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Curriculum Vitae (updated January 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

Kant, Ethics, Philosophy of Law

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Social and Political Philosophy, Early Modern Philosophy, German Idealism

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

2025 "The Efficacy Problem," *Legal Theory* (forthcoming)

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

“Kant’s Casuistical Questions” (under review)

“Dehumanization as Conceptual Metaphor” (under review)

A paper on the enlightenment project (in progress)

A book on the purpose and limits of Kant’s moral philosophy (in progress)

AWARDS AND HONORS

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

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

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Presentations

2020 Participant at panel on teaching jurisprudence at the launch of the *Cambridge Companion to Philosophy of Law*, King’s College London (online), July 13th

Peer-Reviewed Presentations

2024 “Kant’s Dialectic of Enlightenment,” Annual Conference of the Israeli Philosophical Association, Haifa University, July 23rd

2023 “Dehumanization and the Metaphorical Structuring of Social Experience,” X. Conference for Practical Philosophy, Universität Salzburg, September 29th

2023 “Kant’s Derivation of Imperatives of Duty,” Leuven Kant Conference, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, June 2nd

2022 “Kant’s Racism as a Philosophical Problem,” IX. Conference for Practical Philosophy, Universität Salzburg, September 29th

- 2022 “Kant’s Racism as a Philosophical Problem,” Munich Graduate Conference in Ethics, Ludwig-Maximilians Universität München, July 28th
- 2022 “Kant’s Racism as a Philosophical Problem,” UCSD Modern Philosophy Graduate Workshop, University of California, San Diego, May 20th
- 2021 “Is the Rule of Recognition really a duty-imposing rule?” Symposium at the APA Central Division Meeting, online, February 25th
- 2020 “Epistemic Rules, Rule-Following, and the Rule of Recognition,” 11th Annual Wittgenstein Conference, Wittgenstein: Law and Action, University of Surrey, July 24-25 (cancelled due to COVID-19)
- 2020 “Kant’s Reciprocity Thesis,” Symposium at the APA Central Division Meeting (presented by Jenna Zhang as substitute speaker), Chicago, February 26th
- 2020 “Kant’s Reciprocity Thesis: Positive and Negative Freedom in Groundwork III,” Conference of the Israeli Philosophical Association, Tel Aviv University, February 26th
- 2019 “Reframing the inner morality of law,” Annual Conference of the Australasian Society of Legal Philosophy, University of Sydney, July 18th
- 2019 “Reframing the inner morality of law,” Graduate Workshop of the Australasian Society of Legal Philosophy, University of Sydney, July 18th
- 2019 “Kant’s Reciprocity Thesis,” Göttingen/Leipzig/Chicago Graduate Philosophy Conference, Georg-August Universität Göttingen, June 28th
- 2019 “Kant’s Reciprocity Thesis: an exegesis and defense” University of Iowa Graduate Philosophical Society Conference, University of Iowa, April 13th

Campus and Departmental Presentations

- 2024 “Kant’s Dialectic of Enlightenment,” Graduate Student Conference, University of Chicago, December 6th
- 2023 “Kant’s Derivation of Imperatives of Duty,” Graduate Conference, University of Chicago, December 1st
- 2023 “Dehumanization as Conceptual Metaphor,” Franke Affiliated Fellows’ Meeting, University of Chicago, November 20th
- 2023 “The Emotional Labor of Enlightenment,” German Philosophy Workshop, University of Chicago, November 17th
- 2023 “The Efficacy Puzzle,” Practical Philosophy Workshop, University of Chicago, October 23rd
- 2023 “Dehumanization, Metaphor and Irony,” Practical Philosophy Workshop, University of Chicago, April 14th
- 2022 “The Post-Colonial Critique of Kant,” German Philosophy Workshop, University of Chicago, November 4th
- 2022 “Kant on Reflection in Moral Knowledge,” Practical Philosophy Workshop, University of Chicago, May 30th

- 2021 “Kant’s Racism as a Philosophical Problem,” Practical Philosophy Workshop, University of Chicago, November 29th
- 2021 “Kant on the Purpose of Moral Philosophy,” German Philosophy Workshop, University of Chicago, October 29th
- 2021 “Hegel’s Empty-Formalism Charge,” German Philosophy Workshop, University of Chicago, January 29th
- 2020 “Fichte’s Deduction of the Concept of Right,” German Philosophy Workshop, University of Chicago, May 29th
- 2020 “The ‘inner morality’ of law,” Practical Philosophy Workshop, University of Chicago, May 15th

TEACHING

Undergraduate Level Courses

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

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)

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

Journal Article Reviewing

- Reviewer for *Inquiry*; *Kantian Review*

Conference Submission Reviewing

- Reviewer for “Chicagoland Graduate Philosophy Conference: Self and Other” (2020)

Session Moderating

- Session moderator for “IX. Conference for Practical Philosophy” (Universität Salzburg, 2022); “X. Conference for Practical Philosophy” (Universität 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

Stephen Engstrom (Dissertation Committee Member)
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