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Research Interests

Human Rights, International Law, Transitional Justice, Group Autonomy,
Social Ontology, Indigenous Rights, Cultural Rights

Education

Ph. D.	University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ	2001	Philosophy
	Thesis: <i>Rethinking Groups: Groups, Group Membership and Group Rights</i> Supervisor: Allen Buchanan		
M.A.	Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS	1994	Political Science
	Thesis: <i>Why Protect Communal Identities? Hegel, Mill and Their Heirs</i> Supervisor: Katherine Fierlbeck		
B.A.	McGill University, Montreal, QC	1992	Political Science

Academic Appointments

2022-present	Professor (Philosophy)	University of Victoria
2008-2022	Associate Professor (Philosophy)	University of Victoria
2012-2020	Associate Dean, Academic Advising (Humanities, Science and Social Sciences)	University of Victoria
2018	Visiting Researcher (Law)	Universitat Pompeu Fabra
2005	Visiting Assistant Professor (Philosophy)	UBC
2002-2008	Assistant Professor (Philosophy)	University of Victoria
2001-2002	Lecturer (Philosophy)	University of Victoria

Selected Publications

Books

co-edited with David Reidy, *Human Rights: The Hard Questions* (Cambridge University Press: 2013)

Special Issues

Philosophical Studies: 2019 Pacific APA, 177:2 (February 2020).

<https://link.springer.com/journal/11098/177/2>

Articles and Chapters

(forthcoming) "Entitled to a Good Life Without Qualification: How Poverty Wrongs Those Experiencing it" in Gottfried Schweiger and Clemens Sedmak, eds. Handbook on

Philosophy and Poverty (Routledge: London, 2022).

“Human Rights Without Hierarchy: Why Theories of Global Justice Should Embrace the Indivisibility Principle” in Johnny Antonio Davilà, ed., *Cuestiones de justicia global* (Tirant lo Blanch, Valencia: 2020), pp. 125-150. (<https://editorial.tirant.com/co/libro/cuestiones-de-justicia-global-johnny-antonio-davila-9788413369389?busqueda=justicia+global&>)

“Whose Wrong Is It Anyway? Reflecting on the Public-ness of Public Apologies”, *C4E Journal: Perspectives on Ethics*, 2017 <https://c4ejournal.net/2017/11/03/cindy-holder-whose-wrong-is-it-anyway-on-the-public-ness-of-public-apologies-2017-c4ej-8/>

“Transition, Trust and Partial Legality: On Colleen Murphy’s *A Moral Theory of Political Reconciliation*”, *Criminal Law and Philosophy* 10:1 (2016), 153-164
<http://link.springer.com/journal/11572/10/1/page/1>

“Reasoning Like a State: Integration and the Limits of State Regret” in Mihaela Mihai and Mathias Thaler, eds. *On the Uses and Abuses of Political Apologies* (Palgrave Macmillan: 2014), pp. 203-219.

“Truthfulness and Transition” in Larry May and Elizabeth Edenberg, eds., *Jus Post Bellum and Transitional Justice* (Cambridge University Press: 2013), pp. 244-261.

“Global Justice Beyond Distribution: Poverty and Natural Resources”, *Public Affairs Quarterly* 26:1 (January 2012), 33-44.

“Justice, Cosmopolitanism and Policy Prescription in Gillian Brock’s *Global Justice*”, *Diametros : An Online Journal of Philosophy* (March 2012),
<http://www.diametros.iphils.uj.edu.pl/?l=2&p=anr100&m=101> .

“Devolving Power to Sub-State Groups: Some Worries about the Worries”, *The Monist* 95:1 (January 2012), 87-103.

“Justification” in *Philosophy and Politics. Methods, Tools, Topics*, Antonella Besussi, ed. (Ashgate 2012), 99-110.

“Democratic Authority from the Outside Looking In: States, Common Worlds and Wrongful Connections”, *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* 5:3 (August 2011), www.jesp.org/symposia.php.

“Indigenous Rights to Land” in *Encyclopedia of Global Justice*, Deen Chatterjee, ed. (Springer: 2011), 534-538.

“Comments on Robert Card’s “Gender, Justice Within the Family, and the Commitments of Liberalism” in *Sex, Love, and Friendship* (Rodopi: 2011), pp. 211-216.

