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Employment

Wright State University. Professor of Philosophy, 2023-present
Associate Faculty, Master of Humanities Program, 2008-present
Associate Professor of Philosophy, 2011-2023
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 2007-2011

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Visiting Assistant Professor, Honors College, 2006-2007

University of Toronto
Instructor of Philosophy, 2003-2006
Postdoctoral Fellow in Philosophy, 2004-2005

Education

University of Toronto, Ph.D. in Philosophy, 2004
Committee: Amy Mullin, André Gombay, Rebecca Comay

The Colorado College, B.A. in Philosophy
phi beta kappa and *magna cum laude* with distinction, 1997

Areas of Specialization

Political Philosophy, Ethics, Continental (especially Nietzsche, Beauvoir, Marx)

Areas of Competence

Moral Psychology, Philosophy of Action, Aesthetics, Non-Western and Africana

Publications

Monographs

[2] *Nietzsche's Immoralism: Politics as First Philosophy*. Cham: Palgrave Macmillan, 2022.

[1] *Politics After Morality: Toward a Nietzschean Left*. Cham: Palgrave Macmillan, 2022.

Reviews

- (vii) Paul Kirkland, *Review of Politics* 86, no. 3 (Summer 2024).
- (vi) Jeffrey Church, *Journal of Nietzsche Studies* 55, no. 1 (March 2024): 97-104.
- (v) Paul Patton, *Ethics* 134, no. 2 (January 2024): 309-15.
- (iv) Paul Gorby, *Marx & Philosophy Review of Books*, March 23, 2023.
- (iii) Michael Steinmann, *The Agonist: A Nietzsche Circle Journal* 17, no. 2 (2023): 73-77.
- (ii) Daniel Conway, link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-3-031-11359-8#about-book-reviews
- (i) Lawrence Hatab, link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-3-031-11359-8#about-book-reviews

Work in Progress

Monograph: *The Will to Become: Beauvoir and Nietzsche Against Existentialism*

This book argues that Beauvoir's abandonment of Sartre's idea of ontological freedom leads in her later writings of the 1960s-80s to the complete rejection of the core tenets of existentialism in favor of a determinist, naturalist, and immoralist conception of politics that has important parallels with Nietzsche's political thought.

Papers

Journal Articles

- [18] "Simone de Beauvoir's Historical-Materialist Critique of Consequentialism in *The Ethics of Ambiguity*." Invited. *Simone de Beauvoir Studies* 36, no. 1 (2025): 128-49.
- [17] "Nietzsche and Fanon on the Political Breeding of Race and Class as Caste." Invited. Special issue on race and racism, *Estudos Nietzsche* 15, no. 2 (2024).
- [16] "A Nietzschean Critique of Liberal Eugenics." *Journal of Medical Ethics* 50, no. 1 (2024): 62-69.
- [15] "Feeling, not Freedom: Nietzsche Against Agency." *Journal of Nietzsche Studies* 47, no. 2 (2016): 256-74.
- [14] "The Equivocal Use of Power in Nietzsche's Failed Anti-Egalitarianism." *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 12, no. 1 (2015): 1-32.
- [13] "Nietzsche's Will to Power as Naturalist Critical Ontology." *History of Philosophy Quarterly* 30, no. 3 (2013): 251-69.
- [12] "Egalitarianisms, Good and Bad: Nietzsche on Equality." *Skepsis: A Journal for Philosophy & Interdisciplinary Research* (2012): 204-15.
- [11] "Nietzsche contra Freud on Bad Conscience." *Nietzsche-Studien* 39 (2010): 434-54.
Reply article: Günter Gödde, "Zur Konzeptualisierung des Gewissens. Eine Erwiderung

auf Donovan Miyasakis Beitrag ‚Nietzsche contra Freud on Bad Conscience.’” *Nietzsche-Studien* 40 (2011): 273-85.

- [10] “A Ground for Ethics in Heidegger’s Being and Time.” *Journal of the British Society for Phenomenology* 38, no. 3 (2007): 261-79.
- [9] “Against the Moral Appraisal of Interrogative Artworks: Wayne Booth and the Case of Huck Finn.” *Philosophy and Literature* 31, no. 1 (2007): 125-32.
- [8] “Art as Self-Origination in Winckelmann & Hegel.” *Graduate Faculty Philosophy Journal* 27, no. 1 (2006): 129-50.
- [7] “The Evasion of Gender in Freudian Fetishism.” *Psychoanalysis, Culture, & Society* 8, no. 2 (2003): 289-98.
- [6] “The Confusion of Marxian and Freudian Fetishism in Adorno and Benjamin.” *Philosophy Today* 46, no. 4 (2002): 429-43.

