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Areas of research

Specialization: Kant, 20th Century European Philosophy, Ethics

Competence: Social & Political Philosophy, 19th Century European Philosophy, Critical Theory,
Feminist Philosophy, Wittgenstein & Ordinary Language Philosophy

Employment

University of Groningen
Assistant Professor (permanent, subject to probation), Department of History of Philosophy Jan. 2021-

Education

Columbia University
Ph.D., Philosophy (*defense date: November 20, 2020*) Feb. 2021
“The Reflective Dimension of Practical Judgment: Kant, Critique, and the Revision of Moral Universals”
Committee: Patricia Kitcher and Axel Honneth (co-chairs), Wolfgang Mann, Amia Srinivasan
M.PHIL, Philosophy 2015-18
M.A., Philosophy 2015-17
Visiting periods at: University of Oxford (Fall 2019), University of Cambridge (Spring 2020)

Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main
Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD) Fellow 2014-15

University of Chicago
A.B. (honors, Phi Beta Kappa) in Philosophy 2010-14

Peer-reviewed articles

“‘Until Art Once More Becomes Nature’: Culture and the Unity of Kant’s *Critique of Judgment*.”
Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie. Forthcoming

“Kant on the Autonomy of Reason in the *Opus Postumum*.”
Proceedings of the 13th International Kant Congress. Berlin & Boston: De Gruyter. Forthcoming

“‘When You (Say You) Know, You Can’t Be Wrong’: J.L. Austin on ‘I Know’ Claims.”
Inquiry, special issue on the perlocutionary. DOI: [10.1080/0020174X.2020.1752303](https://doi.org/10.1080/0020174X.2020.1752303) Forthcoming

“Anthropology as Critique: Foucault, Kant, and the Metacritical Tradition.”
British Journal for the History of Philosophy 28.2: 336-358. DOI: [10.1080/09608788.2019.1650250](https://doi.org/10.1080/09608788.2019.1650250) 2020

In preparation

“Simone de Beauvoir’s Genealogy of the Second Sex.” Invited to *The Monist*, special issue on genealogy.

“Kant, Concept Formation in Aesthetic Judgment, and Contemporary Art.” Invited to the *Kantian Review* subject to peer review, special issue on contemporary art.

Other publications

“Political Spirituality as the Will for Alterity.”

Critical Inquiry. Archival, previously unpublished interview by Michel Foucault. Edited (introduction and notes) and translated. DOI (1): [10.1086/710910](https://doi.org/10.1086/710910); DOI (2): [10.1086/711138](https://doi.org/10.1086/711138)

Autumn 2020

Drafts in progress

“Critique as Normative Instability: Critical Theory, Constructivism, and Practical Normativity.”

“On Practical Intelligibility in Beauvoir and Foucault.”

“Kant on the Reflective Dimension of Practical Reasoning.”

“Autonomy as Self-Making in Kant’s *Opus Postumum* and *Metaphysics of Morals*.”

“Kant on Moral Ideas.”

“The Virtue of Critique.”

Public philosophy

“On the Apparent ‘Moralism’ of Simone de Beauvoir.” Critique 13/13 Blog, Columbia Center for Contemporary Thought.

Fellowships & Awards

Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship	2020
Charlotte W. Newcombe Dissertation Fellowship Finalist	2020
American Society for Aesthetics Prize, for best graduate paper	2020
Benjamin Wolstein Fellowship	2019-2020
Jonathan Lieberman Memorial Prize, for best Columbia graduate paper on moral or social philosophy	2019
American Philosophical Association Travel Grant	2019
Best Graduate Paper Award, North American Kant Society	2017
Markus Herz Prize Nominee, for best paper of the year on Kant, North American Kant Society	2017
Council for European Studies Pre-Dissertation Research Fellowship, for archival research in Paris	2017
Columbia University Fellowship Award	2015-2020
DAAD Long-Term Research Fellowship	2014-2015
Rhodes Scholarship Finalist	2013
Dunn Family Philosophy Research Fellowship	2013
Phi Beta Kappa, early induction PRISM Summer Research Grant	2013
F. Champion Ward Third Year International Travel Grant	2013

Talks

† denotes refereed

“Simone de Beauvoir’s Genealogy of the Second Sex.”

Conference on Genealogy in the History of Philosophy, University of Warwick.

