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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Social and Political Philosophy
Ethics
Ancient Greek and Roman Philosophy

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Philosophy of Law
History of Philosophy
Applied Ethics

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Philosophy Teacher, Chesterton Academy at St. James, Menlo Park, CA
Lecturer, California State University, East Bay (2026-)
Associate Faculty, Mission/West Valley College (2023-)
Logic School Teacher, Donum Dei Classical Academy (2024-2026)
Lecturer, Santa Clara University (2022-2023)
Adjunct Assistant Professor, Golden Gate University (2020-2023)
Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Colorado Boulder (2021-2022)
Lecturer, University of California, Davis (2020-2021)
Lecturer, California State University, Sacramento (2019-2021)
Adjunct Assistant Professor, Cosumnes River College (2020)
Lecturer, California State University, East Bay (2018-2019)
Lecturer, California State University, Stanislaus (2018)
Instructor, Iowa Central Community College (2018)

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Philosophy, University of Arizona (2017)
M.A., Philosophy, Queen's University at Kingston (2011)
B.A. (Honors), Philosophy, Concordia University (2010)

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Conservatism, Past and Present: A Philosophical Introduction
(Routledge, 2025)

The Authority of Virtue: Institutions and Character in the Good Society
(Routledge, 2020)

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- "Legal Moralism Reconsidered: Vice Jurisprudence and the Limits of Liberal Neutrality," *International Journal for the Semiotics of Law* (2026).
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s11196-026-10441-w>
- "Change from Within: Edmund Burke's *Reflections on the Revolution in France*." *The Philosophy Teaching Library*. Edited by Robert W. Siscoe (2024)
<https://philolibrary.crc.nd.edu/article/change-from-within/>
- "Justice under Law: A Reply to Huemer on the Primacy of Justice," *Netherlands Journal of Legal Philosophy* 2023 (52) Pre-publication.
- "Stoic Conservatism," *Symposion*, Vol. 9, No. 1 (2022): 125-141.
- "A Virtue Politics for Liberal Democracy," *The Journal of Value Inquiry*, Vol. 55, No. 1 (2021): 417-435.
- "Virtue Ethics and Political Authority," *Journal of Social Philosophy*, Vol. 51, Issue 2 (Summer 2020): 303-321.
- "Justice as Lawfulness," *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*, Vol. 4, Issue 2 (Summer 2018): 262-278.
- "Self-Ownership, World-Ownership, and Initial Acquisition," *Libertarian Papers*, Vol. 2, No. 3 (2010).

Edited Volumes

- "Philosophical Conservatism: Reflections on the Declaration at 250," *Reason Papers: A Journal of Interdisciplinary Normative Studies*, Vol. 46 (Summer 2026).
- "Can't We Be Friends? Civic Friendship in an Age of Incivility," in *The Virtues: Civility*. Edited by Andrew Peterson (Oxford University Press, 2026).
- "The Way Not Taken", in *Stoicism, Buddhism, and Psychotherapy*. Edited by Sandra Woien (Carus Books, 2026).
- Rogers, Tristan J. and Russell, Daniel C. "Virtue Ethics and Political Philosophy," in *Routledge Companion to Social and Political Philosophy*, 2nd ed. Edited by Fred D'Agostino and Ryan Muldoon (Routledge, 2024).
- "Stoic Political Theory: The Sage in the City," in *Research Handbook on the History of Political Thought*. Edited by Guillaume Bogiaris and Cary Nederman (Edward Elgar, 2024).
- "Aristotle and Edmund Burke on Natural Rights: Recovering a Conservative Tradition," *Reason Papers: A Journal of Interdisciplinary Normative Studies*, Vol. 43, No. 1 (Spring 2023), pp. 189-213.
- "Are We Made for Happiness?", in *Jordan Peterson: Critical Responses*. Edited by Sandra Woien (Carus Books, 2022).

Book Reviews

- Nieswandt, Katharina. *The Good Life and the Good State: A Neo-Aristotelian Theory of Government*. *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, Aug 4, 2026 (published online).
- Fawcett, Edmund. *Conservatism: The Fight for a Tradition*. *The Independent Review: A Journal of Political Economy*, Vol. 27, No. 2 (Fall 2022).

Donaldson, Sue and Kymlicka, Will. *Zoopolis: A Political Theory of Animal Rights*. *The Journal of Value Inquiry*, Vol. 46, Issue 4 (2012): 503-510.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Rituals We Live By (book manuscript)

SELECT PRESENTATIONS

"Rituals We Live By", Heterodox Workshop in Moral and Political Philosophy, University of Arizona, February 2026.

"Rituals We Live By", Learning from the Right Workshop. Blavatnik School of Government, Oxford University. December 2025

"Philosophical Conservatism", Ludovika University of Public Service Research Seminar. March 2024 (remote).

"Philosophical Conservatism", Humanities Brown Bag Speaker Series, Santa Clara University, March 2023.

"Stoic Conservatism", American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, Montreal, Canada, January 2023.

