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Education

- Ph.D. University of Virginia, Philosophy (2016)
- M.A. University of Virginia, Philosophy (2014)
- J.D. University of Tennessee College of Law (2004)
- B.A. University of Arkansas, Philosophy (2001)
  University of Oxford, Mansfield College (visiting student, 1999-2000)

Academic Appointments

- Associate Professor, Philosophy, University of Alabama (2023 –)
  Director of Graduate Studies (2025 –)
- Assistant Professor, Philosophy, University of Alabama (2020 – 2023)
- Associate Professor, Criminal Justice, Radford University (2019 – 2020)
- Assistant Professor, Criminal Justice, Radford University (2016 – 2019)

Government Service

- Supervisory Special Agent, FBI Headquarters, National Security Branch, Policy and Strategy Unit (April 2011 – August 2012)

- Special Agent, FBI Washington Field, Foreign Corrupt Practices Act squad (June 2009 – April 2011)

- Special Agent, FBI Richmond Field Office, Charlottesville Resident Agency, General Criminal squad (March 2006 – June 2009)

- Law Clerk for Judge James P. Jones, U.S. District Court, Western District of Virginia (August 2004 – August 2005)

Teaching and Research Interests

- *Areas of Specialization*: Philosophy of Law, Political Philosophy, Criminal Justice Ethics
- *Areas of Competence*: Criminal Law/Procedure, National Security Law, Constitutional Law

Books

- NINETY SECONDS TO MIDNIGHT – ETHICS AT THE END OF THE WORLD (Oxford University Press, 2027) (forthcoming)

- POLICE DECEPTION AND DISHONESTY – THE LOGIC OF LYING (Oxford University Press, 2024).

- THE POLICE IDENTITY CRISIS – HERO, WARRIOR, GUARDIAN, ALGORITHM (Routledge, 2021).

- THE RETRIEVAL OF LIBERALISM IN POLICING (Oxford University Press, 2019).

Journal Articles and Chapters

- *What Nonideal Theory Tells Us About the Police Role*, in NONIDEAL SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY: A COLLABORATIVE INTRODUCTION, ed. Ross Mittiga and Matthew Adams (Routledge) (forthcoming).

- *Domestic Terrorism Predication and the (Third-Party) Rule of Law*, in DOMESTIC VIOLENT EXTREMISM AND THE THREAT TO U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY, ed. Ilya Rudyak and Max Abrahms (Oxford University Press) (forthcoming).

- *Police Interrogation and Fraudulent Epistemic Environments*, JOURNAL OF PUBLIC POLICY (2025).

- *The Uses and Abuses of Virtue in Policing*, NETHERLANDS JOURNAL OF LEGAL PHILOSOPHY (2024).

- *Good Faith as a Normative Foundation of Policing*, 17.3 CRIMINAL LAW & PHILOSOPHY (2023).

- *Policing*, in ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE PHILOSOPHY OF LAW AND SOCIAL PHILOSOPHY, edited by Mortimer Sellers and Stephan Kirste (Springer, 2023).

- *The Limits of Reallocative and Algorithmic Policing*, 41.1 CRIMINAL JUSTICE ETHICS (2022).

- *The Legitimacy and Limits of Punishing "Bad Samaritans,"* 31.3 UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA JOURNAL OF LAW AND PUBLIC POLICY (2021).

- *Policing, Brutality, and the Demands of Justice*, 40.1 CRIMINAL JUSTICE ETHICS (2021).

- *Hobbesian Causation and Personal Identity in the History of Criminology*, 31.2 INTELLECTUAL HISTORY REVIEW (2021).

- *Does Criminal Responsibility Rest Upon a False Supposition? No.*, 13.1 WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY JURISPRUDENCE REVIEW 65-84 (2020).

- *The Law in Plato's Laws: A Reading of the "Classical Thesis,"* 35.1 POLIS 102-26 (2018).

- *What the Epistemic Account of Vagueness Means for Legal Interpretation*, 35.1 LAW & PHILOSOPHY 29-54 (2016).

- *Legal Speech and Implicit Content in the Law*, 29.1 RATIO JURIS 3-22 (2016).

- *The Global Ethics of Helping and Harming*, 36.4 HUMAN RIGHTS QUARTERLY 798-819 (2014).