Chapters in Edited Volumes

- [5] “A Nietzschean Case for Egalitarianism.” In *Nietzsche as Political Philosopher*, edited by Barry Stocker and Manuel Knoll, 155-70. Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 2014.
- [4] “Nietzsche’s Naturalist Morality of Breeding.” In *Nietzsche and the Becoming of Life*, edited by Vanessa Lemm, 194-213. New York: Fordham University Press, 2014.
- [3] “Political Violence as Bad Faith in Beauvoir’s *The Blood of Others*.” Published as «La violence politique comme mauvaise foi dans *Le Sang des autres*.» In *(Re)découvrir l’oeuvre de Simone de Beauvoir*, edited by Julia Kristeva, 367-73. Lormont: Bord de l’eau, 2008.
- [2] “Response to Lauren Freeman’s ‘I am you, if I am I: A Feminist Approach to Selfhood and the Other in Martin Heidegger.’” *Proceedings of the 43rd Annual Meeting of the Heidegger Circle* (2008): 38-41.
- [1] “Nietzsche’s Hermeneutics of Seduction.” In *Nietzsche y la hermenéutica*, edited by F. Arenas-Dolz, Luca Giancristofaro, Paolo Stellino. Valencia: Nau Llibres, 2007.

Conferences

24. “Beauvoir’s Compatibilist Determinism and Moral Incompatibilism”
NYU Institute of Philosophy and Rutgers Department of Philosophy Workshop (invited)
23. “Fanon and Nietzsche on the Political Breeding of Race and Class as Caste”
Caribbean Philosophical Association, Martinique, 2025
22. “Existentialist or Marxist? Beauvoir’s Historical Materialist Critique of Consequentialism”
International Simone de Beauvoir Society, Freie Universität Berlin, 2024

21. "Existentialist or Marxist? Beauvoir's Historical Materialist Critique of Consequentialism"
UK Sartre Society, Maison Française, Oxford, 2024
20. "Nietzsche's Manifold Soul as an Ideal of Agonistic Social Harmony"
Ischia & Naples International Festival of Philosophy, Ischia, 2021
19. "Nietzsche's Case Against Political Moralism"
College of Liberal Arts Research Conference, Wright State University, Dayton, 2017
18. "Nietzsche's Answer to the Naturalist Fallacy: Life as Condition not Criterion of Morality"
Friedrich Nietzsche Society, University of Hull-Scarborough, 2015
17. "Capitalism and its Contentments: A Nietzschean Critique of Ideology Critique"
International Critical Theory Conference, John Felice Rome Center of Loyola, 2014
16. "Feeling, Not Freedom: Nietzsche Against Agency"
North American Nietzsche Society, Chicago, 2014
15. "A Nietzschean Case for Egalitarianism"
MANCEPT Workshops in Political Theory, University of Manchester, 2012
14. "Egalitarianisms, Good and Bad: A Nietzschean Defense of Illiberal Equality"
Democratic Culture: Historical Reflections and Modern Transformations, Olympia, 2012
13. "The Will to Power as Naturalist Ontology"
Nietzsche and Naturalism, Cardiff University, 2010/12.
12. "A Nietzschean Critique of Eugenics as Slave Morality and Intention to Harm"
Nietzschean Thinking: Beyond the "Two Cultures," Çankaya University, 2010
11. "Nietzsche's Naturalist Morality: A Critique of Eugenics as Taming"
Nietzsche and the Becoming of Life, Universidad Diego Portales, Santiago de Chile, 2009
10. "Comment on Lauren Freeman's 'A Feminist Approach to Selfhood and the Other'"
The Heidegger Circle, Xavier University, Cincinnati, 2009
9. "Can Nietzsche's Noble be Moral?"
Society for European Philosophy, University College, Dublin, 2008
8. "Political Violence as Bad Faith in Beauvoir's 'The Blood of Others'"
Centenaire Simone de Beauvoir, Université Paris Diderot, 2008
7. "Nietzsche's Hermeneutics of Seduction"
Nietzsche y la Hermeneutica, Universitat de València, 2007
6. "Nietzsche contra Freud on Bad Conscience"
Nietzsche Society, Salt Lake City, 2005

