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### Education

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

### Employment

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

### Areas

AOS: Kant, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century continental philosophy, normative ethics and political philosophy, moral psychology  
AOC: philosophy of the social sciences, philosophy of religion, feminist philosophy

### Publications

#### Books

*Independence of Nature in Fichte's Ethics*, Oxford University Press (forthcoming).  
*Freedom and Reason in Kant, Schelling and Kierkegaard*, Oxford University Press (2006).

#### Papers

'Fichte on the value of rational agency,' in *The Value of Humanity*, ed. Sarah Buss and Nandi Theunissen, Oxford University Press (forthcoming).  
'Individuality and rights in Fichte's ethics,' *Philosophers' Imprint* 17:12 (2017).  
'Agency and self-sufficiency in Fichte's ethics,' *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 91:2 (2015) (first online publication DOI: 10.1111/phpr.12085, 26 March 2014).  
'The Ethical Context of *Either/Or*,' *Konturen* 7 (2015).  
'Kierkegaard,' *The Oxford Handbook of German Philosophy in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century*, Michael Forster and Kristin Gjesdal, eds., Oxford University Press (2015).  
'Fichtean Kantianism in nineteenth century ethics,' *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 53:1 (2015).  
'Practical deliberation and the voice of conscience in Fichte's 1798 *System of Ethics*,' *Philosophers' Imprint* 14:30 (2014).  
'Idealism and Freedom in Schelling's *Freiheitschrift*,' in *Interpreting Schelling: Critical Essays*, Lara Ostarcic, ed., Cambridge University Press (2014).

- ‘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 (2012).
- ‘Gasché on Scheler,’ *Philosophical Forum* 41:1&2 (2010).
- ‘What Abraham couldn’t say,’ *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society* Supplementary Volume LXXXII (2008).
- ‘Horstmann on Cohen,’ *Philosophical Forum* 39:1&2 (2008).
- ‘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 (2006).
- “‘Actuality’ in Schelling and Kierkegaard,’ *Kierkegaard Studies Yearbook*, edited by Jon Stewart and N.J. Cappelørn, Berlin: de Gruyter (2002).
- ‘Kierkegaard og Friheden,’ in *Kierkegaard og... : hovedtemaer i forfatterskabet*, edited by Christian Lystbæk and Lars Aagaard, Aarhus: Philosophia (2001). (revised translation of ‘Freedom and Immanence’)
- ‘Freedom and Immanence,’ in *Kierkegaard and Freedom*, edited by James Giles, London: Macmillan/St. Martins (2000).

#### Edited Volume

Proceedings of *Legacy of Kant III: the Fate of Kant after 1945*, special edition of *Philosophical Forum* (2012).

#### Translations

- (from German) *John Rawls*, by Thomas Pogge, Oxford University Press (2007).
- (from German) two chapters of *The Philosophical Foundations of Early German Romanticism*, by Manfred Frank (primary translator Elizabeth Millan), SUNY Press (2005).
- (from Danish) Review of *Søren Kierkegaards Skrifter* 4, by Niels Grønkvær, in *Kierkegaardiana* 20 (1999).

#### **Presentations**

- University of London, Faith, Hope and Love as Virtues in Modernity Conference (2017)  
‘Effort, inability and faith in Kierkegaard’s *Postscript*’
- Pacific Division APA meeting, Invited Symposium (2017)  
‘Fichte on Moral Education’  
(co-symposiast: Agnes Callard; commentator: Allen Wood)
- National Autonomous University of Mexico, Fifth North American Schelling Society Conference, Keynote Address (2017)  
‘Schelling on Modality and Theistic Proofs’
- Columbia University, New York German Idealism Workshop (2017)  
‘Fichte and Blumenbach on the *Bildungstrieb*’
- New York University, Conference on Issues in Modern Philosophy (2016)  
comments on Ulrich Schlösser, ‘Fichte on Imagination, the Self and Reality’
- University of Illinois Chicago, Chicago Area Consortium in German Philosophy (2016)  
‘Fichte and Blumenbach on the *Bildungstrieb*’

