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Employment

Wright State University
Professor of Philosophy, 2023-present
Associate Faculty, Master of Humanities Program, 2008-present
Associate Professor of Philosophy, 2011-2023
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 2007-2011
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Visiting Assistant Professor, Honors College, 2006-2007
University of Toronto
Instructor of Philosophy, 2003-2006
Postdoctoral Fellow in Philosophy, 2004-2005

Education

University of Toronto, Ph.D. in Philosophy, 2004
The Colorado College, B.A. in Philosophy, *magna cum laude* with distinction, 1997

Areas of Specialization

Post-Kantian European Philosophy, Political Philosophy, Ethics, Nietzsche

Areas of Competence

Moral Psychology, Philosophy of Action, Aesthetics, Non-Western and Africana Philosophy

Publications

Monographs

- [20] *Nietzsche's Immoralism: Politics as First Philosophy*. Cham: Palgrave Macmillan, 2022.
[19] *Politics After Morality: Toward a Nietzschean Left*. Cham: Palgrave Macmillan, 2022.

Reviews:

- (vii) Paul Kirkland, *Review of Politics* 86, no. 3 (Summer 2024).
(vi) Jeffrey Church, *Journal of Nietzsche Studies* 55, no. 1 (March 2024): 97-104.
(v) Paul Patton, *Ethics* 134, no. 2 (January 2024): 309-15.
(iv) Paul Gorby, *Marx & Philosophy Review of Books*, March 23, 2023.
(iii) Michael Steinmann, *The Agonist: A Nietzsche Circle Journal* 17, no. 2 (2023): 73-77.
(ii) Daniel Conway, link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-3-031-11359-8#about-book-reviews
(i) Lawrence Hatab, link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-3-031-11359-8#about-book-reviews

Journal Articles

- [18] “Nietzsche and Fanon on the Political Breeding of Race and Class as Caste.” *Estudos Nietzsche*, special issue on race and racism (forthcoming December 2024).
- [17] “A Nietzschean Critique of Liberal Eugenics.” *Journal of Medical Ethics* 50, no. 1 (2024): 62-69.
- [16] “Feeling, not Freedom: Nietzsche Against Agency.” *Journal of Nietzsche Studies* 47, no. 2 (2016): 256-74.
- [15] “The Equivocal Use of Power in Nietzsche’s Failed Anti-Egalitarianism.” *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 12, no. 1 (2015): 1-32.
- [14] “Nietzsche’s Will to Power as Naturalist Critical Ontology.” *History of Philosophy Quarterly* 30, no. 3 (2013): 251-69.
- [13] “Egalitarianisms, Good and Bad: Nietzsche on Equality.” *Skepsis: A Journal for Philosophy & Interdisciplinary Research* (2012): 204-15.
- [12] “Nietzsche contra Freud on Bad Conscience.” *Nietzsche-Studien* 39 (2010): 434-54.
Reply article: Günter Gödde, “Zur Konzeptualisierung des Gewissens. Eine Erwiderung auf Donovan Miyasakis Beitrag ‚Nietzsche contra Freud on Bad Conscience‘.” *Nietzsche-Studien* 40 (2011): 273-85.
- [11] “A Ground for Ethics in Heidegger’s Being and Time.” *Journal of the British Society for Phenomenology* 38, no. 3 (2007): 261-79.
- [10] “Against the Moral Appraisal of Interrogative Artworks: Wayne Booth and the Case of Huck Finn.” *Philosophy and Literature* 31, no. 1 (2007): 125-32.
- [9] “Art as Self-Origination in Winckelmann & Hegel.” *Graduate Faculty Philosophy Journal* 27, no. 1 (2006): 129-50.
- [8] “The Evasion of Gender in Freudian Fetishism.” *Psychoanalysis, Culture, & Society* 8, no. 2 (2003): 289-98.
- [7] “The Confusion of Marxian and Freudian Fetishism in Adorno and Benjamin.” *Philosophy Today* 46, no. 4 (2002): 429-43.