- *Legal Ethics—Attorney Conflicts of Interest—The Effect of Screening Procedures and the Appearance of Impropriety Standard on the Vicarious Disqualification of a Law Firm*, 70 TENNESSEE LAW REVIEW 251-79 (2002).

Honors and Awards

- Testified before the U.S House of Representatives, Judiciary Committee, Subcommittee on Oversight, regarding the "FBI and the Rule of Law" (April 2, 2025) (oral testimony / opening statement) (written testimony).
- *Leadership Board Faculty Fellowship*, Univ. of Alabama, College of Arts and Sciences (2024 – 2027)
- *Distinguished Teaching Fellowship*, Univ. of Alabama, College of Arts and Sciences (2024 – 2027)
- *2024 3PI Best Paper Prize*, Policing, Philosophy, and Policy Initiative ("3PI"), Penn State Univ. (for paper, "Police Interrogation and Fraudulent Epistemic Environments")
- *President's Faculty Research Award* (Emerging Scholar, Arts and Humanities), Univ. of Alabama (2022)
- Bar Admissions: Tennessee (2004), District of Columbia (2005)
- Cambridge University Study Abroad Program, University of Tennessee College of Law (2002)
- Sturgis Study Abroad Grant (attended Oxford University), University of Arkansas (1999-2000)

Essays and Other Publications

- *I'm a former FBI agent who studies policing, and here's how federal agents in Minneapolis are undermining basic law enforcement principles*, THE CONVERSATION (January 30, 2026).
- *Trump's deployment of the National Guard to fight crime blurs the legal distinction between the police and the military*, THE CONVERSATION (September 5, 2025).
- *On Self-Deception and Self-Imposed Suffering*, AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL ASSOCIATION BLOG (December 4, 2023).
- *Don't be an FBI Agent*, PHILOSOPHER'S COCOON (November 11, 2023) (essay on non-traditional career paths into philosophy).
- *The Possible World Defense: Why Our Current Legal Thinking about Entrapment is Philosophically Suspect*, AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL ASSOCIATION BLOG (March 21, 2019) (essay on problems with entrapment theory).
- *Ice Cube and the philosophical foundations of community policing*, OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS BLOG (February 17, 2019) (essay on police legitimacy, public reason, and community policing).
- *Liberalism and policing: The state we're in*, IN THE LONG RUN (University of Cambridge) (November 22, 2018) (online article on the state of policing in liberal societies).

- *Informants, Police, and Unconscionability*, INSTITUTE OF ARTS AND IDEAS (IAI) (November 6, 2018) (online magazine article about philosophical problems regarding the police's use of informants).

- *Norms, Narratives, and Politics*, 101.2 SOUNDINGS 173-86 (2018) (interdisciplinary journal/essay published by Penn State University Press).

- *Are 'Orders' from the Tweeter-in-Chief Legally Enforceable?* THE CRIME REPORT (CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice) (September 18, 2018) (Op-Ed examining presidential executive power, law enforcement policy, and the rule of law).

Conference and Colloquium Presentations

- *The Legal and Moral Right (and Duty) to Deceive*, Legal Humanities Research Focus Group, University of California Santa Barbara (June 2026) (invited)

- *What Nonideal Theory Tells Us About the Police Role*, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, San Francico (May 2026) (invited)

- *The Legal and Moral Right (and Duty) to Deceive*, Workshop on The Ethics of Deception, Stockholm University, Sweden (November 2025) (invited)

- *Domestic Terrorism Predication and the (Third-Party) Rule of Law*, Colloquium talk, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, May 2025 (invited)

- Selections from book, *Police Deception and Dishonest – The Logic of Lying*, Philosophy of Policing Workshop, University of North Carolina, March 30, 2024 (invited)

- "Police Interrogation and Fraudulent Epistemic Environments"
    - College of Charleston, Charleston, SC, November 14, 2024 (invited)
    - Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, June 2024
    - Policing, Philosophy, and Policy Initiative ("3PI"), Penn State University, March 1, 2024 (best paper prize winner)
    - American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting, New Orleans, LA, February 2024
    - Alabama Philosophical Society, Pensacola, Florida, September 29-30, 2023
    - Orange Beach Epistemology Workshop, Orange Beach, Alabama, May 23-24, 2023

