

CURRICULUM VITAE
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EMPLOYMENT

- 2023-present Research Associate
 Institute for Advanced Study
 Princeton, New Jersey
- 2020-2023 Postdoctoral Research Associate & Lecturer in Philosophy
 Princeton University
 University Center for Human Values

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Department of Philosophy
 Johns Hopkins University
 2020
 Thesis: *Evolving the Highest Good: A Study of a Kantian Ideal*
 Advisor: Eckart Förster
- M.A. Philosophisches Seminar
 Ruprecht-Karls Universität Heidelberg (Germany)
 2012
- B.A. Gettysburg College (summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa) in Philosophy & German
 2009

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

18th and 19th Century European Philosophy (esp. Kant, Fichte, and Hegel), Value Theory

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

History of Early Modern, Philosophy of Religion (including Eastern Religions), Political Philosophy, Greek Philosophy, Epistemology

PUBLICATIONS

Books

1. *The Reality of the Ideal: A Study of Kant's Highest Good* (under contract, Oxford University Press)

Refereed Journal Articles

- Forth.* “Kant as a Carpenter of Reason: The Highest Good and Systematic Coherence.” *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*. DOI: 10.1080/09608788.2023.2293882
- 2023 “Kant’s Favorite Argument for Our Immortality: The Teleological Argument.” *Res Philosophica*. Vol. 100, No. 3, 357-388. DOI: 10.5840/resphilosophica202373101
- 2023 “The Conceptual Origin of Worldview in Kant and Fichte.” *Journal of Transcendental Philosophy*. Vol. 4, No. 1, 1-24. DOI: 10.1515/jtph-2022-0007
- 2022 “How a Kantian Ideal Can Be Practical.” *Inquiry*.
DOI: 10.1080/0020174X.2022.2075449
* Commentary published about it in *Inquiry* ([here](#))
- 2020 “Philosophical Think Tanks.” *Teaching Philosophy*.
DOI: 10.5840/teachphil20201125132
- 2017 “Dutifully Wishing: Kant’s Re-Evaluation of a Strange Species of Desire.” *Kantian Review*. DOI: 10.1017/s1369415417000139
- 2017 “Life, Logic, and the Pursuit of Purity: Logically Reconstructing the Transition to Cognition.” *Hegel-Studien*. ISSN: 0073-1587
- 2014 “*Pecca Fortiter* for the Sake of Morality? Making Sense of Wrong in Hegel’s System of Right.” *Hegel Bulletin*. DOI: 10.1017/hgl.2014.26

Chapters in Edited Volumes

- Forth.* (with Andrew Chignell) “Kant on the Highest Good and Moral Arguments.” In *The Oxford Handbook of Kant*. Edited by Anil Gomes and Andrew Stephenson.

Book Reviews

- 2023 “Jens Timmermann, *Kant’s Will at the Crossroads?* Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2022.” *European Journal of Philosophy*.
- 2018 “Thomas Höwing (ed.), *The Highest Good in Kant’s Philosophy*. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2016.” *Kantian Review*. DOI: 10.1017/S1369415417000498

Popular Philosophy

2024 “We’ll Meet Again. The Intrepid Logician Kurt Gödel Believed in an Afterlife” *Aeon*.* <https://aeon.co/essays/kurt-godel-his-mother-and-the-argument-for-life-after-death>

Media Mentions

The New York Times

<https://www.nytimes.com/2024/01/05/opinion/the-crown.html>

The Academic Minute (currently producing)

<https://academicminute.org/>

The Atlantic

<https://www.theatlantic.com/newsletters/archive/2024/01/the-debate-that-claudine-gay-is-evading/677032/>

Leiter Reports

<https://leiterreports.typepad.com/blog/2024/01/g%C3%B6dels-arguments-for-belief-in-an-afterlife.html>

Real Clear Science

https://www.realclearscience.com/2024/01/03/why_logician_kurt_godel_believed_in_the_afterlife_1002418.html

Translations (from German)

2014 Thomas Fuchs. “The Virtual Other: Empathy in the Age of Virtuality.” *Journal of Consciousness Studies* 21, No. 5-6: 152-173.

