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## INTERESTS

*Specialism:* Political and Social Philosophy, History of Political Thought

*Competence:* Ethics, Feminism, Business Ethics, Philosophy of Law, Hegel

## EDUCATION

- 2009 *Ph.D., Philosophy*, Birkbeck, University of London  
Independence: Freedom as Non-Domination and Recognition
- 2004 *M.Phil., Philosophy*, King's College London  
Distinction in Political Philosophy
- 1990 *B.A. (Hons), Philosophy, Anthropology, Linguistics*, Durham University  
First Class Honours  
University Philosophy Prize

### *Professional Qualifications and Memberships*

Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts  
Chartered Accountant, ICAEW

## CAREER HISTORY

- 2010- King's College London (Visiting Fellow)  
Director of MA in Global Ethics and Human Values
- 2009-10 Birkbeck, University of London (Research Fellow)
- 2004-07 University of Hertfordshire (Visiting Lecturer)

My previous career was in management consulting, investment banking and accounting.

1999-02 Capco (Senior Consultant). Market strategy, e-commerce, banking operations  
1997-99 Merrill Lynch (Vice President). Emerging markets derivatives operations  
1995-97 Chase Manhattan (Global Finance Officer). Analyst and operations manager  
1990-94 Arthur Andersen (Senior Auditor). Business analysis and corporate recovery

### **VISITING POSITIONS**

2019 University of Cagliari (May). Recovering the Republican Tradition: The Concept of Liberty as Non-domination.

### **GRANT FUNDING**

£9,600 British Academy Newton Mobility Grant, “Bridging the Gender Gap through Time: How Women Philosophers of the Past Contributed to Today’s Thought” (2016-17)

### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### ***Books***

*Mary Wollstonecraft*, Classic Thinkers series, Polity (under contract)

*The Wollstonecraftian Mind*, Routledge Philosophical Minds series, Sandrine Bergès, Eileen Hunt Botting, and Alan Coffee (eds.), London: Routledge (2019)

*The Social and Political Philosophy of Mary Wollstonecraft*, Sandrine Bergès and Alan Coffee (eds.), Oxford: Oxford University Press (2016)

#### ***Articles and Chapters***

“Catharine Macaulay”, *Research Handbook in the History of Political Thought*, Cary Nederman and Guillaume Bogiarus-Thibault, Camberley: Edward Elgar Publishing (forthcoming).

“Mary Wollstonecraft: Freedom as Independence”, *Routledge Handbook of Autonomy*, Ben Cohen (ed.), London: Routledge (forthcoming).

“Mary Wollstonecraft and Nineteenth Century Women’s Philosophy” in *The Oxford Handbook of American and British Women Philosophers in the Nineteenth Century*, Lydia Moland and Alison Stone (eds.), Oxford: Oxford University Press (forthcoming).

- “Edmund Burke, Thomas Paine, and Catharine Macaulay”, in *Reconsidering Political Thinkers*, Manjeet Ramgotra and Simon Choat (eds.), Oxford: Oxford University Press (forthcoming).
- “Theories of the State”, in *The Routledge Handbook of Women and Early Modern European Philosophy*, Karen Detlefsen and Lisa Shapiro (eds.), London: Routledge (forthcoming).
- “Mary Wollstonecraft’s Liberalism” in *Liberalism*, Michael Festl (ed.), Stuttgart: Metzler (forthcoming).
- “Frankenstein and Slave Narrative: Race, Revulsion and Radical Revolution”, in *Creolizing Frankenstein*, Michael Paradiso-Michau (ed.), New York: Rowman & Littlefield (forthcoming).
- “Women and the History of Republicanism”, *Australasian Philosophical Review*, 3 (4), 2020, 361-9.
- “A Radical Revolution in Thought: Frederick Douglass on the Slave’s Perspective on Republican Freedom” in *Radical Republicanism: Recovering the Tradition's Popular Heritage*, Bruno Leipold, Karma Nabulsi and Stuart White (eds), Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2020, 47-64.
- “Catharine Macaulay’s Influence on Mary Wollstonecraft” in *The Wollstonecraftian Mind*, Sandrine Bergès, Eileen Hunt Botting, and Alan Coffee (eds.), London: Routledge, 2019.
- “Independence as Relational Freedom” in *Women Philosophers on Autonomy*, Sandrine Bergès and Alberto Siani (eds), London: Routledge, 2018, 94-111.
- “Catharine Macaulay’s Republican Conception of Social and Political Liberty”, *Political Studies*, 65 (4), 2017: 844-59.
- “Freedom, Diversity and the Virtuous Republic”, in *The Social and Political Philosophy of Mary Wollstonecraft*, Sandrine Bergès and Alan Coffee (eds), Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016, 183-200.
- “Two Spheres of Domination: Republican Theory, Social Norms and the Insufficiency of Negative Freedom”, *Contemporary Political Theory*, 14 (1), 2015: 45-62.
- “Freedom as Independence: Mary Wollstonecraft and the Grand Blessing of Life”, *Hypatia*, 29 (4), 2014: 908–924.
- “Mary Wollstonecraft, Freedom and the Enduring Power of Social Domination”, *European Journal of Political Theory*, 12 (2), 2013: 116-35.

