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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Kant; Nietzsche; Existentialism; Philosophy & Literature

## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

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University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill Professor of Philosophy	2024-
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill Associate Professor of Philosophy	2020-2024
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill Assistant Professor of Philosophy	2017-2020
University of Tennessee, Knoxville Assistant Professor of Philosophy	2012-2017

## EDUCATION

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University of California, Berkeley Ph.D. Philosophy Dissertation: <i>Kant on Freedom, Nature and Normativity</i> Co-Directors: Hannah Ginsborg and R. Jay Wallace	2006-2012
University of Oxford M.St. European Literature Exam Subjects: Thomas Mann, Franz Kafka, Friedrich Nietzsche Thesis: <i>Struggle and Victory in Kafka's Das Schloss</i>	2004-2005
University of Oxford B.Phil. Philosophy Exam Subjects: Aristotle, Metaphysics and Epistemology, Moral Philosophy Thesis: <i>Substance in Aristotle's Categories</i>	2002-2004

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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- [1]\* **Schwab Academic Excellence Award** (2021)  
Institute for the Arts and Humanities, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
- [2]\* **Junior Faculty Development Award** (2018)  
Provost's Office, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
- [3]\* **Foreign Travel Award** (2016)  
Scholarly and Research Incentive Funds, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- [4]\* **John Rogers Prize** (2016)  
Awarded to the best paper in the 2015 *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*  
British Society for the History of Philosophy  
For "Kant on the Inapplicability of the Categories to Things in Themselves"
- [5]\* **Foreign Travel Award** (2015)  
Scholarly and Research Incentive Funds, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- [6]\* **Chancellor's Grant for Faculty Research** (2015)  
University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- [7]\* **Summer Stipend Award** (2015)  
National Endowment for the Humanities

- [8]\* **Visiting Scholars Project Award** (2014)  
Funded the visit of Karl Ameriks. University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- [9]\* **Mabelle McLeod Lewis Memorial Fund Dissertation Fellowship** (2011)
- [10]\* **Dean's Normative Time Fellowship** (2009, 2011)  
University of California, Berkeley
- [11]\* **Fink Prize** (2007)  
Awarded to the best Philosophy Graduate Student Essay  
University of California, Berkeley, Department of Philosophy  
For "Substancehood and Subjecthood in Aristotle's *Categories*"
- [12]\* **Ralph W. Church Fellowship** (2006)  
University of California, Berkeley
- [13]\* **Distinction for Master of Studies in European Literature Degree** (2005)  
University of Oxford
- [14]\* **Reynolds Graduate Scholarship in Modern Languages** (2004)  
New College, University of Oxford
- [15]\* **Paul Ries Collin Scholarship** (2003)  
Oriental College, University of Oxford
- [16]\* **Hölderlin Scholarship** (2003)  
German National Merit Foundation
- [17]\* **Tuition Award** (2002)  
UK Arts and Humanities Research Board

\* Refereed

## Publications

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### Book

*Kant on Freedom and Rational Agency*. Oxford University Press. 2023

### Journal Articles and Book Chapters

- [1] **Grounding Empirical in Transcendental Reality**  
*Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* [Contribution to a book symposium on Anja Jauernig's *The World According to Kant*], forthcoming
- [2] **Kant on Cognition and Knowledge**  
*The Oxford Handbook of Kant*, Oxford University Press. Edited by Anil Gomes and Andrew Stephenson. Forthcoming
- [3] **Die radikale Unbegreiflichkeit von Gott für den menschlichen Verstand**  
*Die Gottesidee in Kants theoretischer und praktischer Philosophie, Studien und Materialien zur Geschichte der Philosophie*. Edited by Bernd Dörflinger and Dieter Hüning. Georg Olms Verlag. Forthcoming
- [4] **Ist die Lehrbarkeit der Tugend vereinbar mit Kant's Theorie der Willensfreiheit?**  
*Kant als Tugendethiker?*, *Studien und Materialien zur Geschichte der Philosophie*. Edited by Bernd Dörflinger and Dieter Hüning. Georg Olms Verlag. Forthcoming
- [5] **A New Dawn Fades: Post-Punk Under the Shadow of Nihilism**  
*Post-Punk and Philosophy*, Edited by Josh Heter and Richard Greene. Carus Publishing, 2024
- [6] **Nietzsche versus Kant on the Possibility of Rational Self-Critique**  
*Rethinking Kant* Volume 7, 214-248. Edited by Edgar Valdez. Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2024
- [7] **Kant on Mind-Dependence: Possible or Actual Experience?**  
*Kantian Review* 28 (2), 239-258. 2023

