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Education

- Syracuse University, PhD in Philosophy, December 2005
- San Francisco State University, B.A. in Philosophy, 1997
- San Francisco State University, B.A. in History, 1993

Areas of Specialization

- Metaphysics

Areas of Competence

- Ancient Philosophy, Asian Philosophy and Religion, Early Modern Philosophy, Epistemology, Meta-Ethics, Biomedical Ethics, Environmental Ethics, Medieval Philosophy, Social & Political Philosophy, Critical Thinking, Philosophy of Religion, Logic

Publications

- "God et al—World-Making as Collaborative Improvisation: New Metaphors for Open Theists," chapter in Clark, K.J., and Koperski, J. (eds), *Abrahamic Reflections on Randomness and Providence*, Palgrave, 2021. Open Source, and available online at https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-030-75797-7_15.
- "Temporally Restricted Composition," *The Croatian Journal of Philosophy*, Vol. XVII, No. 51, 2017
- "The Metaphysics of Mass Expressions", *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (Winter 2012 Edition), Edward N. Zalta (ed.), URL = <<https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/metaphysics-massexpress/>>

- "Why Everyone Acts Altruistically All the Time: What Parodying Psychological Egoism Can Teach Us," *Philosophia*, Vol. 39, No. 3, 2011, 563-570
- "More Problems for MaxCon: Contingent Particularity and Stuff-Thing Coincidence," *Acta Analytica*, 26 (2), 2010, 135-154
- "Chisholm's Changing Conception of Ordinary Objects," *Grazer Philosophische Studien*, 76 (2008), 1-56

Academic Employment | Teaching Experience

INSTRUCTOR | LA ROCHE UNIVERSITY / ALLEGHENY COLLEGE

All courses are online-only and at La Roche University, unless stated otherwise

Spring 2022

- Honors Ethics
- Biomedical Ethics
- The Examined Life - Allegheny College (in person) (x2)

Fall 2021

- Biomedical Ethics

Spring 2021

- Biomedical Ethics
- Logic and Critical Thinking

Fall 2020

- Biomedical Ethics

Spring 2020

- Biomedical Ethics

Fall 2019

- Logic and Critical Thinking

- Biomedical Ethics

VISITING SCHOLAR | ALLEGHENY COLLEGE

Fall 2018 -

VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR | ALLEGHENY COLLEGE | 2017-18

Spring 2018

- RELST 160: Buddhism
- PHIL 290: Environmental Ethics
- PHIL 385: Medical Ethics

Fall 2017

- PHIL 290: Environmental Ethics
- RELST 170: The Religions of China
- PHIL 212: Problems of the Self: East and West

INSTRUCTOR | ALLEGHENY COLLEGE | SPRING 2017

- PHIL 385: Medical Ethics
- PHIL 290: Environmental Ethics

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR (YARDIMCI DOÇENT) | BOĞAZIÇI UNIVERSITY | 2012–2016

Graduate Seminars Taught:

- Ethics Without Exceptionless Rules: Virtue Ethics, Intuitionism, and Particularism; Social Construction; Personal Identity and Selves; The Metaphysics of Events

Undergraduate Courses Taught:

- Epistemology (x2); History of Analytic Philosophy (x2); Early Modern Philosophy; Ontology (x2); Medieval Philosophy (x2); Ethics, Introduction to Philosophy: Mind and Happiness; Matter and Object; The Metaphysics and Epistemology of Fiction

INSTRUCTOR | ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY (SLU) | WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS (WU) | ST. LOUIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE (SLCC) | FALL 2009-FALL 2011

- "Justice and Community, God and Evil"—an Historical Introduction to Philosophy alternate course for the Micah Program (a faith-based social work track group, SLU); Introduction to Ethics (x7, two sections online); Introduction to Philosophy (SLCC);

Great Philosophers (x2) (WU); Present Moral Problems (WU); Human Nature (SLU),
Foundations of Political Theory (POLS 170, Honors course, SLU)

**POSTDOCTORAL TEACHING FELLOW | ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY |
FALL 2007-SPRING 2009**

- Introduction to Ethics (x9); Historical Introduction to Philosophy (x2),

**ASSISTANT PROFESSOR | BILKENT UNIVERSITY (ANKARA, TURKEY)
| FALL 2005-SPRING 2007**

- Social and Political Philosophy I: Plato to Machiavelli (x4), Social and Political Philosophy II: Hobbes to Mill (x4), Philosophy of Math, Metaphysics (x2), Introduction to Philosophy II: Ethics

