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**Area of Specialization:** Ethics **Areas of Competence:** Social and Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Religion, Pedagogy of Philosophy

## Education

### University of Oslo

PhD, Philosophy, 2013. Dissertation: *Because it Feels Good: A Hedonistic Theory of Intrinsic Value*. Advisers: Panos Dimas and Roger Crisp. Examiners: Peter Railton and Julia Driver.

PPU, Practical Pedagogy, 2013. 60 ECTS. Specialization: Pedagogy of Religion.

MA, History of Ideas, 2009. Thesis: *Wilhelm von Humboldt's Influence on John Stuart Mill*. Grade A, "clearly outstanding."

BA, History of Ideas, 2007. Minor: Religious Studies.

### University of Oxford

Visiting PhD Student, Faculty of Philosophy, Oxford Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics, fall 2011.

### University of California, Berkeley

Visiting Student Researcher, Department of Philosophy, fall 2008.

## Positions and Affiliations

University of Oslo, Research Fellow in Philosophy and Principal Investigator for "What should not be bought and sold?", a € 1 million project funded by the Research Council of Norway, 2016–2020.

University of Oxford, Faculty of Philosophy, Oxford Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics, Visiting Scholar, fall 2017.

Parental leave (9 months full-time), Feb.–Nov. 2014.

Humanistkolen, Co-Founder and Chairman of the Board, spring 2015–p.

University of Oslo, Centre for the Study of Mind in Nature (CSMN), Postdoc, spring 2014–2016.

University of Oslo, Stipendiary Lecturer in Philosophy (teaching introduction to philosophy and intermediary applied ethics), 2013.

Norwegian Institute at Athens, Greece, Visiting Scholar, spring 2011.

University of Oslo, PhD Fellow in Philosophy, 2010–2013.

Civita, Project Assistant, 2007.

Ullern Upper-Secondary School, Philosophy teacher (2 hours/week), 2005–2006.

## Publications

### Books

- Aktiv dødshjelp – etikk ved livets slutt* [Assisted dying – ethics at the end of life]. With Aksel Braanen Sterri. Cappelen Damm Akademisk, forthcoming.
- Essayskriving – kort og klart* [Essay writing – short and to the point]. Høyskoleforlaget [Norwegian Academic Press], 2011

### Articles and reviews

- “The Unabomber’s Ethics”, forthcoming in *Bioethics*.
- “Pedophilia and Computer-Generated Child Pornography” (with A. B. Sterri), *Handbook of Philosophy and Public Policy*. David Boonin (ed.). Palgrave Macmillan, forthcoming.
- “An Argument for Intrinsic Value Monism”, *Philosophia* 44 (4) 2017: 1375–1385
- “An Argument for Hedonism”, *Journal of Value Inquiry* 50 (2) 2016: 267–81
- “Checking People Out” (chapter), *Philosophers Take on the World*. David Edmonds (ed.). Oxford: Oxford Univ Press, 2016: 122–24
- “Smarter Babies”, *Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethics* 25 (3) 2016: 515–517
- “The Ethics of Wild Animal Suffering”, *Nordic Journal of Applied Ethics* 10 (1) (1) 2016: 91–104
- “Bright New World”, *Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethics* 25 (2) 2016: 282–287
- “Paying for Sex – Only for People with Disabilities?” (co-authored with Brian Earp), *Journal of Medical Ethics* 42 (1) 2016: 54–56
- “Review: Peter Singer and Katarzyna de Lazari-Radek: ‘The Point of View of the Universe: Sidgwick and Contemporary Ethics’”, *Utilitas* 27 (1) 2015: 115–17
- “The Case for Cryonics”, *Journal of Medical Ethics* 41 (8) 2015: 677–681
- “Hedonism Before Bentham”, *Journal of Bentham Studies* 17 (1) 2015: 1–19
- “The Ethics of Pedophilia”, *Nordic Journal of Applied Ethics* 9 (1) 2015: 111–24
- “Review: Michael Huemer, ‘The Problem of Political Authority: An Examination of the Right to Coerce and the Duty to Obey’”, *Philosophical Quarterly* 64 (256) 2014: 198–200
- “Should We Give Money to Beggars?”, *Think* 13 (37) 2014: 73–76
- “Prostitution and Sexual Ethics: A Reply to Westin”, *Journal of Medical Ethics* 40 (2) 2014: 88
- “Prostitution and Harm: A Reply to Anderson and McDougall”, *Journal of Medical Ethics* 40 (2) 2014: 84–85
- “Is Prostitution Harmful?”, *Journal of Medical Ethics* 40 (2) 2014: 73–81. Feature article with invited responses.
- “The Unity and Commensurability of Pleasures and Pains”, *Philosophia* 41 (2) 2013: 527–543
- “Bokanmeldelse: Morten Magelssen, ‘Menneskeverd i klinikk og politikk’”, *Norsk filosofisk tidsskrift* 48 (3/4) 2013: 315–317
- “Cosmetic Surgery”, *Think* 11 (31) 2012: 73–79
- “Is Life the Ultimate Value?”, *Reason Papers* 32 (2) 2012: 84–116

