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Education

Ph.D. in Philosophy, Boston University, Fall 2005 – Spring 2009
Dissertation: “Kantian Virtue and Civil Society,” directed by Manfred Kuehn

B.A., *magna cum laude*, Colby College, Fall 2001 – Spring 2005
Double major in philosophy (with honors and distinction) and in government (with distinction)

Academic Positions

Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of New Orleans, Fall 2015 – present
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of New Orleans, Fall 2012 – Spring 2015
Visiting Assistant Professor in Philosophy, Tulane University, Fall 2010 – Spring 2012
Lecturer in Philosophy, Tulane University, Fall 2008 – Spring 2010
Graduate Teaching Fellow in Philosophy, Boston University, Fall 2005 – Fall 2007

Areas of Research Specialization and Teaching Competence

Research Specialization

Ethics, Political Philosophy, and History of Philosophy (with emphasis on Kant)

Teaching Competence

Philosophy of Law, Philosophy of Education, and Logic

Publications

Manuscript

1. *Kant and the Cultivation of Virtue* (Routledge, 2014)

Edited Volumes

3. *Rethinking Punishment in the Era of Mass Incarceration* (Routledge, 2017)
2. *Kant and the Scottish Enlightenment*, co-edited with Elizabeth Robinson (Routledge, 2017)
1. *Kant and Education: Interpretations and Commentary*, co-edited with Klas Roth (Routledge, 2011)

Peer-Reviewed Articles

14. “Kant’s Liberalism,” forthcoming in *The Routledge Handbook of Libertarianism*, edited by Jason Brennan et al.
13. “Market-Based Measurement for School Achievement,” co-authored with Phillip Magness, forthcoming in *Journal of Markets and Morality*, Vol. 20, No. 2 (Fall 2017).
12. “Kant and Classical Liberalism: Friends or Foes?” *Journal of Private Enterprise*, Vol. 31, No. 3 (Fall 2016)
11. “Situationism and the Neglect of Moral Education,” co-authored with J.P. Messina, in *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, Vol. 18, No. 4 (August 2015)
10. “Public Morality,” in *The Encyclopedia of Political Thought*, edited by Michael Gibbons (Wiley-Blackwell, 2014)
9. “Language in Kant’s Practical Philosophy,” in *The Linguistic Dimension of Kant’s Thought*, edited by Richard Velkley and Frank Schalow (Northwestern University Press, 2014)
8. “Physical Education as a Prerequisite for the Possibility of Human Virtue,” *Educational Philosophy and Theory*,

Vol. 45, No. 5 (May 2014)

7. "Politics and Practical Wisdom: Rethinking Aristotle's Account of Phronesis," *Topoi*, Vol. 31, No. 2 (October 2012)
6. "Minority Oppression and Justified Revolution," *The Journal of Social Philosophy*, Vol. 41, No. 4 (Winter 2010)
5. "Kant's Contribution to Moral Education: The Relevance of Catechistics," *The Journal of Moral Education*, Vol. 39, No. 2 (June 2010)
4. "Liberty, Autonomy, and Kant's Civil Society," *History of Philosophy Quarterly*, Vol. 27, No. 1 (January 2010)
3. "Kant's Postulate of the Immortality of the Soul," *International Philosophical Quarterly*, Vol. 48, No. 1 (March 2008)
2. "Cultivating Virtue: Moral Progress and the Kantian State," *Kantian Review*, Vol. 12 (2006)
1. "A Reconciliation of Kant's Views on Revolution," *Interpretation: A Journal of Political Philosophy*, Vol. 32, No. 2 (Spring 2005)

