

Daniel Burkett

Curriculum Vitae

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AREAS OF SPECIALISATION

Applied Ethics (esp. Environmental Ethics and the Ethics of Punishment), Social and Political Philosophy

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Philosophy of Law, Philosophy of Art, Philosophy of Time

EMPLOYMENT

Binghamton University (Binghamton, NY)	
Lecturer, Department of Philosophy	2023 - present
Graceland University (Lamoni, IA)	
Adjunct Lecturer, Philosophy	2022 - 2023
University of New South Wales (Sydney, Australia)	
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Practical Justice Initiative	2019 - 2021

EDUCATION

Rice University, Houston, TX	
PH.D. in Philosophy	2018
M.A. in Philosophy	2014
Victoria University of Wellington (VUW), New Zealand	
M.A. (with Distinction) in Philosophy	2013
B.A. HONS. (First Class) in Philosophy	2011
B.A. in Philosophy	2010
LL.B. (Bachelor of Laws) [including admission to the Bar in New Zealand]	2010

DISSERTATION

Title: *Punishment by Agreement – A Contract-Based Argument for the Moral Permissibility of Punishment*
Committee: Prof. George Sher (Advisor), Prof. Gwen Bradford, Prof. Baruch Brody, Prof. Christian Emden

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- “Punishment by Agreement – A Contract-Based Argument for the Moral Permissibility of Punishment”, in M. Blake Wilson (ed.), *Philosophical Perspectives on Crime, Violence, and Justice* (Trivent Publishing, 2024).
- “Let’s Be Rational – A ‘Fair Share’ Approach to Individual Carbon Emissions”, in Fausto Corvino and Tiziana Andina (eds.), *Global Climate Justice: Theory and Practice* (E-International Relations Publishing, 2023).
- “A Legacy of Harm? – Climate Change and The Carbon Cost of Procreation”, *The Journal of Applied Philosophy* Vol. 38(5), pp. 790-808 (2021).
- Social Justice and the Future of Fire Insurance in Australia*, Practical Justice Initiative, UNSW (2020) ISBN: 978-0-7334-3923-0 (with Jeremy Moss).
- “The Fallacy of Oversimplification” in Robert Arp (ed.), *Bad Arguments: 100 of the Most Important Fallacies in Western Philosophy* (Blackwell Publishing Ltd., 2018).
- “One Song, Many Works – A Pluralist Ontology of Rock”, *Contemporary Aesthetics*, Vol. 13 (2015).

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- "Blame by Agreement – A Contractarian Theory of Blame and Blameworthiness" [currently under review by *The Journal of Moral Philosophy*].
- "How Many is Too Many? - A Rational Approach to Procreation in a Time of Climate Crisis" [preparing for submission to *The Journal of Applied Philosophy*].
- "Intergenerational Justice by Agreement - A Contract-Based Argument for Our Climate Obligations to Future Generations".
- "When Does Execution Harm the Offender?".
- "All Works and No Play - Arguing for an Aesthetics of Toys Beyond 'Art Toys'".

PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- "Punishment by Agreement – A Contract-Based Argument for the Moral Permissibility of Punishment", Society for Applied Philosophy Annual Conference, July 2021.
- "Punishment by Agreement – A Contract-Based Argument for the Moral Permissibility of Punishment", Great Lakes Philosophy Conference – Ethics in Action, April 2021.
- "Let's Be Rational – A 'Fair Share' Approach to Individual Carbon Emissions", Georgia Philosophical Society Online Conference on Philosophical Perspectives on Contemporary Problems, March 2021.
- "A Legacy of Harm – Climate Change and the Carbon Cost of Procreation", Climate Futures Initiative Summer Online Workshop, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, August 2020.
- "Relations, Cooperation, and the Problem of the Stranger", New Zealand Association of Philosophy Annual Meeting, Waikato University, New Zealand, November 2016.
- "Relations, Cooperation, and the Problem of the Stranger", American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, St. Louis, MO, February 2015.
- "Freedom, Foreknowledge, and Flux Capacitors – How Time Travel Can Provide a Solution to the Problem of Divine Foreknowledge", Religious Studies at 50 Conference, University of Leeds, June 2014 [accepted, but not presented].
- "As Luck Would Have It – Insurance as a Link Between Brute Luck and Option Luck", Gateway Graduate Conference, University of Missouri, St. Louis, MO, March 2014.
- "As Luck Would Have It – Insurance as a Link Between Brute Luck and Option Luck", North Carolina Philosophical Society Meeting at University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC, February 2014.
- "Avoiding the Subject – Why Hedonism and Desire Satisfactionism are Not Truly Subjective Theories of Welfare", South Carolina Society for Philosophy Conference at Furman University, Greenville, SC, February 2014.
- "As Luck Would Have It – Insurance as a Link Between Brute Luck and Option Luck", Central States Philosophical Association Conference at Oklahoma State University, Tulsa, OK, October 2013.
- "As Luck Would Have It – Insurance as a Link Between Brute Luck and Option Luck", Northwest Philosophy Conference at Pacific University, Forest Grove, OR, October 2013 [accepted, but not presented].
- "One Song, Many Works – A Pluralist Ontology of Rock", American Society for Aesthetics Annual Conference, St. Louis, MO, October 2012.

