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Current Position

2018-2021 Purdue University, Postdoctoral Fellow in Philosophy and Cornerstone
Fall 2018 Instruction: PHIL 111: Ethics (2 x 35 students)
Spring 2019 Instruction: SCLA 101: Transformative Texts (30 students)
PHIL 411: Modern Ethical Theories (35 students)

Education

2011-2018 Northwestern University, Doctoral Program in Philosophy
Ph.D. in Philosophy
Dissertation: *Rethinking the Structure of Events: Heidegger on Kant and the Concept of Cause*
Committee: Cristina Lafont (Chair), Rachel Zuckert, Mark Wrathall

ABSTRACT: I draw on Heidegger's interpretation of Kant to argue that Kant overestimates the role that causality plays in structuring our experience. Heidegger suggests that Kant's analysis of experience mistakenly universalizes a fraction of our experience: the experience of mechanical objects. I defend the merits of this suggestion by offering a careful reconstruction of Heidegger's controversial interpretation of the imagination and applying this interpretation in detail to one of the most debated segments of the *Critique of Pure Reason*: the Second Analogy. In this chapter, Kant suggests that we must employ the concept of cause in order to be aware that an event (i.e. a change in states) has occurred. While Kant's mechanical account of events captures our experience of mechanical objects, I argue that his analysis does not capture our experience of events initiated by humans. I suggest that we experience human events rather as components of an overarching project oriented toward some goal.

2009-2011 University of California at Riverside, Doctoral Program in Philosophy
M.A. in Philosophy
Thesis: "Did Nietzsche Have a Will to Truth?"
Committee: Maudemarie Clark (Chair), Mark Wrathall, Pierre Keller

2004-2008 University of Chicago
B.A. in Philosophy (with General Honors and Honors in Philosophy)
Thesis: "Our Waning Environment: A Modern Problem"
Advisor: Robert Pippin

Areas of Specialization: 19th-20th Century Continental Philosophy (especially Heidegger), Kant

Areas of Competence: Ancient Philosophy, Early Modern Philosophy, Ethics

Publications

1. "Apperception," "Certainty," and "Stand," in: *Cambridge Heidegger Lexicon*, ed. Mark Wrathall, Cambridge University Press (forthcoming).
2. "Do We Identify Human Events with Kant's Concept of Cause? A Defense of Heidegger's Interpretation of Kant," in: *Perspektiven mit Heidegger* (2017), ed. Gerhard Thonhauser, Verlag Karl Alber.
3. "An Objection to Kant's Second Analogy," in: *Kant Yearbook* 7 (2015): Kant and Empiricism, 97-114.
4. "Heidegger's Last God" (with Mark Wrathall), in: *Inquiry* 54.2 (2011), 160-182.

Select Presentations

“Kant’s Retreat from the Imagination”

- Summer School of Phenomenology and Phenomenological Philosophy, Ca’ Foscari University Venice, July 2018 (refereed)

“Martin Heidegger and the Bioethics of the Human Body”

- Conference: Phenomenology and Bioethics, Centre for Studies in Practical Knowledge, Södertörn University, June 2018 (refereed)
- Conference: Human Enhancement and Evolution, Centre for Philosophy of Science of the University of Lisbon, December 2017 (refereed)

“Revising Kant’s Categories with Heidegger”

- Project Presentation, Dr. Georg Bertram’s Forschungskolloquium, Free University Berlin, April 2018

“Kant’s Distinction between Productive and Reproductive Imagination”

- Work-in-Progress Workshop, Kolloquium zur Klassischen Deutschen Philosophie, Humboldt University, January 2018

“A Case for Heidegger’s Interpretation of the Kantian Imagination”

- Critical Theory Cluster Dissertation Symposium, Northwestern University, February 2017 (presented as “Imagination and Causality in Hume, Kant and Heidegger”) (refereed)
- History of Philosophy Roundtable, Loyola University, October 2016
- Northwest Philosophy Conference, October 2016 (refereed)
- Dissertation Writing Group, Northwestern University, February 2016

“Do We Identify Human Events with Kant’s Concept of Cause? A Defense of Heidegger’s Interpretation of Kant”

- 55th Meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Salt Lake City, October 2016 (refereed)
- Perspectives with Heidegger: Conference for Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Scholars, University of Vienna, May 2016 (refereed)
- UK Kant Society Annual Meeting: Kant on Politics and Religion, Keele University, September 2015 (refereed)
- Dissertation Research Seminar, Northwestern University, May 2015

“Does everything have to have a cause?”

