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EDUCATION

- 1999 Columbia University (New York, NY) Ph.D. with distinction in Philosophy.
1990 Harvard College (Cambridge, MA) B.A. magna cum laude in Government.

EMPLOYMENT

- 2014– Cornell University, Professor
2020–21 Johns Hopkins University, Professor
2006–14 Cornell University, Associate Professor
2000–06 University of Michigan, Assistant Professor (tenured June 2006)
1999–2000 Søren Kierkegaard Research Center, Postdoctoral Research Fellow
1994–97 Columbia University, Graduate Student Instructor & Teaching Assistant
1995–96 New York University, Adjunct Professor

AREAS

- AOS Kant, German Idealism, 19th and 20th century continental philosophy, history of normative ethics and political philosophy, moral psychology
AOC philosophy of the social sciences, philosophy of religion, feminist philosophy

PUBLICATIONS

MONOGRAPHS

- 2018 *Fichte's Ethics*, Oxford University Press.
Reviewed in *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, *Philosophical Review*, *Review of Metaphysics*, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, *Hegel Bulletin*; topic of three-day Berliner Kant-Kurs at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (2019); APA Eastern Author Meets Critics Session (2019).
2006 *Freedom and Reason in Kant, Schelling and Kierkegaard*, Oxford University Press.
Reviewed in *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, *Philosophical Review*, *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*; APA Eastern Author Meets Critics Session (2007).

JOURNAL ARTICLES (anonymously reviewed)

- 2021 'Fichte's theory of drives,' *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 59:2.
2021 'Fichte on summons and self-consciousness,' *Mind* 130 (first online publication 10.1093/mind/fzaa001, January 2020).
2017 'Individuality and rights in Fichte's ethics,' *Philosophers' Imprint* 17:12.

- 2015 'Agency and self-sufficiency in Fichte's ethics,' *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 91:2 (first online publication DOI: 10.1111/phpr.12085, 26 March 2014).
- 2015 'Fichtean Kantianism in nineteenth century ethics,' *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 53:1.
- 2014 'Practical deliberation and the voice of conscience in Fichte's 1798 *System of Ethics*,' *Philosophers' Imprint* 14:30.
- 2006 'Kierkegaard's Ethicist: Fichte's Role in Kierkegaard's Construction of the Ethical Standpoint,' *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*.
- 2006 "'Despair" in Kierkegaard's Either/Or,' *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 44:1.

INVITED PAPERS/CHAPTERS

- forthcoming 'Fichte on rational nature and rational punishment,' *Vernünftiges Strafen? Die Gegenwart des deutschen Idealismus in der Straftheorie*, ed. M. Brecher, P. Hirsch and M. Abraham.
- forthcoming 'Anthropology and Critique in Kant and Foucault', in *The Foucauldian Mind*, ed. Daniele Lorenzini, London: Routledge.
- forthcoming 'Beauvoir on Justification and the Other', in *Practical Reflections: Essays in Honor of J. David Velleman*, ed. Connie Rosati.
- 2023 'Fichte on the value of rational agency', in *Rethinking the Value of Humanity*, ed. Sarah Buss and Nandi Theunissen, Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 2021 'Moral Psychology in Schelling's *Freiheitsschrift* and *Stuttgarter Privatvorlesungen*', in *Schellings Freiheitsschrift – Methode, System, Kritik*, ed. T. Buchheim, T. Frisch, and N. C. Wachsmann, Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck.
- 2015 'The Ethical Context of Either/Or', *Konturen* 7.
- 2015 'Kierkegaard', *The Oxford Handbook of German Philosophy in the 19th Century*, ed. Michael Forster and Kristin Gjesdal, Oxford University Press.
- 2014 'Idealism and Freedom in Schelling's *Freiheitsschrift*', in *Interpreting Schelling: Critical Essays*, ed. Lara Ostaric, Cambridge University Press.
- 2013 'Formal Freedom in Fichte's System of Ethics', *International Yearbook of German Idealism* 9.
- 2013 'Introduction: Legacy of Kant III: the Fate of Kant after 1945', *Philosophical Forum* 43:3.
- 2010 'Gasché on Scheler', *Philosophical Forum* 41:1&2.
- 2008 'What Abraham couldn't say', *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society*, Supplementary Volume LXXXII.
- 2008 'Horstmann on Cohen', *Philosophical Forum* 39:1&2.
- 2002 "'Actuality" in Schelling and Kierkegaard', *Kierkegaard Studies Yearbook*, ed. Jon Stewart and N.J. Cappelørn, Berlin: de Gruyter.
- 2001 'Kierkegaard og Friheden', in *Kierkegaard og... : hovedtemaer i forfatterskabet*, ed. Christian Lystbæk and Lars Aagaard, Aarhus: *Philosophia* (revised translation of 'Freedom and Immanence').

