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Curriculum Vitae

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AOS

Ethics & Political Philosophy

AOC

History of Early Modern Philosophy, Ancient Philosophy, Philosophy of Law, Applied Ethics,
Pre-College Philosophy

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS:

California Lutheran University - Assistant Professor, August 2015 - Present

The University of Iowa - Visiting Assistant Professor, August 2014 - May 2015

Iowa Wesleyan College - Adjunct Professor, August 2014 - December 2014

EDUCATION:

The University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

Degree: Ph.D. (2014); M.A. (2012)

Dissertation Title: **A Utilitarian Account of Political Obligation**

Committee: Diane Jeske & Richard Fumerton (Advisors), Jovana Davidovic, Ali Hasan, David Cunning

California State University Dominguez Hills, Carson, CA

Degree: Elementary and Middle School Teaching Certificate (2007)

St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN

Degree: B.A. (2006)

Majors: Philosophy, Psychology

PUBLICATIONS:

“A Political Interpretation of Aristotle’s Ethics,” *Aristotle’s Practical Philosophy: On the Relationship between the Ethics and Politics*, Cohen de Lara and Brouwer (eds.), 2017.

“Obligations, Responsibility, and Whistleblowing: A Case Study of Jeffrey Wigand and Brown & Williamson,” *Business in Ethical Focus (2nd Edition)*, Allhoff, Sager, and Vaidya (eds.), 2017.

“Adding Substance to the Debate: Descartes on Freedom of the Will,” *Essays In Philosophy*, Volume 14, Issue 2, July 2013. (special issue on Cartesian Virtue and Freedom)

“A Unique Metaphysical Problem for Moral Realism,” *Southwest Philosophy Review*, Volume 29, Number 1, January 2013.

“What Does Spinoza Prescribe?” *Proceedings of the Southeast Philosophy Congress*, Volume 4, 2011.

Works Under Review & In Progress:

“The Political Obligation Debate: Utilitarians Not Invited”

“Global Law & Political Obligation”

“Plato and the Sophists - Understanding Plato by Examining Sophistry & Argument in Contemporary Politics, Law, Marketing, and Social Media”

“A Utilitarian Account of Political Obligation”

“Finding Pleasure & Pain in Plato’s *Protagoras*”

“A Response to the Causal Argument Against Disjunctivism”

HONORS & AWARDS:

- Hewlett Grant (to attend and present at the interdisciplinary legal conference “Beyond the State: Governance, Legality, and Political Morality”) - California Lutheran University, September 2017
- Invited panelist for APA Committee Session on Curricular and Extracurricular Approaches to High School Philosophy - April 2017 (invited)
- Hewlett Grant (to attend and present at the interdisciplinary legal conference “Philosophical Foundations of Global Law”) - California Lutheran University, October 2016
- CLU Community Leaders Association Grant (to help fund the SoCal Philosophy Academy) - 2017, 2018
- Keynote speaker for Southern Utah University’s Undergraduate Philosophy Conference - February 2016 (invited)
- Experiential Learning Mini-Grant - California Lutheran University, September 2015
- Marc Sanders Paper Prize for “A Political Interpretation of Aristotle’s Ethics,” December 2014
- MAP-Works Champion for First-year Student Success - University of Iowa, December 2014 (Making Achievement Possible)
- Gustav Bergmann Travel Grant, University of Iowa - Department of Philosophy, Summer 2014
- Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award - University of Iowa, Spring 2014 (The University of Iowa Council on Teaching administers thirty awards annually)
- Obermann Graduate Fellow, Obermann Center for Advanced Studies (University of Iowa), Spring 2014
- Invited to give the annual “Distinguished Graduate Student Talk” at the University of Iowa Graduate Philosophical Society Conference, November 16, 2013
- Ballard and Seashore Dissertation Year Fellowship, University of Iowa, 2013-2014
- James F. Jakobsen Graduate Conference Award for my paper, “Understanding Aristotle’s Ethics Through His Politics,” April 6, 2013
- Nominated for Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award - University of Iowa, Spring 2013
- Midwest Political Science Association Conference Fee Waiver Scholarship, April 2013
- Research Fellowship, Department of Philosophy - University of Iowa, Fall 2012
- University of Iowa Executive Council of Graduate and Professional Student Travel Grant, Spring 2013 and Summer 2012
- Selected member for the 2012 Lumen Christi Institute Summer Seminar: “St. Thomas Aquinas on Law - An Intensive Seminar on the *Treatise on Law*, ST I-II, Q90-108,” August 5-11, 2012 - University of California, Berkeley
- University of Iowa Graduate Student Senate Travel Grant, Spring 2013, 2012, and 2011
- Pre-Comprehensive Examination Summer Research Fellowship, University of Iowa, Summer 2011
- Department of Philosophy Travel Grant, University of Iowa, Spring 2012 and 2011
- Summer Research Fellowship, University of Iowa, Summer 2010

