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## EDUCATION

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**The University of Chicago**, Committee on Social Thought (M.A. 2009, Ph.D. 2013)

- Dissertation: *Intelligence Incarnate: The Logic of Recognition in Hegel's Phenomenology of Spirit* (Committee: Robert Pippin, Jonathan Lear, Nathan Tarcov, Richard Velkley)

**University of Cambridge** (King's College), Classics (B.A. 2006, M.A. 2012 [Cantab.]

- First Class B.A. Honors, with Distinction.

**St. John's College** (Annapolis), Philosophy, History of Mathematics and Science (B.A. 2004)

## RESEARCH AREAS

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- Areas of Specialization: German Idealism; 19<sup>th</sup>-century European Philosophy.
- Areas of Competence: Ancient Greek Philosophy (Plato and Aristotle); Early Modern and Modern Political Thought (especially Rousseau and Tocqueville); Existentialism (especially Kierkegaard and Heidegger); Aesthetics.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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At The Catholic University of America:

- Kierkegaard's *Either/Or* (PHIL 830—graduate course)
- Hegel's *Phenomenology of Spirit* (PHIL 607—graduate course)
- Art and Nature in German Idealism (PHIL 605—graduate course)
- Junior Seminar (PHIL 455—Plato's *Republic*)
- History of Modern Philosophy (PHIL 453—three sections)
- Political Philosophy (PHIL 332)
- Philosophy of Human Nature (PHIL 313—two sections)
- Philosophy of Art (PHIL 310—two sections)
- The Modern Mind (PHIL 202 and 212—four sections)
- The Classical Mind (PHIL 201 and 211—four sections)

At The University of Chicago:

- Classics of Social and Political Thought I

- Classics of Social and Political Thought III (two sections)

#### ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS

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- “Hegel on Sleep and Waking,” forthcoming in the *Hegel-Jahrbuch*.
- “Parts and Souls,” forthcoming in *Hegel and Ancient Philosophy: A Re-Examination* (edited by Glenn Magee, Routledge).
- “Locating Hegel’s Struggle for Recognition,” *Hegel-Studien* 50 (2017): 33–61.
- “Kierkegaard’s Don Giovanni and the Seductions of the Inner Ear,” *Review of Metaphysics* 69 (2016): 583–612.
- “Why Recognition Is a Struggle: Love and Strife in Hegel’s Early Jena Writings,” *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 54 (2016): 307–32.

#### REVIEWS & CRITICAL NOTICES

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- *Hegel’s Theory of Responsibility* by Mark Alznauer, *European Journal of Philosophy* (forthcoming)
- *Hegel, the End of History, and the Future* by Eric Dale, *Review of Metaphysics* 68 (2015): 847-49.

#### OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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- “El debate sobre las nuevas humanidades,” in *De simios, cyborgs y dioses*, edited by Claudia Carbonell and Lourdes Flamarique, 131-47. Madrid: Biblioteca Nueva, 2016.
- “The Substance of Things Hoped for,” *The Point* (online).
- “The World of Coca-Cola,” *The Point* 7 (2013): 157-69.

#### PRESENTATIONS & CONFERENCES

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- “La red de posverdad” (VII Simposio de la Asociación de Filosofía y Ciencia Contemporánea); Ribadesella (Asturias); June 2017.
- “Leon Kass; or, the Teacher” (“A Worthy Life: Finding Meaning in America,” Princeton University); Princeton; May 2017.
- “Parts and Souls” (24<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Hegel Society of America); Montreal; November 2016.
- “We Are, Nonetheless, Cartesians” (St. John’s College); Annapolis, MD; July 2016.
- “Hegel on Sleep” (31. Internationaler Hegel-Kongress der Internationalen Hegel-Gesellschaft); Bochum; May 2016.
- “Locating Hegel’s ‘Struggle for Recognition’” (Georgetown Political Theory Workshop); Washington, DC; March 2016.
- “What Is Novel in Hegel’s *Phenomenology of Spirit*” (Keynote Lecture for the annual Graduate Student Conference in Philosophy, at The Catholic University of America); Washington, DC; February 2016.
- “Prose and Skepticism in Hegel’s *Phenomenology of Spirit*” (APA, Eastern Division Meeting); Washington, DC; January 2016.

- “Fichte’s Polemics of Letter and Spirit” (IXth Kongress der Internationalen J.G. Fichte-Gesellschaft); Madrid; September 2015.
- “El debate sobre las nuevas humanidades” (V Simposio de la Asociación de Filosofía y Ciencia Contemporánea); Ribadesella (Asturias); June 2015.
- “What’s So Gripping about Zombies and Vampires?” (for the First Year Experience students at The Catholic University of America); March, 2015.
- “Kierkegaard’s Don Giovanni and the Seductions of the Inner Ear” (as part of the School of Philosophy’s Annual Lecture Series—“Music and Philosophy”—at The Catholic University of America); Washington, DC; September 2014.
- “Nietzsche on Women” (Midwest Modern Language Association convention); Minneapolis, MN; November 2008.

### **AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS**

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- Visiting Fellow, Department of Politics (James Madison Program), Princeton University (2017–18).
- Dolores Zohrab Liebmann Fellowship (a competitive, nation-wide fellowship for up to three years of dissertation-stage support; 2011-13).
- Western Civilization Fellowship, Intercollegiate Studies Institute (a competitive, nation-wide fellowship for one year of graduate study support; 2011—declined, except for summer 2011).
- Fundamentals Examination (i.e. M.A. qualifying exam) passed “with distinction” (2008).
- Century Fellowship, University of Chicago (the University’s flagship fellowship for incoming graduate students; 2006-2011).
- University of Cambridge Classics Faculty Prize for Best Part II (i.e. Senior) Thesis: *The Uses of Mythological Human Sacrifice in Ancient Greece* (2006).
- Members’ Greek Reading Prize, University of Cambridge (University-wide declamation competition; 2006).
- Members’ Latin Reading Prize, University of Cambridge (University-wide declamation competition; 2006).
- Honorable Mention for Best Senior Thesis, St. John’s College: *The Noble Art of Retreating Well: A Structural Account of Plato’s Laches* (2004).

### **SERVICE FOR THE SCHOOL OF PHILOSOPHY, THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA**

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- Faculty Advisor to the Undergraduate Philosophy Club and Phi Sigma Tau (2015–).
- Foreign Language Examination Committee (2013–, German).
- Graduate Curriculum Committee (2016–).
- Placement Advisory Committee (2014–16).
- Ph.D. Reading List Committee (2013–16, Lists II and III)
- Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (2014–15).
- Library Committee (2013–16).

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE & AFFILIATIONS**

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- Member of: Hegel Society of America (Executive Council), Hegel Society of Great Britain, American Philosophical Association
- Referee for: *History of Political Thought*, *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, *Tópicos: Revista de Filosofía*

#### **LANGUAGE COMPETENCE**

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- Spanish (native speaker)
- German (reading)
- French (reading)
- Latin (reading)
- Ancient Greek (reading)
- Italian (reading)
- Portuguese (reading)