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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 (2010)

Chartered Accountant, ICAEW (1993)

## CAREER HISTORY

- 2010- King's College London (Visiting Fellow)
- 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

## PUBLICATIONS

### ***Books***

- The Wollstonecraftian Mind*, Routledge Philosophical Minds series, Sandrine Bergès, Eileen Hunt Botting, and Alan Coffee (eds), London: Routledge (under contract)
- Mary Wollstonecraft*, Classic Thinkers series, Oxford: Polity Press (under contract)
- The Social and Political Philosophy of Mary Wollstonecraft*, Sandrine Bergès and Alan Coffee (eds), Oxford: Oxford University Press (2016)

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

- “Mary Wollstonecraft’s Idea of Freedom as Independence” in *The Wollstonecraftian Mind*, Sandrine Bergès, Eileen Hunt Botting, and Alan Coffee (eds), London: Routledge (forthcoming)
- “Independence as Relational Freedom” in *Women Philosophers on Autonomy*, Sandrine Bergès and Alberto Siani (eds), Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan (forthcoming)
- “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 (forthcoming)
- “Catharine Macaulay’s Republican Conception of Social and Political Liberty”, *Political Studies* (forthcoming)
- “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*, 2015, Vol. 14 (1): 45-62
- “Freedom as Independence: Mary Wollstonecraft and the Grand Blessing of Life”, *Hypatia*, 2014, 29 (4): 908–924
- “Mary Wollstonecraft, Freedom and the Enduring Power of Social Domination”, *European Journal of Political Theory*, 2013, Vol. 12 (2): 116-35

### ***Shorter and Online Writings***

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

- “Charlie Hebdo, Republican Values and the Philosophy of Frederick Douglass”, *The Critique*, Issue on “The Great War Series Part II: Charlie Hebdo, Free Speech and Terrorism”, December 2015 (<http://www.thecritique.com/articles/critique-magazine-exclusives-model-23/>)
- “Republicans, Virtue and the Values of the Market”, *Open Democracy*, Democratic Wealth series (Stuart White, ed), 21 March 2014 ([www.opendemocracy.net/ourkingdom/alan-coffee/republicans-virtue-and-values-of-market](http://www.opendemocracy.net/ourkingdom/alan-coffee/republicans-virtue-and-values-of-market))
- Republicanism and Political Thought*, Cécile Laborde and John Maynor (eds), *European Journal of Philosophy*, 2009, Vol. 17 (2), 323-7
- “Republican Political Theory and Spanish Social Democracy”, *Renewal*, 2009, Vol. 17 (2), 85-9 ([http://renewal.org.uk/files/Renewal\\_summer\\_2009.Coffee\\_Spain.pdf](http://renewal.org.uk/files/Renewal_summer_2009.Coffee_Spain.pdf))
- “Inclusivity and Equality: Freedom of Thought, Conscience and Religion within Republican Society”, *Politics in Central Europe*, 2008, Vol. 4 (2), 26-40 ([http://www.politicsincentraleurope.eu/documents/file/2008\\_12.pdf](http://www.politicsincentraleurope.eu/documents/file/2008_12.pdf))

### TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

- “Wollstonecraft’s Radical Republican Feminism”, Colloquium on Lena Halldenius’s *Mary Wollstonecraft and Feminist Republicanism*, King’s College London. November 2016.
- “A Radical Revolution in Thought: A Slave’s Perspective on 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.
- (Discussant on “The Human and its Others”, 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 ORGANISER

### *Conference Organiser*

“Mary Wollstonecraft’s Social and Political Thought”, Birkbeck, University of London, May 2013

### *Conference Panel Organiser*

“Women and Political Theory in the Eighteenth Century”, American Political Science Association, San Francisco, USA, September 2015 (Co-organiser).

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

## TEACHING

### *Philosophy (BA)*

- Modern Philosophy
- Introduction to Philosophy

### *Ethics (BA, MA)*

- The Right and the Good
- Ethics

### *Political Philosophy (BA, MA)*

- Contemporary Political Philosophy
- History of Political Thought
- Theories of Freedom
- Social and Political Power

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

- The Rise of the Modern State
- Political Philosophy

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

- Conflict: Its Origins, Ethics and Containment
- Ideological Conflict, Belief and Philosophy
- Freedom, Power and Domination
- International Justice
- Ethics of Culture
- Human Rights
- Citizenship

*Gender and Philosophy (MA)*

- Women and Human Rights
- Women, Freedom and Politics

*Business Ethics (MA)*

- Introduction to Business Ethics
- Corporate Social Responsibility

*Other (BA, MA)*

- Study Skills