

COMPETENCIES

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

EMPLOYMENT

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

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

PRESENTATIONS

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

TEACHING

- **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

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

SERVICE

• Peer Review Refereeing	
– <i>Ethics</i> (x2)	
– <i>Mind</i> (x1)	
– <i>Philosophy & Public Affairs</i> (x1)	
– <i>Philosophy & Phenomenological Research</i> (x1)	
– <i>Analysis</i> (x2)	
– <i>Phil Studies</i> (x2)	
– <i>Journal of Moral Philosophy</i> (x4)	
– <i>Criminal Law and Philosophy</i> (x1)	
– <i>Journal of Ethics & Social Philosophy</i> (x2)	
– <i>Philosophical Quarterly</i> (x1)	
– <i>Faith & Philosophy</i> (x2)	
– <i>Ergo</i> (x1)	
• Workshop in Normative Ethics	2025-
<i>Co-organizer w/ Mark Timmons</i>	
• Philosophy Colloquium Committee (Arizona)	2024-2025
<i>Co-coordinator w/ Thony Gillies</i>	
• Freedom Center Talk Series (Arizona)	2024-2025
<i>Organizer</i>	
• Eight-Hour LSAT Crash Course (Arizona)	2024
<i>Creator and Instructor</i>	
• 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)