5. "Against the Moral Appraisal of Interrogative Art: Wayne Booth and Huck Finn"
Canadian Society for Aesthetics, University of Western Ontario, London, 2005
4. "Can We Take Care while Leaping Ahead? Solitude in Heidegger's Being and Time"
Society for Existential and Phenomenological Theory and Culture
University of Western Ontario, London, 2005
3. "Domination and Resistance in Nietzsche's Theory of Pleasure"
Ontario Philosophical Society, Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, 2004
2. "A Critique of Adorno's Theory of the Regressive Reception of Art"
Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Boston, 2003
1. "The Evasion of Gender in Freudian Fetishism"
Women in Political Philosophy, New School University, New York, 2003

Grants, Awards, and Fellowships

- 2026 Professional Development Leave, College of Liberal Arts, Wright State University
- 2025 Research Travel Grant, College of Liberal Arts, Wright State University
- 2024 Outstanding Teaching Award, College of Liberal Arts, Wright State University
- 2023 Outstanding Scholarly and Creative Activity Award, Wright State University
- 2023 Inaugural Faculty Fellow, First-Year Seminar in Diversity, Democracy, and the Liberal Arts, College of Liberal Arts, Wright State University
- 2022 Professional Development Grant, College of Liberal Arts, Wright State University
- 2021 Research Travel Grant, College of Liberal Arts, Wright State University
- 2015-14 Research Travel Grant, College of Liberal Arts, Wright State University
- 2015 Professional Development Leave, College of Liberal Arts, Wright State University
- 2015 Research, Scholarship, Creativity Grant, Wright State University
- 2012-08 Research Travel Grant, College of Liberal Arts, Wright State University
- 2008 Professional Development Grant, College of Liberal Arts, Wright State University
- 2007 Research Travel Grant, College of Liberal Arts, Wright State University
- 2004 Postdoctoral Fellowship in the Humanities, University of Toronto
- 2003-98 Graduate Fellowship, Department of Philosophy, University of Toronto
- 2002 Martha Lile Love Essay Award in Philosophy Nominee, University of Toronto
- 1997 Fulbright Teaching Fellowship
- 1997 Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, The Colorado College
- 1997 J. Glenn Gray Award, Department of Philosophy, The Colorado College
- 1994 Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society, The Colorado College

Public Engagement

Online Contributions

- 2025 "Nietzsche, Fanon, and Egalitarian Politics"

Invited article for *The Blog of the APA:Black Issues in Philosophy*, August 26

- 2024 “The Five Best Japanese Novels that Illuminate Nietzsche’s Philosophy (or Distort it in Illuminating Ways!)”
Invited book reviews for BookDNA.com: Explore, Discover, Read
- 2023 “Nietzsche on What Your Belief About Free Will Says About You”
IAI News, *Institute for Art and Ideas* online philosophy magazine, July 7
- 2022 “Nietzsche’s Unwitting Case for Equality”
IAI News, *Institute for Art and Ideas* online philosophy magazine, June 5
- 2022 “Could There Be a Nietzschean Left?”
Featured author for *World Philosophy Day*, Palgrave Macmillan blog, November 17

Interviews and Public Talks

- 2023 “Nietzsche’s Immoralism and Politics After Morality”
Political Theory Review podcast: conversations with scholars on recent books in political theory
- 2023 “Is Nietzsche’s ‘Amor Fati’ a Reactionary or Revolutionary Concept?”
Acid Horizon podcast: metaphysics, ethics, politics, critical theory, phenomenology, July 27
- 2023 “Nietzsche and Freud”
Psyche Podcast: a psychotherapist explores topics relating to psychotherapy, philosophy, culture, and religion, November 3
- 2023 “Will to Power,” *Psyche Podcast*, August 18
- 2023 Documentary film interview, *Murder Behind the Red Line: the Dayton Christmas Massacre*.
- 2022 “Literary lessons: Wright State philosophy and classics faculty say literature that reflects the impact of epidemics offers insights,” *Wright State Newssroom*, July 8.
- 2022 Discussion panelist, “Honoring Contributions, Recognizing Complexities: honoring artists’ achievements while grappling with their personal actions,” 150th anniversary of poet Paul Lawrence Dunbar’s birth, Dunbar Library, Wright State University, 2022

