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Areas of Specialization

Moral and political philosophy; the history of moral and political philosophy (esp. Kant)

Areas of Competence

PPE; moral psychology; the history of modern philosophy

Employment

- 2022- Assistant Professor
Department of Philosophy
Purdue University
- 2019-2022 Assistant Professor (research)
Department of History and Philosophy
University of New Orleans
- 2019-2022 Assistant Director
Urban Entrepreneurship and Policy Institute
University of New Orleans
- 2018-2019 Post-Doctoral Research Fellow
The Freedom Project
Wellesley College

Education

- 2018 PhD, Philosophy
University of California, San Diego, La Jolla, CA
Dissertation: Political Obligations and Provisional Rights: A Study in Kant's Politics of Freedom (awarded the Chancellor's Dissertation Medal)
- 2013 M.A., Philosophy
Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA
- 2011 B.A., Philosophy
Wagner College, Staten Island, NY

Publications

Book

2023 (exp.) *Private Censorship*. Oxford University Press. (under contract)

Edited Volume

2022 *New Directions in the Ethics and Politics of Free Speech*. Routledge.

Journal Articles and Book Chapters

- 2023 (exp.) Two Notions of Political Freedom in Kant. In (Hirsch and Brecher ed.) *Law and Morality in Kant*.
- 2022 Public Calls for Censorship as Bad Speech. *Journal of Free Speech Law*. 2(1).
- 2022 "Ethics in Conversation: Why Mere Civility is Not Enough," *Georgetown Journal of Law and Public Policy*.
- 2022 Legal Protections for Employer Speech: Narrower, if at All. *Palgrave Studies in Classical Liberalism*.
- 2021 Resistance at the Border: Kantian Political Theory and the Refugee Crisis. *Journal of Applied Philosophy*.
- 2021 Kant Against Legal Paternalism. *Proceedings of the 13th International Kant Congress*.
- 2021 The Postulate of Private Right and Kant's Semi-Historical Principles of Just Holdings. *British Journal of the History of Philosophy* 29(1), 64-83.
- 2020 Freedom of Expression and the Liberalism of Fear: A defense of the darker Mill. *Philosophers' Imprint*, vol. 20(34), 1-17.
- 2020 The Paradox of Outer Necessitation in (and after) Kant's 1784 course on *Naturrecht*. In (Margit Ruffing, Annika Schlitte, and Gianluca Sadun Bordoni Ed.), *Kants Naturrecht Feyerabend: Analysen und Perspektiven*, De Gruyter.
- 2020 Reasonable Pluralism about Desert-Presupposing Moral Responsibility: A Conditional Defense. *Journal of Value Inquiry*, 55(1), 189-208.
- 2020 Morals From Rationality Alone? Some Doubts (with David Wiens). *Politics, Philosophy, and Economics* (published online first).
- 2019 Kant's Provisionality Thesis, *Kantian Review*, 24(3), 439-463.
- 2016 Desert in liberal justice: beyond institutional guarantees, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, 46(2), 248-267.
- 2017 Kant, Smith, and the Place of Virtue in Political and Economic Organization, in (Elizabeth Robinson and Chris Surprenant Ed.), *Kant and the Scottish Enlightenment*, Routledge.

2015 Situationism and the Neglect of Negative Moral Education (with Chris Surprenant), *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, 18(4), 835-849.

Book Reviews and Shorter Pieces

2022 (exp.) *Being and Freedom* by John Skorupski. *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, forthcoming.

2022 Entry on Waldron, Jeremy. Encyclopedia for the Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy.

2014 *Mill's Progressive Principles* by David O. Brink. *The Journal of Value Inquiry*, 47(4), 161-166.