2014 Thomas Fuchs. “Brain Mythologies: Jaspers’ Critique of Reductionism from a Current Perspective.” In *Karl Jaspers’ Psychology and Psychopathology*, 75-84. Edited by Thomas Fuchs et al. DOI: 10.1007/978-1-4614-8878-1_5

2013 Thomas Fuchs. “Existential Vulnerability: Toward a Psychopathology of Limit Situations.” *Psychopathology*. DOI: 10.1159/000351838

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Book Project

1. Project on Kurt Gödel’s religious views, currently being drafted and researched

Original Articles and Essays

1. Paper on Hegel's idea of life (r&r, *Journal of the History of Philosophy*)
2. Paper on Kant and moral perception (draft available, not yet submitted)
3. Popular piece on Buddhism and German Idealism (co-authored, pitching currently)
4. Paper on Kant's highest good and love (currently writing)
5. Popular piece on what we can learn from Kant's immortality postulate (invited, writing)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Lead Instructor	2020-2022 – PRINCETON UNIVERSITY	
	Kant's Practical Philosophy (grad.) ¹	Fall 2022
	German Idealism	Spring 2022
	2017-2019 – JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY	
	Dystopian Dreams – Utopian Ideals	Spring 2019
	The Good, the Bad, and the Guilty	Winter 2017
	2018 – TOWSON UNIVERSITY	
	Introduction to Ethics	Spring 2018
Mentor	2020-2021 – PRINCETON UNIVERSITY	
	University Center for Human Values Senior Thesis Workshop	
Graduate Instructor	2015-2018 - JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY	
	Introduction to Formal Logic	Spring 2018
	Introduction to Greek Philosophy	Fall 2017, 2016
	Foundations of Modern Political Philosophy	Spring 2017
	Introduction to Moral Philosophy	Spring 2016
	Philosophy of Religion	Fall 2015

OTHER TEACHING

Shift Director & Writing Tutor	2015-2018 – THE WRITING CENTER	
	JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY	
Lead Instructor	2011-2013 - BASF: THE CHEMICAL COMPANY	
	LUDWIGSHAFEN, GERMANY	
	Business English	2011-2013

¹ Co-taught as lead instructor with Andrew Chignell.

HONORS AND AWARDS

National and International Fellowships

- 2018-2019 Woodrow Wilson/Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Completion Fellowship (\$25,000)
- 2019 Stanford Humanities Center Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship (Alternate)
- 2009-2011 DAAD Graduate Fellowship (€16,000)

Institutional Fellowships

- 2020 Arthur O. Lovejoy Fellowship – Johns Hopkins University Philosophy Department (\$14,500)
- 2019 Sachs Dissertation Fellowship – Johns Hopkins University Philosophy Department (\$14,500)
- 2019 Dean’s Teaching Fellowship – Johns Hopkins University (\$11,500)
- 2013-2015 Owens Scholar Fellowship Award – Johns Hopkins University (\$18,000)

Paper Prizes

- 2018 William Miller Essay Prize – Johns Hopkins University, Department of Philosophy, under new rules (\$1,000)
- 2018 APA Graduate Student Travel Stipend for Colloquium Paper (\$300)
- 2017 Singleton Center Paper Prize (\$500)
- 2016 Nominee for the Markus Herz Prize – Eastern Division North American Kant Society (\$200)
- 2014 William Miller Essay Prize - Johns Hopkins University, Department of Philosophy, under old rules (\$1,000)
- 2009 Elie Wiesel Prize in Ethics Essay Contest - Third Place (\$1,500)

INVITED TALKS

- 2024 “Takeaways from Kant’s Highest Good” (Keynote)
14th International Summer Conference on German Idealism
 Bonn University
 August 19-23 (Bonn, Germany)

