

# **CHRISTOPHER YEOMANS**

## **Curriculum Vitae**

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### **Education**

Ph.D., Philosophy, University of California, Riverside, 2005  
M.A., Philosophy, San Diego State University, 2000  
A.B., Linguistics, University of California, Berkeley, 1993

### **Academic Employment**

Department Head of Philosophy, Purdue University, 2017-Present  
Alexander von Humboldt Research Fellow, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität  
München, 2016-2017  
Professor of Philosophy, Purdue University, 2016-Present  
Visiting Professor, Xiamen University (China), June 2015  
Associate Professor of Philosophy, Purdue University, 2012-2016  
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Purdue University, 2009-2012  
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Kenyon College, 2005-2009

### **Areas of Specialization**

Hegel and German Philosophy, Philosophy of Action, Political Philosophy

### **Publications**

#### **Book Monographs**

*The Expansion of Autonomy: Hegel's Pluralistic Philosophy of Action.*  
Oxford University Press 2015. 240pp

*Freedom and Reflection: Hegel and the Logic of Agency.* Oxford  
University Press 2011. 275pp.

Nominated for the American Philosophical Association  
Book Award.

#### **Articles and Book Chapters**

"Hegel's Pluralism as a Comedy of Action." In *Hegel Bulletin*  
(forthcoming). Published online 1/9/2019.

“Historical Constructivism.” In *Hegel and Contemporary Practical Philosophy: Beyond Kantian Constructivism*, ed. Sebastian Stein and James Gledhill (forthcoming).

“Perspective and Logical Pluralism in Hegel.” *Hegel Bulletin* 40 (Special Issue 1) (April 2019): 29-50.

“Logic and Social Theory: Hegel on the Conceptual Significance of Political Change.” In *The Palgrave Hegel Handbook*, ed. Marina Bykova and Kenneth R. Westphal (forthcoming).

“Hegels Handlungslehre und das Preußische Allgemeine Landrecht.” *Rechtsphilosophie. Zeitschrift für Grundlagen des Rechts* 1/2018 (March 2018): 24-35.

“Family Structures as Fields of Historical Tension: A Case Study in the Relation of Metaphysics and Politics.” In *Hegel’s Metaphysics and the Philosophy of Politics*, ed. Michael J. Thompson (2018): 227-251.

“Hegel’s Expressivist Modal Realism.” In *The Actual and the Possible: Modality in Modern Philosophy*, ed. Mark Sinclair. Oxford University Press (2017):117-35.

“Math by Pure Thinking: R First and the Divergence of Measures in Hegel’s Philosophy of Mathematics.” (with Ralph Kaufmann) *European Journal of Philosophy* 25(4) (December 2017): 985-1020.

“Hegel on Calculus.” (with Ralph Kaufmann). *History of Philosophy Quarterly* 34(4) (October 2017): 371-390.

“Towards an Immanent Conception of Economic Agency: Or, A Speech on Metaphysics to its Cultured Despisers.” (with Justin Litaker). *Hegel Bulletin Special Issue on Hegel and Critical Theory* 38(2) (October 2017): 241-65.

“Perspectives without Privileges: The Estates in Hegel’s Political Philosophy.” *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 55(3) (July 2017: 469-90).

“Hegel.” In *The Routledge Companion to Free Will*, ed. Kevin Timpe. Routledge Press (2017): 356-63.

“Philosophy of Action.” In *The Oxford Handbook of Hegel*, ed. Dean Moyar. Oxford University Press (2017): 475-95.

"The One and the Many in the Philosophy of Action." In *Judgement & Action: New Interdisciplinary Essays*, ed. Vivasvan Soni & Thomas Pfau. Under contract with Northwestern University Press.

"Introduction" to selections from Marx in *The Nineteenth Century Philosophy Reader*, ed. Benjamin Crowe. Routledge (2016): 233-9.

"Power as Control and the Therapeutic Effects of Hegel's *Logic*." *Hegel Bulletin*. 36 (1) (May 2015): 33-52.

"Talents and Interests: A Hegelian Moral Psychology." *Hegel Bulletin* 34(1) (May 2013): 33-58.

"Hegel and Analytic Philosophy of Action," *The Owl of Minerva* 42(1-2) (2010-11): 41-62.

"'Acting On' Instead of 'Stepping Back': Hegel's Conception of the Relation between Motivations and the Free Will," in I. Falgueras, J.A. García, Juan J. Padial, *Yo y Tiempo. La antropología filosófica de G.W.F. Hegel. vol. I. La sustancialidad y subjetividad humanas, Contrastes*. Suplemento XV: 377-87, Málaga, 2010.

