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Employment History

University of Texas at Austin 2021-present
Professor of Philosophy

Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn 2022-2025
Regular Visiting Professor

University of California, Irvine 2015-2021
Professor of Philosophy

University of Pittsburgh 2008-2015
Associate Professor of Philosophy (with tenure)
Assistant Professor of Philosophy

Humboldt Universität zu Berlin 2012-13
Alexander von Humboldt Research Fellow

Princeton University Center for Human Values 2011-12
Lawrence S. Rockefeller Faculty Fellow

Areas of Specialization

Ethics, Early Modern Philosophy, Kant, Epistemology

Areas of Competence

Philosophy of Mind and Language, Political Philosophy, post-Kantian German Philosophy

Education

New York University 2002-9
Ph.D. Philosophy

Humboldt Universität zu Berlin 2001-2

University of Chicago 2000
B.A. Philosophy
Honors in the Department and the College

Edited Volume

48. *The Sensible and Intelligible Worlds: New Essays on Kant's Metaphysics and Epistemology*
co-edited with Nick Stang, Oxford University Press, 2020.

Journal Articles

47. "A System of Faculties: Additive or Transformative?"
forthcoming in *The European Journal of Philosophy*.

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46. "Transcendental Philosophy as Capacities-First Philosophy"
forthcoming in *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*.
45. "The Scenic Route? On Errol Lord's *The Importance of Being Rational*"
Philosophy and Phenomenological Research 100:2 (2020): 469-475.
43. "A Kantian Virtue Epistemology: Rational Capacities and Transcendental Arguments"
Synthese, online first (2019).
42. "Rationality as the Capacity for Understanding"
Nous 53:3 (2019): 639-663.
41. "The Artificial Virtues of Thought: Hume on the Normativity of Cognition"
Philosopher's Imprint 19 (2019).
40. "Kant: Constitutivism as Capacities-First Philosophy"
Special issue of *Philosophical Explorations*, 22:2 (2019): 177-193.
39. "A Brief History of Rationality: Reason, Reasonableness, and Reasons"
Manuscrito, 41:4 (2018): 501-529.
38. "Hard Problems between Minds and Bodies: On Butler's *Senses of the Subject*"
Philosophy and Phenomenological Research 96:1 (2018): 224-232.
37. "Objects and Intuitions in *Manifest Reality*"
Philosophical Studies 174:7 (2017): 1675-1686.
36. "Realism and Constructivism in Kantian Metaethics 2: The Kantian Conception of Rationality and Rationalist Constructivism"
Philosophy Compass 10: 10 (2015): 702-713.
35. "Realism and Constructivism in Kantian Metaethics 1: Realism and Constructivism in a Kantian Context"
Philosophy Compass 10:10 (2015): 690-701.
34. "How Common is Peer Disagreement? On Self-Trust and Rational Symmetry"
Philosophy and Phenomenological Research 91:1 (2015): 25-46.
33. "The Unity of Normative Judgment: On Ridge's *Impassioned Belief*"
Analysis 75:3 (2015): 460-471.
32. "Hume's Unified Theory of Mental Representation"
European Journal of Philosophy 21:2 (2015).
31. "Doxastic Planning and Epistemic Internalism"
Synthese 191:12 (2014): 2571-2591.
30. "Knowledge and Two Faces of Non-Accidental Truth"
Philosophy and Phenomenological Research 89:2 (2014): 373-393.
29. "Constructivism and Three Forms of Perspective-Dependence in Metaethics"
Philosophy and Phenomenological Research 89:1 (2014) :68-101.

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28. "Curious Virtues in Hume's Epistemology"
Philosopher's Imprint 14:2 (2014): 1-20.
27. "Perception and the Rational Force of Desire"
Journal of Philosophy 110:5 (2013): 258-281.
26. "Assessor Relativism and the Problem of Moral Disagreement"
Southern Journal of Philosophy 50:4 (2012): 602-620.
(a special 50th anniversary issue of the *Southern Journal of Philosophy*)
25. "Faultless Disagreement and Aesthetic Realism"
Philosophy and Phenomenological Research 82 (2) (2011): 265-286.
24. "The Rationalism in Gupta's *Empiricism and Experience*"
Philosophical Studies 152 (2011): 1-15
23. "Evolution and Normative Skepticism"
Australasian Journal of Philosophy 88:3 (2010):471-488.
22. "Practical Reasons and Practical Reasoning in Hume"
Hume Studies 34:2 (2008): 189-208.
21. "Kant's Concept of the 'I think',"
The Proceedings of the X. International Kant Congress (Berlin, DeGruyter, 2007).

