

- Curriculum Vitae -

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Areas of Specialization

- Philosophy of action (broadly construed)
- Metaethics
- Normative ethics

Areas of Competence

- Political philosophy
 - Epistemology
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Employment

- Teaching Fellow (in philosophy of social science), Durham University, 2019-2020.
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Education

- PhD: University of Leeds, 2015-2019.

Thesis: *The Constitution of Constitutivism* (passed with no corrections)

Supervisors: Prof. Pekka Väyrynen (primary), Dr. Daniel Elstein (secondary)

I spent summer term 2017 as a visiting researcher at Humboldt University, Berlin.

- MA: Practical philosophy, University of Gothenburg, 2009-2014, w. distinction.
 - BA: Practical philosophy, University of Gothenburg, 2008-2012, w. distinction.
 - BS: Political science (secondary specialization: economics), University of Gothenburg, 2008-2012, w. distinction.
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Publications

Journal Articles

- Leffler, Olof (2019). "New Shmagency Worries", in *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*, Vol. 15, No. 2, pp. 121-145.

- Leffler, Olof (2016a). “The Foundations of Agency – and Ethics?”, in *Philosophia*, Vol. 44, No. 2, pp. 547-563.

Book Chapters

- Leffler, Olof (forthcoming). “Reasons Internalism, Cooperation, and Law”, in Garcia, Miguel; Mellin, Rachael & Tuomela, Raimo (eds.). *Social Ontology, Normativity, and Law*. De Gruyter, GER, [further information not yet available.]
- Leffler, Olof (2014). “Om rättfärdigandereflektion” (“On Justification by Reflection”), in Alarcon, Meri; Amundsen Bergström, Matilda; Kaveh, Tanja & Pettersen, Andrea Vilde (eds.). *Meningens motstånd*, Göteborgs universitet: Institutionen för litteratur, idéhistoria och religion, SWE, pp. 35-39.

Book Reviews

- Leffler, Olof (2018). “Recension av *Social Contract Theory for a Diverse World – Beyond Tolerance* (Ryan Muldoon)” (“Review of *Social Contract Theory for a Diverse World – Beyond Tolerance* (Ryan Muldoon)”, in *Tidskrift för Politisk Filosofi*, Vol. 22, No. 1, pp. 46-51.
- Leffler, Olof (2016b). “Recension av *From Morality to the End of Reason* (Ingmar Persson)” (“Review of *From Morality to the End of Reason* (Ingmar Persson)”), in *Filosofisk Tidskrift*, No. 1, pp. 60-62.

Work in Progress

- Leffler, Olof (ms.). “Constitutivism and the Reappearing Agent”, submitted.
- Leffler, Olof (ms.). “How Simple is the Humean Theory of Motivation?”, in progress.
- Leffler, Olof (ms.). “Weird Reasons”, in progress.
- Leffler, Olof (ms.). “Means-Beliefs and Another Aim of Agency”, in progress.

Presentations (selected)

Talks

- “Humean Actions, Humean Agency”, at SELF: Theoretical Approaches to Subjectivity, Personhood, and Agency, 4-6/5 2020, University of Helsinki, peer-reviewed.
- “Four Cases of Desire-Based Reasons”, at Understanding Value VIII, University of Sheffield, 25/7 2019, peer reviewed.
- “Reasons Internalism, Cooperation, and Institutions”, at Social Ontology, Normativity and Philosophy of Law, University of Glasgow, 31/5 2019, invited.
- “Instrumental Rationality and the Argument Against Particularistic Willing”, at Future of Normativity, University of Kent, 30/6 2018, peer reviewed; Understanding Value VII, University of Sheffield, 18/7 2018, peer reviewed; Irish Philosophical Society Annual Conference 2018, University College Dublin, 10/11 2018, peer reviewed.
- “The Virtues of the Humean Theory of Motivation”, at the European Congress of Analytic Philosophy, Ludwig Maximilians-Universität Munich, 24/8 2017, peer-reviewed; Humeanisms, 2nd Bucharest-Budapest Workshop in Philosophy, Hungarian Academy of Sciences (Institute of Philosophy), 29/7 2018, peer reviewed.
- “New Schmagency Worries”, at Thomas Schmidt’s Colloquium, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, 18/5 2017.

- “What We Learn from the Schmagency Objection” at the White Rose Philosophy Postgraduate Forum, York meeting, 18/6 2016; Understanding Value V, University of Sheffield, 29/7 2016, peer reviewed.
 - “Categorical Normativity and Bottom-Up Solutions”, at Filosofidagarna, Swedish Congress of Philosophy, Linköping, 13/6 2015, peer reviewed.
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Teaching

Durham

At Durham, I am wholly or partially responsible for the following modules and dissertations. I am also lecturing, marking and leading seminars on the modules.

- Science, Medicine, and Society
Comment: First-year module introducing philosophy and history of science. Responsible for one (out of four) subsections of the module.
- Philosophy of Economics and Politics
Comment: Second-year module introducing the philosophy of economics in depth, as well as topics in political philosophy. Responsible for the second half of the module.
- Philosophy of the Social Sciences
Comment: MA-level module based on seminars and longer student projects in the philosophy of social science. Responsible for the full module.
- BA Dissertation Supervisor
Comment: Supervisor of three BA students.