Ludwig Maximilians University Munich, Schelling's Philosophy of Human Freedom Workshop (2016)  
 'Moral Psychology in Schelling's *Freiheitsschrift*'

Johns Hopkins University, Value of Humanity Workshop (2016)  
 'The value of humanity as the value of rational agency'

Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Practical Postulates & Philosophical Fictions Conference (2015)  
 'Fichte and Blumenbach on the *Bildungstrieb*'

University of Madrid Complutense, Ninth International Fichte-Congress (2015)  
 'Fichte and Blumenbach on the *Bildungstrieb*'

Fordham University, Philosophy Department (2015)  
 'Anthropology and critique in Kant and Foucault'

Eastern Division APA Meeting, Symposium Session (2014)  
 'Fichtean Kantianism in nineteenth century ethics'  
 (commentators: Reed Winegar, Paul Katsafanas)

Pacific Division APA Meeting, Colloquium Session (2014)  
 comments on Ben Yost, 'Kant's demonstration of freedom in its legislative aspect'

University of California at Riverside, Philosophy Department (2013)  
 'Anthropology and critique in Kant and Foucault'

Dartmouth College, Autonomy in Ethical and Political Theory Conference (2013)  
 'Agency and Self-Sufficiency in Fichte's Ethics'

Johns Hopkins University, Kierkegaard Repetitions Conference (2013)  
 'Infinite ideals and ought-implies-can'

University of Arizona, Philosophy Department (2013)  
 'Independence and Agency in Fichte's Ethics'

Pacific Division APA Meeting, Author Meets Critics Session (2013)  
 comments on Terry Pinkard, *Hegel's Naturalism*

Columbia University, Philosophy Department (2013)  
 'Independence and Agency in Fichte's Ethics'

Eastern Division APA Meeting, Author Meets Critics Session (2012)  
 comments on Eckart Förster, *The Twenty-Five Years of Philosophy*

State University of New York at Purchase, Philosophy Department (2012)  
 'Anthropology and Critique (in Kant and Foucault)'

Boston University, Colloquium on Late Modern Philosophy (2012)  
 'Practical Deliberation and the Voice of Conscience in Fichte's 1798 *Sittenlehre*'

University of Bologna, Eighth International Fichte-Congress (2012)  
 'Fichtean Kantianism: philosophical ethics in the early 19th century'

University of Oregon, Kierkegaard and German Thought Conference (2012)  
 'Fichte (and Wilhelm) on Practical Reasoning'

Johns Hopkins University, History of Political Thought Seminar (2012)  
 'Agency and Self-sufficiency in Fichte's Ethics'

Pacific Division APA Meeting, Symposium Session (2012)

'Agency and Self-sufficiency in Fichte's Ethics'  
 (commentators: Christopher Yeomans, Günter Zöller)  
 Syracuse University, Philosophy Department (2011)

'Independence and Agency in Fichte's Ethics'  
 Colgate University, Philosophy Department (2011)

'Anthropology and Critique (in Kant and Foucault)'  
 Cornell University, Legacy of Kant III Conference (2011)

'Anthropology and Critique (in Kant and Foucault)'  
 University of Bonn, Schelling Tag (2011)

'Schelling on Modality and Theistic Proofs'  
 University of California at Riverside, Philosophy Department (2011)

'Independence and Agency in Fichte's Ethics'  
 University of Oslo, German Idealism and its Critics Conference (2010)

'Fichte (and Wilhelm) on Practical Reasoning'  
 Pacific Division APA Meeting, Søren Kierkegaard Society (2009)

Comments on Rudd, Hanson and Carron on Kierkegaard and Freedom  
 Pacific Division APA Meeting, Society for German Idealism (2009)

'Idealism and Freedom in Schellings *Freiheitschrift*'  
 Cornell University, Legacy of Kant II Conference (2008)

Comments on Rodolphe Gasché, 'A Material a priori? On Max Scheler's critique of  
 Kant's Formal Ethics'  
 Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Assoc., Plenary Session (2008)

