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EMPLOYMENT

2025 – present Assistant Professor of Philosophy (tenure-track) / University of Lethbridge
2025 Visiting Faculty (Department of Philosophy) / Simon Fraser University
2024 – 2025 College Professor (Department of Philosophy) / Okanagan College
2022 – 2024 Klemens von Klemperer Postdoctoral Fellow (Hannah Arendt Center for Politics and Humanities) & Visiting Assistant Professor (Bard Prison Initiative) / Bard College
2020 – 2022 Academic Programs Officer, Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies / McGill University

EDUCATION

2021 Ph.D., Department of Philosophy / McGill University
2015 M.A., Department of Philosophy / Simon Fraser University
2012 B.A. in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE) / King's College

OTHER AFFILIATIONS

2026 – present Director, Applied Ethics Lab / University of Lethbridge
2026 – present Affiliate Faculty, Centre for Feminist Research / University of Lethbridge
2025 – present Research Fellow, Critical Thinking and Citizen Engagement Lab / University of Lethbridge
2024 – 2025 Associate Fellow (Hannah Arendt Center for Politics and Humanities) / Bard College
2024 – 2025 Academic Associate (Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies) / McGill University

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Kant; Biomedical Ethics; Social and Political Philosophy

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Philosophy of Artificial Intelligence; Environmental Ethics; Philosophy of Love

PUBLICATIONS

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Forthcoming "Discrimination and Socially Embedded Suffering: Extending Grant's Critique of Track 2 MAID to Mental Illness," *Canadian Journal of Bioethics*
2026 "On Act-Types and Act-Tokens: The Distinction between Practical Reason and Practical Judgment in Kant," *Journal of Modern Philosophy* 8: 1–24. [10.25894/jmp.2602](https://doi.org/10.25894/jmp.2602).
2026 "Toward a 'Halfway Plausible Theory of Ethics': Judgment in Arendt's Critique of Kant's Moral Philosophy," *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* 34(2): 337–357. [10.1080/09608788.2025.2527980](https://doi.org/10.1080/09608788.2025.2527980).
2025 "Normative Pluralism and the Other," *Philosophy & Rhetoric* 58(1): 69–80. [10.5325/philrhet.58.1.0069](https://doi.org/10.5325/philrhet.58.1.0069).
2025 "Preparing the Particular: Kant on the Imagination's Role in Judgment," *The Southern Journal of Philosophy* 63(1): 47–65. [10.1111/sjp.12586](https://doi.org/10.1111/sjp.12586).
2024 "Kant on Judgment and Feeling," *Kant-Studien* 115(1): 46–70. [10.1515/kant-2024-2004](https://doi.org/10.1515/kant-2024-2004).
2023 "Reflections of Reason: Kant on Practical Judgement," *Kantian Review* 28(4): 575–596. [10.1017/S1369415423000328](https://doi.org/10.1017/S1369415423000328).

- 2021 "Subsuming 'Determining' under 'Reflecting': Kant's Power of Judgment, Reconsidered," *Inquiry: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Philosophy* 68(7): 1571–1597. [10.1080/0020174X.2021.1986291](https://doi.org/10.1080/0020174X.2021.1986291).
- 2020 "Kant and the Demands of Normativity: Response to Harbin," in *Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review* 59(4): 613–619. [10.1017/s001221732000030x](https://doi.org/10.1017/s001221732000030x).
- 2020 "Plurality and the Potential for Agreement: Arendt, Kant, and the 'Way of Thinking' of the World Citizen," *Constellations: An International Journal of Critical and Democratic Theory* 27(2): 244–257. [10.1111/1467-8675.12449](https://doi.org/10.1111/1467-8675.12449).
- 2015 "A Lawful Freedom: Kant's Practical Refutation of Noumenal Chance," *Kant Studies Online*: 149–177. <https://kantstudiesonline.net>.

EDITED VOLUME CHAPTERS

- Forthcoming* "Precedent, Parity, and Psychiatric Euthanasia: Revisiting Slippery Slope Arguments in Assisted Dying Debates" (with Katharina Stevens and Michael Stingl). In: *Medically Assisted Dying for Persons with Mental Illness: Philosophical, Ethical, and Legal Perspectives*, David Černý, Tomáš Doležal, Adam Doležal, and Manuel Traschel (eds). Springer.
- Forthcoming* Entry on bell hooks. In: *Routledge Handbook on the History of the Philosophy of Love*, Natasha McKeever and Joe Saunders (eds.). Routledge.
- Forthcoming* "Arendt's Kant, Revisited: Reflective Judgment and the Unity of the Critical System." In: *Kant's Third Critique and Its Legacy*, Adam Katwan and Karl von der Luft (eds.). Oxford University Press.
- 2024 "Kant on Moral Feeling and Practical Judgment." In: *Rethinking Kant: Volume 7*, Edgar Valdez (ed.). Cambridge Scholars Publishing: 72–96.