- 2000 'Freedom and Immanence', in *Kierkegaard and Freedom*, ed. James Giles, London: Macmillan/St. Martins.
- EDITED VOLUME
- 2012 Proceedings of Legacy of Kant III: the Fate of Kant after 1945, special edition of *Philosophical Forum*.
- TRANSLATIONS
- 2007 (from German) *John Rawls*, by Thomas Pogge, Oxford University Press.
- 2005 (from German) two chapters of *The Philosophical Foundations of Early German Romanticism*, by Manfred Frank (primary translator Elizabeth Millan), SUNY Press.
- 1999 (from Danish) Review of *Søren Kierkegaards Skrifter 4*, by Niels Grønkjær, in *Kierkegaardiana 20*.
- PRESENTATIONS
- 2024 'Recognition after Fichte', Philosophy Department Colloquium, NYU.
'Beauvoir on Justification and Oppression', Eastern APA invited Symposium (main program).
- 2023 'Beauvoir on love and friendship', Conference on Issues in Modern Philosophy, New York University.
'Beauvoir on love and friendship', Proseminar in the History of Philosophy, Cornell University.
'Fichte on rational nature and rational punishment', Vernünftiges Strafen? Conference, Max Plank Institute for the Study of Crime, Security and Law, Freiburg im Briesgau.
'Fichte on equality and inequality', XIXth Symposium of the International Association of Women Philosophers, Buenos Aires.
'Beauvoir on love and friendship', Philosophy Department Colloquium, Freie Universität Berlin.
'Recognition after Fichte', University of Chicago German Philosophy Workshop.
- 2022 'A moral philosopher in occupied France: Beauvoir on justification and the other', Philosophy in Times of Crises Lecture Series, KU Leuven.
'Recognition after Fichte', Philosophy Department Colloquium, Universität Bochum.
'Beauvoir on Justification and the Other', Chapel Hill Colloquium, UNC Chapel Hill.
'Recognition after Fichte', Philosophy Department Colloquium, Bryn Mawr College.
'Recognition after Fichte', Philosophy Department Colloquium, Notre Dame University.
'Beauvoir on the motivation for oppression,' Wickedness of Freedom Conference, Universität Potsdam.

