

COMPETENCIES

Areas of Specialty: Moral, Legal, and Political Philosophy
Areas of Competency: Metaethics, Philosophy of Religion

EMPLOYMENT

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| University of Arizona Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy Faculty Fellow, Center for the Philosophy of Freedom | Tucson, AZ August 2024 - |
| University of Arizona Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Center for the Philosophy of Freedom | Tucson, AZ August 2023 - 2024 |

EDUCATION

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| University of Southern California Ph.D Philosophy – Dissertation: “Responding to Harm” – Advisors: Jonathan Quong (chair), Mark Schroeder (chair), Jake Nebel, Jake Ross, Greg Keating | Los Angeles, CA 2017–2023 |
| Northern Illinois University M.A. Philosophy | DeKalb, IL 2015–2017 |
| Biola University B.A. Philosophy | La Mirada, CA 2009–2011 |
| United States Military Academy B.A. (progress towards) | West Point, NY 2007–2009 |

RESEARCH

Publications

- [1] “As If: Reasonable Mistakes and Defensive Liability,” *Free & Equal* (forthcoming, 2026).
- [2] “Mistaken Defense & the Unbundling of Rights,” *Ethics* 135 (2025): 428-457.
- [3] “The Price of Duty,” *Journal of Moral Philosophy* (2025): 1-31.
- [4] “The Demands of Necessity,” *Ethics* 133 (2023): 473-496.
- [5] “Refusing Protection,” *Philosophy & Public Affairs* 51 (2022): 33-59.

PRESENTATIONS

- Pepperdine University
“Thomson on Defense” Spring 2025
- University of Warwick, Centre for Ethics, Law, & Public Affairs
“The Justifier Pays” Fall 2024
- University of Arizona, Workshop on Freedom & Responsibility
“What’s for Desert?” Spring 2024
- Florida State University
“What’s for Desert?” Spring 2024
- PEA Soup
Discussion of “Refusing Protection” Spring 2023
- University of Zurich, Ethics of Defense Workshop
“Defense Without Threat” Spring 2023
- Purdue University
“Defense Without Threat” Spring 2023
- University of Mississippi
“Defense Without Threat” Spring 2023
- Pacific APA
Comments on “Defensive Injuries and the Prorating of Punishment” Spring 2023
- Biola University
“Fixing Aggregation” Spring 2019
- University of California, Berkeley, Graduate Conference
“Mysterious Normative Relations” Spring 2019
- Speculative Society, USC
“Aggregation and Risk” Spring 2019

TEACHING

- **Philosophy of Law** Spring 2026
Primary Instructor, University of Arizona
- **Law & Morality** Fall 2025
Primary Instructor, University of Arizona
- **Moral Thinking** Fall 2025
Primary Instructor, University of Arizona
- **Shaping our Moral Boundaries (Graduate Seminar)** Spring 2025
Primary Instructor, University of Arizona
- **Morality & Justice Week: European Master’s in Law & Economics Program** Spring 2025
Primary Instructor, University of Arizona
- **Moral Thinking** Fall 2024
Primary Instructor, University of Arizona
- **The Philosophy of Markets, Money, and Property** Summer 2023
Primary Instructor, University of Southern California
- **The Philosophy of Markets, Money, and Property** Summer 2022
Primary Instructor, University of Southern California
- **Ethics in the 21st Century** Summer 2019

- Primary Instructor, University of Southern California*
- **The Philosophy of Law** (w. Scott Soames) Spring 2021
Discussion Instructor and Teaching Assistant, University of Southern California
 - **Ethical Theory and Practice** (w. Robin Jeshion) Fall 2020
Discussion Instructor and Teaching Assistant, University of Southern California
 - **The Philosophy of Law** (w. Scott Soames) Spring 2020
Discussion Instructor and Teaching Assistant, University of Southern California
 - **Moral Issues in the Legal Domain** (w. John Hawthorne) Spring 2019
Discussion Instructor and Teaching Assistant, University of Southern California
 - **Political Philosophy** (w. Jon Quong) Fall 2018
Discussion Instructor and Teaching Assistant, University of Southern California
 - **Epistemology** (w. Geoff Pynn) Spring 2017
Teaching Assistant, Northern Illinois University
 - **Introduction to Philosophy** (w. Mylan Engel) Fall 2016
Teaching Assistant, Northern Illinois University
 - **Contemporary Moral Issues** (w. Nicoleta Apostol) Spring 2016
Teaching Assistant, Northern Illinois University
 - **Logic** (w. John Beaudoin) Fall 2015
Teaching Assistant, Northern Illinois University

SERVICE

- **Peer Review Refereeing**
 - *Ethics* (x4)
 - *Mind* (x2)
 - *Philosophy & Public Affairs* (x2)
 - *Philosophy & Phenomenological Research* (x1)
 - *Analysis* (x2)
 - *Phil Studies* (x2)
 - *Journal of Moral Philosophy* (x5)
 - *Criminal Law and Philosophy* (x1)
 - *Journal of Ethics & Social Philosophy* (x2)
 - *Philosophical Quarterly* (x1)
 - *Faith & Philosophy* (x2)
 - *Ergo* (x1)
- **Oxford Studies in Normative Ethics** 2025-
Co-editor w/ Mark Timmons
- **Workshop in Normative Ethics** 2025-
Co-organizer w/ Mark Timmons
- **Philosophy Colloquium Committee** (Arizona) 2024-2025
Co-coordinator w/ Thony Gillies
- **Freedom Center Talk Series** (Arizona) 2024-2025

- Organizer*
- **Conceptual Foundations of Conflict Project** 2021–2023
Media Production Assistant
 - **Journal of Ethics & Social Philosophy** 2019–2020
Managing Editor
 - **Philosophy of Religion Workshop (USC)** 2019–2023
Organizer
 - **Department Climate Committee (N. Illinois)** 2016–2017
Member

OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

- **Conceptual Foundations of Conflict Project** 2021–2023
Graduate Fellow
- **Research Assistant** 2021
to Scott Soames
- **Research Assistant** 2019–2021
to Stephen Finlay

REFERENCES

For letters of reference, please contact the USC Philosophy reference service at uscphiljobplacement@gmail.com, indicating both my name and the name of the letter writer.

Jonathan Quong
Professor of Philosophy and Law, USC (Dissertation Co-Chair)

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Professor of Philosophy, USC (Dissertation Co-Chair)

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Distinguished Professor of Philosophy, USC (Teaching Mentor)

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Professor of Philosophy, Princeton (Committee Member)

Jake Ross
Associate Professor of Philosophy, USC (Committee Member)