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## Areas of research

*Specialization:* Kant, 20<sup>th</sup> Century European Philosophy, Ethics

*Competence:* Social & Political Philosophy, 19<sup>th</sup> 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 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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  
- French translation forthcoming in: *Perlocutoire : normativités et performativités du langage ordinaire*. Ed. Sandra Laugier and Daniele Lorenzini. Paris: Sorbonne University Press.

“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

## 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 Archival, previously unpublished interview by Michel Foucault.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

## In preparation

A paper on Kant’s shifting conception of autonomy. Under review.

A paper on genealogy in Simone de Beauvoir’s *Second Sex*. Invited to *The Monist*, special issue on genealogy.

A paper on conceptual formation and revision in contemporary art and Kantian aesthetic judgment.

## 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

“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.

Jan. 2021

“Kant on Concept Formation in Aesthetic Judgment.”

Conference on Kant, Aesthetics, and Contemporary Art, Cardiff, Wales.†

Oct. 2020

“Foucault on Universality and Value.”

Roundtable: Foucault, the Value of Truth, and the Problem of Normativity, 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Foucault Circle, Copenhagen, Denmark.† (postponed due to coronavirus)

June 2020

<p>“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.</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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 &amp; Romanticism and North American Kant Society, Stanford University.†*  * Winner of Best Graduate Paper Award &amp; nominated for Markus Herz Prize.</p>	Jan. 2019 Oct. 2017
<p>“Foucault on Anthropology and Critique in the History of Philosophy.”  System and Fragment: Epistemic Collisions in the Long 19<sup>th</sup> Century, Columbia German Department.  Rencontre doctorale du Centre Michel Foucault, Caen, France.†  25<sup>th</sup> 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.  8<sup>th</sup> 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 &amp; 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 &amp; Retaining Female Philosophy Majors, UNC Chapel Hill.</p>	April 2014

## Teaching

### AS INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD

Kant on Practical Judgment	Summer 2021
Neoliberal Rationalities: Foucault and His Interlocutors	Summer 2021

## Existentialism

Summer 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: Smith, Hegel, Marx, Weber, <i>Frederick Neuhouser</i>	Fall 2017
20th Century European Philosophy: Heidegger, Gadamer, Foucault, Derrida, <i>Taylor Carman</i>	Spring 2017
Philosophy & Feminism, <i>Christia Mercer</i>	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

Reviewer for <i>Noûs</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 (native), Italian (native), French (fluency), German (proficiency)

## Professional memberships

American Philosophical Association  
North American Kant Society