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1. EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

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| 2021– | Assistant Professor | University of Western Ontario, Faculty of Law Cross-appointed to Department of Philosophy |
| 2025 | Visiting Professor | Global Professional Master of Laws Program University of Toronto, Faculty of Law |
| 2020–21 | Law Clerk | Supreme Court of Canada (Justice Rowe) |
| 2016–17 | Law Clerk | Court of Appeal for Ontario |

2. EDUCATION

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| 2020 | PhD | University of Toronto, Department of Philosophy Title: <i>Logical Form and the Limits of Thought</i> |
| 2018 | | Birkbeck, University of London (visiting research student) |
| 2015 | JD | University of Toronto, Faculty of Law |
| 2011 | BA (Hons) | University of Oxford |

3. PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Published papers

Forthcoming [Justiciability in Private Law: Religion and Politics](#). *Osgoode Hall Law Journal*.

Forthcoming [Voluntary Associations and the Rule of Law](#). *McGill Law Journal*.

2025 [Can We Legally Revise the Highest Legal Rule?](#) *Legal Theory*.

2024 [The Personality of Public Authorities](#). *Law and Philosophy*.

2024 [Agency and Theoretical Reason in *The Practical Self*](#). *Inquiry*.

2023 [Structural Analysis and the Canadian Constitution](#). (With M. Rowe.) *Canadian Bar Review*.

2023 [Fictions in Legal Reasoning](#). *Dialogue*.

2022 [Nonsense: A User's Guide](#). *Inquiry*.

2022 [Hegel and Formal Idealism](#). *Hegel Bulletin*.

2022 [Tort Claims Against Public Authorities](#). (With M. Rowe.) *Alberta Law Review*.

2020 [The Value of Thinking and the Normativity of Logic](#). *Philosophers' Imprint*.

Treatise chapters, reports, etc.

- Forthcoming Advocacy and the Best Interests of Charitable Corporations. (With Benjamin Miller.) For the Law Commission of Canada project, *Charity and Law in Canada*.
 2024 Intention to Contract. In Jason Neyers (ed), *Fridman on Contracts* (8th ed).

Book reviews

- Forthcoming Eric Claeys, *Natural Property Rights. Law and Philosophy*.
 2025 [Gabriele Badano & Alasia Nuti, *Politicizing Political Liberalism*](#). Notre Dame *Philosophical Reviews*.
 2024 [Allan Beever, *Freedom Under the Private Law*](#). *Canadian Journal of Law and Jurisprudence*.
 2024 [Daniel Chandler, *Free and Equal: What Would a Fair Society Look Like?*](#) Perspectives Journal (online).
 2020 [Irit Samet, *Equity: Conscience Comes to Market*](#). *University of Toronto Law Journal*.
 2015 [Edward Kanterian, *Frege*](#). *History of Philosophy & Logical Analysis*.

Work in progress (draft papers available upon request)

- Draft Personification in Private Law
 Draft Legal Reasoning and Ordinary Reasoning

Interviews, blog posts, case comments etc

- 2025 Lindsay Borrows (Queen's Law) on Indigenous law and language, Law and Language Blog, <https://lawandlanguage.ca/2025/02/05/interview-with-lindsay-borrows/>
 2018 Commentary on *Mikisew Cree First Nation v Canada*, OBA Aboriginal Law Section
 2017 Commentary on *Cowper-Smith v Morgan*, CanLII Connects

Conference presentations

- 2026 Legal Reasoning and Ordinary Reasoning. University of Calgary, Department of Philosophy Colloquium Series
 2026 Legal Reasoning and Ordinary Reasoning. University of Western Ontario, Department of Philosophy Colloquium Series
 2025 Personifying Nature in Private Law. Legal Personality in Private Law Workshop, Notre Dame Law (Rome)
 2025 Convergence in Property Theory. Obligations XI, Harvard Law
 2025 The Rights of Nature. Canadian Philosophical Association (CPA) Congress
 2025 Revising the Highest Rule Legally and Democratically. Berger International Speaker Series, Cornell Law School
 2024 Is There a Doctrine of Justiciability in Private Law? Canadian Law of Obligations IV, Université de Montréal

