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AREAS OF RESEARCH

Specialization: History of Philosophy, Philosophy of Language, Ethics

Competence: Political Philosophy/PPE, Post-Kantian Continental, Buddhist Philosophy, Philosophy of Religion, Logic

EDUCATION

Tulane University 2021–present
PH.D., Philosophy
Dissertation: *The Limits of Language and Philosophy*
(Committee: Richard Velkley (director), Ronna Burger, Oliver Sensen, and David Stern)

University of Iowa Spring 2024
Visiting PH.D. Student (Sponsored by David Stern)

City University of New York, Graduate Center 2020–2021
Philosophy Graduate Coursework

University of Chicago 2015–2016
M.A., Master of Arts Program in the Humanities (Philosophy & Cultural Policy)
Thesis: "The Threat in Hate Speech" (Advisor: Daniel Brudney)

St. John's College 2008–2011
B.A., Liberal Arts
Thesis: "The Student and the Song of Nietzsche" (Advisor: Jeff J.S. Black)

BOOK CHAPTERS

"Wittgenstein Plays the Pedal Steel" chapter in Heter, Joshua and Brett Coppenger, eds. *Country Music and Philosophy*. MacFarland and Co., 2025.

"The Comstock Apparatus" chapter in Canaday, Margot, Nancy F. Cott, and Robert O. Self, eds. *Intimate States: Gender, Sexuality, and Governance in Modern US History*. University of Chicago Press, 2021. Co-written with Jeffrey Escoffier and Whitney Strub.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS (PEER-REVIEWED)

"Opacity and Esotericism in Tractarian Elucidations" in Kanzian, Christian, Volker Munz, Joseph Wang-Kathrein, and Anja Weiberg eds. *50 Years Wittgenstein Symposium: Proceedings of the 47th International Wittgenstein Symposium*. De Gruyter, forthcoming 2027.

"Language and Methodological Limits in Wittgenstein and Hayek" in Gamero, Isabel G., Amadeusz Just, and Jasmin Trächtler, eds. *Feminist Philosophy — Language, Knowledge, and Politics: Proceedings of the 46th International Wittgenstein Symposium*. De Gruyter, 2026. Co-written with David Ween.

"Translating the *Tractatus* and Tractarian Ethics" in Passinsky, Asya, Julio De Rizzo, and Benjamin Schnieder, eds. *Facets of Reality — Contemporary Debates: Proceedings of the 45th International Wittgenstein Symposium*. De Gruyter, 2024.

SELECTED REVIEWS & OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Review of *Transcending Reason: Heidegger on Rationality*, Matthew Burch and Irene McMullin, eds. *Gatherings: The Heidegger Circle Annual* 13 (2023): 273-279.

Member Interview for American Philosophical Association blog, with Sabrina Hiralall. Online, 2021.

"The End of the Downtown Scene." Review of *I've Seen the Future and I'm Not Going*, by Peter McGough. CUNY Graduate Center: Gotham Center for NYC History Blog. Online, 2020. Co-written with Jeffrey Escoffier.

Alumni Connect Across Decades to Collaborate on Research Projects. Interview for St. John's College blog, with Kimberly Uslin. Online, 2019.

"Desire & Documentary in the Photography of Alvin Baltrop." CUNY Graduate Center: Gotham Center for NYC History Blog. Online, 2019. Co-written with Jeffrey Escoffier.

"Rough Paradise." Review of *Pier Groups,* by Jonathan Weinberg. CUNY Graduate Center: Gotham Center for NYC History Blog. Online, 2019. Co-written with Jeffrey Escoffier.

"Art's Great Good Place? Warhol's Silver Factory and Its Legacy." CUNY Graduate Center: Gotham Center for NYC History Blog. Online, 2019.

"Cutting Up the City in Crisis: Gordon Matta-Clark and Urban Commons." CUNY Graduate Center: Gotham Center for NYC History Blog. Online, 2018. Co-written with Jeffrey Escoffier.

