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curriculum vitae

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I. Academic positions

2014-present: Associate Professor of Philosophy, The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC.

2008-2014: Assistant Professor of Philosophy, The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC.

2006-2008: Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow in Philosophy, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island.

2004-2008: Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, New York.

II. Education

1997-2004: University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. M.A. (1999) and Ph.D. (2004) in philosophy. Dissertation: "Kant on the Unity of Reason." Supervisor: Paul Guyer.

2001-2002: Freie Universität zu Berlin, Germany. Graduate Exchange Fellow (no degree).

1993-1996: Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas. B.A. in philosophy, minor in ancient Greek.

III. Areas of specialization / Areas of competence

AOS: Kant, modern philosophy, moral and political philosophy

AOC: aesthetics, ancient philosophy

IV. Publications

A. Edited collection

The Modern Turn, ed. Michael Rohlf. Washington, DC: The Catholic University of America Press (2017).

B. Peer-reviewed articles and book chapters:

- “Transcendental Idealism in the B-Deduction.” In *Kant on Freedom and Spontaneity*, ed. Kate Moran. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press (forthcoming).
- “Affinity and Systematicity in the First Critique.” In *Proceedings of the 12th International Kant Congress: Nature and Freedom*. Ed. Violetta L. Waibel and Margit Ruffing. Berlin: de Gruyter (forthcoming).
- “Contemporary Kantian Moral Philosophy.” In *The Palgrave Kant Handbook*, ed. Matthew C. Altman (forthcoming).
- “The Rationality of Induction in Kant (and Hume).” *Idealistic Studies* 43:3 (Fall 2013): 153-169.
- “Promissory Notes: Kant’s Argument for Transcendental Idealism.” In *Kant und die Philosophie in weltbürgerlicher Absicht*, ed. S. Bacin, A. Ferrarin, C. La Rocca, and M. Ruffing. Berlin and Boston: de Gruyter (2013), 375-385.
- “Happiness in Kant and Rousseau.” *Estudos Kantianos* 1:2 (2013): 25-42.
- “Emotion and Evil in Kant.” *Review of Metaphysics* 66 (June 2013): 749-773.
- “Kant’s Early Ethics.” *American Dialectic* 1.1 (2011): 137–66.
- “The Ideas of Pure Reason.” In *The Cambridge Companion to Kant’s Critique of Pure Reason*, ed. Paul Guyer. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press (2010), 190–209.
- “Kant, Immanuel.” *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (Originally published May 2010. Substantive revision January 2016).
- “Contradiction and Consent in Kant’s Ethics.” *Journal of Value Inquiry* 43.4 (2009): 507–20.
- “Kant on Determining One’s Duty: A Middle Course Between Rawls and Herman.” *Kant-Studien* 100.3 (2009): 346–68.
- “The Transition From Nature to Freedom in Kant’s Third Critique.” *Kant-Studien* 99.3 (2008), 339–60.

C. Short encyclopedia entries and book reviews:

- Entries on “idea,” “regulative,” “regress,” and “architectonic” (1000-1500 words each) in *The Cambridge Kant Lexicon*, ed. Julian Wuerth (forthcoming).
- “Synthetic a priori judgments.” In *New Catholic Encyclopedia Supplement 2012-2013: Ethics and Philosophy*, ed. Robert L. Fastiggi. 4 vols. Detroit: Gale, 2013.

Review of *Kant on Beauty and Biology*, by Rachel Zuckert. *Review of Metaphysics* 62.2 (2008): 444–46.

Review of *Kant on the Human Standpoint*, by Béatrice Longuenesse. *Ethics* 118.2 (2008): 345–49.

Review of *Kant's Cosmopolitan Theory of Law and Peace*, by Otfried Höffe. *International Philosophical Quarterly* 47.1 (2007): 115–16.

Review of *Kant's Transcendental Proof of Realism*, by Kenneth R. Westphal. *International Philosophical Quarterly*, 46:3 (2006): 371–72.

V. Conference presentations and invited talks

A. Papers:

September, 2015: “Affinity and Systematicity in the First Critique.” The 12th International Kant Congress. Vienna, Austria.

June, 2014: “Transcendental Idealism in the B-Deduction.” Georgetown University: DC/Baltimore Kant Workshop.

February, 2014: “Affinity and Systematicity in the First Critique.” Colloquium paper at the APA Central Division Meeting, Chicago. (Read by the session chair in my absence due to illness)

October, 2013: “Transcendental Idealism in the B-Deduction.” Brown University: Conference on Nature and Freedom in Kant, in honor of Paul Guyer.

March, 2012: “Emotion and Evil in Kant.” Keynote lecture at the CUA graduate student philosophy conference on Emotions.

September, 2010: “Happiness in Rousseau and Kant.” The Catholic University of America: School of Philosophy Fall lecture series.

May, 2010: “Promissory Notes: Kant's Argument for Transcendental Idealism.” XI International Kant Congress. Pisa, Italy.

April, 2008: “Systematicity and Conditions of Experience in Kant.” Brown University: Cogut Center for the Humanities Fellows' Seminar.

February, 2008: “Systematicity and Conditions of Experience in Kant.” The Catholic University of America: School of Philosophy colloquium.

May, 2007: "Contradiction and Consent in Kant's Ethics." University of Southern Maine: Eastern Study Group of the North American Kant Society.

