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*Curriculum Vitae*

**Contact Information**

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**Education**

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	Ph.D., Philosophy, Expected August 2024
Texas Tech University	M.A., Philosophy, May 2014
State University of New York, Geneseo	B.A. <i>summa cum laude</i> , Philosophy, May 2011

**Areas of Specialization**

Ethics

**Areas of Competence**

Kant's practical philosophy, metaethics, early modern philosophy

**Dissertation**

*A Puzzle of Human Moral Identity*

Committee: David Sussman (co-chair, Indiana University), Jochen Bojanowski (co-chair), Nir Ben-Moshe, Kirk Sanders

*Abstract:* A prominent account of the authority of morality is found in Christine Korsgaard's *Kantian constitutivism*, according to which a necessary condition of being an agent is the recognition of the authority of morality. In my dissertation, I argue that if this attempt to justify the authority of morality is successful, it constitutes human beings not as self-sustaining creatures, but rather, as self-rejecting creatures. Our being self-rejecting creatures, further, is not only of ethical significance, but of political significance, since certain attempts to justify liberalism treat it as a form of applied morality. I argue that political realism, the view that there is a non-moral, distinctively political form of practical normativity, will not suffice to justify liberalism.

**Works in Progress**

- "Williams Contra Nietzsche in 'The Human Prejudice'"
- "Why Must There Be an Ideal of Beauty?"
- "A Note on a Common Error in Translating BGE §32"

**Teaching Experience**

*As independent instructor*

- Introduction to Ethics (Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2022)
- Logic (Fall 2012, Spring 2013, Summer I 2013, Summer II 2013, Fall 2013, Spring

2014)

*As teaching assistant*

- Introduction to Ethics (Spring 2015, Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Spring 2023)
- Introduction to Philosophy (Spring 2021, Fall 2021)
- Logic and Reasoning (Spring 2016, Fall 2019)
- Intermediate Logic (Spring 2017)
- Biomedical Ethics (Fall 2015)
- Logic (Summer 2012)
- Beginning Philosophy (Fall 2011, Spring 2012)

*As grader*

- Logic and Reasoning (half-semester course, Spring 2016)
- Logic and Reasoning (online course, Fall 2019)
- Symbolic Logic (Spring 2020)

**Awards and Honors**

- On “List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by their Students,”<sup>1</sup> Fall 2016, Spring 2017\*, Fall 2017\*, Spring 2018\*, Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2021\*, Spring 2023\*
- University of Illinois Smalley Graduate Fellowship, Spring 2022
- Department of Philosophy Distinguished Graduate Student Teaching Award, 2018
- UIUC Department of Philosophy Fellowship, Fall 2014
- Edward W. Averill Scholarship, May 2012
- SUNY Geneseo Philosophy Department Graduation Honors, May 2011
- Phi Beta Kappa (NY-AA), May 2011

**Presentations**

Conference talks (including future talks)

- “Why Must There Be an Ideal of Beauty?”, 14<sup>th</sup> International Kant Congress, September 2024
- “Williams contra Nietzsche in ‘The Human Prejudice,’” APA Central Conference, February 2024
- “Why Must There Be an Ideal of Beauty?”, APA Eastern Conference, January 2024
- “Williams contra Nietzsche in ‘The Human Prejudice,’” Illinois Philosophical Association, November 2023
- “Why Must There Be an Ideal of Beauty?”, Texas Tech Philosophy Graduate Student Conference, April 2017
- “Kant on Despising Oneself in the Second *Critique*,” Texas Tech Philosophy Graduate Student Conference, April 2012

Department Workshops and Student-Run Talks

- “Hieronymi on Blame,” UIUC, September 2023
- “What if Zarathustra Came to Town? Williams Contra Nietzsche in ‘The Human Prejudice,’” UIUC, April 2023

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<sup>1</sup> An asterisk means that “the instructor ratings were outstanding;” i.e., “Outstanding ratings (marked with an asterisk) are still awarded to instructors who obtained ratings of “High” (top 10% on each item for faculty and top 10% on item one for teaching assistants). See the entries at [http://citl.illinois.edu/citl-101/measurement-evaluation/teaching-evaluation/teaching-evaluations-\(ices\)/teachers-ranked-as-excellent](http://citl.illinois.edu/citl-101/measurement-evaluation/teaching-evaluation/teaching-evaluations-(ices)/teachers-ranked-as-excellent) for more information.

