

William Salkeld

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Political theory, animal and environmental ethics, animal politics

Education

**PhD, Political Science (Political Theory),
The Australian National University**

January 2025 – June 2028 (expected completion)

- **Thesis:** *Animals in the Political Jungle: A Non-Ideal Account of Animal Political Representation*
 - o Supervised by Dr William Bosworth, Dr Serrin Rutledge-Prior and Distinguished Professor Keith Dowding

**Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy, and Economics (Hons), Philosophy Specialisation
The Australian National University**

Feb 2020 – June 2024

- **Honours Thesis:** *Animals as Ends in Themselves: Korsgaard, Ineradicable Conflict, and the Problem of Prioritisation*
 - o First-Class Honours
 - o Supervised by Professor Garrett Cullity
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Publications

Journal Articles

- o Salkeld, W. (2026). Care and moral repair: Restoring historical land-caring practices. *Environmental Values*, 35(1), 65-83. <https://doi.org/10.1177/09632719251376203>

Book Reviews

- o Salkeld, W (2026). Animals and the right to politics. *Contemporary Political Theory* 25, (49). <https://doi.org/10.1057/s41296-026-00833-9>

Book Chapters

- o **Animals in the Kingdom of Ends: Kant, Korsgard, and Rationality** (forthcoming), in *Zoopolitical Thought*, ed. Serrin Rutledge-Prior and André Krebber.
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Presentations

Invited Presentations

- o *Caring for Introduced Species*
 - o Confronting Oppression with Care: An Interspecies Perspective (Workshop)
 - o Centre for Environmental and Technology Ethics – Prague, Czech Republic
 - o 20 February 2026

Conferences

- o *A Neo-Republican Account of Animal Political Representation*
 - o Politics, Philosophy, and Economics Society London Conference
 - o University College, London, UK
 - o 11 July 2026

Seminars

- o *Three Puzzles for Animal Political Representation and their Non-Ideal Solutions*
 - o ShARC Ethics and Politics Seminar Presentation
 - o Sheffield University, United Kingdom
 - o 2 July 2026
- o *Three Puzzles for Animal Political Representation and their Non-Ideal Solutions*
 - o Centre for Moral, Social, and Political Theory (CMSPT) WIP Group
 - o Australian National University
 - o 27 May 2026
- o *Feasibility, not Supersession: Rectifying Colonial Injustice in Non-Ideal Circumstances*
 - o Centre for Moral, Social, and Political Theory (CMSPT) WIP Group
 - o Australian National University
 - o 1 October 2025

Workshop

- o *Caring for climate change migrants*
 - o Animal Ethics and Climate Change Workshop
 - o University of Fribourg, Switzerland
 - o 29 June 2026
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Academic Achievements

- o Australian Government Research Training Program - Stipend Scholarship (2025)
 - o Australian Government Research Training Program – Fee Off-Set Scholarship (2025)
 - o Winner, The Ethics Centre Youth Essay Prize Over 18's Category (2024), [*The Ethics of Pets: Ownership, Abolitionism and the Free-Roaming Model*](#).
 - o 2nd Place, ANU Philosophy Society Essay Competition (2022), *Crowding Out and Missing the Mark*
 - o Burgmann College E M Cumming Essay Prize (2021), *Naomi*, \$1,000
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Teaching

Sessional Academic

Australian National University

July 2025 – Present

- PPEI1001: Politics, Philosophy, and Economics Integration 1 (2)
- POLS2119: Ideas in Politics (1)

Student Feedback:

- 100% of students agree or strongly agreed that I fulfilled five evaluation categories, including: respect, communication, learning support, organisation, and subject stimulation

Testimonials:

- “Will was the best tutor I have had so far at university, he is so kind and nice so I really enjoy coming to tutorials. He runs his tutorials in such an engaging way with small group activities and group discussions, no tut [sic] is ever the same so it keeps it super interesting and helps me genuinely learn so much.”
- “He was passionate and seemed to really care about what he was teaching us. Best tutor ever.”

- “Application to real-world situations, varied teaching approach, live adjustments based on students' feedback.”
 - “I genuinely loved going to my weekly tutorials, Will was such an engaged tutor and provided excellent and actionable feedback for my essay. He really helped me engage with the course content and deepened my understanding in an engaging and fun way.”
 - “I cannot believe this was Will's first time tutoring a course. He did a phenomenal job. Truly outstanding in comparison to other tutors I have come in contact with at ANU. The format of how he ran his tutorials was strong and encouraged engagement without feeling stressful or singling out students. You can see this as participation stayed strong throughout the semester, whereas it tends to drop off in other tutorials I have experienced. His methods of explaining and using examples were clear, helpful, and relevant. Greatly enjoyed the combination of the tutorial handouts (I think this is key to keep everyone off of laptops that can be super distracting) and the group work, but the standout is the way he was able to connect with the students. It is rare to see a class group not hide behind laptops for the hour we are there, but just sit and really listen. This was due to his great tone of voice and confidence in public speaking, and also the lack of relying on a powerpoint presentation which can do more harm than help sometimes. In combination you are able to really focus on the words being said. It also generally helps that he seemed very intelligent, interested, young, and kind.”
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Selected Public-Facing Work

Articles

- o [Who’s to Blame for Overtourism?](#)
 - o The Ethics Centre
 - o 7 July 2025
- o [The Ethics of Pets: Ownership, abolitionism, and the free-roaming model](#)
 - o The Ethics Centre
 - o **16 December 2024**

Public Talks

- o [“RAW ETHICS” Festival of Dangerous Ideas](#)
 - o Sydney, Australia
 - o 23 August 2026
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Research and Professional Experience

Policy Officer (Intern, APS3 & A/g APS4)**Department of Education**

January 2023 – March 2024

- **Budget Strategy, Universities Accord Division**
 - Coordinated the development of New Policy Proposals and drafting of Cabinet Submission.
- **Report Coordination and Delivery, Universities Accord Division**
 - Contributed to the drafting, editing, and data management of the Universities Accord Final Report.
- **National Research Infrastructure Policy, Research Division**

Parliamentary Intern**Office of Dr Michael Freeland MP**

September 2022 – November 2022

- Conducted a 4,000-word research project on the effects of Post-COVID 19 Syndrome on Educational Outcomes in Australia for the Australian National Internships Program (ANIP), receiving a High Distinction grade.

Book Review Contributor**The Canberra Times**

September 2022 – Present

Contributor & Columnist**ANU Student Media, Woroni**

March 2022 – Present

Peer Writer**ANU Academic Skills**

February 2021 – November 2022

- Chosen based upon strong academic results and excellent writing and research skills. Provided academic feedback across a diverse range of disciplines to ANU students in a daily drop-in session.

Volunteering & Service

Higher Degree by Research (HDR) Representative**School of Politics and International Relations, ANU**

2026 - Present

Peer Reviewer

Undergraduate Philosophy Journal of Australasia

Volume 6, 2024

Kennel Volunteer

RSPCA ACT

February 2022 – August 2022

Academic Mentoring Network Coordinator

Burgmann College

November 2020 – November 2021

Co-Founder

Sustainable Futures Club, International Grammar School

January 2017 – December 2018