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APPOINTMENTS

- 2025-2027 Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy
Wabash College
- 2024-2025 Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy
Eckerd College
- 2021-2026 Instructor, Philosophy & Integrated Studies
Florida Gulf Coast University
- 2018-2024 Lecturer in Philosophy
California State University-Stanislaus

EDUCATION

- 2018 Ph.D., Philosophy, University of Oregon
- 2015 M.A., Philosophy, University of Oregon
- 2013 B.A., Philosophy, Webster University, *summa cum laude*, departmental honors

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Areas of Specialization:

Social and political philosophy, twentieth century philosophy
(especially critical & democratic theory, politics of climate change, history of political economy,
and right-wing thought)

Areas of Competence:

Ethics, logic, philosophy & film, phenomenology & existentialism, environmental philosophy

BOOKS

The Right-Wing Mirror of Critical Theory: Studies of Schmitt, Oakeshott, Hayek, Strauss, and Rand
Bloomsbury (2023)

Review by Sid Simpson in *The Review of Politics* 87.4 (2025): 629-631

Review by Charles Prusik in *Contemporary Political Theory* 24.2 (2025): 337-340

Review by Matthew McManus in *Marx & Philosophy Review of Books* (2024)

Review by Milo Ward in *New Political Science* 46.2 (2024): 200-201

Book session at the 16th Biennial Radical Philosophy Association Meeting, with comments by Alicia
Steinmetz (2024)

Democracy in Spite of the Demos: From Arendt to the Frankfurt School
Rowman and Littlefield International (2020)

Curriculum Vitae (Revised: 5.6.2026)

Review by Benjamin L. McKean in *Radical Philosophy Review* 24.2 (2021): 271-275
Symposium in *Critical Review* 36.1-2 (2024), with contributions by Christopher Holman (1-19),
Théophile Pénigaud (20-44), Benjamin Schupmann (45-68), and Andrew Norris (69-91)

EDITORIAL WORK

Guest co-editor of *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, special supplemental issue on climate ethics and politics (with Colin Macleod) (forthcoming 2026)

Guest editor of *Emancipations: A Journal of Critical Social Analysis*, special issue on economic planning (forthcoming 2026)

Editorial board member: *Das Argument* (2025-), *Capitalism Nature Socialism* (2025-)

JOURNAL ARTICLES – INVITED CONTRIBUTIONS

“Carbon Competence: A Primer”

Canadian Journal of Philosophy (forthcoming 2026)

“Power to the (Right) People: Reply to Critics”

Critical Review 36.1-2 (2024): 92-118

JOURNAL ARTICLES – PEER REVIEWED

“Is Democratic Theory Carbon Competent?”

Canadian Journal of Philosophy (forthcoming 2026)

“Confronting Mises in a Warming World: The Calculation Debate and Climate Change”

Review of Radical Political Economics (online first 2025)

“The People and the Population: Cabral, Democracy, and Climate Catastrophe”

Philosophy & Global Affairs 4.2 (2024): 270-298

“Climate Denial as Alienation: Four Types” (with Ashley Krieger)

Radical Philosophy Review 27.2 (2024): 257-285

“Degrowth or Class Struggle? A Critique of Matthew Huber’s *Climate Change as Class War*”
(with Peter A. LaVenía)

Capitalism Nature Socialism 35.4 (2024): 40-61

“The Contradiction between Use-Value and Exchange-Value: Ecology, Imperialism, and the Telos of Production” (with Elizabeth Portella)

Emancipations: A Journal of Critical Social Analysis 3.1 (2024)

“The Formal and Real Subsumption of Gender Relations” (with Elizabeth Portella)

Historical Materialism 32.3 (2024): 353-384

“What is ‘Totalitarian’ Today? Arendt after the Climate Breakdown”

Philosophy Today 67.2 (2023): 35-49

“Climate Change and the Irrational Society” (with Iaan Reynolds)

