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Nate Adams

AREAS OF EXPERTISE **AOS:** social and political philosophy, philosophy of law
AOC: ethics (metaethics, normative, applied, history), social epistemology

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT **Assistant Professor**, 2019-current
Philosophy Department
University of Virginia

Postdoctoral Fellow, 2018-2019
Philosophy Department
McMaster University

Research Fellow, 2015-2018
Justitia Amplificata Centre for Advanced Studies
Goethe Universität Frankfurt

Visiting Assistant Professor, 2014-2015
Philosophy Department
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

EDUCATION **Washington University in St. Louis**
PhD, Philosophy, 2014

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
MA, Philosophy, 2008

Spring Arbor University
BA, Biochemistry, 2004

PUBLICATIONS *Peer-Reviewed Articles (* invited):*
AS N. P. ADAMS

11. Constituent power-with
Philosophy & Public Affairs (forthcoming)

10. Bare Statistical Evidence and the Right to Security
Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy 24 (2023), pp. 291-314

9. The Concept of Legitimacy

Canadian Journal of Philosophy 52 (2022), pp. 381-395

8. In Defense of Exclusionary Reasons

Philosophical Studies 178 (2021), pp. 235-253

7. Authority, Illocutionary Accommodation, and Social Accommodation

Australasian Journal of Philosophy 98 (2020), pp. 560-573

6. Legitimacy and Institutional Purpose*

Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy 23 (2020), pp. 292-310

5. Grounding Procedural Rights

Legal Theory 25 (2019), pp. 3-25

4. Uncivil Disobedience: Political Commitment and Violence

Res Publica 24 (2018), pp. 475-491

3. The Relational Conception of Practical Authority

Law and Philosophy 37 (2018), pp. 549-575

2. Institutional Legitimacy

The Journal of Political Philosophy 26 (2018), pp. 84-102

1. In Defense of Content-Independence

Legal Theory 23 (2017), pp. 143-167

Other Articles, Reviews, and Entries:

5. Legitimacy, with Amanda Greene

Encyclopedia of the Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy (Springer, 2023)

doi: 10.1007/978-94-007-6730-0_1092-1

4. Arthur Isak Applbaum, *Legitimacy: The Right to Rule in a Wanton World*

Ethics 131 (2021), pp. 369-374

3. Legitimacy Beyond the State: Institutional Purposes and Contextual Constraints, with Antoinette Scherz and Cord Schmelzle

Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy 23 (2020), pp. 281-291

2. Noam Gur, *Legal Directives and Practical Reason*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018, 256 pp, hb £50

Modern Law Review 82 (2019), pp. 1179-1183

1. Introduction to the Special Issue, with Susanne Burri

Moral Philosophy and Politics 5 (2018), pp. 1-8

Edited Volumes:

2. Special Issue: Legitimacy Beyond the State

Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy 23 (3), 2020
(with Antoinette Scherz and Cord Schmelzle)

Reprinted as *Legitimacy Beyond the State: Normative and Conceptual Questions* (Routledge, 2021)

1. Special Issue: On Pettit's *The Robust Demands of the Good*

Moral Philosophy and Politics 5 (1), 2018
(with Susanne Burri)

PRESENTATIONS

Theorizing Legitimacy as a Social Practice

Legitimacy Beyond the State Workshop, ANU, 2024

Constituent power-with

Legal Theory Workshop, UVA Law School, 2024

Legitimacy, Institutional Functions, and the State System

Legitimate International Authority Workshop, Dublin, 2023

On Applbaum's *Legitimacy*

PPE Society Conference, 2022

Political Realism as the Distinctiveness of Constituent Power

Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, 2022

State Sovereignty and Financial Sanctions

Justitia Amplificata (JA) Conference: Whither Global Justice, 2022

State Legitimacy, Law, and the Political Subject

Oxford Seminars in Jurisprudence, 2022

Institutional Separation and Legitimacy

Conference: Should States Do It Alone?, Amsterdam, 2019

Social Accommodation

McMaster University, 2018

The Relational Account of Authority

Goethe Universität Frankfurt (GU) Political Theory Kolloquium, 2016

Institutional Purpose and Legitimacy

JA Workshop: Legitimacy Beyond the State, 2017

Trust, Authority, and Expertise

ARENA Workshop on Expertise and Democratic Accountability in
Courts and Public Administration, Rome, 2016

An Instrumental Account of Legitimacy and International Institutions

JA Workshop: Legitimacy & Democracy, FU Berlin, 2015

JA Conference: International Legitimacy and Law, 2015

Expertise Can Ground Moral Authority

Virginia Tech Philosophy Colloquium, 2015

No Justice, No Peace

JA Workshop: Leif Wenar, *Blood Oil*, 2014

Why I'm Not a Philosophical Anarchist

Washington University in St. Louis (WUSTL) Philosophy Department
Colloquium, 2014

