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Curriculum Vitae
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CONTACT INFORMATION

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AREA OF SPECIALIZATION

Kant and German Idealism

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

History of Philosophy, Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Religion

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Loyola University Chicago, Department of Philosophy, Assistant Professor, 2018-present.
- Interdisciplinary Program Director, Catholic Studies, 2021-present.
Clark University, Department of Philosophy, Assistant Professor 2016-2018.

EDUCATION

University of Notre Dame, M.A. Philosophy (2011) Ph.D. Philosophy (2016)
University of California, Davis, M.S. Physics (2005-2007)
Biola University, B.S. Physical Science (2001-2005), *summa cum laude*
Torrey Honors Institute Great Books Program (2001-2005), Biola University

PUBLICATIONS

Research Publications in AOS (*peer-reviewed)

- * (coauthored with Kevin Mager) “Schelling responds to Kant: The *Bruno* critique of one-sided idealism” in *Idealistic Studies* 52:1, 23–44 (2022).
- * (coauthored with Jeffrey J. Fisher) “Schelling and the *Philebus*: Limit and the Unlimited in Schelling’s Philosophy of Nature” in *Epoché* 26:2, 347–367 (2022).
- “The Philosophical Significance of Schelling’s Plato Notebooks, 1792–1794” in *Kabiri* vol. 3 (2021).
- * (translation) “Schelling’s Plato Notebooks, 1792–1794” in *Epoché* 26:1, 109–131 (2021).
- * “Life, Lawfulness, and Contingency: Kant and Schelling on Organic Nature” in *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* (2021 / online first).
- * “The Unity of Nature in Schelling’s *World Soul*” in *The Review of Metaphysics* 74:4, pp. 527–552 (2021).
- * “Kant and Schelling on Blumenbach’s Formative Drive” in *Intellectual History Review, Special Issue: Conceptions of Life in German Idealism* (ed. Gerad Gentry and Cat Moir) 31:3, 391–409 (2021).

“Kant’s Organic Religion: God, Teleology, and Progress in the Third *Critique*” in *Kant and the Possibility of Progress*, ed. S. Stoner and P. Wilford, University of Pennsylvania Press, 77–93 (2021).

“Freedom as Productivity in Schelling’s Philosophy of Nature” in *Schelling’s Philosophy: Freedom, Nature and Systematicity*, ed. G. Anthony Bruno. Oxford University Press (2020).

* “Organisms and the Form of Freedom in Kant’s Third *Critique*” in *European Journal of Philosophy* 27, pp. 55–74 (2019).

* “The Epistemology of Schelling’s Philosophy of Nature” in *History of Philosophy Quarterly* 34:3 pp. 271–290 (2017).

* “Kant On Animal Minds” in *Ergo* 4:15, pp. 441–462 (2017).

* “Natural and Ethical Normativity” in *Southern Journal of Philosophy* 54:4, pp. 417–439 (2016).

Other Book Chapters and Articles

“Tending God’s Garden: Philosophical Themes in Malick’s *Tree of Life*” in *Life above the Clouds: Philosophy in the Films of Terrence Malick* (ed. Steven DeLay), SUNY Press (2023).

(coauthored with Andrew Krema) “Introduction” in *Nexus: Conversations on the Catholic Intellectual Tradition*, vol. 1 (2021).

“We Must Give our Students Hope: The Distinctively Catholic Search for Truth in *Ex Corde Ecclesiae*” in *Nexus: Conversations on the Catholic Intellectual Tradition*, vol. 1 (2021).

Symposia and Conference Proceedings (*peer-reviewed)

* “‘The Beautiful is the Symbol of the Morally Good’: Judgments of Beauty and the Supersensible in Kant’s Critique of Aesthetic Judgment” in *Proceedings of the American Catholic Philosophical Association* 94: 215-228 (2022).

Symposium Contribution: “Merely Methodological Naturalism in Aesthetics: A Proposed Revision of Zuckert’s Herder Interpretation” in *The Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism* 80:2, pp. 224–228 (2022).

Symposium Contribution: *For the Love of Metaphysics: Nihilism and the Conflict of Reason from Kant to Rosenzweig*, Karin Nisenbaum, *SGIR Review* 3.1-2: 112–118 (Summer 2020)

Book Reviews

Review, *Magnificent Rebels: The First Romantics and the Invention of the Self*, Andrea Wulf. *Commonweal* (forthcoming).

Review, *Herder’s Naturalist Aesthetics*, Rachel Zuckert, *The British Journal of Aesthetics* 61,1: 115-118 (January 2021).

Review, *I, Me, Mine: Back to Kant and Back Again*, Béatrice Longuenesse *Review of Metaphysics* 71: 812–814 (June 2018).