- “In Love from Within Kant’s Highest Good”
Tercentennial Celebrations for Kant’s Birth
Boston University
Mar. 1 (Boston, Massachusetts)
- 2022 “Logisches Leben in Raum und Zeit”
Institut für Philosophie
Oldenburg University, Germany
Oct. 18 (Oldenburg, Germany)
- “Work for the Highest Good in the Third *Critique*”
Symposium Honoring Eckart Förster
Johns Hopkins University
May 6 (Baltimore, Maryland)
- “Perfection through Noumenal Creation”
North American Kant Society Central APA Session
American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting
February 23-26 (Chicago, Illinois)
- “Work for the Highest Good”
Department of Philosophy
Colgate University
February 3 (Hamilton, New York)
- “Work for the Highest Good”
Department of Philosophy
Florida State University
Jan. 28 (virtual)
- 2020 “Der Begriff der Weltanschauung bei Kant und Fichte”
Institut für Philosophie
Freie Universität Berlin, Germany
October 30 (virtual)
- “Kant on Perfection from a Metaphysical Point of View”
American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting
Invited Symposium: *New Approaches to Kant on Perfection*
April 8-11
San Francisco, California (cancelled due to COVID-19)
- 2018 “Husserl’s Theory of Basic Values: A Case Study from *Blood Meridian*”
Phenomenology and Literature: New Readings in Husserl
Conference of the German Departments of Brown University and Johns
Hopkins
May 5-6 (Brown University)

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Conferences and Workshops Organized

- 2023 *Mind and Representation: Approaches from German Idealist and Buddhist Philosophies*
 Co-organizer with Jonathan Gold (Princeton Dept. of Religion)
 Princeton University
 February 17
- 2022 *God and Infinity: Perspectives from Hegel and Kierkegaard*
 Co-organizer with Elizabeth X. Li
 Princeton University
 April 1-2

Papers Presented (Refereed)

- 2023 “Logical Life and the Puzzle of Ontological Generality”
 International Hegel Congress
 Stuttgart, Germany
 June 6 (could not attend)
- “Logical Life and the Puzzle of Ontological Generality”
 American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting
 San Francisco
 April 5
- 2021 “Kant and the Devil (Argument) You Don’t Know”
Philosophy of Religion Incubator Conference
 Princeton Project in Philosophy and Religion
 Princeton University (virtual)
 May 17-18
- 2018 “Morality and Nature’s Hidden Plan”
The Freedom of Nature and the Nature of Freedom
 UK Kant Society Annual Conference 2018
 Cardiff University (Recipient of Travel Award Bursary)
 September 6-7
- 2018 “Kantian Archetypes and Action”
 American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting
 Chicago, Illinois (Received APA Graduate Student Travel Stipend Prize)
 February 21-24
- 2016 “Dutifully Wishing: Kant’s Reevaluation of a Strange Species of Desire”
 13th Eastern Study Group Meeting of the North American Kant Society
 April 10-11
 Yale University (Received the travel prize for best graduate student paper as nominee for the Markus Herz Prize)

Departmental Talks

- 2023 “Kant’s Moral Perception Problem”
University Center for Human Values
Princeton University
February 16
- 2022 “Hegel and the Idea of Religious Life”
Princeton Project in Philosophy and Religion
Princeton University
April 1-2
- 2021 “No Work for the Highest Good?”
University Center for Human Values
Princeton University
October 14
- “Kant, Teleology, and Immortality”
University Center for Human Values
Princeton University
March 24

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant
Phenomenology Section
Clinic for General Psychiatry of the Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg, Germany
Project Director: Prof. Thomas Fuchs
July 2012 to July 2013

Note: The Phenomenology Section explores topics of classic phenomenology, e.g., time-consciousness, theories of self, etc., in the context of current psychiatric research, especially in relation to phenomenal disturbances caused by mental illnesses.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Certificate of Completion
Johns Hopkins University Teaching Academy
Fall 2017 – Spring 2018

Teaching Philosophy Workshop
American Association for Philosophy Teachers
Carnegie Mellon Institute
January 23, 2015

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Coordinator & Session Organizer

North American Kant Society Virtual Session Series, 2022-2023

Committee Member

Values and Public Life Senior Thesis Prize Committee, 2022-2023

BA Thesis Mentor (x7)

Princeton University Center for Human Values Senior Thesis Workshop, 2020-2021

Manuscript Reviewer

Mind, Philosophy Quarterly, Res Philosophica, Teaching Philosophy, Kantian Review, Religions, History of Philosophy Quarterly

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2021 - Present	Society of Christian Philosophers
2015 - Present	American Association for Philosophy Teachers
2014 - Present	American Philosophical Association
2014 - Present	North American Kant Society
2017 - 2020	D.C./Baltimore Kant Workshop

LANGUAGES

German	Reading: Fluent Speaking: Fluent Writing: Fluent
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Gabelsberger	Reading: Good Writing: Good
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Latin	Reading: Good
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French	Reading: Good
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