Leeds

During my PhD, I was a TA on the following modules. This work included tutoring, marking, lecturing, holding office hours, etc, in various amounts and degrees on the various modules.

First-Year Modules

- The Mind, 2019.
- Knowledge, Self and Reality, 2018.
- The Good, the Bad, the Right, the Wrong, 2017; 2019.
- How to Think Clearly and Argue Well, 2017.
- Great Philosophical Thinkers, 2016; 2018; 2019.

Upper-Year Modules

- Philosophy of Mind, 2nd year module, 2019.
- War, Terror and Justice, 3rd year module, 2019.
- Ethics of Life and Death, 2nd year module, 2019.
- Metaethics, 3rd year module, 2018.
- Topics in Epistemology: Knowledge and Justification, 2nd year module, 2017.

Mentoring

- Mentor of two outstanding third-year undergraduate student in the Faculty of Humanities, University of Leeds, 2018-2019.

- Mentor of introductory level students in practical philosophy at the University of Gothenburg, 2011-2013.
- Mentor/discussion group organizer for upper-year students in practical and theoretical philosophy at the University of Gothenburg on an *ad hoc* basis, 2011; 2014.

Further Qualifications

- Associate Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (AFHEA), 2018.
 - MA studies include a module on teaching in higher education, covering topics such as module construction, constructive alignment, the epistemology of teaching, 2012.
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Administration

Organization

- Organizer of the conference *Morality and Rationality Revisited* (with David Heering and Adina Covaci), University of Leeds, 2018.
Comment: Included practicalities such as scheduling, peer reviewing abstracts, and applying for funding.
- Leeds representative in the White Rose Philosophy Postgraduate Forum, 2018.
Comment: Included disseminating information about the activities, scheduling, peer reviewing, and sorting out reimbursement claims.
- Graduate representative in the organization of the department-wide general philosophy seminar for the academic years, University of Leeds, 2017-2018; 2018-2019.
- Leeds representative in the organization of the conference *Understanding Value VI* (with James Lewis, Ahmad Fattah, Rosa Vince, and William Hornett), University of Sheffield, 2017.
Comment: Included co-applying for funding, assessing abstracts, chairing sessions, and various practical details surrounding the conference.
- Organizer of the Postgraduate Seminar (with David Heering), University of Leeds, 2016-2017.
- Organizer of a philosophy of action reading group, University of Leeds, 2016-2018.
- Organizer of the Gothenburg-Lund exchange, University of Gothenburg, 2013-2014.
- Mentorship program coordinator, University of Gothenburg, 2013-2015.

Funding Received

- *Morality and Rationality Revisited*: Minor grants received from the Centre for Ethics and Metaethics and the School of PRHS at the University of Leeds, Mind, The Analysis Trust, and the Aristotelian Society, 2018.
- Anérstiftelsen: 40 000 kr (ca £3500) to cover expenses during my 4th PhD year, 2018.
- *Understanding Value VI*: Minor grants received from the White Rose College of the Arts & Humanities, the Analysis Trust, and the British Society of Aesthetics, 2017.
- Erasmus+: Covering expenses when staying at Humboldt in summer term 2017, 2016.
- University of Leeds 110th Anniversary Scholarship: Covering fees and maintenance for the duration of my PhD, 2015.

Miscellaneous Administration

- Member of the Research Committee, Durham University, 2020.

- Exam Scrutinizer, Durham University, 2020.
 - Member of the MAP chapter, University of Leeds, 2018-2019.
 - Instructor of new postgraduate tutors at PRHS, University of Leeds, 2018; 2019.
 - Student representative during a hiring process at PRHS, University of Leeds, 2018.
 - Actively involved in steering the CEM group's research activities at various meetings, University of Leeds.
 - Outreach work for the Mangoletsi Lectures (by Rae Langton), University of Leeds, 2016.
 - Index writer for the Motivational Internalism volume from the Moral Motivation: Evidence and Relevance research project, University of Gothenburg, 2014.
 - Assistant at Filosofidagarna 2011 (viz. The Swedish Congress of Philosophy 2011), University of Gothenburg, 2011.
 - Board member of the Philosophical Society, University of Gothenburg, 2009-2013.
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Miscellaneous

Academia

- Peer reviewer for: *dialectica*, *Journal of Value Inquiry*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, as well as several conferences.
- Participant in CRASSH, Interdisciplinary Conference/Workshop in Moral Psychology, University of Cambridge, 9/10 2015.
- Non-academic presentations about academic topics include:
 - “TBA” at the Oxford Philosophy Society, XX/XX 2020, invited.
 - “Public Reasons and Normative Reasons” for the network organization Rosa Rummet, University of Gothenburg, 10/11 2014, invited.
 - “Epistemisk rättfärdigandereflektion” (“Reflecting on Epistemic Justification”) for academic mentors, University of Gothenburg, 22/10 2014, in the capacity as organizer.

Languages

- Swedish (native)
 - English (excellent)
 - Norwegian and Danish (fair comprehension, via speaking Swedish)
 - French and German (basic)
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Academic References

- Available on request.