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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2013 -	Associate Professor	Fordham University
2007 - 2013	Assistant Professor	Fordham University
2006 - 2007	Assistant Professor	Middlebury College
2005 - 2006	Instructor	Middlebury College
2004 - 2005	Visiting Instructor	Middlebury College

## EDUCATION

Northwestern University	Ph.D., Philosophy	2006
Goethe-Universität, Frankfurt	DAAD Fellowship	2002-2003
Syracuse University	Graduate Program in Philosophy	1997-1998
University of Notre Dame	B.A., Philosophy & Anthropology	1995

## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Social and Political Philosophy  
Critical Social Theory (especially Habermas)  
Human Rights and Humanitarianism

## FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

### *External*

Member, Institute for Advanced Study, School of Social Science, Princeton, NJ, 2013-14  
Mellon Sawyer Seminar Faculty Fellow, "Democratic Citizenship and the Recognition of Cultural Differences," CUNY Graduate Center Seminar, 2012-13  
NEH Summer Institute, "Human Rights in Conflict: Interdisciplinary Perspectives," CUNY Graduate Center, June 24-July 28, 2006  
Irmgard Coninx Foundation grant to participate in 3rd Berlin Roundtable on Transnationality: "Reframing Human Rights," Berlin, October 3-5, 2005  
DAAD Fellow, German Academic Exchange Service, 2002-2003

### *Internal*

Deans of Arts & Sciences Council Grant for Social & Political Philosophy Workshop, 2016-17  
Faculty Fellowship, 2013-14, Fall 2018  
Summer Faculty Research Grant, Summer 2010 and Summer 2012  
Mellon Foundation/Fordham College Rose Hill Dean's Office Grant to establish Interdisciplinary Faculty Seminar on Humanitarianism, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2015-16  
Office of Research grant for interdisciplinary research agenda, 2012-13  
Dean's New Course Initiative, Grant to develop service-learning course for Fall 2010  
Salzburg Seminar Presidential Fellow (Middlebury), "An International Rule of Law: Balancing Security, Democracy, & Human Rights in an Age of Terrorism," September 1-6, 2007  
Blaine J. Yarrington Fellow, The Graduate School, Northwestern University, 2003-2004

## PUBLICATIONS

### Book

*Reframing the Intercultural Dialogue on Human Rights: A Philosophical Approach* (Routledge, 2014, paperback 2016).

Reviews: *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (2014), *Human Rights Quarterly* (2014), *Zeitschrift für Menschenrechte* (2015), *Political Theory* (2017), *Philosophy East and West* (2018)

### Articles

“Suffering and Status,” *Humanitarianism and Human Rights*, Michael Barnett, ed. (book proposal under review).

“Genealogies of Human Rights – What’s at Stake?: Commentary on Moyn, Tasioulas, Koskeniemi, and Brett,” *Human Rights: Moral or Political?*, Adam Etinson, ed. (Oxford 2018).

“Philosophers, Historians, & Suffering Strangers,” Special Issue on “Transnational Humanitarian Action: Atlantic and Global Voluntary Activities from Abolitionism to the NGOs, 1800-2000” *Moving the Social: Journal of Social History and the History of Social Movements* 37 (2017).

"From Practice to Theory: Sungmoon Kim on Confucian Democracy" (with a response by Sungmoon Kim), *Philosophy East and West* 66:4 (2016).

“On the Nature and Status of the Right to Justification,” *Political Theory* 43:6 (Dec 2015).

“System and Lifeworld in Habermas’s Theory of Democracy,” *Philosophy & Social Criticism* 40: 2 (2014).

“Truth, Objectivity, and Experience after the Pragmatic Turn: Bernstein on Habermas’s ‘Kantian Pragmatism,’” in *Richard J Bernstein and the Pragmatist Turn in Contemporary Philosophy*, Judith M. Green, ed. (Palgrave Macmillan, 2014).

“Human Rights in History and Contemporary Practice: Source Materials for Philosophy,” in *Philosophical Dimensions of Human Rights*, Claudio Corradetti, ed. (Springer, 2012).