“Innledende essay” (chapter), *Statsmaktens grenser* by Wilhelm von Humboldt. Andreas Harald Aure (ed.) Oslo: Unipub, 2011, 8–28

“Review: Jan Narveson, “This is Ethical Theory””, *Journal of Value Inquiry* 45 (3) 2011: 337–41

## Assigned reading

*Essayskriving – kort og klart*: University of Bergen (RUS114, Russian culture, text and speech) and University of Tromsø (STV1000, Political analysis).

“Is Prostitution Harmful?”: London School of Economics (PH415 Philosophy and Public Policy), Tulane University (Phil1030, Ethics), Monash University (ATS2637, The human body and the international marketplace), and University of Notre Dame (PHIL20402, Moral problems).

“The Case for Cryonics”: Assigned at Monash University (PHIL90025, Issues in bioethics) and Ghent University (Bioethics).

“The Ethics of Wild Animal Suffering”: Assigned reading at Norwegian University of Life Sciences (PHI401: Research Ethics and Philosophy of Science).

## Media appearances

I have 100+ media appearances. International outlets include *New Scientist*, *BBC News*, *BBC Radio 4*, *The Independent*, *Forbes*, *Washington Times*, *Daily Beast*, and *Times of India*. Norwegian outlets include *Aftenposten*, *Dagbladet*, and *Morgenbladet*, as well as *Dagsnytt 18* and *Debatten*. I have participated in 54 episodes of *Verdibørsen*, Norway’s central philosophy program. For all media appearances, including links, see [www.OleMartinMoen.com/media](http://www.OleMartinMoen.com/media)

## Teaching, Advising, and Examination

PhD adviser for Aksel Braanen Sterri (surrogacy, 2017 – p.), University of Oslo.

MA adviser for Brage Vilhelm Bull-Hansen (commodification, exp. 2018), Tor Mikkel Wara (evolutionary debunking arguments, 2017), Daniel Gitlesen (polyfocal consequentialism, 2016), Eirik Falao (human enhancement, 2016), Karl Martin Mertens (business ethics, 2013), all at University of Oslo.

MA thesis examiner, University of Oslo, spring 2017.

BA thesis examiner, University of Bergen, spring 2016.

MA thesis examiner, University of Bergen, fall 2015.

Philosophy (FOFH010), Humanistskolen. Course designer and teacher, 2015–p.

Intermediary Applied Ethics (FIL2302), University of Oslo. Course designer and instructor. Spring 2013. Teaching evaluations are available upon request.

Examen Philosophicum (EXPHIL-03), University of Oslo. Seminar leader. Spring 2013. Teaching evaluations are available upon request.

Philosophy (age 16–19), Ullern Upper-Secondary School. Instructor. Fall 2005 and spring 2006.

## Grants

Research Communication Grant (NOK 79,000 ≈ USD 10,000). Research Council of Norway, SAMKUL, 2017.

Research Grant (NOK 8,9 million  $\approx$  €1 million). Rating: 7/7 Role: Principal Investigator. "What should not be bought and sold?" (2016–2020), Research Council of Norway, SAMKUL, 2016.

Writing grant, Foreningen retten til en verdig død (NOK 22,000), 2016.

Writing grant, Fritt ord (NOK 100,000), 2015.

Humanities Grant (NOK 34,000), University of Oslo, 2011.

Humane Studies Fellowship (USD 2,000), Institute for Humane Studies, 2010.

Culture and Ideas Studies Grant (NOK 2,000), University of Oslo, 2008.

