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EDUCATION:

The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
Ph. D. Social Thought, June 2008
The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
M.A. Social Thought, June 2004
St. John's College, Annapolis, MD
B.A. Liberal Arts, June 2000

AREA OF SPECIALIZATION:

Nineteenth-Century Philosophy (esp. Hegel)

BOOKS:

3. *Hegel on Tragedy and Comedy: New Essays*, editor, SUNY Press (2021)
2. *Hegel's Theory of Responsibility*, Cambridge University Press (2015).
1. *Theories of Action and Morality: Perspectives from philosophy and social theory*, co-edited with J. Torralba, Olms Verlag (2016).

ARTICLES:

14. "Wordsworth and the Idea of Poetic Theodicy" in *Philosophy and Literature* (forthcoming)
13. "Hegel on the Conceptual Form of Philosophical History" in *Kant and the Possibility of Progress* (University of Pennsylvania) ed. Sam Stoner and Paul Wilford (2021)
12. "Hegel, Brandom, and Semantic Descent" in *Existenz* (Volume 15, No. 1, 2020)
11. "Hegel on Aesthetic Reconciliation" in *Hegel's Political Aesthetics* (Bloomsbury) ed. Stefan Bird-Pollan and Vladimir Marchenkov (2020)
10. "Introduction," Retrospective Virtual Issue: Hegel and Politics, *Hegel Bulletin* (2018)
9. "Is Hegel a Natural Law Constructivist?" in *The Owl of Minerva: The Journal of the Hegel Society of America* (Volume 48, Issue 1-2, 2016-17)
8. "Spirit in Hegel's *Phenomenology*" in *Oxford Handbook of Hegel*, ed. Dean Moyar (2017)

7. "Hegel's Theory of Normativity" in *Journal of the American Philosophical Association* (2016)
6. "Rival Versions of Objective Spirit" in *Hegel Bulletin* (2016)
5. "Hegel's Social Theory of Agency" in *History of Philosophy Quarterly* (Volume 31, Number 2, April 2014)
4. "Kierkegaard's Critique of Hegel's Inner/Outer Thesis" in *The Heythrop Journal* (October 2014)
3. "Is *Moralität* Hegel's Philosophy of Action?" in *The Owl of Minerva: The Journal of the Hegel Society of America* (Volume 44, Issue 1-2, 2012-13)
2. "Ethics and History in Hegel's Practical Philosophy" in *The Review of Metaphysics* (March 2012)
1. "Hegel on Legal and Moral Responsibility" in *Inquiry* (Volume 51, Number 4, August 2008)

BOOK REVIEWS:

8. "Review of Hegel's Philosophy of Spirit: A Critical Guide" in *Hegel Bulletin* (forthcoming).
7. "Review of *Hegel on Second Nature in Ethical Life* by Andreja Novakovic" in *SGIR Review* (2019)
6. "Review of *Sacrifice in the Post-Kantian Tradition* by Paolo Bubbio" in *Philosophy Today* (2016)
5. "Review of *Understanding Moral Obligation* by Robert Stern" in *Mind* (Volume 123, 2014)
4. "Review of *Hegel on Action* edited by Laitinen and Sandis" in *European Journal of Philosophy* (Volume 20, Number 12, November, 2012)
3. "Review of *Religion, Modernity, and Politics in Hegel* by Thomas A. Lewis" in *Clio: A Journal of Literature, History, and the Philosophy of History* (Volume 42, Issue 1, Fall, 2012)
2. "Review of *The Philosophy of Hegel* by Allen Speight" in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (September 2009)
1. "Review of *The New Hegelians: Politics in the Hegelian School*" in *Foundations of Political Theory* (2008)

PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES:

- "Hegel and Radical Conceptual Amelioration," Conference on Hegel and Empirical Judgment, virtual event, June 2021.
- "Hegel on Untrue Concepts," Hegel Roundtable, virtual event, April 2021.
- "Hegel, Brandom, and Semantic Descent," Comments on Robert Brandom's *A Spirit of Trust*, APA Central, February 2020.
- "Hegel on Reason in History," St. John's College, Friday Night Lecture, September 2020.
- "Hegel on the A Priori," Hegel Roundtable, Evanston, IL. March 2019.
- "The Atheism of the Ethical World," Comments on Andreja Novakovic's *Hegel on Second Nature and Ethical Life*, APA Eastern, January 2019.
- "The Redemptive Theory of Art in Wordsworth and Hegel," Tulane University, New Orleans, LA. November 2018.
- "Hegel on Aesthetic Reconciliation," Oxford University. May 2018.