- Northeastern Illinois University, October 2015 (invited)

“Event Perception in Kant and Heidegger”

- Boston College Philosophy Graduate Conference: Phenomenology and Time, Boston College, March 2015 (refereed)
- Southern Study Group of the North American Kant Society, St. Mary’s University, March 2015 (refereed)
- Graduate Student Workshop in Traditional Metaphysics, National University of Ireland at Galway, April 2014 (refereed)
- Dissertation Research Seminar, Northwestern University, February 2014

“Authenticity and the Other”

- Emory Philosophy Graduate Conference: Friendship, Emory University, March 2014 (presented as “Authenticity and Friendship”) (refereed)

- Annual Meeting: the Society for Existential and Phenomenological Theory and Culture, University of Victoria, June 2013 (presented as “Becoming the Conscience of Another”) (refereed)

“The Interpretation of Death in *Being and Time*”

- Sixth Annual Meeting: the Comparative and Continental Philosophy Circle, Cork City College, March 2011 (refereed)

Comments

Dr. Jacqueline Mariña, “The Second Analogy and the Motion of the Subject”

- Workshop on Kant’s Theoretical Philosophy: Chicago–Area Consortium in German Philosophy, DePaul University, March 2017

Mark Castricone, “A Heideggerian Interpretation of Comedy: The Neglect of Comedy”

- Annual Meeting: the Society for Existential and Phenomenological Theory and Culture, University of Victoria, June 2013

Patrick Anderson, “Voluptuousness and Volition: Hocquenghem, Constructivism, and the Place of the Will in Desire”

- Philosophical Investigations into Sexuality, Northwestern University, April 2013

Further Studies

2017-2018	Humboldt-Universität, Kolloquium zur Klassischen Deutschen Philosophie, Participant
2017-2018	Freie Universität Berlin, Visiting Researcher
2017	Universität Siegen, 12. Siegener Kant-Kurs: Vom Meinen, Wissen und Glauben (KrV)
2013	Goethe-Institut Berlin, 8-Week Intensive Program in German (B2-1)
2006-2007	Trinity College Dublin, Philosophy Coursework for One Year of Study Abroad

Awards

External Awards

2018	C.H. Beck-Stipendium für Literatur- und Geisteswissenschaften (€1,800)
2017-2018	DAAD Long-term Research Grant (€11,435)
2013	DAAD Intensive Language Course Grant (€2,713)

Internal Awards

2018	Buffett Institute for Global Studies, Conference Travel Grant (\$400)
2018	Graduate Research Grant (\$1,578)
2017	Thomas A. McCarthy Award for Teaching Excellence (\$250)
2014-2017	Northwestern Graduate Writing Fellowship (\$9,000)
2015	Northwestern Critical Theory Cluster, Conference Travel Grant (\$500)
2013-2015	Alice Kaplan Institute for the Humanities Research Workshop Grant (\$6,000)
2009-2010	University of California, Dean’s Distinguished Fellowship Award (\$37,369)

Teaching Experience

2015-2016 Northwestern University Searle Center: Teaching Certificate Program

Purdue University: Primary Instructor

- Ethics (Fall 2018)

Northwestern University: Primary Instructor

- Introduction to Philosophy (Summer 2017)

Northwestern University: Teaching Assistant

- History of Philosophy: Early Modern, Baron Reed (Spring 2017)
- Kierkegaard and Indirect Communication, Mark Alznauer (Spring 2015)
- Kant's First Critique: Dialectic, Rachel Zuckert (Fall 2014)
 - Guest Lecture: "Kant's Third Antinomy" (November 5, 2014)
- Ancient Athens, Robert Wallace (Winter 2014)
- Existentialism, Mark Alznauer (Fall 2013)
 - Guest Lecture: "Heidegger on Guilt" (October 31, 2013)
- Existentialism, Mark Alznauer (Winter 2013)
 - Guest Lecture: "Heidegger on Guilt" (February 18, 2013)

University of Chicago: Teaching Assistant

- History of Philosophy III, James Conant (Spring 2016)

