

## Kristi A. Olson

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### CONTACT INFORMATION

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### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

#### **Bowdoin College**

Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy (2021-present)  
Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy (2014-2021)

#### **Stanford University**

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science (2012-14)

#### **Princeton University**

Harold T. Shapiro Bioethics Research Associate & Lecturer (2010-12)

### EDUCATION

**Harvard University**, Ph.D. Philosophy, Nov. 2010

Dissertation: *Justice, Unequal Talents, and the Market*

Committee: Thomas M. Scanlon (chair), Frances Kamm, and Amartya Sen

**Harvard University**, A.M. Health Policy, Nov. 2009 (completed coursework for Ph.D.)

**Duke University**, J.D., with honors, May 1996

**Indiana University**, B.A., with high honors, Music and Geography, Dec. 1992

### PUBLICATIONS

#### **Book**

*The Solidarity Solution: Principles for a Fair Income Distribution* (Oxford University Press, 2020).

#### **Articles**

"A Philosopher's Guide to Multidimensional Equality," *Philosophy Compass* 17 (2022): 1-10.

"The Importance of What We Care About: A Solidarity Approach to Resource Allocation," *Political Studies* (2020): 1-17.

"Impersonal Envy and the Fair Division of Resources," *Philosophy & Public Affairs* 46 (2018): 269-292.

"Solving Which Trilemma? The Many Interpretations of Equality, Pareto, and Freedom of Occupational Choice," *Politics, Philosophy & Economics* 16 (2017): 282-307.

"Autarky as a Moral Baseline," *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 44 (2014): 264-285.

"Our Choices, Our Wage Gap?" *Philosophical Topics* 40 (2012): 45-61.

**PUBLICATIONS  
(cont.)**

“The Endowment Tax Puzzle,” *Philosophy & Public Affairs* 38 (2010): 240-271.

**Book Reviews & Dictionary Entries**

“Leisure” in *The Cambridge Rawls Lexicon*, ed. by Jon Mandle and David E. Reidy (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2015), pp. 433-434.

“Review of *Health and Social Justice* by Jennifer Prah Ruger and *Health, Luck, and Justice* by Shlomi Segall,” *Perspectives on Politics* 10 (2012): 490-92.

**WORKS IN  
PROGRESS**

**Book Manuscript**

*Abortion Arguments Analyzed: What Logic Reveals about the Debate* (with Scott Sehon)

**TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE**

**Bowdoin College, Assistant Professor/Associate Professor**

Analyzing Abortion Arguments (forthcoming 2023)

Ethics & the Embryo (2021)

Ethics and Public Policy (2021, 2022)

Logic (2014, 2021S, 2021F)

Theories of Economic Fairness (2020, 2022)

Ethics of Climate Change (2016, 2017, 2019, 2020)

Crime & Punishment (2015, 2016, 2018, 2019)

What Is Equality? (2019, 2020)

Political Philosophy (2019, 2020)

Philosophical Issues of Gender & Race (2015, 2016, 2018)

Morality of War (2015, 2017)

Theories of Equality (2016)

Moral Problems (2015)

**Stanford University, Assistant Professor**

Egalitarianism: Graduate Seminar (2014)

Political Theory Workshop (2013, 2014)

Contemporary Moral Problems (2013, 2014)

Justice (2012)

**Princeton University, Lecturer**

Morals, Markets, and Health (2011, 2012)

**Harvard University, Teaching Fellow**

The Morality of War and Terrorism (2007)

Deductive Logic (2006)

Kant’s Ethical Theory (2006)

**Harvard’s Kennedy School of Gov’t, Teaching Fellow/Course Assistant**

Responsibilities of Public Action (2005)

Empirical Methods II (2002)

Quantitative Analysis and Empirical Methods I (2001)

**HONORS &  
AWARDS**

Philip L. Quinn Fellowship, National Humanities Center. 2022-23  
Andrew W. Mellon Award, Bowdoin College. 2017  
Emily and Charles Carrier Dissertation Prize, Harvard University. 2011  
Whiting Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Harvard University. 2009-2010  
American Philosophical Association (Pacific), Graduate Student Prize. 2009  
Project on Justice, Welfare, and Economics Graduate Fellowship. 2008-09  
Edmond J. Safra Graduate Fellowship in Ethics. 2007-08  
Kennedy School, Dean's Award for Excellence in Student Teaching. 2006  
International Society for Utilitarian Studies, Graduate Student Paper Prize. 2005  
National Science Foundation Graduate Student Fellowship. 2002-03, 2005-07  
Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality Training Grant. 2001-02  
Neill James Blue Scholarship, Duke Law School. 1993-96  
Phi Beta Kappa. Indiana University. 1992

**SELECTED  
PRESENTATIONS**

"The Solidarity Solution: Principles for a Fair Income Distribution," Seoul National University (Nov. 2020).

