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RESEARCH AREAS

AOS Nineteenth-century European philosophy, moral psychology, philosophy of emotion, ethics
AOC Twentieth-century European philosophy, existentialism, environmental philosophy

EMPLOYMENT

California State University, San Bernardino	
Associate Professor of Philosophy	2022-present
Assistant Professor of Philosophy	2019-2022
Butler University (Indianapolis, IN)	
Assistant Professor of Philosophy	2017-2019
<i>Affiliate: Gender, Women, and Sexuality Studies</i>	

EDUCATION

Ph.D. The University of New Mexico, Philosophy (with distinction).	June 2017
B.A. New York University, Philosophy (with honors), <i>magna cum laude</i> .	May 2010

RESEARCH

Books

1. *The Problem of Affective Nihilism in Nietzsche*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan. (June 2020)
Paperback edition published in June 2021.

Reviews:

- (i) Paul Katsafanas, *Notre Dame Philosophical Review*. (2022)
- (ii) Lawrence Hatab, *Journal of Nietzsche Studies*. (2022)
- (iii) Osman Allaga and Muhamed Abdelmageed, *Revista de Filosofia Aurora*. (2022)
- (iv) Rebecca Bamford, *Human Studies*. (forthcoming)

Book symposia:

- (i) Author-meets-critics session with Mark Alfano, Ken Gemes, and Paul Katsafanas. 95th Annual Pacific Meeting of the American Philosophical Association. (2021)
- (ii) Author-meets-critics session with Rebecca Bamford and Lawrence Hatab. 60th Annual Meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy. (2022)

2. *What Doesn't Kill Me: Living Better with Nietzsche*. Princeton University Press. (under contract)
 - Trade book that brings Nietzsche's philosophical psychology together with his reflections on suffering, self-affirmation, and nihilism to show how his thought can help us live psychologically healthier lives.
3. *Nietzsche on Nihilism*. Cambridge University Press. (under contract)

Edited Volume

1. Cambridge Elements: *The Philosophy of Friedrich Nietzsche*, ed. Kaitlyn Creasy and Matthew Meyer. New York: Cambridge University Press. (under contract)
 - Series to contain approximately 30 short book-length scholarly treatments of central topics in Nietzsche’s thought. Contributions to be published beginning in 2024.

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

11. “Nietzschean Decadence as Agential Disunity.” *Journal of Nietzsche Studies*. (forthcoming)
10. “Morality and Feeling Powerful: Nietzsche’s Power-Based Sentimental Pragmatism” *Inquiry*. Online-first access. (2023) <https://doi.org/10.1080/0020174X.2023.2240844>
9. “Nietzsche on the Sociality of Emotional Experience.” *European Journal of Philosophy*. Online-first access. (2022) <https://doi.org/10.1111/ejop.12818>
8. “Making Knowledge the Most Powerful Affect: Overcoming Affective Nihilism.” *Journal of Nietzsche Studies*. 50:2 (2019) <https://doi.org/10.5325/jnietstud.50.2.0210>
7. “On the Problem of Affective Nihilism.” *Journal of Nietzsche Studies*. 49:1 (2018) <https://doi.org/10.5325/jnietstud.49.1.0031>
6. “Environmental Nihilism: Reading Nietzsche Against New Conservationism” *Environmental Philosophy*. 17:2 (2017) <https://doi.org/10.5840/envirophil201791153>

Papers in Edited Volumes

5. “Against Heidegger’s Nietzsche as Technological Thinker” in *Who is Heidegger’s Nietzsche?* Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. (under contract)
4. “Sexism is Exhausting: Nietzsche and the Affective Dynamics of Sexist Oppression” *Nietzsche and Politicized Identities*. Albany, NY: SUNY Press. (forthcoming in April 2024)
3. “Nietzsche on the Re-naturalization of Humanity in *Thus Spoke Zarathustra*” in *Nietzsche’s Thus Spoke Zarathustra: A Critical Guide*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. (2022)
2. “Contending with New Conservationism” in *Conservation: Integrating Social and Ecological Justice*. New York: Springer. (2020)
1. “The Birth of Dada out of the Spirit of Nihilism” in *Understanding Nietzsche, Understanding Modernism*. New York: Bloomsbury. (2019)

Invited Commentaries (published)

1. Rethinking Nihilism and Resisting Heidegger’s Nietzsche in Tracy Llanera’s *Outgrowing Modern Nihilism*. *Philosophical Forum*. (2022)

Public Philosophy and Interviews

7. “You can be loved and still be lonely. Philosophy can help explain why.” Interview with NPR Phoenix/KJZZ. [\[Link\]](#)
6. “Loved, yet lonely.” *Aeon*. [\[Link\]](#)
5. “For Nietzsche, nihilism goes deeper than ‘life is pointless.’” *Psyche*. 2023. [\[Link\]](#)
4. “Three Therapies for the Affective Nihilist: Talking to Kaitlyn Creasy.” LA Review of Books Blog. 2020. [\[Link\]](#)
3. Interviewee for “Is This the End of American Optimism?” *Vox*. 2020. [\[Link\]](#)
2. “Envisioning a Nietzschean Land Ethic.” *Ecological Citizen*. 2020. [\[Link\]](#)
1. APA Member Interview. Blog of the *American Philosophical Association*. 2020. [\[Link\]](#)

