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Nationality: Canada

AOS Social and Political Philosophy, Democratic Theory, and AI Ethics

AOC Ethics

EDUCATION

Vanderbilt University

Ph.D., Philosophy (Defense in October 28, 2025)

Dissertation: *Madisonian Lottocracy: Filtering, not Decisional*

Committee: Robert Talisse (Chair), Michael Hodges, Scott, Aikin, Jacob Barrett, and Alex Guerrero (Rutgers University, external reader)

Queen's University

M.A. in Philosophy (2018) spec. Political and Legal Thought

University of Toronto

Non-degree Coursework in Philosophy and History (2012-2015)

Yonsei University, Korea

B.A. in Political Science and Diplomacy; Philosophy (2011)

* Coursera Computer Science Certificates

Python for Everyone; Python Data Structure;

Using Python to Access Webdata; Applied Machine Learning (ongoing)

PUBLICATIONS

"The Question of AI and Democracy: Four Categories of AI Governance," *Philosophy & Technology* 38 (2025)

"Review of *Democracy for Busy People* by Kevin Elliott," *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 22 (2025)

"Exploring a Role of Mini-Public in the Just War Theories," *Syndicate Philosophy* (Discussion of Jody Rocheleau's *New Interventionist Just War Theory*, 2025)

"Beyond Flexibility: The Case for Identity Plurality in Democratic Politics," *Politikon: The IAPSS Journal of Political Science* 58 (2024)

"Review of *What is Epistemology?* by Stephen Hetherington," (with Scott Aikin), *Teaching Philosophy* 43 (2020)

IN REVIEW

Manuscript on lottocracy, R&R
(*Canadian Journal of Philosophy*)

Manuscript on accountability, under peer review
(*Political Philosophy*)

Manuscript on liquid democracy, under desk review
(*Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Is The Political Party Really an Enemy of Lottocracy?", **APA 2026 Eastern Division**, Colloquium (Jan 2026)

"Making Lottocracy Less Susceptible to Capture", **APA 2025 Central Division**, Pre-read (Feb 2025); **Tennessee Philosophical Association** (Nov 2024)

"From Chatbots to Policy Makers: AI's Role in Democratic Decision-Making", **APA 2025 Eastern Division**, Work-in-progress (Jan 2025)

"Lottocratic Liquid Democracy: A Copernican Turn", **PPE Society 8th Annual Meeting** (Nov 2024)

"Madisonian Lottocracy", **APA 2024 Eastern Division**, Colloquium (Jan 2024); **PPE Society 7th Annual Meeting** (Nov 2023)

"The Legitimacy of Institutions as Generators and Deliberative Democracy", **MANCEPT 14th Annual Conference** (Sep 2017)

"Pragmatic and Deliberative Concept of Human Rights", **Long Island Philosophical Society** (Mar 2017); **New Mexico-Texas Philosophical Society** (Feb 2017)

"Nationalism and Institutional Constraint", **Intermountain West Student Philosophy Conference** (Feb 2017)

CONFERENCE COMMENTS

Discussion of *New Interventionist Just War Theory: A Critique* by Jordy Rocheleau, TPA 54th Annual Meeting, Author Meet Critics (Nov 2023)

Comment on “Quinean Underdetermination and Law as Integrity”
by Noel Boyle, TPA 54th Annual Meeting (Nov 2023)

Comment on “Egalitarianism, Marxism, and Alienation” by Lamont
Rodgers, New Mexico-Texas Philosophical Society (Feb 2017)

TEACHING

Vanderbilt University

As an Instructor of Record

Introduction to Ethics (Spring 2025)

General Logic (Fall 2024)

Introduction to Philosophy (Spring 2023)

As a Teaching Assistant

Introduction to Philosophy (Aikin, Fall 2025)

Justice (Barrett, Spring 2024)

Justice (Talissee, Fall 2023 & Fall 2022)

Contemporary Political Philosophy (Talissee, Fall 2022)

Introduction to Philosophy (Wuerth, Fall 2021)

Introduction to Ethics (Congdon, Spring 2020)

Queen's University

As a Teaching Assistant

The State and the Citizen (Fairfield, Winter 2017)

Moral Issues (Schüklenk, Fall 2016)

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

AI Scholar, Vanderbilt Lab for Immersive AI Translation
(VALIANT) (2025-2028)

Graduate Fellow, Robert Penn Warren Center (2024-2025)

Graduate School Travel Award, Vanderbilt (2023, 2024)

Departmental Travel Award, Vanderbilt (2023, 2024)

Robert Penn Warren Center Dissertation Bootcamp Award
(2023)

Berry Travel Award (2023)

APA Eastern Graduate Student Stipend (2024, 2025)

PPE Travel Grant (2023, 2024)

HASTAC Scholar (2021-2022)

Vanderbilt Philosophy Dept. Fellowship (2019-2025)

	MANCEPT Bursary (2017)
	Queen's Graduate Student Travel Award (2017)
	Queen's Philosophy Dept. Fellowship (2016-2017)
	Lilian Fitzmaurice Foundation Award (2014)
	Malins OTSS Scholarship (2014)
	Cowan OTSS Scholarship (2012, 2013)
	Yonsei University Honors (2010)
WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION	AI Summer School , Vanderbilt University (2025)
	PPE Summer Workshop , Chapman University (2025)
	Academy College of Teaching , Vanderbilt University (2024)
SERVICE	Writing, Research, and Professionalization Committee , Philosophy Graduate Students Association (2024-2026)
	President & Vice-President , Korean Graduate Students and Scholars Association (President 2021-24, Vice-president 2020-21)
	MA Student Representative , Queen's Committee of Graduate Students (2016-2017)
	Research Assistant , Dr. Yi's office, University of Toronto (2013-2015)
	Research Assistant , North Korea Research Group, Munk School (2012-2013)
	Reviewer : American Philosophical Quarterly (2), British Journal of Political Science (1), Philosophy & Technology (2)
NON-ACADEMIC TALK	"Navigating the future of democracy in the age of AI and digital governance", <i>The Democracy Forum</i> (Sep 2025)
	"On Lottocracy", <i>The True Representation Movement</i> (Aug 2025)
WORK -IN-PROGRESS	"Can AI Be a Liquid Democratic Delegate", 9,000-word paper (ready for submission)
	"The Categorical Imperative for Digital Immigrants : How Can the Principle 'Ought Implies Can' Be Applied to Digital Immigrants?", 6000 words paper (with Hyeongjoo Kim) (ready for submission)

“Does Lottocracy Need Political Parties?”, 8,000-word paper

“Addressing the Groundtruth of Mental Health and AI”,
(first author; PI: Susannah Rose)

LANGUAGES

English (Native)
Korean (Native)
German (Read)
Python (Intermediate)

REFERENCES

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Michael Hodges

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Julian Wuerth (Teaching Reference)

Associate Professor of Philosophy, Vanderbilt University,
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