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APPOINTMENTS

Wright State University, Professor of Philosophy, School of Humanities and Cultural Studies	2023-present
Associate Faculty, Master of Humanities Program	2008-present
Associate Professor of Philosophy, Department of Religion, Philosophy, & Classics	2011-2023
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Department of Religion, Philosophy, & Classics	2007-2011
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Visiting Assistant Professor, Honors College	2006-2007
University of Toronto, Instructor and Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Philosophy	2003-2006

EDUCATION

University of Toronto, Ph.D. in Philosophy (Committee: Professors Amy Mullin, André Gombay, and Rebecca Comay)	2004
The Colorado College, B.A. in Philosophy, <i>magna cum laude</i> with distinction	1997

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION: Social and Political Philosophy, Ethics, Continental Philosophy, Nietzsche

AREAS OF COMPETENCE: Aesthetics, History of Philosophy (including Non-Western), Environmental

PUBLICATIONS (<https://people.wright.edu/donovan.miyasaki>)

MONOGRAPHS

1. *Nietzsche's Immoralism: Politics as First Philosophy*. Cham: Palgrave Macmillan, 2022 (paperback, 2023).
2. *Politics After Morality: Toward a Nietzschean Left*. Cham: Palgrave Macmillan, 2022 (paperback, 2023).

This two-volume project identifies errors in Nietzsche's moral psychology that lead to his incoherent aristocratic elitism, develops his surprising similarities with Marx's historical materialism, and critically reconstructs a democratic-socialist politics from his critique of free will compatibilism, his rejection of moral means of human improvement, and his ideals of the "manifold soul" and the "love of fate," grounded in a heightened feeling of power in equal internal and external sources of resistance rather than in domination.

REVIEWS

- [*Ethics*](#) 134, no. 2 (January 2024): 309-15.
- [*Marx & Philosophy Review of Books*](#), March 23, 2023.
- [*Political Theory Review*](#) (podcast), August 16, 2023.
- [*The Agonist: A Nietzsche Circle Journal*](#) 17, no. 2 (2023): 73-77.
- *Journal of Nietzsche Studies* (forthcoming)
- Daniel Conway (Texas A&M) and Lawrence Hatab (Old Dominion), [Springer Website](#).

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

11. "If You're a Master, Why Are You So Slavish? How Nietzsche's *Genealogy* Can Help Distinguish Right and Left Populism." Invited chapter in preparation for *Nietzsche and Democracy: Retrospect and Prospect*, edited by Vanessa Lemm and Daniel Conway.
10. "A Nietzschean Critique of Liberal Eugenics." *Journal of Medical Ethics* 50, no. 1 (2024): 62-69.
9. "Feeling, not Freedom: Nietzsche Against Agency." *Journal of Nietzsche Studies* 47, no. 2 (2016): 256-74.
8. "The Equivocal Use of Power in Nietzsche's Failed Anti-Egalitarianism." *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 12, no. 1 (2015): 1-32.
7. "Nietzsche's Will to Power as Naturalist Critical Ontology." *History of Philosophy Quarterly* 30, no. 3 (2013): 251-69.
6. "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.
5. "A Ground for Ethics in Heidegger's Being and Time." *Journal of the British Society for Phenomenology* 38, no. 3 (2007): 261-79.
4. "Against the Moral Appraisal of Interrogative Artworks: Wayne Booth and the Case of Huck Finn." *Philosophy and Literature* 31, no. 1 (2007): 125-32.
3. "Art as Self-Origination in Winckelmann & Hegel." *Graduate Faculty Philosophy Journal* 27, no. 1 (2006): 129-50.
2. "The Evasion of Gender in Freudian Fetishism." *Psychoanalysis, Culture, & Society* 8, no. 2 (2003): 289-98.
1. "The Confusion of Marxian and Freudian Fetishism in Adorno and Benjamin." *Philosophy Today* 46, no. 4 (2002): 429-43.

CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES AND CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

7. "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.
6. "A Nietzschean Case for Egalitarianism." In *Nietzsche as Political Philosopher*, edited by Barry Stocker and Manuel Knoll, 155-70. Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 2014.
5. "Egalitarianisms, Good and Bad: Nietzsche on Equality." *Proceedings, 9th World Congress of the International Society for Universal Dialogue*. In *Skepsis: A Journal for Philosophy & Interdisciplinary Research* (2012): 204-15.
4. "Political Violence as Bad Faith in Beauvoir's *The Blood of Others*." Published in French 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.
3. "Nietzsche's Hermeneutics of Seduction." In *Nietzsche y la hermenéutica*, edited by F. Arenas Dolz, Luca Giancristofaro, and Paolo Stellino. Valencia: Nau Llibres, 2007.

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.