### *Shorter and Online Writings*

#### *Topical (Newspapers, Op-eds, Short Articles, Academic Blogs)*

- “Mary Shelley foresaw the pandemic — and how we’ve divided into bitter factions”, The Monkey Cage, *Washington Post*, April 2020.
- “Slavery, Domination and Post-Truth Politics”, *Cosmopolis: Rivista di Filosofia e Teoria Politica*, XIII 2/2016.
- “Charlie Hebdo, Republican Values and the Philosophy of Frederick Douglass”, *The Critique*, Issue on “The Great War Part II: Charlie Hebdo, Free Speech and Terrorism”, Dec. 2015.

“Republicans, Virtue and the Values of the Market”, *Open Democracy*, Democratic Wealth series, 21 March 2014.

“Republican Political Theory and Spanish Social Democracy”, *Renewal*, 17 (2), 2009: 85-9.

“Inclusivity and Equality: Freedom of Thought, Conscience and Religion within Republican Society”, *Politics in Central Europe*, 4 (2), 2008: 26-40.

### ***Encyclopedia Entries***

“Joseph Priestley”, *Encyclopedia for Law and Social Philosophy*, Mortimer Sellers and Stephan Kirste (eds.), New York: Springer, 2021.

“Richard Price”, *Encyclopedia for Law and Social Philosophy*, Mortimer Sellers and Stephan Kirste (eds.), New York: Springer, 2020.

“Adam Smith”, *Encyclopedia for Law and Social Philosophy*, Mortimer Sellers and Stephan Kirste (eds.), New York: Springer, 2019 (Alexander Bryan and Alan Coffee).

“Robert Nozick”, *Encyclopedia for Law and Social Philosophy*, Mortimer Sellers and Stephan Kirste (eds.), New York: Springer, 2015.

### ***Book Reviews***

*The Correspondence of Catharine Macaulay*, Karen Green (ed.), *Redescriptions. Political Thought, Conceptual History and Feminist Theory*, 2020, 23 (1), 79–83.

*Republicanism and the Future of Democracy*, Yiftah Elazar and Geneviève Rousselière (eds.), *Perspectives in Philosophy*, 2019, 17 (4), 1172-4.

*Republicanism and Political Thought*, Cécile Laborde and John Maynor (eds.), *European Journal of Philosophy*, 2009, 17 (2), 323-7.

### ***Podcasts***

*The Wollstonecraftian Mind*, New Books in Political Science, New Books Network (with Sandrine Bergès and Eileen Hunt Botting).

<https://newbooksnetwork.com/s-berges-e-hunt-botting-a-coffee-the-wollstonecraftian-mind-routledge-2019/>

### ***Other***

“Race, Gender and Republicanism”, ENA Institute for Alternative Policies, Centre for Political Theory, November 2020.

“The Writing and Editing of *The Wollstonecraftian Mind*”, *Journal of the History of Ideas Blog*, October 2019 (Eileen Hunt Botting, Sandrine Bergès, and Alan Coffee)

## **TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS**

“Richard Price and the Dissenting Tradition”, A Celebration of Mary Wollstonecraft II, Mary Wollstonecraft Society, St Pancras, London. April 2021.

