

Daniel Wodak

Curriculum Vitae

Department of Philosophy
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Employment

Current

Associate Professor of Philosophy &
Associate Professor of Law (secondary) 2022–
University of Pennsylvania

Past

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 2019–2022
University of Pennsylvania
Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, 2016–2019
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Education

Ph.D. Philosophy, Princeton University 2011–2016
Advised by M. Smith, G. Rosen & P. Pettit
M.A. Philosophy, Princeton University 2011–2013
Advised by M. Smith
L.L.B., The University of Sydney (First Class Honours) 2005–2010
B.A., The University of Sydney (First Class Honours & University Medal) 2005–2008
Philosophy Honours thesis advised by L. Russell & R. Joyce

Research Interests

AOS: Metaethics, Philosophy of Law, Philosophy of Race and Gender, Social & Political Philosophy
AOC: Philosophy of Language, Metaphysics

Publications

Book

- 1 *The Language of Law: Positivism and the Problem of Prescriptivity*, Cambridge University Press (under contract).

Articles

- 26 "Which Majority Should Rule?", *Philosophy and Public Affairs* (forthcoming).
- 25 "The Perversity of Weighted Voting", *The Journal of Politics* (forthcoming).

- 24 "Do formal objections to the error theory overgeneralize?" (w/ B. Streumer), *Analysis* (forthcoming).
- 23 "Does Race Best Explain Racial Discrimination?" (w/ K. Singh), *Philosophers' Imprint* (forthcoming).
- 22 "Regulating Speech: Harm, Norms, and Discrimination", *Inquiry* (forthcoming).
- 21 "The Democratic Imperative to Make Margins Matter", *Maryland Law Review* 86(2) (2023): 365-442.
- 20 "The Disunity of Legal Reality" (w/ D. Plunkett), *Legal Theory* 28(3) (2022): 235-267.
- 19 "Legal Positivism and the Real Definition of Law" (w/ D. Plunkett), *Jurisprudence* 13(3) (2022): 317-348.
- 18 "On the (in)significance of Hume's Law" (w/ S. Chilovi), *Philosophical Studies* 179 (2022): 633-653.
- 17 "Of Witches and White Folks", *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 104(3) (2022): 587-605.
- 16 "Why formal objections to the error theory fail" (w/ B. Streumer), *Analysis* 81(2) (2021): 254-262.
- 15 "Approving on the Basis of Moral and Aesthetic Testimony", *Oxford Studies in Metaethics* 16 (2021): 183-206.
 • Co-Winner of the Marc Sanders Prize in Metaethics 2019
- 14 "Who's on First?", *Oxford Studies in Metaethics* 15 (2020): 49-71.
- 13 "Redundant Reasons", *The Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 98(2) (2020): 266-278.
- 12 "The Expressive Case Against Plurality Rule", *The Journal of Political Philosophy* 27(3) (2019): 363-387.
- 11 "An Objectivist's Guide to Subjective Reasons", *Res Philosophica* 96(2) (2019): 229-244.
- 10 "Moral Perception, Inference, and Intuition", *Philosophical Studies* 176(6) (2019): 1495-1512.
- 9 "What if Well-Being Measurements are Non-Linear?", *The Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 97(1) (2019): 29-45.
- 8 "Mere Formalities: Normative Fictions and Normative Authority", *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* (2019): 828-850.
- 7 "He/She/They/Ze" (w/ R. Dembroff), *Ergo* 5(14) (2018): 371-406.
 • Reprinted and translated into Spanish as "Él/Ella/They/Ze", in Patricia Ruiz Bravo and Aranza Pizarro (eds.) *Pensado El Género* (Fondo Editorial, 2023)
- 6 "What Does 'Legal Obligation' Mean?", *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 99(4) (2018): 790-816.
- 5 "Resolving Judicial Dilemmas" (w/ A. Sarch), *Virginia Journal of Criminal Law* 6(1) 2018: 93-181.
- 4 "Can Objectivists Account for Subjective Reasons?", *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* 12(3) (2017): pp. 259-279.
- 3 "Why Realists Must Reject Normative Quietism", *Philosophical Studies* 174(11) (2017): pp. 2795-2817.
- 2 "Expressivism and Varieties of Normativity", *Oxford Studies in Metaethics*, volume 12 (R. Shafer-Landau, ed.) (2017): pp. 265-293.
- 1 "What a Loaded Generalization! Generics and social cognition" (w/ S.J. Leslie and M. Rhodes), *Philosophy Compass* 10(9) (2015): 625-635.

