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AREAS OF RESEARCH

Specialization: Ethics, Philosophy of Language, Wittgenstein, Heidegger

Competence: Political Philosophy, Post-Kantian European Philosophy, Ancient Philosophy, Buddhist Philosophy, History of Analytic Philosophy

EDUCATION

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| Tulane University | 2021–Present |
| PH.D., Philosophy | |
| Visiting PH.D. Student, University of Iowa (Sponsored by David Stern) | Spring 2024 |
| City University of New York, Graduate Center | 2020–2021 |
| Philosophy Graduate Coursework | |
| University of Chicago | 2015–2016 |
| M.A., Master of Arts Program in the Humanities (Cultural Policy) | |
| St. John’s College | 2008–2011 |
| B.A., Liberal Arts | |

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

“Translating the *Tractatus* and Tractarian Ethics” in Passinsky, Asya, Julio De Rizzo, and Benjamin Schnieder, eds. *Facets of Reality – Contemporary Debates: Proceedings of the 45th International Wittgenstein Symposium*. De Gruyter, forthcoming 2025.

“The Comstock Apparatus” chapter in Canaday, Margot, Nancy F. Cott, and Robert O. Self, eds. *Intimate States: Gender, Sexuality, and Governance in Modern US History*. University of Chicago Press, 2021. Co-written with Jeffrey Escoffier and Whitney Strub.

SELECTED REVIEWS & OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Review of *Transcending Reason: Heidegger on Rationality*, Matthew Burch and Irene McMullin, eds. *Gatherings: The Heidegger Circle Annual* 13 (2023): 273-279.

Review of *Sex, Society, and the Making of Pornography: The Pornographic Object of Knowledge*, by Jeffrey Escoffier. CUNY Graduate Center: Gotham Center for NYC History Blog. June 15, 2021.

Member Interview for American Philosophical Association blog, with Sabrina Hiralall. April 20, 2021.

"The End of the Downtown Scene." Review of *I've Seen the Future and I'm Not Going*, by Peter McGough. CUNY Graduate Center: Gotham Center for NYC History Blog. July 2, 2020. Co-written with Jeffrey Escoffier.

Alumni Connect Across Decades to Collaborate on Research Projects. Interview for St. John's College blog, with Kimberly Uslin. March 4, 2019.

"Desire & Documentary in the Photography of Alvin Baltrop." CUNY Graduate Center: Gotham Center for NYC History Blog. September 24, 2019. Co-written with Jeffrey Escoffier.

"Rough Paradise: Sex, Art, and Economic Crisis on the NYC Waterfront." Review of *Pier Groups: Art and Sex Along the New York Waterfront*, by Jonathan Weinberg. CUNY Graduate Center: Gotham Center for NYC History Blog. August 15, 2019. Co-written with Jeffrey Escoffier.

"Art's Great Good Place? Warhol's Silver Factory and Its Legacy." CUNY Graduate Center: Gotham Center for NYC History Blog. January 24, 2019.

"Cutting Up the City in Crisis: Gordon Matta-Clark and Urban Commons." CUNY Graduate Center: Gotham Center for NYC History Blog. November 29, 2018. Co-written with Jeffrey Escoffier.

"Relics of the Underground: The Afterlife of Cultural Spaces." Review of *Rock and Roll Explorer Guide to New York City*, by Mike Katz and Crispin Kott. CUNY Graduate Center: Gotham Center for NYC History Blog. November 8, 2018. Co-written with Jeffrey Escoffier.

"Cracks in the Pre-Invented World: Disaster, Art, and the Sublime in New York, 1970 to 1992." CUNY Graduate Center: Gotham Center for NYC History Blog. August 22, 2018. Co-written with Jeffrey Escoffier.