"How Should We Measure Multidimensional Inequality? A Philosopher's Approach (with COVID Applications)," Institute for International Economic Policy, George Washington University (July 2020)

"The Labor Auction Thought Experiment," Law & Philosophy Workshop, Cornell University (Oct. 2019)

"The Cooperative Ideal," Social Justice Workshop, Concordia University and the Universite de Montreal (Aug. 2019)

"Impersonal Envy and the Fair Division of Resources," Duke University Philosophy Colloquium (Nov. 2018)

"Rational Egalitarians: A Critique of the Normative Foundations of Paretian Economics," Colloquium in Political & Legal Philosophy, Queen's University, Canada (Oct. 2017)

"Two Interpretations of Fairness," Bechtel Workshop in Moral and Political Philosophy, University of Pennsylvania (May 2017)

"Van Parijs' Undominated Diversity and the Solidarity Interpretation of Fairness," Graduate Seminar, University of Southern California (Apr. 2017)

"The Other Fairness," Program in Ethics and Public Affairs, Princeton University (Mar. 2017)

"The Solidarity Solution: Fairness as a Relational Ideal," Moral Philosophy Seminar, University of Oxford (Jan. 2017)

**SELECTED  
PRESENTATIONS  
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- “The Anatomy of Envy-Freeness,”  
Eastern Division Meeting, American Philosophical Association (Jan. 2017)  
Dartmouth College Political Economy Project (May 2016)  
Harvard University, Celebration of the Philosophy and Teaching of T.M.  
Scanlon (Apr. 2016)  
Bates College Philosophy Department (Mar. 2016)  
UCLA School of Law, Legal Theory Workshop (Jan. 2016)
- “Equality, Matters of Taste, and the Incentives Debate,” Justice at Work  
Conference, Pozen Family Center for Human Rights, University of Chicago (Oct.  
2016)
- “Envy-Freeness and the Minimal Acceptability Test,” Conference on Normative  
Ethics and Welfare Economics, University of Chicago (Oct. 2014)
- “Fair Pay,” NYU Colloquium in Legal, Political, & Social Philosophy (Sept. 2014)
- “Fairness, Envy-Freeness, and Taxation,” UCLA Colloquium on Tax Policy &  
Financing (Mar. 2014)
- “What, If Anything, Could Justify the Gender Wage Gap?” Harvard University  
Political Theory Colloquium (Oct. 2013)
- “The Conflation of Choice and Hard Work,” Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress,  
University of Colorado (Aug. 2013)
- “The Moral Status of the Unborn,” Stanford Constitutional Law Center, *Roe at  
40: What We Have Learned* (Mar. 2013)
- “Autarky as a Moral Baseline,” Melden Workshop on Aaron James’s *Fairness in  
Practice: A Social Contract for a Global Economy*, UC Irvine (Mar. 2013)
- “Rethinking Inequality: Philosophical Reflections on Recent Empirical Research  
on the Gender Wage Gap,” University of Ottawa (Nov. 2012)
- “Choice and Inequality,” University Center for Human Values, Princeton  
University (Mar. 2012)
- “The Pareto Challenge to Equality,” Stanford University (Sept. 2011)  
“Gretzky’s Rent and Coal Miners’ Burdens,” Contractarian Moral Theory: The  
25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of *Morals by Agreement*, York University (May 2011)
- “Contractualism, the Numbers Problem, and the Justification for Fair Lotteries,”  
University Center for Human Values, Princeton University (Mar. 2011)
- “The Malibu Surfer and the Right to Health Care,” Ira W. DeCamp Bioethics  
Seminars, Princeton University (Nov. 2010)
- “Equality of Resources and the Equally Talented Society,” American  
Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, Vancouver, BC (Apr. 2009)

