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Education

In Progress: Ph.D., Philosophy, Tulane University, Expected Spring of 2025

M.A., Philosophy, Ohio University, 2021

Thesis Title: [“Epistocracy’s Competence Problem: An Instrumentalist Defense of Democracy”](#)

Thesis Director: Prof. Christoph Hanisch

B.A., Philosophy, George Fox University, 2017

Research Interests

Primary:

Moral Philosophy; Social and political Philosophy; Democratic Theory; Social Choice and Welfare

Secondary:

Kant; Rawls; Applied Ethics; Feminist Philosophy; Philosophy of Economics; Philosophy of Mind; AI

Presentations

“Rethinking Locke’s Exclusion of Non-Believers,” North Carolina Philosophical Society Meeting, March 2023,
 (Accepted but unable to attend).

-- Exclusion, Integration, and Democracy GOODINT Workshop, UiT – The University of Norway, **Upcoming:** May 2023.

-- John Locke Society Conference, June 2023.

“Historic Injustice in Rawls’s Property-Owning Democracy.” Annual Southwest Graduate Conference, March 26, 2022.

“Democracy and the Right to Competent Government.” Binghamton University SPEL Graduate Student Conference, Nov 7-8, 2020.

“Fraternity and Equal Respect for Citizens.” North Carolina Philosophical Society and South Carolina Society for Philosophy joint Meeting, March 2020, (Accepted but unable to attend).

Teaching

As Instructor of Record

PHIL 2600: Ethics in Business, Tulane University: *Fall 2022, Spring 2023*

PHIL 1030: Ethics, Tulane University: *Spring 2022:*

PHIL 1200: Principles of Reasoning, Ohio University: *Spring 2021, Fall 2020*

As A Teaching Assistant

PHIL 1030: Ethics, Tulane University (Dr. Chad Van Schoelandt), Fall 2021

PHIL 1200: Principles of Reasoning, Ohio University (Dr. Alfred Lent), Spring 2020

PHIL 1200: Principles of Reasoning, Ohio University (Dr. Yoichi Ishida), Fall 2019

Awards and Recognition

Adam Smith Fellowship, Mercatus Center at George Mason University, 2022-2023 (*Unable to Participate*)
 Idus Murphree Book Prize, Department of Philosophy, Ohio University, 2020-2021
 Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, Department of Philosophy, Ohio University, 2020-2021
 Teaching Assistantship, Department of Philosophy, Ohio University, 2019-2021
 Award for Achievement in Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, Ohio University, 2019-2020
 Outstanding Graduate Student Award, Department of Philosophy, Ohio University, 2019-2020
 Dean's List, George Fox University, Spring 2012, Spring 2017
 Teaching Assistantship, Department of Philosophy, College of Christian Studies, George Fox University 2014-2015
 Duke Distinguished Scholar's Award, George Fox University, 2013-2017

Graduate Courses Taken

At Tulane University

Philosophy:

Formal Methods (Dr. David O'Brien, Fall 2021)
 Moral Philosophy: Death and Dying (Dr. Josh Mund, Spring 2023)
 New Diversity Theory (Dr. Chad Van Schoelandt, Spring 2022)
 Moral Psychology and Metaethics (Dr. Louis Gularte, Fall 2022)
 History of Political Philosophy (Dr. Chad Van Schoelandt, Fall 2022)
 History of Moral Philosophy (Dr. Oliver Sensen, Fall 2021)
 Advanced Symbolic Logic (Dr. Kevin Morris, Fall 2022)
 Philosophy of Neuroscience (Dr. Daniel Burnston, Fall 2021)
 Metaphysics (Dr. Kevin Morris, Spring 2022)
 Metaphysics of Mind (Dr. Kevin Morris, Spring 2023)

Outside the Philosophy Department:

Philosophy of Normative Economics (Dr. Douglas Nelson, Department of Economics, Spring 2022)
 Public Opinion and Voter Behavior (Dr. Brian Brox, Department of Political Science, Spring 2023)

At Ohio University

Egalitarianism (Dr. Christoph Hanisch, Fall 2019)
 Contemporary Social and Political Philosophy (Dr. Alyssa Bernstein, Fall 2020)
 Metaethics (Dr. Christoph Hanisch, Spring 2021)
 Kant's Moral Philosophy (Dr. Christoph Hanisch, Spring 2021)
 Applied Ethics (Dr. Alyssa Bernstein, Spring 2021)
 Philosophy of Law (Dr. Alyssa Bernstein, Spring 2020)
 Biomedical Ethics (Dr. Scott Carson, Spring 2020)
 Techniques of Formal Analysis (Dr. Philip Ehrlich, Fall 2019)
 Philosophy of Science (Dr. Philip Ehrlich, Fall 2019)
 Pragmatism (Dr. Yoichi Ishida, Spring 2020)
 Philosophy Forum: Plato's Moral Psychology (Dr. Scott Carson, Spring 2020)
 Phenomenology (Dr. Robert Briscoe, Fall 2020)
 Philosophical Writing and Methodology I (Dr. Yoichi Ishida, Fall 2019)
 Philosophical Writing and Methodology II (Dr. Yoichi Ishida, Fall 2020)

Advanced Undergraduate Courses Taken

George Fox University

Religion and Reason (Dr. Philip Smith)
 Virtue Philosophy: MacIntyre and Adams (Dr. Philip Smith)
 St. Augustine of Hippo (Dr. Joseph Clair)

History of Modern and Postmodern Philosophy (Dr. Corwynn Beals)
Christian Apologetics (Dr. Mark McCleod-Harrison)
Social Theory (Dr. Jeffery Tatum)
Philosophy Capstone: Contemporary Philosophy of Religion (Dr. Mark McCleod-Harrison)
Independent Study: The Ethics and Social Philosophy of Dietrich Bonhoeffer (Dr. Javier Garcia)

Languages

German | Intermediate Speaking, Writing, and Reading
French | Basic Reading
Norwegian | Intermediate reading, Basic Speaking

Other Service and Work Experience

Founder and Organizer, Interdisciplinary Graduate Teaching Group, Tulane University: 2021-present
Assistant Children's Pastor, Westside: A Jesus Church: 2017-2018
Winemaker's Assistant and Tasting Room Host, Hawks View Winery: 2016-2017
Grader and Lab Tech, Chemistry Department, George Fox University: 2015-2016
Resident Assistant, George Fox University: 2014-2016
Director of Urban Ministries, George Fox University: 2013-2015

Memberships

American Philosophical Association
The Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society