INSTRUCTOR | ONONDAGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE | SPRING 2005

- Ethics

**TEACHING ASSOCIATE/INSTRUCTOR | SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY |
FALL 2000-SUMMER 2004**

- Introduction to Ethics and Value Theory (x5), Theories of Knowledge and Reality (7 semesters, 1-3 sections per semester)

**TEACHING ASSISTANT | SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY | SPRING 1999-
SPRING 2000**

- Introduction to Ethics and Value Theory (x3)

Presentations and Commentary

- "A Proposition's Being True in a Fiction Versus Being a Part of a Fiction," Early Career Metaphysics Workshop, University of Wyoming, Laramie, June 2020 (postponed due to Covid to 2022).
- Commentary on Joshua Blanchard's "Philosophical Angst," Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference (online), Aug. 14, 2021
- "World-Making as Collaborative Improvisation: New Metaphors for Open Theists," Amman, Jordan, June 22nd, 2019. Part of the Kaufmann Interfaith Institute's Templeton-funded project, "Models of Providence: An Abrahamic Inquiry." Hosted by the Royal Institute for Inter-faith Studies.

- "World-Making as Collaborative Improvisation: New Metaphors for Open Theists," Casablanca, Morocco, June 19th, 2019. Part of the Kaufmann Interfaith Institute's Templeton-funded project, "Models of Providence: An Abrahamic Inquiry."
- Commentary on Amy Kind's "What Imagination Teaches" at the Pacific APA 'pre-conference' on Transformative Experience, April 11, 2017
- "Jesus and Mary: Why Christians Should Not Believe in Qualia," Philosophy of Religion Workshop, Rutgers University, Spring 2017
- Commentary on Sean McAleer's "What Kind of Fool Am I? Foolishness, Character, and the Unity of Virtue," at the Fourth Annual *William Alston Lecture*, Syracuse University, October 22, 2016.
- Presentation, "God's Consciousness of Our Consciousness: Why Theists Should Be Physicalists About the Human Person," Istanbul Technical University, December 8, 2015.
- Presentation, "Why Theists and Christians Should Not Believe in Qualia," Grand Valley State University, Kaufmann Interfaith Institute Workshop on Islam and Science: Grand Dialogue Conference on Science. Grand Rapids, Michigan, June 10, 2015.
- Commentary: on Carrie Ichikawa Jenkins' "What Is Love? An Incomplete Map of the Metaphysics," Duke Metaphysics Workshop (together with Irem Kurtal). Tucson, Arizona, January 29, 2015.
- Presentation: "Fiction, the Special Composition Question, and Video Games," Metaphysicstanbul14, Bogazici University, Istanbul, August 4, 2014. (Internal Presentation)
- Commentary: on Dan Zahavi's chapter 2 ("Consciousness, Self-Consciousness and Selfhood") of his forthcoming book, *Self and Other: Exploring Subjectivity, Empathy, and Shame*, Bogazici University, June 16, 2014. (Internal Presentation)
- Commentary on Preston Greene and Meghan Sullivan's "Against Time Bias," Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference, "Metaphysics on the Mountain," Sun Valley, Idaho, March 20, 2014.
- Presentation: "Vague Stuff," Eidos Centre in Metaphysics of the University of Geneva, Geneva, June 7, 2013 (Workshop on Mixtures and Stuff).
- *Presentation: "Temporally Restricted Mereology," Joint Indiana/Illinois Philosophical Associations Meeting, Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, November 6, 2010.
- *Presentation: "Jesus and Mary: Why Christians Should Not Believe in Qualia," Central States Philosophical Association, Detroit, September 25, 2010.