Memorial prize (USD 1,000), Charles Bloomfield Foundation, 2007.

## Presentations

"Invasive Trades", Method in Applied Ethics, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, April 19, 2018.

"The Bulldozing Fallacy", Markets and Justice, Aarhus University, Jan. 9, 2017.

"Brave New Farm", Practical Philosophy Annual Workshop, University of Oslo, Nov. 24, 2017.

"The Epistemic Argument Against Psychedelics", Philosophy Special Interest Group Annual Conference, Royal College of Psychiatrists, UK, Oct. 6, 2017

"Transhumanism", Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters, March 28, 2017.

"CRISPR Ethics", Homo Perfectus workshop, Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), Jan. 11, 2017.

"The Ethics of Wild Animal Suffering", 26th Annual Jinēndra Varṇi Memorial Lecture, Kundakunda Jnanapitha, Indore, India, June 22, 2016.

"The Normative Insignificance of Benefiting from Injustice", Beneficiary Pays Principle Conference, University of Oslo, May 27–28, 2016.

"Legalizing Euthanasia: The Why and the How", Centre for Medical Ethics, University of Oslo, April 27, 2016.

"Judicial Corporal Punishment", Sokratisk aften, University of Oslo, Oct 1, 2015.

"The Ethics of Recreational Drug Use", Oxford Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics, University of Oxford, May 26, 2015.

"Hedonism Before Bentham", Oxford Hedonism Conference, University of Oxford, March 7, 2014.

"The Ethics of Gestational Surrogacy", Oslo Student Union, Nov. 1, 2013.

"Accounting for the Interests for Future Generations", Trail Lecture, University of Oslo, June 13, 2013.

"Intensive Course in Philosophical Writing", training lecture, Norway's International High School Philosophy Olympics Team, March 21, 2013.

"The Choice to Live", TAS Graduate Conference on the Foundations of Morality, Catholic University of America, Aug. 2, 2012.

"How to Grade Essays and Assignments Using Webcams and Screencasts", 'The Art of Teaching' Workshop, George Mason University, July 14, 2012.

"Philosophical Writing", Seminar for the Student Steering Committee for Philosophy, University of Oslo, May 8, 2012.

"The Mind–Body Problem", Norwegian Institute at Athens, Greece, Dec. 1, 2011.

"Prostitution and Harm", Applied Ethics Seminar, Univ of Oxford, Nov. 3, 2011.

- “Pleasure and Pain”, Norwegian Institute at Athens, Greece, Oct. 21, 2010.
- “Peace, Violence, and Retaliation”, Norwegian University Center in St. Petersburg, Russia, Feb. 8, 2010.
- “Is Egoism a Worthwhile Ethical Theory?”, Well-Being, Needs, and Human Rights, University of Bergen, May 22, 2009.
- “Determinism and Moral Responsibility”, Moral Philosophy Club, University of Oslo, March 24, 2009.
- “An Indirect Cognitive Cause Theory of Emotion”, Graduate Seminar, University of California. Berkeley, Sept. 9, 2008.

## Service

Referee for *Journal of Applied Philosophy*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Journal of Medical Ethics*, *Utilitas*, *Journal of Value Inquiry*, *Political Studies*, *Nordic Journal of Applied Ethics*, *Food Ethics*, *Technology in Society*, *Ethics in Science and Environmental Politics*, *Norsk statsvitenskapelig tidsskrift*, and Palgrave Macmillan.

*Nordic Journal of Applied Ethics*, Member of Board of Editors, 2017–p.

Research Council of Norway, Evaluator for “Young Researchers”, spring 2017.

University of Oslo, Member of hiring committee for a PhD position in the ethics of embryo selection, fall 2017.

University of Agder, Member of hiring committee for a PhD position in the ethics of artificial intelligence), summer 2017.

University of Oslo, Chair of hiring committee for a PhD position in commodification ethics, fall 2016.

Foundational Research Institute, Member of Board of Advisors, 2016–p.

Civita (Norway’s largest think tank), Member of Board of Advisors, 2015–p.

PhilPapers, Leaf editor, 2010–p.

Filosofisk Supplement, Member of Board of Editors, 2008–2010.

University of Oslo, Student Member, Board of the Faculty of Humanities, 2006–2007.

University of Oslo, Leader, Student Steering Committee for the History of Ideas, 2005–2007.

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