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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill Professor of Philosophy	2024-
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill Associate Professor of Philosophy	2020-2024
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill Assistant Professor of Philosophy	2017-2020
University of Tennessee, Knoxville Assistant Professor of Philosophy	2012-2017

EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley Ph.D. Philosophy Dissertation: <i>Kant on Freedom, Nature and Normativity</i>	2006-2012
University of Oxford M.St. European Literature Exam Subjects: Thomas Mann, Franz Kafka, Friedrich Nietzsche Thesis: <i>Struggle and Victory in Kafka's Das Schloss</i>	2004-2005
University of Oxford B.Phil. Philosophy Exam Subjects: Aristotle, Metaphysics and Epistemology, Moral Philosophy Thesis: <i>Substance in Aristotle's Categories</i>	2002-2004

HONORS AND AWARDS

- [1]* **Schwab Academic Excellence Award** (2021)
Institute for the Arts and Humanities, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
- [2]* **Junior Faculty Development Award** (2018)
Provost's Office, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
- [3]* **Foreign Travel Award** (2016)
Scholarly and Research Incentive Funds, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- [4]* **John Rogers Prize** (2016)
Awarded to the best paper in the 2015 *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*
British Society for the History of Philosophy
For "Kant on the Inapplicability of the Categories to Things in Themselves"
- [5]* **Foreign Travel Award** (2015)
Scholarly and Research Incentive Funds, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- [6]* **Chancellor's Grant for Faculty Research** (2015)
University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- [7]* **Summer Stipend Award** (2015)
National Endowment for the Humanities
- [8]* **Visiting Scholars Project Award** (2014)
Funded the visit of Karl Ameriks. University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- [9]* **Mabelle McLeod Lewis Memorial Fund Dissertation Fellowship** (2011)

- [10]* **Dean's Normative Time Fellowship** (2009, 2011)
University of California, Berkeley
- [11]* **Fink Prize** (2007)
Awarded to the best Philosophy Graduate Student Essay
University of California, Berkeley, Department of Philosophy
For "Substancehood and Subjecthood in Aristotle's *Categories*"
- [12]* **Ralph W. Church Fellowship** (2006)
University of California, Berkeley
- [13]* **Distinction for Master of Studies in European Literature Degree** (2005)
University of Oxford
- [14]* **Reynolds Graduate Scholarship in Modern Languages** (2004)
New College, University of Oxford
- [15]* **Paul Ries Collin Scholarship** (2003)
Oriel College, University of Oxford
- [16]* **Hölderlin Scholarship** (2003)
German National Merit Foundation
- [17]* **Tuition Award** (2002)
UK Arts and Humanities Research Board

* Refereed

Publications

Book

Kant on Freedom and Rational Agency. Oxford University Press. 2023

Journal Articles and Book Chapters

- [1] **Nietzsche's Nihilisms**
Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie. Forthcoming
- [2] **Schopenhauer versus (?) Kant on Self-Consciousness and Freedom**
Cambridge Critical Guide on Schopenhauer's Two Fundamental Problems of Ethics. Edited by Stephen Puryear. Forthcoming
- [3] **Why is there no Kantian duty to believe in God and Immortality?**
European Journal of Philosophy. Forthcoming
- [4] **Grounding Empirical in Transcendental Reality**
Philosophy and Phenomenological Research 109 (2), 726-732. 2024 [Contribution to a book symposium on Anja Jauernig's *The World According to Kant*]
- [5] **Kant on Cognition and Knowledge**
The Oxford Handbook of Kant, 27-46. Edited by Anil Gomes and Andrew Stephenson. Oxford University Press, 2024
- [6] **A New Dawn Fades: Post-Punk Under the Shadow of Nihilism**
Post-Punk and Philosophy, 61-70. Edited by Josh Heter and Richard Greene. Carus Publishing, 2024
- [7] **Nietzsche versus Kant on the Possibility of Rational Self-Critique**
Rethinking Kant Volume 7, 214-248. Edited by Edgar Valdez. Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2024
- [8] **Kant on Mind-Dependence: Possible or Actual Experience?**
Kantian Review 28 (2), 239-258. 2023
- [9] **The Post-Punk Struggle for Authenticity**
Punkrock and Philosophy, 87-96. Edited by Josh Heter and Richard Greene. Carus Publishing, 2022

