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Areas of research

Specialization: Kant, Value Theory (Ethics, Aesthetics), Post-Kantian European Philosophy

Competence: Social & Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Science, Early Modern Philosophy

Employment

University of Pennsylvania

Assistant Professor (tenure-track), Department of Philosophy

2022-

Affiliated Faculty, Francophone, Italian, and Germanic Studies Graduate Group

2022-

University of Groningen

Assistant Professor (permanent), Department of History of Philosophy, Faculty of Philosophy

Jan. 2021-2022

Affiliated Member of the Kant, Kantianism, and Morality Project

2021-2022

Education

Columbia University

Ph.D., Philosophy

2015-2021

Visiting periods at: University of Oxford (2019), University of Cambridge (2020)

Committee: Patricia Kitcher and Axel Honneth (co-chairs), Wolfgang Mann, Amia Srinivasan

M.Phil., Philosophy

2015-2018

M.A., Philosophy

2015-2017

Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main

Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD) Fellow

2014-2015

University of Chicago

A.B. (honors, Phi Beta Kappa) in Philosophy

2010-2014

Edited book

20. *Blackwell Companion to 20th Century Women Philosophers* (editor, under contract)

In progress

Journal articles

19. "Kantian Moral Change."
Philosophy and Phenomenological Research. Forthcoming
18. "The Unity of Reason, Reconsidered: On the 'Autonomy of Ideas' in the Later Kant."
Journal of the History of Philosophy. Forthcoming
* Winner of Wilfrid Sellars Prize (for scholar within 10 years of PhD), North American Kant Society *
17. "Ideology as Relativized A Priori: On the Mind's Relation to the Social World."
Political Philosophy 2.1: 62-97. With Chloé de Canson. DOI: [10.16995/pp.16337](https://doi.org/10.16995/pp.16337) 2025
16. "The Relativized A Priori, The Historical A Priori, and the Symbolic Form."
Philosophy Compass 20.6: 1-11. DOI: [10.1111/phc3.70044](https://doi.org/10.1111/phc3.70044) 2025

15. "Marx' Antwort auf den Mythos des Gegebenen." 2025
Deutsche Zeitschrift für Philosophie 72.6: 815-839, revised & translated version of (2). DOI: [10.1515/dzph-2024-0061](https://doi.org/10.1515/dzph-2024-0061)
14. "Recent Work in Kantian Ethics: Timmons, Herman, Timmermann" (critical discussion). 2024
British Journal for the History of Philosophy 32.6: 1428-1437. DOI: [10.1080/09608788.2023.2261515](https://doi.org/10.1080/09608788.2023.2261515)
13. "Practical Judgment as Reflective Judgment: Moral Salience and Kantian Particularist Universalism." 2023
European Journal of Philosophy 31: 600-621. DOI: [10.1111/ejop.12811](https://doi.org/10.1111/ejop.12811)
12. "Relativizing the A Priori By Way of Reflective Judgment." 2023
Kantian Review 28: 355-372. DOI: [10.1017/S1369415423000262](https://doi.org/10.1017/S1369415423000262)
11. "On Moral Unintelligibility: Simone de Beauvoir's Genealogy of Morality." 2022
The Monist 105.4: 521-540. DOI: [10.1093/monist/onac015](https://doi.org/10.1093/monist/onac015)
10. "Culture and the Unity of Kant's *Critique of Judgment*." 2022
Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie 104.2: 367-402. DOI: [10.1515/agph-2019-0127](https://doi.org/10.1515/agph-2019-0127)
 * Winner of Best Graduate Paper Award, North American Kant Society *
 * Winner of Best Graduate Paper Award, American Society for Aesthetics *
9. "On Conceptual Revision and Aesthetic Judgment." 2021
Kantian Review 26.4: 531-547. DOI: [10.1017/S1369415421000479](https://doi.org/10.1017/S1369415421000479)
8. "'When You (Say You) Know, You Can't Be Wrong': J.L. Austin on 'I Know' Claims." 2020
Inquiry, online first (print: 2025) 68.6: 1408-1428. DOI: [10.1080/0020174X.2020.1752303](https://doi.org/10.1080/0020174X.2020.1752303)
 French translation: *Perlocutoire: Normativités et performativités du langage ordinaire*. Paris: Sorbonne.
7. "Anthropology as Critique: Foucault, Kant, and the Metacritical Tradition." 2020
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)

Book chapters and proceedings

6. "Social Critique and the Moral A Priori." In progress
 Committed to *Essays in Honor of Michael Smith's Rational Ethics*, ed. E. Lord & B. Maguire.
5. "On Culture and Kant's Moral System." In progress
 Committed to *Kant on Culture, Politics, and Religion*, ed. R. Clewis & C. Dyck.
4. "Kant Has No 'Metaphysics of Nature'." In progress
 Committed to *Proceedings of the 14th International Kant Congress*. De Gruyter.
3. "Marx's Historical Nominalism." In progress
Marx and the Pittsburgh School, ed. K. Potapov & C. Sachs.
2. "The Early Marx's Materialism of Sensibility as Activity." 2024
Practices of Truth in Philosophy: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives, ed. P. Gori & L. Serini.
1. "Some Remarks on Kant's Post-Critical Conception of the Autonomy of Reason." 2021
Proceedings of the 13th International Kant Congress. De Gruyter: 1605-14. DOI: [10.1515/9783110701357-159](https://doi.org/10.1515/9783110701357-159)

Manuscripts in preparation

A paper on weak aprioricity in Kant's philosophy of science. Under review.

