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EMPLOYMENT

Professor of Philosophy, University of Massachusetts Boston	2015 — present
Chairperson of Philosophy, University of Massachusetts Boston	2016 — 2019
Affiliate Faculty, Public Policy and Public Affairs, UMB	2012 — present
Gastwissenschaftler, Institut für Sozialforschung, Frankfurt am Main, Germany	2015 — 2016
Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of Massachusetts Boston	2010 — 2015
Visiting Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of Massachusetts Boston	2010
Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of Kentucky	2006 — 2009
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of Kentucky	1999 — 2006
Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Ohio University	1997 — 1999
Instructor & Teaching Assistant of Philosophy, Northwestern University	1991 — 1997

EDUCATION

Northwestern University	M.A. 1993, Ph.D. in Philosophy, 1999
	Dissertation: “Competence and Context: Conceptions of the Self in the Critical Social Theories of Jürgen Habermas and Charles Taylor”
Wesleyan University	B.A. with Honors in Philosophy, 1989

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Social and Political Philosophy
Philosophy of Law
Contemporary European Philosophy

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Ethics
Aesthetics
History of Philosophy

PUBLICATIONS

MONOGRAPHS

1. *Splitsville USA: A Democratic Argument for Breaking Up the United States* (Routledge, May 2023). <https://www.routledge.com/Splitsville-USA-A-Democratic-Argument-for-Breaking-Up-the-United-States/Zurn/p/book/9781032429793#>
Splitsville USA argues that it’s time for us to break up to save representative democracy, proposing a mutually negotiated, peaceful dissolution of the current United States of America into several new nations. It begins by examining the United States’ democratic predicament, a road most likely headed for electoral authoritarianism, with distinct possibilities of ungovernability and violent civil strife. Unlike others who share this diagnosis, Zurn presents a realistic picture of how we can get to reform and what it would involve. It is argued that “Splitsville” represents the most plausible way for American citizens to continue living under a republican form of government. Despite recent talk of secession and civil war, this book offers the most extensive treatment yet of the issues we need to think through to enable a peacefully negotiated political divorce. Seven chapters; 228 pages.

2. *Axel Honneth: A Critical Theory of the Social* (Polity Press, 2015).
<http://www.polity.co.uk/book.asp?ref=9780745649030>
 A commissioned monograph in Polity's Key Contemporary Thinkers series. Overview and critical assessment of Honneth's corpus to date. Seven chapters; 257 pages
 Reviewed in *Constellations*, *Marx and Philosophy Review of Books*, *Dialectica*, *Capital & Class*, and *Filosofia Politica*.
3. *Deliberative Democracy and the Institutions of Judicial Review* (Cambridge University Press, 2007; paperback 2009).
<http://www.cambridge.org/us/academic/subjects/philosophy/political-philosophy/deliberative-democracy-and-institutions-judicial-review?format=PB>
 Argues that a normative theory of deliberative democratic constitutionalism yields the best understanding of the legitimacy of constitutional review, and argues that this function should be institutionalized in a complex, multilocation structure across constitutional courts, the legislative and executive branches, and civic constitutional forums. Nine chapters; 366 pages.
 Reviewed in *Cambridge Law Journal*, *Constellations*, *Ethics, Law & Politics Book Review*, and *Social Theory & Practice*.

EDITED BOOKS

4. *New Waves in Political Philosophy*, ed. Boudewijn de Bruin and Christopher F. Zurn (Palgrave Macmillan; 2009). <http://www.palgrave.com/us/book/9780230221222>
 A volume comprised of original papers from 11 younger political theorists presenting readers with a broad cross-section of what is timely, innovative, and original across the diverse subject areas and approaches in contemporary political philosophy. Contributions from Amy Allen, Lena Halldenius, Lawrence Hamilton, Rahel Jaeggi, Simon Keller, Mika LaVaque-Manty, Kevin Olson, Fabienne Peter, Emmanuel Renault, Sarah Song, and Ajume Wingo.
 Reviewed in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, and *Political Studies Review*.
 Arabic translation forthcoming (Kuwait: National Council for Culture, Arts & Letters)
5. *Anerkennung*, ed. Hans-Christoph Schmidt am Busch and Christopher F. Zurn (Akademie Verlag, Berlin; 2009),
<https://www.degruyter.com/viewbooktoc/product/219258?rskey=IXoqio&result=2>
 Reviewed in *Das Dosierte Leben* #65, *Iride: Filosofia e discussione pubblica*, and *Magyar Tudomány*.
- *The Philosophy of Recognition: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives*, ed. Hans-Christoph Schmidt am Busch and Christopher F. Zurn (Lexington Books, Lanham, MD; 2010), <https://rowman.com/ISBN/9780739144251/The-Philosophy-of-Recognition-Historical-and-Contemporary-Perspectives>
 A collection of 15 essays on both historical and contemporary issues in the social-philosophical employments of the concept of recognition. German and English language editions. Contributions from Jay Bernstein, Dan Brudney, Jean-Philippe Deranty, Nancy Fraser, Axel Honneth, Heikki Ikäheimo, Arto Laitinen, Fred Neuhouser, Michael Quante, Terry Pinkard, Emmanuel Renault, Hans-Christoph Schmidt am Busch, Ludwig Siep, Andreas Wildt, and Christopher Zurn.
 Reviewed in *Critical Horizons*, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, and *Marx and Philosophy Review of Books*.