- *Domestic Terrorism Predication and the (Third-Party) Rule of Law*, Domestic Violent Extremism and the Threat to U.S. National Security Conference, University of Pennsylvania (Center for Ethics and the Rule of Law), September 28-30, 2022 (invited)

- *Domestic Terrorism Predication and the (Third-Party) Rule of Law*, Alabama International Relations Model United Nations Conference, University of Alabama, September 30, 2022 (invited keynote)

- *The Limits of Reallocative and Algorithmic Policing*, Mississippi State University, Department of Philosophy Visiting Speaker Series, April 8, 2022 (invited)

- *Good Faith as a Normative Foundation of Policing*, Workshop on Policing and Political Philosophy, George Mason University, October 15-17, 2021 (invited)

- *Archetypal, Reallocative, and Algorithmic Models of Policing*, Department of Philosophy Faculty Colloquium, University of Alabama, September 9, 2021

- *Algorithms and Justice in Policing*, Workshop on Ethics in Criminal Justice AI, University of Florida, March 12, 2021 (invited)

- *The Problem of Warrior Policing,* Contemporary Challenges for Just War Theory, Temple University, March 12-13, 2021

- *The (Third-Party) Rule of Law*, Ethical and Policy Issues in Open Source Intelligence Gathering, The Center for Cyber Innovation, Mississippi State University, September 2020

- *Data, Prediction, and Value, in Policing*, Ethics and Public Policy Seminar Series, University of New Orleans, April 2020 (invited) (postponed due to COVID-19)

- *Author-meets-critics session on The Retrieval of Liberalism in Policing* (with critics Raff Donelson and Jake Monaghan; Kyle Fritz, Chair), American Philosophical Association, Central Division, Chicago, February 2020

- *Predictive Policing and the Conflation of Fact and Value in Criminology*, Southern Criminal Justice Association, Annual Meeting, Nashville, Tennessee, September 2019

- *Data, Prediction, and Value: The Police as Justice Seekers,* Criminal Law and Legal Theory Workshop, University of Toronto Law, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, June 2019 (invited)

- *The Moral Foundation of Community Policing: Public Reason and Human Rights*, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Annual Meeting, Baltimore, Maryland, March 2019 (section Chair)

- *On the Police Role: Brutality, Dignity, and the Problem of the Police "Warrior,"* Radford University and Virginia Counselors Association, Southwest Virginia Chapter, "Guys in Crisis Conference," March 2019

- *Roundtable: Media Coverage by Criminologists during "Breaking News" Events: Ethics, Education, Policy Impact, and Public Safety*, American Society of Criminology, Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, Nov. 2018 (invited)

- *Entrapment, Counterfactuals, and Police*, American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, February 2018

- *Big Brother and Big Data: Police Surveillance and the Law in the 21st Century*, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, February 2018

- *Entrapment in the Actual (Not Counterfactual) World*, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Annual Meeting, Kansas City, Missouri, March 2017

- *What the Epistemic Account of Vagueness Means for Legal Interpretation*, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting, Vancouver, British Columbia, April 2015

Other Presentations

- Testified before the U.S House of Representatives, Judiciary Committee, Subcommittee on Oversight, regarding the "FBI and the Rule of Law" (April 2, 225) (oral testimony / opening statement) (written testimony).

- "The Police Can Lie to You: A Philosophy Prof and Former FBI Agent Discusses," *Conversations on Race and Policing Series*, California State University, San Bernardino, April 15, 2024.

- "The Police Can Lie to You: A Philosophy Professor and Former FBI Agent Discusses," Discourse BHAM, March 21, 2024.

- Panelist, *Webinar on policing, policy, and ethics*, American Philosophical Association, the Public Philosophy Network, and the Policing, Policy and Philosophy Initiative, April 14, 2023 (invited).

- Interviewer, "A Conversation with Don Martin, General Counsel for the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence and former CIA Counsel," *Prelaw Society*, Radford University, September 17, 2019.