Book Reviews

6. *Nietzsche's Earth* by Gary Shapiro (University of Chicago Press, 2016) in the *Journal of Nietzsche Studies*. (2023)
5. *Nietzsche's Moral Psychology* by Mark Alfano (Cambridge University Press, 2019) in the *Journal of Nietzsche Studies*. (2022)
4. *Individuality and Beyond: Nietzsche Reads Emerson* by Benedetta Zavatta (Oxford University Press, 2019) in the *Journal of the History of Philosophy*. (2021)
3. *Friedrich Nietzsche and European Nihilism* by Paul van Tongeren (Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2018) in *The Agonist*. 7:1 (2018)
2. *Naturalizing Heidegger* by David E. Storey (SUNY Press, 2015) in the *Journal of Nietzsche Studies*. 48:2 (2017)
1. *Plato and Nietzsche: Their Philosophical Art* by Mark Anderson (Bloomsbury, 2014) in *Ancient Philosophy*. 36 (2016)

Invited Talks

12. Title TBD. University of London, Birkbeck. (June 2024)
11. Title TBD. IFILNOVA Nietzsche Seminar. Lisbon, Portugal. (June 2024)
10. Text seminar leader: "Nietzsche on the Philosophers of the Future." The History of Philosophy Society. (April 2024)
9. "Self-Knowledge and Self-Understanding, Again." Bombay Beach Biennale. (March 2024)
- 7-8. "Nietzsche on Constructing Emotions."
2024 Meeting of the American Society for Existential Phenomenology. (Jan. 2024)
SUNY-Binghamton. (2023)
6. "Nietzschean Self-Affirmation: Against Authenticity." Utah Valley University. (2023)
5. "Exhausting Environmental Optimism." University of Maine. (2021)
- 3-4. "Nietzsche on Sociocultural Impacts on Emotions."
University of London, Birkbeck. (2021)
Friedrich Nietzsche Society's Works in Progress Series. (2021)
2. "Resisting Human Exceptionalism in the Anthropocene: Nietzsche's Ecocentrism."
Nietzsche in the Northeast. (2020) (*canceled due to COVID-19*)
1. "Nietzschean Nihilisms: Distinctions and Interactions." Quinnipiac University. (2019)

Presentations

- "On Loneliness and Really Being Seen."
98th Annual Pacific Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, March 2024.
- "Lonely Extremists: Rejecting Dependence and Refusing Vulnerability"

- Politicized Loneliness: Perspectives on Hate, Extremism, and Radicalization, University of Helsinki, March 2024.
- “Nietzsche’s Changing Conceptions of Self-Affirmation: From Authenticity to Empowerment”
28th Annual Meeting of the Friedrich Nietzsche Society, September 2023.
- “Emotional Dominance and Psycho-Physiological Decadence”
North American Nietzsche Society, Brown University, October 2022.
27th Annual Meeting of the Friedrich Nietzsche Society, September 2022.
- “Stubborn Social Emotions and their Harms”
97th Annual Pacific Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, April 2023.
39th International Social Philosophy Conference, July 2022.
- “The Affective Freedom of Nietzsche’s Free Spirit”
North American Nietzsche Society, Georgia State University, October 2021.
- “Nietzsche on Sociocultural Impacts on Emotions”
26th Annual Meeting of the Friedrich Nietzsche Society (virtual), September 2021.
Southwest Seminar in Continental Philosophy, May 2021.
- “Nietzsche’s Proto-Ecocentrism: On Cultivating an Ecological Conscience.”
94th Annual Pacific Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, April 2020. (*cancelled due to COVID-19*)
- “Nietzsche on Affect, Self-Knowledge, and Personal Transformation.”
57th Meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, October 2018.
- “Nietzsche on Nihilism, Affect, and Agency.”
North American Nietzsche Society, Stanford University, October 2018.
- “Contending with New Conservationism.”
Humanities Without Walls, Indiana University, May 2018.
International Society of Environmental Ethics at the 92nd Annual Pacific APA, March 2018.
Irish Philosophical Society, Carlowe College, November 2017.
- “How to Feel Differently: The Problem of Affective Nihilism in Nietzsche.”
23rd Annual Meeting of the Friedrich Nietzsche Society, September 2017.
- “Environmental Nihilism: Reading Nietzsche Against New Conservationism.”
91st Annual Pacific Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, April 2017.
- “Thinking Self-Transformation and Openness.”
55th Annual Meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, October 2016.
- “The Limits of Self-Determination in Nietzsche.”
21st Annual Meeting of the Friedrich Nietzsche Society, September 2015.
- “Finding Love in Nietzsche: from the *Untimely Meditations* through *Thus Spoke Zarathustra*.”
20th Annual Meeting of the Friedrich Nietzsche Society, September 2014.