University of California at Riverside: Teaching Assistant

- Critical Thinking, Larry Wright (Spring 2011)
- Ethics and the Meaning of Life, Andrews Reath (Winter 2011)
- Evil, Eric Schwitzgebel (Fall 2010)

Departmental Services

2015-2018	Assistant, Chicago-Area Consortium in German Philosophy
2015-2017	Co-convener, Graduate Work-in-Progress Workshop
2014-2015	President of Graduate Association, Department of Philosophy
2013-2015	Co-convener, the After-life of Phenomenology Research Workshop
2013-2014	Student-Faculty Liaison, Department of Philosophy
2010	Research Assistant, UCR Philosophy Department, Professor Mark Wrathall
2010	Research Assistant, UCR CHASS, Dean Stephen Cullenberg

Professional Services

2018	Discussion Leader, Jones College Prep Philosophy Club, "What is Authenticity?"
2016	Session Chair, Northwest Philosophy Conference
2016	Session Chair, WIPHICA Workshop with Tamar Schapiro
2015	Session Chair, UK Kant Society
2014	Session Chair, Graduate Student Workshop in Traditional Metaphysics
2013	Session Chair, Society for Existential and Phenomenological Theory and Culture
2011	Co-Editor, <i>Inquiry</i> 54.2 (with Mark Wrathall)

Professional Affiliations: The American Philosophical Association, North American Kant Society, Society for Phenomenological and Existential Philosophy

Languages:

- English (native)
- German (advanced)
- Spanish (proficient)
- Portuguese (proficient)

Graduate Coursework (Taken at Northwestern University Unless Otherwise Noted)

19th and 20th Century Continental Philosophy

2014	Literature & Critical Thought: Friedrich Hölderlin, audited (Samuel Weber)
2012	Heidegger and Time (Françoise Dastur)
2012	Biopolitics After Foucault (Penelope Deutscher)
2011	Hegel's <i>Phenomenology of Spirit</i> , audited (Mark Alznauer)

- 2011 Hegel's Philosophy of History (Mark Alznauer)
 2011 Foucault (Penelope Deutscher)
 2011 Nietzsche's Critique of Modernity (Maudemarie Clark, UCR)
 2011 Heidegger's Later Philosophy (Mark Wrathall, UCR)
 2010 Nietzsche's *Genealogy of Morality* (Maudemarie Clark, UCR)
 2010 Heidegger's *Being and Time* (Mark Wrathall, UCR)
 2010 Husserl's Logical Investigations, audited (Charles Siewert & Mark Wrathall, UCR)

Kant

- 2015 Kant's Third Critique, audited (Rachel Zuckert)
 2015 Kant's Practical Philosophy, audited (Kyla Ebels-Duggan)
 2013 Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason*: Analytic (Rachel Zuckert)
 2011 Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason* (Pierre Keller, UCR)
 2010 Kant's *Critique of Judgment* (Pierre Keller, UCR)

Social and Political

- 2013 Critical Philosophy of Race (Charles Mills)
 2012 Habermas' Theory of Communicative Rationality (Cristina Lafont)
 2012 Contemporary Political Thought: Hannah Arendt (Bonnie Honig)
 2012 Philosophy of Property (Andrew Koppelman)
 2012 European Social Thought (Mark Alznauer)
 2011 Philosophy of Law Workshop, audited (Carl Cranor, UCR)

Ethics

- 2013 Post-Kantian Ethics, audited (Mark Alznauer)
 2013 Proseminar: Moral Realism (Richard Kraut)
 2010 Proseminar: Moral Responsibility (John Fischer, UCR)
 2009 The Philosophy of J. David Velleman (Michael Nelson, UCR)

Philosophy of Language

- 2012 Philosophy of Language (Michael Glanzberg)
 2011 Proseminar: Theories of Truth (Michael Glanzberg)
 2010 Proseminar: Philosophy of Language (Robin Jeshion, UCR)
 2009 Wittgenstein's *On Certainty* (Larry Wright & Howard Wettstein, UCR)

Ancient Philosophy

- 2013 Stoics and the Emotions (John Wynne)
 2012 Plato's Forms (David Ebrey)
 2010 Aristotle's Ethics (David Glidden, UCR)

Epistemology

- 2009 Proseminar: Epistemology (Peter Graham, UCR)

References

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