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APPOINTMENTS

- 2024- Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy
Eckerd College
- 2021-2024 Instructor, Philosophy & Integrated Studies
Florida Gulf Coast University
- 2018-2024 Lecturer in Philosophy
California State University, Stanislaus

EDUCATION

- 2018 Ph.D., Philosophy, University of Oregon
- 2015 M.A., Philosophy, University of Oregon
- 2013 B.A., Philosophy, Webster University, *summa cum laude*, departmental honors

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Areas of Specialization:

Social and political philosophy, twentieth century philosophy
(especially critical & democratic theory, politics of climate change, and Right-wing thought)

Areas of Competence:

Ethics, logic, philosophy & film, phenomenology & existentialism, environmental philosophy

BOOKS

The Right-Wing Mirror of Critical Theory: Studies of Schmitt, Oakeshott, Hayek, Strauss, and Rand
Lexington Books (2023)

Review by Milo Ward in *New Political Science* (2024)

Review by Matthew McManus in *Marx & Philosophy Review of Books* (2024)

Review by Charles Prusik in *Contemporary Political Theory* (2024)

Book session at the 16th Annual Radical Philosophy Association Meeting, with comments by Alicia Steinmetz and Matthew McManus (2024)

Democracy in Spite of the Demos: From Arendt to the Frankfurt School
Rowman and Littlefield International (2020)

Review by Benjamin L. McKean in *Radical Philosophy Review* 24.2 (2021): 271-275

Symposium in *Critical Review* (2024), with article-length contributions by Christopher Holman, Andrew Norris, Benjamin Schupmann, and Théophile Pénigaud

EDITORIAL

Guest editor, with Colin Macleod, of *The Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, special supplemental issue on philosophy and climate change (forthcoming 2025)

JOURNAL ARTICLES – INVITED CONTRIBUTIONS

“Power to the (Right) People: Reply to Critics”
Critical Review 36.1-2 (2024): 92-118

JOURNAL ARTICLES – PEER REVIEWED

“The People and the Population: Cabral, Democracy, and Climate Catastrophe”
Philosophy & Global Affairs (forthcoming 2024)

“Climate Denial as Alienation: Four Types” (with Ashley Krieger)
Radical Philosophy Review (online in advance 2024)

“Degrowth or Class Struggle? A Critique of Matthew Huber’s *Climate Change as Class War*”
(with Peter A. LaVenía)
Capitalism Nature Socialism (online in advance 2024)

“The Contradiction between Use-Value and Exchange-Value: Ecology, Imperialism, and the Telos of Production” (with Elizabeth Portella)
Emancipations: A Journal of Critical Social Analysis 3.1 (2024)

“The Formal and Real Subsumption of Gender Relations” (with Elizabeth Portella)
Historical Materialism (online in advance 2024)

“What is ‘Totalitarian’ Today? Arendt after the Climate Breakdown”
Philosophy Today 67.2 (2023): 35-49

“Climate Change and the Irrational Society” (with Iaan Reynolds)
Theory & Event 26.3 (2023): 559-575

“From the Epistemology of Ignorance to *Rassenwahn*: Thinking Ideology with Mills and Adorno”
Constellations 28.3 (2021): 368-378

“Schmitt’s Democratic Dialectic: on the Limits of Democracy as a Value”
Philosophy and Social Criticism 47.6 (2021): 681-701

“Climate X or Climate Jacobin? A Critical Exchange on Our Planetary Future”
(with Russell Duvernoy)
Radical Philosophy Review 23.2 (2020): 175-200

“Radical Democracy with what *Demos*? Mouffe and Laclau after the Rise of the Right”
Radical Philosophy Review 21.2 (2018): 225-248

“History as Chiasm, Chiasm as History”
Philosophy Today 62.1 (2018): 285-298

Curriculum Vitae (Revised: 8.1.2024)

“Narcissus and the Transcendental: Merleau-Ponty, Deleuze, and the Challenge of Meillassoux”
(with Billy Dean Goehring)

Chiasmi International 19 (2017): 401-416

“Two Women in Flight in Beauvoir’s Fiction”

Southwest Philosophy Review 33.1 (2017): 105-114

“Who are the True Machiavellians? Althusser and Merleau-Ponty Reading *The Prince*”
(with Elizabeth Portella)

Rethinking Marxism 29.3 (2017): 405-415

“It’s a Good Life? Adorno and the Happiness Machine”

Constellations 23.4 (2016): 523-535

“Anti-Intellectualism’s Not Dead: Romano, Lysaker, and American Philosophy”

The Pluralist 11.2 (2016): 49-63

“*Westworld*: Ideology, Simulation, Spectacle”

Mediations 30.1 (2016): 25-38

“Sleepwalker: Arendt, Thoughtlessness, and the Question of Little Eichmanns”

Social Philosophy Today 31 (2015): 53-69

“The Violence of the Political and the Politics of Violence: *Dirty Hands* Reconsidered”

Sartre Studies International 21.1 (2015): 53-74

“What is a Working-Class Intellectual?” (with Billy Dean Goehring)

Rhizomes 27 (2014)

BOOK CHAPTERS

“Looking Like Number Twelve”

The Twilight Zone and Philosophy, ed. Alexander E. Hooke and Heather Rivera.
Chicago: Open Court, 2018, 205-213

BOOK REVIEWS / REVIEW ESSAYS

Review of Matthew McManus, *The Political Right and Equality*

Radical Philosophy Review 26.6 (2023): 329-333.