- [8] **The Post-Punk Struggle for Authenticity**  
*Punkrock and Philosophy*, pp. 87-96. Edited by Josh Heter and Richard Greene. Carus Publishing, 2022
- [9] **A Priori Intuition and Transcendental Necessity in Kant's Idealism**  
*European Journal of Philosophy* 29 (4), 827-845. 2021
- [10] **Kants subjektivistische Begründung von Moral und Freiheit im *Naturrecht Feyerabend***  
*Auf dem Weg zur kritischen Rechtslehre? Naturrecht, Moralphilosophie und Eigentumstheorie in Kants „Naturrecht Feyerabend“*, 150-171. Edited by Dieter Hüning, Stefan Klingner, Gianluca Sadun Bordoni. Brill, 2021
- [11] **Spontaneity and Contingency: Kant's Two Models of Rational Self-Determination**  
*The Concept of Will in Classical German Philosophy*, 29-48. Edited by Manja Kissner and Jörg Noeller. De Gruyter, 2020
- [12] **Kant on Cognizing Oneself as a Spontaneous Cognizer**  
*Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 50 (3), 395-412, 2020.
- [13] **Kafka on the Loss of Purpose and the Illusion of Freedom**  
*The Polish Journal of Aesthetics* 53 (2/2019): 69-90, 2019
- [14] **The Metaphysical Deduction and the Shadow of Humean Skepticism**  
*Kant-Studien* 109 (3): 367-394, 2018
- [15] **Kant's Critique of Instrumental Reason**  
*Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 99 (3): 489-516, 2018
- [16] **Kant's Standpoint Distinction**  
*Kantian Review* 23 (2): 229-255, 2018
- [17] **The Normativity of Prudence**  
*Kant-Studien* 108 (4): 517-542, 2017
- [18] **Radical Evil as a Regulative Idea**  
*Journal of the History of Philosophy*, 55 (4): 641-673, 2017
- [19] **Kant on Idealism, Freedom, and Standpoints**  
*Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* 98 (1): 21-54, 2016
- [20] **Kant and "Ought Implies Can"**  
*Philosophical Quarterly* 65 (261): 690-710, 2015
- [21] **Kant on Freedom of Empirical Thought**  
*Journal of the History of Philosophy* 53 (2): 301-326, 2015
- [22] **Kant on Determinism and the Categorical Imperative**  
*Ethics* 125 (2): 331-356, 2015
- [23] **Kant on the Inapplicability of the Categories to Things in Themselves**  
*British Journal for the History of Philosophy* 23 (1): 90-114, 2015  
Recipient of the 2015 John Rogers Prize (British Society for the History of Philosophy)
- [24] **Transcendental and Practical Freedom in the *Critique of Pure Reason***  
*Kant-Studien* 105 (3): 313-335, 2014
- [25] **Substancehood and Subjecthood in Aristotle's *Categories***  
*Phronesis* 53 (2): 152-179, 2008
- [26] **Struggle and Victory in Kafka's *Das Schloss***  
*The Modern Language Review* 101 (4): 1053-1043, 2006

## BOOK REVIEWS

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- [1] ***The Fiery Test of Critique: A Reading of Kant's Dialectic***, Ian Proops  
*Mind*, forthcoming
- [2] ***The World According to Kant***, Anja Jauernig  
*The Philosophical Review* 131 (4), 511-514, 2022
- [3] ***Immanuel Kant. Groundwork for the Metaphysics of Morals***. Translated with an Introduction and Notes by Christopher Bennett, Joe Saunders, and Robert Stern  
*Kant-Studien* 113 (2), 367-369, 2022
- [4] **Kantian Subjects: Critical Philosophy and Late Modernity**, Karl Ameriks  
*Kantian Review* 26 (2), 335-340, 2021
- [5] **Kant's Conception of Freedom. A Developmental and Critical Analysis**, Henry Allison  
*European Journal of Philosophy* 28 (3), 805-809, 2020
- [6] ***Kant on the Sources of Metaphysics***, Marcus Willaschek  
*Journal of the History of Philosophy* 58 (1), 181-182, 2020
- [7] ***Kant on Reflection and Virtue***, Melissa Merritt  
*Ethics* 129 (4), 726-731, 2019
- [8] ***Kants Begründung von Freiheit und Moral in Grundlegung III. Neue Interpretationen***, edited by Dieter Schönecker  
*Jahrbuch des Deutschen Idealismus* 13: 259-263, 2018
- [9] ***The Bounds of Freedom: Kant's Causal Theory of Action***, Robert Greenberg  
*Kantian Review* 23 (1): 158-163, 2018
- [10] ***Kant on Spontaneity***, Marco Sgarbi  
*Kantian Review* 20 (3): 479-483, 2015
- [11] ***Kant on Practical Justification***, edited by Mark Timmons and Sorin Baiasu  
*Kantian Review* 19 (2): 332-338, 2014

