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EDUCATION

- PhD 2019 University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, Political Science
- Dissertation: Punishment and Necessity: “On the Problem of the Mastery of Nature in the First and Second Treatises of Friedrich Nietzsche’s *On the Genealogy of Morality*”
- Committee: Clifford Orwin (chair), Ronald Beiner, Heinrich Meier (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität and University of Chicago), Richard Velkley (external examiner, Tulane University)
- Subfields: Political Theory, International Relations
- MA 2013 Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana
Political Science
- 2011-2012 Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Visiting
Fellow
- BA 2005 Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis, Indiana
Political Science and Philosophy
Graduated with honors

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- Postdoctoral Fellow, Carl Friedrich von Siemens Stiftung, 2021-22 (*Declined*)
- Adjunct Lecturer, Department of Political Science, Santa Clara University, 2019 – present
- Adjunct Lecturer, Department of Political Science, De Anza College, 2019 – present
- Adjunct Lecturer, Department of Political Science, Foothill College, 2016 – present

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

“On the Radical Goals of Slave Morality in Nietzsche’s *On the Genealogy of Morality*” *The Review of Politics*, Vol. 82, No. 2 (Spring 2020) <http://dx.doi.org/10.1017/S0034670520000182>

“Bound Sovereignty: The Origins of Moral Conscience in Nietzsche’s ‘Sovereign Individual’” *Nietzsche-Studien: Internationales Jahrbuch für die Nietzsche-Forschung*, Vol. 50, No. 1 (November 2021).

Book Reviews

Review of *Recovering the Liberal Spirit: Nietzsche, Individuality, and Spiritual Freedom* by Steven F. Pittz, *Review of Politics* Vol. 83, No. 4 (November 2021).

Manuscripts in Preparation

Journal Articles

Nietzsche’s Critique of Power: Mimicry and the Advantage of the Weak

Book Manuscripts

The Youngest Virtue: Moral Conscience and The Will to Truth in the Thought of Friedrich Nietzsche

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2013-14 University of Toronto Graduate Fellowship
- 2011-12 Carl Friedrich von Siemens Stiftung Graduate Fellowship, Munich, Germany
- 2010-11 University of Toronto School of Graduate Studies Research Travel Grant
- 2010-11 Joint Initiative in German and European Studies (JIGES) Graduate Research Fellowship Grant
- 2009 Deutsche Akademische Austausch Dienst (DAAD) Intensive Language Course Grant
- 2008 Northwestern University Rhetoric and Public Culture Summer Symposium Grant Recipient
- 2007-11 University of Toronto Graduate Fellowship
- 2007 Foreign Language and Area Studies Summer Language Grant (FLAS), West European Studies, Indiana University, Bloomington
- 2006 Foreign Language and Area Studies Summer Language Grant (FLAS), West European Studies, Indiana University, Bloomington
- 2006 Deutsche Akademische Austausch Dienst (DAAD) Intensive Language Course Grant
- 2005-06 Indiana University Associate Instructorship
- 2003-04 Undergraduate Research Opportunities Grant, IUPUI
- 2002-04 The Sam Masarachia Scholarship (Full Scholarship), IUPUI

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Papers Presented

"Nietzsche's Critique of Power: Mimicry and the Advantage of the Weak," Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association; Boston, Massachusetts, August 30-September 2, 2018.

"The Noble Lie: Slave Morality's Origins in Nietzsche's Noble Type," Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association; San Francisco, California, March 28-31, 2018.

"On Morality's Radical Aims: Nature, Punishment, and the Demand for Change in the First Essay of Nietzsche's *On the Genealogy of Morality*," Northwestern University Graduate Political Theory Workshop; Evanston, Illinois, February 12, 2016.

"Punishment and the Critique of Certainty in the Second Essay of Nietzsche's *On the Genealogy of Morality*," Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association; San Francisco, California, September 3-6, 2015.

"Piety and Punishment: The Problem of Punitive Justice in Nietzsche's *Daybreak*," Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association; Seattle, Washington, March 28-31, 2014.

"Nietzsche's Types and Typologies: Method and Prescription in *Der Antichrist*," Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association; Hollywood, California, March 28-31, 2013.

"Rethinking Nietzsche's *Der Antichrist*: A Preliminary Inquiry," Northwestern University Graduate Political Theory Workshop; Evanston, Illinois, February 8, 2013.

"The Unwisdom of Solon: Herodotus' Critique of Greek Tragic-Pessimism," Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association; Chicago, Illinois, April 22-26, 2010.