PRESENTATIONS:

California Lutheran University's Adjunct Faculty Retreat - April 28, 2018 (invited)
"Teaching Reasoning & Critical Thinking Skills"

Nudging and Moral Responsibility - This workshop was organized by Dr. Philip Robichaud as part of the NWO-funded Veni project "Nudging responsibly: The Impact of Choice Architecture on Responsibility Attributions" at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands - April 6-7, 2018
"The Extent of Moral Responsibility: The Connection Between Nudging and Moral Luck"
(co-written and presented with Dr. Gregory Stoutenburg)

Beyond the State: Governance Legality, and Political Morality - A onetime interdisciplinary legal theory conference put on as the Ontario Legal Philosophy Partnership's annual conference - September 29 - October 1, 2017
"Global Law and the Moral Requirement to Comply"

American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting (annual) April 12-April 15, 2017
Panelist for the Committee Session on Curricular and Extracurricular Approaches to High School Philosophy (organized by the APA Committee on Pre-College Instruction in Philosophy) (invited)

Philosophical Foundations of Global Law - A onetime meeting convened by Yezid Carrillo de la Rosa, Dean of the Law School at Universidad de Cartagena - August 24-26, 2016
"Global Law & Political Obligation"

American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting (annual) March 30-April 3, 2016
Commentator in the Symposium "Praise, Blame, and Demandingness" (organized by Dr. Bridget Clarke)

Keynote speaker for Southern Utah University's Undergraduate Philosophy Conference (invited) February 6, 2016
"The Ethics of Following the Law"

Expert Meeting: On the Relationship Between Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics* and *Politics* - A onetime symposium convened by Prof. Andreas A. M. Kinneking and Dr. Emma Cohen de Lara at Amsterdam University College - June 19, 2015
"A Political Interpretation of Aristotle's Ethics"

American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting (annual) April 1-5, 2015
"Derivative vs. Non-derivative Moral Principles: A Pervasive Source of Confusion for Accounts of Political Obligation"

American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting (annual) December 27-30, 2014
"A Political Interpretation of Aristotle's Ethics"

Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (RoME) (7th annual) August 7-10, 2014
"Derivative vs. Non-derivative Moral Principles: A Pervasive Source of Confusion for Accounts of Political Obligation"

James F. Jakobsen Graduate Conference (16th annual) March 29, 2014
"What is Philosophy and Why is it Important?"

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University of Iowa Graduate Philosophical Society Conference (annual) November 16, 2013
(invited “Distinguished Graduate Student Talk”)
“A Unique Metaphysical Problem for Moral Realism”

Midwest Political Science Association Conference (71st annual) April 11-14, 2013
“Aspectival Concepts: A Wittgensteinian Analysis of ‘Liberty’ ”

James F. Jakobsen Graduate Conference (15th annual) April 6, 2013
“Understanding Aristotle’s Ethics Through His Politics”

Southwestern Philosophical Society Conference (74th annual) November 9-11, 2012
“A Unique Metaphysical Problem for Moral Realism”

Stephen L. Weber Graduate Conference in Ethics (2nd annual) May 5-6, 2012
“An Attempt to Find a Common Point of View on ‘The Common Point of View’ in Hume’s Ethics”

Invited Guest Lecture for Introduction to Ethics course at the University of Iowa - April 11, 2012
“Hume’s Ethics”

James F. Jakobsen Graduate Conference (14th annual) March 24, 2012
“In Defense of Culpable Ignorance”

Mid-South Philosophy Conference (36th annual) February 24-25, 2012
“Do You See Liberty as a Duck or a Rabbit?”

