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Areas of Specialization: Kant, Maria Montessori, Modern European Philosophy, Ethics

Areas of Competence: Philosophy of Education, 19th-Century European Philosophy, Environmental Ethics

Academic Employment:

- Professor of Philosophy, Whitman College, 2018-present
- Chair of Philosophy Department, Whitman College, 2010-2017, 2020-present
- Paul Garrett Fellow in the Humanities, 2008-2018.
- Associate Professor of Philosophy, Whitman College, 2007-2018.
- Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Whitman College, 2001-2007.
- Visiting Scholar, University of Washington, 2005-2006.
- Instructor in Philosophy, University of Notre Dame, 1999-2001.

Education:

- Ph.D., Philosophy, University of Notre Dame, 2001
- MA, Philosophy, University of Notre Dame, 1998
- Graduate-student-at-large, University of Chicago, 1996-98
- BA, Williams College, 1995: Philosophy with honors, Physics with honors, magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa.

Selected Honors & Awards:

- National Endowment for the Humanities Research Fellowship, 2021 (“Montessori’s Moral Philosophy”)
- G. Thomas Edwards Award for Excellence in Teaching & Scholarship, Whitman College, 2019.
- Center for Ethics & Education Award (Montessori’s Virtue Epistemology, \$40k), Fall 2018
- Spencer Foundation Grant (Childhood and Agency..., \$40k), Spring 2014
- Earhart Foundation Grant (Childhood and Agency..., \$16k), 2013-2014
- Spencer Foundation Grant (Education and Autonomy, \$40k), Spring 2013
- Perry Student-Faculty Research Award (\$8k/summer), ‘05, ‘06, ‘08, ‘09, ‘12, ‘16, ‘17, ‘19
- Innovation in Teaching Grant (“Climbing towards Autonomy”, \$2k), Spring ‘10
- NEH Research Fellowship, 2008-2009 (*What is the Human Being?* \$50k)
- NEH Summer Stipend, 2003 (“Kant’s Empirical Psychology”, \$6k)
- Fellow at the Hong Kierkegaard Library, summer 2002.
- Zertifikat Deutsch als Fremdsprache (Gesamtnote sehr gut), Goethe Institute 1996
- Laslo Versanyi Award in Philosophy, Williams College, 1995.

Publications

Published Books

1. *Intellectual Agency and Virtue Epistemology* (Bloomsbury Academic, 2020)
2. *Kant's Empirical Psychology* (Cambridge University Press, 2014)
3. *Kant's Questions: What is the Human Being?* (Routledge, 2013)
4. *Freedom and Anthropology in Kant's Moral Philosophy* (CambridgeUP, 2003)

Edited Book

1. *Kant: Observations on the Feeling of the Beautiful and the Sublime and other Writings* (edited with Paul Guyer, Cambridge University Press, 2011)

Book under contract:

1. *The Moral Philosophy of Maria Montessori: Moral Agency and the Structure of Ethical Life* (Bloomsbury Academic)

Published/Forthcoming Articles:

1. "The Moral Philosophy of Maria Montessori," *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*, forthcoming.
2. "Maria Montessori's Moral Epistemology: Solving the Problem of Moral Relativism," *The AMI Journal* 2020: 204-217. (This is a modified version of the 2015 *HPQ* article below.)
3. "Situationism and Intellectual Virtue: A Montessori Perspective," *Synthese*, online preprint at DOI: [10.1007/s11229-019-02332-4](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-019-02332-4).
4. "Character in Kant's Moral Psychology: Responding to the Situationist Challenge," *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* 101(4): 508-34.
5. "Towards a Research Program in Kantian Positive Psychology," *Studies in the History and Philosophy of Science* 71 (2018): 89-98.
6. "Maria Montessori's Metaphysics of Life," *European Journal of Philosophy* 26 (2018): 991-1011.
7. "Making Room for Children: Maria Montessori's Argument that Children's Incapacity for Autonomy is an External Failing," *Journal of the Philosophy of Education Society* 50 (2016): 332-50.
8. "Kantian Feeling: Empirical Psychology, Transcendental Critique, and Phenomenology," *Con-Textos Kantianos*, 3 (2016):353-71.
9. "Towards a Transcendental Critique of Feeling (A Response to Grenberg)," *Con-Textos Kantianos*, 3 (2016):381-90.
10. "The Virtue Epistemology of Maria Montessori," *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, 94 (2016): 79-98.
11. "Maria Montessori's Philosophy of Empirical Psychology," *HOPOS: The Journal of the International Society for the History of the Philosophy of Science*, Vol. 5, No. 2 (Fall 2015), pp. 240-268.
12. "Maria Montessori's Moral Sense Theory," *History of Philosophy Quarterly* 32 (2015): 271-292.
13. "Maria Montessori's Epistemology," *British Journal of the History of Philosophy* 22(2014): 767-91.
14. "Kant, Individual Responsibility, and Climate Change," (Peer Commentary), *Ethics, Policy, and Environment* 17 (2014): 35-8.
15. "Kant on Mental Disorder 1: An Overview," *History of Psychiatry* 20 (2009): 267-289
16. "Kant on Mental Disorder 2: Philosophical Implications," *History of Psychiatry* 20 (2009): 290-310
17. "Empirical Psychology, Common Sense, and Kant's Empirical Markers for Moral Responsibility," *Studies in the History and Philosophy of Science* 39 (2008):473-82.
18. "Kant on the Causes of Human Action: A Brief Sketch," *Proceedings of the Tenth World Kant Congress* (Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 2008)