December, 2006: "Contradiction and Consent in Kant's Ethics." Brown University: Cogut Center for the Humanities Fellows' Seminar.

November, 2006: "Contradiction and Consent in Kant's Ethics." Trinity University, San Antonio: Department of Philosophy colloquium.

February, 2006: "Procedural Formalism and Substantive Value in Kant's Ethics." University of South Carolina, Columbia: Department of Philosophy colloquium.

November, 2005: "Procedural Formalism and Substantive Value in Kant's Ethics." Stanford University: Pacific Study Group of the North American Kant Society.

October, 2005: "Hedonism and the Highest Good in Kant." Syracuse University: Upstate New York Early Modern Philosophy Workshop.

January, 2004: "The Transition From Nature to Freedom in Kant's Third *Critique*." Indiana University, Bloomington: Department of Philosophy colloquium.

B. Commentaries on scholarly papers

December, 2013: Response to Sasa Stankovic, "Practical Knowledge of Freedom in Kant's Critical Philosophy." APA Eastern Division Meeting, Baltimore.

December, 2012: Response to Katherine Gasdaglis, "The Refutation of Idealism and the Perception of Time." APA Eastern Division Meeting, Atlanta.

April, 2007: Response to James Reid, "Freedom in Nature: The Moral of Kant's Critique of Judgment." APA Pacific Division Meeting, San Francisco.

April, 1999: "Is Epicurean Friendship Altruistic? A Response to Timothy O'Keefe." Trinity University, San Antonio: 22nd Annual Workshop in Ancient Philosophy.

C. Other public presentations

February, 2013: Organized and led a Philosophy Film Night as part of the First Year Experience Speaker Series at CUA, featuring a screening and discussion of *The Matrix*.

October, 2012: Organized and led a Philosophy Film Night in the Honors Residential Community at CUA, featuring a screening and discussion of *Memento*.

September, 2012: Guest speaker in the Hitchhiker's Guide to Culture series of the CUA Honors Program on the topic of "Competitiveness."

January, 2012: Organized and led a Philosophy Film Night at CUA, featuring a screening and discussion of *Inception*.

November, 2011: Guest speaker (via Skype) to an Early Modern Philosophy class at the University of Utah discussing my paper "The Ideas of Pure Reason."

September, 2011: Led a Philosophy Film Night at CUA, in conjunction with the Philosophy Club and Phi Sigma Tau, featuring a screening and discussion of *The Matrix*.

October, 2010: Guest speaker in the CUA Philosophy Club's *Cafe Filosofo* series on the topic of Descartes's Critique of Scholastic Teleology.

January, 2010: Organized and led a Philosophy Film Night at CUA, featuring a screening and discussion of *The Matrix*.

VI. Referee work for journals and book publishers

Journal of the History of Philosophy

Pacific Philosophical Quarterly

Journal of Value Inquiry

Review of Metaphysics

American Dialectic

Kantian Review

Routledge

Lexington Books

The Catholic University of America Press

VII. Professional affiliations

American Philosophical Association

American Catholic Philosophical Association

Society of Christian Philosophers

North American Kant Society

DC/Baltimore Kant Workshop

VIII. Teaching experience

University of Pennsylvania

Introduction to Philosophy

Writing About Moral Issues

The History of Modern Philosophy

Ethics

Skidmore College

Introduction to Philosophy
The History of Early Modern Philosophy
Ethics
Seminar in Kant
The Idea of Freedom
Independent Study on Freedom in Rousseau and Kant
Independent Study on Hegel's Philosophy of Right

Brown University

Aesthetics
Kant's Critique of Pure Reason (undergraduate and graduate)
German Idealism (undergraduate and graduate)
Kantian Ethics (graduate seminar)

The Catholic University of America

The Classical Mind
The Modern Mind
Nature and Human Nature (honors)
Human Action and Government (honors)
Theories of Ethics
Philosophy of Art
Political Philosophy
The History of Modern Philosophy
Kant's Critique of Pure Reason (graduate seminar)
Kant's Moral and Political Philosophy (graduate seminar)
Kant's Critique of Judgment (graduate seminar)
German Idealism (graduate seminar)
Fichte's Ethics and Political Philosophy (graduate seminar)

IX. Service to The Catholic University of America

Faculty-in-residence, Freshman Residential College (2010-2012)
Faculty-in-residence, Honors Residential Community (2012-2014)
Faculty, CUA Rome Center (Fall 2014 semester)
Coordinator of the Fall 2010 lecture series in the School of Philosophy
Chair, Graduate Foreign Language Examination Committee in the School of Philosophy
Coordinator and grader, German Language Examination Committee in the School of Philosophy
Coordinator, French Language Examination Committee in the School of Philosophy
Member (briefly chair), Graduate Placement Advisory Committee in the School of Philosophy
Member, Website Management Committee in the School of Philosophy
Member, Curriculum Committee in the School of Philosophy
Member, Graduate Curriculum Committee in the School of Philosophy
Member, Graduate Reading List Examination Committee in the School of Philosophy
Member, Senior Comprehensive Examination Committee in the School of Philosophy
Member, Committee on Failing Grades in the School of Philosophy

Member, Academic Dishonesty Committee in the School of Philosophy
Member, President's Focus Group on Hispanic/Latino Recruitment
Member, Rome Center Joint Academic Sub-committee (JAC)