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Areas of Specialization

Early modern philosophy; metaphysics; philosophy of mind; meta-ontology; philosophical methodology

Areas of Competence

Medieval philosophy; Kant's theoretical philosophy; political philosophy; philosophy of religion; American Pragmatism

Academic Employment

Postdoctoral Fellow, University Writing Program, Johns Hopkins University, 2022-present

Education

PhD, Philosophy, Johns Hopkins University, 2016-2022

Doctoral Student, Philosophy, Yale University, 2012-2015

BA, Philosophy, Honors Program in Humanistic Studies, Johns Hopkins University, 2005-2011

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- "Spinoza's Definition of Faith" (under review)
- "Brandom's Leibniz," *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 102 (2021): 73-102.
- "On the Causal Role of Privation in Thomas Aquinas's Metaphysics," *European Journal of Philosophy* 28 (2020): 306-322.
- "Spinozistic Expression," *Philosophers' Imprint* 17 (2017): 1-32.
- "Intelligibility and Subjectivity in Peirce: A Reading of His 'New List of Categories,'" *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 50 (2012): 581-610.

Book Chapters

- "Spinoza on Relations," in *A Companion to Spinoza*, edited by Yitzhak Y. Melamed (Oxford: Wiley- Blackwell, 2021).

Editing Work

- Assistant Editor (with Davide Monaco), *Spinoza's Ethics*, by Baruch Spinoza, translated by George Eliot, edited by Clare Carlisle (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2019)

Book Reviews

- Review of Samuel Newlands, *Reconceiving Spinoza* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2019), *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, DOI: 10.1080/09608788.2019.1649246.
- Review of Benedict de Spinoza, *Ethics Proved in Geometrical Order*, edited by Matthew J. Kisner (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press), *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* 27 (2019): 1243-1247.
- Review of Michael LeBuffe, *Spinoza on Reason* (Oxford: Oxford University Press), *European Journal of Philosophy* 26 (2018): 1453-1457.
- Review of Alexander X. Douglas, *Spinoza and Dutch Cartesianism: Philosophy and Theology* (Oxford: Oxford University Press), *Leibniz Review* 27 (2017): 157-67.
- Review of Mateusz W. Oleksy, *Realism and Individualism: Charles S. Peirce and the Threat of Modern Nominalism* (Amsterdam: John Benjamins), *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* 25 (2017).
- Review of Gabriele Gava, *Peirce's Account of Purposefulness: A Kantian Perspective* (London: Routledge) *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* 23 (2015): 594-97.
- Review of Hazard Adams, *The Offense of Poetry* (Seattle: University of Washington Press), *Modern Language Notes (Comparative Literature Issue)* 124 (2009): 1211-15.

Review Essay

- “A Heretic in the Truth” (review essay of Steven Nadler, *A Book Forged in Hell: Spinoza's Scandalous Treatise and the Birth of the Secular Age* (Princeton: Princeton University Press)), *Jewish Review of Books*, Spring Issue 2012.

Works in Progress

- “The Scope of Expression in Spinoza”
- “Spinoza's Problem of Universals and Particulars”
- “Interpretation and Authority: The Argument of Spinoza's *Theological-Political Treatise*”

Presentations [* = Accepted but did not attend]

- “Spinoza's Definition of Faith,” UCSD Graduate Workshop in Modern Philosophy, University of California, San Diego, May 2022.
- “Beauty as the Symbol of Morality,” Western Canadian Philosophical Association, Victoria, BC, Nov. 2021.*
- “Lewis, Distance, and Modal Realism,” (Commentary on Alexander W. Kocurek, “Modal Realism and Spatiotemporal Relation”). American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting (online), January 2021.
- “Spinoza on Relations,” Spinoza and Early Modern Philosophy Workshop, Johns Hopkins University, November 2020.
- "Beyond Mere Belief: Spinoza's Definition of Faith," Australasian Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia, November, 2019.*
- "Beyond Mere Belief: Spinoza's Definition of Faith," Franco-American Workshop in Seventeenth-Century Philosophy, École Normale Supérieure, Paris, June 20-23, 2019.
- "Beauty as the Symbol of Morality," Salish Sea Aesthetics Workshop, University of British Columbia, May, 2019.*
- "Beyond Mere Belief: Spinoza's Definition of Faith," Princeton Graduate Conference in the

History of Philosophy, Princeton University, May 10, 2019.

