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PRESENT POSITION

- September 2019 – Present **Strategic Lecturer in Law, Queen Mary, University of London.** Teaching and co-convening Jurisprudence & Legal Theory; Fellow of the Institute for Humanities and Social Sciences

The Strategic Lectureship entails a teaching discount of up to 75% and a reduced administrative load for the first 3 years.

PREVIOUS TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- September 2018 – August 2019 **Lecturer in Law, University of Birmingham.** Teaching Public Law, Legal Theory, Comparative Public Law, Human Rights and Criminal Justice, and Law in Action (public law stream).
 - 2017– 2018 Supervisor in LLM graduate workshops in Civil Liberties and Human Rights course, Religious Freedom workshops, **Law Faculty, University of Cambridge**
 - July – August 2017 and 2018 Lecturer in Human Rights Law, **Pembroke-King's Programme, Cambridge**
 - 2016 – 2017 Supervisor in EU Law, **Corpus Christi College, Cambridge**
 - July – August 2016 Lecturer in Tort and Criminal Law, Research Supervisor in Constitutional and Administrative Law, **Pembroke-King's Programme, Cambridge**
 - 2012 – 2013 Visiting Lecturer in Public Law, **University of Birmingham**
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EDUCATION

- October 2015 – September 2018 (viva on 31/10/18) **PhD in Law (AHRC DTP Scholar), University of Cambridge, Faculty of Law, Fitzwilliam College,** Passed without Corrections.
Thesis Title: 'A General Legal Right to Conscientious Exemption: Beyond Religious Privilege'.
Supervisors: David Feldman QC; TRS Allan (advisor).
Examiners: Prof Robert Wintemute; Dr Sophie Turenne.
- September 2016 **Visiting Research Fellow, Yale Law School, The Orville H. Schell, Jr. Center for International Human Rights.**
- 2011 – 2012 **Master of Jurisprudence (master's degree by research; full scholarship), Durham University,** Passed without Corrections.
Thesis Title: 'Making Sense of the Disagreements about the Nature of Law: The Puzzles of Normativity and Human Autonomy' (45,000 words). Supervisors: Deryck Beyleveld (primary); Gavin Phillipson.
- 2007 – 2010 **LLB Degree in Law, University of Birmingham, 1st Class.**

GRANTS, AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

- Secured a Fulbright Fellowship and an IHSS Distinguished Fellowship to enable Professor Robin Wilson to visit Queen Mary, University of London (paused due to the pandemic).
- BRIDGE Seed Fund (£8,000) for 'Religious Freedom and Sexual Orientation Discrimination: Can the Law Enforce Mere Civility?'
- Modern Law Review Seminar Series funding (£1,750) for the conference 'Religious Freedom and Sexual Orientation Discrimination: Can the Law Enforce Mere Civility?'
- £2,500 from CRASSH + £2,600 from the Centre for Public Law and the Morrell Centre for Toleration for the conference 'Toleration and Religious Freedom in the Early Modern and Contemporary World'.
- Fitzwilliam College Senior Scholarship (£300).
- Santander Scholarship (£500).
- Graduate Tutors' Fund, Fitzwilliam College (£800).
- Cambridge AHRC Partnership (DTP) Scholarship (PhD fees + £14,057 stipend per year for 3 years).
- Dickson Poon (Postgraduate) Scholarship (PhD fees + £20,000 stipend per year for 3 years) (declined).
- University College Employability Scholarship (£250) by University College, Durham and a research grant (£625) by Durham Law School to fund an internship at the Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law.
- Full scholarship (full fees and stipend - total value £11,000 from Durham Law School for MJur studies).
- Sir Henry Barber Scholarship (£100) by Birmingham Law School for being one of the four students to graduate with a 1st class degree in the academic year 2009/2010.
- St. Phillips Chambers Prize (£1,000) by Birmingham Law School for obtaining one of the three highest exam averages in the academic year 2008/2009.

RESEARCH WORK EXPERIENCE

- March 2016 Research Assistant, project on human rights promises in the manifestos of UK political parties, **British Academy**
- April 2013 – July 2013 Consultant, project on judicial independence in Commonwealth countries, **Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law**
- February 2012 – September 2012 Research Assistant, **UK Commission on a Bill of Rights**
- October 2011 – June 2012 Research Assistant, **Durham Law School**
- June 2011 – October 2011 Intern, project on The Politics of Judicial Independence, **UCL Constitution Unit**

ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE

- Queen Mary, University of London: Course Co-Convenor for Jurisprudence and Legal Theory; Member of the Research Ethics Committee; Personal Tutor.
- University of Birmingham: Personal tutor; Member of the Extenuating Circumstances Panel; Staff Liaison Contact.
- Convenor of the Modern Law Review workshop 'Religious Freedom and Sexual Orientation Discrimination: Can the Law Enforce Mere Civility?' (April 2019) (obtained £9,750 total funding).