- ‘Beauvoir on Justification and the Other’, Velleman Retirement Conference, New York University.
- Comments on Jörg Nöller, ‘Obscuring Reason: Kant and Fichte on acting against the moral law’, Leuven Seminar in Classical German Philosophy.
- 2021 ‘Recognition after Fichte’, Warwick German Idealism Workshop
- ‘Recognition after Fichte’, Keynote, Australasian Association of Philosophy.
- ‘Recognition after Fichte’, Keynote, Sociality in Jewish Philosophy and German Idealism Conference, Yale University.
- ‘Recognition after Fichte’, Seminar in Modern Philosophy, Johns Hopkins University.
- ‘Recognition after Fichte’, Keynote, Prometheus Society, Johns Hopkins University.
- ‘Autonomy and Recognition after Kant’, Eastern APA invited colloquium (North American Kant Society).
- 2020 ‘Fichte on recognition and the relation of right’, Central APA invited symposium (co-symposiasts: Tobias Rosefeldt and Matthias Haase).
- 2019 ‘Fichte on Moral Education’, Philosophy Department Colloquium, Brown University.
- Berliner Kant Kurs on *Fichte’s Ethics*, Humboldt Universität Berlin.
- ‘Fichte on Moral Education’, Humboldt University Berlin, Philosophy Department Colloquium.
- ‘Fichte and Blumenbach on the *Bildungstrieb*’, Constitutivism Workshop, SUNY Albany.
- ‘Fichte on Moral Education’, Philosophy Department Colloquium, Johns Hopkins University.
- Author Meets Critics Session on *Fichte’s Ethics*, Eastern APA, main program (critics: Jennifer Uleman and Dieter Sturma).
- 2018 ‘Effort, inability and faith in Kierkegaard’s *Postscript*’, Philosophy Department Colloquium, Colgate University.
- ‘Fichte on Moral Education’, Tenth International Fichte-Congress, Aix-Marseille University.
- ‘Fichte on Moral Education’, Philosophy Department Colloquium, New York University.
- ‘Fichte on Moral Education’, Berlin Summer Colloquium in Philosophy, Humboldt Universität Berlin.
- ‘Moral Psychology in Schelling’s *Freiheitsschrift* and *Stuttgarter Privatvorlesungen*’ DFG Schelling Workshop II, Ludwig Maximilians Universität Munich.
- 2017 ‘Fichte on Moral Education’, Philosophy Department Colloquium, UCLA.
- ‘Effort, inability and faith in Kierkegaard’s *Postscript*’, Faith, Hope and Love as Virtues in Modernity Conference, University of London.

- ‘Fichte on Moral Education’, Pacific APA invited symposium (main program; co-symposiast: Agnes Callard; commentator: Allen Wood).
- ‘Schelling on Modality and Theistic Proofs’, Keynote Address, Fifth North American Schelling Society Conference, National Autonomous University of Mexico.
- ‘Fichte and Blumenbach on the *Bildungstrieb*’, New York German Idealism Workshop, Columbia University.
- 2016 comments on Ulrich Schlösser, ‘Fichte on Imagination, the Self and Reality’, Conference on Issues in Modern Philosophy, New York University.
- ‘Fichte and Blumenbach on the *Bildungstrieb*’, Chicago Area Consortium in German Philosophy, University of Illinois Chicago.
- ‘Moral Psychology in Schelling’s *Freiheitsschrift*’, DFG Schelling Workshop I, Ludwig Maximilians Universität Munich.
- ‘The value of humanity as the value of rational agency’, Value of Humanity Workshop, Johns Hopkins University.
- 2015 ‘Fichte and Blumenbach on the *Bildungstrieb*’, Practical Postulates & Philosophical Fictions Conference, Hebrew University Jerusalem.
- ‘Fichte and Blumenbach on the *Bildungstrieb*’, Ninth International Fichte-Congress, University of Madrid Complutense.
- ‘Anthropology and critique in Kant and Foucault’, Philosophy Department Colloquium, Fordham University.
- 2014 ‘Fichtean Kantianism in nineteenth century ethics’, Eastern APA, submitted symposium (commentators: Reed Winegar, Paul Katsafanas).
- comments on Ben Yost, ‘Kant’s demonstration of freedom in its legislative aspect’, Pacific APA colloquium.
- 2013 ‘Anthropology and critique in Kant and Foucault’, Philosophy Department Colloquium, UC Riverside.
- ‘Agency and Self-Sufficiency in Fichte’s Ethics’, Autonomy in Ethical and Political Theory Conference, Dartmouth College.
- ‘Infinite ideals and ought-implies-can’, Kierkegaard Repetitions Conference, Johns Hopkins University.
- ‘Independence and Agency in Fichte’s Ethics’, Philosophy Department Colloquium, University of Arizona.
- comments on Terry Pinkard, *Hegel’s Naturalism*, Pacific APA, author meets critics session.
- ‘Independence and Agency in Fichte’s Ethics’, Philosophy Department Colloquium, Columbia University.
- 2012 comments on Eckart Förster, *The Twenty-Five Years of Philosophy*, Eastern APA, author meets critics session.
- ‘Anthropology and Critique (in Kant and Foucault)’, Philosophy Department Colloquium, SUNY Purchase.

