff University (June 2010)
3. Departmental Research Seminar, Manchester Centre for Political Theory (Nov. 2009)
4. Departmental Research Seminar, University of Glasgow (Nov. 2009)
5. Symposium on Jeff McMahan's *Killing in War* (commentator), Oxford (Oct. 2009)
6. Workshop on Self-Defence (commentator), University of Stirling, (July 2009)
7. Workshop on Justice and International Wrongdoing, Queen's University, Belfast (July 2009)
8. Symposium on Deference and Responsibility, Leeds University (May 2009)
9. Young Philosophers Series, SUNY Fredonia, NY (May 2009)
10. Departmental Research Seminar, University of Kent (Nov. 2008)
11. Departmental Research Seminar, University of Sheffield (Oct. 2008)
12. Conference on Moral Theory, Lund University, Sweden (Sept. 2008)

**Selected Presented
Papers**

1. 'War as Self-Defence', *Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association*, University of East Anglia, (July 2009)
2. 'National-Defence as Self-Defence', *Workshop on International Wrongdoing*, Queen's University, Belfast (July 2009)
3. 'Obeying Orders: Responsibility, Duress and War Crimes', *Workshop on Deference and Responsibility*, Leeds University (May 2009)
4. 'A Practical Account of Self-Defence', Departmental Seminar, University of Kent (Nov. 2008)
5. 'A Practical Account of Self-Defence', Department Research Seminar, University of Sheffield (Oct. 2008)
6. 'A Practical Account of Self-Defence', *Conference on Moral Theory*, Lund University, Sweden (Sept. 2008)
7. 'The Justified Infliction of Unjust Harm', *Graduate Sessions, Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association*, University of Aberdeen, (July 2008)

8. 'Non-Just Threats and Non-Just Combatants', Society for Applied Philosophy, Manchester (July 2008)
9. 'Threats, Non-Combatants and Terrorism', *Conference for Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam, (March 2008)
10. 'Flagpoles, Wells and Other Stories', *British Postgraduate Philosophy Conference*, University of East Anglia, (July 2007)
11. '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)
12. 'Wolves in Sheep's Clothing: Why Obstructors are Threats', *Conference for Value Inquiry*, Adrian College, MI, (April 2007)
13. 'Is it Morally Permissible to Kill Innocent Threats?' *Society for Italian Analytic Philosophy*, Università Vita-Salute San Raffaele, Milan, (Sept. 2006)
14. 'Randomising Harm Amongst Bystanders: A Critique of Tooley', *Joint Session of The Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association*, University of Southampton, (July 2006)
15. '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)
16. '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).
17. 'Modelling Deontic Constraints and Options in Terms of Reasonable Costs: A Critique of Kagan', *International Society for Utilitarian Studies*, Dartmouth College, NH, (Aug. 2005)

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)

Current Research

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, where I focus 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 am also working on an introductory text on Just War Theory for Routledge. I am also interested in war crimes, in particular the role that duress ought to play in excusing such crimes, and the idea that such crimes might be crimes against humanity. More generally, my research focuses on Political Philosophy, Normative Ethics and Applied Ethics.

Professional Activities

Referee:
 - OUP (Political Science)

- Routledge
- Rowan and Littlefield
- *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*
- *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*
- *Political Studies*
- *Legal Theory*
- *Journal of Value Inquiry*
- *Journal of Applied Philosophy*
- *Journal of Human Rights*

British Society for Ethical Theory committee member

References

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