WORK IN PROGRESS

- "Existentialist or Marxist Ethics? Beauvoir's Historical Materialist Critique of Consequentialism."
- "What is Power and Who Are the People? Huey P. Newton and the Black Panthers' Democratic Reconstruction of Nietzschean Politics."

PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY

Online Articles and Contributions

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

Interviews and Public Talks

- ["Nietzsche's Immoralism and Politics After Morality,"](#) *Political Theory Review* podcast: 2023
conversations with scholars on recent books in political theory. Interview with Jeffrey Church, Chair, Department of Political Science, University of Houston, August 16.
- ["Is Nietzsche's 'Amor Fati' a Reactionary or Revolutionary Concept?"](#) *Acid Horizon* theory 2023
podcast: metaphysics, ethics, politics, critical theory, phenomenology, & beyond, July 27.
- ["Nietzsche and Freud,"](#) *Psyche Podcast*: a psychotherapist explores topics relating to psychotherapy, 2023
philosophy, culture, and religion. Interview with Quique Autrey, MS, MDiv, November 3.
- ["Will to Power,"](#) *Psyche Podcast*. Interview with Quique Autrey, MS, MDiv, August 18. 2023
- ["Literary lessons:](#) Wright State philosophy and classics faculty say literature that reflects the 2022
impact of epidemics offers insights," *Wright State Newsroom*, July 8.
- ["Nietzsche's Case Against Political Moralism"](#) (video). *College of Liberal Arts Research Conference*, 2017
Wright State University, February 13.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Wright State University Outstanding Scholarly and Creative Activity Award	2023
Inaugural Faculty Fellow, First-Year Seminar in Diversity, Democracy, and Liberal Arts	2023
Professional Development Grant, College of Liberal Arts	2022
Research Travel Grant, College of Liberal Arts	2021
Professional Development Leave	2015
Research Travel Grant, College of Liberal Arts	2015
Research, Scholarship, Creativity Grant, College of Liberal Arts	2015
Research Travel Grant, College of Liberal Arts	2014
Research Travel Grant, College of Liberal Arts	2008-2012
Course Development Grant	2008
Professional Development Grant	2008
Research Travel Grant, College of Liberal Arts	2007
Postdoctoral Fellowship in the Humanities, University of Toronto	2004
Martha Lile Love Essay Award Nominee	2002
Graduate Fellowship, University of Toronto	1998-2003
Fulbright Teaching Fellowship	1997
Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, The Colorado College	1997
J. Glenn Gray Award in Philosophy, The Colorado College	1997
Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society, The Colorado College	1994

PRESENTATIONS

“Existentialist or Marxist Ethics? Beauvoir’s Historical Materialist Critique of Consequentialism.” <i>Simone de Beauvoir as a Moral Philosopher</i> . Freie Universität Berlin, Germany.	2023
“Nietzsche’s Manifold Soul as an Ideal of Agonistic Social Harmony.” <i>Ischia & Naples International Festival of Philosophy</i> . Ischia, Italy.	2021
“Nietzsche’s Case against Political Moralism.” <i>College of Liberal Arts Research Conference</i> . Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio.	2017
“Nietzsche’s Answer to the Naturalist Fallacy: Life as Condition not Criterion of Morality.” <i>Friedrich Nietzsche Society</i> . University of Hull-Scarborough, England.	2015
“Capitalism and its Contentments: A Nietzschean Critique of Ideology Critique.” <i>International Critical Theory Conference</i> . John Felice Rome Center of Loyola, Italy.	2014
“Feeling, Not Freedom: Nietzsche Against Agency.” <i>North American Nietzsche Society</i> , Chicago.	2014
“A Nietzschean Case for Egalitarianism.” <i>MANCEPT Workshops in Political Theory</i> . University of Manchester, England.	2012
“Egalitarianisms, Good and Bad: A Nietzschean Defense of Illiberal Equality.” <i>Democratic Culture: Historical Reflections and Modern Transformations</i> , Olympia, Greece.	2012
“The Will to Power as Naturalist Ontology.” <i>Nietzsche and Naturalism</i> . Cardiff University, Cardiff, Wales.	2010
“A Nietzschean Critique of Eugenics as Slave Morality and Intention to Harm.” <i>Nietzschean Thinking: Beyond the “Two Cultures.”</i> Çankaya University, Turkey.	2010
“Nietzsche’s Naturalist Morality: A Critique of Eugenics as Taming.” <i>Nietzsche and the Becoming of Life</i> . Universidad Diego Portales, Santiago de Chile.	2009
“Comment on Lauren Freeman’s ‘A Feminist Approach to Selfhood and the Other.’” <i>The Heidegger Circle</i> . Xavier University, Cincinnati.	2009
“Can Nietzsche’s Noble be Moral?” <i>Society for European Philosophy</i> .	2008