"Relics of the Underground: The Afterlife of Cultural Spaces." Review of *Rock and Roll Explorer Guide to New York City,* by Mike Katz and Crispin Kott. CUNY Graduate Center: Gotham Center for NYC History Blog. Online, 2018. Co-written with Jeffrey Escoffier.

"Cracks in the Pre-Invented World: Disaster, Art, and the Sublime in New York, 1970 to 1992." CUNY Graduate Center: Gotham Center for NYC History Blog. Online, 2018. Co-written with Jeffrey Escoffier.

PAPERS IN PROGRESS

[Title redacted]	Currently under review
"Hayek's Critique of Language (In Mauthner's Sense")	Draft phase
"Wittgenstein's Heidegger"	Draft phase
Paper on Spinoza's philosophy of language and his method in *Ethics*	Draft phase
Paper on Language in Heidegger's Lectures on Aristotle	Draft phase

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

Research Residency Fellowship (Univ. of Vienna), Institute for Humane Studies ($6,000)	2026
SLA Graduate Student Summer Research Fellowship, Tulane University ($3,000)	2026

Human Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies, George Mason Univ.	2026
The Jerusalem & Athens Project, Graduate Student Summer Research Award, Tulane U.	2026
Institute for Humane Studies at George Mason Univ., Expense Award & Honorarium	2026
J.E. Land Fund Research Grant, Tulane University	2026
Center for Ethics Fellowship, Murphy Institute, Tulane University ($28,000)	2025-2026
SLA Graduate Student Summer Research Fellowship, Tulane University ($4,635)	2025
The Jerusalem & Athens Project, Graduate Student Summer Research Award, Tulane U.	2025
Institute for Humane Studies at George Mason University, Grant No. IHS019175	2025
Graduate Studies Student Association Travel Award, Tulane University	2025
Department Award for Excellence in the Teaching of Philosophy, Tulane University	2025
The Jerusalem & Athens Project, Graduate Student Summer Research Award, Tulane U.	2024
Institute for Humane Studies at George Mason University, Grant No. IHS017736	2024
Philosophy Department Travel Award, Tulane University	2024
Graduate Studies Student Association Travel Award, Tulane University	2024
RLST Gaisman Dissertation-Teaching Fellowship, Tulane University ($25,000)	2023-2024
Adam Smith Fellowship, Mercatus Center, George Mason University ($10,000)	2023–2024
Philosophy Department Travel Award, Tulane University	2023
Graduate Studies Student Association Travel Award, Tulane University	2023
Adam Smith Fellowship, Mercatus Center, George Mason University ($10,000)	2022–2023
Tulane University Fellowship Award	2021–present
Institute for New Economic Thinking, Young Scholars Travel Grant (2*x*)	2019
MAPH Research Grant, University of Chicago	2016

TALKS

† denotes refereed

"Opacity and Esotericism in Tractarian Elucidations."
47th International Wittgenstein Symposium, Kirchberg am Wechsel, Austria (August 2026). *†*

"Wittgenstein's Heidegger: The Wittgensteinian Reception of *Being & Time*."
7th International Meßkirch Heidegger Conference, Meßkirch, Germany (May 2026). *†*

"Hayek's Critique of Language."
Invited talk at the Conference *New Directions in Classical Liberal Thought and the Future of Liberalism*, University of San Diego, San Diego (February 2026).

Invited Comment on Rogio Severo's "Empirical Evidence of Indeterminacy of Translation: Cases from Amerindian Ethnography." American Philosophical Association (Eastern Division), Baltimore (January 2026).

"Language and Methodological Limits in Wittgenstein and Hayek."
46th International Wittgenstein Symposium, Kirchberg am Wechsel, Austria (August 2025). *†*

"The Ethics of Opacity in the *Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus*."
Graduate Student Research Series, Tulane University Department of Philosophy, New Orleans (April 2025).

"The Limits of Language & Scientific Methodology in Wittgenstein and Hayek."
89th Annual Meeting, Mississippi Academy of Sciences, Biloxi (March 2025).
Co-presented with David Ween (Tulane University). *†*

"Language and Its Limits in Jerusalem and Athens."
American Philosophical Association (Central Division), Remote (February 2025).