Papers in Edited Volumes

- [6] “If You’re a Master, How Come You’re So Slavish? How Nietzsche’s *Genealogy* Can Help Distinguish Right and Left Populism.” In *Nietzsche and Democracy: Retrospect and Prospect*, edited by Vanessa Lemm and Daniel Conway. Edinburgh University Press (invited, forthcoming 2025).
- [5] “A Nietzschean Case for Egalitarianism.” In *Nietzsche as Political Philosopher*, edited by Barry Stocker and Manuel Knoll, 155-70. Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 2014.
- [4] “Nietzsche’s Naturalist Morality of Breeding.” In *Nietzsche and the Becoming of Life*, edited by Vanessa Lemm, 194-213. New York: Fordham University Press, 2014.

[3] “Political Violence as Bad Faith in Beauvoir’s *The Blood of Others*.” Published as «La violence politique comme mauvaise foi dans *Le Sang des autres*.» In *(Re)découvrir l’oeuvre de Simone de Beauvoir*, edited by Julia Kristeva, 367-73. Lormont: Bord de l’eau, 2008.

[2] “Response to Lauren Freeman’s ‘I am you, if I am I: A Feminist Approach to Selfhood and the Other in Martin Heidegger.’” *Proceedings of the 43rd Annual Meeting of the Heidegger Circle* (2008): 38-41.

[1] “Nietzsche’s Hermeneutics of Seduction.” In *Nietzsche y la hermenéutica*, edited by F. Arenas-Dolz, Luca Giancristofaro, Paolo Stellino. Valencia: Nau Llibres, 2007.

Conferences

22. “An Existentialist or Marxist Ethics? Beauvoir’s Critique of Consequentialism”
International Simone de Beauvoir Society, Freie Universität Berlin, 2024
21. “An Existentialist or Marxist Ethics? Beauvoir’s Critique of Consequentialism”
UK Sartre Society, Maison Française, Oxford, 2024
20. “Nietzsche’s Manifold Soul as an Ideal of Agonistic Social Harmony”
Ischia & Naples International Festival of Philosophy, Ischia, 2021
19. “Nietzsche’s Case Against Political Moralism”
College of Liberal Arts Research Conference, Wright State University, Dayton, 2017
18. “Nietzsche’s Answer to the Naturalist Fallacy: Life as Condition not Criterion of Morality”
Friedrich Nietzsche Society, University of Hull-Scarborough, 2015
17. “Capitalism and its Contentments: A Nietzschean Critique of Ideology Critique”
International Critical Theory Conference, John Felice Rome Center of Loyola, 2014
16. “Feeling, Not Freedom: Nietzsche Against Agency”
North American Nietzsche Society, Chicago, 2014
15. “A Nietzschean Case for Egalitarianism”
MANCEPT Workshops in Political Theory, University of Manchester, 2012
14. “Egalitarianisms, Good and Bad: A Nietzschean Defense of Illiberal Equality”
Democratic Culture: Historical Reflections and Modern Transformations, Olympia, 2012
13. “The Will to Power as Naturalist Ontology”
Nietzsche and Naturalism, Cardiff University, 2010
12. “A Nietzschean Critique of Eugenics as Slave Morality and Intention to Harm”
Nietzschean Thinking: Beyond the “Two Cultures,” Çankaya University, 2010
11. “Nietzsche’s Naturalist Morality: A Critique of Eugenics as Taming”
Nietzsche and the Becoming of Life, Universidad Diego Portales, Santiago de Chile, 2009

10. "Comment on Lauren Freeman's 'A Feminist Approach to Selfhood and the Other'"
The Heidegger Circle, Xavier University, Cincinnati, 2009.
9. "Can Nietzsche's Noble be Moral?"
Society for European Philosophy, University College, Dublin, 2008
8. "Political Violence as Bad Faith in Beauvoir's The Blood of Others"
Centenaire Simone de Beauvoir, Université Paris Diderot, 2008
7. "Nietzsche's Hermeneutics of Seduction"
Nietzsche y la Hermeneutica, Universitat de València, 2007
6. "Nietzsche contra Freud on Bad Conscience"
Nietzsche Society, Salt Lake City, 2005
5. "Against the Moral Appraisal of Interrogative Art: Wayne Booth and Huck Finn"
Canadian Society for Aesthetics, University of Western Ontario, London, 2005
4. "Can We Take Care while Leaping Ahead? Solitude in Heidegger's Being and Time"
Society for Existential and Phenomenological Theory and Culture
University of Western Ontario, London, 2005
3. "Domination and Resistance in Nietzsche's Theory of Pleasure"
Ontario Philosophical Society, Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, 2004
2. "A Critique of Adorno's Theory of the Regressive Reception of Art"
Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Boston, 2003
1. "The Evasion of Gender in Freudian Fetishism"
Women in Political Philosophy, New School University, New York, 2003