'What Abraham Couldn't Say' (Commenter: John Lippitt)  
 State University of New York at Binghamton, Philosophy Department (2008)

'Kant and Fichte on Ends that are Duties'  
 Williams College, Philosophy Department (2008)

'What Abraham Couldn't Say'  
 Eastern Division APA Meeting, Author Meets Critics Session (2007)

on my *Freedom and Reason in Kant, Schelling and Kierkegaard*  
 (Critics: Karl Ameriks and Eckart Förster)  
 Cornell University, German Studies Department (2007)

'What Abraham Couldn't Say'  
 Cornell University, Legacy of Kant I Conference (2007)

comments on Rolf-Peter Horstmann, 'Hermann Cohen on Kant's Transcendental  
 Aesthetic'  
 Cornell University, Institute for German Cultural Studies (2006)

'Two Concepts of Perfection in Kant'  
 Cornell University, Philosophy Department (2006)

'Kierkegaard's Ethicist'  
 University College London, Philosophy Department (2005)

'Kierkegaard's Ethicist'  
 St Olaf's College, Fifth International Kierkegaard Conference (2005)

comments on Sergia Hay, 'Kierkegaard and Hamann'  
 Boston University, Philosophy Department (2005)  
 'Kierkegaard's Ethicist'  
 University of Toledo, Philosophy Department (2004)  
 'Kierkegaard's Ethicist'  
 Central Division APA Meeting, Søren Kierkegaard Society (2004)  
 'Kierkegaard and Fichte on the Ethical Standpoint'  
 Central Division APA Meeting, Hegel Society (2003)  
 comments on Robert Wallace, 'How Hegel Defends Kantian Freedom'  
 Miami University, Philosophy Department (2001)  
 "Despair" in Kierkegaard's *Either/Or*  
 Cornell University, Philosophy Department (2001)  
 "Despair" in Kierkegaard's *Either/Or*  
 University College Cork, Philosophy Department (2000)  
 "Despair" in Kierkegaard's *Either/Or*  
 Søren Kierkegaard Research Center, Workshop on Schelling and Kierkegaard (2000)  
 "Actuality" in Schelling and Kierkegaard'  
 Søren Kierkegaard Research Center, Copenhagen (2000)  
 'Kierkegaard and Schelling'  
 Aarhus University, Theology Department (2000)  
 'Kierkegaard and Freedom'  
 Whitman College, Philosophy Department (2000)  
 "Despair" in Kierkegaard's *Either/Or*  
 Reed College, Philosophy Department (2000)  
 'Kant on Moral Evil'  
 University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Philosophy Department (2000)  
 "Despair" in Kierkegaard's *Either/Or*  
 University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Philosophy Department (2000)  
 "Despair" in Kierkegaard's *Either/Or*  
 University of New Mexico, Philosophy Department (1999)  
 "Despair" in Kierkegaard's *Either/Or*  
 Aarhus University, Philosophy Department (1999)  
 'The Idea of a Positive Proof in Schelling's Positive Philosophy'  
 Søren Kierkegaard Research Center, Copenhagen (1999)  
 'Kierkegaard's Critique of the Ethics of Autonomy'

### **Conferences (co-)organized**

North American Kant Society second biennial conference, at Cornell University, May 31-  
 June 2, 2013.  
 Legacy of Kant III (post-1945 neo-Kantianism), at Cornell University, September 16-17,  
 2011.

Workshop on Schelling and Kierkegaard, at the Søren Kierkegaard Research Center at the University of Copenhagen, August 2000.