“Two Models of Human Rights: Extending the Rawls-Habermas Debate,” in *Habermas and Rawls: Disputing the Political*, Gordon Finlayson & Fabian Freyenhagen, eds. (Routledge, 2011).

“Human Rights, Transnational Solidarity, and Duties to the Global Poor,” *Constellations: An International Journal of Critical and Democratic Theory* 16:1 (2009).

Earlier version translated into Czech in *Interkulturní dialog o lidských právech* (An Intercultural Dialogue on Human Rights), Marek Hrubec, ed. (Prague: Filosofia, 2008).

“Introduction: The Globalization of Democratic Solidarity,” and guest editor, “Special Section: Hauke Brunkhorst’s *Solidarity*,” *Philosophy & Social Criticism* 32:7 (2006).

“Introduction,” *Solidarity: From Civic Friendship to a Global Legal Community* by Hauke Brunkhorst (MIT Press, 2005), vii-xxi.

“Communicative Power in Habermas’s Theory of Democracy,” *European Journal of Political Theory* 3:4 (2004).

“Habermas on Human Rights: Law, Morality, & Intercultural Dialogue,” *Social Theory & Practice: An International and Interdisciplinary Journal of Social Philosophy* 29:3 (2003).

### Review Essays

“Do-gooders,” *Humanity: An International Journal of Human Rights, Humanitarianism, and Development* (invited).

“On the Relatively Recent Rise of Human Dignity,” *Anthropological Quarterly* 89:2 (2016).

### Book Reviews

Ian Wilkinson and Arthur Kleinman, *A Passion for Society: How We Think About Human Suffering* (California, 2016), *American Anthropologist* 118:4 (2016).

Robyn Marasco, *The Highway of Despair: Critical Theory After Hegel* (Columbia, 2015), *NDPR* (2015).

Matthias Vogel, *Media of Reason: A Theory of Rationality* (Columbia, 2012), *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (2013).

Iris Marion Young, *Responsibility for Justice* (Oxford, 2011), *Journal of Politics* 75:1 (2013).

William Rehg, *Cogent Science in Context: The Science Wars, Argumentation Theory, and Habermas* (MIT, 2009), *International Philosophical Quarterly* 51:4 (2011).

Jürgen Habermas, *Between Naturalism and Religion* (Polity, 2008), *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, <http://ndpr.nd.edu/review.cfm?id=16205> (2009).

Axel Honneth, *Disrespect: The Normative Foundations of Critical Theory* (Polity, 2007), *International Philosophical Quarterly* 48:4 (2008).

Book note, Kok-Chor Tan, *Toleration, Diversity, & Global Justice* (Penn State, 2000) *Ethics* 113:1 (2002).

## Dictionary and Encyclopedia Entries

Co-author, with James Bohman, “Critical Theory,” *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (invited)

Entries on “Communicative Power,” “Subjective/Basic Rights,” “Rainer Forst,” and “Hauke Brunkhorst,” in Amy Allen & Eduardo Mendieta, eds., *The Cambridge Habermas Lexicon* (Cambridge University Press, forthcoming).

## Translations from German

Rainer Forst, *The Right to Justification: Elements of a Constructivist Theory of Justice*. New Directions in Critical Theory, series editor, Amy Allen (Columbia University Press, 2011).

Jürgen Habermas, “Equal Treatment of Cultures and the Limits of Postmodern Liberalism,” *The Journal of Political Philosophy* 13: 1 (March 2005).

Hauke Brunkhorst, *Solidarity: From Civic Friendship to a Global Legal Community*. Studies in Contemporary German Social Thought, series editor, Thomas McCarthy (MIT Press, 2005).