A paper on alienation in Marx. Under review.

A paper on Kant's conception of non-moral freedom. In progress.

A paper on Beauvoir's ethics. In progress.

Fellowships & awards

Alexander von Humboldt Fellowship, Universität Potsdam	2023-2026
Wilfrid Sellars Prize, North American Kant Society, for best paper by scholar within 10 years of PhD	2021
Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship	2020-2021
Charlotte W. Newcombe Dissertation Fellowship Finalist	2020
American Society for Aesthetics Prize, for best graduate paper	2020
Columbia Core Curriculum Preceptorship, <i>declined</i>	2020-2022
Benjamin Wolstein Fellowship, Columbia University (faculty nominated)	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, University of Chicago	2013
Phi Beta Kappa, early induction (top 4% of undergraduates), University of Chicago	2013
PRISM Summer Research Grant, University of Chicago	2013
F. Champion Ward Third Year International Travel Grant, University of Chicago	2013

Talks

† denotes refereed

“Kant’s Conception of Purposive Freedom.”	
Conference on the <i>Critique of Judgment</i> , University of Chicago.	May 2026
Penn Normative Philosophy Group.	March 2025
Chapel Hill Kant Workshop, UNC-Chapel Hill.	Feb. 2025
“Beauvoir’s Constructivism.”	
Post-Kantian European Philosophy Seminar, University of Oxford.	June 2025
“Marxian Alienation as Hypostasized Abstraction.”	
Bryn Mawr Philosophy Department Colloquium.	March 2025
Eastern APA panel, with Rafeeq Hasan and Karen Ng.	Jan. 2025
University of Potsdam Departmental Colloquium.	Oct. 2023
Universidade Federal do Paraná and Pontificia Universidade Católica do Paraná Joint Conference.	Oct. 2023
“On Moral Change and ‘Impure Ethics.’”	
Eastern APA Panel on Robert Loudén’s <i>Kant’s Impure Ethics</i> .	Jan. 2025
“What Is Kant’s ‘Metaphysics of Nature’?”	
14 th International Kant Congress, Bonn.	Sept. 2024
“Beauvoir on Ambiguity.”	
Penn Philosophy Department Faculty Forum.	Sept. 2024
“Simone de Beauvoir as a Moral Philosopher”, Freie-Universität Berlin.	June 2024
“The Work of Patricia Kitcher.”	
Conference in Honor of Patricia Kitcher, Columbia University.	Nov. 2024
“Kant on Reflective Judgment and Transcendental Schematism.”	
Women’s Berlin Summer Colloquium.	June 2024
“Kant’s Weak A Priori.”	
“300 Jahre Kant” (for Kant’s 300 th birthday). Berlin-Brandenburgischen Akademie der Wissenschaften.	April 2024

“Ideology as Relativized A Priori.” Columbia University, with responses by Lidal Dror and Robin Celikates. Pacific APA, San Francisco. Critical Theory Colloquium, UC Berkeley. Penn Normative Philosophy Group, University of Pennsylvania.	Nov. 2023 April 2023 April 2023 Oct. 2022
“On the Transcendental Deduction of Ideas of Reason.” Comments on Lea Ypi’s <i>The Architectonic of Reason</i> . University of Leipzig.	June 2023
“The Early Marx on Intuitional Materialism and the Myth of the Given.” London Center for Post-Kantian Philosophy, with response by Howard Caygill. “The Futures of Marx.” Potsdam Center for Post-Kantian Philosophy & Berlin Center for Social Critique.	June 2023 June 2023
“Autonomy as Heautonomy.” DC-Baltimore Kant Workshop, Johns Hopkins University.	April 2023
“The Revisable A Priori and the Historical A Priori.” The Philosophy of Nature from Kant to Benjamin, University of Potsdam. University of Oregon, Eugene.	July 2022 April 2022
“Ambiguity in Beauvoir and Merleau-Ponty.” University of Warwick.	March 2022
“Kant on Moral Ideas.” Pacific APA, Vancouver.† Colgate University. Virtual North American Kant Society, with responses by Christine Korsgaard and Barbara Herman.† Workshop on Recent Work on Kant’s <i>Critique of Judgment</i> , University of Cambridge.	April 2022 Feb. 2022 October 2021 Feb. 2020
“Kant on the Unity of Reason and the Autonomy of Ideas.” University of Pennsylvania.	Feb. 2022
“Kant on Autonomy as Self-Making.” Ryerson University. The London-Oxford-Cambridge (Loxbridge) Kant Series, University College London.† The 13 th International Kant Congress, University of Oslo, Norway.† Princeton Graduate Conference in the History of Philosophy, Princeton University.†	Jan. 2022 Nov. 2019 Aug. 2019 May 2019
“Historical Perspectives on the Post-Truth Era.” Nothing But the Truth: Graduate Conference on Truth and Cognitive Science, University of Groningen.	Nov. 2021
Comments on Christine Korsgaard’s <i>Fellow Creatures</i> . Colloquium on Ancient and Contemporary Philosophy, Columbia University.	Oct. 2021
“Kant on the Reflective Dimension of Practical Deliberation and the Problem of Moral Salience.” German Idealism Colloquium, University of Tübingen.	June 2021
“On Political Spirituality and Self-Transformation.” Drift Philosophy Festival, Amsterdam. Finding the Way to Truth, Center for New Narratives in Philosophy, Columbia University.	Sept. 2021 Feb. 2019
“Kant on Concept Formation in Aesthetic Judgment.” Birkbeck, University of London. Conference on Kant, Aesthetics, and Contemporary Art, Cardiff, Wales.†	July 2021 Oct. 2020
“Simone de Beauvoir’s Genealogy of Morality.” Conference on Genealogy in the History of Philosophy, University of Warwick. Society for Analytical Feminism, Eastern Meeting of the APA, Philadelphia.†	June 2021 Jan. 2020
“Genealogizing Without Universals.” 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.	Jan. 2021

