

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

- Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Vienna, 2022-
 - Teacher/Researcher (“Vikarierande universitetslektor”), University of Gothenburg, 2021.
 - Teaching Fellow, Durham University, 2019-2021.
 - 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 (2021). “A Reason to Know”, in *Journal of Value Inquiry*. [Currently published Online First – full details not yet available].

- 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 (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.a). “How Simple is the Humean Theory of Motivation?”, under R&R.
- Leffler, Olof (ms.b). “Contingency Planning for the Metaethical Humanist”, submitted.
- Leffler, Olof (ms.c). “Rationality, Shmationality: Even Newer Shmagency Worries”, submitted.
- Leffler, Olof (ms.d). “Weird Reasons”, submitted.
- Leffler, Olof (ms.e). “Market Failures and Moral Failures: A Dilemma”, in progress.
- Leffler, Olof (ms.f). “What’s so Bad about Being Immoral? The Immorality Challenge to Non-Naturalism Reconsidered”, in progress.

Presentations (selected)

- “Contingency, Sociality, and Moral Progress”, at RoME XIV, Rocky Mountains Ethics Congress, University of Colorado Boulder (online), 12-15/8 2021, peer reviewed; MANCEPT: Moral and Socio-Political Progress, University of Manchester (online), 8-9/9 2021, peer reviewed.
- “A Reason to Know”, at The Unity of Normativity – 1st FoNTi Conference, University of Vienna (online), 25/9 2020, peer reviewed.
- “Weird Reasons”, at the Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association, University of Kent (online), 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, LMU 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, HU 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 University, 13/6 2015, peer reviewed.
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Teaching

Gothenburg

In autumn term 2021, I taught on the following undergraduate modules.

- Normativ etik (“Normative Ethics”), 1st year module, module leader.
- Analytisk filosofi (“Analytic Philosophy”), 1st year module.
- Fördjupad kurs i den praktiska filosofins historia: Aristoteles (“Extended Course in the History of Practical Philosophy: Aristotle”), 2nd year module, module designer/leader.
- Samtida västerländsk filosofi (“Contemporary Western Philosophy”), independent introductory online module.

Durham

I designed and led most of the modules below and taught parts of the others at Durham. I also did other teaching (such as BA- and MA dissertation marking) on an *ad hoc* basis.

Undergraduate

- Science, Medicine, and Society, 1st year module, 2019-2020; 2020-2021.
- Philosophy of Economics and Politics, 2nd year module, module designer/leader, 2019-2020; 2020-2021.
- Ethics in Business Practice, 3rd year module, module designer/leader, 2020-2021.
- BA Dissertation Supervision, 2019-2020; 2020-2021.

Postgraduate

- Philosophy of the Social Sciences, module designer/leader, 2020.
- Business Ethics I: Ethical Leadership, module designer/leader, 2020-2021.
- Business Ethics II: Society and Sustainability, module designer/leader, 2021.
- MA Dissertation Supervision, 2021.

Leeds

I taught on the modules listed below as a GTA during my PhD.

- The Mind, 1st year module, 2019.
- Knowledge, Self and Reality, 1st year module, 2018.
- The Good, the Bad, the Right, the Wrong, 1st year module, 2017; 2019.
- How to Think Clearly and Argue Well, 1st year module, 2017.
- Great Philosophical Thinkers, 1st year module, 2016; 2018; 2019.
- Philosophy of Mind, 2nd year module, 2019.
- Ethics of Life and Death, 2nd year module, 2019.
- Topics in Epistemology: Knowledge and Justification, 2nd year module, 2017.
- War, Terror and Justice, 3rd year module, 2019.
- Metaethics, 3rd year module, 2018.

Mentoring

- Academic advisor for undergraduate students, Durham University, 2020-2021.
- Undergraduate student mentor, University of Leeds, 2018-2019.
- Mentor of 1st-year students in practical (and sometimes theoretical) philosophy, 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 included a module on teaching in higher education, covering topics such as module construction, constructive alignment, the epistemology of teaching, 2012.

Administration

Organization

- Aesthetics, Ethics, and Politics workshop organizer (x2), Durham University, 2021.
- 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.
- 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.
- Gothenburg-Lund student exchange organizer, University of Gothenburg, 2013-2014.
- Peer mentoring programme 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 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.

Departmental Administration

- International Exchange Officer, Durham University, 2020-2021.
 - Misc. at Durham: Exam scrutinizer, hiring process participant, research committee member, 2020-2021.
 - Misc. at Leeds: CEM & research seminar activity planning, hiring process participant, outreach work, member of MAP chapter, 2016-2019.
 - Misc. at Gothenburg: Assistant at Filosofidagarna 2011 (The Swedish Congress of Philosophy 2011), board member of the Philosophical Society, 2009-2014.
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Miscellaneous

Peer Reviewer

- *dialectica*, *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, *Journal of Value Inquiry*, *Mind*, *Philosophical Explorations*, *Philosophical Quarterly* (x2), *Southwest Philosophy Review*, and several conferences.

Public Presentations and Engagement

- Philosophical Consultant, Doncaster Council, 2021, 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, 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.