**SELECTED  
PRESENTATIONS  
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“Incentives or Special Burdens: When Are Greater Rewards to the Talented Justified?” Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado (Aug. 2008)

“Scanlon’s Precarious Balancing Act: Another Reason for Skepticism about Saving the Many,” International Society for Utilitarian Studies, Dartmouth College (Aug. 2005)

**INVITED  
COMMENTS**

*None Above: A Philosophy of Social Hierarchy* (book manuscript workshop for Niko Kolodny), University of Southern California (May 2021)

Zofia Stemplowska, “Equality of Attention,” Politics, Philosophy, and Economics 2021 Conference (Feb. 2021)

Javier Hidalgo, “Who Has a Principled Case for Open Borders?” Politics, Philosophy, and Economics 2020 Conference, Tulane University, New Orleans, (Mar. 2020)

Debra Satz, “Equality and Adequacy as Distributive Ideals for Education,” Lindner Lecture, The College of Wooster, Ohio (Oct. 2017)

Frances Kamm, “Torture,” Northwestern Society for the Theory of Ethics and Politics, Northwestern University (May 2015)

Matthew Weinzierl, “Revisiting the Classical View of Benefit-Based Taxation,” Conference on Normative Ethics and Welfare Economics, University of Chicago (Oct. 2014)

*Justice in Production* (book manuscript roundtable for Lucas Stanczyk), Midwest Political Science Association Meeting (Apr. 2014)

Epistemology and Political Theory (papers by Eric Beerbohm, Yvonne Chiu, Alexander Guerrero, and Helene Landemore), American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Sept. 2013)

Chiara Cordelli, “Relational Distributive Justice,” Stanford Political Theory Workshop (Feb. 2013)

Sarah Conly, “One Child: Do We Really Have the Right to More?” Feminist Political Theory Speaker Series, Princeton University (Mar. 2012)

Pablo Gilabert, “In Defense of the Human Right to Democracy,” University Center for Human Values, Princeton University (Feb. 2012)

Corey Brettschneider, “When the State Speaks, What Should It Say?” University Center for Human Values, Princeton University (Oct. 2010)

Udo Schüklenk and Christopher Lowry, “The Moral Basis of Global Health Aid,” American Philosophical Association, New York City (Dec. 2009)

Rahul Kumar, “Why Reparations?” Conference on the Grounds of Justice: An Essay on Global Political Philosophy, Harvard University (May 2008)

**LEGAL & POLICY  
EXPERIENCE**

**National Health Law Program**, Chapel Hill, NC

Staff Attorney (1996-2000); Part-Time Consultant (2001-03)

Analyzed legislation; participated in impact litigation; provided technical assistance and trainings to policymakers, attorneys, disability and civil rights advocates; coauthored grant proposals and reports on such issues as Medicaid services for children, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and due process rights.

**National Center for Youth Law** (with National Health Law), Chapel Hill, NC

Law Clerk (1995-96)

Analyzed federal and state laws for best practices in adolescent health.

**Court-Appointed Child Advocate**, Durham, NC

Pro Bono Legal Representative (1993-94)

**PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICE**

**The Profession**

Associate Editor, *Philosophy & Public Affairs* (2022-Present)

Associate Editor, *Politics, Philosophy & Economics* (2019-Present)

Reviewer for: *International Panel on Social Progress* (2016)

Book Proposal Reviewer for: Routledge Press (2021)

Consultant for: Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (2011)

Referee for: *Economics and Philosophy*; *Ethics*; *Journal of Applied Philosophy*; *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*; *Journal of Political Philosophy*; *Journal of Politics*; *Journal of Social Philosophy*; *Moral Philosophy and Politics*; *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*; *Philosophical Quarterly*; *Philosophy & Public Affairs*; *Politics, Philosophy & Economics*; *Public Philosophy Journal*; *Social Theory and Practice*

**Bowdoin College**

Faculty Development Committee, Teaching Subcommittee (2018-2022)

Environmental Studies Program Committee (2016-Present)

Judicial Board (2015-17)

Summer Working Group on Writing and Rhetoric (2016)

Summer Working Group on Bowdoin Course Questionnaire (2016)

**Stanford University**

Faculty Coordinator, Political Theory Workshop (2013-14)

Graduate Admissions Committee (2013-14)

Advisory Board & Faculty Associate, Center for Ethics in Society (2012-14)

Political Theory Field Convenor (2012-13)