June 2021

<p>“Critique as Epistemic Virtue: Kant and Foucault.” North American Kant Society Panel on “Reason as Self-Making” (with Michelle Kosch, Pierre Keller, G. Anthony Bruno), Eastern Meeting of the APA, New York.</p>	Jan. 2021
<p>“Kant on Concept Formation in Aesthetic Judgment.” Conference on Kant, Aesthetics, and Contemporary Art, Cardiff, Wales.†</p>	Oct. 2020
<p>“Foucault on Universality and Value.” Roundtable: Foucault, the Value of Truth, and the Problem of Normativity, 12th Annual Meeting of the Foucault Circle, Copenhagen, Denmark.† (<i>postponed due to coronavirus</i>)</p>	June 2020
<p>“On Culture and Communicability: The Moral Function of Beautiful Artworks.” North American Kant Society Biennial Meeting, SUNY-Binghamton.* * <i>Winner of the Best Graduate Paper Award of the American Society for Aesthetics.</i></p>	May 2020
<p>“The Reflective Dimension of Practical Judgment.” Workshop on Kant’s Normativity, Columbia University.‡</p>	Apr. 2020
<p>“On Moral Ideas.” Workshop on Recent Work on Kant’s <i>Critique of Judgment</i>, University of Cambridge.</p>	Feb. 2020
<p>“On Moral Conceivability: Beauvoir and Feminist Critique.” Society for Analytical Feminism, Eastern Meeting of the APA, Philadelphia.†</p>	Jan. 2020
<p>“Kant on Autonomy as Self-Making in the <i>Opus Postumum</i> and the <i>Metaphysics of Morals</i>.” The London-Oxford-Cambridge (Loxbridge) Kant Series, University College London.† The 13th International Kant Congress, University of Oslo, Norway.† Princeton Graduate Conference in the History of Philosophy, Princeton University.†</p>	Nov. 2019 Aug. 2019 May 2019
<p>“Reflective Judgment in Kant’s Mature Moral Philosophy.” Early Modern Philosophy Works in Progress Session, New York University.</p>	April 2019
<p>“Political Spirituality and Practices of the Self: Foucault’s Vindication of the Meditative Tradition.” Finding the Way to Truth: Sources, History, Impact of the Meditative Tradition, Center for New Narratives in Philosophy, Columbia University.</p>	Feb. 2019
<p>“Culture as the Unifying Ground of Kant’s <i>Critique of Judgment</i>.” Eastern Meeting of the APA, symposium (two-hour) session, New York.† The Joint Conference of the Society for German Idealism & Romanticism and North American Kant Society, Stanford University.†* * <i>Winner of Best Graduate Paper Award & nominated for Markus Herz Prize.</i></p>	Jan. 2019 Oct. 2017
<p>“Foucault on Anthropology and Critique in the History of Philosophy.” System and Fragment: Epistemic Collisions in the Long 19th Century, Columbia German Department. Rencontre doctorale du Centre Michel Foucault, Caen, France.† 25th International Conference of Europeanists, Chicago.†</p>	Oct. 2018 March 2018 March 2018
<p>“‘When You Know, You Can’t Be Wrong’: The Normative Attachments of Claims to Knowledge.” Perlocutionary!: International Workshop, Université Panthéon-Sorbonne (Paris 1), Paris. 8th Conference of the Nordic Wittgenstein Society (declined), Turku, Finland.†</p>	June 2018 May 2017
<p>“‘Nothing More Than the Feeling of an Existence’: The Variable Status of Apperception in the <i>Critique</i>.” Leuven Kant Conference, KU-Leuven, Belgium.†</p>	May 2018
<p>“A Feminist Critique of Butler and Nussbaum.” Women in Philosophy Presentation Workshop, Columbia University.</p>	May 2017
<p>Comment on Allison Glasscock’s “Meno’s Memory & Learning as Recollecting.” Athena in Action: Mentorship Workshop for Women in Philosophy, Princeton University.†</p>	Aug. 2016
<p>“Towards a Dialogical Account of Peer Disagreement.” Research Colloquium in Theoretical Philosophy, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt.</p>	Nov. 2014

“Reflections on Undergraduate-Powered Activism.”

Workshop on Attracting & Retaining Female Philosophy Majors, UNC Chapel Hill.

April 2014

Teaching

AS INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD

History of Modern Philosophy

Spring 2021

Kant on Practical Judgment

Spring 2021

Existentialism

Summer 2019

AS TEACHING ASSISTANT

Philosophy of Language, *Karen Lewis*

Spring 2019

Philosophy of Law, *Michele Moody-Adams*

Fall 2018

Kant, *Patricia Kitcher*

Spring 2018

European Social Philosophy: Smith, Hegel, Marx, Weber, *Frederick Neuhouser*

Fall 2017

20th Century European Philosophy: Heidegger, Gadamer, Foucault, Derrida, *Taylor Carman*

Spring 2017

Philosophy & Feminism, *Christia Mercer*

Fall 2016

AS GUEST LECTURER

“Langton and West on Scorekeeping in a Pornographic Language Game,” Philosophy of Language

Spring 2019

“Judgment and the Schematism in the Analytic of Principles,” Kant

Spring 2018

“Biopower, Discipline, and the Sexual Subject,” 20th Century European Philosophy

Spring 2017

“Panopticism, Surveillance, and the Prison-Industrial Complex,” Philosophy & Feminism

Fall 2016

Academic service

The New York German Idealism Workshop, co-organizer

2018-20

“The Social and the Individual,” conference organizer

2019-2020

Columbia University Women in Philosophy, coordinator

2015-18

The Columbia-NYU Annual Graduate Conference in Philosophy, referee

2017-18

“Rethinking Philosophy’s Past: 1300-1800,” conference organizer (for Christia Mercer)

2017

Social Philosophy Workshop, session organizer (six sessions on feminist philosophy)

2016

Columbia University MAP (Minorities and Philosophy) Chapter, coordinator

2015-16

Languages

English (native), Italian (native), French (fluency), German (proficiency)

Professional memberships

American Philosophical Association

North American Kant Society