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Areas of specialization

Ethics; Decision Theory; Epistemology; Probability

Education

1995 PhD in Philosophy, University of Southern California
1988 MA in Mathematics and Philosophy, University of Oxford

Appointments held

2011- *Associate Professor*, University of Hong Kong
2004-2011 *Reader*, University of Edinburgh
2003-2004 *Senior Lecturer*, University of Bristol
2000-2003 *Lecturer*, University of Bristol
1997-2000 *Lecturer*, University of Melbourne
1997 *Lecturer*, Monash University
1995-1997 *Greenwall Fellow*, Johns Hopkins University

Publications

BOOKS

McCarthy, D. *The Structure of Good*, Oxford University Press, under contract.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- McCarthy, D., Mikkola, K., Thomas, T., Expected utility theory on mixture spaces without the completeness axiom. *Journal of Mathematical Economics* 97 (2021), 102538.
- McCarthy D., Mikkola, K., Thomas, T., Utilitarianism with and without expected utility. *Journal of Mathematical Economics* 87 (2020): 77–113.
- McCarthy, D., Mikkola, K., Continuity and completeness of strongly independent pre-orders. *Mathematical Social Sciences* 93 (2018): 141–145.
- McCarthy, D., The priority view. *Economics and Philosophy* 33(2) (2017): 215–257.
- McCarthy, D., Distributive equality. *Mind* 124(496) (2015): 1045–1109.
- McCarthy, D., Risk-free approaches to the priority view. *Erkenntnis* 78(2) (2013): 421–49.
- McCarthy, D., Utilitarianism and prioritarianism II. *Economics and Philosophy* 24(1) (2008): 1–33.
- McCarthy, D., Measuring life’s goodness. *Philosophical Books* 48(4) (2007): 303–19.
- McCarthy, D., Utilitarianism and prioritarianism I. *Economics and Philosophy* 22(3) (2006): 335–63.
- McCarthy, D., Intending harm, foreseeing harm and failures of the will. *Noûs* 36(4) (2002): 622–42.
- McCarthy, D., Harming and allowing harm. *Ethics* 110(4) (2000): 749–79.
- McCarthy, D., Actions, beliefs and consequences. *Philosophical Studies* 90(1) (1998): 57–77.
- McCarthy, D., Rights, explanation, and risk. *Ethics* 107(2) (1997): 205–22.
- Arntzenius, F., McCarthy, D., Self-torture and group beneficence. *Erkenntnis* 47(1) (1997): 129–44.
- Arntzenius, F., McCarthy, D., The two envelope paradox and infinite expectations. *Analysis* 57(1) (1997): 42–50.
- McCarthy, D., Liability and risk. *Philosophy and Public Affairs* 25(3) (1996): 238–62.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- McCarthy, D., Probability in ethics. In A. Hájek and C. Hitchcock eds. *The Oxford Handbook of Philosophy and Probability*, Oxford University Press, 2016, 705–37.

PREPRINTS

- McCarthy, D., Mikkola, K. and Thomas, T., Aggregation for potentially infinite populations without continuity or completeness. [arXiv:1911.00872 \[econ.TH\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/1911.00872) (2019).
- McCarthy, D., Mikkola, K. and Thomas, T., Representation of strongly independent pre-orders by vector-valued functions. MPRA Paper No. [80806](https://www.mpra.oxfordjournals.org/doi/10.2139/ssrn.308066) (2017).

Grants & visiting positions

2014	HKU / KCL Fellowship (Hong Kong & UK)
2013-2016	GRF (Hong Kong)
2008	AHRC Research Leave Scheme (UK)
2005	Senior Research Fellow, Philosophy, Probability and Modeling Group, University of Konstanz (Germany)
2003	AHRC Research Leave Scheme (UK)
2000	ARC Large Grant (Australia)

Teaching

GRADUATE SEMINARS

Ethics; decision theory; philosophy of probability; formal epistemology; philosophy of social science; political philosophy; metaphysics; philosophical methods.

UPPER LEVEL UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

As well as the above topics: epistemology; formal logic; game theory.

INTRODUCTORY COURSES

As well as the above topics: critical thinking as a general education course.

Referees

Prof. John Broome, University of Oxford. Email: john.broome@philosophy.ox.ac.uk
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