- Co-Convenor of the conference ‘Toleration and Religious Freedom in the Early Modern and Contemporary World: An Interdisciplinary Conversation’ (March 2019) (obtained £5,100 total funding).
- Chair (2016/2017) and then Co-Chair of the Cambridge Pro Bono Project (2017/2018).
- Convenor of the Conscience Conference: Exempting Conscientious Beliefs in UK Law (June 2017) (obtained £1,400 funding).
- Co-convenor of the Cambridge Doctoral Workshop in Legal Theory 2016.
- Editor (2015/2017) and then Managing Editor of the Cambridge International Law Journal (2016/2017).

PUBLICATIONS

Monograph

- ‘A General Right to Conscientious Exemption: Beyond Religious Privilege’ (Cambridge University Press, 2020).

Monograph in Preparation

- ‘Sentientist Constitutionalism’ (with Dr Raffael Fasel)

Edited Volumes

- ‘From Toleration to Religious Freedom: Cross-Disciplinary Perspectives’ (co-edited with Marietta Van Der Tol, Carys Brown and Emily Kempson) (Peter Lang Publishing, forthcoming 2021).
- ‘Religious Beliefs and Conscientious Exemptions in a Liberal State’ (sole editor) (Hart Publishing, June 2019).

Special Journal Issue

- ‘Conflicts between Religious Freedom and Sexual Orientation Non-Discrimination: Should “Mere Civility” Suffice?’ (sole guest editor) [2020] (2) *Oxford Journal of Law and Religion*.

Journal Articles

- ‘The Rule of Law for All Sentient Animals’ (2022) (1) *Canadian Journal of Law & Jurisprudence* (accepted – forthcoming in 2022)
- Editorial of ‘Conflicts between Religious Freedom and Sexual Orientation Non-Discrimination: Should “Mere Civility” Suffice?’ [2020] *Oxford Journal of Law and Religion* 229–237.
- ‘Protecting Solitary Beliefs against Indirect Discrimination’ [2020] *Industrial Law Journal* (available in advance access).
- ‘Conscientious Exemptions: From Toleration to Neutrality; From Neutrality to Respect’ [2017] *Oxford Journal of Law and Religion* 6(2), 268-292.
- ‘A Conscience-Based Human Right to be “Doctor Death”’ [2016] *Public Law* 613, 613-630.
- ‘The BMA’s Guidance on Conscientious Objection May be Contrary to Human Rights Law’ [2017] *Journal of Medical Ethics* 43(4), 260-263 (special JME issue ‘Conscientious Objections’).
- ‘SAS v France: Fidelity to Law and Conscience’ [2015] (1) *European Human Rights Law Review*, 78-86.

Journal Articles in Preparation

- ‘Constitutional Rights for All Sentient Animals’

- ‘A Genealogy of Religious Freedom: Between Liberalism and Political Theology’

Book Chapters

- ‘Introduction’ in ‘From Toleration to Religious Freedom: Cross-Disciplinary Perspectives’ (co-editor) (Peter Lang Publishing, forthcoming 2021).
- ‘Introduction’ in J. Adenitire (ed.), *Religious Beliefs and Conscientious Exemptions in a Liberal State* (Hart Publishing, June 2019).
- ‘Who Should Give Effect to Conscientious Exemptions? The Case for Institutional Synergy’ in J. Adenitire (ed.), *Religious Beliefs and Conscientious Exemptions in a Liberal State* (Hart Publishing, June 2019).
- ‘Conscientious Exemptions in a Liberal State’ in J. Adenitire (ed.), *Religious Beliefs and Conscientious Exemptions in a Liberal State* (Hart Publishing, June 2019).

Case Comments

- ‘Ideological Neutrality in the Workplace’ [2018] *Modern Law Review* 81(2), 337–360 (co-authored with Zoe Adams).
- ‘Has the ECHR Recognised a Legal Right to Glance at a Smile?’ [2015] *Law Quarterly Review* 131 (Jan), 43-48.

