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Areas of Specialization | Ethics; Social and Political Philosophy; PPE

Areas of Competence | Applied Ethics; Philosophy of Law; Philosophy of Social Science

Employment

Bard Early College, New Orleans

Adjunct Professor of Philosophy and Logic: 2026

Education

In Progress: Ph.D., Philosophy, Tulane University, Expected Spring of 2027

Dissertation Title: “The Moral Lives of Groups: A Theory of Collective Moral Status”

Dissertation Director: Dr. Caroline T. Arruda

M.A., Philosophy, Ohio University, 2021

Thesis Title: “Epistocracy’s Competence Problem: An Instrumentalist Defense of Democracy”

Thesis Director: Christoph Hanisch

B.A., Philosophy (concentrations in religion, science, and society), George Fox University, 2017

Thesis: “Bonhoeffer and Merton: A Comparative Study of Christian Peace Theories.”

Publications

**forthcoming*

Refereed Articles

“In case of emergency, block the exits: against the routine use of non-competes,” *Economics & Philosophy*, 2025 (online first).

Proceedings

*“Language and methodological limits in Wittgenstein and Hayek” in Gamero, Isabel G., Amadeusz Just, and Jasmin Trächtler, eds. *Feminist Philosophy — Language, Knowledge, and Politics: Proceedings of the 46th International Wittgenstein Symposium*. De Gruyter, 2026. (with Jeffrey Patrick Colgan.)

Select Presentations

“Community and Capability: Identifying Collective Interests,” Markets and Society, October 2026.

“A Penny for Your Thoughts: How AI Changes Intellectual Property Ownership,” Ninth Meeting of the Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society, November 2025.

“Labor Mobility in the Age of Artificial Intelligence,” Markets and Society Conference, October 2025.

“Non-Competes as a Timely Intervention,” Society for Business Ethics Affiliate Session at the American Philosophical Association Pacific Meeting, April 2025.

“The Limits of Language and Science in Hayek and Wittgenstein,” (co-authored with Jeffrey Colgan) Annual Meeting of the History and Philosophy of Science Division of the Mississippi Academy of Sciences, March 2025.

“Rethinking Locke’s Exclusion of Non-Believers,” North Carolina Philosophical Society Meeting, March 2023, (Accepted but unable to attend).

-- Exclusion, Integration, and Democracy GOODINT Workshop, UiT – The Arctic University of Norway, (Accepted but unable to attend).

“Historic Injustice in Rawls’s Property-Owning Democracy.” Annual Southwest Graduate Conference, March 26, 2022.

“Democracy and the Right to Competent Government.” Binghamton University SPEL Graduate Student Conference, Nov 7-8, 2020.

“Fraternity and Equal Respect for Citizens.” North Carolina Philosophical Society and South Carolina Society for Philosophy joint Meeting, March 2020, (Accepted but unable to attend).

Teaching

As Instructor of Record

Bard Early College, New Orleans

PL150: Introductory Symbolic Logic: *Spring 2026*

The Tulane University of Louisiana

PHIL 2600: Ethics in Business: *Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Fall 2024, Spring 2025*

PHIL 1030: Ethics: *Spring 2022*

The Ohio University

PHIL 1200: Principles of Reasoning: *Fall 2020, Spring 2021*

As A Teaching Assistant

PHIL 1030: Ethics, Tulane University (Dr. Chad Van Schoelandt), Fall 2021

PHIL 1200: Principles of Reasoning, Ohio University (Dr. Alfred Lent), Spring 2020

PHIL 1200: Principles of Reasoning, Ohio University (Dr. Yoichi Ishida), Fall 2019

Service:

Philosophy Department Representative, GSSA, Tulane University, 2024-2025

— Survey Committee

— Faculty Awards Committee

Coach, Mathematical Modeling Challenge, Bard Early College, New Orleans, Spring 2026

Awards, Fellowships, and Other Training:

Murphy Institute Center for Ethics Graduate Fellowship, 2026-2027 (\$28000)
 IHS Travel Grant, Summer 2026
 Chapman University Philosophy Politics and Economics Summer School, July 2024
 Adam Smith Fellowship, Mercatus Center at George Mason University, 2023-2024 (\$10000)
Graduate Pedagogy Certificate: Engaged Learning and Teaching, Center for Engaged Learning and Teaching, Tulane, 2023
 Chapman University Philosophy Politics and Economics Summer School, May 2023
 Adam Smith Fellowship, Mercatus Center at George Mason University, 2022-2023 (*Unable to Participate*)
 Idus Murphree Book Prize, Department of Philosophy, Ohio University, 2020-2021
 Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, Department of Philosophy, Ohio University, 2020-2021
 Teaching Assistantship, Department of Philosophy, Ohio University, 2019-2021
 Award for Achievement in Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, Ohio University, 2019-2020
 Outstanding Graduate Student Award, Department of Philosophy, Ohio University, 2019-2020
 Dean's List, George Fox University, Spring 2012, Spring 2017
 Teaching Assistantship, Department of Philosophy, College of Christian Studies, George Fox University 2014-2015
 Duke Distinguished Scholar's Award, George Fox University, 2013-2017