University College, Ireland.	
“Political Violence as Bad Faith in Beauvoir’s <i>The Blood of Others</i> .”	2008
<i>Centenaire Simone de Beauvoir</i> . Université Paris Diderot, France.	
“Nietzsche’s Hermeneutics of Seduction.”	2007
<i>Nietzsche y la Hermeneutica</i> . Universitat de València, Spain.	
“Nietzsche contra Freud on Bad Conscience.” <i>Nietzsche Society</i> . Salt Lake City.	2005
“Against the Moral Appraisal of Interrogative Art: Wayne Booth and Huck Finn.”	2005
<i>Canadian Society for Aesthetics</i> . University of Western Ontario, London, Canada.	
“Can We Take Care while Leaping Ahead? Solitude in Heidegger’s Being and Time.”	2005
<i>Society for Existential and Phenomenological Theory and Culture</i> . U. Western Ontario, Canada.	
“Domination and Resistance in Nietzsche’s Theory of Pleasure.” <i>Ontario Philosophical Society</i> .	2004
Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Canada.	
“A Critique of Adorno’s Theory of the Regressive Reception of Art.”	2003
<i>Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy</i> , Boston.	
Respondent: Jay Bernstein, New School University	
“The Evasion of Gender in Freudian Fetishism.” <i>Women in Political Philosophy</i> .	2003
New School University, New York.	

TEACHING

Undergraduate Courses, Wright State University, Department of Philosophy (2007-present)

(Courses marked * include graduate sections, class size is 10-25 students unless otherwise noted.)

Value Theory: Ethics, Social and Political Philosophy, Aesthetics		# of Sections
PHL 3990	Environmental Ethics, Spring 2024	1*
PHL 3990	Political Thought in the Age of Revolutions, 2023 (cross-list: History)	1
PHL 3310	Modern and Contemporary Political Philosophy 2021, 2017	2*
PHL 4020	The Marxist Tradition and Critical Theory, 2013	1*
PHL 3990	20 th Century Political Philosophy, 2012 (cross-list: Political Science)	1*
PHL 3310	Modern Political Philosophy, 2012, 2010 (cross-list: Political Science)	2*
PHL 4010	Nietzsche, Heidegger, Politics, 2011	1
PHL 4010	Phenomenology, Technology, Ethics, 2009	1*
PHL 3410	Aesthetics, 2022, 2018, 2015, 2010, 2008 (cross-list: Art, English)	5*

Continental Philosophy

PHL 3090	Existentialism, 2022, 2019, 2016, 2013, 2011, 2008, 2007 (cross-list: Religion)	7*
PHL 4020	Continental Philosophy Seminar, 2020	1*
PHL 4010	19 th Century Continental Philosophy, 2019, 2012, 2009, 2008	4*
PHL 3990	French & German Philosophy, Literature, Film, 2017 (cross-list: Modern Languages)	1*
PHL 3990	20 th Century French Philosophy, 2014 (cross-list: Modern Languages)	1*
PHL 3990	German Philosophy and Literature, 2014 (cross-list: Modern Languages)	1*
PHL 4010	20 th Century Continental Philosophy, 2011, 2008	2*

History of Philosophy, Non-Western, and Africana Philosophy

PHL 2050-90	Big Questions: Philosophy, 2023-2021 (online General Education Core, 50 students)	6
PHL 2050	Big Questions: Philosophy, 2020-2007 (in-person Gen. Ed. Core, 50 students)	36

LA 1020	Democracy, Diversity, & the Liberal Arts: Feminism & Black Existentialism, 2023	1
PHL 3990	World Philosophy, 2021	1*
PHL 3030	Early Modern Philosophy, 2020	1*
PHL 3990	Continental and Asian Philosophy, 2010	1

Graduate Courses, Wright State University Master of Humanities Program (2008-present)

HUM 7100	The Philosophy and Literature of Crime, 2019-2018	2
HUM 700	The Ethics of Retribution: Terrorism, Torture, and Punishment, 2010-2009	2

Undergraduate Courses, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Honors College (2006-2007)

HON 200	The Literature and Philosophy of Existentialism	2
HON 200	The Ethics of Beauty: Art, Morality, and Politics	1
HON 200	Introduction to Philosophy: Philosophy as an Art of Living	2

Undergraduate Courses, University of Toronto (2003-2006)

PHL 317	19 th Century Philosophy: Nietzsche's Moral and Political Philosophy	1
PHL 324	The Continental Tradition: 20 th Century European Philosophy	1
PHL 401	Seminar in the History of Philosophy: Nietzsche and Freud	1
PHL 243	Philosophy of Human Sexuality (80-190 students)	3