EDITED VOLUMES

- Forthcoming* Hannah Arendt's *Lectures on Kant's Political Philosophy*. Series: 'Works of Philosophy and Their Reception' (De Gruyter).

EDITED JOURNAL ISSUES

- 2025 'Judgment, Pluralism, Democracy: On the Desirability of Speaking to Others,' special issue of *Philosophy & Rhetoric* (co-edited with Nirvana Tanoukhi, including co-written 'Introduction').

BOOK REVIEWS

- 2026 Review of Samantha Fazekas, *Hannah Arendt's Unwritten Chapter on Judging*. De Gruyter, 2025. In *HannahArendt.Net* 15:2 (March).
- 2020 Review of Courtney D. Fugate (ed.), *Kant's Lectures on Metaphysics: A Critical Guide*. Cambridge University Press, 2019. In *Kantian Review* 25:1 (March): 153–158. [10.1017/S1369415419000517](https://doi.org/10.1017/S1369415419000517).
- 2018 Review of Lara Denis and Oliver Sensen (eds.), *Kant's Lectures on Ethics: A Critical Guide*. Cambridge University Press. In *Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review* 57:4 (December): 940–942. [10.1017/S0012217316000251](https://doi.org/10.1017/S0012217316000251).

PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY

- 2025 "When Compassion Becomes Discrimination: The Ethics of MAID for Mental Illness," *Calgary Herald* (December 15)
- 2023 "Preparing the Particular: Arendt on the Imagination's Role in Judgment," *Quote of the Week: Hannah Arendt Center* (October 1)

WORKS IN PROGRESS**ARTICLES**

Revise & Resubmit "Judgment, Latitude, and Kant's Distinction between Perfect and Imperfect Duties" ('Kant's Moral Philosophy: Beyond the Strawman,' special issue of *The Journal of Ethics*)

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

2025 – 2026 Flicker Grant (\$1,500 CAD): Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) project funding (University of Lethbridge)

2023 Project funding: Arendt's Kant Lectures (10,000 Euro), Walter de Gruyter Foundation

2021 Raymond Klibansky Prize (\$2200 CAD): Best doctoral thesis in the history of philosophy

2020 Graduate Certificate in Teaching Philosophy (McGill University)

2020 Graduate Student Essay Prize (Department of Philosophy, McGill University)

2019 Marcus Herz Prize, *Shortlisted* (\$200 USD) / Best graduate student essay, North American Kant Society (Midwest Study Group)

2018 Mobility Award (\$3,400 CAD): The Hannah Arendt Archives, The New School for Social Research, New York, NY

2017 Reverend Domenico Roberto Gualtieri Prize (\$2,000 CAD): for academic excellence and service to the university community

2015 – 2020 Doctoral Fellowship, Research Group on Constitutional Studies (RGCS) & Groupe de Recherche Interuniversitaire en Philosophie Politique (GRIPP) (\$7,000 CAD/year)

PRESENTATIONS (* = REFEREED; **INVITED)**PAPERS**

2026* "Structurally Embedded Suffering: Externalism, Disability, and the Ethics of MAID for Mental Illness"
University of Texas, Dallas, Association for the Advancement of Philosophy & Psychiatry (AAPP), May
Dalhousie University, Canadian Philosophical Association (CPA) Congress, June

2026** "Arendt's Kant, Revisited: Reflective Judgment and the Unity of Kant's Critical System,"
The University of Chicago, 'Kant's Third Critique and Its Legacy,' May

2026 "M(AI)D: Should an Algorithm Decide If You Get to Die?"
McGill University, Philosophy of AI workshop, May

2026* "How to Be a Student: An Exploratory Needs Assessment Study of First-Year University Students at the University of Lethbridge"
University of Lethbridge, Spark Teaching Symposium, April

2026** "Should Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) be available to people with mental illnesses?"
Southern Alberta Council on Public Affairs (SACPA), February

2025 "Judgment, Latitude, and Kant's Distinction between Perfect and Imperfect Duties"
University of Lethbridge, Department of Philosophy, October

2025* "From Maxims to Actions: Judgment in Kant's Ethics"
University of Greifswald, 'Kant's Moral Philosophy: Beyond the Strawman,' May

2025** University of Lethbridge, Department of Philosophy, May

"Toward a 'Halfway Plausible Theory of Ethics:' Judgment in Arendt's Critique of Kant's

Moral Philosophy"