- Interviewer, "A Conversation with Victoria Pearson, Virginia Deputy Attorney General, Criminal Justice and Public Safety Division," *Prelaw Society*, Radford University, April 18, 2019

- Guest Speaker, "Confidential Human Sources and Unconscionability," *Western Virginia Regional Jail, Speaker Series*, April 17, 2019

- Interviewer, "A Conversation with Allison Kidd-Miller, U.S. Department of Justice, Commercial Litigation Branch," *Prelaw Society*, Radford University, October 23, 2018

- Interviewer, "A Conversation with Shannon Dion, Director, Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services," *Prelaw Society*, Radford University, April 19, 2018

- Interviewer, "A Conversation with Judge James P. Jones, U.S. District Court, Western District of Virginia," *Constitution Day / Prelaw Society*, Radford University, September 19, 2017

- Interviewer, "A Conversation with (Ret.) Chief Justice Cynthia Kinser, Supreme Court of Virginia," *Prelaw Society*, Radford University, March 29, 2017

- Commentary on Christopher Freiman's "Should States Allow Markets in Citizenship?" *Political Philosophy, Policy, and Law Colloquium*, University of Virginia, December 11, 2015 (invited)

Courses Taught

- *University of Alabama*

    - PHL 590: Graduate Capstone
    - PHL 500: Graduate Proseminar
    - PHL 442/542: Ticking Time Bombs: Philosophy and National Security
    - PHL 446/546: Legal and Philosophical Problems in Policing
    - PHL 341: Law and Morality
    - PHL 243: Philosophical Issues in Constitutional Law

- PHL 240: Philosophy and the Law
- PHL 230: Political Philosophy

- *Radford University*

  - CRJU 691: Public Policy and Criminal Justice (graduate)
  - CRJU 655: Constitutional Law and the Criminal Justice System (graduate)
  - CRJU 450: Criminal Justice and The Law School Experience
  - POSC 439: Constitutional Law: Civil Liberties
  - POSC 438: Constitutional Law: Government Powers
  - CRJU-365: Diversity Issues in the Criminal Justice System
  - CRJU 360: Criminal Law and Evidence
  - CRJU 233: Courts and the Criminal Process

- *University of Virginia*

  - PHIL 1510: Legal and Moral Culpability
  - PHIL 1510: Philosophy of Law
  - PHIL 1510: Philosophy of Criminal Law
  - PHIL 2060: Philosophical Problems in Law (TA for John Simmons)
  - PHIL 2770: Political Philosophy (TA for John Simmons)

Academic and Other Service

- Director of Graduate Studies, Philosophy, University of Alabama (2025 – present)
- Chair, Philosophy Department Chair Search Committee, University of Alabama (2026)
- Chair, Faculty Search Sub-Committee (Philosophy of Law), University of Alabama (2024-2025)
- Jurisprudence Specialization, Steering Committee, University of Alabama (2020 – present)
- Philosophy Undergrad Research Conference, Organizer, University of Alabama (spring 2021 - present)
- Moderator and Judge, *National High School Ethics Bowl* (2025 – present)
- *Panther Partnerships Mentoring Program* (year-long mentoring program for BSC students), Birmingham-Southern College, 2022-2023
- *Perspectives on Systemic Racism* (author of multiple essays on systemic racism that will be freely available to students around the world), EBSCO (2020-2022)
- Book Review Editor, *Criminal Justice Ethics* (2025 – present)
- Journal and book manuscript reviewer, *Oxford University Press*; *Routledge*; *Law and Philosophy*; *The Journal of Politics*; *Ratio Juris*; *Journal of Policing, Intelligence, and Counter Terrorism*; *Moral Philosophy and Politics*; *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy; Criminal Justice Ethics; Criminal Law and Philosophy; Perspectives on Politics; Swiss National Science Foundation; The Journal of Ethics;*

Philosophy & Public Affairs; Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy; and other journals.

- Prelaw Advisor, Radford University (2016 – 2020)

Public Engagement / Selected Media Appearances

- "Why this former FBI agent doesn't think proper police practices are being followed," *WWL First News with Tommy Tucker* (Feb. 4, 2026) (live radio interview)

- "Former FBI Talks About ICE, Renee Good, and Alex Pretti," *Inside the Mind of a Philosopher*, episode 84 (podcast interview with Jason Chen), January 27, 2026.

- ABC TV in Australia (Australia's BBC) (October 6, 2025) (TV interview on the use of national guard for policing in U.S. cities).

- Adam Goldman and Alan Feuer, "F.B.I. Leaders Push to Restore Trust in the Agency They Once Undermined," *The New York Times* (April 4, 2025) (interviewed and quoted in *The New York Times*).