“Commentary on Will Kymlicka’s *Multicultural Odysseys*” *Social Philosophy Today* 25 (2009), 265-270.

"Culture as an Activity and Human Right: An Important Advance for Indigenous Peoples and International Law" *Alternatives*, Special Issue on Indigenous Peoples, 33 (2008), 7-28.

with Jeff Corntassel: "Who's Sorry Now? Government Apologies, Truth Commissions and Indigenous Self-Determination in Australia, Canada, Guatemala and Peru" *Human Rights Review* 9:4 (July/September 2008).

"Responding to Humanitarian Crises" in Larry May, ed. *War and Philosophy* (Cambridge University Press: 2008), p. 85-104.

"Debating the Danish Cartoons: Civil Rights or Civil Power?", *UNB Law Journal* 55 (2006), 179-185.

"Self-Determination as a Universal Human Right", *Human Rights Review* 7:4 (July-September 2006), 5-18.

"Culture as a Basic Human Right" in *Diversity and Equality: The Changing Framework of Freedom in Canada*, Avigail Eisenberg, ed (University of British Columbia Press, 2006), pp. 124-154.

"Rethinking Political Justification" *Journal of Value Inquiry* 38 (2004), 511-529.

with Jeff Corntassel: "Indigenous Peoples and Multicultural Citizenship: Bridging the Gap Between Collective and Individual Rights", *Human Rights Quarterly* 24:1 (February 2002) 126-151. Reprinted in *Human Rights and the Global Marketplace: Economic, Social and Cultural* (Transnational Publishers: New York, 2004)

"Self-Determination as a Basic Human Right: The Draft UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples" in *Minorities within Minorities: Equality, Rights and Diversity*, Avigail Eisenberg and Jeff Spinner-Halev, eds, (Cambridge University Press: 2004), pp 294-316.

"Are Patriarchal Cultures Really a Problem? Rethinking Objections from Cultural Viciousness", *Journal of Contemporary Legal Issues* 12 (2002) 727-757.

"Groups, Rights and Methodological Individualism: In Defense of Collectivist Rights", in *Cultural Integrity and World Community*, Cheryl Hughes and Yeager Hudson, eds (Edwin Mellen Press: 2000), pp 305 - 320.

Book Reviews

Justice at a Distance: Extending Freedom Globally. Loren E. Lomasky and Fernando Tesón, Cambridge University Press, New York, 2015, *Ethics* 127:3 (April 2017), 788-792.

Justice and Foreign Policy, Michael Blake, Oxford University Press: Oxford, 2013, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 2015.06.09. <https://ndpr.nd.edu/news/58411-justice-and-foreign-policy/>

Commissioned Reports

"Normativity and the Public Domain: Political Theory and Ethical Commitment", Law Commission of Canada (Canada Communications Group: Ottawa, 1999).

Selected Presentations and Addresses

2021

Seminar Presentation: "Human Rights and Poverty", Predistribution and Property Owning Democracy Research Group, University of Minho, Braga Portugal, December 15, 2021.

Commentary: "Comments on Nicole Lokstadt "A Living Forest Approach to Indigenous and Treaty Rights in the Canadian Constitution"", WCPA Annual meeting, Victoria, B.C., November 13, 2021.

Paper Presentation: "Public Decision-making and the Logic of Governance: Taking the Collective Dimension Seriously", Hoffberger Center for Professional Ethics Conference on Legitimate Decision-Making in Times of Crisis, University of Baltimore, Baltimore, MD, February 5, 2021.

Commentary: "Comments on Victor Abundez-Guerra, "Collective State Apologies and Moral (II) Legitimacy", APA Central Division Annual Conference, Virtual, February 22-27, 2021.

2020

Paper Presentation: "The Right to Truth as a Basic Human Right", APA Pacific Division Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA, April 7-10, 2020. (accepted but conference cancelled due to COVID)

Panel Participant: *From Declaration to Implementation - Putting UNDRIP to Work in BC*, Centre for Indigenous Research and Community-Led Engagement and the School of Public Administration, University of Victoria, January 16, 2020.

2017-2019

Paper Presentation: "Indigenous Peoples' Human Rights to Land: More than Cultural", Workshop on Indigenous Land Rights and Reconciliation, Queens University, Kingston, ON September 6-8, 2019.

