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Areas of Specialization:

Early Modern Philosophy

Areas of Competence:

Moral Psychology; Political Philosophy; History of Ethics; Jewish Philosophy

Education:

2007	Ph. D.	Boston University, Philosophy (Advisors: Aaron Garrett, Don Garrett, Knud Haakonssen)
1999	B.A.	The College of Wooster, Philosophy, <i>magna cum laude</i>

Employment:

2021 – 2022	Visiting Professor, Cornell University
2020 – present	Professor, Brooklyn College, CUNY
2017 – present	Professor, CUNY Graduate Center, Department of Philosophy (2017-) Global Early Modern Studies Program (2019 –)
2015 – 2020	Associate Professor (with tenure), Brooklyn College, CUNY
2008 – 2015	Assistant Professor, Brooklyn College, CUNY

Books:

2020	<i>Spinoza</i> (Classic Thinkers Series), Polity Press. Co-Authoring with Valtteri Viljanen (Turku)
2018	<i>Spinoza's Political Psychology: The Taming of Fortune and Fear</i> , Cambridge University Press. Reviewed at <i>Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews</i> , <i>Journal of the History of Philosophy</i> , and <i>Philosophical Quarterly</i> .
In Progress	<i>Spinoza's Moral Psychology: An Interpretation and Defense</i>

Edited Volumes:

- In Progress *The Cambridge Spinoza Lexicon*, Co-Edited with Karolina Hübner (Cornell). Under contract.
- In Progress *Humility: A History (Oxford Philosophical Concepts)*
Contributors: Mark Alfano (Delft); Sarah Byers (Boston College); Chike Jeffers (Dalhousie); Lauren Kopajtic (Fordham); John Christian Laursen (UC-Riverside); Lauren Mancia (Brooklyn College); Michael Morgan (Indiana); Martin Pickavé (Toronto); Nancy Snow (Oklahoma); Sanem Soyarslan (NC State); Eric Stencil (Utah Valley); Iakovos Vasilious (CUNY GC); Julie Walsh (Wellesley); and Jenny Zhao (Cambridge).

Articles and Book Chapters:

- In Progress “Spinoza, Toland, and Hume on Belief, Affects, and Superstition,” in *The History and Philosophy of Fanaticism*, ed. Paul Katsafanas (Routledge).
- In Progress “Introduction,” in *Humility: A History (Oxford Philosophical Concepts)*, ed. Justin Steinberg (Oxford).
- In Progress “Spinozistic Moral and Political Thought in the 21st Century,” *Journal of Spinoza Studies* (inaugural volume, invited submission).
- In Progress “Why Spinoza Wasn’t a Materialist,” in *The History and Philosophy of Materialism*, eds. John Symons and Charles Wolfe (Routledge).
- Forthcoming “Solomon,” in *The Bloomsbury Companion to Spinoza*, second edition, eds. Wiep van Bunge, Henri Krop, Piet Steenbakkens, and Jeroen van de Ven (Bloomsbury).
- 2021 “Striving, Happiness, and the Good: Spinoza as Follower and Critic of Hobbes,” in *A Blackwell Companion to Hobbes*, ed. Marcus Adams (Wiley-Blackwell Press), 431 – 447.

- 2021 “‘Stop Being So Judgmental!’: A Spinozist Model of Personal Tolerance,” in *The Palgrave Handbook of Toleration*, ed. Mitja Sardoc (Palgrave Press), 1 – 17.
- 2020 “Spinoza on Security and the Value of Hope,” part of critical exchange, “Spinoza: Thoughts on Hope in our Political Present,” ed. Moira Gatens, *Contemporary Political Theory*, 20, 200 – 231.
- 2020 “Politics as a Model of Pedagogy in Spinoza,” *Ethics and Education*, 15(2), 158 – 172.
- 2019 “Spinoza on Civil Agreement and Bodies Politic,” in *Spinoza and Relational Autonomy: Being with Others*, eds. Aurelia Armstrong, Keith Green, and Andrea Sangiacomo (Edinburgh University Press), 132 – 148.
- 2019 Substantial Revision of “Spinoza’s Political Philosophy,” *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, ed. Edward N. Zalta.
- 2018 “Spinoza and Political Absolutism,” in *Spinoza’s Political Treatise: A Critical Guide*, eds. Hasana Sharp and Yitzhak Melamed (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press), 175 – 189.
- 2018 “Two Puzzles Concerning Spinoza’s Conception of Belief,” *European Journal of Philosophy*, 26(1), 261 – 282.
- 2016 “Affect, Desire, and Judgement in Spinoza’s Account of Motivation,” *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, 24(1), 67 – 87. Selected as runner up for the Rogers Prize for the best article published in the BJHP in 2016.
- 2014 “Following a *Recta Ratio Vivendi*: The Practical Utility of Spinoza’s Dictates of Reason,” in *Essays on Spinoza’s Ethical Theory*, eds. Matthew Kisner and Andrew Youpa (Oxford University Press), 178 – 196.
- 2014 “An Epistemic Case for Empathy,” *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, 95, 47 – 71.
- 2013 “Imitation, Representation, and Humanity in Spinoza’s Ethics,” *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, 51(3), 383 – 407.