OTHER PRESENTATIONS

- “How Many Is Too Many? – A Rational Approach to Procreation in a Time of Climate Crisis”, Binghamton University Philosophy Department Colloquium, November 2023.
- “Let’s Be Rational – A ‘Fair Share’ Approach to Individual Carbon Emissions”, University of New South Wales Seminar Series, October 2019.
- “Punishment by Agreement – A Contract-Based Argument for the Moral Permissibility of Punishment”, Rice University Work-in-Progress Seminar Series, July 2018.
- “Relations, Cooperation, and the Problem of the Stranger”, Rice University Work-in-Progress Seminar Series, September 2016.
- “Making and Changing Ethical Decisions”, Wellington Humanist Society Meeting, May 2015.
- “As Luck Would Have It – Insurance as a Link Between Brute Luck and Option Luck”, Rice University Work-in-Progress Seminar Series, September 2013
- “One Song, Many Works – A Pluralist Ontology of Rock”, Victoria University of Wellington Student Seminar Series, June 2012.
- “Conceiving of Time Travel Fictions – A ‘Novel’ Argument for the Possibility of Time Travel”, Victoria University of Wellington Student Seminar Series, June 2011.
- “Outatime – Objecting to the Logical Possibility of Time Travel”, Victoria University of Wellington Student Seminar Series, October 2010.

SELECTED PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY

- “Korea, Climate Change, and Intergenerational Justice”, *The Prindle Post*, May 29 2024, <https://www.prindleinstitute.org/2024/05/korea-climate-change-and-intergenerational-justice/>.
- “Smoking and Limitations on Liberty”, *The Prindle Post*, December 8 2023, <https://www.prindleinstitute.org/2023/12/smoking-and-limitations-on-liberty/>.
- “The Painful Truth About Insects”, *The Prindle Post*, October 3 2022, <https://www.prindleinstitute.org/2022/10/the-painful-truth-about-insects/>.
- “Climate Change and the Defence of Ignorance”, *The Prindle Post*, September 2 2022, <https://www.prindleinstitute.org/2022/09/climate-change-and-the-defense-of-ignorance/>.
- “Insurance, Natural Disasters, and the Relevance of Luck”, *The Prindle Post*, July 21 2022, <https://www.prindleinstitute.org/2022/07/insurance-natural-disasters-and-the-relevance-of-luck/>.
- “The Worst Thing You Can Do for Climate Change”, *The Prindle Post*, September 8, 2021, <https://www.prindleinstitute.org/2021/09/the-worst-thing-you-can-do-for-climate-change/>.
- “Why Trivial Contributions to the Climate Crisis Still Count”, *The Prindle Post*, August 12, 2021, <https://www.prindleinstitute.org/2021/08/why-trivial-contributions-to-the-climate-crisis-still-count/>.
- “A Fair-Share Approach to Individual Carbon Emissions”, *Climate Justice*, September 16, 2019, <https://climatejustice.co/articles/a-fair-share-approach-to-individual-carbon-emissions/>.
- “The Relevance of Choice in a Just Transition”, *Climate Justice*, September 16, 2019, <https://climatejustice.co/articles/the-relevance-of-choice-in-a-just-transition/>.
- “Mindless Philosophers and Overweight Globes of Grease – Are Droids Capable of Thought?” in Jason T. Eberl & Kevin S. Decker (eds.), *The Ultimate Star Wars and Philosophy* (Malden: Wiley Blackwell, 2016), pp. 221-239.
- “Brainwashed Brody’s Freedom” in Robert Arp (ed.), *Homeland and Philosophy* (Chicago: Open Court Publishing, 2014), pp. 57-66.
- “On Becoming Your Own Grandfather” in Courtland Lewis and Shaun P. Young (eds.), *Futurama and Philosophy* (Chicago: Open Court Publishing, 2013), pp. 139-158.