- “Catharine Macaulay and Anna Laetitia Barbauld: Reassessing the Impact of the ‘Republican Viragos’”, British Society for the History of Philosophy, Durham. April 2021.
- “Slaves to Individuals or Slaves of Society: Frederick Douglass, Republican Theory, and the Invisible Chains that Bind us”, Race and Political Theory II: US Perspectives, Britain and Ireland Association for Political Thought, St. Catherine’s College, Oxford University, Oxford. Online conference. January 2021.
- “Women and the History of Republicanism”, Institute of History, Czech Academy of Sciences, Discourse of Republicanism: Common European Legacy, Prague. Online conference. November 2020.
- “Catharine Macaulay and Anna Laetitia Barbauld: Theories of the State”, Early Modern Women in Philosophy, University of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania, USA. October 2020.
- “Women’s Rights and Race in America after Wollstonecraft”, Wollapalooza III, American Political Science Association, Online Conference. September 2020.
- “Decolonizing Wollstonecraft”, Discussant. Wollapalooza III, American Political Science Association, San Francisco, USA. Online Conference. September 2020.
- “Gender and Race in 18th Century Political Thought”, Discussant. Wollapalooza III, American Political Science Association, Online Conference. September 2020.
- “Slaves to Individuals or to the Community” Queen’s University, Belfast. January 2020.
- “The Greatest Champion among them”: Catharine Macaulay, giant of Eighteenth Century Political Philosophy”, 5th Braga Colloquium in the History of Moral and Political Philosophy, University of Minho, Portugal. January 2020.
- “Frankenstein, Slavery and Revolution”, Shifting the Geography of Reason XVI: Resistance, Reparation, Renewal; Caribbean Philosophical Association Annual Meeting; Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, USA. June 2019.
- “The Contemporary Relevance of Historical Republicanism”, University of Cagliari, Cagliari, Italy. May 2019.
- “Republicanism and the Invisible Chains of Domination”, Republics and Republicanism. Theory and Practice. Heritage/Present and Future Perspectives, Venice International University, Venice, Italy. May 2019.
- “Ways to Carry on Celebrating: A Conversation”, A Celebration of Mary Wollstonecraft, Wollstonecraft Society, St Pancras Old Church, London. April 2019.
- “Freedom as Independence and Relational Freedom”, Reading *A Vindication of the Rights of Woman*, King’s College London. March 2019.
- “Mary Wollstonecraft and Frederick Douglass”, Wollapalooza II: Daughters, Dissenters, Democracies, Discontents, American Political Science Association, Boston, USA. September 2018.
- “Black Readers of the Declaration of Independence”, Discussant, Wollapalooza II: Daughters, Dissenters, Democracies, Discontents, American Political Science Association, Boston, USA. September 2018.
- “Why Hannah Mather Crocker’s Observations on the Real Rights of Women Matters at 200”, Roundtable panellist, Women and Democracy in America, 1630-2018, Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston, USA. September 2018.

- “Structural Forms of Domination”, European Consortium for Political Research General Conference, Hamburg, Germany. August 2018.
- “Frankenstein and Slave Narrative: Race, Revulsion and Radical Revolution”, Why Frankenstein Matters at 200: Rethinking the Human through the Arts and Sciences, University of Notre Dame’s Rome Global Gateway, Rome, Italy. July 2018.
- “Women and Revolution in the Eighteenth Century”, Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey. April 2018.
- “Cocks on Dunghills: Women and the Impediments to Revolution”, Bridging the Gender Gap through Time: how Women Philosophers of the Past have Contributed to Today's Thought, King’s College London. February 2018.
- “Structural forms of Domination”, Liberté, Egalité, Fraternité, Paris Diderot-King’s College London joint workshop, Université Paris Diderot, Paris, France. November 2017.
- “Frederick Douglass and Radical Republican Reconstruction”, Republicanism in the History of the Political Philosophy and Today, Prague, Charles University, Czech Republic. November 2017.
- “Realising Wollstonecraft”, Wollapalooza: Making the Wollstonecraftian Mind, American Political Science Association, San Francisco, USA. September 2017.
- “Independence”, Wollapalooza: Making the Wollstonecraftian Mind, American Political Science Association, San Francisco, USA. September 2017.
- “Freedom from a Slave’s Perspective: Inequality and Post-Truth Politics”, The Future of Republicanism, University of York. June 2017.
- “Relational Independence”, The Contribution of Mary Wollstonecraft to Contemporary Issues in Philosophy, Joint meeting of the Network for the Turkish European Association for Women in the History of Philosophy and of SWIP-Turkey, Ankara, Turkey. June 2017.
- “Women’s Reason and the French Revolution”, respondent to Erica Mannucci, Centre for Enlightenment Studies at King’s, King’s College London. February 2017.
- “Wollstonecraft’s Radical Republican Feminism”, Colloquium on Lena Halldenius’s *Mary Wollstonecraft and Feminist Republicanism*, Queen Mary University of London and King’s College London. November 2016.
- “A Slave’s view of Republican Resistance and Social Reconstruction”, Association of Social and Political Philosophy, London School of Economics and Political Science. June 2016.
- “Macaulay and Wollstonecraft on Freedom”, Bogazici University, Istanbul, Turkey. March 2016.
- “Macaulay and Wollstonecraft on Relational Independence”, Women Philosophers on Autonomy, Yeditepe University, Istanbul, Turkey. May 2016.
- “The One Fault that Women May not Commit with Impunity”, Resounding Voices, Durham University. March 2016.
- “Catharine Macaulay and Neo-Roman Republican Theory”, American Political Science Association, San Francisco, USA. September 2015.
- “The Human and its Others”, discussant, American Political Science Association, San Francisco, USA. September 2015.