Review, *Kant and Rational Psychology*, Corey Dyck, *Review of Metaphysics* 68: 651-653 (March 2015).

IN PROGRESS AND UNDER REVIEW

Schelling’s Mystical Platonism: 1792–1802 (book manuscript, under contract with Oxford University Press; final submission date: July 2023).

“The Paradox of Natural Ends and Kant’s Antinomy of Teleological Judgment” (under review)

“The Platonic Roots of Schelling’s *Freedom Essay*” commissioned/drafted for *Schelling’s Freedom Essay: A Critical Guide* (under contract with Cambridge University Press, ed. G. Anthony Bruno). Submission date: May 2023.

“Natural Ends and the Organization of Nature” commissioned for *Kant’s Critique of Judgment: A Critical Guide* (under contract with Cambridge University Press, ed. Alix Cohen). Submission date: December 2023.

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS (*peer-reviewed)

“The Platonic Roots of Schelling’s *Freedom Essay*” to be presented at History of Philosophy Roundtable, Loyola University Chicago, March 31st, 2023.

Comments on Jelscha Schmid, *The Methods of Metaphilosophy: Kant, Maimon, and Schelling on How to Philosophize about Philosophy* to be presented at Leuven Classical Philosophy Workshop, March 23rd, 2023.

“The Platonic Roots of Schelling’s *Freedom Essay*” to be presented at Northwestern After-Life of Phenomenology Workshop, March 10th, 2023.

“Grounding and Unity: Schelling’s Arguments for Priority Monism” at Berlin Summer Colloquium, June 12th, 2022.

“What is Resolved in the Antinomy of Reflecting Judgment?” Comments on Andrew Cooper’s “The Demands of Empirical Nature: Resolving the Antinomy of Reflecting Judgment” Beijing Normal University (online), June 2nd, 2022.

*“Neoplatonism in Schelling’s *Of the I and Letters*”, North American Schelling Society Conference, Toronto, May 26th, 2022.

“God and Nature in German Idealism” DePaul University Catholic Studies Lecture Series, *Philosophy, Science, and Faith Today*. May 12th, 2022.

“Schelling’s Development of Kant’s Unconditioned” *V-NAKS* series panel: *One precise way in which Schelling or Hegel improves on Kant’s theoretical philosophy*, North American Kant Society (online), July 2021.

Critic, Author meets Critics session on *Herder’s Naturalist Aesthetics*, Rachel Zuckert, Pacific APA (online), April 2021.

* “Platonism in Schelling’s Powers of Nature” The Concept of Nature in German Idealism; Ludwig Maximilians Universität, Munich (online), April 2021.

Book Panel on *Herder’s Naturalist Aesthetics* by Rachel Zuckert, Chicago Consortium in German Philosophy (online), January 2021.

“Form and Matter in Kant’s Amphiboly and Schelling’s *Bruno*” (with Kevin Mager) at History of Philosophy Roundtable, Loyola University Chicago, February 2021.

* “The Beautiful is a Symbol of the Morally Good’: Judgments of Beauty and their Relation to the Supersensible in Kant’s *Third Critique*” American Catholic Philosophical Association Annual Meeting (online), November 2020.

“Platonism in Schelling’s Early Philosophy” at History of Philosophy Roundtable, Loyola University Chicago, September 2020

* “Purposiveness as Lawfulness of the Contingent” presented at North American Kant Society Biennial Conference (online), June 2020.

Critic, Author meets Critics session (hosted by *Society for German Idealism and Romanticism*) on *For the Love of Metaphysics: Nihilism and the Conflict of Reason from Kant to Rosenzweig*, Karin Nisenbaum, Central APA, February 2020.

“Genius and the Supersensible in Kant’s Third *Critique*” presented at Chicago Area Consortium in German Philosophy, Annual Workshop: Kant, DePaul University, March 18 2019.

* “Kant’s Organic Religion” presented at North American Kant Society Midwest Study Group, University of Wisconsin, Madison, October 2018.

“Schelling’s Philosophy of Nature and Freedom, 1797-1809” presented at City Seminar, DePaul University, August 2018.

Discussant, “Nationalism and Cosmopolitanism” panel (Richard Velkley and Rachel Zuckert), Kant and the Possibility of Progress Conference, Boston College, February 17 2018.

* “Kant, Schelling, and Blumenbach’s *Bildungstrieb*” presented at Society for German Idealism–North American Kant Society Joint Conference: Kantian Legacies in German Idealism and Romanticism, Stanford University, October 2017.

* “Organisms as the form of freedom: The ultimate end of nature in Kant’s third *Critique*” North American Kant Society Eastern Study Group, George Washington University, April 2017.