Grants, Awards, and Fellowships

2024	Outstanding Teaching Award, College of Liberal Arts, Wright State University
2023	Outstanding Scholarly and Creative Activity Award, Wright State University
2023	Inaugural Faculty Fellow, First-Year Seminar in Diversity, Democracy, and the Liberal Arts, College of Liberal Arts, Wright State University
2022	Professional Development Grant, College of Liberal Arts, Wright State University
2021	Research Travel Grant, College of Liberal Arts, Wright State University
2015	Professional Development Leave, Wright State University
2015	Research, Scholarship, Creativity Grant, Wright State University
2014-2015	Research Travel Grant, College of Liberal Arts, Wright State University
2008-2012	Research Travel Grant, College of Liberal Arts, Wright State University
2008	Course Development Grant, College of Liberal Arts, Wright State University
2008	Professional Development Grant, College of Liberal Arts, Wright State University
2007	Research Travel Grant, College of Liberal Arts, Wright State University
2004	Postdoctoral Fellowship in the Humanities, University of Toronto
2002	Martha Lile Love Essay Award in Philosophy Nominee, University of Toronto

1998-2003	Graduate Fellowship, Department of Philosophy, University of Toronto
1997	Fulbright Teaching Fellowship
1997	Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, The Colorado College
1997	J. Glenn Gray Award, Department of Philosophy, The Colorado College
1994	Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society, The Colorado College

Media

Online Articles and Contributions

- 2024 “The Five Best Japanese Novels that Illuminate Nietzsche’s Philosophy (or Distort it in Illuminating Ways!).” Invited book review for Shepherd.com: Explore, Discover, Read
- 2023 “Nietzsche on What Your Belief About Free Will Says About You” IAI News, *Institute for Art and Ideas* online philosophy magazine, July 7
- 2022 “Nietzsche’s Unwitting Case for Equality” IAI News, *Institute for Art and Ideas* online philosophy magazine, June 5
- 2022 “Could There Be a Nietzschean Left?” Featured author for *World Philosophy Day*, Palgrave Macmillan blog, November 17

Interviews and Public Talks

- 2023 “Nietzsche’s Immoralism and Politics After Morality,” *Political Theory Review* podcast: conversations with scholars on recent books in political theory. Jeffrey Church, Chair, Department of Political Science, University of Houston, August 16.
- 2023 “Is Nietzsche’s ‘Amor Fati’ a Reactionary or Revolutionary Concept?” *Acid Horizon* theory podcast: metaphysics, ethics, politics, critical theory, phenomenology, & beyond, July 27.
- 2023 “Nietzsche and Freud,” *Psyche Podcast*: a psychotherapist explores topics relating to psychotherapy, philosophy, culture, and religion. Quique Autrey, MS, MDiv, November 3.
- 2023 “Will to Power,” *Psyche Podcast*. Quique Autrey, MS, MDiv, August 18.
- 2023 Documentary film, *Murder Behind the Red Line: the Dayton Christmas Massacre*. Dennis Wilson.
- 2022 “Literary lessons: Wright State philosophy and classics faculty say literature that reflects the impact of epidemics offers insights.” *Wright State Newsroom*, July 8.
- 2022 Discussion panelist, “Honoring Contributions, Recognizing Complexities: honoring artists’ achievements while grappling with their personal actions.” 150th anniversary of poet Paul Lawrence Dunbar’s birth, Dunbar Library, Wright State University, 2022.