Graduate Courses Taken

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At Tulane University

Philosophy:

Formal Methods (Dr. David O'Brien, Fall 2021)
 Moral Philosophy: Death and Dying (Dr. Josh Mund, Spring 2023)
 Contemporary Political Philosophy (Dr. Lucia Shwarz, Fall 2023)
 New Diversity Theory (Dr. Chad Van Schoelandt, Spring 2022)
 Moral Psychology and Metaethics (Dr. Louis Gularte, Fall 2022)
 History of Political Philosophy (Dr. Chad Van Schoelandt, Fall 2022)
 Freedom and the Self (Dr. Oliver Sensen, Fall 2023)
 History of Moral Philosophy (Dr. Oliver Sensen, Fall 2021)
 Advanced Symbolic Logic (Dr. Kevin Morris, Fall 2022)
 Philosophy of Neuroscience (Dr. Daniel Burnston, Fall 2021)
 Metaphysics (Dr. Kevin Morris, Spring 2022)
 Metaphysics of Mind (Dr. Kevin Morris, Spring 2023)
 Formal Methods: PPE Methodology (Dr. Mario Juarez Garcia, Spring 2024)*
 The Complexities of the State (Dr. Mario Juarez Garcia, Fall 2024)*

Outside the Philosophy Department:

Philosophy of Normative Economics (Dr. Douglas Nelson, Department of Economics, Spring 2022)
 Public Opinion and Voter Behavior (Dr. Brian Brox, Department of Political Science, Spring 2023)
 Clinical Ethics (Dr. David Doukas, Tulane University School of Medicine, Fall 2023)
 Essentials of Learning and Teaching (Dr. Toni Weiss, Center for Engaged Learning and Teaching, Fall 2021)
 Practical Course Design (Dr. Eunice Ofori, Center for Engaged Learning and Teaching, Spring 2022)
 Teaching Practicum (Dr. Eunice Ofori, Center for Engaged Learning and Teaching, Fall 2023)

At Ohio University

Egalitarianism (Dr. Christoph Hanisch, Fall 2019)
 Contemporary Social and Political Philosophy (Dr. Alyssa Bernstein, Fall 2020)
 Metaethics (Dr. Christoph Hanisch, Spring 2021)
 Kant's Moral Philosophy (Dr. Christoph Hanisch, Spring 2021)
 Applied Ethics (Dr. Alyssa Bernstein, Spring 2021)
 Philosophy of Law (Dr. Alyssa Bernstein, Spring 2020)
 Biomedical Ethics (Dr. Scott Carson, Spring 2020)
 Techniques of Formal Analysis (Dr. Philip Ehrlich, Fall 2019)
 Philosophy of Science (Dr. Philip Ehrlich, Fall 2019)
 Pragmatism (Dr. Yoichi Ishida, Spring 2020)
 Philosophy Forum: Plato's Moral Psychology (Dr. Scott Carson, Spring 2020)
 Phenomenology (Dr. Robert Briscoe, Fall 2020)
 Philosophical Writing and Methodology I (Dr. Yoichi Ishida, Fall 2019)
 Philosophical Writing and Methodology II (Dr. Yoichi Ishida, Fall 2020)

Advanced Undergraduate Courses Taken

Religion and Reason (Dr. Philip Smith)
 Virtue Philosophy: MacIntyre and Adams (Dr. Philip Smith)
 St. Augustine of Hippo (Dr. Joseph Clair)
 History of Modern and Postmodern Philosophy (Dr. Corwynn Beals)
 Christian Apologetics (Dr. Mark McCleod-Harrison)
 Social Theory (Dr. Jeffery Tatum)
 Philosophy Capstone: Contemporary Philosophy of Religion (Dr. Mark McCleod-Harrison)
 Independent Study: The Ethics and Social Philosophy of Dietrich Bonhoeffer (Dr. Javier Garcia)

Languages

German | Intermediate Speaking, Writing, and Reading
 French | Basic Reading

Other Service and Work Experience

Assistant Children's Pastor, Westside: A Jesus Church: 2017-2018

Assistant Winemaker and Tasting Room Associate, Hawks View Winery: 2016-2017

Grader and Lab Tech, Chemistry Department, George Fox University: 2015-2016

Resident Assistant, George Fox University: 2014-2016

Director of Urban Ministries, George Fox University: 2013-2015

Interim Director of Urban Ministries, George Fox University: 2012-2013

Memberships

American Philosophical Association

The Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society

The Public Choice Society