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1b. Academic qualifications

2010, PhD, Philosophy, University of Melbourne
2006, LLB, University of Otago
2006, BA(Hons), Philosophy/Politics, University of Otago

1c. Professional positions held

Employment

2014-, Senior Lecturer (Philosophy), University of Waikato.
2012-2014, Lecturer (Philosophy), University of Waikato.
2012, Sessional Lecturer (Philosophy/Politics), Deakin University.
2011-2012, Sessional Lecturer (Business Ethics), Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology.
2010-2011, Assistant Lecturer (Philosophy), Monash University.
2010-2012, Sessional Assistant (Philosophy), Monash University.
2010, Research Assistant (Social Justice Initiative), University of Melbourne.

Administrative Roles

Associate Dean Academic – ALPSS, 2024-ongoing
Associate Dean – Special Projects, ALPSS, 2022-24
Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference Committee Convenor, 2019-ongoing.
Teaching & Learning Strategic Advisory Group, UoW, 2023-ongoing.
ALPSS representative, UoW Curriculum Committee, 2022-ongoing.
ALPSS representative, UoW Academic Quality Committee, 2019-ongoing
UoW Philosophy Convenor 2016-2017
FASS representative, UoW Curriculum Committee, 2015-2019.
ALPSS Academic Planning Committee, UoW, 2014-Ongoing.

1d. Present research/professional speciality

I presently have two primary research specialisations: One project on *Friendship & AI*, and one project on *Political Responsibility*.

Friendship & AI

This research addresses the ways in which new technologies shape and influence our social interactions. I argue that virtual interactions (as performed in online environments) are functionally equivalent to more traditional social interactions (as performed in the physical world).

Key Questions:

- Are virtual friendships equivalent to physical ones?
- Are AI capable of being good friends to humans?
- How does the increasing prominence of virtual friendships impact our personal and social wellbeing?

Political Responsibility

This research addresses the various ways in which modern liberal democratic states treat vulnerable groups within society. I argue for the recognition of capacity in members of vulnerable groups, in a range of areas where their voices are unheard.

Affected Groups include:

- Young people (criminal responsibility; medical responsibility; political rights).
- Criminals (voting rights).
- Persons with Cognitive Disabilities.
- Non-resident Citizens.
- (Some) non-citizen residents.
- I examine and criticise the theoretical underpinning of prominent reasons for the denial of certain rights to these groups. I examine the implementation of these exclusions, arguing that these exclusions are untenable in their present forms. I present and defend alternative proposals for the inclusion of these groups.

1e. Total years research experience	13 years
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1f. Professional distinctions and memberships (including honours, prizes, scholarships, boards or governance roles, etc)

- 2023, Australasian Association of Philosophy prize for *Innovation in Inclusive Curricula*.
- 2022, Keynote Speaker, *Learnfest*, Cardiff University / University of Waikato
- 2022, University of Waikato Teaching Excellence Award
- 2022, Division of Arts, Law, Psychology and Social Sciences Divisional Teaching Excellence Award
- 2021, Ako Aotearoa National Tertiary Teaching Excellence Award
- 2020, University of Waikato Vice-Chancellor's Medal for Staff Excellence
- 2020, Nola Campbell Memorial e-Learning Excellence Award
- 2020, Division of Arts, Law, Psychology and Social Sciences Divisional Teaching Excellence Award, University of Waikato
- 2019 - Ongoing, Convener - Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference Committee.
- 2016, University of Waikato Early Career Academic Excellence Award
- 2015, University of Waikato Formative Research Exercise Research Award
- 2013, University of Waikato External Research Award

1g. Total number of peer reviewed publications and patents	Journal articles	Books	Book chapters, books edited	Conference proceedings	Patents
	15		13	4	

PART 2

2a. Research publications and dissemination

Peer-reviewed journal articles

Munn, Nick., & Weijers, Dan. (2023) "The real ethical problem with metaverses," *Frontiers in Human Dynamics*, 5, 1226848.
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Munn, Nick., & Weijers, Dan. (2023). "Corporate responsibility for the termination of digital friends." *AI & Society*, 38(4), 1501-1502.

Munn, Nick. (2021) "The Trap of Incrementalism in Recognising Children's Right to Vote," *Nordic Journal of Human Rights*, Vol. 39, No. 2, pp. 113-127.

Munn, Nick. (2021) "The Moral Requirement for Digital Connectivity," *Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal*, Vol. 31, No. 3, pp. 327-341.

Munn, Nick. (2020) "Political Inclusion as a Means of Generating Global Justice for Children," *Ethics, Politics and Society*, Vol. 3, 105-128.

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Munn, Nick. (2023) Death Is Not the End (of the Game): So, What Is It?. In: G.R. Schott, (ed) *The Art of Dying*. Palgrave Macmillan, Cham. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-35217-1_7

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Munn, Nick, (2016) Capacity, Consistency and the Young. In Johannes Drerup, Gottfried Schweiger, Gunter Graf & Christoph Schickhardt (Eds.) *Justice, Education and the Politics of Childhood*. Springer.

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Philosophy Annual (AAP) Conference. Conference held at Monash University, Melbourne, Australia.

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Munn, N. J. (2015). I have a friend I've never seen.... In *Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference 2015*. Conference held at Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia.

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