## PRESENTATIONS & COMMENTS

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- [1]\*\* **Why is there no Kantian Duty to believe in God and Immortality?**  
University of Milan, Institute of Philosophy, 2024  
Beijing National University, Colloquium: Kant's 300. Birthday (remote), 2024
- [2]\*\* **Noumenal Substances (?)**  
University of Milan, Institute of Philosophy, 2024  
Kant as Metaphysician. Current Work on Transcendental Idealism
- [3]\*\* **Original Synthesis, Normativity, and Intellectual Freedom**  
LMU Munich, 2023  
Intellectual Freedom and the Possibility of Novel and Original Thought in Kant  
Invited Keynote Speaker
- [4]\*\* **Kant on Moral Responsibility**  
University of Bucharest, 2022  
Freedom, Action and Control: Conceptions of Rational Agency in Kant and the German Enlightenment. Invited Keynote Speaker (remote)
- [5]\*\* **Nietzsche versus Kant on the Possibility of Rational Self-Critique**  
Department of Philosophy & Religion, UNC Wilmington, 2022  
North American Kant Society, Southern Study Group. Invited Keynote Speaker
- [6]\*\* **Comments on Anja Jauernig, *The World According to Kant***  
Eastern APA, 2022 (remote)
- [7]\*\* **Kant on Knowledge of Transcendental Freedom of Will**  
UNC Philosophy Department, Work in Progress Series, 2020 (remote)

- [8]\*\* **Comments on Nataliya Palatnik, “Kantian Freedom at a Distance”**  
NAKS Biennial, SUNY Binghamton, 2020 (remote)
- [9-10]\*\* **Kant’s Genealogical Anxiety**  
Institute of Philosophy, University of Luxembourg, 2019  
Workshop on Kant’s Practical Philosophy, UNC Chapel Hill, 2019
- [11]\*\* **Kant’s Fourfold Model of Real Possibility**  
Institute of Philosophy, University of Luxembourg, 2019  
Workshop on “Concept and Intuition in Kant and Hegel,” Invited Keynote Speaker
- [12]\*\* **Zwei Begründungsebenen in Kants Rechtfertigung der Freiheit des Willens**  
University of Trier, 2019
- [13] **Die radikale Unbegreiflichkeit von Gott für den menschlichen Verstand**  
Die Gottesidee in Kants theoretischer und praktischer Philosophie, 2018  
Katholische Akademie Rabanus Maurus, Frankfurt am Main
- [14] **A Priori Intuition and Transcendental Necessity in Kant’s Idealism**  
New Perspectives on Realism, Dualism, and Idealism, University of Tübingen, 2018
- [15-16] **Spontaneity and Contingency: Kant’s Two Models of Rational Self-Determination**  
The Concept of Will in Classical German Philosophy, LMU, Munich, 2017  
APA Central Division (Symposium: Spontaneity and Rationality), Kansas City, 2017
- [17]\*\* **Kant on Freedom and the Predictability of Human Action**  
NAKS Southern Study Group, Tulane University, New Orleans, 2017
- [18]\*\* **Can There Be Kantian Freedom of Imagination?**  
Workshop on The Many Faces of Kantian Freedom, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 2017
- [19]\*\* **Kant’s Theoretical Defense of Moral Freedom**  
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 2017
- [20] **Ist die Lehrbarkeit der Tugend vereinbar mit Kant’s Theorie der Willensfreiheit?**  
Kant als Tugendethiker?, Katholische Akademie Rabanus Maurus, Frankfurt am Main, 2016
- [21] **Kants subjektivistische Begründung von Moral und Freiheit**  
Kant-Kolloquium, University of Trier, 2016
- [22-23] **Kant’s Standpoint Distinction**  
University of Notre Dame, South Bend, 2016  
Pacific Study Group of the North American Kant Society, Vancouver, 2015  
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 2014
- [24] **Radical Evil as a Regulative Idea**  
Conference on Conscience and Moral Self-Knowledge in German Idealism, Oslo, 2015
- [25] **Kant and “Ought Implies Can”**  
Workshop on Kant’s Ethics, Chapel Hill, 2014
- [26]\*\* **Kant on Responsibility and Possibility**  
Philosophy Department Research Seminar, Knoxville, 2012
- [27-28] **Kant on Freedom of Belief**  
Birkbeck College, University of London, 2012  
University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 2011
- [29] **Determinismus und die Möglichkeit praktischer Sollenssätze bei Kant**  
Doktorandenkolloquium, Frankfurt am Main, 2011
- [30]\*\* **Comments on Helen Robertson’s “On the Relation between Appearances and Things in Themselves”**  
Berkeley-London Conference, University of California, Berkeley, 2011

