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## Academic Positions

- 2008-Present: Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- Spring 2012: Visiting Associate Professor of Philosophy, Harvard University.
- Spring 2008: Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of Chicago.
- 2004-2008: Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- 1999-2004: Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Princeton University.
- 2001-2002: Faculty Fellow in Ethics, University Center for Ethics and the Professions, Harvard University.
- 1998-9: Instructor, Department of Philosophy, Princeton University.

## Education

- Ph.D., University of Chicago, 1999.
- B.A. in Philosophy with a minor in English Literature, Highest Honors Swarthmore College, June 1988.

## Areas of Specialization:

Ethics, Moral Psychology, Kant.

## Areas of Competence

Social and Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Religion, German Idealism, Existentialism, Wittgenstein.

## Publications

### Book:

- *The Idea of Humanity: Anthropology and Anthroponomy in Kant's Ethics.* New York: Routledge, 2001.

### Essays:

- "Is Agent-Regret Rational?" *Ethics* 128, n.4, 2018: 788-808.
- "Above and Beneath Contempt." In *The Moral Psychology of Contempt*, Michelle Mason and Mark Alfano, eds. Rowman and Littlefield, 2018, 153-172.
- "Respect, Regret, and Reproductive Choice." In *Disability in Practice*, Adam Cureton and Thomas E. Hill Jr., eds. Oxford University Press, 2018, 99-115.
- "Torture, Self-Defense, and Fighting Dirty." In *Confronting Torture: Essays on the Ethics, Legality, History, and Psychology of Torture Today*, Scott A. Anderson and Martha C. Nussbaum, eds. University of Chicago Press, 2018, 219-230.
- "Morality, Self-Constitution, and the Limits of Integrity." In *Why Be Moral?* Beatrix Himmelmann and Robert Louden, eds. Walter De Gruyter, 2015
- "The Highest Good: Who Needs It?" In *The Highest Good in Aristotle and Kant*, Ralf Bader and Joachim Auerheide, eds. Oxford University Press, 2015, 214-228.
- "Christine Korsgaard." In *The Cambridge Dictionary of Philosophy*. Cambridge University Press, 2015.
- "Shame and Honor." *The International Encyclopedia of Ethics*, Hugh LaFollette, ed. Wiley-Blackwell, 2013.
- "Something to Love: Kant and the Faith of Reason." In *Kant's Moral Metaphysics*, Benjamin Lipscomb and James Krueger, eds. Walter de Gruyter, 2010, 133-148.
- "For Badness' Sake." *The Journal of Philosophy* 106:11, November 2009.
- "Torture Lite: A Response." *Ethics & International Affairs* 23:1, Spring 2009.
- "On the Supposed Duty of Truthfulness: Kant on Lying in Self-Defense." In *The Philosophy of Deception*, Clancy Martin, ed. Oxford University Press, 2009, 225-243.

- “Revolution and Reconciliation: Toward a Kantian Account.” In *Kant’s Anatomy of Evil: An Anthology*, Sharon Anderson-Gold and Pablo Muchnik, eds. Cambridge University Press, 2009, 215-235.
- “Shame and Punishment in Kant’s *Doctrine of Right*.” *The Philosophical Quarterly* 58, n. 231, April 2008: 299-317.
- “From Deduction to Deed: Kant’s Grounding of the Moral Law.” *Kantian Review* 13:1, 52-82.
- “Perversity of the Heart.” *The Philosophical Review* 114, n.2, April 2005: 153-178.
- “Defining Torture.” *Case Western Reserve Journal of International Law* 37, n.2 & 3, 2006.
- “What’s Wrong With Torture?” *Philosophy and Public Affairs* 33, n.1, Winter 2005: 1-34.
- “Kantian Forgiveness.” *Kant-Studien* 96 n.1, 2005: 85-108.
- “The Authority of Humanity.” *Ethics* 113, n.2, January 2003: 350-366.

Reviews:

- “Doing without Desert” (Review of Erin Kelly’s *The Limits of Blame*). *Criminal Justice Ethics* 39, no.3, 211-221.
- Review of Christopher J. Insole, *Kant and the Creation of Freedom*. Forthcoming in *Critique*.
- Review of *Reason, Value, and Respect: Kantian Themes from the Philosophy of Thomas E. Hill, Jr.* Forthcoming in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*
- Review of Matthew H. Kramer’s *Torture and Moral Integrity: A Philosophical Enquiry*. *Law and Philosophy* 35, n.1: 107-113.
- Review of Rebecca Gordon’s *Mainstreaming Torture*. *Ethics* 126, n.2: 225-230.
- Review of Pablo Muchnik’s *Kant’s Theory of Evil*. *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, July 19, 2010. <http://ndpr.nd.edu/review.cfm?id=20589>
- Review of Stephen Darwall’s *The Second-Person Standpoint*. *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 7 (3): 414-416.
- Review of *Kant’s Metaphysics of Morals: Interpretive Essays* ed. Mark Timmons

- The Philosophical Review* 115, No. 3 (Jul., 2006), 399-403.
- Review of Daniel N. Robinson's *Praise and Blame: Moral Realism and its Applications*. *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*: <http://ndpr.icaap.org/>
  - Review of Daniel Guevara's *Kant's Theory of Moral Motivation*. *The Philosophical Review* 111, No. 1 (Jan., 2002), pp. 116-119.
  - Review of G. Felicitas Munzel's *Kant's Conception of Moral Character*. *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* 83, October 2001, 349-51.