“Degrowth and the Future of Capitalism: A Critical Review of Recent Literature”

Emancipations: A Journal of Critical Social Analysis 2.1 (2023) (online)

Review of Megan Blomfield, *Global Justice, Natural Resources, and Climate Change*

Contemporary Political Theory (2021) (online)

WRITINGS FOR A GENERAL AUDIENCE

“The State of Climate Exception”

Blog of the American Philosophical Association, March 2022

<https://blog.apaonline.org/2022/03/17/the-state-of-climate-exception/>

Reprinted by the Institute of Art and Ideas

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“‘The People’ versus Democracy: A New Dilemma”

Cicero Foundation Great Debate Paper, no. 20 /01, April 2020

“What is Critical Theory’s Role Today?”

Blog of the American Philosophical Association, June 2018

<https://blog.apaonline.org/2018/06/14/what-is-critical-theorys-role-today/>

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2018 Joe Frank Jones III Graduate Student Essay Award
(award for best graduate student paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World)
- 2016 DAAD Intensive Language Course Grant
(for summer language study in Germany; declined)
- 2014 Philosophy Matters Award, University of Oregon
(annual award for best graduate student essay, for “Sleepwalker: Arendt, Thoughtlessness, and the Question of Little Eichmanns”)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS - REFEREED

- 2023 “Four Types of Climate Denial” (with Ashley Krieger)
Annual Meeting of the Association for Political Theory, Union College
- 2022 “The People and the Population: Cabral, Democracy, and Climate Breakdown”
15th Biennial Conference of the Radical Philosophy Association,
University of North Florida
- “Democracy and Popular Climate Skepticism”
Annual Meeting of the Association for Political Theory, University of Houston
- 2021 “Whose State of Exception? Critical Theory and the Climate Emergency”
14th Biennial Conference of the Radical Philosophy Association, Online
- “Is Ideology Critique Elitist? Adorno, Ishiguro, and Climate Skepticism”
59th Meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP), Online
- “Climate Change and Totalitarian Logic”
14th Meeting of the Hannah Arendt Circle, Loyola University, Online
- 2019 “From the Epistemology of Ignorance to *Rassenwahn*: Thinking Ideology with Mills and Adorno”
58th Meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP),
Pittsburgh
- “False Democracy or False *Demos*? Climate Skepticism and Social Delusion”
27th Annual Critical Theory Roundtable, McMaster University, Canada

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- “Beauvoir and the Contemporary Right”
Diverse Lineages of Existentialism II, Washington D.C.
- “Arendt and Climate Change: Limits and Promises” (with Lucy Benjamin)
13th Meeting of the Hannah Arendt Circle, University of Alberta, Canada
- 2018 “From False Democracy to False *Demos*: Adorno, Marcuse, and Climate Skepticism”
57th Meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP),
Penn State
- “Right-wing Populism and Democratic Values: A Challenge from the Frankfurt
School”
25th Meeting of the Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World, Portland
- “Politics of *Doxa* and Politics of Truth: Arendt’s Ambivalent Legacy in Radical
Democratic Theory”
12th Meeting of the Hannah Arendt Circle, UC Davis
- “The Incompetence Principle: Political Philosophy and ‘The People’”
New Directions in the Study of Populism workshop, Arizona State University
- 2017 “Democracy and the Rise of the Right: The Case of Rancière”
56th Meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP),
Memphis
- “Political Violence as Beginning and End: Arendt and Sartre”
23rd Meeting of the North American Sartre Society, CSU Northridge
- “Democracy in Spite of the *Demos*?”
Critical Theory Workshop/*Atelier de Théorie Critique*, Paris
- “Arendt, Adorno, and ‘Post-Truth’ Politics”
Arendt and Critical Theory Today: 2nd Istanbul Critical Theory Conference, Oldenburg,
Germany
- “Islands of Freedom and Seas of Necessity: Arendt’s Disjunctive Political Ontology”
1st Critical Social Ontology Workshop, St. Louis University
- “Democracy and the Rise of the Right: The Case of Rancière”
7th Southwest Seminar in Continental Philosophy, Los Angeles
- 2016 “Beauvoir’s Political Thought in Neglect”
23rd Simone de Beauvoir Society Conference, Superior WI
- 2015 “History as Chiasm, Chiasm as History”
40th Meeting of the International Merleau-Ponty Circle, Worcester MA
- “Paris by Brassai and Sartre” (with Caitlin Zera)
Philosophy of the City conference, Portland
- “Metaphors against the Consumer Society in Nietzsche and Kafka”
7th Meeting of the Pacific Association for the Continental Tradition (PACT), Seattle