## **Courses Taught**

### Cornell (numbers above 3000 graduate level):

Freshman Writing Seminar (1112) (Parfit's *Reasons and Persons*)  
Feminism and Philosophy (2490 and 4490/6490)  
19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> Century European Philosophy (2240)  
Kant (3230)  
19<sup>th</sup> Century European Philosophy (3250)  
German Philosophical Texts (4003/6030) (texts have included works by Kant, Schelling, Fichte, Schiller, Blumenberg, Adorno, Wolff, Blumenbach, Goethe, Schopenhauer)  
Topics in Modern Philosophy (4220) (Kierkegaard)  
Topics in German Philosophy (4240/6204) (topics: German Idealism; Ethics in Kant and Fichte)  
Topics in 20<sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy (4261) (Foucault)  
Seminar in Ethics and Value Theory (6410) (Autonomy in Ethics and Political Philosophy)

### Michigan (numbers above 402 graduate level):

First-Year Seminar (196)  
Honors Introduction to Philosophy (297)  
Phenomenology & Existentialism (371)  
European Social Thought from Hegel to Foucault (385)  
Senior Seminar (402) (Freedom and Moral Responsibility)  
Topics in Continental Philosophy (466) (topics: Kierkegaard's Pseudonymous Works; Kierkegaard and German Idealism)  
Topics in the History of Philosophy (517) (Fichte's Philosophy of Right and Ethics)  
Seminar in the History of Philosophy (610) (topics: Hegel's Political Philosophy; Kierkegaard's Philosophy of Religion)

### NYU:

From Hegel to Nietzsche  
Philosophy and Social Science

### Columbia (as primary instructor):

Introduction to Logic  
Contemporary Civilization

## **Service**

### Department:

*Philosophical Review* editor (2013-15); editor-in-chief (2014-15, 2016-).  
Faculty advisor to MAP (Minorities and Philosophy) Cornell (2014-).  
Placement Director (2007-8; 2011-13).  
Director of Undergraduate Studies (2009-11).  
Faculty advisor to Cornell undergraduate philosophy journal *Logos* (2006-7, 2009-12).

Faculty liaison for the undergraduate philosophy club and advisor to Michigan undergraduate philosophy journal *Meteorite* (2000-06).

Service on recruitment, graduate admissions, graduate studies and undergraduate studies committees.

University:

Academic Integrity Hearing Board (2010-15); co-chair of board (2013-15).

Ad hoc tenure committees, 2010-11 (1), 2012-13 (1), 2015-16 (1).

Steering committee of the Cornell Institute for German Cultural Studies (2010-12).

Hull Fund committee (for subvention of Cornell faculty publications) (2007-11).

Taskforce charged by the Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs to assess, and recommend strategies for addressing, the child care needs of faculty members (2003-04).

University of Michigan Faculty Senate (2002-03).

Profession:

Editorial board (2006-); editor (2013-15); and editor-in-chief (2014-15, 2016-) of *The Philosophical Review*.

Assessment Committee, Associate Professor position at University of Aarhus (2016)

Advisory board, *Philosophical Gourmet Report* (2014-15)

Category editor, 19<sup>th</sup> century philosophy, philpapers.org (2013-).

Area editor, Kant and post-Kantian European philosophy, *Ergo* (2013-).

Area advisor, post-Kantian European philosophy, *Oxford Philosophical Concepts* (2009-).

Editorial board, *Signale* (German Studies book series from Cornell UP) (2007-).

Reviewer: *Philosophical Review*, *Philosophers' Imprint*, *Mind*, *Nous*, *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*, *European Journal of Philosophy*, *British Journal of the History of Philosophy*, *Inquiry*, *Religious Studies*, *Journal of Philosophical Research*, *Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism*, *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly*, *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *The Journal of Ethics*, *Ars Disputandi*, Oxford University Press, American Council of Learned Societies.

External review committee, Purdue University philosophy department, 2012.

Program committee, 2008 Central APA.

**Fellowships and Awards**

Rackham Faculty Fellowship (Summer 2004)

Postdoctoral Fellowship, Søren Kierkegaard Research Center in Copenhagen (1999-2000)

American-Scandinavian Foundation Dissertation Fellowship (1999-2000) (declined)

Lane Cooper Dissertation Fellowship (1998-99)

Columbia University President's Fellowship (Spring 1998)

DAAD Fellowship for study at Universität Tübingen (Fall 1997)

Columbia University President's Fellowship (1992-97)

**Languages**

German (fluent), Danish and French (highly competent), Spanish and Latin (competent).

**References**

Stephen Darwall (stephen.darwall@yale.edu)

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