- [10] **A Priori Intuition and Transcendental Necessity in Kant's Idealism**
European Journal of Philosophy 29 (4), 827-845, 2021
- [11] **Kants subjektivistische Begründung von Moral und Freiheit im *Naturrecht Feyerabend***
Auf dem Weg zur kritischen Rechtslehre? Naturrecht, Moralphilosophie und Eigentumstheorie in Kants „Naturrecht Feyerabend“, 150-171. Edited by Dieter Hüning, Stefan Klingner, Gianluca Sadun Bordoni. Brill, 2021
- [12] **Spontaneity and Contingency: Kant's Two Models of Rational Self-Determination**
The Concept of Will in Classical German Philosophy, 29-48. Edited by Manja Kissner and Jörg Noeller. De Gruyter, 2020
- [13] **Kant on Cognizing Oneself as a Spontaneous Cognizer**
Canadian Journal of Philosophy 50 (3), 395-412, 2020.
- [14] **Kafka on the Loss of Purpose and the Illusion of Freedom**
The Polish Journal of Aesthetics 53 (2/2019): 69-90, 2019
- [15] **The Metaphysical Deduction and the Shadow of Humean Skepticism**
Kant-Studien 109 (3): 367-394, 2018
- [16] **Kant's Critique of Instrumental Reason**
Pacific Philosophical Quarterly 99 (3): 489-516, 2018
- [17] **Kant's Standpoint Distinction**
Kantian Review 23 (2): 229-255, 2018
- [18] **The Normativity of Prudence**
Kant-Studien 108 (4): 517-542, 2017
- [19] **Radical Evil as a Regulative Idea**
Journal of the History of Philosophy, 55 (4): 641-673, 2017
- [20] **Kant on Idealism, Freedom, and Standpoints**
Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie 98 (1): 21-54, 2016
- [21] **Kant and "Ought Implies Can"**
Philosophical Quarterly 65 (261): 690-710, 2015
- [22] **Kant on Freedom of Empirical Thought**
Journal of the History of Philosophy 53 (2): 301-326, 2015
- [23] **Kant on Determinism and the Categorical Imperative**
Ethics 125 (2): 331-356, 2015
- [24] **Kant on the Inapplicability of the Categories to Things in Themselves**
British Journal for the History of Philosophy 23 (1): 90-114, 2015
Recipient of the 2015 John Rogers Prize (British Society for the History of Philosophy)
- [25] **Transcendental and Practical Freedom in the *Critique of Pure Reason***
Kant-Studien 105 (3): 313-335, 2014
- [26] **Substancehood and Subjecthood in Aristotle's *Categories***
Phronesis 53 (2): 152-179, 2008
- [27] **Struggle and Victory in Kafka's *Das Schloss***
The Modern Language Review 101 (4): 1053-1043, 2006

Unpublished Papers (written for planned edited volumes that never appeared):

Die radikale Unbegreiflichkeit von Gott für den menschlichen Verstand

<https://philpapers.org/rec/KOHDUR>

Ist die Lehrbarkeit der Tugend vereinbar mit Kant's Theorie der Willensfreiheit?

<https://philpapers.org/rec/KOHIDL>

BOOK REVIEWS

- [1] ***Kant's Reason. The Unity of Reason and the Limits of Comprehension in Kant***, Karl Schafer
Kant-Studien 117 (2), 266-70, 2026
- [2] ***The Sensible and Intelligible Worlds. New Essays on Kant's Metaphysics and Epistemology***,
edited by Karl Schafer and Nicholas F. Stang
Kant-Studien 116 (3), 448-53, 2025
- [3] ***The Fiery Test of Critique: A Reading of Kant's Dialectic***, Ian Proops
Mind 133 (531), 820-829, 2024
- [4] ***The World According to Kant***, Anja Jauernig
The Philosophical Review 131 (4), 511-514, 2022
- [5] ***Immanuel Kant. Groundwork for the Metaphysics of Morals***. Translated with an
Introduction and Notes by Christopher Bennett, Joe Saunders, and Robert Stern
Kant-Studien 113 (2), 367-369, 2022
- [6] **Kantian Subjects: Critical Philosophy and Late Modernity**, Karl Ameriks
Kantian Review 26 (2), 335-340, 2021
- [7] **Kant's Conception of Freedom. A Developmental and Critical Analysis**, Henry Allison
European Journal of Philosophy 28 (3), 805-809, 2020
- [8] ***Kant on the Sources of Metaphysics***, Marcus Willaschek
Journal of the History of Philosophy 58 (1), 181-182, 2020
- [9] ***Kant on Reflection and Virtue***, Melissa Merritt
Ethics 129 (4), 726-731, 2019
- [10] ***Kants Begründung von Freiheit und Moral in Grundlegung III. Neue Interpretationen***,
edited by Dieter Schönecker
Jahrbuch des Deutschen Idealismus 13: 259-263, 2018
- [11] ***The Bounds of Freedom: Kant's Causal Theory of Action***, Robert Greenberg
Kantian Review 23 (1): 158-163, 2018
- [12] ***Kant on Spontaneity***, Marco Sgarbi
Kantian Review 20 (3): 479-483, 2015
- [13] ***Kant on Practical Justification***, edited by Mark Timmons and Sorin Baiasu
Kantian Review 19 (2): 332-338, 2014