Paper Presentation: "The Right to Truth and Women's Human Rights", Special Workshop "Philosophical Perspectives on Women's Human Rights", IVR World Congress, Lucerne, Switzerland July 7-12, 2019.

Paper Presentation: "Whose Wrong Is It Anyway? Reflecting on the Public-ness of Public Apologies", Workshop on The Ethics of Apology, University of Toronto Centre for Ethics, Toronto, ON, October 20-21, 2017.

Paper Presentation: "Poverty, Asylum and Exclusion: Reframing Questions about Refugees", Workshop on Ethics and Global Poverty, UBC Department of Philosophy, Vancouver, B.C. June 12-13, 2017.

2014-2016

Paper Presentation: "Truth and Vindication in the Truth And Reconciliation Commission

Of Canada”, Human Rights in an Age of Ambiguity, conference organized by International Studies Association-Fordham University, New York, NY, June 13-15, 2016.

Invited Speaker: “Indigenous Peoples and Human Rights”, University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyoming, November 11. 2015.

Panel Discussant: “Democracy, Religion and Toleration: Lessons from the Charter of Quebec Values”, Ideasfest, University of Victoria, March 4, 2014.

2011-2013

Paper Presentation: “What Is (and Is Not) Cultural About Indigenous Peoples’ Rights to Land”, Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, Victoria, BC, June 3, 2013.

Invited Participant: “Culture, Land and the Human Rights of Indigenous Peoples”, Culture, Law Identity Universitat, Osnabruck Summer Institute on the Cultural Study of Law, Osnabruck, Germany, 16 August, 2012

Public Lecture: “Why Truth Is Important in the Aftermath of Violence”, 50th Anniversary Dean’s Lecture Series, Victoria. B.C. October 12, 2013

Invited Presentation: “Truthfulness in Reconciliation”, Workshop on *Jus Post Bellum* and Transitional Justice, Vanderbilt University, August 22-23, 2011.

Invited Address: “Devolving Power to Sub-State Groups”, University of Osnabrueck Summer Institute on Law, Language and Culture, Osnabrueck, Germany, August 17, 2011.

Paper Presentation: “When a State’s Apology Leaves Crucial Details Out”, International Political Science Association-European Consortium on Political Research, Sao Paulo, Brazil, February 19-22, 2011.

Graduate Supervision

Thesis Supervisor

Arunkumar Rajavel	M.A. (Philosophy)	Graduated 2021
Danat Kukulj	M.A. (Philosophy)	Graduated 2021
Brandon De Jong	M.A. (Philosophy)	Graduated 2019
Jennifer Sommers	M.A. (Philosophy)	Graduated 2015
Jared St. Peter	M.A. (Philosophy)	Graduated 2013
Mike Robillard	M.A. (Philosophy)	Graduated 2011
Meaghan Shepherd	M.A. (Philosophy)	Graduated 2011
Takuto Shiota	M.A. (Philosophy)	Graduated 2010
Mary Butterfield	M.A. (Philosophy)	Graduated 2009
Jane Letton	M.A. (Philosophy)	Graduated 2004

Committee Member

Celia Pinette	L.L.M	Graduated 2020
Julia Berry	M.A. (Philosophy)	Graduated 2017
Aleta Gruenwald	M.A. (Philosophy)	Graduated 2016
Jonathan Weiss	L.L.M	Graduated 2015
Emma Byrnes	M.A. (Philosophy)	Graduated 2015

Theo Holland	M.A. (Philosophy)	Graduated 2015
Tracy de Boer	M.A. (Philosophy)	Graduated 2014
Matt Riddett	M.A. (Philosophy)	Graduated 2012

External Examiner

Nicholas Murphy Ph. D. (Philosophy) 2020 Western University
Apology and Reconciliation in Settler States

C. David Boutland Ph. D. (Philosophy) 2016 University of Calgary
Liberalism and Pluralism: Assessing the Affinity

Courses Taught

Graduate level

Seminar on Human Rights and Culture (with Helle Porsdam)

This course was conducted in Osnabrueck, Germany as part of the University of Osnabrueck's Summer Institute on Culture and the Law