University of Iowa Graduate Philosophical Society Conference (annual) December 3, 2011
“An Attempt to Find a Common Point of View on ‘The Common Point of View’ in Hume’s Ethics”

Minnesota Philosophical Society Conference (annual) November 5, 2011
“A Response to the Causal Argument Against Disjunctivism”

James F. Jakobsen Graduate Conference (13th annual) March 26, 2011
“An Examination of J.J.C. Smart’s Extreme Utilitarianism”

Southeast Philosophy Congress Conference (4th annual) February 18-19, 2011
“What Does Spinoza Prescribe?”

Iowa Philosophical Society Conference (67th annual) November 13, 2010
“Finding Pleasure and Pain in Plato’s *Protagoras*”

TEACHING & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Founder and Lead Instructor, SoCal Philosophy Academy, California Lutheran University (CLU)
(2017 - present)

Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, California Lutheran University
Humanities Tutorial (Honors) - Ancient Greece: From Mythos to Logos (Fall 2018)
Humanities Tutorial (Honors) - Intimacy, Justice, and Power (Spring 2019)
Philosophy of Law (Spring 2017, Spring 2019)
Philosophy of Religion (Spring 2017, Spring 2018)
Political Philosophy - Ancient to Modern (Fall 2016)
History of Philosophy (Fall 2016, Fall 2017)

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Social Ethics (Summer 2016, Summer 2017, Summer 2018)
Contemporary Philosophy - Existentialism (Spring 2016, Spring 2018)
History of Philosophy - Early Modern to 19th Century (Spring 2016)
Contemporary Political Philosophy (Fall 2015, Fall 2017)
History of Philosophy - Ancient to Medieval (Fall 2015)
Problems of Philosophy (Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2018)

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Iowa

The Meaning of Life (Spring 2015)
Philosophy and the Just Society (Fall 2014)
Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2014)
Introduction to Philosophy Through Film (for high school students) (Fall 2014-Spring 2015)

Adjunct Professor, Religion & Philosophy Program, Iowa Wesleyan College

Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2014)
Ethics for Life and Career (Business Ethics) (Fall 2014)

Graduate Instructor, Department of Philosophy, University of Iowa

Metaethics at the Iowa Lyceum (Summer 2014)
Introduction to Philosophy Through Film (for high school students) (Spring 2014)
Introduction to Philosophy (Spring 2013)
Introduction to Ethics (Spring 2012, Fall 2011, Spring 2011, Fall 2010)
Philosophy and Human Nature (Spring 2010)
Philosophy and the Just Society (Fall 2009)

Teacher, Webster Middle School, Los Angeles, CA

6th Grade Math Lead Teacher & Science Lead Teacher (2006-2009)
8th Grade Algebra Teacher (2007-2009)

Teacher, Gompers Middle School, Watts, CA (2006)

6th Grade Summer School Math Teacher

Teach For America Corp Member (2006-2008)

Member of Teach For America Junior Development Team (2008)

Psychology Teaching Preceptor, St. Olaf College (2005)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY:

- CLU Purple Pit Faculty Advisor (April 2018 - Present)
- Deinstitutionalizing Islamophobia on Campus (CLU Center for Equality and Justice Subcommittee) (November 2017 - Present)
- Institutional Review Board (IRB) Member - Thousand Oaks High School, AP Research Program (November 2017 - Present)
- CLU Student Life Committee Member (Aug 2016 - Present)
- Participant at the International Network on Transnational Legal and Political Theory annual meeting (August 27, 2016 - Universidad de Cartagena, Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, South America)
- Participant at the American Association of Philosophy Teachers (AAPT) Workshop on Course Design (identifying learning goals or objectives, designing assessment, and designing learning activities) (January 23, 2016 - Mount Saint Mary's University, Los Angeles)
- CLU Philosophy Club Faculty Advisor (August 2015- Present)

