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Academic Posts

University of Surrey, Guildford, UK May 2023—present

- Senior Lecturer in Public Law and Legal Theory (April 2026—present)
- Lecturer in Public Law and Legal Theory (March 2025—May 2026)
- Surrey Future Fellow (May 2023—May 2025)
- Co-Director of the Surrey Centre for Law & Philosophy (since February 2025)
- Module Convenor for Constitutional Law (since May 2023)
- Law ECR and PGR Representative (since May 2023)

University of Notre Dame in England Jan 2023—present

- Global Associate Professor of Law (Jurisprudence)

Education

University of Oxford, Oxford, UK 2017—2023

- DPhil in Law
- *Thesis*: Justifying Precedent in Law, supervised by Timothy Endicott
- *Examiners*: Neil Duxbury (LSE) and Adam Perry (Oxford)

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA 2014—2015

- Master of Laws (LLM), thesis with honours
- *Thesis*: ‘From the separability of law and morals to the metaphysics of legal content: the early and late Jules Coleman’ (honours), supervised by Prof. Lewis D. Sargentich

Universidad de Los Andes, Santiago, Chile 2007—2012

- Bachelor of Laws (LLB), *summa cum laude*
- Advanced Studies Diploma on Human Rights Law

Publications

Edited Books

- With Timothy Endicott and Hafsteinn Dan Kristjánsson, *Philosophical Foundations of Precedent* (OUP 2023)
- With Leah Trueblood, *Foundations of Law: Essays in Honour of Timothy Endicott* (Hart Publishing 2028; forthcoming)

Peer Reviewed Articles

- ‘Grounding Equitable Powers’ (2025) 38 *Canadian Journal of Law and Jurisprudence* 1
- ‘Stare Decisis and Equitable Power’ (2024) 43 *Law and Philosophy* 1
- ‘Making Law Possible’ (2023) 86 *Modern Law Review* 814
- ‘Towards a General Practice of Precedent’ (2023) 14 *Jurisprudence* 202
- ‘Precedent and the Rule of Law’ (2021) 41 *Oxford Journal of Legal Studies* 873
—This article has appeared numerous times as the most read article on the *OJLS*’ website

- ‘The rule “pay first, litigate later” in Chilean Law’ (2013-2014) 8 *The Journal of Comparative Law* 105
- ‘La regla *solve et repete* en Chile’ (2014) 12 *Estudios Constitucionales* 239 (in Spanish)
- ‘Sobre la legitimación de los órganos del Estado...’ (2013) 8 *Revista de Derecho Administrativo* 129 (in Spanish)
- ‘El *solve et repete* y el Tribunal Constitucional de Chile’ (2012) 28 *Ius Publicum* 151 (in Spanish)

Book Chapters

- ‘Equitable Intentions in Precedent-Based Adjudication’, in P Miller and I Samet (eds) *Elgar Research Handbook on Equity and Trusts* (2026; forthcoming)
- ‘On the Nature of Stare Decisis’ in T Endicott, H Kristjánsson & S Lewis (eds) *Philosophical Foundations of Precedent* (OUP 2023)
- ‘Introduction: The Central Question and Its Ramifications’ in Endicott, *ibid.* With T Endicott and H D Kristjánsson.
- ‘Sobre la apt. cautelar del recurso de protección’ in E Soto (ed) *Administración y Derecho* (LegalPublishing 2013) (in Spanish)
- ‘El *solve et repete*’, J Arancibia *et al* (ed) *Litigación Pública* (AbeledoPerrot-LegalPublishing 2011) 467 (in Spanish)

Encyclopedia Entries

- ‘Precedent’, Elgar Concise Encyclopedia of Legal Theory and Philosophy, with Katharina Stevens

Academic Blog Posts

- ‘Repensar el Tribunal Constitucional’, CIPER, 18 February 2020 (in Spanish)

Previous Teaching Experience

Oriel College, Oxford, UK Oct 2022—June 2024

- Stipendiary Lecturer in Law (Constitutional Law, Administrative Law, Jurisprudence)

LSE, London, UK Sept 2022—May 2023

- Guest Teaching Assistant in European Union Law

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Santiago, Chile Nov 2022

- Guest Lecturer (LLM optional course: ‘Judges in Contemporary Public Law’)

