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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

Peer-reviewed journal articles

12. "Ideology as Relativized A Priori: On the Mind's Relation to the Social World." *Political Philosophy*. With Chloé de Canson. Forthcoming
11. "The Unity of Reason, Reconsidered: On the 'Autonomy of Ideas' in the Later Kant." *Journal of the History of Philosophy*. Forthcoming
10. "Recent Work in Kantian Ethics: Timmons, Herman, Timmermann" (critical discussion). *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) 2023
9. "Practical Judgment as Reflective Judgment: Moral Salience and Kantian Particularist Universalism." *European Journal of Philosophy* 31: 600–621. DOI: [10.1111/ejop.12811](https://doi.org/10.1111/ejop.12811) 2023
8. "Relativizing the A Priori By Way of Reflective Judgment." *Kantian Review* 28: 355-372. DOI: [10.1017/S1369415423000262](https://doi.org/10.1017/S1369415423000262) 2023
7. "On Moral Unintelligibility: Simone de Beauvoir's Genealogy of Morality." *The Monist* 105 (4): 521-540. DOI: [10.1093/monist/onac015](https://doi.org/10.1093/monist/onac015) 2022

6. "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)
5. "On Conceptual Revision and Aesthetic Judgment." 2021
Kantian Review 26 (4): 531-547. DOI: [10.1017/S1369415421000479](https://doi.org/10.1017/S1369415421000479)
4. "'When You (Say You) Know, You Can't Be Wrong': J.L. Austin on 'I Know' Claims." 2020
Inquiry, online first (print forthcoming). 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.
3. "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)

Peer-reviewed book chapters and proceedings

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, Routledge.
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 Kant's shifting conception of autonomy. Under review.
- A paper on Kant's conception of moral ideas. Under review.
- A paper on weak apriority in Kant's philosophy of science. Under review.
- A paper on alienation in Marx. Under review.
- A paper solicited for *Philosophy Compass*. Under review.
- A paper on Beauvoir's concept of ambiguity. In progress.
- A book project on the transcendental role of reflective judgment in Kant's critical works. In progress.

Fellowships & awards

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| Alexander von Humboldt Fellowship, Universität Potsdam | 2023-2024 |
| North American Kant Society Wilfrid Sellars Prize, 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	
<i>† denotes refereed</i>	
“Kant on Reflective Judgment and Transcendental Schematism.”	
Bryn Mawr Philosophy Department Colloquium.	March 2024
Chapel Hill Kant Workshop, UNC-Chapel Hill.	Feb. 2025
Women’s Berlin Summer Colloquium.	June 2024
“What Is Kant’s ‘Metaphysics of Nature’?”	
14 th International Kant Congress, Bonn.	Sept. 2024
“Beauvoir on Ambiguity.”	
Post-Kantian European Philosophy Seminar, University of Oxford.	May 2025
“Simone de Beauvoir as a Moral Philosopher”, Freie-Universität Berlin.	June 2024
“Marxian Alienation as Hypostasized Abstraction.”	
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 Louden’s <i>Kant’s Impure Ethics</i> .	Jan. 2025
“The Work of Patricia Kitcher.”	
Conference in Honor of Patricia Kitcher, Columbia University.	Nov. 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.	Nov. 2023
Pacific APA, San Francisco.	April 2023
Critical Theory Colloquium, UC Berkeley.	April 2023
Penn Normative Philosophy Group, University of Pennsylvania.	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.	June 2023
“The Futures of Marx.” Potsdam Center for Post-Kantian Philosophy & Berlin Center for Social Critique.	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.	July 2022
University of Oregon, Eugene.	April 2022
“Ambiguity in Beauvoir and Merleau-Ponty.”	
University of Warwick.	March 2022
“Kant on Moral Ideas.”	
Pacific APA, Vancouver.†	April 2022
Colgate University.	Feb. 2022
Virtual North American Kant Society, with responses by Christine Korsgaard and Barbara Herman.†	October 2021

