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EMPLOYMENT

APRIL 2022–
PRESENT **Postdoctoral Researcher**, Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy
Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München

EDUCATION

2015 – 2021 **Doctor of Philosophy** in Philosophy
Supervisors: Alan Hájek, Philip Pettit, and Brian Hedden
Australian National University

FALL 2017 **(Visiting) Doctor of Philosophy** in Philosophy
Supervisor: Derk Pereboom
Cornell University

2010 – 2014 **Bachelor of Arts (1st Class Honours)** in Philosophy
Major and Honours: Philosophy
Supervisor: Nick J.J. Smith
The University of Sydney

2010 – 2013 **Bachelor of Science**
Majors: Advanced Mathematics and Advanced Physics
The University of Sydney

DOCTORAL RESEARCH

Free Choices: Essays on Rational Decision-Making and the Authority of the Laws of Nature.

Causal decision theory has trouble accounting for the possibility that our choices fall under the authority of the laws of nature—whether that authority is deterministic or probabilistic, and whether it fully settles or merely constrains our choices. None of the solutions to this problem are cost free. I sketch a defence of one solution: Libertarian Decision Theory, which tells us that rational decision-makers make their decisions on the supposition that they are not under the authority of the laws of nature.

PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

Solomon, T.C.P. (2021) Causal decision theory's predetermination problem. *Synthese* 198 (6): 5623–54.
DOI: [10.1007/s11229-019-02425-0](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-019-02425-0).

Solomon, T.C.P. (Forthcoming) Causal Decision Theory, Two-Boxing, and Deliberation-Compatibilism: a Reply to Sandgren and Williamson. *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*
DOI: [10.1080/00048402.2021.1968448](https://doi.org/10.1080/00048402.2021.1968448)

TEACHING

Areas of Specialisation: Decision Theory, and Metaphysics (especially Free Will and Agency).

Areas of Competence: Logic (both Mathematical and the Philosophy of); Philosophy of Mathematics and Philosophy of Probability; Game Theory; Formal Epistemology; and Applied Ethics (especially Bioethics).

Associate Fellow of the Higher Education Academy: Associate Fellowship of the Higher Education Academy is awarded based on an assessed portfolio and references demonstrating teaching competence and reflective professional development. I was awarded Associate Fellowship in February 2021. Details: [Advance HE](#)

COURSES TAUGHT

2021 **Convener and Primary Lecturer:**
Biology, Society, and Ethics (3rd Year)
Australian National University

2018, 2019 **Guest Lecturer:** *Biology, Society, and Ethics (3rd Year)*
2020 Australian National University

2019 **Guest Lecturer:** *Fundamental Ideas in Philosophy (1st Year)*
Australian National University

2019 **Guest Lecturer:** *The Problem of Free Will (2nd Year)*
Australian National University

2015, 2016 **Tutor:** *Biology, Society, and Ethics (3rd Year)*
2018, 2019 Australian National University
2020

2016, 2018 **Tutor:** *Fundamental Ideas in Philosophy (1st Year)*
2019, 2020 Australian National University

2019 **Tutor:** *Logic and Critical Thinking (1st Year)*
Australian National University

2016 **Tutor:** *Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Integrative Seminar (2nd Year)*
Australian National University

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- MARCH 2022 **Chancy Laws of Nature are Bad for Causal Decision Theory Too!**
ANU Philosophy Society
- APRIL 2021 **Options as Ultimate Contingencies in Causal Decision Theory**
Doctoral Presubmission Talk
ANU Philosophy Society
- OCTOBER 2019 **How to Make an (Ecumenical) Wager on Free Will**
ANU Philosophy Society
- SEPTEMBER 2018 **Government House Compatibilism**
ANU Philosophy Society
- JULY 2018 **Decision: Impossible**
Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference
- FALL 2017 **Chance and Deliberative Efficacy**
Cornell University, Rutgers University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- JULY 2017 **16 Arguments for Free Will**
Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference
- SEPTEMBER 2016 **Deciding What to Do**
Australasian Postgraduate Philosophy Conference
- JULY 2016 **Acting as Though You Have Free Will**
Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference
- MARCH 2016 **The Free Will Wager**
Thesis Proposal Review
ANU Philosophical Society

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

- 2016–2019 **Convener:** Postgraduate Committee of the Australasian Association of Philosophy
- 2016 **Committee Chair:** Australasian Postgraduate Philosophy Conference
- 2016 & 2018 **Co-Organiser:** Biannual Kioloa Graduate Students Conference

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2017–2019 **Australian Government Research Training Program Scholarship**
Merit based scholarship for PhD studies
Australian National University
- 2015–2017 **Australian Postgraduate Award**
Merit based scholarship for PhD studies
Australian National University
- 2014 **John Anderson Prize for Best Thesis in Philosophy IV**
Award for best thesis in a given philosophy honours year
The University of Sydney
- 2011 **G.S. Caird Scholarship for Philosophy II**
Award for highest average mark across second year subjects in philosophy
The University of Sydney