19. "Corruption, Non-ideal Theory, and Grace: A response to *Kant and the Ethics of Humility*" (for Book Symposium), *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 75 (2007): 624-31.
20. "Providence and Divine Mercy in Kant's Ethical Cosmopolitanism," *Faith and Philosophy* 24 (2007): 143-63.
21. "Ethical Meta-standards in Adam Smith and Aldo Leopold," *Environmental Ethics* 29 (2007): 173-93.
22. "Adam Smith and the Possibility of Sympathy with Nature," *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 87 (2006): 442-80.
23. "Character and Evil in Kant's Moral Anthropology," *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 44 (2006): 623-34.
24. "Kant's Empirical Account of Human Action," *Philosopher's Imprint* 5.7 (December 2005): 1-32
25. "The Moral Importance of Politeness in Kant's Anthropology," *Kantian Review* 9 (2005): 105-27
26. "Learning to Love: From Egoism to Generosity in Descartes," *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 40 (2002): 313-38.

Published or forthcoming book chapters.

27. "Descartes's Moral Theory," in *The Cartesian Mind*, ed. C. Lim and J. Secada, Routledge (forthcoming)
28. "A Metaphysical Basis for Love: Descartes and Spinoza on the Metaphysics of Love," for *Love: The History of a Concept* (ed. R. Hanley) Oxford University Press (forthcoming)
29. "Montessori," in *Encyclopedia of Evolutionary Psychological Science* (T. Shackelford and V. Weekes-Shackelford, eds.), Springer (2018) DOI: https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-16999-6_2440-1
30. Entries for Cambridge Kant Lexicon (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, forthcoming): Anthropology, propensity, evil, *Observations on the Feeling of the Beautiful and Sublime*, Remarks in the *Observations*.
31. "Kant, Immanuel," for *International Encyclopedia of Anthropology*, Wiley-Blackwell, 2018, DOI: 10.1002/9781118924396.
32. "A new sort of a priori principles": Psychological Taxonomies and the Origin of the Third Critique," in *Kant and the Faculty of Feeling* (ed. Kelly Sorensen and Diane Williamson), Cambridge University Press, 2018.
33. "Denkungsart in Kant's Anthropology from a Pragmatic Point of View," *Palgrave Kant Handbook* (ed. Matthew Altman), Palgrave-MacMillan, 2017, pp. 643-64.
34. Entries for *Kant-Lexikon* (Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 2016): "Anthropologie in Pragmatischer Hinsicht" (6000 words), Rousseau (4500 words), Enthusiasm, "Über Schwärmerei und die Mittel dagegen," and other small entries.
35. "The Role of Religion in Kant's Early Ethics Lectures," in *Kant's Lectures on Ethics: A Critical Guide*, ed. Lara Denis and Oliver Sensen, Cambridge University Press, 2015, pp. 34-50.
36. "Affective Normativity," in *Kant on Emotion and Value* (ed. Alix Cohen), Palgrave MacMillan, 2014, pp. 166-90.
37. "Affects and Passions in Kant's Lectures on Anthropology" in *Kant's Lectures on Anthropology: A Critical Guide*, ed. Alix Cohen, Cambridge University Press, 2014, pp. 94-113.
38. "Two Concepts of Universality in Kant's Early Ethics" in *Kant's Observations and Remarks: A Critical Guide*, ed. Susan Shell and Richard Velkley, Cambridge University Press, 2012, pp. 57-76.
39. "Rational Faith: God, Immortality, and Grace" in *Immanuel Kant: Key Concepts*, ed. Will Dudley and Kristina Engelhardt, Acumen Press, 2011, pp. 200-215.
40. "Introduction" to *Kant: Observations on the Feeling of the Beautiful and the Sublime and other Writings*, Cambridge University Press, 2011, pp. vii-xlv.

