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**Employment**

**The University of Memphis**

2019 – Assistant Professor of Philosophy

2018 – 2019 Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy

**Education**

**The Pennsylvania State University**

2013 – 2018 Ph.D. in Philosophy

Dissertation title: *The Concept of Evil in Kant and Schelling*

Committee: Robert Bernasconi (chair), Sarah Clark Miller, Amy Allen, Daniel Purdy

**The University of Warwick**

2011 – 2012 M.A. in Continental Philosophy

2008 – 2011 B.A. in Politics, Philosophy, and Economics

**Areas of Specialisation**

Kant and German Idealism; Continental Philosophy

**Areas of Competence**

Modern Philosophy; Nineteenth Century Philosophy; Political Philosophy; Bioethics

**Publications**

Articles

2022 (forthcoming) “How is an Illusion of Reason Possible? The Division of Nothing in the *Critique of Pure Reason*”

*Kant-Studien*

2021 (forthcoming) “ ‘Clinging Stubbornly to the Antithesis of Assumptions’: On the Difference Between Hegel’s and Spinoza’s Systems of Philosophy”

*Research in Phenomenology*

2021 “*Gandhi and Philosophy*: Hypophysics and the Comparison between Caste and Race”

*positions: episteme* 4, accessible at: <http://positionspolitics.org/gandhi-and-philosophy-hypophysics-and-the-comparison-between-caste-and-race/>

2020 “An Ethics of Temptation: Schelling’s Contribution to the Freedom Controversy”

*European Journal of Philosophy* (online early view), 1-15, DOI: 10.1111/ejop.12601

2020 “On the Viral Event”

*European Journal of Psychoanalysis*, “Coronavirus and Philosophers. A Tribune (Agamben, Benvenuto, Cacciari, Cristi, Kristeva, Mbembe, Smith, Irigaray)”, accessible at: <http://www.journal-psychoanalysis.eu/on-the-viral-event/>

2020 “*Physiodicy*, or, the Political Theology of Nature”

*Philosophy World Democracy*, 1(1), 72-82

2018 “What is the Body without Organs? Machine and Organism in Deleuze and Guattari”

*Continental Philosophy Review*, 51(1), 95-110

2017 “After you, Sir! Substitution in Kant and Levinas”

*Journal for the British Society for Phenomenology* 48(2), 149-161

2015 “An Event Worthy of the Name, a Name Worthy of the Event”

*Journal of Speculative Philosophy* 29(3), 387-394

2015 “Foucault on Ethics and Subjectivity: Aesthetics of Existence, Care of the Self”

*Foucault Studies* 19, 135-150

* Spanish translation in 2017 by Eugenia Victoria Arria Álvarez and Juan Horacio de Freitas as “Foucault sobre ética y subjectividad: ‘cuidado de sí’ y ‘estética de la existencia’ ”, in *Dorsal. Revista de Estudios Foucaultianos* 2, 301-321

2013 “Hegel’s Comedy”

*Pli: The Warwick Journal of Philosophy* 24, 182-198

Book Reviews:

2021 Dilek Huseyinzadegan, *Kant’s Nonideal Theory of Politics*, Evanston: Northwestern University Press, 2019

*Contemporary Political Theory* (online first)

2021 John Harfouch, *Another Mind-Body Problem: A History of Racial Non-Being*, Albany: SUNY Press, 2018

*Critical Philosophy of Race*, 9(1), 159-165

2020 Rudolf Bernet, *Force, Drive, Desire: A Philosophy of Psychoanalysis* trans. Sarah Allen, Evanston: Northwestern University Press: 2020

*Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, accessible at: <https://ndpr.nd.edu/reviews/force-drive-desire-a-philosophy-of-psychoanalysis/>

Other:

2020 “There is a Danger that Anti-Racism is Fighting Yesterday’s Racism”, Interview with Robert Bernasconi

*Philosophy World Democracy*, 1(2), accessible at: <https://www.philosophy-world-democracy.org/interview-robert-bernasconi>

Articles in Progress and Under Review

* “Ethics without the Will: On the Relation between *Praxis* and *Phron­ēsis*” [accepted with revisions at *Soundings: An Interdisciplinary Journal*]
* “The Revenge of Nature? On the Coronavirus and ‘Natural Evil’ ” [under review]
* “What Happens to Kant’s Theory of Race in the 1790s? A New Anthropological Interpretation of Radical Evil” [in progress]
* “A Kantian Conspiracy in the Historiography of Philosophy” [in progress]
* “Rousseau’s Double Role in Foucault’s Genealogy of Biopower” [in progress]

**Research Languages**

French (reading, speaking), German (reading)