Regent’s Park College, Oxford, UK Hilary Term 2022

- Tutor in Constitutional Law

King’s College London, London, UK Michaelmas Term 2021

- Visiting Lecturer in Jurisprudence

New College of the Humanities, London, UK Michaelmas Term 2020—2021

- Lecturer in English Legal System

St Hilda’s College, Oxford, UK Hilary & Trinity Terms 2019—2020

- Tutor in Jurisprudence

- Merton College, Oxford, UK** Trinity Term 2020
- Tutor in Jurisprudence
- Corpus Christi College, Oxford, UK** Trinity Term 2020
- Tutor in Jurisprudence
- Universidad San Sebastian, Santiago, Chile** 2016—2017
- Lecturer in Philosophy of Law
- Universidad de Los Andes, Santiago, Chile** 2008—2013
- Teaching and Research Assistant in Administrative Law

Additional Experience

- Federal School of Judicial Training, Mexico City, Mexico** March—Sept 2022
- Academic Coordinator of Course *Precedent in Comparative Law*
- Faculty of Law, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK** June—July 2022
- Research Assistant to *The Joseph Raz Memorial Project*
- Queen Mary University of London, London, UK** July 2022
- Second Marker for Jurisprudence Exam
- Oriel College, Oxford, UK** Dec 2020
- Admission Panel for Undergraduate in Law (Jurisprudence)
- St Hilda's College, Oxford, UK** Michaelmas 2020—2021
- Jurisprudence Collections Marker
- Hertford College, Oxford, UK** Michaelmas 2019—2020
- Jurisprudence Collections Marker

Teaching Awards

- Highly Commended for the LSE Class Teaching Awards 2022—2023 May 2023

Keynote Lectures, Talks and Presentations

Keynote Lectures

- ‘El *Rule of Law* y el Precedente Judicial’ (in Spanish), delivered at Mexico’s Centre for Constitutional Studies (Mexico’s Supreme Court): Mexico City, 30 May 2024. Available at: <https://www.youtube.com/live/4-xfW-z6KII>

Paper Seminars

- ‘Joseph Raz on the Rule of Law: A Critical Revision’
— ITAM—USC Workshop on *Philosophical Discussions Between the Common Law and Civil Law*: Mexico City, 28 May 2026.

- MPI Freiburg-SCLP Legal Theory Workshop: Freiburg, 17 July 2025
- 2nd RECONNET Conference: Maastricht, 19 June 2025
- Oxford Public Law Discussion Group: Oxford, 10 June 2025
- ‘Customary Law and the Limits of the Rule of Recognition’
 - Rutgers Law School: *Common Law Meets the Civil Law: General Jurisprudence Conference*: 4 June 2026.
 - Université Toulouse Capitole: Toulouse, 16 October 2025
 - Università Luigi Bocconi: Milan, 26 September 2025
 - Università Roma Tre: Rome, 25 September 2025
 - Cambridge Legal Theory Discussion Group: Cambridge, 30 April 2025
 - Surrey Centre for Law and Philosophy: Guildford, 19 March 2025
- ‘Grounding Equitable Powers’
 - Instituto Investigaciones Jurídicas (UNAM): Mexico City, 29 June 2024. Available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CbFKEhgjmME&t=913s>
 - 1st RECONNET Conference: Valladolid, 26 April 2024
 - Cambridge Legal Theory Discussion Group: Cambridge, 14 March 2024
 - Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez: Santiago Chile, 18 December 2023
 - Surrey Centre for Law and Philosophy: Guildford, 29 November 2023
 - University of Notre Dame Conference on Constitutional Law: London, 21 September 2023
- ‘Towards a General Practice of Precedent’
 - Max Planck Institute for the Study of Crime, Security, and Law: Freiburg, 1 July 2022
 - Maastricht Law & Philosophy Platform: Maastricht, 9 February 2022
- ‘Precedent and the Rule of Law’
 - Cambridge Legal Theory Discussion Group: Cambridge, 16 October 2020
 - UCL Jurisprudence Discussion Group: London, 6 June 2020
 - Edinburgh Legal Theory Research Group: Edinburgh, 3 October 2019

Book Symposiums

- ‘Closing Remarks’, International Symposium for *Philosophical Foundations of Precedent*, University of Notre Dame Law School: Notre Dame (USA), 30 October 2024.
- ‘Editor’s Presentation’, Symposium for *Philosophical Foundations of Precedent*, Mexico’s Centre for Constitutional Studies (Mexico’s Supreme Court): Mexico City, 29 May 2024. Available at: <https://www.youtube.com/live/unPeJzu0FKU>
- ‘Closing Remarks’, Colloquium for *Philosophical Foundations of Precedent*, All Souls College, Oxford: Oxford, 26 March 2023