- ‘Practical Deliberation and the Voice of Conscience in Fichte’s 1798 *Sittenlehre*’, Colloquium on Late Modern Philosophy, Boston University.
- ‘Fichtean Kantianism: philosophical ethics in the early 19th century’, Eighth International Fichte-Congress, University of Bologna.
- ‘Fichte (and Wilhelm) on Practical Reasoning’, Kierkegaard and German Thought Conference, University of Oregon.
- ‘Agency and Self-sufficiency in Fichte’s Ethics’, History of Political Thought Seminar, Johns Hopkins University.
- ‘Agency and Self-sufficiency in Fichte’s Ethics’, Pacific APA invited symposium (main program; commentators: Christopher Yeomans, Günter Zöllner).
- 2011 ‘Independence and Agency in Fichte’s Ethics’, Philosophy Department Colloquium, Syracuse University.
- ‘Anthropology and Critique (in Kant and Foucault)’, Philosophy Department Colloquium, Colgate University.
- ‘Anthropology and Critique (in Kant and Foucault)’, Legacy of Kant III Conference, Cornell University.
- ‘Schelling on Modality and Theistic Proofs’, Schelling Tag, University of Bonn.
- ‘Independence and Agency in Fichte’s Ethics’, University of California at Riverside, Philosophy Department Colloquium.
- 2010 ‘Fichte (and Wilhelm) on Practical Reasoning’, German Idealism and its Critics Conference, University of Oslo.
- 2009 comments on Rudd, Hanson and Carron on Kierkegaard and Freedom, Pacific APA (Søren Kierkegaard Society).
- ‘Idealism and Freedom in Schellings Freiheitsschrift’, Pacific APA (Society for German Idealism).
- 2008 comments on Rodolphe Gasché, ‘A Material a priori? On Max Scheler’s critique of Kant’s Formal Ethics’, Legacy of Kant II Conference, Cornell University.
- ‘What Abraham Couldn’t Say’, Plenary Speaker, Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association (commenter: John Lippitt).
- ‘Kant and Fichte on Ends that are Duties’, Philosophy Department Colloquium, SUNY Binghamton.
- ‘What Abraham Couldn’t Say’, Philosophy Department Colloquium, Williams College.
- 2007 Author Meets Critics Session on *Freedom and Reason in Kant, Schelling and Kierkegaard*, Eastern APA (main program; critics Karl Ameriks and Eckart Förster).
- ‘What Abraham Couldn’t Say’, German Studies Department Colloquium, Cornell University.
- comments on Rolf-Peter Horstmann, ‘Hermann Cohen on Kant’s Transcendental Aesthetic’, Legacy of Kant I Conference, Cornell University.