Teaching Experience

Wright State University Graduate Courses, Master of Humanities

Philosophy and Literature of Crime (HUM 7100 Seminar), 2018-2019

Ethics of Retribution: Terrorism, Torture, Punishment (HUM 7100 Seminar), 2009-2010

Wright State University Undergraduate Courses, Department of Philosophy

Value Theory: Political Philosophy and Ethics

Modern Political Philosophy (PHL 3310/Political Science 3010) 2010, 2012, 2017, 2021, 2024, 2025
20th Century Political Philosophy (PHL 3990), 2012, 2017, 2021, 2024
Environmental Ethics (PHL 3990/Environmental Studies 3990), 2024
Ethics and Values (Liberal Arts 3100/PHL 3990), 2024-26
Feminist and Black Existentialist Thought (First-Year Seminar in the Liberal Arts 1020), 2023
Political Thought in the Age of Revolutions (PHL 3990/History 4150), 2023
Nietzsche, Kierkegaard, Marx (PHL 4010), 2019
The Marxist Tradition and Critical Theory (PHL 4020), 2013
Nietzsche, Heidegger, Politics (PHL 4010), 2011
Phenomenology, Technology, Ethics (PHL 4010), 2009

Post-Kantian European Philosophy and Aesthetics

Existentialism (PHL 3090/Religion 3090/English 3090), 2007, 2008, 2011, 2016, 2019, 2022, 2025
Aesthetics (PHL 3410, Art 3040, English 3010), 2008, 2010, 2015, 2018, 2022, 2026
Continental Philosophy Seminar (PHL 4020), 2020
German and French Philosophy, Literature, and Film (PHL 3990/Modern Languages 3990), 2017
20th Century French Philosophy (PHL 3990/Modern Languages 3990), 2014
German Philosophy and Literature (PHL 3990/Modern Languages 3990), 2014
19th Century Continental Philosophy (PHL 4010), 2008, 2009, 2012
20th Century Continental Philosophy (PHL 4010), 2008, 2011

History of Philosophy

Big Questions: Philosophy (PHL 2050, online General Education Core), 2021-2026
Big Questions: Philosophy (PHL 2050, in-person General Education Core), 2014-2021
Great Books: Philosophy (PHL 2050, in-person General Education Core), 2007-2014
World Philosophy (PHL 3990), 2021
Early Modern Philosophy (PHL 3030), 2020
Asian and Continental Philosophy (PHL 3990), 2010

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Undergraduate Courses, Honors College

The Literature and Philosophy of Existentialism (HON 200), 2006
The Ethics of Beauty: Art, Morality, and Politics (HON 200), 2006
Introduction to Philosophy as an Art of Living (HON 200), 2006

University of Toronto Undergraduate Courses, Department of Philosophy

19th Century Philosophy: Nietzsche's Moral and Political Philosophy (PHL 317), 2005
The Continental Tradition: 20th Century European Philosophy (PHL 324), 2005
Seminar in the History of Philosophy: Nietzsche and Freud (PHL 401), 2005
Philosophy of Human Sexuality (PHL 243), 2002-2005

Advising

Thesis Committees, Master of Humanities Program

- 2023 *Murder Behind the Red Line: the Dayton Christmas Massacre*, documentary film project (chair)
- 2022 *Dostoevsky's The Grand Inquisitor*, film project (chair)
- 2019 "Memory and Identity in the Former GDR" (chair)
- 2018 "Women Writers in Eighteenth Century Germany" (chair)
- 2018 "Classism, Ableism, Epistemic Injustice"
- 2017 "Heidegger and Technology" (chair)
- 2016 "Philosophy and Film"
- 2015 "Existentialism and Cormac McCarthy" (chair)
- 2014 "Gandhi and the Philosophy of Non-Violence"
- 2013 "Value Perspective and Photographic Art" (chair)
- 2012 "Nietzsche's Aristocratic Radicalism" (chair)
- 2012 "Crafts in the Lives of 18th-19th Century Women"
- 2010 "Modern Arab Discourse and Tradition" (chair)
- 2010 "Museums and Restitution" (chair)
- 2008 "Hegel, Danto, and the Evolution of the Tree of Life"

