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Vita

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Research Interests

- AOS* Social and Political Philosophy, 18th and 19th Century German Philosophy
- AOC* Philosophy of Economics, Philosophy of Law, Applied Ethics
- Teaching* All AOS & AOC, plus: Philosophy of Technology, Aesthetics, Japanese Philosophy

Education

- 2025 PhD, Philosophy; Univ. of Pennsylvania
- Dissertation: *What is Good Work: Perspectives from 19th Century German Philosophy*
- Advisors: Jennifer M. Morton & Sabina Vaccarino Bremner
- 2025 Certificate in Public Philosophy, Univ. of Pennsylvania
- 2015 BA, Philosophy, Psychology; Villanova Univ.
- Thesis: *Concept Combination in Cognitive Psychology*
- Advisor: Georg Theiner
- Minor in Cognitive Science

Publications

forth. “The Art of Work in Kant’s *Critique of Judgment*,” *Philosophers’ Imprint*

Popular Publications

- forth.* “We all need food. Who is obligated to grow it?”
Aeon Magazine
- forth.* “Doing Critical Scholarship for Social Change in the Academy”
Public Philosophy Journal

- 2023 “Freedom at Work” ([link](#))
Aeon Magazine
Reprinted in *Monthly Review Online*

Under Review & Works in Progress

A paper on Fichte’s Political Economy

“Capitalism and Sufficiency”

“Why All Should Contribute”

“Public Goods as a Source of Exit Power”

“Job Specialization in Fichte and Marx”

Presentations

- 2025 “Capitalism and Sufficiency”
Zicklin Workshop, The Wharton School, Univ. of Pennsylvania
- 2024 “Public goods as a source of exit power”
PPE Society; New Orleans, LA
- 2024 “Is it simple to be a Marxist in (academic) philosophy?”
Philosophy in the Wild, Pennsylvania
- 2024 “The Art of Work in Kant’s Critique of Judgment”
Society for German Idealism and Romanticism; Univ. of Cambridge
- 2024 “Sufficiency and Capitalism” (with [Mike Gadomski](#))
Andrea Mitchell Center, Graduate Student Workshop; Univ. of Pennsylvania
- 2024 “The Art of Work in Kant’s Critique of Judgment”
Symposium at the APA Eastern; New York, NY
- 2023 “Sufficiency and Capitalism”
Penn Normative Philosophy Group Paper Workshop; Univ. of Pennsylvania
- 2023 “AI, Labor-Saving Technology, and Meaningful Work”
Int’l. Conference on the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence; Porto University,
Portugal

- 2023 “ChatGPT is stealing your job. Don’t worry, it’s hiring assistants.”
The School for Philosophy, Economics, and the Humanities; Phila., PA
- 2023 “Property, Labor, and The Politics of Need in Fichte’s Foundations of
Natural Right”
The Politics of German Idealism; University of Coimbra, Portugal
- 2023 “The Art of Work in Kant’s Critique of Judgment”
The School for Philosophy, Economics, and the Humanities; Phila., PA
- 2023 “The Art of Work in Kant’s Critique of Judgment”
American Society for Aesthetics, 81st Annual Meeting; Arlington, VA
- 2022 “Hegel on Nature and Pregnancy”
Penn Early Modern Paper Workshop, Univ. of Pennsylvania
- 2022 “A Kantian Desideratum on Good Work”
Univ. of San Diego Graduate Student Conference
- 2021 “‘Preemptive Strikes’ in Spinoza and Marx: A Response to Jason Read”
Spinoza After Marx, Univ. of Pennsylvania

Invited Comments

- 2024 Normative Philosophy Conference, Univ. of Pennsylvania
Declined due to conflict.

Awards & Fellowships

- 2024 - Don Lavoie Fellowship
- 2025 - A competitive fellowship from George Mason University’s Mercatus
Center for students interested in studying key ideas in political
economy.
- 2024 APA Graduate Student Travel Grant
- 2023 ASA Graduate Student Travel Grant
- 2021 - Student Government Research & Travel Grants (Penn)
- 2024 - Awarded five times.
- 2021 - Robert Fox Graduate Fellow
- 2022 - One year funding source to support doctoral research.

- 2019 - Benjamin Franklin Fellowship
 2024 - Six year funding source to support doctoral research.

Teaching

University of Pennsylvania

Instructor of Record

- The Philosophy of Work Spring 2024
- Philosophy of the US Constitution Fall 2024
- Political Philosophy Fall 2023
- Introduction to Philosophy Summer 2023

Teaching Assistant

- Modern Philosophy Spring 2022
- Political Philosophy Fall 2021
- Philosophy of Economics Spring 2021
- Philosophy of Mind Fall 2020

Other Teaching

- Developing curricula for high school philosophy courses 2025
- Independent Study Sponsor for High School Students 2024
- High School Ethics Bowl Coach & Judge 2019-2021
- After School Philosophy Club for Grades 6-12 2021
- Volunteer mentor for high school students without access to philosophy in school. 2023
- Six years of teaching experience in unions, political organizations, firms, and electoral campaigns. 2016-2021

Conference Organization

Spinoza after Marx	Summer 2021
Virtual Conference in Early Modern Philosophy	Summer 2020
Conference in Honor of Rolf-Peter Horstmann (graduate host)	Spring 2020

Department Service

Organizer, Graduate Colloquia	2023-2024
Host, Visiting Students Weekend	2021-2023
Library Manager	2022-2023
Philosophy and Film	2019-2021
Reading Group Organizer	
- Spinoza's <i>Ethics</i>	2019
- Kant's <i>Critique of Pure Reason</i>	2022-2023
- Kant's <i>Critique of Judgment</i>	2023
- Marxist Aesthetics	2023
- Elizabeth Anderson's <i>Hijacked</i>	2024
- Analytical Marxism	2024
- Perpetual Peace in Kant, Fichte, and Schlegel	2024

Languages

Natural: American Sign Language (advanced), Spanish (intermediate), Japanese (intermediate), Latin (beginner)

Programming: Golang, R, C++, JavaScript, Python, R (all advanced)

Graduate Coursework

- Plato's Republic, Statesman, and Laws
- Modern Political Philosophy
- Spinoza after Marx
- Kant's Critique of Pure Reason (Villanova Univ.)*
- Kant's Moral Philosophy
- Kant's Critique of Judgment
- Kant's Political Philosophy

- Hegel's Phenomenology and Logic
- Marx
- Marx's Capital
- Political Marxism*
- Theories of the State*
- Logic
- Reproduction, Embryology, Pregnancy
- Realism and Anti-Realism
- Ethics
- Metaethics
- Philosophy of Perception*
- Adorno* (Temple Univ.)
- Bias and Objectivity* (Princeton Univ.)
- Advanced Regression Methods* (Villanova Univ.)

* Indicates Audit

References

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