ARTICLES

1. “Populism, Polarization, and Misrecognition” in *The Theory and Practice of Recognition*, ed. Onni Hirvonen and Heikki J. Koskinen (Routledge: 2023), 131-149.
2. “Political Progress: Piecemeal, Pragmatic, and Processual” invited contribution for a *Debating Critical Theory: Engagements with Axel Honneth*, ed. Julia Christ, Kristina Lepold, Daniel Loick, and Titus Stahl (Rowman & Littlefield: 2020), 269-286.
3. “Constitutional Interpretation and Public Reason: Seductive Disanalogies,” invited contribution to *Public Reason and Courts*, ed. Silje Langvatn, Wojciech Sadurski and Mattias Kumm (Cambridge University Press, Cambridge: 2020), 323-349.
4. “The Ends of Economic History: Alternative Teleologies and the Ambiguities of Normative Reconstruction,” invited contribution to *Die Philosophie des Marktes – The Philosophy of the Market*, ed. Hans-Christoph Schmidt am Busch (Felix Meiner Verlag, Hamburg: October 2016), 289-323.
— Also published as “Los fines de la historia económica: teleologías alternativas y las ambigüedades de la reconstrucción normativa” in *Filosofía y Cambio Social: Contribuciones para una Teoría Crítica de la Sociedad y la Política*, ed. Gianfranco Casuso (Fondo Editorial PUCP, Lima, Peru: 2022).
5. “Democratic Constitutional Change: Assessing Institutional Possibilities,” invited contribution to *Democratizing Constitutional Law: Perspectives on Legal Theory and the Legitimacy of Constitutionalism*, ed. Thomas Bustamante and Bernardo Gonçalves Fernandes (Springer Verlag, Cham, Switzerland: 2016), 185-212.
6. “Bringing Discursive Ideals to Legal Facts: On Baxter on Habermas” *Philosophy & Social Criticism*, Vol. 40, #2 (2014), 195-203.
7. “Political Civility: Another Idealistic Illusion” *Public Affairs Quarterly*, Vol. 27, # 4 (October 2013), 341-368.
8. “Misrecognition, Marriage and Derecognition,” invited contribution for *Recognition Theory as Social Research: Investigating the Dynamics of Social Conflict*, ed. Shane O’Neill and Nicholas H. Smith (Palgrave Macmillan: 2012), 63-86.
9. “Explaining the Power of Gendered Subjectivity,” for a symposium on Amy Allen’s *The Politics of Our Selves*, in *Current Perspectives in Social Theory*, Volume 29: *The Diversity of Social Theories*, (2011), 117-130.
10. “Social Pathologies as Second-Order Disorders,” invited contribution to *Axel Honneth: Critical Essays: With a Reply by Axel Honneth*, edited by Danielle Petherbridge (Brill Academic Publishers, Leiden: 2011), 345-370.
11. “A Question of Institutionalization: Habermas on the Justification of Court-Based Constitutional Review,” invited contribution to *Jürgen Habermas*, ed. Camil Ungureanu, Klaus Günther, and Christian Joerges, (Ashgate: 2011), Volume I: 423-444.—A modified version of chapter 7 of *Deliberative Democracy and the Institutions of Judicial Review*.
12. “Judicial Review, Constitutional Juries, and Civic Constitutional Fora: Rights, Democracy, and Law” *Theoria: A Journal of Social and Political Theory*, Vol. 58, #127 (June 2011), 73-111.
13. “Discourse Theory of Law,” invited chapter for *Jürgen Habermas: Key Concepts*, ed. Barbara Fultner (Acumen Press: 2011), 156-173.
14. “The Logic of Legitimacy: Bootstrapping Paradoxes of Constitutional Democracy” *Legal Theory*, Vol. 16, #3 (2010), 191-227.
— Also published as “A lógica da legitimidade: os paradoxos de *bootstrapping* da democracia constitucional” in *Tratado de Direito Constitucional: Volume 1, Constituição, Política e Sociedade*, ed. Felipe Dutra Asensi and Daniel Giotti de Paula, translated into Portuguese by Luciana Cristina de Souza (Elsevier, Rio de Janeiro: 2014), 15-48.