Workshop on Recent Work on Kant's <i>Critique of Judgment</i> , University of Cambridge.	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.	Jan. 2022
The London-Oxford-Cambridge (Loxbridge) Kant Series, University College London.†	Nov. 2019
The 13 th International Kant Congress, University of Oslo, Norway.†	Aug. 2019
Princeton Graduate Conference in the History of Philosophy, Princeton University.†	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.	Sept. 2021
Finding the Way to Truth, Center for New Narratives in Philosophy, Columbia University.	Feb. 2019
"Kant on Concept Formation in Aesthetic Judgment." Birkbeck, University of London.	July 2021
Conference on Kant, Aesthetics, and Contemporary Art, Cardiff, Wales.†	Oct. 2020
"Simone de Beauvoir's Genealogy of Morality." Conference on Genealogy in the History of Philosophy, University of Warwick.	June 2021
Society for Analytical Feminism, Eastern Meeting of the APA, Philadelphia.†	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
"On Culture and Communicability: The Moral Function of Beautiful Artworks." North American Kant Society Biennial Meeting, SUNY-Binghamton.* * Winner of the Best Graduate Paper Award of the American Society for Aesthetics.	May 2020
"Reflective Judgment in Kant's Mature Moral Philosophy." Early Modern Philosophy Works in Progress Session, New York University.	April 2019
"Culture as the Unifying Ground of Kant's <i>Critique of Judgment</i> ." Eastern Meeting of the APA, symposium (two-hour) session, New York.†	Jan. 2019
The Joint Conference of the Society for German Idealism & Romanticism and North American Kant Society, Stanford University.†* * Winner of Best Graduate Paper Award & nominated for Markus Herz Prize.	Oct. 2017
"Anthropology and Critique in Foucault's History of Philosophy." System and Fragment: Epistemic Collisions in the Long 19 th Century, Columbia German Department.	Oct. 2018
Rencontre doctorale du Centre Michel Foucault, Caen, France.†	March 2018
25 th International Conference of Europeanists, Chicago.†	March 2018
"When You Know, You Can't Be Wrong': The Normative Attachments of Claims to Knowledge." Perlocutionary!: International Workshop, Université Panthéon-Sorbonne (Paris 1), Paris.	June 2018
"Nothing More Than the Feeling of an Existence': The Variable Status of Apperception in the <i>Critique</i> ." Leuven Kant Conference, KU-Leuven, Belgium.†	May 2018
"A Feminist Critique of Butler and Nussbaum." Women in Philosophy Presentation Workshop, Columbia University.	May 2017

Comment on Allison Glasscock's "Meno's Memory & Learning as Recollecting." Athena in Action: Mentorship Workshop for Women in Philosophy, Princeton University.†	Aug. 2016
"Towards a Dialogical Account of Peer Disagreement." Research Colloquium in Theoretical Philosophy, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt.	Nov. 2014
"Reflections on Undergraduate-Powered Activism." Workshop on Attracting & Retaining Female Philosophy Majors, UNC Chapel Hill.	April 2014

Teaching

AS INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD

Kant I (Penn, BA/grad)	2023, 2024
Dissertation Seminar (Penn, grad)	2024
Early Modern Philosophy (Penn, BA)	2023
The A Priori: Kant and Beyond (Penn, grad seminar)	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
20 th Century European Philosophy, <i>Taylor Carman</i>	Spring 2017
Philosophy & Feminism, <i>Christia Mercer</i>	Fall 2016

Academic service

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: Cambridge University Press; <i>Noûs</i> (x2); <i>Mind</i> ; <i>Inquiry</i> ; <i>European Journal of Philosophy</i> ; <i>Philosophy Compass</i> ; <i>British Journal of the History of Philosophy</i> ; <i>Kantian Review</i> (x2); <i>Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism</i> ; <i>Philosophy</i> ; <i>Journal of Transcendental Philosophy</i> ; <i>Studies in Law, Politics, and 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