Undergraduate Senior Projects and Independent Studies

- 2026 "Philosophy and Anthropocentrism"
- 2025 "Political Economy, Religion, and Moral Panics," (Master of Humanities)
- 2025 "German Idealism"
- 2023 "Aesthetics and Genre Fiction" (Honors Liberal Studies), chair
- 2023 "Descartes and Skepticism" (Honors Philosophy)
- 2023 "Philosophy and Literature" (Honors Liberal Studies)
- 2023 "Historical and Contemporary Metaphysics"
- 2022 "Plato's Theory of Art" (Master of Humanities student film)
- 2021 "The Other in Continental Philosophy" (Honors Philosophy), chair
- 2021 "Ethics and the Concept of the Stranger" (Honors Philosophy)
- 2021 "Split-Brains, Mental Unity, and the Problem of Panpsychism"
- 2021 "Shinto and Virtue Ethics" (Religion)
- 2020 "Parisian Urban Spaces in Existentialism" (French), chair
- 2019 "The Frankfurt School and Critical Theory"
- 2018 "The Political Philosophy of Karl Marx"
- 2018 "Contemporary Existential Philosophy"
- 2014 "The Living Resume" (Communication Studies)
- 2013 "The Influence of Cynicism on Modern Philosophy"
- 2012 "Philosophy and Photography"
- 2011 "Philosophy of Sport" (Master of Humanities) 2010 "Nietzsche's Moral Philosophy"
- 2009 "Heidegger's Being and Time" (Master of Arts in English)
- 2008 "The Philosophy of Kierkegaard"

Service

University

2025 Organizing Committee, Erik Banks Memorial Lecture
2024 Organizing Committee, Erik Banks Memorial Lecture
2023 Organizing Committee, Democracy and the Liberal Arts Lecture
2022 Organizing Committee, Erik Banks Memorial Lecture
2019 Organizing Committee, Erik Banks Memorial Lecture
2018 Organizing Committee, Erik Banks Memorial Lecture
2022-24 Buildings and Grounds Committee
2013 Buildings and Grounds Committee
2012-13 Graduate School Committee
2010-11 Budget Priority Committee
2008-09 Student Scholarship Committee

College of Liberal Arts, School of Humanities and cultural Studies

2026-14 Promotion and Tenure Committee
2026-16 Master of Humanities Advisory Committee
2026-22 Curriculum Committee
2026-23 New Program Committee, Environmental Studies
2026-23 New Program Committee, First-Year Seminars in the Liberal Arts
2026-23 Grant Committee, Teagle Cornerstone Grant for revised General Education Core
2026-24 New Program Committee Chair, Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Certificate
2026-24 New Program Committee, Interdisciplinary Studies
2026-22 Scholarship Committee Chair
2025-15 Philosophy Facebook page moderator
2025-14 Philosophy Social Media Committee Chair, 2014-present
2025 Awards and Scholarships Committee
2025 School of Humanities and Cultural Studies Open House Recruitment Event
2024-22 Steering Committee
2024-22 Chair's Advisory Committee
2023-22 Core Curriculum Subcommittee on Integrated Writing
2024-23 Grant Committee, NEA Bridge Program for underrepresented student outreach
2024-23 Budget Priority Committee
2022-19 Student Philosophy Club Advisor
2022-19 Curriculum Committee
2022-20 Student Affairs Committee
2022-21 Search Committee for Dean of College of Liberal Arts
2021-20 Search Committee for Instructor in Engineering and Philosophy
2020-18 Curriculum Committee
2019-17 Student Affairs Committee
2019-18 Planning Committee for merged Religion, Philosophy, Classics major
2019-18 Steering Committee
2017-16 Honors Program Committee Chair
2017-16 Honors Incoming Scholarships Subcommittee
2017-16 Honors Program Assessment Subcommittee
2017-16 Review Committee for Chair of Religion, Philosophy, and Classics Program
2017 Planning Committee, Professor Erik C. Banks Memorial
2015-11 Faculty Development Committee

2015-14 Student Affairs Committee
2014-11 Promotion and Tenure Committee
2014-11 Master of Humanities Advisory Committee
2010-07 Steering Committee
2010-09 Student Affairs Committee
2009-08 Scholarship Committee

Refereeing:

Routledge Press

British Journal for the History of Philosophy

History of Philosophy Quarterly

History of Political Thought

Journal of the American Philosophical Association

Journal of Modern Philosophy

Journal of Nietzsche Studies

Journal of Value Inquiry

Kemanusiaan: The Asian Journal of Humanities

Ohio Humanities Council

Ohio Philosophical Society

Philosophia

Philosophical Psychology

Society for Existential and Phenomenological Theory and Culture

Southern Journal of Philosophy