

# Libby Southgate

she/her(s)

southgate@northwestern.edu

libbysouthgate.com

AOS

Ethics (incl. Metaethics, Moral Epistemology)

Philosophy of Education

AOC

Political Philosophy

Applied Ethics

Epistemology

---

## Academic Positions

Brady Faculty Fellow, *Northwestern University*, 2023–Present.

---

## Education

PhD in Philosophy, *Cornell University*, 2016–2023.

[MA in Philosophy, *Cornell University*, 2016–2019.]

Committee: Julia Markovits (Chair), Emad Atiq, Nico Silins, Harry Brighouse.

Dissertation title: “Papers Concerning Moral Disagreement”.

MSc in Philosophy with Distinction, *The University of Glasgow*, 2014–2015.

Supervisor: Michael Brady.

MA in Philosophy (undergraduate) with 1<sup>st</sup> Class Honours, *The University of Glasgow*, 2010–2014.

Supervisor: Adam Rieger.

---

## Publications

“Rethinking Anonymous Grading”, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* (2023).

“Living on the Edge? Strong Modesty Won’t Allow It”, *Mind*, (forthcoming, pending minor revisions)

---

## Works in Progress

A paper exploring how cognitive penetration might help realists better account for moral disagreement [under review].

A paper about the concept of objectivity in democratic epistemology [in preparation].

A paper exploring the possible attractions of an (epistemically) skeptical moral realism [in preparation].

A paper reframing the issue of moral disagreement in metaethics [in preparation].

---

## Selected Presentations

### “On Objectivity as a Democratic Epistemic Virtue”

*Politics, Philosophy, and Economics Society* (Seventh Annual Meeting), 2023.

*North American Association for Philosophy & Education* (Annual Meeting), 2023.

### “Re-Thinking Anonymous Grading”

*American Philosophical Association* (Central Meeting), Colloquium, 2023.

*Northeastern Philosophy of Education Society* (Annual Meeting), 2022.

*AAPT Teaching Hub Poster Session*, American Philosophical Association (Pacific), 2021.

### “Moral Disagreement, Intuitionism, and Cognitive Penetration”

*Ethics, Epistemology, and Where They Come Together*, Jilin University, China [on zoom due to covid-19], 2021.

*Cornell University*, Sage School Workshop Series, 2020.

*American Philosophical Association* (Pacific), Colloquium, 2019.

### “Democracy, Education, and Epistemology”

*American Philosophical Association* (Eastern), Philosophy of Education Society Affiliated Session, 2020.

*American Philosophical Association* (Pacific), Philosophy of Education Society Affiliated Session, 2019.

*American Educational Research Association* (Annual Meeting), 2019.

## Comments and Chairing

Session Chair, *Madison Metaethics Workshop*, September 2023.

Session Chair, *North American Association for Philosophy & Education* (Annual Meeting), Nov 2023.

Comments on Justis Koon’s “A Brief Debunking Argument”, *American Philosophical Association* (Eastern), 2023.

Comments on Matt Duncan’s “Getting Acquainted with Art”, *Cornell University Workshop in Mind and Value*, June 2022.

---

## Honors, Fellowships, and Awards

Sage Dissertation Completion Fellowship, *Cornell University*, Fall 2022.

John Knight Award for Exercises to Teach Writing, *Knight Institute*, Cornell University, 2021.

Sage Fellowship, *Cornell University*, 2019–2020.

McPherson Fellowship, *Center for Ethics and Education*, UW Madison, 2018–2019.

Sage Fellowship, *Cornell University*, 2016–2017.

Arthur Jones Memorial Prize, *The University of Glasgow*, 2014.

Caird Prize for Moral Philosophy, *The University of Glasgow*, 2014.

Thomas G Holt Prize for Excellence in Logic, *The University of Glasgow*, 2013.

---

## Teaching

### **Philosophy Teaching as Instructor of Record (IOR)**

“Brady Scholars Seminar: The Good Life” (Lower-Level Undergraduate), *Northwestern University*, Winter 2024.

“Philosophy of Education as Political Philosophy (Upper-Level Undergraduate), *Northwestern University*, Fall 2023.

“Freshman Writing Seminar: Justifying Political Power” (Lower-Level Undergraduate), *Cornell University*, Spring 2021.

