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## **EMPLOYMENT**

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<b>Princeton University, Visiting Fellow</b> <i>Political Science</i>	Princeton, NJ Sept. 2019–May 2020
<b>Boston College, Assistant Professor</b> <i>Political Science</i>	Chestnut Hill, MA Aug. 2016 –

## **EDUCATION**

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<b>Tulane University</b> <i>Ph.D. Philosophy</i>	New Orleans, LA Aug. 2016
<b>King's College, Cambridge University</b> <i>M.Phil Political Thought and Intellectual History</i>	Cambridge, England July 2013
<b>Tulane University</b> <i>M.A. Philosophy</i>	New Orleans, LA May. 2012
<b>King's College, Cambridge University</b> <i>B.A. Classics, First Class (M.A. 2014 [Cantab.])</i>	Cambridge, England July 2009
<b>St. John's College</b> <i>B.A. Liberal Arts</i>	Annapolis, MD May 2007

## **RESEARCH AREAS**

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- *Areas of Specialization:* German Idealism (especially Kant and Hegel); Ancient Greek Philosophy; Philosophy of History; Existentialism
- *Areas of Competence:* Early Modern Political Philosophy; Phenomenology; Philosophy of Art

## **EDITED VOLUMES**

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<b>Kant and the Possibility of Progress</b> <i>Co-edited with Samuel A. Stoner</i>	PENN <i>Forthcoming</i>
<b>Athens, Arden, Jerusalem: Essays in Honor of Mera Flaumenhaft</b> <i>Co-edited with Kate Havard</i>	Lexington Books Oct. 2017
<b>Greek Paradigm Handbook</b> <i>Co-edited with Erikk Geannikis &amp; Andrew Romiti</i>	Focus (Hackett) Feb. 2008

## **ARTICLES & CHAPTERS**

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1. From Comedy to Christianity: The Nihilism of Aristophanic Laughter, in *Hegel, Tragedy, and Comedy*, ed. Mark Alznauer. SUNY Press. *Forthcoming*
2. Realizing the Ethical Community: Kant's *Religion* and the Reformation of Culture. *Co-Authored with Samuel A. Stoner* in *Kant and the Possibility of Progress*. University of Pennsylvania Press.

*Forthcoming*

3. Absolute Longing in Kant, Hegel, and Kierkegaard, in *Nature, Law, and the Sacred: Essays in Honor of Ronna Burger*, ed. Evanthia Speliotis. Mercer Books. April. 2020, pp. 337–364.
4. Utopianism and Realism in Shakespeare’s *The Tempest*. *Co-Authored with Nicholas Anderson* in *Science Fiction & Political Philosophy*, ed. Timothy McCranor & Steven J. Michels. Lexington Books. Feb. 2020, pp. 37–62.
5. Hegel and Jonas on the Ethical and Onto-Theological Implications of Life. *Co-Authored with Nicholas Anderson and Zachary Calhoun*. *Plí, Warwick Journal of Philosophy*, Vol. 31 (2019): 164–200.
6. The Theological Dimension of Agency: Forgiveness, Recognition, and Responsibility in Hegel’s *Phenomenology of Spirit*. *Review of Metaphysics*, Vol. 72, no. 3 (2019): 497–527.
7. Hegel on the Trial of Socrates and the End of Aesthetic Democracy, in *Hegel and Ancient Philosophy: A Re-Examination*. Edited by Glenn Alexander Magee. Routledge: June 2018, pp. 39–56.
8. What Makes a Kingdom? Plants, Poetry and Politics in *Richard II*, in *Athens, Arden, Jerusalem: Essays in Honor of Mera Flaumenhaft*. Lexington Books. Oct. 2017, pp. 159–178.

Under Review:

9. The Meaning of History: Knowledge of Good and Evil in Hegel and Fackenheim, in *Emil Fackenheim’s Post-Holocaust Thought and Its Philosophical Sources*, ed. Kenneth Hart Green & Martin Yaffe. University of Toronto Press.
10. Jacob Klein’s Reading of Aristotle: A Response to Heidegger, in *Jacob Klein’s Philosophical Legacy*, ed. Andrew Romiti & Daniel Maher. Paul Dry Books.