- 2006 'Two Concepts of Perfection in Kant', Institute for German Cultural Studies, Cornell University.
'Kierkegaard's Ethicist', Philosophy Department Colloquium, Cornell University.
- 2005 'Kierkegaard's Ethicist', Philosophy Department Colloquium, University College London.
comments on Sergia Hay, 'Kierkegaard and Hamann', Fifth International Kierkegaard Conference, St. Olaf's College.
'Kierkegaard's Ethicist', Philosophy Department Colloquium, Boston University.
- 2004 'Kierkegaard's Ethicist', Philosophy Department Colloquium, University of Toledo.
'Kierkegaard and Fichte on the Ethical Standpoint', Central APA (Søren Kierkegaard Society).
- 2003 comments on Robert Wallace, 'How Hegel Defends Kantian Freedom', Central APA (Hegel Society).
- 2001 "Despair" in Kierkegaard's Either/Or', Philosophy Department Colloquium, Miami University.
"Despair" in Kierkegaard's Either/Or', Philosophy Department Colloquium, Cornell University.
"Despair" in Kierkegaard's Either/Or', Philosophy Department Colloquium, University College Cork.
- 2000 "Despair" in Kierkegaard's Either/Or', Workshop on Schelling and Kierkegaard, Søren Kierkegaard Research Center.
"Actuality" in Schelling and Kierkegaard', Colloquium, Søren Kierkegaard Research Center.
'Kierkegaard and Schelling', Theology Department Colloquium, Aarhus University.
'Kierkegaard and Freedom', Whitman College, Philosophy Department Colloquium.
"Despair" in Kierkegaard's Either/Or', Philosophy Department Colloquium, Reed College.
'Kant on Moral Evil', Philosophy Department Colloquium, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.
"Despair" in Kierkegaard's Either/Or', University of Michigan, Philosophy Department Colloquium.
- 1999 "Despair" in Kierkegaard's Either/Or', Philosophy Department Colloquium, University of New Mexico.
"Despair" in Kierkegaard's Either/Or', Philosophy Department Colloquium, Aarhus University.
'The Idea of a Positive Proof in Schelling's Positive Philosophy', Colloquium, Søren Kierkegaard Research Center.

'Kierkegaard's Critique of the Ethics of Autonomy', Colloquium, Søren Kierkegaard Research Center.

CONFERENCES (CO-)ORGANIZED

- 2020 Athena in Action Workshop, Cornell University.
2013 North American Kant Society, Second Biennial Conference, Cornell University.
2011 Legacy of Kant III (post-1945 neo-Kantianism), Cornell University.
2000 Workshop on Schelling and Kierkegaard, Søren Kierkegaard Research Center at the University of Copenhagen.

COURSES TAUGHT

AT CORNELL (numbers 3000 and above are graduate level):

Freshman Writing Seminar (Phil. 1112) (Parfit's *Reasons and Persons*; Feminist Philosophy)

Feminism and Philosophy (Phil. 2490 / FGSS 2490 and Phil. 4490/6490 / FGSS 4491)

19th & 20th Century European Philosophy (Phil. 2240 / Govt. 3745)

Kant (Phil. 3230 / Ger. St. 3590)

19th Century European Philosophy (Phil. 3250 / Ger. St. 3580)

German Philosophical Texts (Phil. 4003/6030 / Ger. St. 6131) (texts have included works by Kant, Schelling, Fichte, Schiller, Blumenberg, Adorno, Wolff, Blumenbach, Goethe, Schopenhauer, Nietzsche, Husserl, Heidegger)

Topics in Modern Philosophy (Phil. 4220/6220 / Ger. St. 4221/6221) (Kierkegaard)

Topics in German Philosophy (Phil. 4240/6204 / Ger. St. 4370/6241) (topics: German Idealism; Ethics in Kant and Fichte; Recognition)

Topics in 20th Century Philosophy (Phil. 4261/6030) (topics: Foucault; Beauvoir)

Seminar in Ethics and Value Theory (Phil. 6410) (Autonomy in Ethics and Political Philosophy)

Proseminar in the History of Philosophy (Phil. 6290)

AT JOHNS HOPKINS (numbers 400 and above are graduate level):

First-year Seminar (AS.365.100) (Feminism)

Simone de Beauvoir (AS.150.400)

Seminar in Modern Philosophy (AS.150.603)

Kierkegaard (AS.150.437)

AT MICHIGAN (numbers above 402 are graduate level):

First-Year Seminar (Phil. 196)

Honors Introduction to Philosophy (Phil. 297)

Phenomenology & Existentialism (Phil. 371)

European Social Thought from Hegel to Foucault (Phil. 385)
 Senior Seminar (Phil. 402) (Freedom and Moral Responsibility)
 Topics in Continental Philosophy (Phil. 466) (topics: Kierkegaard's Pseudonymous Works; Kierkegaard and German Idealism)
 Topics in the History of Philosophy (Phil. 517) (Fichte's Philosophy of Right and Ethics)
 Seminar in the History of Philosophy (Phil. 610) (topics: Hegel's Political Philosophy; Kierkegaard's Philosophy of Religion)