"Justice Under Law: A Reply to Huemer on the Primacy of Justice", Virtue and Institutions Workshop, University of Edinburgh, Law School, June 2022.

"Philosophical Conservatism", Heterodox Workshop in Moral and Political Philosophy, University of Colorado Boulder, April 2022.

"Can't We Be Friends? Civic Friendship in an Age of Incivility", American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, Vancouver, Canada, April 2022.

"Stoic Conservatism", Center for Values and Social Policy, University of Colorado Boulder, March 2022.

"Socrates' Ignorance of Justice: An Epistemic Argument for the Rule of Law in Plato's *Crito*", Center for Values and Social Policy, University of Colorado Boulder, November 2021.

"Socrates' Ignorance of Justice: An Epistemic Argument for the Rule of Law in Plato's *Crito*", 75th Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference, Utah State University, Remote, October 2021.

"Can't We Be Friends? Civic Friendship in an Age of Incivility", Virtue Forum at the Institute for the Study of Human Flourishing, University of Oklahoma, Remote, March 2021.

"A Virtue Politics for Liberal Democracy", Virtue Ethics and Politics Workshop II: "The Personal and the Common Good", Concordia University, Montreal, March 2020.

"Love as a Virtue of Public Discourse", To What End? Narrative, Institutions, and Practices, University of Notre Dame, Indiana, July 2019.

"Finding a Home for Conservatism", International Social Philosophy Conference, San Francisco, California, July 2019.

"Aristotelian Ethics and The Fact of Reasonable Pluralism", American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, Vancouver, Canada, April 2019.

"A Social Practice View of 'Natural' Rights", American Philosophical Association, Central Division, Denver, Colorado, February 2019.

“Aristotelian Ethics and The Fact of Reasonable Pluralism”, Philosophy Department Lecture Series, California State University, Stanislaus, December 2018.

“The Role of Political Institutions in Human Flourishing”, First Annual Conference of the *Eudaimonia Institute*, April 2017.

“Commentary on Ryan Davis’ ‘Rational Persuasion’s Symbolic Significance”, American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, Baltimore, MD, January 2017.

“Virtue Ethics and Political Authority”, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, Vancouver, Canada, April 2015.

“Justice as a Virtue of Institutions and Individuals”, American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, Philadelphia, PA, December 2014.

COURSES TAUGHT

Logic and Critical Reasoning (Fall 2026, West Valley College)

Philosophy of Law (Fall 2026, CSU East Bay)

Philosophy and Bioethics (Fall 2026, Chesterton Academy)

Latin, Formal and Informal Logic (2004-2006, Donum Dei Classical Academy)

Introduction to Ethics (Spring 2026, Mission College)

Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2023, Mission College)

Introduction to Logic (Fall 2023, Mission College)

Ethics in Politics (Spring 2023, Santa Clara)

Political Philosophy and Ethics (Winter 2023, Santa Clara)

Cultures and Ideas: Justice (Fall 2022 & Winter 2023, Santa Clara)

Personal and Professional Ethics (2020-2023, Golden Gate)

History of Ancient Philosophy (Summer 2022, CU Boulder)

Social and Political Philosophy (Spring 2022, CU Boulder)

History of Ancient Philosophy (Fall 2021, CU Boulder)

Philosophy of Law (Spring 2021, UC Davis)

History of Ethics (Spring 2021, California State University, Sacramento)

Foundations of Ethics (Winter 2021, UC Davis)

History of Ethics (Fall 2020, UC Davis)

Recent Ethical Theory (Spring and Fall 2020, California State University, Sacramento)

Introduction to Philosophy (Spring 2020, Cosumnes River College)

Introduction to Ethics (Spring 2020, Cosumnes River College)

History of Ethics (Fall 2019, California State University, Sacramento)

Bioethics (Fall 2018 and Spring 2019, California State University, East Bay)

Critical Thinking (Fall 2018 and Spring 2019, California State University, East Bay)

Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2018, California State University, Stanislaus)

Contemporary Moral Issues (Fall 2018, California State University, Stanislaus)

Introduction to Ethical Conflicts (Spring 2018, Iowa Central)

Introduction to Philosophy (Spring 2018, Iowa Central)

Law and Morality (Spring and Summer 2017, University of Arizona)

Business Ethics (Fall 2016, University of Arizona)

Medical Ethics (Spring 2016, University of Arizona)

The Ethics and Economics of Wealth Creation (Winter 2016, University of Arizona)

The Social Contract (Summer 2015, University of Arizona)
Contemporary Moral Problems (Winter 2013 and Summer 2012, University of Arizona)

LANGUAGES

Latin (reading)
Greek (reading)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Philosophical Association
Heterodox Academy

REVIEWER

Oxford University Press
Social Theory and Practice
Journal of Libertarian Studies
The Independent Review
Journal of Social Philosophy
Dialogue: A Canadian Philosophical Review
European Journal of Political Theory

REFERENCES

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