Presentations

Peer-Reviewed Conferences

- 2022 "The Marketplace of Ideas and Norms of Conversation"
Society for Politics, Philosophy and Economics
- 2019 "The Ethics and Politics of Private Censorship"
MANCEPT: Political Theory Beyond the State, University of Manchester, U.K.
- 2019 "Kant Against Paternalism"
International Kant Congress, University of Oslo
- 2019 "Assessing the Costs and Benefits of Regulation: On the Limits of Regulatory Oversight"
Society for Politics, Philosophy and Economics
- 2018 "Laws to Ourselves, Laws to Others: Right and Outer Necessitation in (and after) Kant's 1784 course on *Naturrecht*"
Die Stellung des „Naturrechts Feyerabend“ innerhalb der Entwicklung des kantischen Moraldenkens Analysen und Perspektiven
- 2018 "What's Really Wrong with Property in the State of Nature, for Kant?"
Society for Politics, Philosophy and Economics
- 2017 "Ideals in Kant's Politics" (with Lucy Allais)
European Consortium for Political Research, University of Oslo
- 2017 "The Problem of Limited Government"
Society for Politics, Philosophy and Economics
- 2016 "Kant, Smith, and the Place of Virtue in Political and Economic Organization"
History of Philosophy Roundtable (UCSD)
- 2016 "Justice and Enforceability" (poster presentation)
Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress
- 2016 "Toward Secular Salvation"
Pacific Meeting, Society for Christian Philosophers
- 2014 "Transcendental Idealism, Freedom and Teleology: Grounding Kant's Theory of Moral Obligation"
Pacific Meeting of the American Philosophical Association
- 2013 "Morality, Self-Respect, and the Priority of Liberty"
7th Annual Felician Ethics Conference

Invited Talks

- 2022 "Ethics in Conversation: Why Mere Civility is Not Enough"
Georgetown Symposium on the Ethics of Free Speech
- 2021 "Academic Boycotts: A qualified defense"
Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association
- 2021 "Political Resistance and Provisional Right"
Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association

2020	“Two Conceptions of Freedom in Kant’s Political Philosophy” University of Gottingen
2020	“Strategic Political Speech: Two Cheers for Civility” Wellesley College
2019	“Private Censors” Virginia Tech University; University of South Florida; University of Tampa; Tulane University
2019	“Freedom of Expression and the Liberalism of Fear: A defense of the darker Mill” Wellesley College, <i>The Freedom Project</i>
2018	“The Right to Obscene Work” University of New Orleans
2018	“Laws to Ourselves, Laws to Others: External Right and Outer Necessitation between 1784 and 1797” Goethe-Universität, Frankfurt, a.M.
2013	“Morality, Self-Respect, and the Priority of Liberty” <i>The Alexis de Tocqueville Project</i> (University of New Orleans)

Awards

2020	Free Speech and Open Inquiry Grant (\$8000)
2020-2022	IHS Grant for NOPE Roundtable (\$13000)
2019	UCSD Chancellor’s Dissertation Medal
2017-2018	UCSD Frontiers for Innovation Scholarship Program (\$25,000)
2017-2018	DAAD (German Academic Exchange) Fellowship (€12,000)
2013-2017	Humane Studies Fellowship

Service

2020-2022	Mentor, Tolmas Scholars Program, University of New Orleans
2019-2022	Coordinator--New Orleans Political Economy Roundtable (NOPE)
2019-2022	Director, Tocqueville Scholars Program at the University of New Orleans
2017-2022	Referee (<i>Philosophers’ Imprint; Economics and Philosophy; Kantian Review; Social Theory and Practice; Ergo, Erasmus Journal of Philosophy and Economics; Southern Journal of Philosophy; Politics, Philosophy, and Economics; Canadian Journal of Philosophy; Erkenntnis; British Journal of the History of Philosophy</i>)
2018	Visiting research fellow and academic liaison for <i>The Freedom Project</i> at Wellesley College
2018	Session Chair: Current Theories of Legal Obligation, Goethe-universität
2015-2018	Advisory Board Member for UCSD’s Summer Program for Women in Philosophy
2014-2016	Graduate Student Representative, UCSD
2014	Session Chair: UCSD’s Conference on the Metaphysics and Ethics of Omissions
2012	GSU Phi Sigma Tau, Vice President

Professional References

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Richard Arneson (rarneson@ucsd.edu)
Lucy Allais (lallais@ucsd.edu)
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