- 2025** University of British Columbia – Okanagan, Colloquium series, January
- 2024** University of Victoria, Colloquium series, December
- 2024** University of St Andrews, 'Kant Reading Party: Kant and Arendt,' August
"Hidden Art, Special Talent: Kant on Imagination and Judgment"
- 2024* University of Valencia, 'Kant, then and now: on the tricentenary of his birth,' October
- 2024* University of Bonn, 'Kant's Project of Enlightenment: 14th International Kant Congress,'
September
- 2024* Canadian Philosophical Association annual meeting, June
- 2022* Loyola University, North American Kant Society (Midwest Study Group), October
- "Act-Types and Act-Tokens: Practical Reason and Practical Judgment in Kant"
- 2024* The Romanian Academy, 'Kant 300,' April
- 2024* University of South Carolina, North American Kant Society (Southern Study Group), May
- 2023** Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz, 'Kant and the Norms of Action: A Reevaluation of
the Synthetic A Priori,' July
- "Preparing the Particular: Arendt on Imagination and Judgment"
- 2023 Bard College Berlin, 'Judgment, Imagination, and Politics: Arendt in Berlin,' July
- "Judging Eichmann: Reflections on Arendt's Kant,"
- 2023** The University at Buffalo, 'Eichmann in Jerusalem at Sixty' Panel,
54th Northeast Modern Languages Association (NeMLA), March
- "Reflections of Reason: Kant on Practical Judgment"
- 2022* V-NAKS Panel: Kant on Practical Judgment, September
- 2022** University of Pennsylvania, Department of Philosophy, February
- 2022* UNC Wilmington, North American Kant Society (Southern Study Group), April
- 2022* Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz, On Kant's Legacy, June
- "Subsuming 'Determining' Under 'Reflecting': Kant's Power of Judgment, Reconsidered"
- 2021* American Philosophical Association (Pacific Division Meeting), April
- 2019* DePaul University, North American Kant Society (Midwest Study Group), October
- 2019* University of Bristol, UK Kant Society, August
- "From Kantian Pluralism to Arendtian Plurality: Thinking and Judging as a World Citizen"
- 2019* Wuhan University, Wuhan Kant Conference, June
- 2019* The University of British Columbia, Canadian Philosophical Association, June
- 2018* Paderborn University, Center for the History of Women Philosophers and Scientists,
Hannah Arendt: Challenges of Plurality, December
- "Kant on Intuitive Priority and the Givenness of Intuition"
- 2018* Université du Québec à Montréal, Canadian Philosophical Association, June
- "Imaginative Necessity: Kant and Arendt on Cognition and Judgment"
- 2017* University of Regina, Western Canadian Philosophical Association, October
- 2017* The Carl von Ossietzky University, Arendt and Critical Theory Today, July
- "'The God Does Not Lie: Faith and Reason in Socratic Epistemology'"
- 2016* McMaster University, Canadian Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy, October

- 2015* "A Lawful Freedom: Kant's Practical Refutation of Noumenal Chance"
Keele University, UK Kant Society Annual Conference, September
- COMMENTARIES (SELECTED)
- 2024** Jens Timmermann, *Kant's Will at the Crossroads: An Essay on the Failings of Practical Rationality* (OUP 2022), Leuven Seminar in Classical German Philosophy, KU Leuven, February
- 2020 Christian List, "Group Agency and Artificial Intelligence"
GRIPP Research Workshop, January
- 2018 Thomas Land, "The Importance of Faculty Psychology for Kant"
Canadian Philosophical Association, Université du Québec à Montréal, June
- 2017 Samantha Wesch, "Drinking Dutifully: Consumption of Alcohol and Duties to Self in Kant's Ethics," Western Canadian Philosophical Association, University of Regina, October
- 2015 Anna Wilks, "The Possibility of Intrinsic Teleology in Kant: From Blumenbach to Varela"
Canadian Philosophical Association, University of Ottawa, May

TEACHING

UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE

- 2027 PHIL 3100 AI Ethics (Winter)
PHIL 3402 Biomedical Ethics (Winter)
- 2026 PHIL 2001 Introduction to Ethics (Fall)
PHIL 2236 Environmental Philosophy (Fall)
IDST 1850 How to Be a Student...and Actually Learn (Winter)
PHIL 3402 Biomedical Ethics (Winter)
- 2025 PHIL 2001 Introduction to Ethics (Fall)
PHIL 3402 Biomedical Ethics (Fall)

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

- 2025 PHIL 120W Moral and Legal Problems (Summer)
PHIL 321 Topics in Moral Philosophy: The Philosophy of Love (Summer)

OKANAGAN COLLEGE

- 2025 PHIL 241 Contemporary Moral Issues (Winter)
PHIL 331 AI Ethics (Winter)
PHIL 350 Business Ethics (Winter)
- 2024 PHIL 111 Introduction to Philosophy (Fall)
PHIL 251 Environmental Ethics (Fall)
PHIL 411 Professional Ethics (Fall)