PRESENTATIONS & COMMENTS

- [1]** **Comments on Melissa Zinkin, *Depth***
Eastern APA, 2025
- [2]** **Synthesis, Objectivity, and Normativity**
University of Trier, 2024
- [3]** **Why is there no Kantian Duty to believe in God and Immortality?**
University of Milan, 2024
Bejing National University (remote), 2024
- [4]** **Noumenal Substances (?)**
University of Milan, 2024
- [5]** **Original Synthesis, Normativity, and Intellectual Freedom**
LMU Munich, 2023
- [6]** **Kant on Moral Responsibility**
University of Bucharest (remote), 2022
- [7]** **Nietzsche versus Kant on the Possibility of Rational Self-Critique**
NAKS (Southern Study Group), UNC Wilmington, 2022

- [8]** **Comments on Anja Jauernig, *The World According to Kant***
Eastern APA, 2022 (remote)
- [9]** **Kant on Knowledge of Transcendental Freedom of Will**
UNC Chapel Hill (remote)
- [10]** **Comments on Nataliya Palatnik, “Kantian Freedom at a Distance”**
NAKS Biennial, SUNY Binghamton, 2020 (remote)
- [11]** **Kant’s Genealogical Anxiety**
University of Luxembourg, 2019
UNC Chapel Hill, 2019
- [12]** **Kant’s Fourfold Model of Real Possibility**
University of Luxembourg, 2019
- [13]** **Zwei Begründungsebenen in Kants Rechtfertigung der Freiheit des Willens**
University of Trier, 2019
- [14]** **Die radikale Unbegreiflichkeit von Gott für den menschlichen Verstand**
Katholische Akademie Rabanus Maurus, 2018
- [15] **A Priori Intuition and Transcendental Necessity in Kant’s Idealism**
University of Tübingen, 2018
- [16] **Spontaneity and Contingency: Kant’s Two Models of Rational Self-Determination**
LMU, Munich, 2017
APA Central Division, Kansas City, 2017
- [17]** **Kant on Freedom and the Predictability of Human Action**
NAKS Southern Study Group, Tulane University, 2017
- [18]** **Can There Be Kantian Freedom of Imagination?**
University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 2017
- [19]** **Kant’s Theoretical Defense of Moral Freedom**
UNC Chapel Hill, 2017
- [20]** **Ist die Lehrbarkeit der Tugend vereinbar mit Kant’s Theorie der Willensfreiheit?**
Akademie Rabanus Maurus, 2016
- [21] **Kants subjektivistische Begründung von Moral und Freiheit**
University of Trier, 2016
- [22] **Kant’s Standpoint Distinction**
University of Notre Dame, 2016
NAKS Pacific Study Group, Simon Fraser University, 2015
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 2014
- [23] **Radical Evil as a Regulative Idea**
University of Oslo, 2015
- [24] **Kant and “Ought Implies Can”**
UNC Chapel Hill, 2014
- [25]** **Kant on Responsibility and Possibility**
University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 2012
- [26] **Kant on Freedom of Belief**
Birkbeck College, University of London, 2012
University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 2011
- [27] **Determinismus und die Möglichkeit praktischer Sollenssätze bei Kant**
University of Frankfurt (Doktorandenkolloquium), 2011

- [28]** **Comments on Helen Robertson's "On the Relation between Appearances and Things in Themselves"**
Berkeley-London Conference, UC Berkeley, 2011
- [29]** **Character, Ethical Knowledge, and Practical Reasoning: An Aristotelian Perspective**
Townsend Center Working Group in Ancient Philosophy, UC Berkeley, 2011
Berkeley-London Conference, UC Berkeley, 2009

