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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 chair: Amy Mullin, co-chair: André Gombay, member: Rebecca Comay)
The Colorado College, B.A. in Philosophy, *magna cum laude* with distinction, 1997

Areas of Specialization

Political Philosophy, Ethics, 19th-20th Continental, especially Nietzsche, Existentialism, Marx

Areas of Competence

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

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

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. “Fanon and Nietzsche on the Political Breeding of Race and Class as Caste.” Caribbean Philosophical Association, Martinique, 2025.
- 23. “Radical Politics without Radical Freedom: Compatibilist Determinism in Beauvoir’s Militant Turn,” International Simone de Beauvoir Society, online, 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. "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

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	Professional Development Leave, Wright State University
2015	Research, Scholarship, Creativity Grant, Wright State University
2014-2015	Research Travel Grant, College of Liberal Arts, Wright State University
2008-2012	Research Travel Grant, College of Liberal Arts, Wright State University

2008	Course Development 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
2002	Martha Lile Love Essay Award in Philosophy Nominee, University of Toronto
1998-2003	Graduate Fellowship, Department of Philosophy, 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 short 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 Shepherd.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. Jeffrey Church, Chair, Department of Political Science, University of Houston, August 16.
- 2023 “Is Nietzsche’s ‘Amor Fati’ a Reactionary or Revolutionary Concept?” *Acid Horizon* theory podcast: metaphysics, ethics, politics, critical theory, phenomenology, & beyond, July 27.
- 2023 “Nietzsche and Freud,” *Psyche Podcast*: a psychotherapist explores topics relating to psychotherapy, philosophy, culture, and religion. Quique Autrey, MS, MDiv, November 3.
- 2023 “Will to Power,” *Psyche Podcast*. Quique Autrey, MS, MDiv, August 18.
- 2023 Documentary film, *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 Newsroom*, 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, 2025
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
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), 2021-2024
Big Questions: Philosophy (PHL 2050, in-person General Education Core), 2014-2020
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: 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

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

- Organizing Committee, Erik Banks Memorial Lecture, 2025
- Organizing Committee, Erik Banks Memorial Lecture, 2024
- Organizing Committee, Democracy and the Liberal Arts Lecture, 2023
- Organizing Committee, Erik Banks Memorial Lecture, 2022
- Organizing Committee, Erik Banks Memorial Lecture, 2019
- Organizing Committee, Erik Banks Memorial Lecture, 2018
- Buildings and Grounds Committee, 2013, 2022-2024
- Graduate School Committee, 2012-2013
- Budget Priority Committee, 2010-2011
- Student Scholarship Committee, 2008-2009

College of Liberal Arts, School of Humanities and cultural Studies

- New Program Committee Chair, Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Certificate, 2024-present
- New Program Committee, Interdisciplinary Studies, 2024-present
- New Program Committee, Environmental Studies, 2023-present
- New Program Committee, First-Year Seminars in the Liberal Arts, 2023-present
- Grant Committee, Teagle Cornerstone Grant for revised General Education Core, 2023-present
- Grant Committee, NEA Bridge Program for underrepresented student outreach, 2023-2024
- Promotion and Tenure Committee, 2014-present
- Curriculum Committee, 2018-2020, 2022-present
- Master of Humanities Advisory Committee, 2011-2014, 2016-present
- Budget Priority Committee, 2023-2024
- Core Curriculum Subcommittee on Integrated Writing, 2022-2023
- Chair’s Advisory Committee, 2022-2024
- Steering Committee, 2007-2010, 2018-2019, 2022-2024
- Search Committee for Dean, 2021-2022
- Honors Program Committee Chair, 2016-2017
- Honors Incoming Scholarships Subcommittee, 2016-2017
- Honors Program Assessment Subcommittee, 2016-2017
- Review Committee for Chair of Religion, Philosophy, and Classics Program, 2016-2017

Religion, Philosophy, and Classics Program

- Scholarship Committee Chair, 2022-present
- Philosophy Facebook page moderator, 2015-present
- Philosophy Social Media Committee Chair, 2014-present
- Student Affairs Committee, 2020-2022
- Student Philosophy Club Advisor, 2019-2022
- Search Committee for Instructor in Engineering and Philosophy, 2020-2021
- Curriculum Committee, 2019-2020
- Planning Committee for combined Religion, Philosophy, Classics major, 2018-2019

Student Affairs Committee, 2009-2010, 2014-2015, 2017-2019
Planning Committee, Professor Erik C. Banks Memorial, 2017
Faculty Development Committee, 2011-2015
Promotion and Tenure Committee, 2011-2014
Scholarship Committee, 2009-08

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