- "Police Deception and Dishonesty" (episode 10)," *Beyond Law: A Book Review Podcast* (Spotify podcast conversation about my book with Osgoode Hall law professors Dan Priel and Richard Haigh), April 2025.

- Josie Ensor, "America's enemies 'foaming at the mouth' as Kash Patel eyes FBI purge," *The Times* (February 28, 2025) (interviewed and quoted in *The Times*).

- Radley Balko, "Critics Worry Kash Patel Will Purge the FBI. Would He Even Need to?" *Rolling Stone* (February 20, 2025) (interviewed and quoted in *Rolling Stone*).

- "Police Deception and Dishonesty," *Inside the Mind of a Philosopher*, episode 50 (podcast interview with Jason Chen), November 10. 2024.

- "Police and the Ethics of Lying." *Why? Philosophical Discussions about Everyday Life* (Prairie Public Radio), March 25, 2024 (longform radio interview / podcast re: my book and FBI experience).

- Laura French, "Her son was a police informant. She blames them for his death: 'They didn't protect my son'", *CBS News Richmond*, May 16, 2023 (TV interview regarding the use of police informants).

- Jacob Biba, "Her Son Needed Help. First, He Had to Help the Police." *The New Republic*, January 4, 2022 (interviewed regarding my work on police informants).

- "The Informant: On informant deals and the rule of law," *Hi-Phi Nation* (Slate podcast), Season 4, Episode 3, May 16, 2020 (Slate podcast discussing informants and the rule of law).

- "Risks And Benefits Of Encrypted Social Media, Considering Growth Of Child Abuse Images Online," *AirTalk with Larry Mantle on NPR-member station KPCC, 89.3 FM*, October 4, 2019 (live radio interview regarding tradeoffs between privacy and criminal investigation).

- "Radford University professor has unique connection to Mueller report," *ABC 13 News Roanoke*, March 25, 2019 (TV interview about Special Counsel Mueller's report and my experience working for Mueller in the FBI).

- "FBI overreach? Andrew McCabe says FBI / DoJ considered reaching out to Cabinet members to invoke the 25th amendment," *AirTalk with Larry Mantle on NPR-member station KPCC, 89.3 FM*, February 14, 2019 (live radio interview regarding the FBI, the Constitution, and the rule of law).

- Isidoro Rodriguez, "Why 'Liberal' Policing Shouldn't Be a Contradiction in Terms," *The Crime Report* (CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice), February 6, 2019 (longform interview about my book and criminal justice).

- Dan Spinelli, "Trump Shut Down the Government to Protect National Security. He Hurt It Instead," *Mother Jones*, January 25, 2019 (providing commentary on the impact of the government shutdown on national security).

- "What are the limits of police power?" *Why? Philosophical Discussions about Everyday Life* (*Prairie Public Radio*), December 9, 2018 (longform radio interview / podcast re: my book and FBI experience).

- "Authorities Make Arrest In Connection With Suspicious Packages Sent To Trump Critics," *Here and Now on NPR station WBUR 90.9*, October 26, 2018 (live radio interview for legal/investigative analysis).

- "Local author examines the philosophy of policing in our nation," *Fox WFXR Roanoke*, October 10, 2018 (live interview on morning show about my book, *The Retrieval of Liberalism in Policing*).

- "DC roundup: What we learned from NY Times' big Trump tax investigation, the latest on Kavanaugh FBI probe and more," *AirTalk with Larry Mantle on NPR-member station KPCC, 89.3 FM*, October 3, 2018 (live radio interview regarding FBI standards for pursuing allegations and tips).

- "Week in politics: Exploring the scope of FBI's Kavanaugh inquiry," *AirTalk with Larry Mantle on NPR-member station KPCC, 89.3 FM*, October 1, 2018 (live radio interview re: FBI background checks).

- "Week in politics: Will allegation of sexual misconduct derail Kavanaugh confirmation?" *AirTalk with Larry Mantle on NPR-member station KPCC, 89.3 FM*, September 17, 2018 (live radio interview regarding how the FBI conducts background investigations).

- "How does a living suspect affect a terror investigation?" *CTV Your Morning*, November 3, 2017 (live interview on Canada's nationally broadcast morning show regarding legal analysis of NYC terrorist attack on 10/31/2017).

References

Available upon request.