- “Frederick Douglass: A Radical Revolution in Thought”, Reclaiming Republicanism, Department for Politics and International Relations, Oxford University. June 2015.
- “Catharine Macaulay and the Common Good”, Three Women Political Philosophers of the Late Enlightenment, Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey. May 2015.
- “Two Concepts of Republican Liberty: Macaulay and Wollstonecraft”, Women and Republicanism, British Society for the History of Philosophy, University of York. April 2015.
- “Wollstonecraft and Relational Autonomy”, Workshop on Wollstonecraft and Environmental Thought, University of Leicester. December 2014.
- “Republican Freedom from a Slave’s Perspective”, Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association, Fitzwilliam College, University of Cambridge. July 2014.
- “Slavery as the Unmanning of Man: Frederick Douglass and the Republican Ideal of Freedom”, Slavery and Emancipation, MANCEPT Workshops in Political Theory, University of Manchester. September 2013.
- “Republican Freedom: A Slave’s Perspective”, Power and Persuasion, American Political Science Association, Chicago, USA. August 2013.
- “Mary Wollstonecraft and Contemporary Political Theory”, Feedback Loops of Feminist Thought, London Conference in Critical Thought, Royal Holloway, London. June 2013.
- “Cultural Diversity and the Virtuous Republic”, The Social and Political Thought of Mary Wollstonecraft, Birkbeck University of London, London. May 2013.
- “Freedom, Coercion and Defining Arbitrariness: Examining the Central Tensions within Republican and Liberal Theory”, Liberalism and Republicanism: Public Policy Implications, University College London. February 2013.
- “Liberty beyond the Love of Life: Slave Narratives, Recognition and Republican Freedom”, The Concepts of Republic: Local, Regional and International, European University at St. Petersburg, Russia. December 2012.
- “Frederick Douglass, Harriet Jacobs and Republican Theory”, Philosophical Psychology, Morality and Politics, History of Philosophy Research Seminar, University of Helsinki, Finland. December 2012.
- “Wollstonecraft, Interdependence and Relational Autonomy”, Politics and Women across Philosophical Traditions, Society of Women in Philosophy, First Joint Ireland/UK Conference, University College Dublin, Ireland. November 2012.
- “Independence, Interdependence and Relational Autonomy”, Women’s Studies and School of Politics joint seminar, University College Dublin, Ireland. November 2012.
- “Wollstonecraft on Motherhood, Duty and Independence”, University of Cape Town, South Africa. July 2012.
- “Mary Wollstonecraft: Independence, Autonomy and Rights”, Birkbeck, University of London. March 2012.
- “Mary Wollstonecraft and the Grand Blessing of Life”, Mary Wollstonecraft: Philosophy and Enlightenment, Lund University, Sweden. February 2012.
- “The Enduring Effects of Slavery”, Workshop on Feminist Political Theory, Manchester Workshops in Political Theory, Manchester Metropolitan University, September 2009.