"Identity as a Process of Self-Determination in Hegel's Logic: An Erotetic Interpretation," in *Hegel on Identity and Difference*, ed. Philip Grier, SUNY Press (2007). (Proceedings of a peer-reviewed conference.)

"Thomas Reid and Some Regress Arguments," *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*, 88 (2006): 54-81.

"Spinoza, Feminism, and Domestic Violence," *Iyyun* 52 (2003): 54-74.

## **Book Reviews**

*Does History Make Sense?: Hegel on the Historical Shapes of Justice* by Terry Pinkard. *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (June 19, 2017).

*Hegel on Philosophy in History*, ed. James Kreines and Rachel Zuckert. *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 55(4) (October 2017): 740-1.

*Reason in the World: Hegel's Metaphysics and its Philosophical Appeal* by James Kreines. *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (January 26, 2016).

*Hegel's Critique of Metaphysics* by Béatrice Longuenesse. *The Philosophical Review* 121(3): 467-72 (July 2012).

Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel, *Encyclopedia of the Philosophical Sciences in Basic Outline, Part I: The Science of Logic*, edited and translated by Klaus Brinkmann and Daniel O. Dahlstrom, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (July 27, 2011).

*A Commentary to Hegel's Science of Logic* by David Gray Carlson. *Mind* 119(475): 783-6 (July 2010).

*Hegel's Practical Philosophy* by Robert Pippin. *Ethics* 119(4): 783-7 (July 2009).

*Contradiction in Motion* by Songsuk Susan Hahn. *Review of Metaphysics* 62(3): 657-9 (March 2009).

*Hegel, Idealism, and Analytic Philosophy* by Tom Rockmore. *Review of Metaphysics* 60(3): 686-7 (March 2007).

### **Presentations**

"Hegel's Theory of Space in the Philosophy of Nature." University of Padova, July 4, 2019.

"Historical Constructivism." Humboldt-Universität Berlin. July 2, 2019.

"Gender, Plants and Animals in Stone and Hegel." University of Padova, June 25, 2019.

"Animal Embodiment as a Condition of Spatial and Temporal Perspective." University of Parma, June 20, 2019.

"A Critical Theory of Economic Agency." University of Valencia, February 14, 2019.

"Erbrecht bei Hegel und Gans." TU Braunschweig, International Conference on the Right to Bequeath, February 12, 2019

"Bemerkungen zur Naturphilosophie Hegels." University of Heidelberg, February 8, 2019.

"Temporal Strata of Historical Experience."

(1) Tagung zur Zeitfigurationen, LMU-München. November 2, 2017.

(2) University of Heidelberg, Encyclopaedia at 200 Conference, November 4, 2017.

- (3) UCSD History of Philosophy Roundtable, January 19, 2018
- (4) University of Oxford, March 7, 2018.
- (5) University of Sussex, March 9, 2018.
- (6) KU Leuven, March 12, 2018.
- (7) Michigan State University, April 13, 2018.

“Perspective and Logical Pluralism in Hegel.”

- (1) Reconsidering Hegel’s Logic, University of Pittsburgh, April 15, 2017.
- (2) University of Padova, March 13, 2018.
- (3) University of Valencia, February 13, 2019.

“Das begriffene Spannungsfeld: Staat und Gesellschaft in dreifacher Beziehung.“

- (1) Colloquium of Günter Zöller, LMU-München, January 10, 2017.
- (2) Colloquium of Michael Quante, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster, January 16, 2017.

“Hegels Handlungslehre und das Preußische Allgemeine Landrecht.”

- (1) Humboldt Foundation Network Meeting, Dresden, April 6, 2017.
- (2) Tagung: Kausalität und Zurechnung in Hegels Rechtsphilosophie, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster, January 13, 2017.

“Hegel’s Pluralism as Comedy.” University of Valencia, November 10, 2016.

“Logical Modernism: Comments on Rocío Zambrana’s *Hegel’s Theory of Intelligibility*.” Pacific APA, April 1, 2016

“Comments on Elvira Basevich’s ‘Du Bois and Hegel on Social Freedom.’” Pacific APA, March 30, 2016

“Logic and Social Theory: Hegel on the Conceptual Significance of Political Change.” Northwestern University. January 29, 2016

“Recognition Theory.” Xiamen University (China). June 24, 2015.

“Hegel’s Pluralistic Philosophy of Action.” Fudan University (China), June 17, 2015.

“Hegel, Montesquieu, and the Role of the *Ständegesellschaft* in Political Philosophy.”

- (1) University of Chicago Workshop in German Philosophy, May 8, 2015
- (2) Germany: Philosophy and History Conference (Purdue), October 24, 2014.

“The One and the Many in the Philosophy of Action.” Symposium on Action, Duke University, September 26, 2014.

“Math by Pure Thinking.” (with Ralph Kaufmann) Workshop on Logic and Mathematics, Purdue University, September 19, 2014.