“Freshman Writing Seminar: Justifying Political Power” (Lower-Level Undergraduate), *Cornell University*, Fall 2021.

“Discussions of Justice” (Lower-Level Undergraduate), *Cornell University*, Spring 2019.

### **Philosophy Teaching as Teaching Assistant or Co-Facilitator**

“Introduction to Philosophy” (Lower-Level Undergraduate) IOR: Dean Da Vee, *Cornell University*, Spring 2023.

“Moral Dilemmas in the Law” (Lower-Level Undergraduate), IOR: Andrei Marmor, *Cornell University*, Spring 2022.

“Teaching Writing” (Graduate), IOR: Kate Navickas, *Cornell University*, Summer 2021.

“Ethics” (Lower-Level Undergraduate), IOR: Julia Markovits, *Cornell University*, Spring 2019.

“Deductive Logic” (Lower-Level Undergraduate), IOR: Arc Kocurek, *Cornell University*, Fall 2018.

“Ethics” (Lower-Level Undergraduate), IOR: Kate Manne, *Cornell University*, Spring 2018.

“Introduction to Philosophy” (Lower-Level Undergraduate), IOR: Karen Bennett, *Cornell University*, Fall 2017.

“Right and Wrong” (Lower-Level Undergraduate), IOR: Various, *The University of Glasgow*, Spring 2016.

“Knowledge and the World” (Lower-Level Undergraduate), IOR: Various, *The University of Glasgow*, Fall 2015.

### **Non-Philosophy Teaching**

Graduate Resident Fellow, *William Keeton House*, Cornell University, 2019–2023.

Rock and Ice Climbing Instructor, *Cornell Outdoor Education*, Cornell University, 2017–2023.

English as a Foreign Language Instructor, *Project International*, Summer 2013 and 2014.

---

## Service

(Co-Founder), Co-Organizer, and Mentor, *Philosophy Graduate Mentoring Program*, Cornell University. 2018–2023.

Graduate Student Recruitment Visit Organizer, *Sage School of Philosophy*, Cornell University, 2022.

Workshop Session Leader “Sensitive Topics”, *MAP Inclusive Pedagogy Series*, Sage School of Philosophy, Cornell, 2021.

Vice President, *Philosophy Graduate Representative Board*, Sage School of Philosophy, Cornell University, 2019–2021.  
Workshop Session Leader “Inclusive Grading”, *MAP Inclusive Pedagogy Series*, Sage School of Philosophy, Cornell, 2021.  
Faculty Liaison, *Philosophy Graduate Representative Board*, Sage School of Philosophy, Cornell University, 2017–2018.  
Graduate Student Recruitment Visit Organizer, *Sage School of Philosophy*, Cornell University, 2018.

---

## Professional Development

### Summer Schools, Workshops etc.

Summer School in Philosophy of Education, *Philosophy of Education Society of Great Britain* (on zoom), 2021.  
Athena in Action, *Cornell University* (on Zoom), 2020.  
Graduate Institute in Philosophy of Education, *Center for Ethics and Education* (UW Madison), 2018.  
Summer School in Moral Epistemology, *Central European University* (Budapest), 2018.  
European Summer School in Logic, Language, and Information, *Toulouse Capitole University*, 2017.

### Courses

Reimaging Assessment Practicum, *Searle Center*, Northwestern University, Winter 2024.  
Teaching Writing, *Knight Institute for Writing in the Majors*, Cornell University, Summer 2020.  
Teaching and Learning in the Diverse Classroom, *Center for Teaching Innovation*, Cornell University, Fall 2019.

---

## References

### Research

Julia Markovits, *Sage School of Philosophy*, Cornell University, [markovits@cornell.edu](mailto:markovits@cornell.edu).  
Emad Atiq, *Sage School of Philosophy and Law School*, Cornell University, [eha47@cornell.edu](mailto:eha47@cornell.edu).  
Harry Brighouse, *Department of Philosophy*, UW Madison, [mhbrigho@wisc.edu](mailto:mhbrigho@wisc.edu).

### Teaching

Tad Brennan, *Sage School of Philosophy and Department of Classics*, Cornell University, [tad.brennan@cornell.edu](mailto:tad.brennan@cornell.edu).

For 2023–24 job cycle reference letters (from any of the above), please contact [philosophy.placement@cornell.edu](mailto:philosophy.placement@cornell.edu).

---