ADVISING

Thesis Committees, Master of Humanities Program

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

Undergraduate Senior Project Committees

(chair) "Personhood in Descartes' Theory of the Mind" (Honors Philosophy)	2023
(chair) "Tolstoy's Theory of Art and Genre Fiction" (Honors Liberal Studies)	2023
(chair) "The Other in Continental Philosophy" (Honors Philosophy)	2021
"Split-Brains, Mental Unity, and the Problem of Panpsychism" (Honors Philosophy)	2021
"Shinto and Virtue Ethics" (Religion)	2021

(chair) “Parisian Urban Spaces in Existentialism” (French)	2020
“The Living Resume” (Communication Studies)	2014

Undergraduate Independent Study Advisor

“Personhood in Descartes’ Theory of the Mind”	2023
“Tolstoy’s Theory of Art and Genre Fiction”	2023
“Indian Philosophy and the History of Western Metaphysics”	2023
“The Frankfurt School and Critical Theory”	2019
“The Political Philosophy of Karl Marx”	2018
“Contemporary Existential Philosophy”	2018
“The Influence of Cynicism on Modern Philosophy”	2013
“Philosophy and Photography”	2012
“Philosophy of Sport” (Master of Humanities)	2011
“Nietzsche’s Moral Philosophy”	2010
“Heidegger’s Being and Time” (Master of Arts in English)	2009
“The Philosophy of Kierkegaard”	2008

SERVICE

Wright State University, Community Engagement

Film interview with local filmmaker for documentary <i>The Dayton Christmas Massacre</i> .	2023
Panelist, discussion of poet Paul Laurence Dunbar, “Honoring Contributions, Recognizing Complexities: honoring artists’ achievements while grappling with their personal actions,” Wright State University, Dunbar Library, January 27.	2022

Wright State University Committees

Buildings and Grounds Committee	2022-present
Buildings and Grounds Committee	2013-14
Graduate School Committee	2012-13
Budget Priority Committee	2010-11
Student Scholarship Committee	2008-09

College of Liberal Arts Committees

Organizing Committee, guest lecture for college speaker series on theme of Democracy, Diversity, and the Liberal Arts	2023
Proposal Committee, Teagle Cornerstone Grant for the humanities in general education	2023
Committee to create a new interdisciplinary B.A. in Environmental Studies	2023
Committee to redesign B.A. in Liberal Studies as Liberal and Interdisciplinary Studies	2023
Planning Committee to design an all-college required first-year seminar program	2023
Planning Committee to design optional First-Year Seminar Program in the Liberal Arts	2023
Promotion and Tenure Committee	2023-present
Budget Priority Committee	2023-present
Core Curriculum Review, Subcommittee on Integrated Writing Requirement	2022-present
School Chair’s Advisory Committee	2022-present

Curriculum Committee	2022-present
Steering Committee (formerly College Senate)	2022-present
Dean Search Committee	2021-22
College Senate	2018-19
Curriculum Committee	2018-20
Master of Humanities Advisory Committee	2016-present
Department of Religion, Philosophy, and Classics Chair Review Committee	2016-17
Honors Program Committee, Chair	2016-17
Honors Incoming Scholarships Subcommittee	2016-17
Honors Program Assessment Subcommittee	2016-17
Promotion and Tenure Committee	2014-15
Master of Humanities Advisory Committee	2011-14
College Senate	2007-10

Religion, Philosophy, and Classics Departmental Committees

Religion, Philosophy, and Classics Program Review Committee	2023
Committee to design Liberal Studies Core courses: Ethics & Values, Cultures & Traditions	2023
Scholarship Committee, Chair	2022-present
Student Affairs Committee	2020-22
Search Committee (for joint appointment in Engineering and Philosophy)	2020-21
Student Philosophy Club Faculty Advisor	2019-22
Curriculum Committee	2019-20
Planning Committee for combined Religion, Philosophy, Classics Major	2018-19
Student Affairs Committee	2017-19
Planning Committee, memorial for the late Professor Erik C. Banks	2017
Philosophy Department Facebook page moderator	2015-present
Philosophy Social Media Committee, Chair and Coordinator	2014-present
Student Affairs Committee	2014-15
Promotion and Tenure Committee	2011-present
Faculty Development Committee	2011-15
Student Affairs Committee	2009-10
Scholarship Committee	2008-09

REFEREEING

Books: Routledge book proposal

Journals:

Journal of the American Philosophical Association, Southern Journal of Philosophy, Philosophia, Philosophical Psychology, British Journal for the History of Philosophy, Journal of Modern Philosophy, History of Political Thought, History of Philosophy Quarterly, Journal of Nietzsche Studies, Kemanusiaan: The Asian Journal of Humanities

Conferences and Grants:

Society for Existential and Phenomenological Theory and Culture, Ohio Philosophical Society, Ohio Humanities Council