TEACHING AS INSTRUCTOR-OF-RECORD

PHIL345 – <i>Philosophy of Law</i>	Binghamton University	2024
PHIL380 – <i>Contemporary Aesthetics</i>	Binghamton University	2024
PHIL456 – <i>Applied Issues in Climate Justice</i>	Binghamton University	2023, 2024
PHIL456 – <i>The Morality and Legality of Death</i>	Binghamton University	2023, 2024
PHIL456 – <i>The Problem of Punishment</i>	Binghamton University	2023
PHIL2420 – <i>World Philosophy</i>	Graceland University	2023
PHIL2440 – <i>Social Dimensions of Equality</i>	Graceland University	2023
PHIL1100 – <i>Philosophy of Death and Dying</i>	Graceland University	2022
PHIL1200 – <i>Environmental Ethics</i>	Graceland University	2022
PHIL2340 – <i>Finding Peace in Identity</i>	Graceland University	2022
ARTS2375 – <i>Philosophical Logic</i>	UNSW	2021
ARTS2383 – <i>Ethics: Theory and Practice</i>	UNSW	2020, 2021
PHIL101 – <i>Contemporary Moral Issues</i>	Rice University	2018
<i>More Disputed Moral Issues</i>	VUW Continuing Education	2016
<i>Disputed Moral Issues</i>	VUW Continuing Education	2015
<i>Persons in Time</i>	VUW Continuing Education	2014, 2015
<i>What Are We? The Nature of Existence</i>	VUW Continuing Education	2012

TEACHING AS CO-INSTRUCTOR

ARTS3377 – <i>Advanced Topics in Political Philosophy</i>	UNSW	2021
ARTS2383 – <i>Ethics: Theory and Practice</i>	UNSW	2019
PHIL105 – <i>The Big Questions</i>	VUW	2016
PHIL104 – <i>Knowledge and Reality</i>	VUW	2013
PHIL310 – <i>Art and Popular Culture</i>	VUW	2012
PHIL104 – <i>Knowledge and Reality</i>	VUW	2012

TEACHING AS A TEACHING ASSISTANT

ARTS 1360 – <i>Truth and Human Existence</i>	UNSW	2020
PHIL 103 – <i>Philosophy of Cognitive Science</i>	Rice University	2014
PHIL 101 – <i>Contemporary Moral Issues</i>	Rice University	2013
PHIL 104 – <i>Knowledge and Reality</i>	VUW	2012
PHIL 105 – <i>The Big Questions</i>	VUW	2011
PHIL 104 – <i>Argument and Analysis</i>	VUW	2011
PHIL 105 – <i>The Big Questions</i>	VUW	2010
LEGL114 – <i>Introduction to the Legal System</i>	VUW	2010
LEGL114 – <i>Introduction to the Legal System</i>	VUW	2009

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Binghamton University Career Champion	2024
Graduate Student Travel Stipend, APA Central Division Meeting	2015
Rice University Philosophy Department Summer Research Grant	2013, 2014, 2015
Fletcher Building Employee Educational Fund Tertiary Scholarship	2009, 2010, 2011
Victoria University of Wellington Graduate Award	2010
Taranaki Scholarship Trust Award	2005

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Philosophical Association	2013 - present
American Society for Aesthetics	2012 - 2014

SERVICE

International Tertiary School Ethics Olympiad Judge	2022 - present
<i>Prindle Post</i> Author	2021 - present
International Senior School Ethics Olympiad Host and Judge	2021 - present
International Junior School Ethics Olympiad Host and Judge	2021 - present
International Middle School Ethics Olympiad Host and Judge	2020 - present
<i>Utilitas</i> Journal Referee	2021
Houston High School Ethics Bowl Judge	2014
Victoria University of Wellington Law Students' Society Mentor	2010