Graduate Student Pro-Seminar

400-level

Advanced Philosophy of Law ^{1,2}

Topics have included: Human Rights, Canada's TRC, The UNDRIP

Honours Student Pro-Seminar

Selected Topics: Humanitarian Intervention¹

Selected Topics: Self-Determination of Peoples^{1,2}

Selected Topics: Transitional Justice¹

¹*also included graduate students*

²*cross-listed with the Faculty of Law*

300-level

Philosophy of Law

Theories of Justice

Special Topics: Philosophy of International Law

200-level

Introduction to Social and Political Philosophy

Ethics of Violence, War and Terrorism

Philosophy and Feminism

Philosophy and Social Science

100-level

Introduction to Philosophy

Introduction to Social Justice (co-taught)

This course was offered through Social Justice Studies, an interdisciplinary program

Administrative Experience

Tri-Faculty Working Group on Student Conduct Policy Document 2020-2021

Working group charged with developing draft of guidelines for students outlining expectations for professional conduct and information about how policies relating to student conduct are interpreted and applied in Faculties of Humanities, Science and Social Sciences

Associate Dean, Academic Advising 2012-2020
Faculties of Humanities, Science and Social Sciences

Charged with oversight, decision-making regarding academic advising services including delivery of academic programs, requests for academic concessions, maintenance and enforcement of academic standards for undergraduate students.

Department of Philosophy Graduate Advisor 2011-2012

Charged with organizing and administering the Department's graduate program, including managing graduate program budget, assigning teaching assistants, organizing and chairing scholarship and admissions committees, serving on university-wide scholarships assessment committees, liaison with Faculty of Graduate Studies regarding scholarships and admissions, advising graduate students, and tracking graduate student progress.

Faculty of Humanities Faculty Advisory Committee 2010-2012

Chair 2011-2012

Charged with reviewing applications for tenure and promotion within the Faculty of Humanities, assessing whether departmental recommendations regarding such applications are sound and unbiased, and reporting the Committee's findings and recommendations with respect to applications and departmental recommendations.

Department of Philosophy Curriculum Committee Chair 2010-2012

Charged with overseeing and developing the Department's undergraduate and graduate curricula, including revising course offerings and program requirements, liaison with other curriculum committees, and liaison with the Faculty of Humanities curriculum committee. Under my direction the committee effected a comprehensive reorganization of the Department's undergraduate course offerings and program requirements.

Selected Other Professional Activity

Chair, Virtual Programming Committee, American Philosophical Association 2021-2023

Board Member, Canadian Philosophical Association, 2020-2021

Program Chair, American Philosophical Association Pacific Division 2019

Host, Canadian Society for Women in Philosophy Annual Meeting 2011

Host, North American Society for Social Philosophy Annual Meeting 2006

Editorial Board Member, *Human Rights Review* 2010-2021

Media Appearances

TBS eFM "This Morning" (English-language radio program, Seoul, Korea): Interview about the politics of apologies, broadcast August 14, 2019

<https://itunes.apple.com/kr/podcast/tbs-efm-this-morning/id1038822609?l=en&mt=2> (iTunes)

<http://www.podbang.com/ch/10101> (Korean podcast platform)

Belfry Theatre B4Play: Interview on topic of truth and the repair of damaged relationships, January 19, 2013.

Selected Community Outreach

University of Victoria Retirees Association: Presentation on Political Legitimacy, October 12, 2019

Glenlyn Norfolk Elementary School, Q&A on human rights with Grade 5 students, April 18, 2017.

University of Victoria Model United Nations Conference Opening Address: "The Human Rights of Indigenous Peoples", October 21, 2016.

Capital Unitarian Universalist Congregation: "Collective Responsibility for Wrongdoing", February 7, 2016.

Spectrum High School: "Collective Responsibility", January 22, 2015.

William Head Institution: "Structural Violence", November 27, 2014

Esquimalt High School Peace Assembly: "International Law and the Crimea", April 2, 2014.

James Bay Community Project: "Collective Responsibility for Wrongdoing", September 19, 2013.

William Head Institution: "Collective Responsibility for Wrongdoing", January 15, 2013.

Public Lecture: "Human Rights and Cultural Imperialism: What's Really At Issue", Dean's Lunchtime Lecture Series, Victoria, B.C., October 3, 2008.