Invited Talks

46. "The Ethics of Punishment: Mass Incarceration and its Alternatives;" Center for the Study of Liberty's Public Event: Origins and Alternatives of Criminal Justice; Atlanta, GA (July 8, 2017)
45. "Punishment in the United States: Mass Incarceration and its Alternatives;" University of North Carolina, Greensboro; Greensboro, NC (April 13, 2017)
44. "Criminal Justice Reform: Rethinking Punishment in the Era of Mass Incarceration;" Bridgewater State University; Bridgewater, MA (March 25, 2017)
43. "Reforming Criminal Law: Juvenile Sentencing and Non-Ideal Theory" (panel discussion); PPE Society Inaugural Meeting; New Orleans, LA (March 17, 2017)
42. "Research Impact through Academic Entrepreneurship" (panel discussion); Public Choice Society 54th Annual Meeting; New Orleans, LA (March 3, 2017)
41. "Policing and Punishment: Philosophical Problems;" Center for Practical and Professional Ethics at California State University Sacramento 11th Annual Ethics Symposium; Sacramento, CA (November 22, 2016)
40. "Policing and Freedom;" Institute for Humane Studies Undergraduate Conference on Policing and Freedom; New Orleans, LA (November 18, 2016)
39. "The Limits of Free Exchange;" Institute for Humane Studies Undergraduate Conference on Markets and Morality; New Orleans, LA (August 5, 2016).
38. "What Can We Learn from Ancient Philosophers?;" One Day University; Charlotte, NC (June 4, 2016)
37. "Ethical Issues related to Academic Funding;" Louisiana State University School of Public Health; New Orleans, LA (April 15, 2016)
36. "How Academic Research can Change Lives;" Association for Private Enterprise Education 41st International Conference; Las Vegas, NV (April 4, 2016)
35. "Kant on Punishment;" Association for Private Enterprise Education 41st International Conference; Las Vegas, NV (April 4, 2016)
34. "The Limits of Free Exchange;" Southwestern University; Georgetown, TX (March 22, 2016)
33. "Free Exchange and Human Well-Being;" Austin Institute for the Study of Family and Culture James Q. Wilson Forum Lecture; University of Texas, Austin; Austin, TX (March 21, 2016)
32. "The Importance of Freedom-Friendly Professors" (panel discussion); Advancing Freedom, Creating Change: A Summit on Philanthropic Leadership in Higher Education; Naples, FL (March 17, 2016)
31. "Reimagining Textbooks: Exploring Open Educational Resources" (panel discussion); University of New Orleans; New Orleans, LA (March 17, 2016)
30. "Individual Liberty and the Limits of State Authority;" Università di Bologna; Bologna, Italy (February 10, 2016)
29. "Human Flourishing and Free Exchange;" Sapienza - Università di Roma; Rome, Italy (February 6, 2016)
28. "Kant and the Cultivation of Virtue;" American Association for the Philosophical Study of Society Lecture; 2016 American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting; Washington, DC (January 8, 2016)
27. "Kant's Liberalism;" Colby College; Waterville, ME (October 15, 2015)
26. "Exploring a Marketplace of Ideas with Students" (panel discussion); Association for Private Enterprise Education 40th International Conference; Cancun, Mexico (April 14, 2015)
25. "Being a Liberty-Advancing Academic" (panel discussion); Association for Private Enterprise Education 40th International Conference; Cancun, Mexico (April 14, 2015)
24. "Kant and the Virtues of a Free Society;" Association for Private Enterprise Education 40th International

- Conference; Cancun, Mexico (April 13, 2015)
23. "Making Men Moral: The Efficacy of Moral Education;" Long Island University, Post; Brookville, NY (February, 17, 2015)
 22. "Kant's Moral Education and the Cultivation of Virtue;" North American Kant Society panel on Kant and Education, 2014 American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting; Philadelphia, PA (December 29, 2014)
 21. "Kant and the Limits of Governmental Authority;" Instituto Bruno Leoni; Milan, Italy (May 8, 2014)
 20. "Slavery and the 'Security State' in History and Philosophy" (panel discussion); Association for Private Enterprise Education 39th International Conference; Las Vegas, NV (April 14, 2014)
 19. "Religious Freedom: A Defense," Young Americans for Liberty Louisiana State Convention; New Orleans, LA (April 5, 2014)
 18. "Is Meritocracy Just?" (panel discussion); Kirkland House "Guests for Good" lecture series; Harvard University; Cambridge, MA (March 31, 2014)
 17. "Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle: What Can We Learn from Ancient Philosophers?;" One Day University: 2500 Years of History; New York, NY (February 8, 2014)
 16. "Virtue and the Good Life;" *Renaissance Weekend*; Charleston, SC (December 31, 2013)
 15. "Everything We're Not Supposed to Talk About at the Dinner Table: Reflections on Morality, Religion, and the Law;" *Renaissance Weekend*; Charleston, SC (December 30, 2013)
 14. "The Morality of Freedom;" Institute for Humane Studies Speaker Series; Students for Liberty Regional Conference; Loyola University, New Orleans; New Orleans, LA (November 16, 2013)
 13. "What Can We Learn from Ancient Philosophers?;" One Day University; Minneapolis, MN (November 2, 2013)
 12. "Should Everyone Go to College?" (panel discussion); Society of Philosophers in America Symposium; University of Mississippi; Oxford, MS (November 1, 2013)
 11. "Morality, Freedom, and the State;" St. John's College, University of Cambridge; Cambridge, UK (October 13, 2013)
 10. "Undergraduate Student Mentoring" (panel discussion); Association for Private Enterprise Education 38th International Conference; Maui, HI (April 16, 2013)
 9. "Kant and the Cultivation of Virtue;" Colby College; Waterville, ME (March 7, 2013)
 8. "The Nature of Morality;" The University of New Orleans; New Orleans, LA (November 16, 2011)
 7. "Happiness, Satisfaction, and Real Education;" The Honors Program's *Colloquium Without Walls Lecture Series*; Tulane University; New Orleans, LA (March 23, 2011)
 6. "Creating Virtuous Citizens: Happiness and the Aims of Education;" The University of New Orleans; New Orleans, LA (March 16, 2011)
 5. "The Moral Implications of Plant Intelligence;" The Newcomb College Institute's *Fridays at Newcomb Lecture Series*; Tulane University; New Orleans, LA (February 11, 2011)
 4. "Rebellion and Justified Revolution;" Sweet Briar College; Sweet Briar, VA (March 1, 2010)
 3. "Minority Oppression and Justified Revolution;" Mercer University; Macon, GA (February 28, 2010)
 2. "Kant and Rousseau on the Virtue of Citizens;" West Chester University; West Chester, PA (January 29, 2010)
 1. "Liberty, Autonomy, and Kant's Civil Society;" Loyola University; New Orleans, LA (April 20, 2009)