PAPERS IN PROGRESS

| | |
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| "Lucky By Nature? Luck in Aristotle's <i>Eudemian Ethics</i> " | Under initial review at <i>Ancient Philosophy</i> |
| "Expecting Nothing" | Under initial review at <i>Sartre Studies Intl.</i> |
| "Wittgenstein's Shrug: Method & Limits in <i>PI</i> " | Draft phase |
| "Moral Vision and Environmental Ethics" | Draft phase |
| "Beyond the Priory: Everyday Spiritual Spaces" | Draft phase |
| "On Nothingness: A Heideggerian Reading of Leibniz" | Draft phase |

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

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| Institute for Humane Studies at George Mason University, Expense Support Award | 2024 |
| Philosophy Department Travel Award, Tulane University | 2024 |
| Graduate Studies Student Association Travel Award, Tulane University | 2024 |
| RLST Gaisman Dissertation-Teaching Fellowship, Tulane University (\$25,000) | 2023-2024 |
| Adam Smith Fellowship, Mercatus Center, George Mason University (\$10,000) | 2023-2024 |
| Philosophy Department Travel Award, Tulane University | 2023 |
| Graduate Studies Student Association Travel Award, Tulane University | 2023 |
| Adam Smith Fellowship, Mercatus Center, George Mason University (\$10,000) | 2022-2023 |
| Tulane University Fellowship Award | 2021-present |
| Universität Hamburg Philosophie Sommerkurs Tuition Grant | 2020 |
| Institute for New Economic Thinking / Young Scholars Travel Grant (2x) | 2019 |
| MAPH Research Travel Grant, University of Chicago | 2016 |

TALKS

† denotes refereed

“Translating the *Tractatus* and Tractarian Ethics.”

45th International Wittgenstein Symposium, Kirchberg am Wechsel (August 2024). †

“Lucky By Nature? Luck in Aristotle’s *Nicomachean* and *Eudemian* Ethics.”

Eastern APA, New York City (January 2024).

Comment on David Lindeman’s “A Heideggerian Reading of the *Tractatus*.”

Eastern APA, New York City (January 2024).

“Lucky By Nature? Aristotle on Luck and Political Science.”

Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Conference, New Orleans (January 2024). †

“Moral Vision and Environmental Ethics.”

13th Salzburg Conference for Young Analytic Philosophy (SOPhiA), University of Salzburg, Salzburg (September 2023). †

“Moral Vision and Environmental Ethics.”

Third Annual Philosophy in the Wild Conference (University of Pennsylvania), Poe Paddy State Park, Pennsylvania (July 2023). †

“Lucky By Nature? Aristotle on Luck and Political Science.”

Southern Political Science Association’s 2023 Virtual Summer Conference (June 2023). †

“Rethinking Heidegger on Rationality.”

Graduate Student Research Series, Tulane University Department of Philosophy, New Orleans (March 2023).

“After the Land Ethic: Moral Vision and Environmental Ethics.”

Tulane University Research, Innovation, and Creativity Summit, New Orleans (March 2023).
Accepted yet unable to attend. †

“Beyond the Priority: Everyday Spiritual Spaces.”

Tulane University Research, Innovation, and Creativity Summit, New Orleans (March 2023).
Accepted yet unable to attend. Co-written with Giuliana Vaccarino Gearty (Tulane University, School of Architecture). †

“Wittgenstein & Heidegger on Ethical Knowledge.”

Eastern APA, Montreal (January 2023).

“Buddhist Moral Phenomenology’s Epistemological Worry: Dinnāga & Dharmakīrti on Conceptual Distortion.”

Gonzaga University Graduate Philosophy Conference, Gonzaga University, Spokane (April 2022). †

Comment on Jerome Romagosa’s “Representational Deflationism: Eliminativism or Anti-Naturalism?”

New Orleans Philosophical Society’s Graduate Student Conference, Tulane University, New Orleans (March 2022).

“Writing an Undergraduate Philosophy Paper.”

Invited lecture in Karl Schmid’s Buddhist Philosophy course, Tulane University, New Orleans (February 2022).