Teaching Experience

Wright State University Graduate Courses, M.A. in the Humanities

Philosophy and Literature of Crime (HUM 7100 Seminar), 2018-2019
Ethics of Retribution: Terrorism, Torture, Punishment (HUM 7100 Seminar), 2009-2010

Wright State University Undergraduate Courses, Department of Philosophy

Post-Kantian European Philosophy

Existentialism (PHL 3090/Religion 3090/English 3090), 2007, 2008, 2011, 2016, 2019, 2022
Continental Philosophy Seminar (PHL 4020), 2020
Nietzsche, Kierkegaard, Marx (PHL 4010), 2019
German and French Philosophy, Literature, and Film (PHL 3990/Modern Languages 3990), 2017
20th Century French Philosophy (PHL 3990/Modern Languages 3990), 2014
German Philosophy and Literature (PHL 3990/Modern Languages 3990), 2014
The Marxist Tradition and Critical Theory (PHL 4020), 2013
19th Century Continental Philosophy (PHL 4010), 2008, 2009, 2012
20th Century Continental Philosophy (PHL 4010), 2008, 2011
Nietzsche, Heidegger, Politics (PHL 4010), 2011

Value Theory

Modern Political Philosophy (PHL 3310/Political Science 3010) 2010, 2012, 2017, 2021, 2024, 2025
20th Century Political Philosophy (PHL 3990), 2012, 2017, 2021, 2024
Environmental Philosophy (PHL 3990/Environmental Studies 3990), 2024
Ethics and Values, Fall 2024 (Liberal Arts 3100), 2024
Aesthetics (PHL 3410, Art 3040, English 3010), 2008, 2010, 2015, 2018, 2022
Political Thought in the Age of Revolutions (PHL 3990/History 4150), 2023
Phenomenology, Technology, Ethics (PHL 4010), 2009

History of Philosophy

Big Questions: Philosophy (PHL 2050, online General Education Core), 2021-2024
Big Questions: Philosophy (PHL 2050, in-person General Education Core), 2014-2020
Great Books: Philosophy (PHL 2050, in-person General Education Core), 2007-2014
Feminist & Black Existentialist Literature - Democracy, Diversity, Liberal Arts (Liberal Arts 1020), 2023
World Philosophy (PHL 3990), 2021
Early Modern Philosophy (PHL 3030), 2020
Asian and Continental Philosophy (PHL 3990), 2010

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Undergraduate Courses, Honors College

The Literature and Philosophy of Existentialism (HON 200), 2006
The Ethics of Beauty: Art, Morality, and Politics (HON 200), 2006
Introduction to Philosophy: Philosophy as an Art of Living (HON 200), 2006

University of Toronto Undergraduate Courses, Department of Philosophy

19th Century Philosophy: Nietzsche's Moral and Political Philosophy (PHL 317), 2005
The Continental Tradition: 20th Century European Philosophy (PHL 324), 2005
Seminar in the History of Philosophy: Nietzsche and Freud (PHL 401), 2005
Philosophy of Human Sexuality (PHL 243), 2002-2005

Advising

Thesis Committees, Master of Humanities Program

- 2023 *The Dayton Christmas Massacre*, documentary film project (chair)
- 2022 *Dostoevsky's The Grand Inquisitor*, film project (chair)
- 2019 "Memory and Identity in the Former GDR" (chair)
- 2018 "Women Writers in Eighteenth Century Germany" (chair)
- 2018 "Classism, Ableism, Epistemic Injustice"
- 2017 "Heidegger and Technology" (chair)
- 2016 "Philosophy and Film"
- 2015 "Existentialism and Cormac McCarthy" (chair)
- 2014 "Gandhi and the Philosophy of Non-Violence"
- 2013 "Value Perspective and Photographic Art" (chair)
- 2012 "Nietzsche's Aristocratic Radicalism" (chair)
- 2012 "Crafts in the Lives of 18th-19th Century Women"
- 2010 "Modern Arab Discourse and Tradition" (chair)
- 2010 "Museums and Restitution" (chair)
- 2008 "Hegel, Danto, and the Evolution of the Tree of Life"