Theory & Event 26.3 (2023): 559-575

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- “From the Epistemology of Ignorance to *Rassenwahn*: Thinking Ideology with Mills and Adorno”
Constellations 28.3 (2021): 368-378
- “Schmitt’s Democratic Dialectic: on the Limits of Democracy as a Value”
Philosophy and Social Criticism 47.6 (2021): 681-701
- “Climate X or Climate Jacobin? A Critical Exchange on Our Planetary Future”
(with Russell Duvernoy)
Radical Philosophy Review 23.2 (2020): 175-200
- “Radical Democracy with what *Demos*? Mouffe and Laclau after the Rise of the Right”
Radical Philosophy Review 21.2 (2018): 225-248
- “History as Chiasm, Chiasm as History”
Philosophy Today 62.1 (2018): 285-298
- “Narcissus and the Transcendental: Merleau-Ponty, Deleuze, and the Challenge of Meillassoux”
(with Billy Dean Goehring)
Chiasmi International 19 (2017): 401-416
- “Two Women in Flight in Beauvoir’s Fiction”
Southwest Philosophy Review 33.1 (2017): 105-114
- “Who are the True Machiavellians? Althusser and Merleau-Ponty Reading *The Prince*”
(with Elizabeth Portella)
Rethinking Marxism 29.3 (2017): 405-415
- “It’s a Good Life? Adorno and the Happiness Machine”
Constellations 23.4 (2016): 523-535
- “Anti-Intellectualism’s Not Dead: Romano, Lysaker, and American Philosophy”
The Pluralist 11.2 (2016): 49-63
- “*Westworld*: Ideology, Simulation, Spectacle”
Mediations 30.1 (2016): 25-38
- “Sleepwalker: Arendt, Thoughtlessness, and the Question of Little Eichmanns”
Social Philosophy Today 31 (2015): 53-69
- “The Violence of the Political and the Politics of Violence: *Dirty Hands* Reconsidered”
Sartre Studies International 21.1 (2015): 53-74
- “What is a Working-Class Intellectual?” (with Billy Dean Goehring)
Rhizomes 27 (2014)

BOOK CHAPTERS

- “Between Malthus and Lysenko: Ecological Marxism and Ecological Limits”
Green Thinking: Ideologies and Environmental Politics, ed. Devin K. Joshi.
Routledge (forthcoming 2026)
- “Looking Like Number Twelve”
The Twilight Zone and Philosophy, ed. Alexander E. Hooke and Heather Rivera.

Curriculum Vitae (Revised: 5.6.2026)

Open Court, 2018, 205-213

BOOK REVIEWS / REVIEW ESSAYS

Review of Joan Braune, *Understanding and Countering Fascist Movements*
Radical Philosophy Review 29.1 (forthcoming 2026)

Review of Matthew McManus, *The Political Right and Equality*
Radical Philosophy Review 26.6 (2023): 329-333

“Degrowth and the Future of Capitalism: A Critical Review of Recent Literature”
Emancipations: A Journal of Critical Social Analysis 2.1 (2023)

Review of Megan Blomfield, *Global Justice, Natural Resources, and Climate Change*
Contemporary Political Theory 22.1 (2023): 14-17

WRITINGS FOR A GENERAL AUDIENCE

“Critical Theory and its Right-Wing Double”
Politics and Rights Review, February 2025
<https://politicsrights.com/critical-theory-and-its-right-wing-double/>

“The State of Climate Exception”
Blog of the American Philosophical Association, March 2022
<https://blog.apaonline.org/2022/03/17/the-state-of-climate-exception/>
Reprinted by the Institute of Art and Ideas

“‘The People’ versus Democracy: A New Dilemma”
Cicero Foundation Great Debate Paper, no. 20 /01, April 2020

“What is Critical Theory’s Role Today?”
Blog of the American Philosophical Association, June 2018
<https://blog.apaonline.org/2018/06/14/what-is-critical-theorys-role-today/>

SCHOLARLY INTERVIEWS

“Democratic Dysfunction and Climate Catastrophe”
Interview by Mike O’Brien for 3 Quarks Daily, April 2025
<https://3quarksdaily.com/3quarksdaily/2025/04/democratic-dysfunction-and-climate-catastrophe-a-conversation-with-political-philosopher-larry-busk.html>