- 2011 “Spinoza on Human Purposiveness and Mental Causation,” in *Logical Analysis and the History of Philosophy*, Special Volume on Teleology, 51 – 70.
- 2010 “Spinoza’s Curious Defense of Toleration,” in *Spinoza’s ‘Theological-Political Treatise’: A Critical Guide*, eds. Yitzhak Melamed and Michael Rosenthal (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press), 210 – 230.
- 2010 “Benedict Spinoza: Epistemic Democrat,” *History of Philosophy Quarterly*, 27(2), 145 –164.
- 2009 “Spinoza on Civil Liberation,” *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, 47(1), 35-58. Winner of JHP award for best article of 2009.
- 2008 “On Being *Sui Iuris*: Spinoza and the Republican Idea of Liberty,” *History of European Ideas*, 34(3), 239-249. Reprinted in *Spinoza and Law*, ed. André Santos Campos (London: Ashgate, 2015).
- 2008 “Spinoza’s Political Philosophy,” *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, ed. Edward N. Zalta (12,700 words).

Book Reviews and Commentaries

- 2021 Sandra Field, *Potentia* (Oxford University Press). *Journal of the History of Philosophy*.
- 2021 Commentary for European Hobbes Society colloquium on Sandra Field’s *Potentia*. Available here: <http://www.europeanhobbessociety.org/general/online-colloquium-4-steinberg-on-potentia/>
- 2015 Yitzhak Y. Melamed (ed.), *The Young Spinoza: A Metaphysician in the Making* (Oxford University Press), *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*. Available online at: <https://ndpr.nd.edu/news/60886-the-young-spinoza-a-metaphysician-in-the-making/>
- 2011 Michael Della Rocca, *Spinoza* (Routledge: New York), *Mind*, Vol. 120 (479), pp. 852 - 856.

- 2011 Matthew Kisner, *Spinoza on Human Freedom* (Cambridge: Cambridge, University Press), *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*. Available online at:
<http://ndpr.nd.edu/news/25623-spinoza-on-human-freedom-reason-autonomy-and-the-good-life/>
- 2006 Steven B. Smith, *Spinoza's Book of Life: Freedom and Redemption in the Ethics, History of Political Thought*, Vol. 27(3).

Awards and Fellowships: PSC-CUNY Research Award (2020 – 2021); Mid-Career Fellow at CUNY Committee for the Study of Religion (2016 – 2017); PSC-CUNY Research Award (2015 – 2016); PSC-CUNY Research Award (2013 – 2014); Whiting Foundation Fellowship for Outstanding Teaching in the Humanities (2012); PSC-CUNY Research Award (2010 – 2011); PSC-CUNY Research Award (2009 – 2010); Earhart Fellowship (2005 – 2006); Boston University Humanities Foundation: Clarimond Mansfield Award; Angela J. and James J. Rallis Memorial Award (2005); Boston University Dissertation Fellowship (2005); Junior Fellow at the *Institut für die Wissenschaften vom Menschen (IWM)*, Vienna, AT (2004); Matchette Award for Outstanding Graduate Paper in Philosophy (“Two Forms of Identification Required: Locke, Kripke and Hintikka on Substance Identification”) (2003).

Language Skills: Reading knowledge of Latin, French, and German