Political Authority as Public Expertise

WUSTL Political Theory Workshop on Politics, Economy, and Society
(WPES), 2013

Authority and Content-Independence

WUSTL WPES, 2012

COMMENTS

On “Uncivil Disobedience and Social Equality,” Hugo Cossette-Lefebvre

APA Eastern Division Meeting, 2023

**On “Large-Scale Moral Change: The Shift Toward Inclusive
Moralties,”** Allen Buchanan

University of Arizona, *Buchanan Manuscript Workshop*, 2019

On “Toward a Naturalistic Theory of Inclusivist Moral Progress,” Allen

Buchanan and Russell Powell

JA Workshop: *The Evolution of Moral Progress*, 2018

On “Estrangement and Exploitation,” Julius Sensat

JA Conference: Exploitation and Domination, 2018

On “Relaxed Normative Realism,” Kai Hüwelmeyer

GU Kolloquientreffen, 2016

On “Targeting Terror,” Tamar Meisels

JA Conference: Europe Today, 2016

**On “Are Concepts of Legitimacy for International Courts Related, and
How?”** Andreas Føllesdal

JA Conference: The Challenges of Global Pluralism, 2015

On “Public Equality and Democratic Legitimacy,” Amanda Greene

American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, 2014

FELLOWSHIPS
& AWARDS

Arts and Sciences Summer Research Stipend

University of Virginia, 2020, 2022, 2024

Visiting Research Fellowship

Chair of International Political Theory, Sommersemester 2014
Goethe Universität Frankfurt

Dean's Award for Teaching Excellence

Washington University in St. Louis, 2013-2014

Dissertation Fellowship

Washington University in St. Louis, 2012-2013

Helen Stenner Graduate Essay Prize in Philosophy

Washington University in St. Louis, 2011

For "Minimal Responsibility and Supreme Emergencies"

PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE

Organizer:

JA Workshop: Legitimacy Beyond the State, 2017 (with Antoinette
Scherz and Cord Schmelzle)

WUSTL Ethics Reading Group, 2011

Session Chair:

JA Conference: Demarcating the Demos, 2018

JA Workshop: International Institutions and Global Justice, 2017

JA Workshop: Humanity, Reciprocity, and Solidarity, 2015

Member:

American Philosophical Association; Association for Political Theory

Reviewer:

*American Journal of Political Science; American Political Science Review;
Australasian Journal of Philosophy; Critical Review of International Social and
Political Philosophy; Erkenntnis; Ethical Theory and Moral Practice; Ethics and
International Affairs; European Journal of Political Theory; Hypatia; Journal of
Ethics and Social Philosophy; The Journal of Political Philosophy; International
Criminal Law Review; International Theory; Law and Philosophy; Moral
Philosophy & Politics; Oxford Journal of Legal Studies; Oxford University Press;
Philosophers' Imprint; Philosophical Studies; Political Research Quarterly; Res
Publica; Social Philosophy Today; Social Theory and Practice; Theoria*

DEPARTMENTAL
SERVICE

Thesis Advisor:

MA: L. Siggelkow, 2018

BA: L. Spieker, 2018; D. Kiracofe, 2020; S. Nicholson, 2021;

S. Linde, 2021; A. Gyamfi, 2022; M. Siskind, 2022;

G. Boyle, 2022; L. Schwartzman, 2023; L. Mercer, 2023;
 H. Saointz, 2023; L. O’neil, 2023; J. Bryant 2023;
 C. Divers 2024; C. Atkins 2024;

Dissertation Committee:

A. Garland, 2020; J. Carroll, 2021; C. Oswald, in progress;
 S. Koreman, in progress; A. Kietzerow, in progress

TEACHING

Intro to Moral and Political Phil. (U)	UVA	2024, (x2)
Political Philosophy (AU)	UVA	2024, (x6)
Philosophical Issues in Law (U)	UVA	2023, 2021
State Legitimacy (G)	UVA	2021
Environmental Ethics (U)	UVA	2020
Democracy, Misinformation, & Prop. (G)	UVA	2020
History of Political Philosophy (U)	MU	2018
Phil. of Constitutional Law (AU/G)	MU	2018
Legit. of Supranational Institutions (G)	GUF	2018
Propaganda and Political Speech (G)	GUF	2017
Philosophy of Civil Disobedience (G)	GUF	2017, 2016
Theories of Cosmopolitanism (G)	GUF	2016
Jurisprudence (AU)	VT	2015, 2014
Ethical Theory (AU)	VT	2015, 2014
Global Ethics (U)	VT	2015, 2008
Morality and Justice (U)	VT	2014
Business Ethics (U)	WUSTL	2013
Present Moral Problems (U)	WUSTL	2013, 2011

*Undergraduate (U); Advanced Undergraduate (AU); Graduate (G);
 University of Virginia (UVA); McMaster (MU); Goethe Universität Frankfurt (GUF);
 Virginia Tech (VT); Washington University in St. Louis (WUSTL)*

REFERENCES

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 Professor of Political Theory and Philosophy
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