

# Matthew Perry

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## Education

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- 2023            **PhD (Political Theory)**, Manchester Centre for Political Theory, University of Manchester (ESRC funded). Passed without corrections.  
Visiting PhD Student, Philosophy Department and W. Maurice Young Centre for Applied Ethics, University of British Columbia, Autumn 2022.  
Thesis: “Dignity Beyond the Human: A Deontic Account of the Moral Status of Animals”. *Supervisors*: Dr Liam Shields and Dr Richard Child.
- 2019            **MA in Political Theory**, University of Manchester. Passed with Distinction (and a commendation for the highest grade in my cohort). ESRC Funded.
- 2018            **BA in Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE)**, University of Manchester  
First Class Honours (with three awards for achievement).
- 2017            **Erasmus Exchange Student**, Paris Institute of Political Studies (Science Po). GPA of 16.5/20 (77 UK equivalent).

## Academic Employment

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- Present*            **Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Ethics and Social & Political Philosophy**, University of British Columbia. Affiliated with Prof Kimberley Brownlee.
- 2023            **Senior Postgraduate Teaching Assistant**, Politics, University College London
- 2020–2023        **Teaching Assistant**, Politics, The University of Manchester
- 2021–2023        **Conference Organiser**, MANCEPT Workshops, The University of Manchester (one of the largest conferences in Political and Moral Philosophy worldwide). Employed once as regular organiser and once as co-lead organiser.
- 2020–2022        **Widening Participation Fellow**, The University of Manchester. Work increasing access to Higher Education for students from under-represented backgrounds.

## Academic Publications

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1. (forthcoming 2024) “From Concept to Conception: Dignity and the Basic Needs Approach”, in Pribytkova, E. (ed), *In Search for a Social Minimum: Human Dignity, Poverty and Human Rights*, Springer: London.
2. (2023) ““Human” Dignity Beyond the Human”, *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy*. (Online First) <https://doi.org/10.1080/13698230.2023.2232221>
3. (2023) “The Dignitarian Return”, *European Journal of Political Theory*. (Online First) <https://doi.org/10.1177/14748851231216878>
4. (2023) “Jeff Sebo, *Saving Animals, Saving Ourselves*” Book Review, *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, 20(3-4): 350-353. <https://doi.org/10.1163/17455243-20030005>

## Works in Progress

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1. Why sentience should be the only basis of moral status (R&R).
2. On the bright side of rights.
3. The claimability of animal rights.
4. Bone fide inclusive dignity.
5. A republican theory of animal licensing.
6. Dignifying our social world for animals.
7. Organic entities and the limits of moral status.

## Qualifications and Awards

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- 2023, Excellence in Student Feedback Award, University College London.
- 2022, Fellow of the Higher Education Academy, granted after assessment of teaching.
- 2019, Letter of Commendation for attaining the highest grade in my cohort (MA).
- 2018, Norman Geras Prize in Political Theory for highest Political Theory thesis grade (BA).
- 2018, Deans Award for Achievement (BA).
- 2018, PPE Final Year Award for highest grade in my cohort (BA).
- 2017, Le Certificat en Sciences Sociales et Humanités, Sciences Po (Paris) for recognition of academic attainment.
- 2015, Global Citizenship award for volunteering activities.

## Conferences and Workshops Organised

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- 2023, MANCEPT Workshops (Hybrid), The University of Manchester (co-lead organiser).
- 2022, MANCEPT Workshops (Hybrid), The University of Manchester (co-organiser).
- 2022, MANCEPT Workshops (Hybrid), co-convenor for the Panel “Recasting Human Rights Without a Shadow”

- 2022, Brave New World Postgraduate Conference (in-person), co-organiser.
- 2022, Moral Equality at the Margins (Online), co-organiser.
- 2021, Brave New World Postgraduate Conference (Online), co-organiser.

## Teaching Experience

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2025	<b>Morals, Politics and the Individual</b> (in person), University of British Columbia – Survey course looking at individual responsibilities for (in)justice.
2023	<b>Ethics &amp; Public Policy</b> (in person), University College London – Intermediate course focusing on normative issues in policy analysis and development.
2023	<b>Issue in PPE</b> (in Person) – Introductory course for BA Philosophy, Politics and Economics students. Led seminars and supervised students during their group work.
2023 & 2020	<b>Introduction to Political Theory</b> (Taught twice – once in-person and once online, over BB Collaborate) – introductory course with three blocks 1) why we have states, 2) how states should govern and 3) how states can be more just.
2023 & 2022	<b>Injustice and Resistance (formerly Challenges for Democratic Politics)</b> (Taught twice - dual delivery once, in person once) – intermediate level course on applied political philosophy.
2021	<b>Ideals of Social Justice</b> (Online, over Zoom) – intermediate level course on contemporary theories of justice.

## Academic Service

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2021–2023	<b>Organiser, MANCEPT Workshops</b> , The University of Manchester For the 2022 series of the conference, I was an organiser, and for the 2023 series, I was promoted to co-lead organiser.
2021–2022	<b>Course Planning Assistant</b> , The University of Manchester Produced a new list of course reading recommendations considering decolonial and diverse perspectives.
2020–2022	<b>Widening Participation Fellow</b> , The University of Manchester Supporting the university in increasing access to HE The position comprised two main activities: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Produced three pre-recorded subject taster sessions for use in high schools.</li> <li>2. Ran two workshops to support current widening participation students university studies.</li> </ol>

2020–2022 **Co-editor of Political Perspectives**, Graduate Politics Journal at The University of Manchester.

2017–2018 **Lead Editor of Juncture**, Undergraduate Politics Journal at The University of Manchester.

*References available upon request.*