## PRESENTATIONS AND PANELS

“Emancipation in Theory and Practice,” New York Pragmatism Forum: “Is There an Emancipatory Interest? Axel Honneth Meets Critics,” April 13, 2018

“Suffering and Status” Workshop on Human Rights and Humanitarianism Book Workshop (organized by Michael Barnett), George Washington University, January 2018 (invited)

“Human Dignity and the Genealogy of Human Rights”

- Philosophy and the Social Sciences Colloquium, Prague, May 2017
- Binghamton University, April 15, 2016 (invited), Conference on Ethical Issues in International Affairs, Program in Philosophy, Politics, and Law
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Critical Theory Roundtable, Yale, Oct 2015
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Workshop of the Research Group “Human Dignity as the Foundation of Human Rights?”: “Between Necessity and Contingency: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on the Normativity of Human Rights,” Utrecht, Nov 2015 (invited)

“Suffering and Status: A Distinction that Might Make a Difference” (workshop memo) Workshop on Human Rights and Humanitarianism (organized by Michael Barnett), George Washington University, October 2016 (invited)

“Civil Disobedience as a Transcultural Democratic Practice,” Political Theory in the East Asian Context: Beyond West-Centrism, City University of Hong Kong, June 3-4, 2016 (invited)

“‘Guardians of Legitimacy’: Habermas on Civil Disobedience,” Workshop on Transformations of Civil Disobedience, Barnard College, May 7-8, 2016 (invited)

“The Concept of Human Dignity and the Practice of Human Rights,” Fudan-Harvard Conference on “Human Rights, International Relations, and Global Governance,” Fudan University, Shanghai, June 2015 (invited)

“From Practice to Theory: Sungmoon Kim on Confucian Democracy,” Author Meets Critics Panel: Sungmoon Kim’s *Confucian Democracy in East Asia: Theory and Practice* (Cambridge 2014), APA Pacific, Vancouver, April 2015 (invited)

Comment on Jennifer Nedelsky, “Part-time for All: Creating New Norms of Work and Care,” Fordham Natural Law Colloquium, Nov 2014

“History, Ethnography, Critique: Critical Theory & Human Rights,” SPEP, New Orleans, Oct 2014

“Ethnography as Critique: Suffering Subjects and Humanitarian Actors,” Philosophy and the Social Sciences Colloquium, Prague, May 2014

“Famine, Torture, and the Mobilization of Moral Sentiment”

- SUNY Albany Political Theory Workshop, May 2014 (invited)
- Danielle Allen’s Workshop, Institute for Advanced Study, March 2014

“Under the Ethnographic Gaze,” Didier Fassin’s “Ethnography & Theory” Workshop, Institute for Advanced Study, April 2014

“Saving Distant Strangers,” Thursday Lunch Seminar, School of Social Science, Institute for Advanced Study, January 2014

“Reframing the Intercultural Dialogue on Human Rights: Compatibility Debates, Colonial Subtexts, and Global Inequality,” CUNY Graduate Center, May 2013 (invited)

Author Meets Critics Panel: Rainer Forst’s *The Right to Justification* (Columbia 2011), APA Eastern Division Meeting, Atlanta, December 2012 (invited)

“Human Rights and Humanitarianism: Two Sides of the Politics of Human Dignity,” 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Critical Theory Roundtable, Toronto, September 2012

Author Meets Critics Panel: Hugh Baxter’s *Habermas: The Discourse Theory of Law and Democracy* (Stanford 2011), 29<sup>th</sup> International Social Philosophy Conference, Boston, July 2012

“Human Rights, Humanitarianism, and the Politics of Human Dignity,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, August 2011

Comment on Albena Azmanova, Seyla Benhabib, and Rainer Forst, Panel: “The Validity of Human Rights: Conflict, Judgment and Political Contexts,” APSA Annual Meeting, Seattle, August 2011

Author Meets Critics Panel: Derrick Darby’s *Rights, Race, and Recognition* (Cambridge 2009), APA Eastern Division Meeting, Boston, December 2010 (invited; cancelled due to weather)

“Toward a Critical Theory of Human Rights,” Philosophy and the Social Sciences Colloquium, Prague, May 2010

Comment on Matthias Fritsch, “The Concept of Normativity in Semantic Inferentialism and Deconstruction,” SPEP Annual Meeting, October 2008

“From Constitutional Rights to Human Rights,” Philosophy and the Social Sciences Colloquium, Prague, May 2008

Comment on Mitchell Aboulafia, “Sympathy and Cosmopolitan Benevolence: G.H. Mead and the Roots of Conscience,” Panel on “Globalism and Identity,” Fordham College at Lincoln Center, April 2008

