

Curriculum Vitae

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Areas of Specialization

- Metaethics, normative ethics, philosophy of action.

Areas of Competence

- Political philosophy, philosophy of social science, epistemology.
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Employment

- Teaching Fellow (in ethics), Durham University, 2020-.
 - Teaching Fellow (in philosophy of social science), Durham University, 2019-2020.
 - Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Leeds, 2016-2019.
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Education

- PhD: University of Leeds, 2015-2019.

Thesis: *The Constitution of Constitutivism* (passed without corrections).

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

I spent summer term 2017 as a visiting doctoral 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.
 - BSc: 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 (2020). “Reasons Internalism, Cooperation, and Law”, in Garcia-Godinez, Miguel; Mellin, Rachael & Tuomela, Raimo (eds.). *Social Ontology, Normativity and Law*. De Gruyter, GER: Berlin, pp. 115-132.
- 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 (2016*b*). “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.a). “Constitutivism and the Reappearing Agent”, submitted.
- Leffler, Olof (ms.b). “How Simple is the Humean Theory of Motivation?”, submitted.
- Leffler, Olof (ms.c). “Weird Reasons”, submitted.
- Leffler, Olof (ms.d). “A Reason to Know”, submitted.
- Leffler, Olof (ms.e). “Contingencies for Metaethical Humanists”, in progress.

Presentations (selected)

- “A Reason to Know”, at The Unity of Normativity – 1st FoNTi Conference, Universität Wien, 25/9 2020, peer-reviewed.
- “Weird Reasons”, at the Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association, University of Kent, 10-12/7 2020, 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 ECAP9, Ludwig Maximilians–Universität Munich, 24/8 2017, peer-reviewed; Humeanisms, 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, invited (*qua* visiting doctoral researcher).
- “What We Learn from the Schmagency Objection” at 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

Since December 2019, I have been lecturing, marking, moderating, leading seminars, holding office hours, and supervising students, often as module leader, on the modules below. I have also marked BA and MA level essays on an *ad hoc* basis.

Undergraduate Modules

- Science, Medicine, and Society, 2019-2020; 2020-2021.
Comment: 1st-year module introducing philosophy and history of science. Responsible for several sub-modules (on philosophy of social science and medicine).
- Philosophy of Economics and Politics, 2019-2020.
Comment: 2nd-year module introducing the philosophy of economics, also featuring associated topics in moral and political philosophy. Module leader.
- Ethics in Business Practice, 2020-2021.
Comment: 3rd-year module on topics and approaches in business ethics. Module leader.
- BA Dissertation Supervisor, 2019-2020; 2020-2021.
Comment: Supervisor of BA dissertations.

Postgraduate Modules

- Philosophy of the Social Sciences, 2020.
Comment: MA-level module based on seminars and longer student projects in the philosophy of social science. Module leader.
- Business Ethics I: Ethical Leadership, 2020-2021.
Comment: MA-level module based on seminars on the topic in the title. Module leader.
- Business Ethics II: Society and Sustainability, 2021.
Comment: MA-level module based on seminars on the topic in the title. Module leader.

Leeds

As a GTA during my PhD, I tutored, marked, lectured, held office hours, and communicated online with students to various degrees on the modules below.

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

Further Experience

- Associate Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (AFHEA), 2018.
- Internal seminars on teaching in higher education, University of Leeds, 2016-2019.
- Instructor of new postgraduate tutors at PRHS, University of Leeds, 2018; 2019.
- MA studies include a module on teaching in higher education, covering topics such as module construction, constructive alignment, the epistemology of teaching, 2012.

Administration

Organization

- Organizer of the conference Morality and Rationality Revisited (with David Heering and Adina Covaci), University of Leeds, 2018.
- Leeds organizer of the White Rose Philosophy Postgraduate Forum, 2018.
- Graduate rep. in the organization of the general philosophy seminar, University of Leeds, 2017-2018; 2018-2019.
- Leeds rep. in the organization of the conference Understanding Value VI (with James Lewis, Ahmad Fattah, Rosa Vince, and William Hornett), University of Sheffield, 2017.
- Organizer of the PG Seminar (with David Heering), University of Leeds, 2016-2017.
- Organizer of the Gothenburg-Lund exchange, University of Gothenburg, 2013-2014.
- Peer mentorship program coordinator, University of Gothenburg, 2013-2015.
- Organizer of various reading groups, 2010-.

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 skr (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

- Misc. departmental activities: exam scrutinizer, hiring process participant, Research Committee member, Durham University, 2020.
 - Member of the MAP chapter, University of Leeds, 2018-2019.
 - Misc. department activities: CEM activity planning, hiring process participant, outreach work, University of Leeds, 2016-2019.
 - Index writer for the Motivational Internalism volume from the Moral Motivation: Evidence and Relevance research project, University of Gothenburg, 2014.
 - Assistant at Filosofidagarna 2011 (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 Moral Philosophy*, *Journal of Value Inquiry*, *Mind*, *Philosophical Quarterly* (x2), and several conferences.
- Participant in CRASSH, Interdisciplinary Conference/Workshop in Moral Psychology, University of Cambridge, 9/10 2015.

Non-academic Presentations

- “TBA”, at the Oxford University Philosophical Society, TBA, 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, as organizer.

Languages

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

- Available on request.