BARD COLLEGE

- 2024 PHIL 207 The Philosophy of Love (Spring) – Bard Prison Initiative [BPI]
- 2023 GS 512 Environmental Global Justice (Fall) – NYC campus (M.A. in Global Studies program)
PHIL 256 Environmental Ethics (Fall) – Annandale campus
WRIT 101 Language and Thinking [L&T] (Summer) – Annandale
PHIL 156/247 Perceiving, Imagining, Feeling (Spring) – Annandale & BPI
- 2022 POLI 284 Judgment, Pluralism, and Democracy (Fall) – Annandale

MCGILL UNIVERSITY

- 2021 PHIL 499 Kant on Imagination: Tutorial (Fall)
 PHIL 497 Kant on Practical Judgment: Topics in the History of Philosophy (Summer)
 ENVR 203 Knowledge, Ethics, and Environment (Winter)
- 2020 POLI 366 Judgment, Pluralism, and Democracy: Topics in Political Theory (Summer)
- 2018 PHIL 237 Contemporary Moral Issues: Environmental Ethics (Summer)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP ORGANIZING

- 2026 'MAID and Disability in Alberta: Implications for Policy & Practice,' University of Lethbridge, March
- 2024 Carol Gilligan, *In A Human Voice*, Bard College, March
- 2024 'Between Power and Authority: Arendt on Constitutionalism and the Courts,' Bard College, March
- 2023 'Judgment, Imagination, and Politics: Arendt in Berlin,' Bard College Berlin, July
- 2023 'The Reception of Arendt's Kant Lectures,' Bard College, June
- 2023 'Judgment, Pluralism, and Democracy: On the Desirability of Speaking with Others,' Bard College, March

SUMMER SCHOOLS

- 2020 4th Immanuel Kant Baltic International Summer School, August
- 2016 Spinoza and German Idealism, University of Toronto, May

SERVICE

PROFESSIONAL

- 2025 – present Co-founder, Canadian Association for the Philosophy of Artificial Intelligence (CAPAI)
- 2023 – present Section Editor, PhilPapers: 'Hannah Arendt'
- 2024 – 2025 Editor, Quote of the Week (Hannah Arendt Center, Bard College)
- 2023 – 2025 Founder/Coordinator, De Gruyter Arendt Lecture in Political Thinking

JOURNAL REFEREEING

British Journal for the History of Philosophy; Constellations: An International Journal of Critical and Democratic Theory; Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review; Estetika: The European Journal of Aesthetics; Ethics & Global Politics; HannahArendt.net; Kantian Review; The Southern Journal of Philosophy; Res Philosophica; Revue Ithaque; Social Philosophy Today; Studi Kantiani

BOOK PRESS REFEREEING

Bloomsbury; De Gruyter Brill; Edinburgh University Press

SUPERVISION

- 2026 Alison Grigg (Lethbridge), 'Reframing the Loneliness Crisis: Integrating Self-Discrepancy Theory to Examine How Hybridity is Reshaping Social Connection' [Master's thesis, committee member]
- 2026 Justin Cleland (Lethbridge), 'Critical Thinking in the Digital Era' [undergraduate independent study, supervisor]
- 2021 – 2022 Matthew Gery (McGill), 'The Fundamental Freedom of Kant's Power of Imagination' [undergraduate honours thesis, supervisor]

DEPARTMENTAL

- 2025 – 2026 Search Committee (member), University of Lethbridge

2026 Faculty Advisor, Undergraduate Student Philosophy Conference, University of Lethbridge
2025 – 2026 Coordinator, Philosophy Department Colloquium Series, University of Lethbridge
2018 – 2020 Program Developer/Coordinator, *Graduate Option in Teaching Philosophy*, McGill University

UNIVERSITY

January 2027 Advisory Board (elected), Centre for Feminist Research, University of Lethbridge
2026 – present AI Policy Committee (elected), Faculty of Arts & Science, University of Lethbridge
2025 – present First-Year Experience working group (member), University of Lethbridge
2023 – 2024 Accreditation Assistant, Open Society University Network (OSUN), Bard College
2019 – 2020 Board of Directors (elected), Yan P. Lin Centre for the Study of Freedom and Global
Orders in the Ancient and Modern World, McGill University
2018 – 2019 Representative (elected), Board of Governors' Committee to Advise on Matters of Social
Responsibility (CAMSR), on the issue of fossil fuel divestment, McGill University
2016 – 2019 Senator (elected), McGill University [Steering Committee; Nominating Committee;
Academic Policy Committee; Ad Hoc Committee to Review the Charter of
Students' Rights]
2016 – 2017 Vice-President, Academic Affairs (elected), Post-Graduate Students' Society (PGSS), McGill
University

LANGUAGES

English (mother tongue)
German (reading knowledge)
French (intermediate)

MEMBERSHIPS

Canadian Philosophical Association/L'Association Canadienne de Philosophie (CPA/ACP)
American Philosophical Association (APA)
North American Kant Society (NAKS)

REFERENCES

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