- “Aquinas on Privation,” British Society for the History of Philosophy Annual Conference, King’s College London, April 2016.*
- “Spinoza’s Definition of Faith,” Spinoza Workshop, Johns Hopkins University, March 11, 2017.
- “Beauty as the Symbol of Morality,” Annual Kent State University Philosophy Graduate Student Conference, Kent State University, 2017.*
- “Aquinas on Privation,” Hammond Society Colloquium, Philosophy Department, Johns Hopkins University (September 29, 2017).
- “Spinozistic Expression,” Harvard-Yale History of Philosophy Graduate Workshop, Harvard University (April 30-31, 2016).
- “Spinozistic Expression,” Society for Early Modern Philosophy at Yale, Yale University (February 1, 2016).
- Commentator for Paul Franks, “‘Nothing comes from Nothing’: Judaism, the Orient, and Kabbalah in Hegel’s Reception of Spinoza,” Society for Early Modern Philosophy at Yale, Yale University, 2013.
- “Narrative Memory and the Compass of the Self: Religious Self-Knowledge in Augustine’s *Confessions*,” “Ways of Knowing”: The Fourth Annual Graduate Conference on Religion at Harvard Divinity School, Harvard University.*
- “‘The faith that looks through death’: Wordsworth’s ‘Tintern Abbey’ and Psalm 23,” The Natural History of Reading, University of Washington, Seattle (Spring 2010).

Awards, Grants, and Fellowships

- Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Language Study Grant, 2021
- Miller Prize for Best Published Graduate Essay in Philosophy (for “Brandom’s Leibniz”), Johns Hopkins University, 2021.
- Lovejoy Dissertation Fellowship, Johns Hopkins University, 2021-2022
- Alexander Grass Humanities Institute Graduate Research Fellowship, Spring 2021
- Research Paper Prize, Singleton Center for the Study of Premodern Europe (for “Aquinas on Privation”), 2017.
- Miller Prize for Best Published Graduate Essay in Philosophy (for “Spinozistic Expression”), Johns Hopkins University, 2017.
- Tikvah Post-BA Fellowship, New York, NY, 2011-2012. [Fellowship in Jewish Studies and Politics sponsored by the Tikvah Fund.]
- Woodrow Wilson Undergraduate Research Fellowship, Johns Hopkins University, 2007. [Four-year undergraduate fellowship granting \$10,000 toward the pursuit of a long-term research project in any academic field.]

Teaching (*Teaching assistant*)

- Bioethics (Prof. Hilary Bok), Fall 2020
- Introduction to the History of Modern Philosophy (Prof. Michael Williams), Spring 2020
- Bioethics (Prof. Hilary Bok), Fall 2019
- Introduction to Metaphysics (Prof. Yitzhak Melamed), Spring 2019
- Philosophy of Religion (Prof. Steven Gross), Fall 2018

Languages

Intermediate proficiency in Latin, French, German, and Hebrew

Academic Service, Membership, and Professional Employment

- Reviewer for *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* and *Dialogue*
- Graduate Associate in Acquisitions, Johns Hopkins University Press (Fall-Spring 2021)
- Copy editor, *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (2015-present) and *Philosophers' Imprint* (2017-present)
- Johns Hopkins Philological Society
- Hammond Society (Johns Hopkins Philosophy Graduate Society)
- Society for Early Modern Philosophy at Yale

References

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