**Awards and Honours**

2021 - 2022 Freeburg Fellowship, Marcus Orr Center for the Humanities, Memphis

2020 College of Arts and Sciences Travel Enrichment Award, Memphis

2018 Superior Teaching and Research Award, College of the Liberal Arts, Penn State

2017 – 2018 Sparks Fellowship, College of the Liberal Arts, Penn State

2017 – 2018 Crawford Fellowship, Rock Ethics Institute, Penn State [unable to accept]

2017 Superior Teaching and Research Award, College of the Liberal Arts, Penn State

2016 Summer Research Award, Max Kade German-American Research Institute

2015 – 2016 University Graduate Fellowship, Penn State

2015 Philosophy Department Graduate Prize for Excellence in Research, Penn State

2011 Santander Master’s Award, University of Warwick

**Conference Presentations**

2021 “What Happens to Kant’s Race Theory in the 1790s? A New Anthropological Interpretation of Radical Evil”

Southwest Seminar in Continental Philosophy [virtual]

2021 “A New Anthropological Interpretation of Kant’s Account of Radical Evil”

Marcus Orr Center for the Humanities, University of Memphis [virtual]

2020 “On the Viral Event”

Indiana Philosophical Association Conference [virtual]

2020 “ ‘Epistemology is not Innocent’: The Cuvier Transformation in Deleuze and Foucault”

Deleuze and Guattari Studies Conference, Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague [cancelled due to coronavirus]

2020 “The Revenge of Nature? On the Coronavirus and ‘Natural Evil’ ”

UNESCO webinar, “Is it Possible to Talk about Evil in the Time of the Pandemic?”, Paris [invited]

2020 “The Division of Nothing in the *Critique of Pure Reason*”

North American Kant Society (NAKS) Biennial Conference, Binghampton University [virtual]

2020 “An Ethics of Temptation: Schelling’s Contribution to the Freedom Controversy”

Society for German Idealism meeting at the American Philosophical Association (APA) Pacific Division, San Francisco [cancelled due to coronavirus]

2020 “A New Anthropological Interpretation of Kant’s Account of Radical Evil”

North Texas Philosophical Association, Dallas [cancelled due to coronavirus]

2019 Author-meets-critics panel on John Harfouch’s *Another Mind-Body Problem: A History of Racial Non-Being*

Tennessee Philosophical Association, Vanderbilt University [invited]

2019 “Schelling’s Contribution to the Kant-Reinhold Controversy”

Tennessee Philosophical Association, Vanderbilt University

2019 “The Origin of Schelling’s Concept of Evil”

Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP), Pittsburgh

2019 “The Division of Nothing in the *Critique of Pure Reason*”

Colloquium Talk, the University of Memphis [invited]

2019 “Five Theses on the Concept of Evil”

Confronting Evil, Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi [invited]

2019 “The Division of Nothing in the *Critique of Pure Reason*”

The Concept of the Negative in Classical German Philosophy, Internationales Forschungsnetzwerk Tranzendentalphilosophie / Deutscher Idealismus, Chinese University of Hong Kong

2019 “Schelling’s Contribution to the Kant-Reinhold Controversy”

13th International Kant-Congress, Oslo [unable to attend]

2018 “Schelling’s Contribution to the Kant-Reinhold Controversy”

North American Schelling Society (NASS), University of Hawai’i

2017 “Kant’s Political Theology of Nature”

International Association for Environmental Philosophy (IAEP) conference, Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP), Memphis

2017 “Schelling’s Contribution to the Kant-Reinhold Controversy”

The Problem of Evil in Modern and Contemporary European Philosophy conference, Bishop’s University, Canada

2017 “Kant, Hegel, and the Formation of the Philosophical Canon”

American Philosophical Association (APA) Pacific Division, Seattle

2016 “After you, Sir! Substitution in Kant and Levinas”

Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP), Salt Lake City

2016 “Responsibility in Levinas and Løgstrup”

Ethical Encounters: Levinas and Løgstrup conference, University of Sheffield, UK

2016 “The Challenge of Abolition: Angela Davis and Jacques Derrida on the Death Penalty”

Derrida Today conference, Goldsmith’s University, London, UK

2016 “Kant, Hegel, Schelling, and the Formation of the Philosophical Canon”

Reconsidering the Canon conference with Duquesne Women in Philosophy (WiP), Duquesne University, Pittsburgh

2015 “Kant and Abortion: The Case of Maternal Infanticide”

WMU Medical Humanities conference, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo

2015 “Hegel, Spinoza, and the Problem of Beginning”

LSU graduate philosophy conference at Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge

2014 “An Event Worthy of the Name, a Name Worthy of the Event”

Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP), New Orleans

2014 “The Logic of Lacan’s Formulas of Sexuation”

Participant’s conference, Formalism and the Real summer symposium, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh

2014 “Derrida and Badiou on the Event”