New Books Network podcast episode on *The Right-Wing Mirror of Critical Theory*
Interview by Morteza Hajizadeh, December 2024
<https://newbooksnetwork.com/the-right-wing-mirror-of-critical-theory>

HONORS AND AWARDS

2026 Stephenson Institute Summer Support Grant
(\$3,000 stipend to develop syllabus for “what is capitalism?” course and draft review
essay on recently published literature)

Curriculum Vitae (Revised: 5.6.2026)

- 2018 Joe Frank Jones III Graduate Student Essay Award
(award for best graduate student paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World)
- 2016 DAAD Intensive Language Course Grant
(for summer language study in Germany; declined)
- 2014 Philosophy Matters Award, University of Oregon
(annual award for best graduate student essay)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS - REFEREED

- 2026 “Is Democratic Theory Carbon Competent? The Case of Lafont’s *Democracy without Shortcuts*”
64th Meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP), Loyola University, Chicago
- “Emergency Money: The Climate Crisis ‘in the Long Run’”
Annual Meeting of the Association for Political Theory, University of Michigan
- 2025 “Is Democratic Theory Carbon Competent?”
Annual Meeting of the Association for Political Theory, Loyola University Chicago
- “Degrowth and its Critics”
Inaugural Conference of the Society for Peace, Internationalism, and Ecology (SPINE), Villanova University
- 2023 “Four Types of Climate Denial” (with Ashley Krieger)
Annual Meeting of the Association for Political Theory, Union College
- 2022 “The People and the Population: Cabral, Democracy, and Climate Breakdown”
15th Biennial Conference of the Radical Philosophy Association,
University of North Florida
- “Democracy and Popular Climate Skepticism”
Annual Meeting of the Association for Political Theory, University of Houston
- 2021 “Whose State of Exception? Critical Theory and the Climate Emergency”
14th Biennial Conference of the Radical Philosophy Association, Online
- “Is Ideology Critique Elitist? Adorno, Ishiguro, and Climate Skepticism”
59th Meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP), Online
- “Climate Change and Totalitarian Logic”
14th Meeting of the Hannah Arendt Circle, Loyola University, Online
- 2019 “From the Epistemology of Ignorance to *Rassenwahn*: Thinking Ideology with Mills and Adorno”
58th Meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP), Pittsburgh

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“False Democracy or False *Demos*? Climate Skepticism and Social Delusion”
27th Annual Critical Theory Roundtable, McMaster University, Canada

“Beauvoir and the Contemporary Right”
Diverse Lineages of Existentialism II, Washington D.C.

“Arendt and Climate Change: Limits and Promises” (with Lucy Benjamin)
13th Meeting of the Hannah Arendt Circle, University of Alberta, Canada

2018 “From False Democracy to False *Demos*: Adorno, Marcuse, and Climate Skepticism”
57th Meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP),
Penn State

“Right-wing Populism and Democratic Values: A Challenge from the Frankfurt
School”
25th Meeting of the Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World, Portland

“Politics of *Doxa* and Politics of Truth: Arendt’s Ambivalent Legacy in Radical
Democratic Theory”
12th Meeting of the Hannah Arendt Circle, UC Davis

“The Incompetence Principle: Political Philosophy and ‘The People’”
New Directions in the Study of Populism workshop, Arizona State University

2017 “Democracy and the Rise of the Right: The Case of Rancière”
56th Meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP),
Memphis

“Political Violence as Beginning and End: Arendt and Sartre”
23rd Meeting of the North American Sartre Society, CSU Northridge

“Democracy in Spite of the *Demos*?”
Critical Theory Workshop/*Atelier de Théorie Critique*, Paris

“Arendt, Adorno, and ‘Post-Truth’ Politics”
Arendt and Critical Theory Today: 2nd Istanbul Critical Theory Conference,
Oldenburg, Germany

“Islands of Freedom and Seas of Necessity: Arendt’s Disjunctive Political Ontology”
1st Critical Social Ontology Workshop, St. Louis University