- 2024 Revising the Highest Rule Legally and Democratically. Deliberative Governance and Law Workshop, University of Toronto
- 2024 Public Private Censorship. Standing and Disagreement Workshop, York University
- 2024 Can We Legally Revise the Highest Legal Rule? American Philosophical Association (APA) Central Annual Meeting
- 2023 Can We Legally Revise the Highest Legal Rule? CS-IVR Workshop (online)
- 2023 The Personality of Public Authorities. Obligations X, Banff
- 2023 Can We Legally Revise the Highest Legal Rule? Legal Reasoning and Adjudication Workshop, University of Wisconsin – Madison
- 2023 The Personality of Public Authorities. North American Workshop in Private Law Theory (NAWPLT-IX), UCLA School of Law
- 2022 The Personality of Public Authorities. MANCEPT Workshop, Corporate Agency and the Responsibilities of Citizens and States
- 2022 Voluntary Associations and the Rule of Law. Canadian Law of Obligations III, UBC
- 2022 Fictions in Legal Reasoning. UK-IVR 2022 Annual Conference
- 2022 Fictions in Legal Reasoning. CPA Congress
- 2019 Holism and the Limits of Thought. 8th Annual Wiener Forum für Analytische Philosophie Graduate Conference
- 2018 The Value of Thinking and the Normativity of Logic. Logic, Epistemology and Metaphysics Seminar, Institute of Philosophy, London
- 2018 The Necessity and Rationality of Legal Disagreement. Ontario Legal Philosophy Partnership (OLPP) Graduate Conference
- 2018 Husserl's Theory of Logic: Contradiction and Countersense. Society for the Study of the History of Analytic Philosophy Annual Meeting
- 2018 Illogical Thought and the External Conception. CPA Congress
- 2017 Kant and Original Acquisition. OLPP Graduate Conference
- 2016 Hegel and Formal Idealism. APA Pacific Annual Meeting
- 2016 Hegel and Formal Idealism. Ontario Quebec Hegel Organization Conference, Toronto

Commentaries

- Upcoming Jonathan Livengood, 'On the Normativity of Logic', APA Central Division Meeting 2026
- 2024 Eric Wilkinson, 'Anscombe's Philosophy of Law', CPA Congress
- 2023 Anil Gomes, *The Practical Self*, New Work on the Self Workshop, University of Toronto
- 2022 Rebecca Stone, 'Normative Uncertainty, Normative Powers, and Limits on Freedom of Contract', Yale-Toronto Private Law Theory Workshop
- 2018 Jacob Weinrib, 'The Puzzle of the State', Toronto Graduate Research Weekend
- 2017 Christopher Jordan-Stephens, 'A Conflict of Principles: The Origin and Problem of Conceptualism in Kant's Philosophy', CPA Congress
- 2017 Thomas Hofweber, 'Idealism and the Harmony between Thought and Reality', Workshop: The Intellect and its Philosophical Limits, Simon Fraser University
- 2016 Helen Steward, 'Bradley's Regress and a Problem in Action Theory', University of Toronto Philosophy Graduate Conference

4. RESEARCH FUNDING

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| 2026 | SSHRC Connection Grant (\$19,073), with Andy Yu |
| 2024 | Western Interdisciplinary Development Initiative Grant (\$34,691), with Andy Yu |
| 2024 | SSHRC Connection Grant (\$17,780), with Andy Yu |
| 2023 | Canadian Journal of Philosophy Conference Grant (CAD \$1500), with Andy Yu |
| 2023 | Law Open Educational Resource Grant (CAD \$10,000), with Nadia Lambek & Andy Yu |
| 2022–23 | SSHRC Exchange Grant (CAD \$4,974.06), with Larissa Katz |
| 2019–20 | Ontario Graduate Scholarship (CAD \$15,000) |
| 2018 | SSHRC Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplement (CAD \$6000) |
| 2015–19 | SSHRC Joseph-Armand Bombardier CGS Doctoral Scholarship (CAD \$105,000) |
| 2014 | Ontario Graduate Scholarship (CAD \$15,000) |

