

**Ben Colburn**  
Curriculum Vitae

**I. Personal Details**

Ben Andrew Colburn  
Philosophy  
School of Humanities  
University of Glasgow  
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AOS: Political Philosophy, Applied Ethics  
AOC: Philosophy of Education

**2. Employment**

August 2019 to present:  
Professor of Political Philosophy, University of Glasgow.

August 2017 to present:  
Head of Philosophy, University of Glasgow.

September 2010 to July 2019:  
Lecturer and (2015) Senior Lecturer in Philosophy, University of Glasgow.

October 2008 to September 2010:  
Junior Research Fellow, Corpus Christi College, Cambridge.  
Affiliated Lecturer in Philosophy, University of Cambridge.

October 2007 to June 2008:  
Temporary Lecturer in Philosophy, University of Cambridge.  
College Lecturer, St John's College, Cambridge.

**3. Education**

2008: PhD in Philosophy, King's College, Cambridge.  
Passed with no corrections.

2004: MPhil in Philosophy, King's College, Cambridge.  
High passes for all four pieces of work submitted.

2003: BA (Hons) Philosophy, King's College, Cambridge.  
Class 2.i in Parts IA and II; Class I in Part IB.

## 4. Publications

### Monographs and policy reports

- *Autonomy and Liberalism* (New York: Routledge, 2010, pbk. edition 2013).
- *Building a New Life in Britain: The Skills, Experiences and Aspirations of Young Syrian Refugees*. With G. Karyotis et al). Policy Scotland, Glasgow, 2018.

### Edited collections

- *Methods in Ethics*, The Aristotelian Society Virtual Issue 3 (2016).
- *The Legacy of H.L.A. Hart: Legal, Political and Moral Philosophy*, co-edited with C. Grant, A. Hatzistavrou, and M. Kramer (Oxford: OUP, 2008); translated into Spanish as *El Legado de H.L.A. Hart* trans. C. Oronesu & J. L. Rodríguez (Madrid: Marcial Pons, 2012).

### Articles & book chapters

- 'Design precepts for autonomy' (with Jane Clossick) in P. Lewis, L. Holm & S. Costa Santos eds. *Architecture and Collective Life* (New York: Routledge, forthcoming).
- 'Autonomy, voluntariness and assisted dying', early online in *Journal of Medical Ethics*.
- 'Interventions at the end of life – a taxonomy for 'overlapping consensus'' (with David Clark, Hamilton Indabas et al), *Wellcome Open Research* 2 (2017): 7.
- 'Methods in Ethics: Introduction' in *Methods in Ethics*, The Aristotelian Society Virtual Issue 3 (2016): pp. 9-23.
- 'Hypothetical Insurance and Higher Education' (with Hugh Lazenby), *Journal of Philosophy of Education* 50 (2016): 587-604.
- 'Authenticity and the Third-Person Perspective' in G. Levey ed. *Autonomy, Authenticity, and Multiculturalism* (New York: Routledge, 2015): pp. 121-141.
- 'Disadvantage, Autonomy, and the Continuity Test', *Journal of Applied Philosophy* 31 (2014): 254-270.
- 'Autonomy and End of Life Decisions: A Paradox' in J. Räikkä and J. Varelius eds. *Adaptation and Autonomy: Sour Grapes in Life and Death Choices* (New York: Springer, 2013): pp. 69-80.
- 'In Defence of Comprehensive Liberalism', *Philosophy and Public Issues* 2 (2012): 17-29.
- 'Responsibility and School Choice in Education', *Journal of Philosophy of Education* 46 (2012): 207-222.
- 'Autonomy-minded Anti-perfectionism: novel, intuitive, and sound', *Journal of Philosophical Research* 37 (2012): 233-241.
- 'Liberalism for the People – the *Orange Book* challenged', in R. Brown & N. Lindsay eds. *The Little Yellow Book: Reclaiming the Liberal Democrats for the People* (Liberal Futures: Peterborough, 2012): pp. 44-63.
- 'Adaptive preferences and autonomy', *Utilitas* 23 (2011): 52-71.
- 'Anti-perfectionisms and Autonomy', *Analysis* 70 (2010): 247-256.
- 'Forbidden Ways of Life', *The Philosophical Quarterly* 58 (2008): 618-629.
- 'The Concept of Voluntariness', *The Journal of Political Philosophy* 16 (2008): 101-111.

### Reviews

- Review of *Justice and Legitimacy in Upbringing* by Matthew Clayton, *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 7 (2010): 291-293.
- 'Norms of Liberty' by D.B. Rasmussen and D.J. Den Uyl', *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 5 (2008): 318-321.