Book Chapters

20. "Reason's Supreme Principle, the Principle of Sufficient Reason, and Reason as a Faculty"
commissioned for *The Aristotelian Kant*, T. Land and W. Gobsch (eds.), Oxford: Oxford University Press.
19. "Kant's Fundamental Assumptions: The Unity of Reason as a Faculty"
commissioned for *Kant's Fundamental Assumptions*, C. Marshall and C. McLearn (eds.), Oxford: Oxford University Press.
18. "Kant on Method"
commissioned for the *Oxford Handbook of Immanuel Kant*, A Stephenson and A. Gomes (eds.), Oxford: Oxford University Press.
17. "Ideology, Understanding, and Rational Critique"
commissioned for *Reason, Agency and Ethics*, C. Bagnoli and S. Bacin (eds.), Oxford: Oxford University Press.
16. "The Beach of Skepticism: Kant and Hume on Skepticism and Philosophy"
forthcoming in *The Cambridge Critical Guide to the Prolegomena*, P. Thiel (ed.), Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
15. "Kant's Conception of Cognition and Our Knowledge of Things in Themselves"
forthcoming in *The Sensible and Intelligible Worlds*, N. Stang and K. Schafer (eds.), Oxford: Oxford University Press.
14. "Practical Cognition and Knowledge of Things-in-Themselves"
forthcoming in *Kantian Freedom*, D. Heide and E. Tiffany (eds.), Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2019.

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13. "Epistemic Planning, Epistemic Internalism, and Luminosity"
in *Meta-Epistemology*, C. McHugh, J. Way, and D. Whiting (eds.), Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2019.
 12. "Constitutivism about Reasons: Autonomy and Understanding"
in *The Many Moral Rationalisms*, K. Jones and F. Schroeter (eds.), Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018.
 11. "Metaethical Quietism" (with Doug Kremm)
in *The Routledge Handbook to Metaethics*, T. McPherson and D. Plunkett (eds.) New York: Routledge, 2016.
 10. "Evolutionary Debunking Arguments, Explanatory Structure, and the Motivations for Moral Anti-Realism"
in *Taking Sentimentalism Seriously*, R. Debes and K. Stueber (eds.), Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2016.
 9. "The Modesty of the Moral Point of View"
in *Weighing Reasons*, E. Lord and B. Maguire (eds.), Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016.
 8. "Hume and Practical Reason: Against the Normative Authority of Reason"
in *The Oxford Handbook of David Hume*, P. Russell (ed.) Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015.
 7. "Quasi-Realism, Projectivism, and the Explanatory Challenge"
in *Pragmatism, Law, and Language*, G. Hubbs & D. Lind (eds.) New York: Routledge, 2013.

Reviews

6. "The Future of Humeanism? Critical Notice of *Humean Nature*"
Mind 127:507 (2018): 919-928.
5. Review of Leibowitz and Sinclair (eds) *Explanation in Ethics and Mathematics*
Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews, 2017.
4. Review of Don Ainslie's *Hume's True Skepticism*
Australasian Journal of Philosophy. 95:3 (2017):600-603
3. Review of Jacqueline Taylor's *Reflecting Subjects*
Hume Studies 41:2 (2015):289-293.
2. Review of Charles R. Pigden (ed.), *Hume on Motivation and Virtue*
Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews, 2010.
1. Review of Henry Allison's *Custom and Reason in Hume*
Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews, 2009.

Non-Academic Writing/Art

- a. Text/Press Release for Friedrich Kunath, *Frutti di Mare*
Blum and Poe Gallery, Los Angeles
- b. "Living in the Present: On Kieran Setiya's *Midlife: A Philosophical Guide*"
Los Angeles Review of Books, 2017.