Book Chapters

- 4 “Quietism”, *The Oxford Handbook of Ethical Theory* (D. Copp and C. Rosati eds.), Oxford University Press (forthcoming).
- 3 “How Much Gender is Too Much Gender?” (w/ R. Dembroff), *Routledge Handbook in Social and Political Philosophy of Language* (J. Khoo and R. Sterken eds.) (2021): 362-377.
- 2 “Mandatory Minimums and the War on Drugs”, in D. Boonin (ed.), *Palgrave Handbook of Philosophy and Public Policy* (2018): 51-62.
- 1 “The Mark of the Plural: Generic Generalizations and Race” (w/ S.J. Leslie), *Routledge Companion to Philosophy of Race* (P.C. Taylor, L.M. Alcoff and L. Anderson Jr., eds.) (2017): pp. 277-289.

Book Reviews

1. “Hrafn Asgeirsson, *The Nature and Value of Vagueness in Law*”, *Ethics* 131(4) (2021): 777-781.

Honors

Hershey Humanities Manuscript Development Workshop Grant, University of Pennsylvania (\$3,000)	2023
Institute for Humane Studies Grant (\$2,000)	2023
Klein Family Social Justice Grant, University of Pennsylvania (\$50,000)	2021
School of Arts and Sciences Research Opportunity Grant, University of Pennsylvania (\$5,000)	2022
School of Arts and Sciences University Research Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania (\$2,000)	2020
School of Arts and Sciences Research Opportunity Grant, University of Pennsylvania (\$3,000)	2020
Co-Winner of the Marc Sanders Prize in Metaethics	2019
CLAHS Departmental Diversity Grant, Virginia Tech (x2)	2017-2018, 2018-2019
CLAHS Faculty Mentoring Grant, Virginia Tech	2016-2017
UCHV Graduate Prize Fellowship, Princeton University	2014-15
Dean’s Fund for Scholarly Travel, Princeton University (x3)	2014–2015
UCHV Political Philosophy Research & Travel Grant, Princeton University (x5)	2012–2015
CRNAP Travel Grant, Princeton University (x2)	2013, 2014
Cotsen Faculty Fellowship, Princeton University	2012–2013
Fulbright Scholarship	2011
The University of Sydney Academic Merit Prize, The University of Sydney	2010
John George Dalley Prize, The University of Sydney	2010
Julius and Recca Stone Award in International Law and Jurisprudence, The University of Sydney	2010
Sybil Morrison Prize for Jurisprudence, The University of Sydney	2010
The University of Sydney Medal for Philosophy, The University of Sydney	2008
John Anderson Prize for Best Thesis in Philosophy IV, The University of Sydney	2008
The University of Sydney Honours Scholarship, The University of Sydney	2008
Walter Reid Memorial Prize, The University of Sydney (x2)	2007, 2008

Selected Presentations

1. "What Does 'Legal Obligation' Mean?"
 - Law & Philosophy Workshop, Chicago University 4/2024
2. "One Person, One Vote"
 - Keynote address, Austin Graduate Ethics and Normativity Talks, UT Austin 10/2023
 - University of Arizona, Oxford Studies in Political Philosophy Workshop 10/2023
 - Monash University 4/2023
 - Australian National University 5/2023
3. "Malapportionment: A Murder Mystery"
 - Yale Center for Law and Philosophy, Yale University 8/2023
4. "Political Equality of What?"
 - Australian Catholic University 3/2023
5. "Discrimination and Disadvantage"
 - 8th Australasian Workshop in Moral Philosophy, ANU 1/2023
 - The University of Adelaide 12/2022
 - Center for Eksperimentel-Filosofiske Studier af Diskrimination Conference, Aarhus Universitet 10/2022
6. "Which Majority Should Rule?"
 - Sydney University 10/2022
 - Australian National University 10/2022
7. "How to Be a Non-Error Theoretic Eliminativist"
 - Facts, Concepts, Values, and Norms, Bucharest 6/2022
8. "Who Can Make Formal Objections to the Error Theory?" (w/ B. Streumer)
 - Virtual Metaethics Colloquium 6/2022
9. "One Person, One Vote, One Unit of Political Power"
 - Northeast Normativity Workshop, Philadelphia 5/2022
 - Boston University Ethics Talks 11/2021
10. "The Disunity of Legal Reality" (w/ D. Plunkett)
 - Harvard Law and Philosophy Workshop 4/2022
 - Penn Institute for Law and Philosophy 3/2021
 - Oxford Seminars in Jurisprudence 4/2021
11. "Does Race Explain Racial Discrimination?" (w/ K. Singh)
 - Rutgers/UPenn Philosophy of Race Reading Group 2/2022
 - Southampton Ethics Centre 11/2021
12. "How Much Gender is Too Much Gender" (w/ R. Dembroff)
 - Cambridge Reading Group on Social & Political Philosophy of Language 10/2020
13. "Three Strikes"
 - Surrey University School of Law 9/2020
14. "Of Witches and White Folks"
 - MIT 2/2020
 - University of Michigan, Ann Arbor 11/2019
 - Queen's Colloquium in Legal and Political Philosophy, Queen's University 9/2019
 - Ethics Workshop, Washington University in St Louis 10/2018