"Nietzsche's New Teaching: Interpreting the Will to Power Doctrine from an Ontological Perspective," Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association; Chicago, Illinois, April 22-26, 2010.

"Bento the Bold: Strauss, Spinoza, and the Question of Esotericism," Symposium on Political Thought and Rhetoric in the Classical World, Northwestern University; Evanston, Illinois, July 14-18, 2008.

"More than Metaphor: Nietzsche's 'Misogyny' as Rhetorical Strategy in his War against Modernity," Annual Meeting of the Association for Political Theory; Bloomington, Indiana, November 2-6, 2006.

“Political Theory, Hip-Hop Culture, and Property Rights in the Music Industry” (with Dr. Johnny Goldfinger), Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association; Portland, Oregon, March 11-13, 2004.

TEACHING AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Spring 2021 Lecturer, POLI-105 What is Conscience? (*Upper-Division*), Santa Clara University
- Spring 2021 Lecturer, POLI-30 Introduction to Political Theory, Santa Clara University
- Spring 2021 Instructor, POLI-3 Introduction to Political Theory (Online), Foothill College
- Spring 2021 Instructor, POLI-1 Introduction to American Politics, De Anza College
- Winter 2021 Lecturer, POLI-105 Politics and the Divided Self (*Upper-Division*), Santa Clara University
- Winter 2021 Instructor, POLI-1 Introduction to American Politics, De Anza College (2 sections)
- Fall 2020 Lecturer, POLI-30 Introduction to Political Theory, Santa Clara University
- Fall 2020 Lecturer, POLI-1 Introduction to American Politics, De Anza College
- Spring 2020 Instructor, POLI-3 Introduction to Political Philosophy, Foothill College
- Spring 2020 Instructor, POLI-5 Introduction to Political Thought and Theory, De Anza College
- Spring 2020 Instructor, POLI-1 Introduction to American Politics, De Anza College
- Spring 2020 Instructor, POLI-1 Introduction to American Politics, De Anza College
- Winter 2020 Lecturer, POLI-105 Politics and the Divided Self (*Upper-Division*), Santa Clara University
- Winter 2020 Lecturer, POLI-1 Introduction to US Politics, Santa Clara University
- Fall 2019 Lecturer, POLI-1 Introduction to US Politics, Santa Clara University
- Spring 2019 Instructor, POLI-3 Introduction to Political Theory (Online), Foothill College
- Spring 2019 Instructor, POLI-1 Introduction to American Politics (Hybrid), De Anza College
- Fall 2018 Instructor, POLI-3 Introduction to Political Theory (Online), Foothill College

Summer 2018 Instructor, POLI-1 Introduction to American Politics (Online), Foothill College

Spring 2018 Instructor, POLI-3 Introduction to Political Theory (Online), Foothill College

Fall 2017 Instructor, POLI-1 Introduction to American Politics (Hybrid), Foothill College

Spring 2017 Instructor, POLI-3 Introduction to Political Theory, Foothill College

Fall 2016 Instructor, POLI-3 Introduction to Political Theory, Foothill College

2014-2016 Northwestern University, Department of Athletics and Recreation, Tutor for Student Athletes in Political Science and Philosophy

Summer 2013 Teaching Assistant, Modern Political Thought (*Upper-Division Course*), University of Toronto

2013 Teaching Assistant, Contemporary Political Thought: Legitimacy, Pluralism, Stability (*Upper-Division Course*), University of Toronto

2010-2011 Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Political Philosophy, University of Toronto

2009-10 Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Political Philosophy, University of Toronto

2008-09 Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Political Philosophy, University of Toronto

Summer 2008 Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Political Philosophy, University of Toronto

2007-08 Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Political Philosophy, University of Toronto

Spring 2006 Associate Instructor, The American Presidency (*Upper-Division Course*), Indiana University, Bloomington

Fall 2005 Associate Instructor, Contemporary Political Controversies, Indiana University, Bloomington

2004-05 Research Assistant for Margaret Ferguson, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis

Spring 2003 Teaching Assistant, American Politics Through Film and Fiction (*Upper-Division Course*), Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis

Fall 2002 Teaching Assistant, Introduction to American Politics, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis

AWARDS

- 2006 Best paper, political theory, Indiana University Political Science Graduate Student Conference
- 2006 Best new presenter, political theory, Indiana University Political Science Graduate Student Conference
- 2005 Top 100 Student, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis

LANGUAGES

German: reading (advanced), writing (intermediate), oral (advanced); Deutsche Sprachprüfung für den Hochschulzugang (DSH) score: 2