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Education

Doctoral Student, Boston College, 2010 – Present
M.A., Boston College, Philosophy 2003-2005
B.A., John Carroll University, Philosophy; English Literature; Modern European Studies 1999-2003

Academic Positions

Boston College (2011- Present) *Graduate Instructor* – “Philosophy of the Person”
Bridgewater State College (2006 – Present) *Visiting Lecturer* - “Foundations of Logical Reasoning”
John Carroll University (2001- 2003) *Undergraduate Tutor* - Philosophy Department

Areas of Specialization

Social and Political Philosophy
Ethics

Areas of Competence

Logic and Critical Thinking
19th and 20th Century German Philosophy (esp. Habermas and Critical Theory)

Presentations

Response to “The Hopelessness of Carving out a Threatening Speech Exception to Freedom of Speech” by Benjamin Sachs, APA Eastern Division, 2011

“Wittgenstein and Social Theory” at the Critical Theory Roundtable, SUNY Stony Brook, 2003

“Two Faces of the Eternal Return of the Same” at the North East Ohio Philosophical Association, and at the John Carroll Celebration of Scholarship, 2003

Research in Progress

“Plato, Thrasymachus, and International Politics: Interpreting Thrasymachus’ Argument Against Justice” (Draft Article)

“Are All Moral Motives Empathy-Based? Some Limitations of Slote’s Empathy-Based Moral Sentimentalism” (Draft Article)

“A Defense of Public Reasons Liberalism” (Draft Article)

Academic Awards

Paul Johnson, S.J. Award – Award for distinctive achievement in philosophy (John Carroll University) - 2003

David Matthew Bonnot Award - in recognition of outstanding writing done by a senior or junior majoring in philosophy (John Carroll University) - 2003

Service

Organizing Committee for the Graduate Student Philosophy Conference 2004

Organizing Committee for the Graduate Student Philosophy Conference 2005

Organizing Committee for the Graduate Student Philosophy Conference 2011

Organizing Committee for the Graduate Student Philosophy Conference 2012

Organizing Committee for the Graduate Student Philosophy Conference 2013

Presentation on Teaching to the Philosophy Department Master’s Degree Students 2011

Treasurer for the Philosophy Department Graduate Student Association 2011 – 2013

Co-Chair Boston College Contemporary Philosophy Workshop 2012

Professional Associations

American Philosophical Association

Graduate Coursework

Lonergan *Insight*

Seminar: Heidegger 1

Aquinas on Virtue and Law

Rawls’ Political Philosophy

Seminar: Heidegger 2

Religion & Public Reason

Fascisms

Heidegger’s Turn

Kant’s First Critique

Critical Theory

Plato’s *Republic*

Virtue and Action

Husserl’s *Ideas I*

American Pragmatism

Independent Study - Habermas’ *Theory of Communicative Action*

Science in Ancient and Medieval Thought