<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>“Reflective Judgment in Kant’s Mature Moral Philosophy.” Early Modern Philosophy Works in Progress Session, New York University.</p>	April 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>	<p>Jan. 2019 Oct. 2017</p>
<p>“Anthropology and Critique in Foucault’s 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>	<p>Oct. 2018 March 2018 March 2018</p>
<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.</p>	June 2018
<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
<p>“Reflections on Undergraduate-Powered Activism.” Workshop on Attracting & Retaining Female Philosophy Majors, UNC Chapel Hill.</p>	April 2014

Teaching

AS INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD

Moral Universalism and Social Change (Penn, grad)	2025
Kant I (Penn, BA/grad)	2023, 2024
Dissertation Seminar (Penn, grad)	2024
History of Modern Philosophy (Penn, BA)	2023, 2025
The A Priori: Kant and Beyond (Penn, grad)	2022
History of Philosophy: Kant to 20th Century (Groningen, BA)	2021-22
Normativity and Epistemic Perspectives (Groningen, MA)	2021
Kant, Normativity, Critique (Groningen, MA)	2021
Kantianism and Practical Judgment (Groningen, MA)	2021
Post-Kantian Perspectives on Capitalism (Groningen, MA)	2021
Existentialism (Columbia, BA)	2019

AS TEACHING ASSISTANT

Philosophy of Language, <i>Karen Lewis</i>	Spring 2019
Philosophy of Law, <i>Michele Moody-Adams</i>	Fall 2018
Kant, <i>Patricia Kitcher</i>	Spring 2018
European Social Philosophy, <i>Frederick Neuhauser</i>	Fall 2017

20th Century European Philosophy, *Taylor Carman*
 Philosophy & Feminism, *Christia Mercer*

Spring 2017
 Fall 2016

Academic service

Colloquium Committee	2025-2026
Placement Co-Director	2024-2025
Conference in Honor of Patricia Kitcher, Columbia University, co-organizer (with Francey Russell)	2024
Dissertation Co-Adviser, Tyler Re	2022-
Faculty Mentor, Idil Cakmur and Lauren Perry	2022-
North American Kant Society Prize Committee	2023
Workshop on Anton Wilhelm Amo, Penn Philosophy Department (with Karen Detlefsen)	2023
Conference on Anscombe and Wittgenstein, Penn Collegium Institute/Philosophy Department, co-organizer	2023
Graduate Admissions Committee	2022-2023
Organizer, Philosophy Forum (Penn)	2022
MA Thesis Advisor (x2), Groningen	2021-22
BA Thesis Advisor (x8), Groningen	2021-22
Reviewer for: <i>Noûs</i> ; <i>Mind</i> ; <i>European Journal of Philosophy</i> ; Cambridge University Press; <i>British Journal for the History of Philosophy</i> ; <i>Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism</i> ; <i>Philosophy Compass</i> ; <i>Kantian Review</i> ; <i>Inquiry</i> ; <i>Philosophy</i> ; <i>Journal of Value Inquiry</i> ; <i>Journal of Transcendental Philosophy</i> ; <i>Studies in Law, Politics, and Society</i> ; <i>Theory, Culture, & Society</i>	2020-
The New York German Idealism Workshop, co-organizer	2018-20
The Columbia-NYU Annual Graduate Conference in Philosophy, referee	2017-19
Columbia University Women in Philosophy, coordinator	2015-18
"Rethinking Philosophy's Past: 1300-1800," conference organizer	2017
Social Philosophy Workshop, session organizer (six sessions on feminist philosophy)	2016
Columbia University MAP (Minorities and Philosophy) Chapter, coordinator	2015-16

Languages

English, Italian, French, German

Professional memberships

American Philosophical Association
 North American Kant Society