15. "Jürgen Habermas" commissioned essay for *History of Continental Philosophy, Volume 6: Poststructuralism and Critical Theory: The Return of Master Thinkers*, ed. Alan D. Schrift (Acumen Press / University of Chicago: 2010), 197-226.
16. "Einleitung," to *Anerkennung*, (Akademie Verlag: 2009): 7-24.
— Also published as "Introduction" to *The Philosophy of Recognition: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives*, Lexington Books: 2010): 1-19.
17. "Introduction," to *New Waves in Political Philosophy*, co-written with Boudewijn de Bruin (Palgrave Macmillan: 2009): vii-xiv.
18. "Schwerpunkt: Anerkennung," Guest Editor's introduction to a special section on recognition, translated from the English by Dirk Effertz, in the *Deutsche Zeitschrift für Philosophie*, Vol. 53, #3 (2005): 377-387.
19. "Recognition, Redistribution, and Democracy: Dilemmas of Honneth's Critical Social Theory," *European Journal of Philosophy*, Vol. 13, #1 (April 2005): 89-126.
— A shortened version is published as "Anerkennung, Umverteilung und Demokratie. Dilemmata in Honneths Kritischer Theorie der Gesellschaft," translated by Veit Friemert, in *Deutsche Zeitschrift für Philosophie*, Vol. 53, #3 (2005): 435-460.
— A shortened version is forthcoming in *Axel Honneth: Critical Debates*, ed. Gwynn Markle and Rasmus Willig (SUNY Press).
20. "Group Balkanization or Societal Homogenization: Is There a Dilemma between Recognition and Distribution Struggles?" *Public Affairs Quarterly*, Vol. 18, #2 (April 2004): 159-186.
21. "Arguing Over Participatory Parity: On Fraser's Conception of Social Justice," *Philosophy Today*, Vol. 47, Supplement (2003): 130-144.
— Also in *Adding Insult to Injury: Nancy Fraser Debates Her Critics*, ed. Kevin Olson (Verso: 2008): 142-163. Translations into Chinese (Shanghai: Shanghai People's Publishing, 2009), Italian (Lecce, Italy: Pensa, forthcoming), and Korean (Seoul: Greenbee Publishing, forthcoming).
22. "Identity or Status? Struggles over 'Recognition' in Fraser, Honneth, and Taylor." *Constellations*, Vol. 10, #4 (December 2003): 519-537.
23. "Deliberative Democracy and Constitutional Review." *Law and Philosophy*, Vol. 21 (2002): 467-542.
— Also in *Philosopher's Annual*, vol. XXV, ed. Patrick Grim, Ken Baynes, Peter Ludlow, and Gary Mar (University of Chicago Press), <http://www.philosophersannual.org/> [an annual selection of the ten best articles in philosophy].
— Also in *Habermas II*, Volume III, ed. David M. Rasmussen and James Swindal (Sage Publications: 2010).
24. "Anthropology and Normativity: A Critique of Axel Honneth's 'Formal Conception of Ethical Life'." *Philosophy and Social Criticism*, Vol. 26, #1 (2000): 115-124.
25. "The Normative Claims of Three Types of Feminist Struggles for Recognition." *Philosophy Today*, Vol. 41, Supplement (1997): 73-78.
— Reprinted in *Critical Theory, Volume IV: The Future of Critical Theory*, ed. David Rasmussen and James Swindal (Sage Publications, London: 2004): 351-360.
26. "The Intersubjective Basis of Morality." Review Essay of William Rehg's *Insight and Solidarity: The Discourse Ethics of Jürgen Habermas*, in *Philosophy and Social Criticism*, Vol. 22, #6 (1996): 113-126.
27. "The Birth of Tragedy: The Origin of The Origin of the Work of Art?" in *Proceedings and Addresses of the 29th Annual Heidegger Conference*, ed. Reginald Lilly (May 1995).