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15. "Approving on the Basis of Normative Testimony"
 - Madison Metaethics Workshop, University of Wisconsin Madison 9/2019
 - Metaethics Workshop, UNC Chapel Hill 12/2017
 - Sydney University Department of Philosophy 8/2017
 - Australasian Association of Philosophy Annual Conference, Adelaide University 7/2017
 16. "Fake News and Echo Chambers"
 - Democracy, Truth and Power Workshop, Dartmouth College 7/2019
 - Julius Stone Institute, Sydney University Law School 6/2018
 - Keynote Address, 3rd Annual Mudd Undergraduate Conference in Ethics, Washington and Lee 3/2018
 - University College of London 12/2017
 17. "Redundant Reasons"
 - Normativity and Reasoning Workshop, NYU Abu Dhabi 1/2019
 18. "Who's On First?"
 - The 13th Annual Madison Metaethics Workshop 9/2018
 - University of Melbourne 7/2018
 19. "Is Hume's Law a Threat to Positivism and Naturalism?"
 - Sydney University 6/2018
 20. "An Objectivist's Guide to Subjective Reasons"
 - SLACRR, St Louis 5/2018
 - Central APA, Chicago 3/2016
 - Normativity: Epistemic and Practical, University of Southampton 9/2015
 21. "Does Law Have a Function?"
 - University of Surrey 12/2017
 22. "What 'Legal Obligation' Means"
 - Julius Stone Institute, Sydney University Law School 8/2017
 23. "Scales Over Our Eyes"
 - Workshop on Methodology in Applied Ethics, Georgetown University 2/2017
 24. "Expressivism & Varieties of Normativity"
 - Chapel Hill Metaethics Workshop, UNC 11/2015
 - New York Philosophy of Language Workshop, NYU 9/2015
 - Legal Philosophy Workshop, University of Edinburgh 7/2015
 - Australia National University 1/2015
 25. "Does the State Lack Standing?"
 - Rocky Mountains Ethics Congress, University of Colorado Boulder 8/2015
 - UCHV Human Values Forum, Princeton University 11/2015
 26. "Mere Formalities"
 - St Louis Annual Conference on Reasons and Rationality, University of Missouri-St Louis 5/2014
 27. "An Open Question About Intuitionism"
 - New Moral Intuitionism, Uniwersytet Gdanski 6/2014
 28. "Conventional Oughts and Obligations"
 - Ontario Legal Philosophy Graduate Conference, Hamilton University 5/2014
 - The Princeton-Michigan Metaethics Workshop, The University of Michigan Ann Arbor 9/2013
 - Princeton-Humboldt Graduate Philosophy Conference, Humboldt University 8/2013
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29. "The Priority Presumption"
 - The Princeton-Humboldt Graduate Philosophy Conference, Humboldt University 8/2012
30. "Welfarism and Ill Will"/"Ill Will and The Ethics of Emotion"
 - Berlin Metaethics Workshop, Freie Universität 8/2013
 - The Julius Stone Institute for Jurisprudence Legal Theory, The University of Sydney 6/2012
31. "Externalism, Amoralism, and Fetishism"
 - Pittsburgh-CMU Graduate Student Philosophy Conference, CMU 4/2012
32. "Law, Language, and Latitude"
 - The Julius Stone Institute for Jurisprudence Legal Theory, The University of Sydney 6/2011