Awards and Fellowships

Charles A. Ryskamp Research Fellowship ACLS/Mellon Foundation	2014-17
Member, DFG Netzwerk “Praktisches Denken und gutes Handeln”	2012-present
Alexander von Humboldt Research Fellowship Humboldt Universität zu Berlin	2012-13
Lawrence S. Rockefeller Faculty Fellow Princeton University Center for Human Values	2011-12
External Faculty Fellowship Stanford Humanities Center (declined)	2011-12
Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship Cornell Society of Fellows (declined)	2008-9
Mellon Fellow, Science and Religion Project	2007-8
Dean’s Dissertation Fellowship	2007-8
Frankel Fellowship in Philosophy	2006-7
Hume Society Graduate Travel Grant	2006
Henry Mitchell MacCracken Fellowship	2002-7
Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship	2002-3
J. William Fulbright Fellowship	2001-2
Phi Beta Kappa	2000

Presentations

Comments on Patricia Kitcher NYU Conference on Modern Philosophy, November 2021	
TBD Conference on Epistemic Autonomy, Chile, August 2021	
“Kant’s Fundamental Assumptions: The Unity of Reason as a Faculty” Workshop on Kant’s Fundamental Assumptions, July 2021	
Comments on Taro Okamaro Hume Society Conference, Bogota, July 2021	

“The Supreme Principle of Reason and the Unity of Reason as a Faculty”
Conference on the Aristotelian Kant, University of Chicago, May 2021
Immanuel Kant Baltic Federal University, April 2021

“Hume’s Meta-Normative Anti-Rationalism”
USC, February 2021
Rutgers University, November 2020

“The Principle of Sufficient Reason in a Theoretical and Practical Context in Kant”
Southampton University, November 2020

TBD
Conference on Realism about Norms, Bonn, July 2020 (Postponed)
Conference on Epistemic Autonomy, Chile, May 2020 (Postponed)
Conference on Rational Capacities, Ryerson, May 2020 (Postponed)
Conference on Rationality, Proto Allergo, Brazil, April 2020 (Postponed)

Comments on Dan Korman’s “Debunking Arguments”
Central APA, February 2020

“Kant on Reason as the Capacity for Comprehension”
NAKS Pacific Study Group, February 2020

“The Unity of Reason: Kantian Lessons for the Contemporary Debate”
Pacific APA, April 2019

The Unity of Reason and Philosophy in Kant
Book Manuscript Workshop at UCSD, March 2019

Authors Meets Critics Panel on Errol Lord’s *The Importance of Being Rational*
Central APA, February 2019

Comments on Jesse Prinz’s “History as Genealogy”
NYU Conference on Modern Philosophy, November 2018

“The Multifaceted Unity of Reason in Kant”
Boston University, November 2018
Conference on Unity in German Philosophy, Mainz and Köln, September 2018

“Understanding, Ideology, and Rational Critique”
California Philosophy Workshop, October 2018
Conference on Agency and Rationality, University of Campinas (Brazil), June 2018
Conference on Rationality and Reasonableness, Köln, April 2018

“The Beach of Skepticism: Kant and Hume on Skepticism and Philosophy”
Conference on the History of Skepticism, UCI, September 2018
National University of Singapore, January 2018

Comments on Fatema Amijee
North American Kant Society Biannual, SFU, April 2018

“A Kantian Virtue Epistemology”
Workshop on Normativity and Reasoning, NYU-AD, February 2018

“Kantian Hinges”

Conference on Hinge Epistemology, UCI, September 2017

“Practical Cognition of Freedom”

Keynote, International Summer School on German Philosophy, Bonn, July 2017

“Rationality, Understanding, and the Fate of the Enlightenment”

Workshop on Rationality and Virtue, Erlangen, July 2017

“Spontaneity, Self-Consciousness, and Maker’s Knowledge in Kant”

Symposium on Spontaneity and Rationality, Central APA, March 2017

“Rationality: The Capacity for Understanding”

Midsummer Philosophy Workshop, Cambridge University, June 2016

Workshop on Ethics and Practical Reasoning, Dartmouth University, April 2016

Author Meets Critics Panel on Lucy Allais’s *Manifest Reality*

Pacific APA, April 2016

Author Meets Critics Panel on Don Ainslie’s *Hume’s True Scepticism*

Central APA, February 2016

“Practical Cognition and Knowledge of Things-in-Themselves”