[31-32]\*\***Character, Ethical Knowledge, and Practical Reasoning: An Aristotelian Perspective**  
Townsend Center Working Group in Ancient Philosophy, Univ. of Calif., Berkeley, 2011  
Berkeley-London Conference, University of California, Berkeley, 2009

\*\* Unpublished Oral Presentations

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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### **University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill**

#### Graduate/Advanced Undergraduate:

Kant's Practical Philosophy (\*2)  
Kant's Theoretical Philosophy (\*2)  
Nietzsche: (\*2)

#### Graduate:

Dissertation Research Seminar (\*3)  
Proto-Seminar for First-Year Students (\*1)  
Advanced Studies in Epistemology; co-taught with Ram Neta (\*1)

#### Undergraduate:

17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> Century Western Philosophy (\*5)  
First Year Seminar: Ethics (\*1)  
Existential Philosophy: (\*7)

### **University of Tennessee, Knoxville**

#### Graduate/Advanced Undergraduate:

Kant's Critique of Aesthetic Judgment  
Kant and the Idea of A Priori Justification  
Skepticism and Naturalism in Hume  
Kant's Critique of Pure Reason

#### Undergraduate:

17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy (\*9)  
19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy (\*2)  
Existentialism (\*1)

### **University of California, Berkeley**

Introduction to Ethics and Political Philosophy (1)

### **Dissertation Advising**

Delaney Thull (Chair): *Political Emotions*, 2024.

Assistant Professor, University of South Alabama

Philip Bold (2nd reader): *Three Essays on Wittgenstein's Philosophy of Mathematics*, 2022

Lecturer, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

Michaela Tiller (2nd reader): *Locke's Ideas of Power*, 2020

Assistant Professor, Saint Michael's College

Alexander (Z) Quanbeck (2nd reader): *Kierkegaard and the Ethics of Belief*, 2022

Postdoc, Princeton Project in Philosophy and Religion

## **SERVICE (at UNC)**

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### **Departmental Service:**

Director of Undergraduate Studies (2021-)  
Faculty Liaison to the Office for Undergraduate Research (2024-)  
Chapel Hill Philosophy Colloquium Committee (\*2)  
Graduate Admissions Committee (\*3)  
Search Committee for Junior Faculty Position (\*1)  
Reviewing Committee for Grade Appeal (\*1)  
Dissertation Proposal Examination Committee (\*14)  
Area Examination Committee for Ancient Philosophy (\*3)  
Area Examination Committee for Modern Philosophy (\*1)  
*Philosophy in 15 Minutes* Presentation (\*1)

**University Service:**

Administrative Boards of the College of Arts & Sciences (Course Committee) (2022-)  
Faculty Panel for *Getting Involved in Research* Workshop (\*1)  
Faculty Reviewer for SURF Applications (\*1)

**Conference Organizing**

*Workshop on Kant's Practical Philosophy* (External Speakers: Karl Ameriks, Anne Margaret Baxley, Stephen Engstrom), University of North Carolina, 2019  
*The Many Faces of Kantian Freedom* (External Speakers: Anne Margaret Baxley, Andrews Reath, Eric Watkins), University of Tennessee, 2017  
*Tennessee Values and Agency Conference*, 2013, 2015

**Manuscript/Grant Refereeing**

*Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* (\*3), *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Kantian Review* (\*11), *Journal of Social Philosophy*, *Journal of Philosophical Research*, *History of Philosophy Quarterly* (\*2), *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* (\*7), *Journal of the History of Philosophy* (\*8), *Ergo* (\*2), *Kant Yearbook* (\*7), *European Journal of Philosophy* (\*3), *Logical Analysis and the History of Philosophy*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* (\*4), *Journal of the American Philosophical Association* (\*2), *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Journal of Modern Philosophy*, *Philosophical Review*, *Oxford University Press*, *Israel Science Foundation*, *European Research Council*

**Conference Refereeing**

SNAXS Study Group (2015, 2024); NAKS Biennial (2018, 2020)

**Translation**

“Kritik und Fortentwicklung der kantischen Theorie des Raums bei Gerold Prauss“ (from German to English) for Prof. Bernd Dörflinger (University of Trier)

**Editorial Activities**

Member of the Editorial Board for *Kant Yearbook* (since 2018)

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