## **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

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BOOK MANUSCRIPT:

**Hope and History in Kant, Hegel, and Marx**

*An examination of the intersection of political philosophy, philosophy of religion, and philosophy of history, this book explores several fundamental theoretical questions through a comparative analysis of Kant, Hegel, and Marx: (1) the possibility of conceptually comprehending the historical particular, (2) reason’s capacity to transcend the parochiality of its historical conditions, (3) the epistemic discrepancy between retrospective intelligibility and prospective predictability, (4) the teleologically directed character of action, and (5) the potential for critical thought to be politically efficacious.*

ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS:

1. The Doubleness of Self-Consciousness: The Political-Theological Theme in Hegel’s *Phenomenology of Spirit*.
2. The Vocation of Philosophy and the Meaning of History in Kant, Hegel, and Marx.
3. The Politics of Hope: Hannah Arendt’s Inversion of Heidegger.
4. Hegel’s *Doppelsatz*: The Critique of Kant and the Challenge of Marx.
5. Alienation from Nature: Hans Jonas on Reason’s Gnostic Temptation.

6. Modern Representation and the Popular Will: A Brief Analytic History from Hobbes to Hegel.  
*Co-Authored with Susan Shell*

## **AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS**

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<b>Research Incentive Grant</b> <i>Grant supporting research</i>	Boston College June 2021–May 2022
<b>James Madison Fellow</b> <i>Year-long research fellowship, Politics Dept.</i>	Princeton University Sept. 2019–June 2020
<b>Reverend John R. Trzaska, S.J. Award</b> <i>Boston College Teaching Award</i>	Boston College April 29, 2019
<b>ILA MINOR GRANT</b> <i>Hegel Society Biennial Conference: Hegel, Tragedy, Comedy</i>	Boston College Oct. 26–28, 2018
<b>ILA MAJOR GRANT</b> <i>Kant and the Possibility of Progress Conference</i>	Boston College Feb. 16–17, 2018
<b>Berlin Exchange Fellowship</b> <i>Graduate research fellowship</i>	Freie Universität Sept. 2014–July 2015
<b>Tikvah Advanced Institute</b> <i>Tradition and Freedom: Philosophy, Theology, Literature</i>	New York, NY June 8–10, 2015
<b>Tikvah Advanced Institute</b> <i>The Hebrew Bible and Jewish Excellence</i>	Jerusalem, Israel Nov. 30–Dec 4, 2014
<b>Jack Miller Center Summer Institute</b> <i>Modern Revolutions and the Emergence of the Constitutional Republic</i>	Philadelphia, PA July 28–Aug 8, 2014
<b>Murphy Fellowship</b> <i>One-year fellowship for dissertation research</i>	Tulane University Aug. 2013–May 2014
<b>Department of Philosophy Fellowship</b> <i>Tuition scholarship and stipend</i>	Tulane University Aug. 2009–May 2016
<b>Elected Scholar of the College</b> <i>Awarded for academic excellence, since the college's inauguration</i>	King's College Aug. 2009
<b>Grundy Prize</b> <i>Best tripos performance in Classics</i>	King's College Aug. 2009
<b>Headlam Prize</b> <i>Best dissertation in Classics</i>	King's College Aug. 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Nietzsche on Socrates as the Paradigmatic Philosopher”</li> </ul>	

## **BOOK REVIEWS**

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1. Symposium convener and editor for *Nietzsche's Unfashionable Observations*, by Jeffrey Church. *The Review of Politics*. Forthcoming.
2. *Thinking and the I: Hegel and the Critique of Kant*, by Alfredo Ferrarin. *The Kantian Review*. Vol. 25, no. 2. June 2020. Forthcoming.
3. *Why Read Hannah Arendt Now*, by Richard J. Bernstein. *Graduate Faculty Philosophy Journal*. Vol. 40, no. 2. April 2020: 601–605.