- “Hegel on the Conceptual Form of Philosophical History,” University of Padua, Padua, Italy. May 2018.
- “Hegel and Normativity in History,” Universidad de Navarra, Pamplona, Spain. April 2018.
- “Hegel and the Conceptual Form of Philosophical History,” Hegel Roundtable, Lexington, KY. March 2018.
- “Aesthetic Theodicy in Wordsworth and Hegel,” The Chicago Area Consortium in German Philosophy, DePaul University, Chicago, IL. March 2018.
- “Hegel and the Conceptual Form of Philosophical History,” Kant and the Possibility of Progress, Boston College, February 2018.
- “Hegel and the Conceptual Form of Philosophical History,” Hegel’s Philosophy of Finite Spirit, UIC, Chicago, IL. January 2018.
- “Jean Paul and Humorous Poetry,” Light-Hearted Philosophers Society, St. Petersburg, FL. September 2017.
- “Hegel on Aesthetic Reconciliation,” Universität Bonn, Bonn, Germany. June, 2017.
- “The Paradox of Humor: A Brief History,” Carleton College, Northfield, MN. May 2017.
- “*Hail Caesar!* and the Paradox of Humor,” Carleton College, Northfield, MN. May 2017.
- “Rival Versions of Objective Spirit,” Universidad de Navarra, Pamplona, Spain. April 2016.
- “Hegel on Art’s Highest Vocation,” Athens Hegel Roundtable, Ohio University, April 2016.
- “Natural and Spiritual Defect in Hegel.” Annual Conference of the Hegel Society of Great Britain, Oxford University, September 2015.
- “Rival Versions of Objective Spirit,” Contemporary Debates in German Idealism, Xavier University, Cincinnati, OH. April 2015.
- “Rival Versions of Objective Spirit,” Keynote Address, The Public and the Private: A Graduate Student Conference in Philosophy, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D. C., March 2015.
- “Hegel’s Social Theory of Action,” Kentucky University, 2013.
- “Hegel on the Actualization of the Concept of the Will,” APA Central, New Orleans, LA, 2013.
- “Hegel’s Theory of Innocence,” Marquette University, 2012.
- “The Great Books in American Higher Education,” Universidad de Navarra, Pamplona, Spain, 2012.
- “Hegel on Becoming Responsible,” Conference on Actuality and the Idea, Princeton University, 2012.
- “Hegel on Actions and Reasons,” Conference on Actions and Reasons, Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Lisbon, Portugal, 2012).
- “Hegel on Becoming Responsible,” The University of Chicago Society of Fellows Weissbourd Event, Chicago, IL, 2011.
- “Kierkegaard’s Critique of Hegel’s Inner/Outer Thesis,” APA Western, San Diego, CA, 2011.
- “Is *Moralität* Hegel’s Philosophy of Action?,” The Chicago Area Consortium in German Philosophy, DePaul University, Chicago, IL, 2011.

- “Kant and Hegel on the Sociality of Action,” SIAS Summer Institute, Universität Erfurt, Germany, 2010.
- “Hegel and Contemporary Philosophy of Action,” Social Thought Colloquium, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, 2010.
- “Hegel and Kierkegaard on the Inner/Outer Problem,” SIAS Summer Institute, National Humanities Center, Research Triangle, NC, 2009.
- “What have I done? Alienation in Hegel’s theory of action,” Honors Center Lecture, Sweet Briar College, Sweet Briar, VA, 2009.
- “Ethics and History in Hegel’s Practical Philosophy,” Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, 2009.
- “Hegel and Kierkegaard on the Inner/Outer Problem,” St. Louis University, St. Louis, MO, 2008.
- “Can philosophy tell us what we ought to do?,” Sweet Briar College, Sweet Briar, VA, 2008.
- “Hegel and the Free Will Problem,” New England Political Science Association, Boston, MA, 2007.
- “Hegel and Anscombe on Intention,” Social Thought Colloquium, Chicago, IL, 2005.
- “Hegel’s Critique of Instrumental Reason,” New School for Social Research Graduate Philosophy Conference, New York, NY, 2005.
- “Kant’s *res nullius* argument,” Boston University Philosophy Graduate Student Conference, Boston, MA, 2004.