** Unpublished Oral Presentations

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Graduate/Advanced Undergraduate:

Kant's Practical Philosophy (*2)
Kant's Theoretical Philosophy (*2)
Nietzsche: (*3)

Graduate:

Dissertation Research Seminar (*3)
Proto-Seminar for First-Year Students (with Tom Dougherty)
Doxastic Responsibility and Voluntarism (with Ram Neta)
The Fate of Metaphysics in Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason* (with Rosalind Chaplin)

Undergraduate:

17th/18th Century Western Philosophy (*6)
First Year Seminar: Ethics
Existential Philosophy (*8)

University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Graduate/Advanced Undergraduate:

Kant's Critique of Aesthetic Judgment
Kant and the Idea of A Priori Justification
Skepticism and Naturalism in Hume
Kant's Critique of Pure Reason

Undergraduate:

17th/18th Century Philosophy (*9)
19th/20th Century Philosophy (*2)
Existentialism (*1)

University of California, Berkeley

Introduction to Ethics and Political Philosophy (1)

Dissertation Advising

Delaney Thull (Chair): *Political Emotions*, 2024.

Assistant Professor, University of South Alabama

Philip Bold (2nd reader): *Three Essays on Wittgenstein's Philosophy of Mathematics*, 2022

Lecturer, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

Michaela Tiller (2nd reader): *Locke's Ideas of Power*, 2020

Assistant Professor, Saint Michael's College

Alexander (Z) Quanbeck (2nd reader): *Kierkegaard and the Ethics of Belief*, 2022

Assistant Professor/Faculty Fellow, NYU Center for Bioethics

Undergraduate Senior Thesis Advising

Ike Crickmore: *Dual Economies: Towards an Asymmetrical Reading of Georg Simmel's The Philosophy of Money* (2020)

SERVICE (at UNC)

Departmental Service:

Director of Undergraduate Studies (2021-)
Faculty Liaison to the Office for Undergraduate Research (2024-)
Chapel Hill Philosophy Colloquium Committee (*2)
Graduate Admissions Committee (*3)
Search Committee for Tenure-Track/Tenured Faculty Position (*3)
Reviewing Committee for Grade Appeal (*1)
Dissertation Proposal Examination Committee (*19)
Area Examination Committee for Ancient Philosophy (*3)
Area Examination Committee for Modern Philosophy (*1)
Philosophy in 15 Minutes Presentation (*1)

University Service:

Administrative Boards of the College of Arts & Sciences (Course Committee), 2022-25, Spring 2026
Faculty Panel for *Getting Involved in Research* Workshop (*1)
Faculty Reviewer for SURF Applications (*1)

Conference Organizing

Workshop on Kant's Practical Philosophy (External Speakers: Karl Ameriks, Anne Margaret Baxley, Stephen Engstrom), University of North Carolina, 2019
The Many Faces of Kantian Freedom (External Speakers: Anne Margaret Baxley, Andrews Reath, Eric Watkins), University of Tennessee, 2017
Tennessee Values and Agency Conference, 2013, 2015

Service to the Profession

Journal Referee for: *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* (*4), *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* (*8), *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* (*4), *Ergo* (*2), *European Journal of Philosophy* (*3), *History of Philosophy Quarterly* (*2), *Journal of the American Philosophical Association* (*2), *Journal of the History of Philosophy* (*9), *Journal of Modern Philosophy*, *Journal of Philosophical Research*, *Journal of Social Philosophy*, *Kantian Review* (*13), *Kant-Studien*, *Kant Yearbook* (*8), *Nous*, *Logical Analysis and the History of Philosophy*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Review*, *Philosophers' Imprint* (2).
Book Manuscripts Referee for: *Oxford University Press*, *Cambridge University Press*
Grants Referee for: *Israel Science Foundation*, *European Research Council*
Conference Papers Referee for: SNAKS Study Group (2015, 2024); NAKS Biennial (2018, 2020)
Tenure and Promotion Reviews (*1)

Translation

“Kritik und Fortentwicklung der kantischen Theorie des Raums bei Gerold Prauss“ (from German to English) for Prof. Bernd Dörflinger (University of Trier)

Editorial Activities

Member of the Editorial Board for *Kant Yearbook* (since 2018)

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