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

1. “We’re Not Special: Congratulations!” invited contribution to special issue on “The Institute for Social Research at 100: Continuity and Transformation,” *Constellations* (December 2023), forthcoming.
2. “Nancy Fraser’s *Unruly Practices*,” forthcoming in *Handbuch Kritische Theorie: Werke—Begriffe—Wirkung*, ed. Robin Celikates, Rahel Jaeggi, and Martin Saar (J.B. Metzler, Stuttgart: forthcoming).
3. Review of James Gordon Finlayson’s *The Habermas—Rawls Debate* in *Journal of Social and Political Philosophy*, Volume 1, #1 (2022): 101-105. DOI: 10.3366/jspp.2022.0014
4. “Private and Public Autonomy,” *The Cambridge Habermas Lexicon*, ed. Amy Allen and Eduardo Mendieta (Cambridge University Press: 2019): 348-351.
5. “Social Pathology,” *The Cambridge Habermas Lexicon*, ed. Amy Allen and Eduardo Mendieta (Cambridge University Press: 2019), 418-420.
6. “Society,” *The Cambridge Habermas Lexicon*, ed. Amy Allen and Eduardo Mendieta (Cambridge University Press: 2019): 423-426.
7. Review of Serdar Tekin’s *Founding Acts: Constitutional Origins in a Democratic Age* in *The Review of Politics*, Volume 80, #1 (2018): 164-167.
8. Review of *Recognition and Freedom: Axel Honneth’s Political Thought*, ed. Odin Lysaker and Jonas Jakobsen, in *Critical Horizons*, Volume 18, # 2, (2017): 186-190.
9. Review of Nancy Fraser’s *Scales of Justice: Reimagining Political Space in a Globalizing World*, in *Social Theory and Practice*, Volume 38, #1, January 2012: 165-172.
10. Review of *Multiculturalism and Law: A Critical Debate*, ed. Omid A. Payrow Shabani, in *Law & Society Review*, Volume 43, #4, 2009: 954-956.
11. Review of *Recognition and Power: Axel Honneth and the Tradition of Critical Social Theory*, ed. Bert van den Brink and David Owen, in *Constellations*, Volume 15, #2, June 2008: 271-274.
12. Review of Ajume Wingo’s *Veil Politics in Liberal Democratic States*, in *Ethics*, Vol. 118, #2 (January 2008): 367-371.
13. “Intersubjectivity,” entry for the *International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences*, ed. William A. Darity, 2nd edition, 9 vols. (Macmillan Reference: 2008), Volume 4: 116-117.
14. Review of Mitchell Aboulafia, Myra Bookman, and Catherine Kemp, eds., *Habermas and Pragmatism*, in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, March 7, 2004 (<http://ndpr.nd.edu/review.cfm?id=1395>).
15. Review of Lewis Hahn, ed., *Perspectives on Habermas*, in *The Journal of the History of Philosophy*, Vol. 40, #2 (2002): 274-275.
16. Book Note on Pierre Bourdieu’s *Pascalian Meditations*, in *Ethics*, Vol. 112, #1 (2001): 190.
17. Review of Amy Allen’s *The Power of Feminist Theory: Domination, Resistance, Solidarity*, in *The APA Newsletter on Feminism and Philosophy*, Vol. 00, #1 (2000): 53-55.
18. Book Note on F. R. Ankersmit’s *Aesthetic Politics: Political Philosophy Beyond Fact and Value*, in *Ethics*, Vol. 109, #2 (1999): 471-472.
19. Book Note on Mathieu Deflem, ed., *Habermas, Modernity and Law*, in *Ethics*, Vol. 109, #2 (1999): 477-478.
20. Review of James Risser’s *Hermeneutics and the Voice of the Other: Re-reading Gadamer’s Philosophical Hermeneutics*, in *Philosophy in Review/Comptes rendus philosophiques*, Vol. XVIII, #1 (1998): 57-59.
21. Review of *The Cambridge Companion to Habermas*, ed. Stephen K. White (Cambridge University Press: 1995), in *Canadian Philosophical Reviews / Revue Canadienne de Comptes rendus en Philosophie*, Vol. XVI, # 2 (1996): 151-153.