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- Center for Equality and Justice (CEJ) Faculty Steering Committee Member (CLU) (August 2015 - Present)
- Harold Stoner Clark Lecture Series Executive Committee Member (CLU) (August 2015 - Present)
- International Baccalaureate Philosophy Examiner (May 2015 - Present)
- Co-developer & Instructor of the “Philosophy for High School Students” virtual course/program at The University of Iowa (Division of Continuing Education & Department of Philosophy)
- Collaborator & Instructor for the Iowa Lyceum (pre-college philosophy & critical thinking summer seminar) (<https://sites.google.com/site/lyceumiowa/home>)
- Invited panelist for Journalism Ethics Panel hosted by the Society of Professional Journalists (May 7, 2013 - University of Iowa School of Journalism & Mass Communication)
- Graduate Student Representative to the University of Iowa Philosophy Faculty (2013-2014, 2012-2013)
- Selected Member for The 2012 Lumen Christi Institute Summer Seminar: “St. Thomas Aquinas on Law - An Intensive Seminar on the *Treatise on Law*, ST I-II, Q90-108” (August 5-11, 2012 - University of California, Berkeley)
- Co-Organizer for annual University of Iowa Graduate Philosophical Society (UIGPS) Graduate Conference (2013, 2012)
- University of Iowa Graduate Philosophical Society (UIGPS) Secretary (2011-2012, 2010-2011)
- Session Moderator “Counter-Arguments: Criticizing Philosophical Theories” James F. Jakobsen Graduate Conference (13th annual) March 26, 2011
- Paper presentation at UIGPS Salon, November 6, 2012. “A Unique Metaphysical Problem for Moral Realism”
- Paper presentation at UIGPS Salon, January 19, 2011. “What Does Spinoza Prescribe?”
- Paper referee for UIGPS Annual Spring Graduate Conference (2013, 2012, 2011, 2010)
- Paper referee for UIGPS Annual Fall Graduate Conference (2012, 2011, 2010, 2009)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

American Philosophical Association (APA), 2013-present

Philosophy Learning and Teaching Organization (PLATO), 2018-present

American Association of Philosophy Teachers (AAPT), 2015-present

Minnesota Philosophical Society (MPS), 2011-present

Iowa Philosophical Society (IPS), 2010-present.

University of Iowa Graduate Philosophical Society (UIGPS), Fall 2009-2014

GRADUATE COURSE WORK:

Epistemology:

Ethics of Belief in Early Modern Philosophy (Descartes, Locke, Hume) (Ali Hasan)

Epistemology (Ali Hasan)

Metaphysics:

Metaphysics (Richard Fumerton)

Seminar: Metaphysics - The Problem of Universals (Katarina Perovic)

History of Philosophy:

St. Thomas Aquinas on Law (Russell Hittinger)

Descartes (David Cuning)

Seminar: Aristotle's Nichomachean Ethics (James Duerlinger)

Aristotle (James Duerlinger)

The Philosophy of David Hume (David Cuning)

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Plato (James Duerlinger)
Seminar: Modern Philosophy - Spinoza (David Cunning)

Philosophy of Science:

Philosophy of Science (Evan Fales)
Philosophy of the Human Sciences (Evan Fales)

Philosophy of Language:

Seminar: Philosophy of Language - Wittgenstein (David Stern)

Value Theory:

Issues in Philosophy of Law (Jovana Davidovic)
Seminar: Topics in Care and Justice (Asha Bhandary)
Value Theory Research for Comprehensive Exam (Diane Jeske)
Ethics of Belief in Early Modern Philosophy (Descartes, Locke, Hume) (Ali Hasan)
Seminar: Aristotle's Nichomachean Ethics (James Duerlinger)
History of Ethics (Diane Jeske)
Analytic Ethics (Richard Fumerton)

REFERENCES:

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