Conference on Kant on Cognition and Knowledge, UW Madison, October 2015

Harvard University, November 2014

University of Pennsylvania, October 2014

Conference on Kant and Freedom, Simon Fraser, October 2014

Kant Workshop, University of Miami, April 2014

“Kantian Constructivism and the Constitution of Rationality”

Conference on Construction, Constitution, and Normativity, HU Berlin, June 2015

Universität Leipzig, June 2015

Iowa State University, April 2015

“The Artificial Virtues of Cognition: Hume and the Normativity of Cognition”

42nd Hume Society Conference, July 2015

“Debunking Arguments and Explanatory Structure in Metaethics”

Iowa State University, April 2015

Keynote, Pitt-CMU Graduate Conference, March 2015

UC Irvine, February 2015

“Evolution and Sentimentalism”

Conference on Ethical Sentimentalism, Holy Cross, November 2014

“Rationality and Normativity in Hume and Kant”

Seminar on Metaethics, UNC, September 2014

“Rationalist Kantian Constructivism”

Universität Potsdam, June 2014

Cambridge University, March 2014

Oxford University, February 2014

Author Meets Critics Panel on Michael Ridge's *Impassioned Belief*
Pacific APA, April 2014

"Hume on Practical Reason"
University of Toronto, April 2014
University College London, February 2014
UC Riverside, January 2014
Meeting of the DFG Netzwerk "Praktisches Denken und gutes Handeln", November 2013

"Hume and Kant on Cognition"
Panel on Hume and Mental Representation, Pacific APA, March 2013

Comments on Anton Ford's "Three Conceptions of Agency"
Workshop on Normativity and Reasoning, NYU-AD, January 2013

"Relativist Approaches to Moral Disagreement"
Workshop on Disagreement, University of Leeds, November 2012

"Moderate Kantian Constructivism"
University of Edinburgh, October 2012
St. Andrews University, October 2012
SPAWN (Normative Realism), Syracuse University, August 2012
Humboldt Universität zu Berlin, May 2012

"Quasi-Realism, Projectivism, and the Explanatory Challenge to Realism"
Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference, March 2012

"Realism, Relativism, and the Problem of Disagreement"
Center for Human Values, Princeton University, February 2012

Commentator, Symposium on Evolution and Metaethics
Eastern Division APA, December 2011

"The Unity of Deontology, Consequentialism, and Virtue Ethics as Displayed by the Categorical Imperative"
Kant Workshop, University of Miami, December 2011

Comments on William Fitzpatrick's "Debunking Evolutionary Debunking of Ethical Realism"
Princeton University, November 2011

"A Humean Virtue Epistemology?"
Cornell University, September 2011
Keynote, Pittsburgh Area Philosophy Colloquium, September 2011

Comments on David Landy's "Garrett's Defense of the Copy Principle"
38th Hume Society Conference, July 2011

"The Limits of Kantian Cognition"
Humboldt Universität zu Berlin, July 2011

"Constructivism, Expressivism, and Perspectivalism in Metaethics"
University of Toronto, February 2011

“How to be a Modern Quasi-Realist?”
Wisconsin Metaethics Workshop, September 2010

“Hume’s Passionate, but not Necessarily Moral, Epistemology”
37th Hume Society Conference, July 2010

“The Rational Force of Desire”
Columbia University, Philosophy of Perception Seminar, May 2009

Comments on Anil Gupta’s *Empiricism and Experience*
Eastern Division APA, December 2008

“Passions, Perceptions and Normative Experience”
UCSD, January 2008
Rice University, January 2008
Notre Dame University, January 2008
University of Rochester, February 2008
University College London, March 2008

“The Form and Matter of the Moral Law”
University of Michigan, January 2008
University of Pittsburgh, February 2008

“Two Aspects of Mental Representation in Hume”
33rd Hume Society Conference, August 2006

“Kant’s Concept of the ‘I think’ ”
X. International Kant Congress, September 2005

Teaching Experience

At UCI:

Puzzles and Paradoxes (both online and in person), Spring 2016, Fall 2017, Spring 2019, Spring 2021
History of Modern Philosophy, Spring 2019, Spring 2021
Metaethics and Social Philosophy, Winter 2021
Conscious Experience (graduate seminar with Annalisa Coliva), Spring 2020
Reason in Kant (graduate seminar), Spring 2019
The Frankfurt School (graduate seminar), Winter 2018
Hume (graduate seminar), Winter 2017
Intersubjective Rationality (graduate seminar), Fall 2015

At Pittsburgh:

Dissertation Seminar (graduate seminar), Fall-Spring 2014-15.
Kantian Themes in Ethics and Metaethics (graduate seminar), Fall 2014.
Metaphysics and Metaethics (graduate seminar), Spring 2013
Philosophy of Language and Metaethics (graduate seminar with James Shaw), Spring 2011.
Ethics (graduate seminar), Spring 2010, Fall 2013.
Hume (graduate seminar), Fall 2009.
Rationality (graduate seminar), Spring 2009.
Rationalism, Spring 2010, Spring 2011, Spring 2013

Empiricism, Fall 2008, Fall 2010, Fall 2013, Fall 2014.

Concepts of Human Nature, Fall 2008, Fall 2009, Fall 2010.

At NYU:

Belief, Truth and Knowledge, Summer 2007.

History of Modern Philosophy, Summer 2005.

Ethics, Summer 2004.

Departmental and University Service

Chair, Departmental Diversity and Climate Committee, UC Irvine Philosophy (2019-)

DECADE (Diversity) Mentor, UC Irvine Philosophy (2019-)

Placement Director, UC Irvine Philosophy (2017-)

Member, UC Irvine Philosophy Graduate Applications Committee (2019-2020)

Member, UC Irvine Philosophy Search Committee (2017-2018, 2019-20)

Member, UC Irvine Mid-Career Hiring Initiative Committee for the Humanities (2016-2017)

Pittsburgh Philosophy Graduate Ombudsperson (2013-15)

Member, Pittsburgh Philosophy Junior Search Committee (2009-10, 2013-14, 2014-2015)

Member, Pittsburgh Philosophy Graduate Applications Committee (2008-9, 2012-13, 2014-15)

Member, Pittsburgh Philosophy Placement Committee (2009-11)

Member, Pittsburgh Philosophy Colloquium Committee (2008-9)

Member, Pittsburgh Inter-Departmental Philosophy and Literature Committee (2009-11)

Chair, Pittsburgh Philosophy Colloquium Committee (2008-9)

Member, Pittsburgh Philosophy History Search Committee (2008-10)

Student Supervision

Chair or Co-Chair for 6 Dissertation Projects (2 at Pitt, 4 at UCI)

Dissertation Committee Member for 22 Dissertations (16 at Pitt, 6 at UCI)

BPhil Committee Member for 2 Theses (2 at Pitt)

Service to the Profession

Co-Editor, *Philosopher's Imprint* (2018-)

Co-Editor, *Hume Studies* (2016-2021)

Member of the Editorial Panel, *Thought* (2020-)

Section Editor, Philpapers: Kant's Metaethics

Co-organizer, Southern California Epistemology Network (2016-2021)

Journal referee for *Mind*, *Nous*, *Ethics*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Philosopher's Imprint*, *Hume Studies*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Synthese*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Journal for the History of Philosophy*, *Erkenntnis*, *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *Ergo*, *American Philosophical Quarterly*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, *Analytic Philosophy*, *History of Philosophy Quarterly*, *Ratio*, *International Journal of Philosophical Studies*, *Florida Philosophical Review*, *Dialogue*, *Dialectica*, *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, *Journal of Value Inquiry*, *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*, *Journal of the History of Analytic Philosophy*, *Southern Journal of Philosophy*.

Book referee for Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, Polity

Conference referee for the Hume Society, ASCP

External tenure/promotion referee: 2015 (2), 2016 (4), 2017 (5), 2018 (3), 2019 (3), 2020 (4), 2021 (1)

Grant referee for the Swiss National Science Foundation, Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, Estonian Research Council

Affiliations

The American Philosophical Association

The Hume Society

North American Kant Society

Gesellschaft für Analytische Philosophie

Southern California Epistemology Network

Netzwerk: Praktisches Denken und gutes Handeln

Languages

German (advanced)

Spanish (beginner)

French (beginner)