Critic at Author-Meets-Critic Session on Sally Sedgwick’s *Hegel’s Critique of Kant*. Central APA, February 28, 2014.

“Power as Control and the Therapeutic Effects of Hegel’s *Logic*.” Hegel Society of Great Britain, September 3, 2013 and Purdue *Illuminations*, December 5, 2013.

Respondent for Author-Meets-Critics Session on my book, *Freedom and Reflection*. Pacific APA, San Francisco, March 29, 2013.

“Hegel’s Pluralistic Moral Psychology.” New York German Idealism Workshop, March 8, 2013.

Commentator on Mark Alznauer, “Hegel on the Actualization of the Concept of the Will.” Central APA, New Orleans, February 22, 2013.

“Hegel, Marx, and the Practical Development of the Capitalist Worker.” *Illuminations* Lecture Series, Purdue University, April 26, 2012.

“Hegel, Marx, and the Practical Development of the Capitalist Worker.” Conference for Kant, Fichte, and the Legacy of German Idealism, University of Nebraska at Omaha, April 14, 2012.

Commentator on Michelle Kosh, “Agency and Self-Sufficiency in Fichte’s Ethics.” Pacific APA, Seattle, April 6, 2012.

“Talents, Interests and Collective Projects.” Pacific APA, Seattle, April 5, 2012.

“Existential and Political Functions of the Family.” Purdue University Department of Child Development and Family Studies, April 29, 2011.

“Virtue, Individuality, and Emptiness in Kant and Hegel.” Pacific APA, San Diego, April 22, 2011.

Commentator on Jeppe von Platz, "Kant's Two Conceptions of Virtue." Pacific APA, San Diego, April 22, 2011.

"Virtue, Individuality, and Emptiness in Kant and Hegel." Purdue University Illuminations Series, March 24, 2011.

"Virtue, Individuality, and Emptiness in Kant and Hegel." Chicago Area Consortium in German Philosophy, DePaul University, March 18, 2011.

"'Acting On' Instead of 'Stepping Back': Hegel's Conception of the Relation between Motivations and the Free Will," Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Montreal, November 5, 2010.

"Hegel and Analytic Philosophy of Action," Hegel Society of American panel on Hegel and Analytic Philosophy, Eastern APA, December 29, 2009.

"'Acting On' Instead of 'Stepping Back': Hegel's Conception of the Relation between Motivations and the Free Will," conference on Self and Time: Hegel's Philosophical Anthropology, University of Málaga (Spain), September 22, 2009.

"Self-Knowledge: The Role of Talents and Interests," College of Wooster, September 25, 2008

"Self-Knowledge: The Role of Talents and Interests," Ohio Philosophical Association, April 12, 2008

"Self-Knowledge: The Role of Talents and Interests," University of California, Riverside, March 8, 2008

"Hegel's Account of the Nature and Justification of Law," NEH Summer Seminar, Georgia State University, July 17, 2007.

"Hegel on Retribution and Punishment," American Philosophical Association Symposium, April 4, 2007.

"Hegel on Retribution and Punishment," Ohio Philosophical Association, April 1, 2006.

"The Problem of Self-Explanation: A Hempelian Theme in Hegel's *Logic*," American Philosophical Association Colloquium, December 29, 2004.

“Hegel on Explanation and Agency,” Southern California Philosophy Conference, October 30, 2004.

“Identity as a Process of Self-Determination in Hegel’s *Logic*,” Biennial Conference of the Hegel Society of America, October 23, 2004.

Commentator for J. Samuel Page, “Realism, Theism, and War Justification,” UC Riverside Mellon Workshop on the Abuse of Ideals, March 8, 2004.

“Continuant Agents and Datable Events: A Defence of Agent Causation,” Southern California Philosophy Conference, October 29, 2003.

### **Grants, Awards and Fellowships**

University Faculty Scholar, Purdue University, 2018-2023.

Alexander von Humboldt Research Fellowship for Experienced Researchers, 2016-2017

Purdue INNOVATE Award to develop Human Rights Curriculum, 2015

Purdue INNOVATE Award to develop Engineering Ethics, 2015

Purdue IMPACT Course Redesign Program, Spring 2014

Purdue Faculty Fellowship for Study in a Second Discipline (History), 2013-2014

National Endowment for the Humanities Stipend for Summer Seminar on Philosophical Perspectives on Law, Democracy & Human Rights, Georgia State University, July-August 2007

UC Riverside Chancellor’s Distinguished Fellowship Award, 2000 & 2004

Phi Beta Kappa, University of California, Berkeley, 1993

### **Teaching Experience**

#### **Courses Taught at Purdue University**

##### **Undergraduate**

SCLA 102: Transformative Texts II (Trust and its Loss in Modernity)