- Presentation: "Jesus and Mary: Why Christians Should Not Believe in Qualia," Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, April 23, 2010.
- Presentation: "Why a Table is a Tabling, and a Tree a Treeing," St. Louis University, St. Louis, 1/16/09.
- Presentation: "Why a Table is a Tabling, and a Tree a Treeing," University of Missouri, St. Louis, 3/7/08.
- Presentation: "More Problems for MaxCon: Contingent Particularity and 'Stoicidence'," Istanbul Technical University, 5/11/07.
- Presentation: "More Problems for MaxCon: Contingent Particularity and 'Stoicidence'," Bogazici University, 5/10/07.
- Presentation: "Sherlock Holmes, Mickey Mouse, and Slithey Toves; Problems for Truth in Fiction," presented at the 2nd annual Bilkent 'Philosophy Day' 11/17/06.
- Presentation: "Critiquing Noneism and Oneism, or, How to Get Something for Nothing, or Everything for the Price of One," Bogazici University conference, Things and Thoughts, 10/20/06.
- Presentation: "Ontological Nihilisms and Their Problems," Bilkent University colloquium, 9/29/06 (same content as the above, different title).
- Presentation: "How to be a Stuff Theorist; or, How to Have Your Cake Without Eating a Thing," Syracuse University, for the Graduate Speaker Series, 10/10/03.
- Commentary on "The Clay and the Copper: A Critique of Burke's Metaphysics of One Object to a Place", Catherine Schmutz, Syracuse University Graduate Conference, 3/2/2002.

(* = refereed)

PhD Dissertation

Stuff, Process, and Object: An Examination of Substance and its Alternatives

- Committee: Andre Gallois (Director), Mark Heller, Kris McDaniel, Thomas McKay, Dean Zimmerman

dissertation abstract available at <https://sites.google.com/site/marksteen/dissertationabstract>

Awards

- Syracuse University Outstanding Dissertation Award, (\$500), April 2006 Syracuse University Graduate Scholarships (2), 2001-2003
- Syracuse University Summer Research Fellowship, 2001
- Syracuse University Graduate Scholarships (2), 1999-2001
- Syracuse University Graduate Scholarship, Spring 1999.

Service

Refereeing

- *Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Canadian Journal of Philosophy, Erkenntnis, European Journal of Analytic Philosophy, Oxford University Press, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, Routledge, Synthese, Theoria*

Administrative Service

- Colloquium Organizer, Bogazici University, 2013-2016
- Hiring Committees, Bogazici University, 2014-2016
- Graduate Entrance Committee, Bogazici University, 2012-2016
- Member, Library Committee (collections improvement), Bilkent University, 2007
- Member, Senior Thesis Committee, Bilkent University, 2006

Master's Thesis and Dissertation Committee Work

- Adıl Alibaş, Master's Thesis (committee member), *Identity, Quantification, and Sortals*, May 2019. Boğaziçi University.
- Haakı Kaan Arıkan, Master's Thesis (committee member), *A Defense of Moderate Cognitive Phenomenology*, August 2014. Boğaziçi University.
- Cem Şişkolar, Dissertation (committee member), *Rigidity and Common Nouns*, May 2014. Boğaziçi University.

Miscellaneous Service and Outreach

- Currently working on film project, "Faith in Meadville," as a collaborative project between United Faith Fellowship and Allegheny College's Gateway Network and the Corella & Bertram F. Bonner Foundation (\$500 stipend, given to UFF for camera equipment).

- "Philosophy of Fiction and Video Games," talk at GIST 2016 (Video Game Convention), Istanbul, Turkey.
- Three part seminar on Dignity, Part III. - Dignity and Free Will, March 28, 2014, Union Church of Istanbul
- Three part seminar on Dignity, Part II. - Dignity and the Good Life, March 14, 2014, Union Church of Istanbul
- Three part seminar on Dignity, Part I. - Persons vs. Things, March 7, 2014, Union Church of Istanbul

References

- Edward Bobinchock, Humanities Division Chair, Religious Studies and Philosophy. (Teaching Reference, recent), 412-536-1209, edward.bobinchock@laroche.edu
- Eric Boynton, Provost and Dean of the College, Beloit College, (TEACHING REFERENCE-recent), boyntone@beloit.edu, 608-363-2667. Dr. Boynton was chair of the Allegheny College Dept of Philosophy and Religious Studies when I taught there.
- Thomas McKay, Professor of Philosophy, Syracuse University, (315) 443-2536, tjmckay@syr.edu
- Fr. Theodore Vitali, C.P., Chair, Department of Philosophy, St. Louis University, (314) 977-3149, sluphilo@slu.edu (TEACHING REFERENCE-older)
- Peter van Inwagen, John Cardinal O'Hara Professor of Philosophy, University of Notre Dame, (574) 631-5910, vaninwagen.1@nd.edu
- William Wringe, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Bilkent University, +90-312-290-3139, wringe@bilkent.edu.tr
- Dean Zimmerman, Professor of Philosophy, Rutgers University, (732) 932-9861 x156, dwzimmer@rci.rutgers.edu