4. *Kant's Nonideal Theory of Politics*, by Dilek Huseyinzadegan. *The Review of Metaphysics*. Vol. 73, no. 3. March 2020: 612–614.
5. Symposium convener and editor for *Hobbes's Kingdom of Light: A Study of the Foundations of Modern Political Philosophy*, by Devin Stauffer. *The Review of Politics*, Vol. 82, no. 1. Jan. 2020: 123–144.
6. *Dangerous Minds: Nietzsche, Heidegger, and the Return of the Far Right*, by Ronald Beiner. *Philosophy in Review*, Vol. 39, no. 1 Feb. 2019: 4–7.
7. *German Idealism as Constructivism*, by Tom Rockmore. *Hegel Bulletin*. Vol. 41, no. 1 April 2020: 141–146. (online. April 4, 2018).
8. *A Short History of German Philosophy*, by Vittorio Hösle. *The Kantian Review*. Vol. 23, no. 1 March 2018: 163–168.
9. *Does History Make Sense? Hegel on the Historical Shapes of Justice*, by Terry Pinkard. *The Review of Politics*. Vol. 80, no. 1 Feb. 2018: 173–176.
10. *Nietzsche's Great Politics*, by Hugo Drochon. *The Review of Politics*. Vol. 79, no. 3 July 2017: 519–521.
11. *Logic and the Limits of Philosophy in Kant and Hegel*, by Clayton Bohnet. *The Kantian Review*. Vol. 21, no. 3. Nov. 2016: 507–510.
12. *Powers of Pure Reason*, by Alfredo Ferrarin. *The Kantian Review*. Vol. 21, no. 1 March 2016: 151–155.
13. *Hegel's Theory of Responsibility*, by Mark Alznauer. *The Review of Metaphysics*. Vol. 69, no. 2. Dec. 2015: 375–377.
14. *Kant on Practical Life: From Duty to History*, by Kristi E. Sweet. *The Review of Metaphysics*. Vol. 68, no. 1. Sept. 2014: 208–210.

#### **INVITED LECTURES**

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<b>Philosophy Department, Assumption College</b> “ <i>Hope and History in Kant, Hegel, and Marx</i> ”	Worcester, MA March 27, 2019
<b>Dean's Lecture Series, St. John's College</b> “ <i>The Doubleness of Self-Consciousness: The Political–Theological Theme in Hegel's Phenomenology of Spirit</i> ”	Santa Fe, NM Sept. 8, 2017
<b>Summer Lecture, St. John's College</b> “ <i>A Look at Kantian Theodicy: Rational Faith and the Idea of History</i> ”	Annapolis, MD July 25, 2012

#### **PRESENTATIONS & CONFERENCES**

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<b>American Political Science Association</b> “ <i>Awaiting New Gods: Poetry, Prophecy, and Philosophy in the Thought of Martin Heidegger</i> ”	Washington, DC Sept. 1, 2019
<b>Midwestern Political Science Association</b> “ <i>Hope and History in Kant, Hegel, and Marx</i> ”	Chicago, IL April 4, 2019
<b>Metaphysical Society of America Conference</b> “ <i>The Politics of Hope: Hannah Arendt's Inversion of Martin Heidegger</i> ”	Seattle, WA March 30, 2019
<b>Popular Sovereignty and Populism</b>	Athens, OH