Comments

1. "On Bolinger's *Rewriting Rights: Making Reasonable Mistakes in a Social Context*"
 - Institute for Law and Philosophy 7/2021
2. "On Johnson-King's 'Motivating Moral Deliberation'"
 - Central APA 3/2021
3. Commentator-at-large
 - MAP-Penn Conference on Philosophy of Race 11/2020
4. Commentator-at-large
 - Penn Reasons and Foundations of Epistemology conference, University of Pennsylvania 11/2018
5. "On Sarah McGrath's 'Moral Perception and its Rivals'"
 - Oberlin Colloquium in Philosophy, Oberlin 5/2017
6. "On C. Tomaszewski's 'Moral Error Theory and the Law of the Excluded Middle'"
 - The Eastern APA, St Louis 2/2015
7. "On L. Menges' 'Should We Stop Blaming Wrongdoers?'"
 - The Princeton-Humboldt Graduate Philosophy Conference, Humboldt University 8/2013
8. "On M. Brinkmann's 'An Unappealing Hybrid'"
 - CRNAP Graduate Philosophy Conference, Oxford University 6/2013
9. "On L. Ferracioli's 'The Appeal and Danger of a New Refugee Regime'"
 - The Ethics and Politics of the Global Refugee Regime, Princeton University 3/2013
10. "On H. Altehenger's 'On Peer Disagreement and Moral Skepticism'"
 - The Princeton-Humboldt Graduate Philosophy Conference, Humboldt University 8/2012
11. "On Y. Levy's 'Intentional Action First'"
 - CRNAP Graduate Philosophy Conference, Institut Jean-Nicod 6/2012
12. "On S. Ansari's 'Threshold Account of the Badness of Death'"
 - Princeton-Rutgers Graduate Student Philosophy Conference 4/2012

Teaching

The University of Pennsylvania — Associate Professor

PHIL1433 The Social Contract	F2023
PHIL3330 Majors Seminar	F2023
PHIL5450 Law and Philosophy Seminar (w/ K. Ferzan)	F2023
PHIL7000 Dissertation Seminar	F2023

The University of Pennsylvania — Assistant Professor

PHIL574 Law and Philosophy Seminar (w/ M. Berman)	S2022
PHIL474 Normative Ethics (x2)	S2020, S2022
PHIL372 Topics in Ethics	F2021
PHIL008 The Social Contract (x3)	S2021, S2020, F2021
PHIL292 Racial Justice	S2021
PHIL472 Metaethics (w/ E. Lord)	F2020
PHIL600 Pro Seminar	F2020
PHIL600 Pro Seminar (w/ E. Lord)	F2019

Virginia Tech — Assistant Professor

PHIL3024 Crime and Punishment	S2019
PHIL4514/6014 Feminist Philosophy	S2019
PHIL5324 Metaethics	F2018
PHIL3314 Ethical Theory	F2018
PHIL4334/6014 Jurisprudence	S2018
Independent Study: Feminist Approaches to Bioethics	S2018
PHIL4015/6014 Philosophy of Race	F2017
PHIL2984 Philosophy, Law, and Literature	F2017
PHIL5324 Metaethics	S2017
PHIL1304 Morality and Justice (x3)	F2016, S2017, S2018
Primary advisor for MA students: Rachel Keith, Jarrod Blair, Si-Hua Chang, Jodell Ulerie, Andrew Key, Chris Love, Jay Burkett, Lindsay Whittaker	2016-2019
Thesis committee for MA students: Dominick Cooper, Audra Jenson, Trey Rogers	2016-2020

Princeton University — Assistant in Instruction

CHV384 Philosophy of Law (for G. Rosen)	F2015
CHV384 Philosophy of Law (for S. Kisilevsky)	S2014
CHV310 Practical Ethics (for P. Singer)	F2013
PHI202 Introduction to Moral Philosophy (for M. Smith)	F2012

Albert C. Wagner Correctional Facility — Primary Instructor

PHI205 Philosophy of Inequality	S2015
PHI102 Philosophy & the Good Life	S2013
ENG101 Language and Argument	F2012

The University of Sydney — Primary Lecturer

PHIL2647 Philosophy of Happiness (x7)	WS2009, WS2010, SS2010 SII2010, SS2011, WS2011, SII2011
PHIL7840 The Philosophy and Science of Happiness (x2)	SII2010, SII2011

