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INTERESTS

Areas of Specialization: Kant, Wittgenstein, Philosophy of Language

Areas of Competence: Aesthetics, Feminist Epistemology, Existentialism

EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania (expected 2031)

Ph.D. in Philosophy

University of Chicago

2023 M.A. in Philosophy and Humanities (MAPH)

Thesis: "Halting the Spread of Rot: Kant's Authentic Idealism Reconsidered through Logical vs Real Possibility and the Psychological Character of Logic"

Advisor: James Conant

Bard College

2022 B.A. in Philosophy

Senior Project: "What Cannot be Said: Kant, Kierkegaard, and Wittgenstein"

Advisor: Daniel Berthold

Board: Daniel Berthold, Jay Elliott, and Garry Hagberg

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

l'Université Paris 8 – Vincennes à Saint-Denis (Fall 2024)

Maître de Langue (Visiting Lecturer):

- Anglais pour philosophes: Philosophie Analytique Contemporaine
- Anglais pour philosophes: Philosophie du langage ordinaire : Wittgenstein et J. L. Austin

Ethical Culture Fieldston School (2023-2024)

Ethics Teacher Leave Replacement:

- Diverse Voices in Social Psychology
- Introduction to Community Service
- Social Issues and Service Learning
- History of Philosophy (Tutorial)

Bard Prison Initiative at Eastern Correctional Facility (2021-2022)

Teaching Assistant:

- Multicultural Philosophy (for Daniel Berthold)

Writing Tutor:

- First Year Seminar

LANGUAGES

French: Full professional proficiency

German: B1 Level

PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

“Reading *Nausea* Through *Either / Or*: An Aesthetic and Ethical Perspective,” 2021. *The Reed Journal of Existentialism* Volume 23, pages 79-91.

REFEREED CONFERENCE PAPERS

- 2025 “The Role of Limiting Concepts in Kant.” Graduate Workshop: Kant, German Idealism, and Romanticism, Manchester Research Forum for European Philosophy (MRFEP), Manchester.
- 2023 “Kant’s Subjectivism?” University of Chicago Masters of Arts in the Humanities (MAPH) Work in Progress Conference, Chicago.
- 2021 “Amending Standpoint Theory.” Emmanuel College Philosophy Conference, Boston.

HONORS, AWARDS, GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS

- 2025 Bacon Award for Graduate Student Travel
- 2025 William Mack Family Foundation Graduate Fellow
- 2025 Benjamin Franklin Fellowship (Five year funding source to support doctoral research)
- 2022 Heinrich Bluecher Prize
- 2021 Academic Program Inclusion Challenge Grant Recipient with Prof. Kathryn Tabb

GRADUATE COURSEWORK

University of Chicago:

- Foundations of Interpretive Theory
- Contemporary Analytic Philosophy
- Logic-Mathematical vs Logic-Philosophical Conceptions of Logic

- Hegel's Philosophy of Mind
- Kant's Critique of Pure Reason
- Plato's Phaedrus
- The Second Person: Theoretical and Practical Perspectives
- The Concept of World and Its Vulnerability

University of Pennsylvania:

- Proseminar
- Topics in Continental Philosophy: Language and Performativity
- Topics in History of Philosophy: Kant's Third Critique
- Introduction to Logic (in progress)
- Contemporary Ethics (in progress)
- Kant II: Kant's Political Philosophy (in progress)
- Figures in Philosophy of Science: Humboldt (in progress)

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

2025-	Philosophy Department SASGov Representative
2025-	Wellness Coordinator
2022	(Bard College) Student Representative for Visiting Professor Search Committee

REFERENCES

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 University of Pennsylvania
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