"Translating the *Tractatus* and Tractarian Ethics."
45th International Wittgenstein Symposium, Kirchberg am Wechsel, Austria (August 2024). †

"Lucky By Nature? Luck in Aristotle's *Nicomachean* and *Eudemian* Ethics."
American Philosophical Association (Eastern Division), New York City (January 2024).

Invited Comment on David Lindeman's "A Heideggerian Reading of the *Tractatus*."
American Philosophical Association (Eastern Division), New York City (January 2024).

"Lucky By Nature? Aristotle on Luck and Political Science."
Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Conference, New Orleans (January 2024). †

"Moral Vision and Environmental Ethics."
13th Salzburg Conference for Young Analytic Philosophy (SOPhiA), University of Salzburg, Salzburg (September 2023). †

"Moral Vision and Environmental Ethics."
Third Annual Philosophy in the Wild Conference (University of Pennsylvania), Poe Paddy State Park, Pennsylvania (July 2023). †

"Lucky By Nature? Aristotle on Luck and Political Science."
Southern Political Science Association's 2023 Virtual Summer Conference (June 2023). †

"Rethinking Heidegger on Rationality."
Graduate Student Research Series, Tulane University, New Orleans (March 2023).

"After the Land Ethic: Moral Vision and Environmental Ethics."
Tulane University Research, Innovation, and Creativity Summit, New Orleans (March 2023). Accepted yet unable to attend. †

"Beyond the Priory: Everyday Spiritual Spaces."
Tulane University Research, Innovation, and Creativity Summit, New Orleans (March 2023). Accepted yet unable to attend. Co-written with Giuliana Vaccarino Gearty (Tulane University, School of Architecture). †

"Wittgenstein & Heidegger on Ethical Knowledge."
American Philosophical Association (Eastern Division), Montreal (January 2023).

"Buddhist Moral Phenomenology's Epistemological Worry: Dinnāga & Dharmakīrti on Conceptual Distortion."
Gonzaga University Graduate Philosophy Conference, Gonzaga University, Spokane (April 2022). †

Comment on Jerome Romagosa's "Representational Deflationsism: Eliminativism or Anti-Naturalism?"
New Orleans Philosophical Society's Graduate Student Conference, Tulane University, New Orleans (March 2022).

"Writing an Undergraduate Philosophy Paper."
Invited lecture in Karl Schmid's Buddhist Philosophy course, Tulane University, New Orleans (February 2022).

"The Construction of Space: Crisis Urbanism, Architecture, and Alternative 'Conceptions of the Good'."
Philosophy of the City Summer Colloquium (2020, accepted yet postponed indefinitely due to COVID-19). With Giuliana Vaccarino Gearty (Tulane School of Architecture). †

"Beyond Robert Moses and Jane Jacobs: New York City's 1970s Economic Crisis and the Anarchitecture of Gordon Matta-Clark."
Social Science History Association (SSHA), Annual Conference, Chicago (November 2019). †

"An Economics of Historical Discontinuity."
Associazione Italiana per la Storia dell'Economia Politica, Università di Siena, Siena (June 2019). †

"Cutting Up the City: Gordon Matta-Clark and the Urban Commons."
Fourteenth International Conference on the Arts in Society, Lisbon Polytechnic University, Lisbon (June 2019). †

"Can We Design Culture? Interventions into Cultural Processes."
Thirteenth International Conference on Design Principles and Practices, Saint Petersburg State University, Saint Petersburg (attended remotely) (March 2019). †

"Justifying the Urban: Philosophical Foundations of Urban Economics."
University of Southern California, Inst. for New Economic Thinking, Los Angeles (January 2019). †

"Economy of the Closet"
Invited lecture in Christopher Mitchell's Global LGBT History course, Hunter College, City University of New York (October 2018).

