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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2013-	Associate Professor	Fordham University
2007-2013	Assistant Professor	Fordham University
2004-2007	Visiting Instructor, Instructor, Assistant Professor	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
Human Rights and Humanitarianism
Critical Social Theory (especially Habermas)

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 Funding for Social & Political Philosophy Workshop, 2016-17, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2021-22, 2022-23,
Faculty Fellowship, 2013-14, Fall 2018, Fall 2023
Faculty Research Grant, Summer 2010 and Summer 2012
Mellon Foundation/Fordham College Rose Hill Dean's Office Grant for 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

Books

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), *Contemporary Political Theory* (2017), *Philosophy East and West* (2018).

Articles, Book Chapters, and Review Essays

"Decentring Eurocentrism through Dialogue," *Deprovincializing Habermas: Global Perspectives 2d ed*, Tom Bailey, ed (Routledge, 2022).

"Seeing Suffering" (6600-word review essay), *The Journal of Humanitarian Affairs* 3:3 (2021)

"Suffering and Status," *Humanitarianism and Human Rights: A World of Differences?*, Michael Barnett, ed. (Cambridge 2020).

"A Common Struggle? Responding to Martin Powers' *China and England: The Preindustrial Struggle for Justice in Word and Image*," Author Meets Readers: Martin Powers in Conversation with Sandra Field, Jeffrey Flynn, Stephen Macedo, and Longxi Zhang, *Journal of World Philosophies* 5:1 (Summer 2020).

"Do-gooders" (9000-word review essay), *Humanity: An International Journal of Human Rights, Humanitarianism, and Development* 10:2 (2019).

"Consuming Human Rights" (3000-word review essay), *Journal of Human Rights Practice* (2019).

"Genealogies of Human Rights – What's at Stake?," (5000 words) *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" (3700 words, with a response by Sungmoon Kim), *Philosophy East and West* 66:4 (2016).

"On the Relatively Recent Rise of Human Dignity" (4000-word review essay) *Anthropological Quarterly* 89:2 (2016).

"On the Nature and Status of the Right to Justification" (with a response by Rainer Forst), *Political Theory* 43:6 (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’” (with a response by Richard Bernstein), 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,” (with a response by Jürgen Habermas), 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).

Book Reviews

Malte Ibsen, *A Critical Theory of Global Justice: The Frankfurt School and World Society* (Oxford 2023), *Constellations* (invited)

Gordon Finlayson, *The Rawls-Habermas Debate* (Columbia 2019), *European Journal of Philosophy* 29 (2021).

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

“Critical Theory,” co-authored with Robin Celikates, *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (invited).

“Communicative Power,” “Subjective/Basic Rights,” “Rainer Forst,” and “Hauke Brunkhorst,” in Amy Allen Eduardo Mendieta, eds., *The Cambridge Habermas Lexicon* (Cambridge University Press, 2019).

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

“Humane War and the Critique of Humanitarianism” (Invited Plenary), “Philosophy and Social Science” Colloquium, Prague, May 2023.

“Emancipation in Theory and Practice: Axel Honneth on Struggles and Emancipatory Knowledge”

- Critical Theory Roundtable, Vanderbilt, April 2022.
- “Philosophy and Social Science” Colloquium, Dublin, May 2022.

“The Modern Humanitarian Imaginary: Exhausted?,” Seminar on “The Exhaustion of Humanitarianism?,” American Comparative Literature Association (virtual), April 2021.

Author Meets Critics Panel: Martin Powers, *China and England: The Preindustrial Struggle for Justice in Word and Image*, APA Eastern Division Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, January 2020.

“What’s Wrong with Alleviating Suffering?” (Invited Keynote Lecture), workshop on “Virtuous Suffering: New Perspectives on the Ethics of Suffering for Critical Global Health and Justice” at Leiden University, September 2019.

“Critical Theory, Progress, and Dialogue,” Book Panel on Amy Allen’s *The End of Progress*, Radical Philosophy Association Conference, UMass-Lowell, November 2018.

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

Panel on Crystal Parikh’s *Writing Human Rights: The Political Imaginaries of Writers of Color Writing Human Rights*, Book Launch, NYU Center for the Humanities, March 2018.

