

# Pietro Cibinel

UNC Chapel Hill  
Department of Philosophy  
Caldwell Hall  
Chapel Hill, NC 27599

Email: [pcibinel@unc.edu](mailto:pcibinel@unc.edu)  
Homepage: [pietrocibinel.com](http://pietrocibinel.com)

## Employment

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, July 2025–  
Assistant Professor of Philosophy

## Education

Princeton University, 2020–2025  
PhD in Philosophy  
Dissertation: *Individual Risks and their Social Outcomes*  
Advisors: Lara Buchak, Jake Nebel

University of Oxford, 2018–2020  
BPhil in Philosophy, Distinction  
Thesis: *Evaluating Inquiries*  
Supervisor: Timothy Williamson

Lancaster University, 2015–2018  
BA in Philosophy, First Class

## Interests

AOS: Decision Theory · Epistemology · Ethics    AOC: Metaphysics · Political Philosophy

## Publications

[The Risk-Priority View](#), *Economics and Philosophy*, forthcoming.

[Welfare and Autonomy under Risk](#), *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 110 (2025): 526-551.

[A Dilemma for Nicolausian Discounting](#), *Analysis*, 83 (2023): 662–672.

[Risk Attitudes and Justifiability to Each](#), *Ethics*, 133 (2022): 106–121.

Reviews:

[Review of \*Risk, Death, and Well-Being\* by Matthew D. Adler](#), *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, forthcoming.

## Work in Progress

A paper on trade-offs between multiple goods as the basis of well-being difference comparisons (R&R)

A paper on the distribution of welfare vs. welfare goods (draft)

A paper on social welfare differences and utilitarianism (under review)

## Fellowships & Awards

[Porter Ogden Jacobus Fellowship](#), Princeton University (2024–2025)

Top graduate honorific at Princeton, awarded yearly to a single student in each of the four divisions.

[Graduate Prize Fellowship](#), Princeton University Center for Human Values (2023–2024)

Global Priorities Fellowship, Global Priorities Institute at the University of Oxford (2023)

Graduate Scholarship, Jesus College at the University of Oxford (2019)

Chancellor's Medal, Lancaster University (2018)

Best Undergraduate Dissertation in Philosophy, Lancaster University (2018)

## Teaching

Lead Instructor:

Risk and Society (joint graduate and undergraduate), UNC Chapel Hill (upcoming, Fall 2026)

Dissertation Research Seminar (graduate), co-taught with Mariska Leunissen, UNC Chapel Hill (Spring 2026)

Practical Ethics, UNC Chapel Hill (Fall 2025, Spring 2026)

Philosophy Research Seminar for Undergraduates, UNC Chapel Hill (Fall 2025)

Topic: The Nature and Value of Well-Being

[Bayesian Tools for Philosophy](#), Princeton University (Spring 2023)

Co-taught with Adam Elga through the [Collaborative Teaching Initiative](#), a competitive opportunity for graduate students “who have already demonstrated excellence in teaching as an AI in a previous semester.”

Assistant in Instruction:

Introduction to Metaphysics and Epistemology, Princeton University (Fall 2021)

Teaching assistant for two sections of undergraduate course taught by Harvey Lederman.

Guest lecturer for class on “Free Will.”

Graduate Advising:

Eric Choi (Dissertation Advisory Committee, ongoing); Devin Lane (Dissertation Examination Committee, 2026).

## Selected Talks

- “Distributing Welfare vs. Welfare Goods”  
9<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the PPE Society, New Orleans (November 2025)
- “The Risk-Priority View”  
17<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Society for Social Choice and Welfare, Paris School of Economics (July 2024)  
14<sup>th</sup> Workshop on Global Priorities Research, University of Oxford (June 2024)
- “Hedonic Tradeoffs”  
International Society for Utilitarian Studies Conference, University College London (June 2024)
- “Incomplete Social Welfare: Harsanyi’s Theorems as Calibration Tools”  
Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado Boulder (August 2023)
- “Second Thoughts on the Paretian Route to Utilitarianism”  
11<sup>th</sup> Princeton-Humboldt Graduate Conference, Humboldt University (August 2022)  
4<sup>th</sup> Center for Ethics and Public Affairs Graduate Conference, St. Andrews, virtual (May 2022)
- “Risk Attitudes and Justifiability to Each”  
10th Princeton-Humboldt Graduate Conference, virtual (June 2021)
- “Inquiry and Information Value”  
Inquiry Work in Progress Group, virtual (September 2020)
- “Information Value and Accuracy Gain”  
Oxford Epistemology Group, University of Oxford, virtual (June 2020)
- “Epistemic Akrasia and Two Notions of Evidential Support”  
Graduate Conference in Epistemology and Mind, University of Glasgow (May 2019)

## Service

### At UNC:

- Committee Member, Graduate Admissions (2025–2026)
- Committee Member, Ethics Bibliography Exam (2025–2026)

### At Princeton:

- Committee Member, Philosophy Department Outreach (2022–2023)  
Program designed to foster philosophical thinking among middle-school and high-school students.
- Mentor & Session Leader, [COMPASS](#) (November 2022)  
Workshop for undergraduates from groups underrepresented in academic philosophy.
- Committee Member, Prospectives’ Visit (2020–2021)

### At Oxford:

- Committee Member, [Ockham Society of Philosophy](#), University of Oxford (2019–2020)  
Venue for Oxford graduate students to present their work-in-progress papers.

## Refereeing:

*Australasian Journal of Philosophy* (×2), *Economics and Philosophy*, *Ergo*, *Erkenntnis*, *Ethics*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Utilitas*.

## References

**Lara Buchak**  
Professor of Philosophy  
Princeton University  
[lbuchak@princeton.edu](mailto:lbuchak@princeton.edu)

**Jake Nebel**  
Professor of Philosophy  
Princeton University  
[jnebel@princeton.edu](mailto:jnebel@princeton.edu)

**Harvey Lederman**  
Professor of Philosophy  
UT Austin  
[harvey.lederman@utexas.edu](mailto:harvey.lederman@utexas.edu)

**Adam Elga**  
Professor of Philosophy  
Princeton University  
[adame@princeton.edu](mailto:adame@princeton.edu)

Last updated: April 16, 2026  
<https://pietrocibinel.com>