AT NYU (both as primary instructor):

From Hegel to Nietzsche
 Philosophy and Social Science

AT COLUMBIA (both as primary instructor):

Introduction to Logic
 Contemporary Civilization

SERVICE

TO DEPARTMENTS:

2022–2025 Chair, Sage School of Philosophy.
 2013–15; 2020– *The Philosophical Review* associate editor.
 2014–15, 2016– *The Philosophical Review* editor-in-chief.
 20 Faculty advisor to MAP (Minorities and Philosophy) at Cornell.
 2020–21 Faculty advisor to MAP (Minorities and Philosophy) at Johns Hopkins.
 2007–8; 2011– Placement Director at Cornell.
 13 Director of Undergraduate Studies at Cornell.
 2009–11 Faculty advisor to Cornell undergraduate philosophy journal *Logos*.
 2006–7, 2009– Faculty liaison for the undergraduate philosophy club and advisor to Michigan undergraduate philosophy journal *Meteorite*.
 12 Service on recruitment, graduate admissions, graduate studies and undergraduate studies committees.

TO UNIVERSITIES:

2010–15 Service on Academic Integrity Hearing Board.
 2013–15 Co-chair of Academic Integrity Hearing Board.
 Ad hoc tenure committees, 2010–11 (1), 2012–13 (1), 2015–16 (1), 2018–19 (1, chair), 2022–23 (1, chair); promotion committees (1, 2021–22).
 2010–12 Steering committee of the Cornell Institute for German Cultural Studies.

- 2007–11 Hull Fund committee (for subvention of Cornell faculty publications).
- 2003–04 Taskforce charged by the University of Michigan Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs to assess, and recommend strategies for addressing, the child care needs of faculty members.
- 2002–03 University of Michigan Faculty Senate.

TO THE PROFESSION:

- Editorial: Editorial Board, *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, 2021–
 Editorial Board, *Philosophisches Jahrbuch*, 2021–.
 Editorial Board, *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, 2017–.
 Editorial Board, *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*, 2017–.
 Associate Editor *The Philosophical Review*, 2013–14; 2020–.
 Editor-in-chief, *The Philosophical Review*, 2014–15, 2016–20 .
 Area editor, Kant and post-Kantian European philosophy, *Ergo*, 2013–.
 Category editor, 19th century philosophy, philpapers.org, 2013–.
 Editorial Board, Signale series of Cornell University Press, 2007–20.
 Editorial Board, *The Philosophical Review*, 2006–.
- Referee: *Philosophical Review*, *Philosophers' Imprint*, *Mind*, *Nous*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*, *European Journal of Philosophy*, *British Journal of the History of Philosophy*, *Inquiry*, *Synthese*, *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Kantian Review*, *Religious Studies*, *Review of Metaphysics*, *Journal of Philosophical Research*, *Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism*, *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *History of Political Thought*, *The Journal of Ethics*, *Ars Disputandi*, *Idealistic Studies*; Oxford University Press, Harvard University Press, Routledge.
- APA APA Central Division Program committee (2008).
 APA Eastern Division Representative to the Board of Officers (2019–2022).
- Other Philosophy department external review committee: Purdue (2012), Harvard (2017), Dartmouth (2019).
 External assessment committee for senior appointment: Aarhus (2016).
 External examiner for dissertation: Oslo (2021).

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- Summer 2004 Rackham Faculty Fellowship
- 1999–2000 Postdoctoral Fellowship, Søren Kierkegaard Research Center in Copenhagen
- 1999–2000 American-Scandinavian Foundation Dissertation Fellowship (declined)
- 1998–99 Lane Cooper Dissertation Fellowship
- Spring 1998 Columbia University President's Fellowship
- Fall 1997 DAAD Fellowship for study at Universität Tübingen

1992–97

Columbia University President's Fellowship

REFERENCES

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