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Curriculum Vitae (updated April 2025)
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EMPLOYMENT

2024- Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, University of Chicago

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of Chicago, 2024

LL.M., University of Cambridge, 2018

LL.B., King's College London, 2017

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Ethics, Social Philosophy, Kant

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Political Philosophy, Post-Kantian German Philosophy, Critical Theory

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

2025 "Kant's Casuistical Questions," *Journal of Modern Philosophy* (forthcoming)

2024 "The Efficacy Problem," *Legal Theory* 30(4), 255-272

2024 "Kant's Derivation of Imperatives of Duty," *Kantian Review* 29(1), 39-59

2023 "Kant's Racism as a Philosophical Problem," *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 104(4), 791-815

2023 "Is the rule of recognition really a duty-imposing rule?" *Journal of Legal Philosophy* 48(2), 83-102

2023 "Fichte's Deduction of the Concept of Right," *Manuscripta* 46(2), 1-42

WORK IN PROGRESS

A paper on the enlightenment project

A paper on dehumanization and metaphor

A book on the purpose and limits of Kant's moral philosophy

A book on the implicit norms of academic practice

AWARDS AND HONORS

2025 Dean's Distinguished Dissertation Award, University of Chicago

2023 Graduate Council Research Award, University of Chicago

2022 Graduate Council Research Award, University of Chicago

2018 St Edmunds College Prize, University of Cambridge

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2025 Participant, NEH Institute for Higher Education Faculty, Georgetown University

2023-24 Affiliated Doctoral Fellow, Franke Institute for the Humanities, University of Chicago

2023-24 Mellon Foundation Dissertation Completion Fellow, University of Chicago

2019-20 Ernst Freund Fellow in Law and Philosophy, University of Chicago Law School

2019 Visiting Doctoral Fellow, Forschungskolleg Analytic German Idealism, University of Leipzig

2018 Visiting Doctoral Fellow, Forschungskolleg Analytic German Idealism, University of Leipzig

TALKS

Invited Talks

2020 Panel participant, *Cambridge Companion to Philosophy of Law* launch, King's College London

Peer-Reviewed Talks

2024 "Kant's Dialectic of Enlightenment," Conference of the Israeli Philosophical Association

2023 "Dehumanization and the Metaphorical Structuring of Social Experience," X. TfPP

2023 "Kant's Derivation of Imperatives of Duty," Leuven Kant Conference

2022 "Kant's Racism as a Philosophical Problem," IX. TfPP

2022 "Kant's Racism as a Philosophical Problem," Munich Graduate Conference in Ethics

- 2022 “Kant’s Racism as a Philosophical Problem,” UCSD Modern Philosophy Graduate Workshop
- 2021 “Is the Rule of Recognition really a duty-imposing rule?” APA Central Symposium
- 2020 “Kant’s Reciprocity Thesis,” APA Central Symposium
- 2020 “Kant’s Reciprocity Thesis” Conference of the Israeli Philosophical Association
- 2019 “Reframing the inner morality of law,” Annual Conference of the ASLP
- 2019 “Reframing the inner morality of law,” Graduate Workshop of the ASLP
- 2019 “Kant’s Reciprocity Thesis,” Göttingen/Leipzig/Chicago Graduate Philosophy Conference
- 2019 “Kant’s Reciprocity Thesis” University of Iowa Graduate Philosophical Society Conference

Campus and Departmental Talks

- 2024 “Kant’s Dialectic of Enlightenment,” UChicago Graduate Conference
- 2023 “Kant’s Derivation of Imperatives of Duty,” UChicago Graduate Conference
- 2023 “Dehumanization as Conceptual Metaphor,” UChicago Franke Affiliated Fellows’ Meeting
- 2023 “The Emotional Labor of Enlightenment,” UChicago German Philosophy Workshop
- 2023 “The Efficacy Puzzle,” UChicago Practical Philosophy Workshop
- 2023 “Dehumanization, Metaphor and Irony,” UChicago Practical Philosophy Workshop
- 2022 “The Post-Colonial Critique of Kant,” UChicago German Philosophy Workshop
- 2022 “Kant on Reflection in Moral Knowledge,” UChicago Practical Philosophy Workshop
- 2021 “Kant’s Racism as a Philosophical Problem,” UChicago Practical Philosophy Workshop
- 2021 “Kant on the Purpose of Moral Philosophy,” UChicago German Philosophy Workshop
- 2021 “Hegel’s Empty-Formalism Charge,” UChicago German Philosophy Workshop
- 2020 “Fichte’s Deduction of the Concept of Right,” UChicago German Philosophy Workshop
- 2020 “The ‘inner morality’ of law,” UChicago Practical Philosophy Workshop

TEACHING

Undergraduate Level Courses

- Origins of Critical Theory (University of Chicago, 2025)
- Philosophy of Law (University of Chicago, 2022)
- Humanities Core: Human Being and Citizen (University of Chicago, 2024)
- BA Thesis Seminar (University of Chicago, 2024-25)

As Teaching Assistant

Philosophy of Economics (University of Chicago, 2022)

Introduction to Marx (University of Chicago, 2021)

History of Philosophy III: Kant and the 19th Century (University of Chicago, 2021)

ADVISING

BA Theses

Sarah-Eden Amara (UChicago, in progress)

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

Journal Article Reviewing

Reviewer for *Inquiry*; *Kantian Review*

Conference Submission Reviewing

Reviewer for Chicagoland Graduate Philosophy Conference (2020)

Session Moderating

Session moderator for IX. TfPP (University of Salzburg, 2022); X. TfPP (University of Salzburg, 2023)

UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Member, Committee on Pedagogy and Professionalization (University of Chicago, 2022)

Workshop coordinator, Practical Philosophy Workshop (University of Chicago, 2020-21)

Conference coordinator, “Kant’s Doctrine of Right” (University of Chicago, 2020)

Graduate student representative, Department of Philosophy (University of Chicago, 2019-20)

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

German: reading, speaking, writing (native)

English: reading, speaking, writing (fluent)

French: reading

Latin: reading

REFERENCES

Candace Vogler (Dissertation Committee Chair)
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