- “What if Zarathustra Came to Town? Williams Contra Nietzsche in ‘The Human Prejudice,’” UIUC Practical Philosophy Workshop, November 2022
- “Prospects for a Genealogy of Morality,” UIUC, February 2022
- “Williams on Moral Incapacity,” UIUC, September 2021
- “Smart on Negative Utilitarianism,” UIUC, October 2020
- “*Beyond Good and Evil* 32,” UIUC, January 2020
- “The Bad Conscience and its Future in *Genealogy* II,” UIUC, September 2019
- “Mill on the Ultimate Sanction of the Principle of Utility,” UIUC, March 2019
- “Kendall Walton’s ‘Categories of Art,’” UIUC, October 2018
- “Thinking about Tables,” UIUC, September 2017
- “Why Must There Be an Ideal of Beauty?,” UIUC, March 2017
- “Strawson on Panpsychism,” UIUC, September 2015
- “Understanding the Refutation of Idealism,” UIUC, June 2015
- “Heidegger on Technology,” SUNY Geneseo, April 2011

#### Paper Comments (including future comments)

- Deke Gould, “The Ends of Humanity: Extinction and the Collective Afterlife,” Illinois Philosophical Association Meeting, November 2023
- William Reckner, “Judgment and the Structure of Maxims in Kant’s Practical Philosophy,” APA Eastern Division Meeting, January 2023
- Sophia Arbeiter, “Validity as a Thick Concept,” UIUC Graduate Philosophy Conference, April 2022
- J. Spencer Atkins, “Defining Wokeness,” UIUC Graduate Philosophy Conference, May 2021
- Andrew Flynn, “On Correctly Understanding Anscombe’s Theory of Reasons for Action,” UIUC Graduate Philosophy Conference, April 2016
- Tym Schmitke, “A Criticism of Dretske’s Representational Theory of Consciousness,” Texas Tech Philosophy Graduate Student Conference, April 2013

#### Service and Other Activities

- UIUC Department of Philosophy TA Peer Mentor, 2023-2024
- UIUC Department of Philosophy photographer of graduate student events and department colloquia, 2022-present
- UIUC Department of Philosophy Alumni Engagement Committee member, 2021-2022
- UIUC Graduate Philosophy Organization President, 2017-2018
- UIUC Graduate Philosophy Conference Organizing Committee member and paper referee, 2015-2022
- Illinois Lyceum instructor (1 session on virtue ethics and loyalty), June 2015  
*Note:* The Illinois Lyceum was a weeklong summer camp for middle- and high-school aged students on philosophy, organized and run by philosophy graduate students.
- UIUC Graduate Philosophy Organization Secretary, 2015-2016
- UIUC Philosophy Graduate Student Representative, 2014-2017, 2018-2019
- Service for tenure committee for Jacob Beck (York University (Toronto, Canada)), 2013
- Paper Referee, Texas Tech Philosophy Graduate Student Conference, 2012 & 2013
- Texas Tech “Philosophy Café” discussion group facilitator x4, 2012-2014
- Undergraduate Student Representative, SUNY Geneseo, 2010-2011

- Service for tenure committee for David Levy (SUNY Geneseo, 2010)

### **Professional Associations**

American Philosophical Association  
North American Kant Society

### **Coursework**

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (\* indicates audit)

*Ethics*: Kant's Ethical Metaphysics\* (Sussman), Kant and Arendt on Evil\* (Varden), Kant on Sexuality and Gender\* (Varden), Kant's Ethical Philosophy (Sussman), Modest Objectivity in the Moral Philosophy of the 18<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries (Ben-Moshe), Kant's Second *Critique* (Bojanowski), Philosophy of Action and Practical Reason (Sussman), Value Theory (Clark)

*Social and political philosophy*: Seminar on Social Philosophy\* (Bojanowski), Luck Egalitarianism and its Critics\* (Bojanowski), Punishment\* (Sussman), Political Obligations and Legitimacy in Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, and Kant (Varden)

*History*: Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason*\* (Newton), Kant's *Critique of the Power of Judgment* (Newton), Freedom, Determinism, and Agency in Early Modern Philosophy (Weinberg), Hegel and Kant (Newton),

*Metaphysics, epistemology, and logic*: Logic for Philosophy\* (Gilbert), Advanced Symbolic Logic (Gilbert), Philosophy of Religion (McKim), Formal Semantics (Lasersohn), Epistemology (Korman), Self-Consciousness (Newton)

### **Texas Tech University**

*Philosophy of Mind*: Attitudes and Their Objects (Grzankowski), Consciousness (Dorsey), Panpsychism (Dorsey), Physicalism (Dorsey), Concept Learning and Acquisition (Beck)

*Ethics*: Utilitarianism (Schwartz), Contemporary Virtue Ethics (Curzer), Kant's Practical Philosophy (Schwartz)

*History*: Early Modern Philosophy (di Poppa), Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason* (Schwartz),

Independent Study: Stephen Engstrom's *The Form of Practical Knowledge* (Schwartz),

Independent Study: Theories of Causation in Spinoza and Maimonides (di Poppa), Plato's *Republic* and Homer's *Odyssey* (Curzer)

*Metaphysics, epistemology, and logic*: Advanced Logic (Tucker), Contextualism in the Philosophy of Language (Hom), Philosophy of Religion (Webb)

*Miscellaneous*: Interpretation in Law and Aesthetics (Nathan), Seminar on Teaching Philosophy (di Poppa)

### **Languages**

English (native), German (intermediate reading)