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**Areas of Specialization:** Social and Political Philosophy

**Areas of Competence:** Moral Philosophy, Existentialism, Philosophy of Sport

## **EMPLOYMENT**

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Part-Time Lecturer, Tufts University, 2020-  
Postdoctoral Research Associate, Georgia State University: Philosophy, Politics, and Economics  
Program, 2019-2020  
Part-Time Lecturer, Tufts University, 2018-2019

## **EDUCATION**

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Ph.D. Philosophy (with honors), University of Kansas, 2018  
M.A. Philosophy, University of Kansas, 2013  
B.A. Philosophy and English, New Mexico State University, 2009

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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“The Irrationality of Adaptive Preferences: A Psychological and Semantic Account,” *Utilitas*.  
33.1(2021): 68-84.

“Compensation, Consent, and the Minimal State,” *Journal of Value Inquiry*. 55.1(2021): 57-85.

“Contractarianism,” Co-Authored with Ann Cudd. Spring 2017 revision. *The Stanford  
Encyclopedia of Philosophy*. Edward N. Zalta (ed.).

“Aristotle on Woman’s Capacity for Practical Reason,” *Southwest Philosophy Review*.  
32.1(2016): 85-91.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

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“Can Liberalism Tolerate Rights Violations during a Pandemic?”

- Great Lakes Philosophy Conference, Siena Heights University, April 2021
- Georgia Philosophical Society, University of Georgia, March 2021

“The Priority of the Good: Liberalism’s Perfectionist Aims and Architecture”

- Philosophy, Politics, & Economics Faculty Colloquium, Georgia State University, October 2019
- Central States Philosophical Association, University at Buffalo, October 2018
- Mountain-Plains Conference, University of Colorado: Denver, October 2018
- Alabama Philosophical Society, Pensacola, Florida, September 2018

“Compensation, Consent, and the Minimal State”

- Great Lakes Philosophy Conference, Siena Heights University, April 2018
- North/South Carolina Philosophical Society, Winthrop University, March 2018

“Constructivism, Rawlsian Persons, and the Capitalist Economic Liberties”

- Institute of Humane Studies Summer Colloquium, Towson University, July 2017

“Personhood and the Status of the Economic Liberties in Mill and Rawls”

- Rocky Mountain Philosophy Conference, University of Colorado: Boulder, April 2016.
- New Mexico-Texas Philosophical Society, Texas State University, March 2016

Comments on Samuel Arnold’s “Social Equality and the Duty to Participate in Personal and Political Relationships”

- New Mexico-Texas Philosophical Society, Texas State University, March 2016.

“Aristotle on Woman’s Capacity for Practical Reason”

- Southwestern Philosophical Society, Vanderbilt University, November 2015.

“Being a Person Matters”

- Northwest Philosophy Conference, North Idaho College, October 2015.

## **AWARDS**

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Hayek Fund Recipient | Institute of Humane Studies, 2018

Best Graduate Student Essay | North Carolina Philosophical Society, 2018

Mellon Sawyer Fellow | Boston University, Department of Philosophy and Division of Emerging Media, 2017 – 2018

Templin Award | University of Kansas, Philosophy Department, 2017

Graduate Studies Summer Research Fellowship | University of Kansas, Graduate School, Summer 2015

Genova Philosophy Scholarship | University of Kansas, Philosophy Department, 2015

## **COURSES PREPARED TO TEACH**

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Introduction to Philosophy

Introduction to Social and Political Philosophy

Introduction to Ethics

Introduction to Ancient Philosophy

Ancient Philosophy (especially the political works of Plato and Aristotle)

Existentialism (especially Kierkegaard and Nietzsche)  
Moral Issues in Sports  
Contemporary Issues and Philosophers in Social and Political Philosophy  
History of Political Philosophy/Political Theory  
Intersection of Austrian Economics with Contemporary Political Philosophy (especially Hayek and Mises)  
State Neutrality

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

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State Neutrality  
American Political Thought: Ancient and Modern Influences (Political Theory)  
Moral Issues in Sports (in person and online)  
Introduction to Philosophy  
Introduction to Social and Political Philosophy

## **GRADUATE COURSES TAKEN**

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### Social and Political Philosophy:

Egalitarianism, Derrick Darby  
Rawls, Derrick Darby  
Health Justice, Derrick Darby  
Law and Philosophy, Derrick Darby  
The Values of Markets, Ann Cudd  
Virtue Ethics, Erin Frykholm  
Rational Choice Theory, Ben Eggleston  
Rawls, David Rasmussen (Boston College, audited)

### History of Philosophy:

Kierkegaard, James Woelfel  
Existentialism, James Woelfel  
Nietzsche, Scott Jenkins  
The Philosophy of Plato, Tom Tuozzo  
Plato's Political Works, Tom Tuozzo  
The Philosophy of Aristotle, Tom Tuozzo  
Aristotle's Political Works, Tom Tuozzo  
Hume, John Bricke  
Kant's Ethical Theory, Christine Korsgaard (Harvard University, audited)

### Other:

First Year Pro-Seminar, Richard De George  
Philosophy of Mind, John Bricke  
Metaphysics, John Symons  
Machines and Us, Juliet Floyd (Boston University, audited)

## **SERVICE**

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Refereed articles for *The Journal of Ethics and Ethical Perspectives*.

## **REFERENCES**

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Derrick Darby  
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