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

“Human Dignity and the Genealogy of Human Rights”

- “Philosophy and Social Science” Colloquium, Prague, May 2017
- Binghamton University, April 15, 2016 (invited), Conference on Ethical Issues in International Affairs, Program in Philosophy, Politics, and Law
- 23rd Annual Critical Theory Roundtable, Yale, Oct 2015
- 3rd 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 and Human Rights,” SPEP, New Orleans, Oct 2014

“Ethnography as Critique: Suffering Subjects and Humanitarian Actors,” “Philosophy and Social Science” 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,” 20th Annual Critical Theory Roundtable, Toronto, September 2012

Author Meets Critics Panel: Hugh Baxter’s *Habermas: The Discourse Theory of Law and Democracy* (Stanford 2011), 29th 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 Albenaz 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 Social Science" 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 Social Science" Colloquium, Prague, May 2008

Comment on Mitchell Abouafia, "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"

- 15th Annual Critical Theory Roundtable, St. Louis, October 2007
- "Philosophy and Social Science" 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 Social Science" Colloquium, Prague, May 2006

"Rethinking Human Rights: Multiple Foundations and Intercultural Dialogue," 3rd 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 (4x)
Philosophy of Human Rights
Philosophy of Law (2x)
Political Philosophy / Introduction to Peace & Justice Studies (2x)
Humanitarianism and Philosophy (3x at Fordham, 1x as visiting professor at Juilliard)
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
Honors Philosophy (first-year honors students, 4x)

Senior Thesis Advisor

Graduate

Recent Critical Theory
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, Master’s in International Humanitarian Action)

Middlebury College, 2004-2007

Contemporary Moral Issues (3x)
Human Nature and Ethics
Islam and Human Rights (co-taught International Studies Senior Seminar)
Liberty (Junior-Senior Philosophy Seminar)
Philosophy and Social Criticism (2x)
Philosophy of Human Rights (2x)
Philosophy of Law (2x)
Philosophy of Religion
Religion & Rationality (First-year seminar)

Senior Thesis Advisor

Olivia Bailey, “Warfare Technology and 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, 16th Annual Critical Theory Roundtable, Fordham University, Sep 20-21, 2008

Reviewer, DAAD Fellowship, 2017

Reviewer, Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship, 2019, 2020, 2021

Manuscript Reviewer:

Constellations, Contemporary Pragmatism, Ethics & Global Politics, European Journal of Political Theory, European Journal of Social Theory, Humanity, Human Rights Review, International Theory, Journal of Political Philosophy, Journal of Social Philosophy, Jus Cogens: A Critical Journal of Philosophy of Law and Politics, Millennium: Journal of International Studies, Philosophy & Social Criticism, Political Studies, Ratio Juris: An International Journal of Jurisprudence and Philosophy of Law, Social Philosophy Today, 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

Interdisciplinary Program Committee, Humanitarian Studies, 2013-

GSAS Distinguished Fellowships Committee, 2020-

GSAS Strategic Planning Committee, 2016-17

FCLC CUSP Steering Committee, 2016-17

FCLC College Council Steering Committee, 2016-17

FCLC College Council, Spring 2015-Spring 2018, Fall 2020-Spring 2022

Steering Committee for Major in Humanitarian Studies, 2013-2014

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

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

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

Commencement Marshall, 2012 (FCRH), 2016 (FCLC), 2019 (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

Associate Chair for Undergraduate Studies, Lincoln Center, Spring 2015-Spring 2018, 2020-2022

Climate Committee, Fall 2019-Spring 2021

Commentator, Graduate Symposium, April 2019, April 2023

Co-organizer, Fordham Workshop in Social and Political Philosophy, Spring 2016-

Executive Committee 2010-11, Spring 2015-Spring 2018, Fall 2020-Spring 2022

Merit Committee, 2009, 2015-2018, 2021, 2022

Committee on Merit Norms, 2022

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, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2021, 2022
Search Committee in Kant or Hegel, 2011-12
Search Committee in Ethics, 2010-11
Undergraduate Program Assessment Committee, Spring 2010
Curricular Models Committee, 2009-10
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:

Allysa Lake, "The Politics of Suffering," May 2022
Lillian Cicerchia, "A Critique of Capitalist Domination," March 2020
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:

Nick Berry, "TITLE," April 2023
Kate Bresee, "The Problem of Self-Evidence and Ontological Aesthetics," January 2023,
Gwen Daug, "Power and the Intersection of Gender and Sexual Oppression," May 2022
Brock Mason, "A Skeptical Problem for Public Reason: Religious Beliefs & Human Rights," July 2021
Jesús Luzardo, "Yesterday Belongs To Me: On the Nostalgic Structure of Whiteness," Aug 2020
Alex Elnabli, "Agonistic Democracy and Education," May 2020
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: Nicholas Sooy (March 2023) Max Racine (May 2022) Bjorn Sayers (2018),
Johanna Nashi (2012), David Zoller (2011), David Borman (2008), Edgar Devina (2008).

Reading List Mentor: Ciaran Coyle (2022), Allysa Lake (2018), Lillian Cicerchia (2016), David Schafer (2015), Nick Berry (2015).

Dissertation Committee Member: Sanjana Rajagopal.

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)