Derrida Today conference, Fordham University, New York

2012 “Improvisation in Music: A Phenomenological Perspective”

Musical Perspectives conference, Warwick University, UK

2012 “Philosophy of Experience, Philosophy of the Concept”

Speaking the Phenomenon conference, graduate conference in phenomenology, Sussex University, UK

**Other Events**

2016 “Freedom and Human Nature in Kant, Fichte and Hegel,” 2nd International Summer School on Kant and German Idealism at the University of Tübingen, Germany (June 26th-28th)

2016 “Philosophies of Nature: Schelling and his Contemporaries,” 1st UK Schelling Research Group Workshop on Philosophy of Nature at Liverpool University, UK (June 14th-16th)

2016 “Spinoza and German Idealism”, summer institute at the Department of Philosophy and Centre for Jewish Studies at the University of Toronto, Canada (May 16th-19th)

2014 “Race and Non-Racialism in South Africa”, workshop with Achille Mbembe at Penn State University (November 8th)

2014 “Formalism and the Real,” Pittsburgh Summer Symposium in Contemporary Philosophy at Duquesne University, Pittsburgh (August 4th-8th)

**Graduate Advising**

Graduate Dissertation Committees:

2021 – Member, Matthew Fee, *The Ontology of Structure: Deleuze and Differential Realism*

2020 – Member, Sarah Marshall, *The Death Penalty: Economies of Sacrifice and Salvation*

2019 – Member, Andy Britton, *On the Primacy of the Ethical: A Selective History*

2019 – Member, Morgan Elbot, *Thinking the Unexpected: Intervening in Methods and Methodological Interventions*

2019 – 2020 Member, Kenny Arnette, *Of Mice and Medicine: An Examination of*

*the Anti-Depressant Enterprise* (MA thesis)

Graduate Readings and Research and Exam Committees:

2020 Early Foucault and Natural History, Amy Nigh R&R and comprehensive exam

2020 Deleuze and Structuralism, Matthew Fee R&R and comprehensive exam

2019 Comprehensive exam, Stephanie Butera

Other Official Graduate Student Mentoring:

2021 – Teaching mentor, Ashleigh Morales

2020 – Teaching mentor, Amy Nigh

2019 – Teaching mentor, Corey Reed

2019 – 2021 Teaching mentor, Michael Ardoline

2019 – 2021 Faculty mentor, Mia Burnett

2019 – 2021 Faculty mentor, Ashleigh Morales

**Teaching Experience**

**At the University of Memphis:**

Graduate Teaching:

PHIL 8301 Seminar in Modern Philosophy: The Concept of “Evil” in Kant and German Idealism (Fall 2019)

Undergraduate Teaching:

PHIL 1101 Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2018)

PHIL 3002 Modern Philosophy (Spring 2019, Spring 2020)

PHIL 3514 Biomedical Ethics (Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020); [online] (Fall 2020 x 2)

**At the Pennsylvania State University:**

Undergraduate Teaching:

PHIL 001 Basic Problems in Philosophy (Spring 2015, Summer 2015)

PHIL 010 [online] Critical Thinking (Summer 2017)

PHIL 012 [online] Symbolic Logic (Summer 2017)

PHIL 204 20th century philosophy: Heidegger’s *Being and Time* (Fall 2016)

PHIL 432 Medical and Healthcare Ethics (Summer 2015)

**Online Course Design**

2020 PHIL 3514-M50: Biomedical Ethics (4 modules: Medical Ethics and the Coronavirus; Allocating Medical Resources During a Pandemic; The Hippocratic Oath; Reproductive Justice)

**Service**

**Departmental Service**

2021 Scholarship Committee for Undergraduate PHIL Majors

2021 Seshat Prize Graduate Essay Competition Coordinator

2019 – Director, Graduate Placement

2019 – 2020 BA Assessment Committee

2019 – 2020 Bornblum Award Coordinator

2019 Hiring committee (assistant professor, AOS: continental philosophy)

2018 – 2019 Faculty Participant, “Methods Lab” graduate seminar

2016 Graduate student representative, hiring committee (assistant professor, AOS: Kant), Penn State

**Editorial and Referee Work**

2020 – Associate Editor, *Philosophy World Democracy*

Article manuscript refereeing for: *Epoché: A Journal for the History of Philosophy*, *Hegel Bulletin*, *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*, *Philosophy and Technology*, *positions: Asia Critique, Pli: The Warwick Journal of Philosophy*

**Conference and Event Organisation**

2017 Graduate conference committee, Workshop with Sunaura Taylor at Penn State University

2014 Graduate conference committee, Philosophy, Life and Death conference with Claudia Card at Penn State University

2013 Co-organiser, Musical Perspectives conference at the University of Warwick

2010 Co-organiser, Warwick Symposium with François Laruelle

**References**

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