Comment on Charles Kelbley, “Public Reason, Socratic Conversion, and Religion,” Inaugural Lecture, Fordham University, September 2007

“Engaging Non-Western Perspectives on Human Rights: The Rawls-Habermas Debate Continued”

- 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Critical Theory Roundtable, St. Louis, October 2007
- Philosophy and the Social Sciences Colloquium, Prague, May 2007

“Allocating Duties and Creating Solidarity: Beyond Cross-cultural Dialogue on Human Rights,” NEH Summer Institute: “Human Rights in Conflict,” CUNY Grad Center, New York, July 2006

“Human Rights and Cosmopolitan Solidarity,” Philosophy and the Social Sciences Colloquium, Prague, May 2006

“Rethinking Human Rights: Multiple Foundations and Intercultural Dialogue,” 3<sup>rd</sup> Berlin Roundtables on Transnationality: “Reframing Human rights,” Social Science Research Center Berlin (WZB), October 2005

“Toward Human Rights as a Basis for Transnational Solidarity,” American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, September 2004

“Human Rights in Conflict: Dialogue and Consensus in a Multicultural Context,” Middlebury College, April 2004

“Human Rights and Philosophy: Should Philosophers Provide Foundations for Human Rights?,” Student Session, XXIst World Congress of Philosophy: Philosophy Facing World Problems, Istanbul, Turkey, August 2003

“Universal Norms, Multiple Foundations, and Alternative Legal Forms: Charles Taylor’s Proposal for a Global Consensus on Human Rights,” Axel Honneth’s Research Colloquium in Social Philosophy, Goethe Universität-Frankfurt, Germany, June 2003

“Toward New Foundations for Human Rights: Political, Pluralist, or Post-Metaphysical?,” 2nd International Conference on Human Rights: Theoretical Foundations of Human Rights, Mofid University - Qom, Iran, May 2003

“Habermas on Human Rights: Law, Morality, and Cross-cultural Dialogue,” 9th Annual Critical Theory Roundtable, California State University, Hayward, October 2001

## **TEACHING**

### **Fordham University, 2007-**

#### *Undergraduate*

Philosophical Ethics (14x), *Eloquentia Perfecta* (8x)

Critical Social Theory (3x)

Political Philosophy / Introduction to Peace & Justice Studies (2x)

Philosophy of Human Rights

Humanitarianism and Philosophy (2x)

Human Rights in Context (Interdisciplinary Capstone Course) (2x)

Honors Ethics: Human Rights in Theory and Practice

Honors Ethics: Humanitarianism in Theory and Practice

Honors Senior Values Seminar: Humanitarianism in Theory and Practice

#### *Graduate*

Modern Ethical Theories

Habermas

Alienation and Reification: Key Concepts in Critical Social Theory (2x)

Discourse Ethics

Ethics and Advocacy in Humanitarian Action, (co-taught 1-week course, Masters in International Humanitarian Action)

### **Middlebury College, 2004-2007**

#### *Social, Political, and Legal Philosophy*

Philosophy of Law (2x)

Philosophy of Human Rights (2x)

Philosophy and Social Criticism (2x)

Liberty (Junior-Senior Philosophy Seminar)

Islam and Human Rights (co-taught International Studies Senior Seminar)

#### *Ethics*

Contemporary Moral Issues (3x)

Human Nature and Ethics

*Philosophy of Religion*

Philosophy of Religion  
Religion & Rationality (First-year seminar)

*Senior Thesis Advisor*

Olivia Bailey, “Warfare Technology & the ‘Saving Power’” (2007)  
Kevin Bergesen, “Moral and Legal Limits of Individual Liberty” (2007)  
Cicely Ott, “Moral Duty in the Face of Extreme Poverty” (2005)

**Northwestern University, 1999-2002**

*Teaching Assistant*

Introduction to Philosophy, Social and Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Religion, History of Ancient Philosophy, Classics of Ethical and Political Philosophy

*Teaching Assistant to Charles Taylor, Regular Visiting Professor*

After Epistemology, Theories of Ethics

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Editorial Associate, *Constellations: An International Journal of Critical and Democratic Theory* (2013- )