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

UNO Student Government, Academic Programming Grants, F13-S18
 Charles Koch Foundation, Academic Programming and Scholarship Grants, S11-S18
 Austin Institute for the Study of Family and Culture, Academic Programming and Scholarship Grants, F15-S18
 Institute for Humane Studies, Academic Programming and Scholarship Grants, F09-F17
 Public Broadcasting Service / WNET Media Production and Community Event Grant (Co-PI), F16
 Louisiana Board of Regents, Textbook Alternatives in Academic Courses Grant, S16
 UNO Office of Service Learning & Institutional Community Engagement, Programming Grant, F15
 Association for Private Enterprise Education, Young Scholars Program Grant, S14 and S15
 Named by Cengage Learning as one of their "Most Valuable Professors" for 2014, an award honoring three professors in the United States who "have made lasting impressions on the education and lives of their students," F14

Charles Koch Institute, Academic Programing Grant, F14
 UNO Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, Creative Endeavor Opportunity Grant, Su14
 University of New Orleans Omicron Delta Kappa Faculty Award (for outstanding teaching and service), University of New Orleans, S14
 Named by Princeton Review as one of “The Best 300 Professors in the United States” in *The Princeton Review’s Best 300 Professors* (ISBN: 375427589), S12
 Tulane Center for Engaged Learning and Teaching, Classroom Enhancement Grant, F11
 Tulane Center for Public Service, Course Development Grant, F09 and F10
 Tulane Newcomb College Institute, Course Development Grant, F10
 Dissertation Fellowship, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Boston University, F08-S09
 Machette Paper Prize (best graduate paper), Department of Philosophy, Boston University, S08
 Teaching Fellowship, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Boston University, F05-F07
 John Alden Clark Paper Prize (best undergraduate paper), Department of Philosophy, Colby College, S05
 Laurie Peterson Memorial Award (top junior major), Department of Government, Colby College, S04
 John Alden Clark Paper Prize (best undergraduate paper), Department of Philosophy, Colby College, S04

Academic Service

Director of the Alexis de Tocqueville Project at the University of New Orleans (tocqueville.uno.edu), F11 – present
 Book Referee (in some cases multiple times) for Oxford University Press, Routledge Press, W.W. Norton & Company, Continuum Books, and Bloomsbury Publishing
 Article Referee (in some cases multiple times) for *The Journal of the History of Philosophy, Social Philosophy and Policy, The Journal of Social Philosophy, Canadian Journal of Philosophy, History of Philosophy Quarterly, Studies in Philosophy and Education, The Journal of Moral Education, and Human Rights Review*
 Committee Chair, UNO College of Liberal Arts Courses and Curriculum Committee, F14 – present
 Committee Member, UNO College of Liberal Arts Courses and Curriculum Committee, S13 – present
 Tulane Interdisciplinary Experience Seminars (TIDES) Screening Committee, S12
 Faculty Fellow, Tulane University Newcomb College Institute, F10 – S12
 Faculty Advisor, Tulane Philosophy Club, F09 – S12
 Newcomb-Tulane College U.K. and Ireland Scholarships Nomination Committee, S11
 Faculty Advisory Committee, Global Service League of Tulane, F10 – S11

Professional References

Manfred Kuehn, Emeritus Professor of Philosophy, Boston University
 Geoffrey Sayre-McCord, Morehead-Cain Alumni Distinguished Professor of Philosophy, UNC Chapel Hill
 Edward Johnson, Emeritus Professor of Philosophy, University of New Orleans
 Ronna Burger, Professor of Philosophy and Sizeler Professor of Jewish Studies, Tulane University
 Joseph Reiser, Wiswell Associate Professor of Constitutional Law, Colby College