Undergraduate Senior Projects and Independent Studies

- 2023 "Aesthetics and Genre Fiction" (Honors Liberal Studies), senior project chair
- 2023 "Descartes and Skepticism" (Honors Philosophy), independent study supervisor
- 2023 "Philosophy and Literature" (Honors Liberal Studies), independent study supervisor
- 2023 "Historical and Contemporary Metaphysics," independent study supervisor
- 2022 *Plato's Theory of Art* (Master of Humanities student film), supervisor
- 2021 "The Other in Continental Philosophy" (Honors Philosophy), senior project chair
- 2021 "Ethics and the Concept of the Stranger" (Honors Philosophy), independent study supervisor
- 2021 "Split-Brains, Mental Unity, and the Problem of Panpsychism" (Honors Philosophy)
- 2021 "Shinto and Virtue Ethics" (Religion)
- 2020 "Parisian Urban Spaces in Existentialism" (French), senior project chair
- 2019 "The Frankfurt School and Critical Theory," independent study supervisor
- 2018 "The Political Philosophy of Karl Marx," independent study supervisor
- 2018 "Contemporary Existential Philosophy," independent study supervisor
- 2014 "The Living Resume" (Communication Studies)
- 2013 "The Influence of Cynicism on Modern Philosophy," senior project chair
- 2012 "Philosophy and Photography," independent study supervisor
- 2011 "Philosophy of Sport" (Master of Humanities), independent study supervisor
- 2010 "Nietzsche's Moral Philosophy," independent study supervisor
- 2009 "Heidegger's Being and Time" (Master of Arts in English), independent study supervisor
- 2008 "The Philosophy of Kierkegaard," independent study supervisor

Service

University

- Organizing Committee, Erik Banks Memorial Lecture, 2024
- Organizing Committee, Democracy, Diversity & Liberal Arts Lecture, 2023

Organizing Committee, Erik Banks Memorial Lecture, 2022
Organizing Committee, Erik Banks Memorial Lecture, 2018-2019
Buildings and Grounds Committee, 2013, 2022-2024
Graduate School Committee, 2012-2013
Budget Priority Committee, 2010-2011
Student Scholarship Committee, 2008-2009

College of Liberal Arts, School of Humanities and cultural Studies

New Program Committee, Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Certificate, 2024-present
New Program Committee, Interdisciplinary Studies, 2024-present
New Program Committee, Environmental Studies, 2023-present
New Program Committee, First-Year Seminars in the Liberal Arts, 2023-present
Grant Committee, Teagle Cornerstone Grant for revised General Education Core, 2023-present
Grant Committee, NEA Bridge Program for underrepresented student outreach, 2023-2024
Promotion and Tenure Committee, 2014-present
Curriculum Committee, 2018-2020, 2022-present
Master of Humanities Advisory Committee, 2011-2014, 2016-present
Budget Priority Committee, 2023-2024
Core Curriculum Subcommittee on Integrated Writing, 2022-2023
Chair's Advisory Committee, 2022-2024
Steering Committee, 2007-2010, 2018-2019, 2022-2024
Search Committee for Dean, 2021-2022
Honors Program Committee Chair, 2016-2017
Honors Incoming Scholarships Subcommittee, 2016-2017
Honors Program Assessment Subcommittee, 2016-2017
Review Committee for Chair of Religion, Philosophy, and Classics Program, 2016-2017

Religion, Philosophy, and Classics Program

Scholarship Committee Chair, 2022-present
Philosophy Facebook page moderator, 2015-present
Philosophy Social Media Committee Chair, 2014-present
Student Affairs Committee, 2020-2022
Student Philosophy Club Advisor, 2019-2022
Search Committee for Instructor in Engineering and Philosophy, 2020-2021
Curriculum Committee, 2019-2020
Planning Committee for combined Religion, Philosophy, Classics major, 2018-2019
Student Affairs Committee, 2009-2010, 2014-2015, 2017-2019
Planning Committee, Professor Erik C. Banks Memorial, 2017
Faculty Development Committee, 2011-2015
Promotion and Tenure Committee, 2011-2014
Scholarship Committee, 2009-08

Refereeing

Routledge Press
British Journal for the History of Philosophy
History of Philosophy Quarterly

History of Political Thought
Journal of the American Philosophical Association
Journal of Modern Philosophy
Journal of Nietzsche Studies
Kemanusiaan: The Asian Journal of Humanities
Ohio Humanities Council
Ohio Philosophical Society
Philosophia
Philosophical Psychology
Society for Existential and Phenomenological Theory and Culture
Southern Journal of Philosophy