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS & HONORS:

- I.H.S. Hayek Fund for Scholars (2020)
- The WCAS Award for Distinguished Teaching (2019)
- Kaplan Fellowship (2015-16)
- A.S.G. Faculty Honor Roll (2012-13)
- S.I.A.S. Summer Institute Fellow (2009-2010)
- N.E.H. Enduring Questions Course Development Grant (2009)
- Richard Saller Prize for Best Dissertation in the Division of the Social Sciences (Honorable Mention) (2009)
- Intercollegiate Studies Institute, Western Civilization Fellowship (2006-2007)
- Doolittle-Harrison Fellowship (2005)
- Bradley Foundation Fellowship (2002-2003)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE & TEACHING:

Associate Professor, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL *2017-Present*

At the 100-level:

“Freshman Seminar: Conservatives, Libertarians, and Reactionaries”

At the 200-level:

“Introduction to Existentialism”

“Introduction to Critical Theory”

At the 300-level:

“Art and Truth in Schopenhauer, Nietzsche, and Heidegger”

“Introduction to German Idealism”

“Critiques of Morality: Nietzsche and Bernard Williams”
“Slavery, Religion, and the Philosophy of Freedom”
“The Idea of Politics in Twentieth Century German Thought”
“Conservative Political Philosophy”

At the 400-level:

“Hegel and Marx on History”
“Hegel’s Logic”
“The Metaphysical Theory of Art”

Assistant Professor, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL 2010-2017

At the 100-level:

“Freshman Seminar: The Ancient Quarrel Between Philosophy and Poetry”
“Freshman Seminar: Philosophical Literature and Literary Philosophy”

At the 200-level:

“Introduction to Existentialism”
“Introduction to Critical Theory”

At the 300-level:

“Kierkegaard and Indirect Communication”
“Hegel’s Phenomenology of Spirit”
“Contemporary Critical Theory”
“German Aesthetics: Schiller and Hegel”

At the 400-level:

“Hegel’s Philosophy of Spirit”
“Hegel’s Philosophy of Right”
“Nietzsche on Life”
“Hegel’s Philosophy of History”
“European Social Theory”
“Post-Kantian Ethics”
“Hegel and Honneth”

Weinberg College Fellow, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL 2009-2010

“Introduction to Existentialism”

Assistant Professor, Sweet Briar College, Sweet Briar, VA 2008-2009

“Fundamental Philosophical Questions”
“Philosophy and Film”
“Modernism to Postmodernism”
“Ethics: Theories and Applications”

Instructor, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL 2008

“Classics of Social and Political Thought III”

Adjunct Professor, DePaul University, Chicago, IL 2005-2007

“Quantitative Reasoning”

Teaching Assistant, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL 2006

“Classics of Social and Political Thought III”
“Classics of Social and Political Thought II”

Adjunct Professor, Roosevelt University, Chicago, IL 2005

“Great Books I”
“Great Books II”

Adjunct Professor, St. Augustine College, Chicago, IL 2005

“Introduction to Ethics”

REFeree ACTIVITY:

Intellectual History Review
University of Chicago Press
History of Political Thought
Hegel Bulletin
Journal of the History of Philosophy
British Journal of the History of Philosophy
The Owl of Minerva: Journal of the Hegel Society of America
Cambridge University Press
Ergo
Routledge Press
Ethics
Harvard University Press
History of Philosophy Quarterly
European Journal of Philosophy
Florida Philosophical Review
Theoria: A Journal of Social and Political Philosophy
Philosophy Compass
The Journal of Philosophical Research
Critical Historical Studies

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT:

Lumen Christi Institute Colloquium on Liberal Education (co-chair, 2021-Present)
Chicago-Area Consortium on German Philosophy (director, 2019-Present)
Northwestern University Press (advisory board, 2017-Present)
Hegel Society of America (Vice President, 2016-2018)
Hegel Society of Great Britain
Noesis Press: New Studies in Idealism (advisory board)
N.E.H. "Enduring Questions" (review panelist)

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DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE:

Director of Undergraduate Studies, Critical Theory Program (2017-18, 2020-21)
Faculty Search Committee (2017-18)
Graduate Placement Officer (2016-17)
Undergraduate Advising Committee (2013-14, 2020-21)
Graduate Admissions Committee (2012-13, 2015-16, 2017-18)
Lecture Series Committee (2011-12, Chair 2016-17)

LIST OF REFERENCES:

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