

Research

Areas of Specialisation: Moral, Social, and Political Philosophy

Areas of Competence: Applied Ethics; Feminist Philosophy; Philosophy of Law

Employment

Assistant Professor of Philosophy (Education), Singapore Management University 2026-Pres.

Research Fellow, Centre for Biomedical Ethics, National University of Singapore 2025-2026
Courtesy Joint Appointment, Department of Philosophy

Education

PhD in Philosophy, Australian National University 2025
Visiting student, Chair of Philosophy and Political Theory, LMU Munich 2023-2024

Thesis: *Treating People Differently* - available [here](#)

Summary: On my view, an agent wrongfully discriminates in treating people differently on account of considerations that are insufficiently (evidentially) relevant to goals that are morally permissible for them to pursue. In the course of this work, I pursue two aims. First, to conceive of wrongful discrimination in a way that is neutral between competing moral theories. Second, to account for a broad range of inequalities, including ones not precipitated by background injustice. The upshot is a conception of wrongful discrimination capable of identifying wrongful inequalities under a number of variable contextual factors.

MSocSc in Political Science, National University of Singapore 2020
Visiting student, Centre for Ethics, University of Toronto 2019

BA (Hons) with Highest Distinction in Philosophy, Nanyang Technological University 2018

Peer-Reviewed Publications

1. **Chalson, S.**, Earp, B. D. & Savulescu, J. (Forthcoming). Who is a Man and Who is a Woman? Implications of the UK Supreme Court Decision. *Journal of Medical Ethics*. <https://doi.org/10.1136/jme-2025-111202>
2. **Chalson, S.** & Willoughby, J. B. (2026). Using Affirmative Action as a Tiebreaker. *Journal of Applied Philosophy*, 43(2), 372-388. <https://doi.org/10.1111/japp.70064>
3. Cheong, M., Abedin, E., Ferreira, M., Reimann, R., **Chalson, S.**, Robinson, P., Byrne, J., Ruppner, L., Alfano, M., & Klein, C. (2024). Investigating Gender and Racial Biases in DALL-E Mini Images. *ACM Journal on Responsible Computing*, 1(2), 1–20. <https://doi.org/10.1145/3649883>

Peer-Reviewed and Invited Presentations

• Affirmative Action and the Place of the University PPE Society London Meeting, King's College London	<i>upcoming</i>
• Conceptual Analysis and Practical Goals Aporia Week, Nanyang Technological University [invited keynote]	2026
• Lying to Loved Ones Workshop on the Ethics of Deception, Stockholm University	2025
• Bias and Public Preferences Methods in Bioethics Workshop, National University of Singapore [invited]	2025
• Social Salience and Normativity School of Social Sciences Seminar, Singapore Management University [invited]	2025
Relational Egalitarianism Workshop, LMU Munich [invited; online]	2025
Oxford Graduate Conference in Political Theory, University of Oxford	2024
Early Career Workshop on Social Categories and Injustice, Lund University	2023
• The Distinctiveness of Discrimination Society for Applied Philosophy Conference, University of Oxford	2024
Graduate Conference in Political and Legal Theory, University of Warwick	2024
Colloquium in Social and Political Philosophy, LMU Munich [invited]	2024
• Discounting People for Reasons that Shouldn't Count 2nd Workshop of The REAL Project, Trinity College Dublin	2023
Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference, Australian Catholic University	2023
• Do Groups Matter in Algorithmic Discrimination? Social Ontology 2021, UC San Diego [online]	2021
Copenhagen Workshop on Algorithmic Fairness, University of Copenhagen [online]	2020
• Not Passing the Buck Social Ontology 2019, University of Tampere	2019
Philosophy and / of Inclusion, Central European University [online]	2019
Responsibility and Solidarity for Our Times, YaleNUS College	2019

Teaching

Guest Lecturer

<i>Philosophy of Gender</i> , ANU (4 lectures)	2021, 2023
<i>Philosophy, AI, and Society</i> , ANU (1 lecture)	2021
<i>Biology, Society, and Ethics</i> , ANU (1 lecture)	2020

Tutor/Teaching Assistant

<i>Legal Theory</i> , College of Law, ANU (~75 students)	2021
<i>Philosophy of Gender</i> , School of Philosophy, ANU (~75 students)	2021
<i>Biology, Society and Ethics</i> , School of Biology, ANU (~25 students)	2020
<i>Fundamental Ideas in Philosophy</i> , School of Philosophy, ANU (~50 students)	2020
<i>Origins of the Modern World</i> , Department of Political Science, NUS (12 students)	2019
<i>Introduction to Global Studies</i> , Department of Political Science, NUS (47 students)	2019
<i>Introduction to Politics</i> , Department of Political Science, NUS (25 and 61 students)	2018, 2019

Grader

<i>Justice and Emerging Technologies</i> , Department of Political Science, NUS	2018
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Prizes and Scholarships

Postgraduate Presentation Prize (value: 500 AUD)	2023
Australasian Association of Philosophy	
Prize for best research paper presented by a postgraduate student at the AAP conference	
Highly Commended, Vice-Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Tutoring	2022
Australian National University	
University-wide award recognising outstanding educators in higher education	
Award for Excellence in Tutoring	2021
College of Law, Australian National University	
Sole recipient of college-wide award for teaching excellence (<i>Legal Theory</i>)	
Award for Excellence in Tutoring or Demonstrating (value: 2,000 AUD)	2021
College of Arts and Social Sciences, Australian National University	
One of three recipients of college-wide award for teaching excellence (<i>Philosophy of Gender</i>)	
Australian Government Research Training Programme (value: ~34,000 AUD, p.a.)	2020-2023
Australian National University	
Merit-based stipend scholarship for top-ranked incoming PhD candidates	
Lee Kuan Yew Gold Medal	2018
Nanyang Technological University	
University medal for top graduate in a programme of study (philosophy)	

Service

Committee Member	
SWIPP, Australasian Association of Philosophy	2026-Pres.
Assistant Editor	
<i>Journal of Medical Ethics</i>	2025-Pres.
<i>JME Practical Bioethics</i>	2025-Pres.
<i>Asian Bioethics Review</i>	2018
Mentor	
Honours Mentoring Programme, ANU	2021, 2022
Convener	
Reading Group on Social Hierarchy, ANU	2023
Tutor Support Group, ANU	2021
Philosophy Society Seminar, ANU (with Justin Mendelow)	2021
Reading Group on Social Epistemology and Social Philosophy, ANU	2020, 2021
Conference/Workshop Organiser	
Graduate workshops on deliberation, belief, and trust (with Aidan Ryall)	2023
Interdisciplinary Symposium on Coercive Control (with Zoe Smith and Nick Willis)	2023
Conference on Social Categories and Oppression (with Nick Willis)	2021
Journal Referee	
<i>Australasian Journal of Philosophy</i> , <i>Journal of Medical Ethics</i> , <i>JME Practical Bioethics</i> , <i>Theoria</i> , <i>Res Publica</i> , <i>Asian Bioethics Review</i>	

References available upon request.