5. HONOURS AND AWARDS

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| 2022 | Untenured Faculty Essay Prize, Canadian Philosophical Association Congress |
| 2021 | Honourable Mention, 2020 David Savan Dissertation Prize |
| 2018 | Honorary Fellow, Centre for Logic and Language, Institute of Philosophy |
| 2015 | Martha Lile Love Essay Award (for best graduate philosophy essay) |
| 2015 | Class of 1967 Prize (ranking 2nd in 3rd year of law school) |
| 2014 | Patricia Julia Myhal Scholarship in Legal Writing |

6. TEACHING

Law school teaching (Western Law)

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| 2025-26 | Property; Legal Research, Writing and Advocacy |
| 2024-25 | Property; Administrative Law |
| 2023-24 | Property; Administrative Law; Jurisprudence; Julius Alexander Isaac Moot |
| 2022–23 | Property; Legal Research, Writing and Advocacy; Julius Alexander Isaac Moot |
| 2021–22 | Property; Legal Research, Writing and Advocacy; Julius Alexander Isaac Moot |

Global Professional Master of Laws Program (University of Toronto, Faculty of Law)

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| 2025 | Property |
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Undergraduate teaching as lead instructor (University of Toronto, Department of Philosophy)

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| 2018 | Topics in Philosophy of Law: Pluralism |
| 2017–18 | Lead Writing Teaching Assistant |

7. OTHER SCHOLARLY AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Referee for *Philosophy & Phenomenological Research*, *European Journal of Philosophy*, *Res Philosophica*, *Ergo*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Hegel Bulletin*, *Canadian Journal of Law and Jurisprudence* (4), *Criminal Law & Philosophy*, *Law & Literature*, *Noûs*, *Synthese*, *Inquiry* (2), University of Toronto Press, *Organon F*, *Alberta Law Review*, *UBC Law Review*

2025 Organizer, Moral and Legal Personality Symposium, CPA Congress
 2024– Co-director, Legal Philosophy Research Group, Western Law
 2024– Co-organizer, [Law and Language Project](#), with Andy Yu
 2024 Co-organizer, New Directions in Law and Language Workshop, with Andy Yu
 2023– Member, Programs Committee, Canadian Philosophical Association
 2023– Co-organizer, Critical Race Theory Reading Group, with Nadia Lambek
 2023 Co-organizer, Group Ownership Workshop, with Larissa Katz
 2022 Commission Counsel, Ottawa Light Rail Transit Public Inquiry
 2018–19 Member-at-Large, Aboriginal Law Section Executive, Ontario Bar Association
 2014–15 Senior Editorial Board, Indigenous Law Journal

Quotes in media commentary

“‘Lessons to be learned’ from report on University of Alberta campus protest, legal expert says”, Law360 Canada (December 19, 2024)

“Observers concerned about use of notwithstanding clause to protect Ontario trespass, drug use law”, Law360 Canada (December 19, 2024)

“Municipalities should tread lightly when considering protest ‘bubble zones,’ lawyers say”, Law360 Canada (November 18, 2024)

“Danger of normalizing use of notwithstanding clause ‘cannot be overstated’: civil liberties group”, Law360 Canada (November 18, 2024)

“Ontario mayors’ calls on homelessness, addiction raise spectre of involuntary detention: CCLA”, Law360 Canada (October 25, 2024)

“Issue of trespass on university campuses less clear than it is for private property: legal scholar”, Law360 Canada (June 6, 2024)

8. ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES

2025-26 Clerkships Committee, Co-director; Cherniak Cup, Director
 2024-25 Clerkships Committee, Co-director; Cherniak Cup, Director
 2023-24 Clerkships Committee, Co-director; Cherniak Cup, Director
 2022–23 Clerkships Committee, Co-director