41. "Two Standpoints and the Problem of Moral Anthropology," in *Kant's Moral Metaphysics* (ed. James Krueger and Benjamin Lipscomb), Berlin: Walter deGruyter Press, 2010, pp. 83-110.
42. "Smithian Intrinsic Value" in *The Philosophy of Adam Smith*, ed. Vivienne Brown and Samuel Fleischacker, London: Routledge, 2010, pp. 231-249.
43. "Kant and the End of Wonder," in *Philosophy Begins in Wonder*, ed. Michael Deckard and Peter Losonczi, Eugene: Wipf and Stock.
44. "Kantian Moral Pessimism" in *Kant's Anatomy of Evil*, ed. Sharon Anderson-Gold and Pablo Muchnik, Cambridge University Press, 2010, pp. 33-56.
45. "Applying Adam Smith: A Step Toward Smithian Environmental Virtue Ethics," in *New Voices on Adam Smith* (London: Routledge, 2006), pp. 140-67.

Selected Book Reviews:

1. "Krista Thomason, *Naked: The Dark Side of Shame and Moral Life*," *Review of Metaphysics*.
2. "Kant on Evil, Self-Deception, and Moral Reform, by Laura Papish," *Mind* 128 (2019):1344-55.
3. "Frederick Beiser. *Weltschmerz: Pessimism in German Philosophy 1860-1900*," **Review**, *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 56 (2017): 180-1.
4. "Patrick Stokes. *The Naked Self: Kierkegaard and Personal Identity*," **Review**, *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, 2016.
5. "Allen Wood. *The Free Development of Each: Studies on Freedom, Right, and Ethics in Classical German Philosophy*," **Review**, *Kantian Review*, 20 (2015): 506-512.
6. "Samuel Kerstein. *How to Treat People*," **Review**, *Mind* 124(2015): 1312-18.
7. "Jeanine Grenberg. *Kant's Defense of Common Moral Experience*," **Review**, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 2014.
8. "Chad Wellmon. *Becoming Human: Romantic Anthropology and the Embodiment of Freedom*," **Review**, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 2011.
9. "Pablo Muchnik, *Kant's Theory of Evil*," **Review**, *Review of Metaphysics*.
10. "Richard McCarty, *Kant's Theory of Action*," **Review**, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 2010.
11. "Andrews Reath, *Agency and Autonomy in Kant's Moral Philosophy*," **Review**, *Review of Metaphysics* 62 (2008):421-3.
12. "Holly Wilson, *Kant's Pragmatic Anthropology*," **Review**, *Kantian Review* (2009)
13. "Richard Dean, *Kant and the Formula of Humanity*," **Review**, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 2007.
14. "Ronald Sandler and Philip Cafaro (eds), *Environmental Virtue Ethics*," **Review**, *Environmental Values* 15 (2006): 258-260
13. "Heiner Bielefeldt, *Symbolic Representation in Kant's Practical Philosophy*," **Review**, *Faith and Philosophy*, 2006
14. "Jeanine Grenberg, *Kant and the Ethics of Humility*," **Review**, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 2005.
15. "Jorge Secada. *Cartesian Metaphysics: The Late Scholastic Origins of Modern Philosophy*," **Review**, *Journal of the History of Philosophy* (April 2001)
16. "Margaret Wilson. *Ideas and Mechanism*," **Review**, *Journal of the History of Philosophy* (January 2000)

Teaching Experience

(at Whitman College unless otherwise noted)

Survey Courses Required for Majors (at least one taught each year):

- Modern Philosophy (Phil 202)
- Early Modern Philosophy (Phil 303)
- Kant and 19th Century Philosophy (Phil 304)

Seminars:

- Moral Emotions (Phil 338A)
- What is the Human Being? (Phil 340)
- Kant's Moral Philosophy (Philosophy 338A)
- Kant's Critique of *Pure Reason* (Philosophy 338A)
- Hume's *Treatise of Human Nature* (Philosophy 338A)
- Hegel's Moral and Political Philosophy (Philosophy 338A)
- Kierkegaard (Philosophy 338A)
- Contemporary Ethical Theories (Philosophy 340)
- Philosophy of Biology (Phil 484)
- Contemporary Philosophy of Science (Philosophy 340A, retaught as Phil 484)
- Genealogies of Morals (Philosophy 340A)
- The Ethical and the Real (Philosophy 252, University of Notre Dame)

Introductory Courses:

- Ethics (Philosophy 127)
- Environmental Ethics (Philosophy 120)
- Philosophy of Religion (Philosophy 148)
- Symbolic Logic (Philosophy 207, changed to Phil 109, currently Phil 487)
- Problems in Philosophy (Philosophy 117)
- Childhood (General Studies 175)
- Antiquity and Modernity (General Studies 145-146)

Intermediate Level Courses:

- Philosophy of Science (Phil 277)
- Education and Autonomy (Philosophy 222)
- History and Philosophy of Science (Philosophy 230)
- Concepts of Nature in Modern European Philosophy (Phil 227)

Independent Studies (*many taught multiple times*): Philosophy of Race (workshop with many students), Contemporary Ethics, Women Philosophers: Wolstonecraft-Anscombe-Korsgaard, Montessori and Technology, Environmental Aesthetics, Theories of Punishment, Spinoza's *Ethics*, Adam Smith's *Theory of Moral Sentiments*, Science and Ethics, Philosophy of Biology, Philosophy of Psychology, Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason*, Kant's *Critique of Judgment*, Hegel, Kierkegaard, Schopenhauer, Nietzsche's *Untimely Meditations*, Rosenzweig's *Star of Redemption*, Sartre, Hegel and Relativism, Montessori's Aesthetics, Gendlin's *A Process Theory*, Heidegger and Environmental Philosophy, Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Mathematics, and countless senior theses on a wide variety of topics.

Service

Selected Whitman College Service

- Prelaw Advisor (2002-present)
- Faculty Personnel Committee (2011-2017, 2020-present). *Responsible for making recommendations on all tenure-track contract renewal and promotion cases and on promotions for all faculty (including contingent faculty). Responsible for recommending revisions to policy regarding faculty promotion and contract renewal.*
- Philosophy Department Chair (2010-2017). *Oversee contingent faculty, run searches, request new tenure track positions, direct and oversee departmental budget, mentor faculty colleagues (particularly junior faculty), etc.*
- Women in Philosophy Task Force (summer 2014 and ongoing). *Collect data on women's representation in philosophy at Whitman, survey research related to women in undergraduate philosophy, recommend changes in policy, curriculum, department culture, etc. Successfully applied for a \$20,000 grant to collaborate with peer institutions in the Northwest to bring speakers and share information about underrepresented groups in undergraduate philosophy.*
- German Studies Affiliated Faculty (2002-present). *In 2011, I helped draft a letter to the administration and engaged in subsequent negotiations that reversed the administration's decision to terminate the German Program. Instead, they approved a new tenure track hire.*
- Faculty Compensation Committee (2009-2012). *Make recommendations to the Trustees regarding compensation and Fringe Benefits. During my tenure, we implemented a progressive structure for copayments on health insurance.*
- Faculty Representative to Board of Trustees Academic Affairs Sub-Committee (2007-2010)
- External Review Policies and Procedures Ad hoc Committee (Summer, 2006)
- Renewable Energy Paradoxes Curriculum Task Force (2016)
- Environmental Humanities Steering Committee (2008)
- Environmental Studies Committee (2008)
- Faculty Aid to Scholarship and Instructional Development Committee (2009)
- Admission and Financial Aid Committee (2002-2008)

Selected Service to the Profession

- American Philosophical Association (Pacific) Program Committee (2008-2014, 2020-present)
- Reviewer for National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowships (summer 2011)
- Fellowship Reviewer for Harvey Fellows Program (2001-present)
- Reviewer for journals including JHP, Phil. Imprint, PPQ, HPQ, EJP, Phil Quarterly, Journal of Moral Phil., Journal of Aes.&Art Crit, Kantian Studies, ACPQ, and others
- Reviewer for academic presses including CUP, OUP, Routledge, Bloomsbury, Penn State
- Founding member of editorial board for Studies in the History of Ethics (2004-10)
- Consultant for Yale-NUS (summer 2011)