Conference Presentations

- ‘Precedente Vertical y Poder Equitativo’, VIII *Congreso Internacional de Teoría Constitucional*, Supreme Court of Mexico: Mexico City, 30 October 2022. Available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KrbWfZFuutc>
- Should Precedent Bind or Persuade? I.CON-S Conference: Santiago, 3 July 2022

- Can Equity Constrain Constitutional Courts? I.CON-S Conference: Santiago, 2 July 2022

Special Workshops

- On John Gardner’s ‘Concerning Permissive Sources and Gaps’, Special Workshop in Memory of John Gardner, Oxford Jurisprudence Discussion Group: Oxford, 7 June 2024
- ‘On the Nature of Stare Decisis’, International Workshop for *Philosophical Foundations of Precedent* (remote): 30 October 2022. Paper commented by Prof. Jeremy Waldron (NYU)

Comments

- Comments on Cass Sunstein and Adrian Vermeule’s *Law and Leviathan*, Conference Good Faith in Public Law: Oxford (remote), 23 September 2021
- Comments on Micha Gläser’s ‘Coercion as Public Incentive’, Oxford Jurisprudence Discussion Group: Oxford, 7 March 2019. Available at: <https://youtu.be/oOUjUVce1L8>

Editorial Responsibilities

Journal of Legal Philosophy July 2025—present

- Editor (with Jonathan Crowe, Maggie O’Brien, and Hillary Nye)

Problema: Anuario de Filosofía y Teoría del Derecho June 2025—present

- Editorial Board Member

Harvard Journal of Law & Public Policy 2015

- Editor for Volume 38(2)

Harvard International Law Journal 2015

- Submissions Editor for Volume 56(2)

Peer Review

Books

- Oxford University Press (jurisprudence)
- Hart Publishing (jurisprudence)

Journals

- Legal Theory
- Oxford Journal of Legal Studies
- Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy
- Canadian Journal of Law and Jurisprudence
- Legal Studies
- REVUS, Journal for Constitutional Theory and Philosophy of Law

- *Quaestio Facti*
- Journal of Social Ontology

Visiting Positions

- Notre Dame Law School**, Notre Dame Oct—Nov 2024
- Global Visiting Professor of Law
- Max Planck Institute for the Study of Crime, Security & Law**, Freiburg May—June 2022
- Visiting Doctoral Researcher
- King’s College London** (Philosophy), London April—July 2021
- Visiting PhD Student
- Universidad de Salamanca**, Salamanca Feb—June 2010
- Visiting Undergraduate Student in Law

Organisation

- Notre Dame Law School**, Notre Dame 30 Oct 2024
- Book Symposium for *Philosophical Foundations of Precedent*
- University of Surrey School of Law**, Guildford 12 March 2024
- Book Symposium for Nicholas Barber’s *The UK Constitution: An Introduction*
- All Souls College**, Oxford 26 March 2023
- Colloquium for *Philosophical Foundations of Precedent*
- University of Oxford**, Oxford (online) 29-30 Oct 2021
- International Workshop for *Philosophical Foundations of Precedent*
- University of Oxford**, Oxford 2020—2021
- Co-convenor of the Oxford Jurisprudence Discussion Group
- University of Oxford**, Oxford 2019
- Convenor of the Oxford WiP Workshops in Legal Theory, Oxford.
- Universidad de Los Andes**, Santiago Chile 2011
- President of the Public Law Academy

Grants, Fellowships, Scholarships

- Notre Dame Law School** 2024
- USD 20,000 Grant to organise book symposium for *Philosophical Foundations of Precedent*
- Max Planck Society** 2022
- €1,236 Grant to conduct research at the MPI Freiburg

- Somerville College Oxford** 2019
- £1,000 Anne Clements Grant to present in I.CON-S Conference in Santiago
- Faculty of Law, University of Oxford** 2019
- £450 Grant to present in I.CON-S Conference in Santiago
- CONICYT, Government of Chile** 2017—2021
- Approx. £140,000 full-tuition scholarship for pursuing DPhil at Oxford
- CONICYT, Government of Chile** 2014—2015
- Approx. USD 80,000 full-tuition scholarship for pursuing LLM at Harvard Law School
- Universidad de Los Andes** 2007—2010
- Approx. £3,300 to top 10% of the class for pursuing LLB at Los Andes University