### Papers and Presentations

- Comments on Nandi Theunissen's *The Value of Humanity*. Author-meets-Critics Session, APA Central Division; New Orleans, February 2021.
- "Retributivism Reconsidered" Moral Philosophy Seminar, University of Oxford, January 25, 2021.
- Comments on Melissa Merritt's *Kant on Reflection and Virtue*. Author-meets-Critics Session, APA Central Division; Denver, February 2019.
- "Reason's Passion: Virtue, Happiness, and the Highest Good." Happiness and Virtue Conference, Trinity College Dublin, June 2016; NUSTEP Conference March 2017, Keynote Address at Eastern North American Kant Society conference, April 2017.
- "Above and Beneath Contempt." University of Tennessee at Knoxville, April 2016; Moral Psychology of Contempt Workshop, Brown University, April 2016.
- "Self-Constitution and the Limits of Integrity." Rocky Mountain Ethics Conference. University of Colorado, Boulder, August 2015.
- "Grace and Enthusiasm." North American Kant Society Meeting, APA Pacific Division Meeting, April 2015.
- "The Ethical Commonwealth." Keynote Address, "The Good Society" Graduate Conference. University of Kentucky, March 2015.
- Critic, Author-meets-Critics session on Macalester Bell's *Hard Feelings: The Moral Psychology of Contempt*.
- "Is Agent-Regret Rational?" University of Tennessee at Knoxville, April 2016; Northwestern University, February 2015; Mid-South Philosophy Conference, Memphis, TN. March 2015.

- “Bodily Shame.” Society for Philosophy and Disability, APA Pacific Division, April 2014.
- “For the Love of God.” The *Reassessing Kant’s Highest Good* Workshop, Emory University, April 2014.
- Critic, Author-meets-Critics session on Kate Moran’s *Community and Progress in Kant’s Moral Philosophy*, APA Pacific Division Meeting, April 2013.
- “Is Agent-Regret Rational?” 47th Chapel Hill Colloquium in Philosophy, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, November 2013; Indiana University, November 2012.
- “Moral Feeling and Moral Death.” Pacific Study Group of the North American Kant Society; Stanford, November 2012.
- “Torture After the Fact: Does “Ex-Postness” Matter?” *Ethics for Enemies* symposium, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, May 2012.
- “Integrity, Luck, and the Unthinkable.” UCLA Law and Philosophy Workshop, April 2011.
- “Integrity, Luck, and the Unthinkable.” Queens University, April 2011.
- Critic, Author-meets-Critics session on Henry Allison’s *Kant’s Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals*, Pacific APA 2012
- “Torture.” 2011 Reich Lecture, United States Air Force Academy, October 2011.
- “The Highest Good: One Thought Too Many?” Invited paper for the North American Kant society symposium on Kant’s conception of the Highest Good. American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, April 2011.
- “Crying Out Loud: Pain and Pain-Behavior” Practical Philosophy Workshop, University of Chicago, April 2011.
- “Torture and Dirty Fighting.” Invited paper for a symposium on torture, American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division. December 2010
- “Lies, Dissembling, and the Perversion of Speech.” Paper presented at the Deception Workshop, University of Reading, December, 2010.
- “Korsgaard and the Reality of Pain.” Northwestern University Society for Ethical Theory and Political Philosophy Fourth Annual Conference, May 2010

- “For Crying Out Loud: Pain and Pain-Behavior.” University of North Carolina “Respect for Persons” Workshop, May 2010.
- “Sympathy and Understanding” Philosophy Dept. Colloquium, Harvard University, April 2010
- “Expression and Self-Knowledge.” University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, April 2009.
- “On the Supposed Duty of Truthfulness: Kant on Lies and Self-Defense” Social Ethics and Normative Theory Workshop, Stanford University, January 2009; University of Michigan, December 2008, University of Pennsylvania, March 2009
- “Imps of the Perverse” Northwestern University Society for Ethical and Political Philosophy Conference, May 2008.
- “For Badness’ Sake.” Swarthmore College, February 2008; The Ohio State University, November 2007; University of Toronto, February 2007; University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, December 2006
- “Torture and Dirty Fighting.” “Torture, Law, and War” Conference, the University of Chicago Law School, February 2008.
- “Torture: Hard and Softcore.” “Prisoners in War” Conference, Oxford University, December 2007.
- “What’s Love Got to do With It? Reflections on the Basis of Rational Faith.” *The Enlightenment Project, Revisited*; Houghton College, May 18, 2006.
- “Defining Torture.” Frederick K. Cox International Law Center War Crimes Research Symposium, “Torture and the War on Terror.” Case Western Reserve University, October 2005.
- “Kant and the Politics of Disgrace.” Northwestern University, May 2005; The Ohio State University, February 2004; Tufts University, February 2004; Yale University, January 2004; University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, January 2004; Rice University, January 2004; XX Simposio Internacional de Filosofia, Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico, July 2003.
- “Kant on Torture.” Moral Choices in the Age of Terrorism: An International Kant Symposium. University of Wisconsin-Madison, November 2004.
- “Shame and Self-Contempt in Hume and Kant.” History of Modern Philosophy Conference: Kant and the Early Moderns. Princeton University, May 2004.

- “Practical Reasons: Kant’s Vast Wasteland?” Parfit Workshop, Rutgers University, April 2003.
- “What’s So Bad About Torture?” University of Toronto, March 2003, Philamore Ethics Group, September 2002, Center for Ethics Fellows seminar, March 2002.
- “Sheer Perversity.” UC Davis, January 2002; University of Virginia, November 2001.
- “Natural Perversions: Kant on the Origins of Vice”: NYU Ethics Colloquium, October 2000.
- “Kant on Grace and Forgiveness.” Philamore Ethics Group, December 1999; UCLA colloquium, November 1999; Swarthmore College, September 1999.

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