Review Essays

- Review essay of A. Cochrane, *Sentientist Politics* (OUP 2018) [2019] *Jurisprudence* 10(3), 588-596.
- ‘The Irrelevance of Religion’ [2017] *Jurisprudence* 8(2), 405-414.
- ‘Between Institutional and Moral Discourse: On Alexy’s Legal Philosophy’ [2013] *Jurisprudence* 4(2), 358-364.

Book Reviews and Reports

- Book review of T. Poole, *Reason of State* (CUP 2015) [2016] *Cambridge Law Journal* 75(3), 620-623.
- (Contributed to legal analysis of Commonwealth jurisdictions) J. van Zyl Smit ‘The Appointment, Tenure and Removal of Judges under Commonwealth Principles: A Compendium and Analysis of Best Practice’ (Report of Research Undertaken by Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law) (July 2015) (**Cited by the Indian Supreme Court in *Supreme Court Advocates-on-Record Ass’n v. Union of India* (2016) 4 SCC 1, at n 531**).
- Book review of R. Masterman and I. Leigh (eds.), *The United Kingdom’s Statutory Bill of Rights* (UOP/British Academy 2013) [2014] *Public Law* 591, 591-595.
- Book review of K. Möller, *The Global Model of Constitutional Rights* (OUP 2012) [2014] *Human Rights Law Review* 14(1), 159-164.
- (Co-author) ‘Deestoori Ambassadors and Guides Manual’ (Training manual for public engagement in the drafting of a new constitution for Libya) [2012] (Project by the Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law; used by Lawyers For Justice in Libya; Printed by White & Case LLP).
- ‘Judicial Independence in Europe: The Swedish, Italian and German Perspectives’ (20,000 words research note) [2012] UCL Constitution Unit, The Politics of Judicial Independence project website (**Translated into Bulgarian and available at <http://www.sadebnopravo.bg/biblioteka/2016/6/17/->**).

Legal Blogging

- ‘[A Legal Right to Break the Law](#)’ IHSS website (19 January 2021).

- [‘Exiting the EU Constitutionally’](#) UK Constitutional Law Blog (9th Nov 2016). Presented as a public lecture at Middlesex School of Law on 5 December 2016.
 - [‘The Executive Cannot Abrogate Fundamental Rights without Specific Parliamentary Mandate – The Implications of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights for Triggering Art 50’](#) UK Constitutional Law Blog (21st July 2016). **Cited by the House of Lords Select Committee on the Constitution in ‘The Invoking of Article 50’ 4th Report of Session 2016-17.**
 - [‘Nurses cannot be Good Catholics’](#) Journal of Medical Ethics Blog (31 March 2016).
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CONFERENCE PAPERS (selection)

- ‘Constitutional Rights for all Animals’ (Invited paper presented at the QMUL Early Career Researchers’ Workshop – 19 February 2021).
 - Invited panellist to the Royal Irish Academy conference ‘How Should a Liberal Democracy React to Conscientious Objection Claims?’ (11 February 2021).
 - ‘Religious Freedom and Gay Rights: Not a Zero-Sum Game’ (Invited paper at the Inclusive Midwest Initiative, Chicago – 22 August 2019).
 - ‘The Culture War between Freedom of Conscience and the Right to Sexual Orientation Non-Discrimination: the Futility of Toleration’ (Invited paper at the Morrell Centre Workshop ‘A Tolerant Society?’ 20-21 September 2018).
 - Research seminar on Chapter 1 of R. Dworkin, *Religion without God* (HUP 2013) (Cambridge Forum for Legal and Political Philosophy Monthly Seminar, 24 November 2017).
 - ‘The Irrelevance of Religion’ (Research seminar at Yale Law School, 20 September 2016).
 - ‘Nehushtan’s Unsuccessful Attack on the Liberal Model of Conscientious Exemptions’ (Invited panellist member on book symposium, Law and Religion Scholars Network annual conference, Cardiff, 5 May 2016).
 - ‘Three Institutional Schemes for Dealing with Conscientious Objectors to Celebrating Same-Sex Marriages’ (Cambridge Law Faculty, PhD Seminar Series, 1 December 2015).
 - ‘The Instrumental Principles of the Rule of Law in Contemporary Pluralistic Societies’ (Society of Legal Scholars Annual Conference, Jurisprudence section, Nottingham 2014).
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