- “Recognition, Identity and Freedom”, *Confronting Cultural Diversity: Values, Outcomes and Procedures*, Manchester Workshops in Political Theory, Manchester Metropolitan University. September 2008.
- “Inclusivity and Equality: Freedom of Thought, Conscience and Religion within Society”, *EuroEthos: Values and Diversity, Culture, Religion, and the Law in Contemporary Europe*, University of West Bohemia, Pilsen, Czech Republic. August 2008.
- “The Political Question for which Hegel’s Theory of *Geist* is the Answer”, UCL-Birkbeck Philosophy Conference, Cumberland Lodge, Windsor. May 2008.
- “Two Concepts of (Neo-Roman) Republican Liberty”, Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association, University of Bristol. July 2007.
- “Political, Economic and Social Domination in a Republic”, International Conference on Republican Political Economy, University of Paris X Nanterre, France. June 2007.
- “Freedom and Social Recognition”, Fourth Annual Berkeley-London Philosophy Conference, UC Berkeley, USA. May 2007.
- “Freedom, Domination & Psychological Burdens”, Institute of Philosophy Graduate Conference, University of London School of Advanced Study, London. February 2006.

## CONFERENCE ORGANISING

### *Conferences and Workshops*

- “Monthly Seminar for Early Career Researchers”, Monthly seminar series, Extending New Narratives Project. October 2020-May 2021 (Co-convenor). Online workshops.
- “Wollapalooza III: Destabilizing the Canon with Feminist Ideas”, A one-day mini conference at the American Political Science Association, September 2020 (Co-organiser). Online conference.
- “Wollapalooza II: Daughters, Dissenters, Democracies, Discontents”, A one-day mini conference at the American Political Science Association, Boston, USA. September 2018 (Co-organiser).
- “Bridging the Gender Gap through Time: how Women Philosophers of the Past have Contributed to Today's Thought”, King’s College London. Two day conference. February 2018 (Co-organiser, funding from Newton Fund Mobility Fellowship).
- “Wollapalooza: Making the Wollstonecraftian Mind”, A one-day mini conference at the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, USA. September 2017 (Co-organiser).
- “The Contribution of Wollstonecraft to Contemporary Issues in Philosophy”, Bilkent, Turkey. June 2017 (Co-organiser, funding from Newton Fund Mobility Fellowship).
- “Mary Wollstonecraft’s Social and Political Thought”, Birkbeck, University of London. May 2013 (funding from Mind Association and Bank of Sweden Tercentenary Fund).



### *Conference Panels*

“Women and Political Theory in the Eighteenth Century”, American Political Science Association, San Francisco, USA. September 2015 (Co-organiser, funding from New Narratives in the History of Philosophy project).

“Women and Republicanism”, British Society for the History of Philosophy, University of York. April 2015 (Co-organiser).

### **TEACHING**

#### *Philosophy (BA)*

- Modern Philosophy
- Ethics
- The Right and the Good
- Political Philosophy
- History of Political Thought
- Theories of Freedom

#### *Politics, Philosophy and History (BA)*

- The Rise of the Modern State
- Political Philosophy

#### *Law (LLB)*

- Jurisprudence and Legal Theory
- Law and Society: Global Values, Global Norms and Transnational Indicators

#### *Global Ethics and Human Values (MA)*

- Ethics
- Contemporary Political Philosophy
- Conflict: Its Origins, Ethics and Containment
- Ideological Conflict, Belief and Philosophy
- Nationalism, Terrorism and Security
- Freedom, Power and Domination
- Feminism, Culture and Politics
- The Ethics of Culture
- International Justice
- Human Rights
- Citizenship

#### *Gender and Philosophy (MA)*

- Women, Freedom and Politics
- Feminism and Human Rights

*Business Ethics* (MA)

- Introduction to Business Ethics
- Corporate Social Responsibility

*Other* (BA, MA)

- Study Skills
- Internships

**OTHER TEACHING (GUEST LECTURES/MASTER CLASSES)**

- 2021 King's College London. February  
"Feminist Republicanism"  
(MA module on Eighteenth Century Studies, "Critical Enlightenment")
- 2020 University of Leipzig. December  
"Mary Wollstonecraft's political and social thought"  
(BA module for Political Science ("Power and Knowledge"))
- 2019 University of Cagliari (May)  
"Mary Wollstonecraft on Education and Family Life"  
(for undergraduate and postgraduate students)
- 2018-20 School for Ethics and Global Leadership, Summer School (London). July  
"Race and Ethics"  
(for high school students)
- 2016 Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey. June  
"How to publish"  
(for research students)