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“Rorty’s Critique of Metaphysics and the Critique of Ideology”
Traditions of Ideology Critique: the 9th Annual Meeting of the International Society for MacIntyrean Enquiry, St. Louis

“When is Being a Woman Enough?”
32nd International Social Philosophy Conference, Liberty MO

“When is Being a Woman Enough?”
Main program, Annual Meeting of the Central Division of the American Philosophical Association (APA), St. Louis

2014 “Aphoristic Life: Nietzsche, Adorno, and the Philosophy of Fragments”
53rd Meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP), New Orleans

“Sleepwalker: Arendt, Thoughtlessness, and the Question of Little Eichmanns”
31st International Social Philosophy Conference, Ashland OR

“*Westworld*: Reality, Simulation, and Ideology”
6th Meeting of the Pacific Association for the Continental Tradition (PACT), Los Angeles

“Critics and Comrades: Sartre and Merleau-Ponty on Koestler’s Dilemma”
The Diverse Lineages of Existentialism, St. Louis

“Prescribed Happiness and Objective Illness: Adorno on Inner Health”
7th International Critical Theory Conference of Rome

INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND TALKS

- 2024 Book session for *The Right-Wing Mirror of Critical Theory*
16th Biennial Conference of the Radical Philosophy Association, Salt Lake City
- “What is Ecological Leninism?”
Radical Philosophy Association panel, Annual Meeting of the Central Division of the American Philosophical Association (APA), New Orleans
- 2023 “To Coexist One Must First Exist: Cabral and the Climate Catastrophe”
The Anti-Colonial Tradition, online event curated by the Critical Theory Workshop
- 2021 “Climate Jacobin: the Possibility and Necessity of a Rationally Planned Society”
Radical Philosophy Hour, online event curated by the Radical Philosophy Association
- “Climate Change and the State of Exception”
Philosophy & Religion Conversations, Ball State University, online
- 2020 Author-meets-critics session for *Democracy in Spite of the Demos*
Critical Theory Workshop/*Atelier de Théorie Critique*, online
- 2019 “Climate Change and the State of Exception”

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- Pulling the Emergency Brake: A Symposium on the Climate Crisis, CSU Stanislaus
- 2018 “Between the Democratic Turn and the Incompetence Principle”
Colloquium Series, Department of Philosophy & Modern Languages, CSU Stanislaus
- 2015 Comments on Dimitris Apostolopoulos, “Flesh, Intentionality, and Constitution” Main
program, Annual Meeting of the Pacific Division of the American Philosophical
Association (APA), Vancouver, Canada

TEACHING

Eckerd College (fall 2024-)

- PL243E: Environmental Ethics (2 sections)
- PL102M: Introduction to Logic

Florida Gulf Coast University (fall 2021-fall 2024)

- PHI 4905: Modal Logic (directed independent study)
- PHH 3930/EVR 6936: Philosophy and Climate Change
- PHI 1630: Contemporary Moral Issues (4 sections, 2 online)
- PHI 3130: Logic
- PHI 2016: Philosophy through Film (7 sections, 6 online)
- PHI 1010: Introduction to Philosophy
- HUM 2395: Environmental Humanities
- HUM 1931: Humanities and Social Issues: Climate Change
- HUM 1020: Introduction to Humanities (5 sections)

California State University, Stanislaus (fall 2018-spring 2024)

- PHIL 3050: Existentialism (online)
- PHIL 2700: Introduction to Political Philosophy (3 sections, online)
- PHIL 4430: Bioethics (1 section, online)
- PHIL 2500: Philosophy and Film (4 sections, online)
- PHIL 4401: Professional Ethics (12 sections, 4 online)
- PHIL 2000/2005: Critical Thinking/Honors (7 sections, 1 online)
- PHIL 2400: Contemporary Moral Issues (3 sections, 1 online)
- PHIL 2100: Logic (2 sections, online)
- PHIL 1010: Introduction to Philosophy (6 sections, 1 online)

University of Oregon (as instructor of record) (spring 2015-summer 2018)

- PHIL 110: Human Nature (online)
- PHIL 325: Logic, Inquiry, and Argumentation (2 sections)
- PHIL 216: Philosophy and Cultural Diversity
- PHIL 323: Moral Theory
- PHIL 101: Philosophical Problems
- PHIL 309: Global Justice
- PHIL 102: Ethics
- PHIL 170: Love and Sex
- PHIL 130: Philosophy and Pop Culture

SERVICE

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Article and Book Proposal Referee

American Journal of Political Science

Arendt Studies

Constellations

Epoché: Journal for the History of Philosophy

Parrhesia

Polity

Radical Philosophy Review

Social Theory and Practice

Southwest Philosophy Review

Rowman and Littlefield International

Departmental Service, University of Oregon:

Graduate Studies Committee (2017-2018), Committee of the Whole (2015-2016), Colloquia and Events Committee (2014-2015) (all elected)

Union Service, Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation, AFT Oregon Local 03544:

Departmental Steward/Executive Council Member (2016-2017, elected)

LANGUAGES

Reading/translation: French and German

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, American Philosophical Association, Radical Philosophy Association, Association for Political Theory

REFERENCES

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