Invited Commentaries

Commentary on Bernard Reginster's *The Will to Nothingness* (Oxford University Press). 119th Annual Eastern Meeting of the American Philosophical Association. (2023)

Comments on "Pessimism and the Affirmation of Life: Nietzsche's Music-Making Socrates" by Peter Stewart-Kroeker. 96th Annual Pacific Meeting of the American Philosophical Association. (2022)

Comments on "Dionysian Women: Hedwig Dohm's Feminist Critique of Nietzschean Life Affirmation" by Katie Brennan. WIP Series for *Extending New Narratives in Philosophy*, an organization committed to "retrieving philosophical works of women and individuals from... marginalized groups." (2021)

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Professors Across Borders Award (university-wide), <i>California State University, San Bernardino</i>	2023
Dean's Research Grant (course release), <i>California State University, San Bernardino</i>	2023
Office of Academic Research Grant (course release), <i>California State University, San Bernardino</i>	2022
Postdoctoral Research Leave Fellowship, <i>American Association of University Women</i> (\$30,000)	2021-22
Dean's Summer Research Fellowship, <i>California State University, San Bernardino</i>	2020, 2021
Outstanding Professor of the Year Award in Teaching (university-wide), <i>Butler University</i>	2019
Social Justice and Diversity Vocational Fellowship, <i>Butler University</i>	2019
Faculty Summer Research Grant, <i>Butler University</i>	2018
Dissertation Completion Fellowship, <i>Russell and Dorothy Bilinski Foundation</i> (\$30,000)	2016-17
Intensive Language Course Grant, <i>Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst</i> (DAAD: German Academic Exchange Service)	2014

COURSES TAUGHT

California State University, San Bernardino

- Advanced seminar: Nietzsche
- Upper-level courses: The Meaning of Life; Moral Psychology; Existentialism; Continental Philosophy; Phenomenology; Environmental Ethics
- Lower-level courses: Honors Critical Thinking; Introduction to Ethics; Introduction to Philosophy

Butler University

- Advanced seminar: Genealogy and Power: Nietzsche and Foucault
- Upper-level courses: Wilderness and the Land Ethic; History of Modern Philosophy
- Lower-level courses: Marginalized in America; Ethics, the Good Life, and Society; First Year Seminar: Becoming Who You Are (two semesters); Principles of Reasoning
- Honors theses supervised: Philosophy of Adoption and Parenthood; Omar Khayyam and Albert Camus on the Absurd

SERVICE

Service to the Profession

- Steering Committee Member, North American Nietzsche Society (2019-present)
- Chair, Program Committee, 2024 Meeting of the North American Nietzsche Society (2023-present)
- Advisory Board, *The Ecological Citizen* (2019-present)
- Advisory Council, Global Ecocentric Network for Implementing Ecodemocracy (2018-present)
- Secretary-Treasurer, The Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (2018-2021)
- Program Committee Member, North American Nietzsche Society (2019-2020)
- Organizer, Southwest Seminar in Continental Philosophy (virtual) (2021)
- Managing Editor, *The Agonist* (2017-2019)
- Book Reviews Editor, *The Agonist* (2015-2017)
- Director, Nietzsche Circle (2008-2018)
- Referee for *Journal of Nietzsche Studies*, *Emotion Review*, *Ethics and the Environment*, *Epoché: A Journal for the History of Philosophy*, *Oxford University Press*, *Bloomsbury Press*, *Palgrave Macmillan*

Departmental, College, and University Service

California State University, San Bernardino

- Recruitment Coordinator, Department of Philosophy (2022-present)
- Mentor, Mellon-Mays Undergraduate Fellowship, CSUSB (2022-present)
- Writing Intensive Advisory Board, CSUSB (2019-present)
- Student Sponsor, Summer Program for the Advancement of Women in Philosophy (2022)
- Search Committee (tenure-track), Department of Philosophy (2022-2023)
- Faculty Coordinator for the Philosophy Club, Department of Philosophy (2019-2022)
- Search Committee (tenure-track), Department of Philosophy (2021-2022)
- Search Committee (tenure-track), Department of Philosophy (2019-2020)
- Curriculum Committee, College of Arts and Letters (2019-2021)

Butler University

- Faculty Advisor and Coordinator for the Philosophy Club (2017-2019)
- Creator and Facilitator of Philosophy on Tap (2018-2019)
- Faculty Senator, Butler University Faculty Senate (2018-2019)
- Search Committee (tenure-track), Department of Philosophy, Religion, and Classics (2017-2018)
- Faculty Sponsor, Philosophy in an Inclusive Key Summer Institute (PIKSI) (2017-2018)