“Democracy and the Rise of the Right: The Case of Rancière”
7th Southwest Seminar in Continental Philosophy, Los Angeles

2016 “Beauvoir’s Political Thought in Neglect”
23rd Simone de Beauvoir Society Conference, Superior WI

2015 “History as Chiasm, Chiasm as History”
40th Meeting of the International Merleau-Ponty Circle, Worcester MA

“Paris by Brassai and Sartre” (with Caitlin Zera)
Philosophy of the City conference, Portland

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“Metaphors against the Consumer Society in Nietzsche and Kafka”
7th Meeting of the Pacific Association for the Continental Tradition (PACT), Seattle

“Rorty’s Critique of Metaphysics and the Critique of Ideology”
Traditions of Ideology Critique: the 9th Annual Meeting of the International Society for MacIntyrean Enquiry, St. Louis

“When is Being a Woman Enough?”
32nd International Social Philosophy Conference, Liberty MO

“When is Being a Woman Enough?”
Main program, Annual Meeting of the Central Division of the American Philosophical Association (APA), St. Louis

2014 “Aphoristic Life: Nietzsche, Adorno, and the Philosophy of Fragments”
53rd Meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP),
New Orleans

“Sleepwalker: Arendt, Thoughtlessness, and the Question of Little Eichmanns”
31st International Social Philosophy Conference, Ashland OR

“*Westworld*: Reality, Simulation, and Ideology”
6th Meeting of the Pacific Association for the Continental Tradition (PACT), Los
Angeles

“Critics and Comrades: Sartre and Merleau-Ponty on Koestler’s Dilemma”
The Diverse Lineages of Existentialism, St. Louis

“Prescribed Happiness and Objective Illness: Adorno on Inner Health”
7th International Critical Theory Conference of Rome

INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND TALKS

2026 Comments on James Chamberlain’s *Living through Capitalism*
17th Biennial Conference of the Radical Philosophy Association, Los Angeles

“Schmitt at the Fed”
Continental Philosophy Workshop of the Lowest Midwest, Denison University

2025 “Did Marx Misunderstand Money?”
Continental Philosophy Workshop of the Lowest Midwest, Wabash College

“Is Democratic Theory Carbon Competent?”
Workshop in conjunction with the *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* special issue on
climate ethics and politics, University of Victoria

Participant, keynote alumni panel on the philosophy of friendship
19th Annual Webster University Undergraduate Philosophy Conference

“The Contradiction between Use-Value and Exchange-Value” (with Eli Portella)
Authors-meet-critics panel, with comments by Albena Azmanova and Jeta Mulaj,
online event curated by the Critical Theory Workshop

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- 2024 Book session for *The Right-Wing Mirror of Critical Theory*
16th Biennial Conference of the Radical Philosophy Association, Salt Lake City
- Comments on Joan Braune's *Understanding and Confronting Fascist Movements*
16th Biennial Conference of the Radical Philosophy Association, Salt Lake City
- "What is Ecological Leninism?"
Radical Philosophy Association panel, Annual Meeting of the Central Division of the American Philosophical Association (APA), New Orleans
- 2023 "To Coexist One Must First Exist: Cabral and the Climate Catastrophe"
The Anti-Colonial Tradition, online event curated by the Critical Theory Workshop
- 2021 "Climate Jacobin: the Possibility and Necessity of a Rationally Planned Society"
Radical Philosophy Hour, online event curated by the Radical Philosophy Association
- "Climate Change and the State of Exception"
Philosophy & Religion Conversations, Ball State University, online
- 2020 Book session for *Democracy in Spite of the Demos*
Critical Theory Workshop/*Atelier de Théorie Critique*, online
- 2019 "Climate Change and the State of Exception"
Pulling the Emergency Brake: A Symposium on the Climate Crisis, CSU Stanislaus
- 2018 "Between the Democratic Turn and the Incompetence Principle"
Colloquium Series, Department of Philosophy & Modern Languages, CSU Stanislaus
- 2015 Comments on Dimitris Apostolopoulos, "Flesh, Intentionality, and Constitution" Main program, Annual Meeting of the Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association (APA), Vancouver, Canada