Co-organizer, 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Critical Theory Roundtable, Fordham University, Sep 20-21, 2008

Reviewer:

*Constellations, Contemporary Pragmatism, Ethics & Global Politics, European Journal of Political Theory, Humanity, Human Rights Review, Journal of Political Philosophy, Journal of Social Philosophy, Millennium: Journal of International Studies, Philosophy & Social Criticism, Political Studies, Social Theory & Practice, Theoria, Theory and Society,*  
Cambridge University Press, Columbia University Press, Oxford University Press, Palgrave Macmillan, Rowman & Littlefield International, Springer

**ACADEMIC SERVICE**

**Fordham University**

*University and Colleges*

GSAS Strategic Planning Committee, 2016-17

FCLC CUSP Steering Committee, 2016-17

FCLC College Council Steering Committee, 2016-17

FCLC College Council, Spring 2015-

Steering Committee for Major in Humanitarian Studies, 2013-

Speaker at Accepted Students Day, FCLC, April 24, 2015

Reviewer, FRG applications (Spring 2015) and NEH Summer Grant Applications (Fall 2015)

Faculty Fellowship Advisory Committee, Fall 2014

Exploratory Committee for a New Major in Humanitarian Studies at FCLC, 2012-13

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Assessment Committee, 2010-13

Commencement Marshall, 2012 (FCRH), 2016 (FCLC)

Freshman Advisor, 2011-12 (FCRH), 2012-13 (FCLC)

University Judicial Council, 2008

Pilot Program in Jesuit Pedagogy, Mentor to Graduate Student, Spring 2008, Spring 2010



***Philosophy Department***

Co-organizer, Fordham Workshop in Social and Political Philosophy, 2016-  
Associate Chair for Undergraduate Studies, Lincoln Center, Spring 2015-  
Executive Committee (as Associate Chair), 2015-  
Merit Committee (as Associate Chair), 2015, 2016, 2017  
Program Review Committee, 2012-13  
Lecture Committee, 2012-13  
Assessment Coordinator for PhD, MA, and Undergraduate Programs, 2012-13  
Assessment Liaison for PhD and MA Programs, 2010-11, 2011-12  
Search Committee for Lecturers & Post-Docs, Spring 2015, Spring 2017  
Search Committee in Kant or Hegel, 2011-12  
Search Committee in Ethics, 2010-11  
Executive Committee (elected by untenured faculty), 2010-11  
Undergraduate Program Assessment Committee, Spring 2010  
Curricular Models Committee, 2009-10  
Merit Committee, Spring 2009  
German Language Exam, (Sp08, Fa08, Sp09, Sp11, Fa11, Sp12)  
Speaker at Phi Sigma Tau Induction Ceremony, April 11, 2008, “How Should Philosophers  
Think About Human Rights?”

***Philosophy Graduate Program***

Dissertation Mentor:

Lillian Cicerchia (in progress)

David Schafer, “Reifying Technology: Critical Theory Between Functionalism and  
Phenomenology,” May 2017.

Zane Yi, “The Possibility of God: An Examination and Evaluation of Charles Taylor’s  
Argument against Closed World Structures,” co-mentor with John Davenport, May 2013.

Dissertation Reader:

Chris Collins, “Inquiry, Experimentation and the Conditions for a Democratic Ethos: A  
Deweyan Approach to Law and Democracy,” April 2016.

Sterling Berry-Whitlock, “Contemporary Philosophy of Law and the Problem of the Rule of  
Recognition,” May 2012.

Dissertation Examiner: Johanna Nashi (April 2012), David Zoller (April 2011), David Borman  
(May 2008), Edgar Devina (February 2008).

Reading List Mentor: David Schafer, Nick Berry (2015), Lillian Cicerchia (2016), Allysa Lake  
(2017)

**Middlebury College**

Academic Judicial Board, 2006-2007

New Faculty Mentor, 2006-2007

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Philosophical Association

American Political Science Association

Association for Political Theory

North American Society for Social Philosophy

Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy

**LANGUAGES**

German (reading and speaking knowledge)