## 5. Research funding

- October 2018 – June 2019: 'Assessing quality and outcomes in a community form of palliative care in Kerala', SFC Global Challenges fund (with Prof. David Clark and Dr Jennifer Corns). Value: £34,130.
- October 2017 – March 2018: 'Inequalities in Access to Education', SFC Global Challenges fund (with Dr Kristinn Hermansson, Dr Jeanette Findlay, and Dr Hugh Lazenby). Value: £39,429.
- June – August 2018: 'Autonomy and Mental Illness', Royal Philosophical Society of Glasgow. Value: £2,400.
- November 2016 – July 2018: 'Building Futures: Aspirations of Syrian Youth Refugees and host population Responses in Lebanon, Greece & the UK', ESRC-AHRC Global Challenges fund (with Dr Georgios Karyotis, Prof. Andy Furlong, and Dr Lesley Doyle). Value: £305,376.
- March 2017 – March 2018: 'Suffering and Autonomy at End of Life', Royal Society of Edinburgh Workshop award (with Dr Jennifer Corns). Value: £9,707.
- September 2015 – June 2016: 'Conceptions of Responsibility', AHRC Early Career Fellowship. Value: £79,531.
- March 2014 – March 2015: 'Responsibility and the Welfare State', Royal Society of Edinburgh Workshop award (with Dr Hugh Lazenby). Value: £9,665.

## 6. Selected recent research presentations

'Moral blackmail and intergenerational justice'  
December 2019, Children, Justice & the Future conference, Swansea.

'Responsibility and socio-relational autonomy'  
September 2019, visiting speaker series, Utrecht.  
November 2018, MANCEPT visiting speaker series, Manchester.  
May 2018, *Freedom and Autonomy* conference, Birkbeck.

'Dimensions of autonomy at the end of life'  
April 2018, *Suffering and Autonomy at End of Life* conference, Glasgow.

'Explanation, evaluation, and responsibility'  
March 2019, visiting speaker series, Tilburg.  
February 2018, CELPA workshop series, Warwick.  
September 2017, visiting political theory speaker series, UCL.

'Demarcating childhood and adulthood'  
July 2017, *Children and Philosophy* conference, Salzburg.  
Feb. 2013, CHEAP Philosophy of Education workshop, Warwick.

'Culture, liberalism, and common education'

February 2017, *Minorities and Philosophy* conference, Glasgow.

‘Pathological aspects of the philosophical ideal of autonomy’  
February 2017, *The Philosophical Life* workshop, St Andrews.

‘Autonomy, responsibility and the good life’  
November 2016, visiting speaker seminar, St Andrews.  
May 2016, *Autonomy and the Morality of Freedom* conference, Graz.  
March 2016, analytic philosophy seminar, École Normale Supérieure, Paris.

‘Constructive Genealogy and the Function of Responsibility’  
December 2015, visiting speaker seminar, Edinburgh.  
November 2015, visiting speaker seminar, Bristol.  
June 2015, *Rethinking Responsibility* workshop, Birkbeck.

‘Nudging and covert preference formation’  
November 2015, *Behavioural Public Policy* conference, UCL.  
May 2011, *Persuasive Technologies* conference, Open University.

‘Authenticity and Well-being’  
Jan. 2015, Association for Political Thought Annual Conference, Oxford.  
June 2012, Social Ethics Seminar, University of Wales, Newport.  
Dec. 2010, *Autonomy, Authenticity and Culture* conference, Royal Flemish Academy, Brussels.

‘Individual responsibility and the social safety net’  
Dec. 2014, Responsibility and the Welfare State workshop, Glasgow.

‘Moral blackmail and beneficence’  
March 2014, Morrell Centre for Toleration workshop, York.  
October 2013, POLIS seminar, Cambridge.

‘In defence of autonomy-minded anti-perfectionism’  
May 2013, conference on Jonathan Quong’s *Liberalism Without Perfection*, LUISS Carlo Guidi University, Rome.

‘A dilemma for luck-egalitarianism’  
May 2013, Philosophy Colloquium, LUISS Carlo Guidi University, Rome.

‘Thomas Hobbes and the Calculus of Certainty’  
Dec. 2012, Philosophy colloquium, University of Bern.

## **7. Service and esteem**

2018- External examiner, Philosophy tripos, University of Cambridge.  
2017- Head of Philosophy, University of Glasgow.  
2016- Management group member, Glasgow End of Life Studies Group.  
2016- Research committee member, Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice.  
2016- Member, Cross Party Group on End of Life Choices, Scottish Parliament.  
2015- Executive committee member, Mind Association.  
2015- Secretary (director) of the Analysis Trust.  
2015- Visiting Professor, Masters in Human Rights and Conflict Management, Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna, Pisa.  
2014- External examiner, Philosophy BA courses, Birkbeck, University of London.

2013 Visiting Research Professor at LUISS Carlo Guidi University, Rome.  
2012- Editorial board member, *The Philosophical Quarterly*.  
2012- Board member, the Stevenson Trust for Citizenship.  
2012-2016 Executive committee member, Scots Philosophical Association.  
2012-2015 External examiner, Philosophy pre-honours courses, Stirling University.  
2011-2014 Executive committee member, The Aristotelian Society.  
2010-2012 External examiner, 'Ethics in real life', The Open University.  
2001-2007 Trustee and executive committee member, the Inverliever Lodge Trust.

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