- “The Construction of Space: Crisis Urbanism, Architecture, and Alternative ‘Conceptions of the Good’.”
Philosophy of the City Summer Colloquium (2020, accepted yet postponed indefinitely due to COVID-19). With Giuliana Vaccarino Gearty (Tulane School of Architecture). †
- “Beyond Robert Moses and Jane Jacobs: New York City’s 1970s Economic Crisis and the Anarchitecture of Gordon Matta-Clark.”
Social Science History Association (SSHA), Annual Conference, Chicago (November 2019). †
- “An Economics of Historical Discontinuity.”
Associazione Italiana per la Storia dell’Economia Politica (STOREP), Università di Siena, Siena (June 2019). †
- “Cutting Up the City: Gordon Matta-Clark and the Urban Commons.”
Fourteenth International Conference on the Arts in Society, Lisbon Polytechnic University, Lisbon (June 2019). †
- “Can We Design Culture? Interventions into Cultural Processes.”
Thirteenth International Conference on Design Principles and Practices, Saint Petersburg State University, Saint Petersburg (attended remotely) (March 2019). †
- “Justifying the Urban: Philosophical Foundations of Urban Economics.”
University of Southern California, Institute for New Economic Thinking, Los Angeles (January 2019). †
- “Economy of the Closet: Creation and Mechanisms of the Market for Brazilian Public Sex.”
Invited lecture in Christopher Mitchell’s Global LGBT History course, Hunter College, City University of New York (October 2018).

TEACHING

AS INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD

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| Buddhist Philosophy and Philosophy of Language (Tulane, undergraduate) | Fall 2024 |
| A Philosophical Approach to Religions of the World (Tulane, undergraduate)–2 sections | Fall 2023 |
| Introduction to Philosophy: Environmental Ethics Emphasis (Tulane, undergraduate) | Spring 2023 |
| Introduction to Philosophy (Tulane, undergraduate) | Fall 2022 |

AS TEACHING ASSISTANT

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| Buddhist Philosophy, <i>Karl Schmid</i> (5x) | 2021–2024 |
| Marcuse’s <i>Eros & Civilization</i> , <i>Jeffrey Escoffier</i> | Spring 2021 |
| Sexual Revolution: Freedom, Theory, and Sexual Politics, <i>Jeffrey Escoffier</i> | Spring 2019 |

PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING

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| Tulane University Philosophy Teaching Workshop (Tulane) | 2022–present |
| Essentials of Learning & Teaching, Center for Engaged Learning & Teaching (Tulane) | Spring 2022 |
| Universal Design Learning Academy, Center for Engaged Learning & Teaching (Tulane) | Fall 2021 |

SELECTED WORKSHOPS

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| Tulane University German Philosophy Workshop (co-founder & co-coordinator) | 2023-present |
| Austrian Wittgenstein Society Summer School, <i>David Stern & Lars Hertzberg</i> | 2023 |
| Intl. Ludwig Wittgenstein Workshop (U. Klagenfurt), <i>James Conant & David Finkelstein</i> | 2023 |
| Austrian Wittgenstein Society Summer School, <i>Hans-Johann Glock & John Hyman</i> | 2022 |
| Universität Hamburg "The Hyperintensional Revolution," <i>Francesco Berto</i> | 2020 |

ARCHIVAL WORK

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| Canadian Centre for Architecture, Montreal ("Cutting Up the City...") | April 2019 |
| Smithsonian Institution Archives, D.C. ("Cultural Preservation in Wartime") | June-Aug. 2016 |

ACADEMIC SERVICE

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| Tulane University Graduate Studies Student Association, departmental representative | 2024-2025 |
| APA, Central Division Session "Moral Status," chair | 2024 |
| APA, Central Division Session "Standpoint Theory in Epistemology," chair | 2024 |
| Tulane University German Philosophy Workshop, co-founder & co-coordinator | 2023-present |
| Southern Political Science Association Panel "Political Theory," chair | 2023 |
| APA, Eastern Division Session "Naturalism and Moral Theory," chair | 2023 |
| New Orleans Philosophical Society's Graduate Philosophy Conference, referee & chair | 2022 |

LANGUAGES

English (native), German (limited working proficiency), French (reading), Ancient Greek (some reading)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Philosophical Association
Heidegger Circle
Nordic Wittgenstein Society
Philosophy of the City Research Group
Southern Political Science Association
Society for the Study of the History of Analytical Philosophy

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