Philosophy 111: Introduction to Ethics



Philosophy 111H: Honors Introduction to Ethics  
Philosophy 260: Philosophy and Law  
Philosophy 260H: Honors Philosophy and Law  
Philosophy 319: Classic and Contemporary Marxism

### **Graduate**

Philosophy 610: Seminar on Hegel's *Phenomenology of Spirit*  
Philosophy 610: Seminar on German Idealist Political Philosophy  
Philosophy 510: Phenomenology  
Philosophy 576: Philosophy and Literary Theory  
Philosophy 540: Civil Religion in Modern Political Philosophy  
(with Dan Frank)

### **Undergraduate Research Experiences**

Wilke Projects on Economic Rights: Fall 2017-Spring 2019

### **Courses Taught at Kenyon College**

Introduction to Philosophy  
Introduction to Logic  
History of Modern Philosophy  
Nineteenth-Century Philosophy  
Nineteenth-Century Moral & Political Philosophy  
Hegel's *Phenomenology of Spirit*  
Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason*  
Critical Theory  
History of Political Philosophy  
Contemporary Political Philosophy  
Philosophy of Law

### **Courses Taught at University of California, Riverside**

Contemporary Moral Issues  
Critical Thinking

### **Courses Taught at Xiamen University**

Philosophy of Action

### **Professional Activities**

#### **Administrative Service for the Philosophy Department**

Chair of Philosophy of Science Search Committee, 2018-19.  
Head of Department, 2017-present  
Director of Undergraduate Studies, 2014-2016  
Undergraduate Committee, 2014-2016, 2017-present  
Placement Director, 2012-2014

Graduate Committee, Spring 2012, 2013-2014, 2017-present  
Department Representative, CLA Senate, 2010-2013  
German Language Examiner: 2010, 2012, 2013, 2015

Dissertation Committees:

Alzbeta Hajkova (director), *The Rightless as the Political: Refugees and Return to Arendtian Plurality*.

Brian Johnson (director), *Culture, Education, and Evaluative Responsiveness in Rousseau, Kant, Hegel* (Degree conferred August 2019)

Andrew Israelsen (director), *Kant and the Unity of Nature*. (Degree conferred December 2017)

Michael Popejoy (director), *Pantheism in Spinoza, Hegel & Contemporary Philosophy of Religion*

Alberto Urquidez, *Definitions of Racism: Rethinking the Nature of Conceptual Analysis* (Degree conferred May 2016)

Christopher Penfield, *Foucault, Kant, Deleuze, and the Problem of Agency* (Degree conferred May 2015)

Justin Litaker (co-director), *Capitalism and Social Agency* (Degree conferred August 2014)

Vern Cisney, *Toward a Philosophy of Difference: From Derrida to Deleuze* (Degree conferred May 2012)

Somaieh Emamjomeh, *The Ethical Implications of Listening for Being-with-Others: A Critique of Martin Heidegger* (Degree conferred May 2011)

Kurt Liebegott, *A New Defense of Abortion* (Degree conferred July 2010)

Alden Stout, *Reconciling Freedom and Solidarity: The Modern Republicanism of Hegel and Rousseau* (Degree conferred June 2010)

Qualifying Examiner (History of Philosophy, Ethics): 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2018

**Service for the Philosophy and Literature Program**

German language examiner, 2010, 2015  
Qualifying examiner, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014

### **Service for College of Liberal Arts**

Department Head Representative to CLA Senate, 2018-2019  
Member, Director of Marketing and Communications Search Committee  
2018  
Member, Strategic Planning Committee, 2017-present.  
Co-Chair of CLA Core Renewal Committee, 2017-present.  
Chair of Search Committee for English Department Head, 2017-2018.  
Founding Co-Director of the Human Rights Program at Purdue, 2015-  
present  
Distinguished Thesis Award examiner, 2010, 2018, 2019

### **Service for Purdue University**

Reviewer, Susan Bulkeley Butler Center for Leadership Excellence  
Leadership in Action Award, 2018  
Co-Chair, Sesquicentennial Celebration Ideas Festival Topic Team, 2018-  
2019.  
Member, Graduate Dean Search Committee, 2018  
Member, Purdue Animal Care and Use Committee, 2010-2012

### **Service for Publication Venues**

**Presses:** Purdue University Press; University of Chicago Press;  
Oxford University Press; Cambridge University Press

**Journals:** *Philo*, *European Journal of Philosophy*, *Owl of Minerva*,  
*Clio*, *Hegel Bulletin*; editorial board member, *CLIO Hegel Research  
Series*, 2010-present

### **Service to the Profession**

Reviewer for ACLS Fellowships (Philosophy), 2018-2019