The University of Sydney — Tutor

PHIL2623 Moral Psychology (for L. Russell)	SI2010
PHIL2617 Practical Ethics (for C. West)	SI2010
PHIL2647 The Philosophy of Happiness (for C. West)	SI2009

Service

Editorial Work

Associate Editor, <i>Australasian Journal of Philosophy</i>	2022 -
Book Reviews Editor, <i>Ethics</i>	2022 -
Editorial Board, <i>Legal Theory</i>	2023 -

Referee

Journal refereeing: *Nous* (x4), *Ethics* (x6), *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* (x3), *Philosopher's Imprint* (x2), *Mind*, *Analysis* (x7), *Journal of Philosophy* (x2), *Journal of Political Philosophy*, *Ergo*, *Philosophical Studies* (x5), *Philosophical Quarterly*, *American Philosophical Quarterly*, *The Australasian Journal of Philosophy* (x5), *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* (x3), *Journal of Moral Philosophy* (x2), *Philosophical Papers*, *Erkenntnis* (x2), *European Journal of Philosophy*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Synthese* (x5), *Utilitas*, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, *Politics, Philosophy & Economics*, *Res Publica*, *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*, *Philosophical Psychology*, *Oxford Studies in Metaethics*, *Analytic Philosophy*, *Journal of Applied Philosophy*, *Law and Philosophy*, *Journal of Social Ontology*, *Yale Law Journal*, *Legal Theory*, *British Journal of Political Science*.

Book refereeing: *Oxford University Press* (x2), *Routledge*, *Maize Books* (Michigan Publishing, University of Michigan).

Conference refereeing: Chapel Hill Normativity Workshop, Madison Metaethics Workshop, St Louis Annual Conference on Reasons and Rationality.

Workshops and Speaker Series

Co-organizer, Northeast Normativity Workshop	5/2022
Co-organizer, Constitutional Law and Jurisprudence Workshop, Dartmouth	10/2021 (postponed)
Co-organizer, Diversifying the Canon, Princeton	2/2016
Co-organizer, Varieties of Normativity Workshop, Princeton	11/2014
Co-Organizer, Princeton Workshop in Normative Philosophy, Princeton	2012-2014
Co-organizer, Princeton-Michigan Metaethics Workshop (x2)	9/2013, 9/2014
Co-organizer, CRNAP Graduate Philosophy Conference	6/2013
Co-organizer, Princeton-Humboldt Graduate Philosophy Conference	8/2012

Departmental Service & University Programs

Director, Penn Prison Project, University of Pennsylvania	2021-
Penn Departmental Representative, The Greater Philadelphia Philosophy Consortium	2021-2023
Member, Senate Executive Committee, University of Pennsylvania	2021-
Chair, Committee for Law and Philosophy, Dept. of Philosophy, U. of Pennsylvania	2021-
Member, Admissions Committee, Dept. of Philosophy, U. of Pennsylvania	2021-2022

Member, Faculty Senate Committee on Academic Freedom and Responsibility, U. Pennsylvania	2021-
Associate Director, Institute for Law and Philosophy, University of Pennsylvania	2020-
Penn Fulbright Faculty Committee, University of Pennsylvania	2020-2024
Philosophy & Public Engagement Committee, Dept. of Philosophy, U. of Pennsylvania	2020-2021
Philosophy Essay Prize Committee, Dept. of Philosophy, U. of Pennsylvania	2020-2021
Forum for Philosophy, Ethics, and Public Affairs, Dept. of Philosophy, U. of Pennsylvania	2019-2020
Law and Philosophy Committee, Dept. of Philosophy, U. of Pennsylvania	2019-2020
Faculty Senator, Virginia Tech	2018-2019
Philosophy Department Colloquium Organizer, Virginia Tech	2018-2019
College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences Council Member, Virginia Tech	2018-2019
Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies Member, Virginia Tech	2018-2019
Minorities and Philosophy Faculty Advisor, Virginia Tech	2016-2019
Co-organizer, Professional Development Seminar, Virginia Tech	2017-2018
Co-organizer, Minorities and Philosophy, Princeton	2014-2016
Co-Organizer, Giving What We Can, Princeton	2013-2015

Miscellaneous

PeaSoup <i>Ethics</i> Reviews Editor	2018-2020
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