<i>"Modern Representation and the Popular Will: A Brief Analytical History"</i>	March 15, 2019
<b>Hegel Society of America Conference</b> <i>"From Comedy to Christianity: The Nihilism of Aristophanic Laughter"</i>	Boston, MA Oct. 27, 2018
<b>Fourth Jacob Klein Conference</b> <i>"Klein's Reading of Aristotle: A Response to Heidegger"</i>	Assumption, MA May 18, 2018
<b>Association for Core Texts &amp; Courses (ACTC)</b> <i>"Hegel and Aristophanes: The Comedy of Philosophy"</i>	Framingham, MA April 20, 2018
<b>Metaphysical Society of America Conference</b> <i>"The Theological Conditions of Agency: Recognition and Responsibility in Hegel's Phenomenology of Spirit"</i>	Athens, GA March 22, 2018
<b>Metaphysical Society of America Conference</b> <i>"World Historical Individuals and the Problem of Contingency"</i>	Cambridge, MA April 1, 2017
<b>Hegel Society of America Conference</b> <i>"Hegel on the Trial of Socrates and the End of Aesthetic Democracy"</i>	Montreal, Canada Nov. 4–6, 2016
<b>American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting</b> <i>"The Doubleness of Self-Consciousness"</i>	Philadelphia, PA Jan. 7, 2016
<b>American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting</b> <i>"Lessing's Laocoön: Beauty and the Power of the Imagination"</i>	Vancouver, Canada April 4, 2015
<b>American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting</b> <i>"Autonomy as Telos of Kant's Rational Religion"</i>	Philadelphia, PA Dec. 29, 2014
<b>Conference on Liberal Education, St. John's College</b> <i>"The Ethical Community and the Cultivation of Virtue in Kant's Rational Religion"</i>	Santa Fe, NM Oct. 17, 2014
<b>American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting</b> <i>"Radical Evil and Teleology"</i>	San Diego, CA April 18, 2014
<b>Midwest Political Science Association</b> <i>"Overcoming the Ethical State of Nature: The Highest Good and the Ethical Community in Kant's Rational Religion"</i>	Chicago, IL April 5, 2014
<b>History and the Law</b> <i>"The Politics of Autonomy and the Pursuit of Progress"</i>	Cambridge, UK March 18, 2014

## **LANGUAGE COMPETENCE**

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Ancient Greek (Reading)  
French (Reading)  
German (Reading)

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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### GRADUATE LEVEL SEMINARS

<i>From Hegel to Nietzsche</i>	Boston College Fall 2018
Kant, Hegel, Feuerbach, Marx, Kierkegaard, Nietzsche	
<i>Contemporary Political Theory</i>	Boston College

Nietzsche, Weber, Schmitt, Heidegger, Straus, Arendt	Spring 2018
<i>Hegel's Phenomenology of Spirit</i>	Boston College Spring 2017
UNDERGRADUATE LECTURE CLASSES	
<i>Political Philosophy After Heidegger</i> Heidegger, Sartre, Arendt, Jonas	Boston College Spring 2019
<i>Hegel and Marx</i> Kant, Hegel, Marx	Boston College Fall 2017
<i>History and Politics</i> Burke, Hegel, Nietzsche	Boston College Fall 2016
<i>Fundamental Concepts of Politics</i> Shakespeare, Machiavelli, Hobbes, Montesquieu, Tocqueville	Boston College Fall 2016 –
<i>Classics of Modern Political Philosophy</i> Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, Montesquieu, Tocqueville, Mill	Tulane University Spring 2016
<i>History of Modern Philosophy</i> Bacon, Descartes, Pascal, Hume, Kant	Tulane University Fall 2015
<i>Existentialism</i> Kierkegaard, Nietzsche, Ortega y Gasset, Heidegger, Sartre	Tulane University Spring 2012
<i>Classics of Modern Political Philosophy</i> Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, Montesquieu, Rousseau	Tulane University Fall 2011

## **ACADEMIC SERVICE**

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*The Kantian Review*, Reviewer (2016–)  
*Parrhesia: A Journal of Critical Philosophy*, Reviewer (2019–)  
*New England Political Science Association*, Panel Chair and Discussant (2019)  
*Midwestern Political Science Association*, Panel Chair and Discussant (2019)  
*American Political Science Association*, Panel Chair and Discussant (2019, 2018)  
*Northeastern Political Science Association*, Panel Chair and Discussant (2019, 2017, 2016)  
*Kant and the Possibility of Progress*, Conference Co-organizer with Samuel Stoner, Boston College (2018)  
*Hegel Society of America*, Biennial Conference Host and Convener, Boston College (2018)  
*Hegel Society of America*, Executive Council (2018–)  
*Boston Area Kant Colloquium*, co-host and convener with Susan Shell (2018)  
*American Philosophical Association*, Respondent (2016)

## **MEMBERSHIP**

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*American Political Science Association*  
*Midwestern Political Science Association*  
*Northeastern Political Science Association*  
*New England Political Science Association*  
*Hegel Society of America*  
*Metaphysical Society*  
*Society for German Idealism and Romanticism*  
*North American Kant Society*