TEACHING

Wabash College (fall 2025-fall 2026)

- PHI 110: Philosophical Ethics
- PPE329/PHI319: What is Capitalism?
- PPE218/PHI218: Philosophy of Commerce
- PPE329/PHI319: Money
- PPE228/PHI 219: Conservative Political Thought
- PPE200: Introduction to PPE (co-taught with Joyce Burnette)
- PPE215/PHI215: Environmental Philosophy
- PPE329/PHI319: Democracy and its Critics
- PPE400: Senior Seminar for PPE (co-taught with Ryan Liou)

Eckerd College (fall 2024-spring 2025)

- PL210M: Symbolic Logic
- PL104H: Introduction to Ethics
- HU102H: Money
- WT1H: Philosophy of Love through Film
- PL243E: Environmental Ethics (2 sections)

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PL102M: Introduction to Logic

Florida Gulf Coast University (fall 2021-summer 2026)

PHI 2620: Environmental Ethics (4 sections, online)

PHI 4905: Modal Logic (directed independent study)

PHH 3930/EVR 6936: Philosophy and Climate Change

PHI 1630: Contemporary Moral Issues (6 sections, 4 online)

PHI 3130: Logic

PHI 2016: Philosophy through Film (8 sections, 7 online)

PHI 1010: Introduction to Philosophy

HUM 2395: Environmental Humanities

HUM 1931: Humanities and Social Issues: Climate Change

HUM 1020: Introduction to Humanities (5 sections)

California State University, Stanislaus (fall 2018-spring 2024)

PHIL 3050: Existentialism (online)

PHIL 2700: Introduction to Political Philosophy (3 sections, online)

PHIL 4430: Bioethics (1 section, online)

PHIL 2500: Philosophy and Film (4 sections, online)

PHIL 4401: Professional Ethics (12 sections, 4 online)

PHIL 2000/2005: Critical Thinking/Honors (7 sections, 1 online)

PHIL 2400: Contemporary Moral Issues (3 sections, 1 online)

PHIL 2100: Logic (2 sections, online)

PHIL 1010: Introduction to Philosophy (6 sections, 1 online)

University of Oregon (as instructor of record) (spring 2015-summer 2018)

PHIL 110: Human Nature (online)

PHIL 325: Logic, Inquiry, and Argumentation (2 sections)

PHIL 216: Philosophy and Cultural Diversity

PHIL 323: Moral Theory

PHIL 101: Philosophical Problems

PHIL 309: Global Justice

PHIL 102: Ethics

PHIL 170: Love and Sex

PHIL 130: Philosophy and Pop Culture

SERVICE

Article and Book Proposal Referee

American Journal of Political Science

Arendt Studies

Capitalism Nature Socialism

Constellations

Emancipations

Energy Research & Social Science

Epoché: Journal for the History of Philosophy

Journal of Social Philosophy

Parrhesia

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Philosophy & Social Criticism

Polity

Radical Philosophy Review

Rowman and Littlefield International

Social Theory and Practice

Southwest Philosophy Review

Conference Organizing:

Program committee, 18th Biennial Conference of the Radical Philosophy Association (2026)

Co-organizer, workshop in conjunction with the *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* special issue on climate ethics and politics, University of Victoria (May 2025)

University Service, Wabash College:

Committee member, comprehensive exams for PPE majors (question design and evaluation)

Departmental Service, University of Oregon:

Graduate Studies Committee (2017-2018), Committee of the Whole (2015-2016), Colloquia and Events Committee (2014-2015) (all elected)

Union Service, Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation, AFT Oregon Local 03544:

Departmental Steward/Executive Council Member (2016-2017, elected)

LANGUAGES

Reading/translation: French and German

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Philosophical Association, Association for Political Theory, Radical Philosophy Association, Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy

REFERENCES - RESEARCH

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REFERENCES – TEACHING

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