TEACHING

AS INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD

Language & Thought (Tulane, undergraduate)	Fall 2026
Buddhist Philosophy and Philosophy of Language (Tulane, undergraduate) (Received Department Award for Excellence in the Teaching of Philosophy)	Spring 2025
Buddhist Philosophy and Philosophy of Language (Tulane, undergraduate)	Fall 2024
A Philosophical Approach to Religions of the World (Tulane, undergraduate)–*2 sections*	Fall 2023
Introduction to Philosophy: Environmental Ethics Emphasis (Tulane, undergraduate)	Spring 2023
Introduction to Philosophy (Tulane, undergraduate)	Fall 2022

AS TEACHING ASSISTANT

Buddhist Philosophy, *Karl Schmid* (*2x teaching assistant, 3x grader*) (Tulane)	2021–2024
Marcuse's *Eros & Civilization*, *Jeffrey Escoffier* (Brooklyn Inst. for Social Research)	Spring 2021
Sexual Revolution, *Jeffrey Escoffier* (Brooklyn Inst. for Social Research)	Spring 2019

PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING

Tulane University Philosophy Teaching Workshop (Tulane)	2022–2023
Essentials of Learning & Teaching, Center for Engaged Learning & Teaching (Tulane)	Spring 2022
Universal Design Learning Academy, Center for Engaged Learning & Teaching (Tulane)	Fall 2021

SELECTED WORKSHOPS

4th Intl. Ludwig Wittgenstein Workshop (U. Klagenfurt), *James Conant & David Finkelstein*	2026
3rd Intl. Ludwig Wittgenstein Workshop (U. Klagenfurt), *James Conant & David Finkelstein*	2025
2nd Intl. Ludwig Wittgenstein Workshop (U. Klagenfurt), *James Conant & David Finkelstein*	2024
Tulane University German Philosophy Workshop (co-founder & co-coordinator)	2023-present
Austrian Wittgenstein Society Summer School, *David Stern & Lars Hertzberg*	2023
1st Intl. Ludwig Wittgenstein Workshop (U. Klagenfurt), *James Conant & David Finkelstein*	2023
Austrian Wittgenstein Society Summer School, *Hans-Johann Glock & John Hyman*	2022
Universität Hamburg "The Hyperintensional Revolution," *Francesco Berto*	2020

ARCHIVAL WORK

Österreichische Nationalbibliothek, Vienna ("Hayek's Critique of Language…")	July 2026
Österreichische Nationalbibliothek, Vienna ("Language and Methodological…")	August 2025
Österreichische Nationalbibliothek, Vienna ("Translating the *Tractatus*…")	August 2024
Canadian Centre for Architecture, Montreal ("Cutting Up the City…")	April 2019
Smithsonian Institution Archives, D.C. ("Cultural Preservation in Wartime")	June-Aug. 2016

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Journal Referee for: *Ancient Philosophy*	2026-
PPE Society Annual Meeting, "Cultivating the Moral Subject: Locke and Smith," moderator	2026
47th International Ludwig Wittgenstein Symposium, "Wittgenstein: Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Science, Epistemology," chair	2026
Southern Political Science Association session, "Political Philosophy and its Applications," chair	2026
PPE Society Annual Meeting, "Embracing Limits in Environmental Ethics & Policy" and "Communication Norms and PPE," moderator	2025
Tulane University Graduate Studies Student Association, finance committee	2024-2025
Tulane University Graduate Studies Student Association, departmental representative	2024-2025
APA, Central Division Session "Moral Status," chair	2024
APA, Central Division Session "Standpoint Theory in Epistemology," chair	2024
Southern Political Science Association session, "Ancient Perspectives on Moral Knowledge and Political Science," organizer	2024
Tulane University German Philosophy Workshop, co-founder & co-coordinator	2023–present
Southern Political Science Association Panel "Political Theory," chair	2023
APA, Eastern Division Session "Naturalism and Moral Theory," chair	2023
New Orleans Philosophical Society's Graduate Philosophy Conference, referee & chair	2022

LANGUAGES

English (native), German (reading & intermediate speaking), French (reading), Ancient Greek (reading with dictionary)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Philosophical Association
Heidegger Circle
Mississippi Academy of Sciences
Nordic Wittgenstein Society
Philosophy of the City Research Group
Society for the Study of the History of Analytical Philosophy
Southern Political Science Association

REFERENCES

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