* “Kant on Animals” North American Kant Society Midwest Study Group, Northwestern University, October 2015.

Comments on Elizabeth Millán: “Alexander von Humboldt’s *Naturgemälde*: A Romantic Poetry of Nature,” Workshop on German Romanticism, University of Chicago, March 2015.

“An activity-based approach to rationality” Philosophy Department Colloquium, University of Notre Dame, January 16, 2015.

“Reconceiving the *scala naturae*: Schelling’s *Naturphilosophie* in the context of evolution” Dissertation Research Seminar, University of Notre Dame, December 2014.

“Natural Reason: Rationality as Emerging out of Animal Nature,” Institute for Advanced Study Seminar, University of Notre Dame, September 2014.

“Freedom, Knowledge, and the Productive Activity of Nature,” Philosophy and History Workshop, University of Notre Dame, April 2014.

* “Nature and Knowledge in Schelling,” Futures of Schelling Conference, University of Western Ontario, August 2013.

“Kant und Schelling über die Natur,” Arbeitskreis zur klassischen deutschen Philosophie, Universität Bonn, July 2013.

“Productive Nature: Knowledge and Freedom in Schelling’s *Naturphilosophie*,” Institutsweites Kolloquium, Institut für Philosophie, Universität Bonn, July 2013

*“Kant and Schelling on Final Causes in Nature,” Examining Teleology Conference, Catholic University of America, March 2010.

OTHER PRESENTATIONS

“Building Community on Campus: Successes, Challenges, Hopes” at the Catholic Studies Symposium, Loyola University Chicago, September 9th, 2022

Panelist, “Conversations in the Catholic Intellectual Tradition: Catholic Higher Education in the 21st Century” *Loyola University Chicago 150th Scholars Series*. October 14th, 2021.

AWARDS AND HONORS

Hank Center for Catholic Intellectual Heritage Course Development Grant for “Platonism and Catholicism”; Summer–Fall 2021.

Loyola University Chicago Faculty Development Grant for “Platonism in Schelling’s Early Philosophy”; Summer 2021.

2015 Marcus Herz Prize for best graduate student paper presented at a North American Kant Society study group meeting (awarded for “Kant on Animals” paper).

Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study Graduate Student Fellowship, Academic year 2014-2015.

ISLA-Mellon Grant for Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Workshops, Academic year 2012-2013, renewed for Academic year 2013-2014.

Nanovic Institute Graduate Travel and Research Grant for summer research at the University of Bonn, Summer 2013.

Nanovic Institute Summer Stipend for European Studies, Nanovic Institute, University of Notre Dame, Summer 2011.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

Host, North American Kant Society Midwest Study Group meeting, October 2022, Loyola University Chicago.

Assistant Philosophy Editor, *SGIR Review*, Spring 2020-present.

Hank Center Working Group on the Catholic Intellectual Tradition, Spring 2021–present (originally Loyola Working Group in Catholic Higher Education, Spring 2020–Spring 2021, co-founder and organizer)

-Organized associated satellite sessions at ACPA conference; Fall 2020 and Fall 2021.

Executive Committee, Philosophers in Jesuit Education, Fall 2019-present

-Secretary-treasurer, Fall 2021-present

-With Joe Vukov and David McPherson, instituted annual newsletter, 2021 (inaugural), 2022

-Assisted PJE in development/advertising of annual lecture, 2021 (inaugural), 2022

-Kept website up to date

German Idealist Arguments for the Absolute, zoom study group, Fall 2021-present.

Ancient philosophy reading group for graduate students and faculty, Loyola University Chicago, Spring 2020-present (participant).

German reading group for graduate students and faculty, Loyola University Chicago, Fall 2019-Spring 2022 (organizer/leader).

Guest editor, *Nexus: Conversations on the Catholic Intellectual Tradition*, vol. 1 (2021).

Participant, Catholic Studies Symposium at Duquesne University, July 28–30, 2021.

Program Committee, American Catholic Philosophical Association, Spring 2020.

Participant, faculty seminar: *All Things Ignatian: Catholic Intellectual Life and the Common Good*, Loyola University Chicago, Spring 2020.

Coordinator for Philosophy and History Workshop at Notre Dame: Secured a Mellon grant for and co-organized an interdisciplinary workshop in philosophy and history; Academic years 2012-2013 and 2013-2014.

Lumen Christi Summer Seminar on Catholic Social Teaching, Russell Hittinger, U. C. Berkeley, Summer 2013.

Assistant Editor, *Internationales Jahrbuch des deutschen Idealismus* [International Yearbook for German Idealism], Academic year 2010-2011.

Secured a Nanovic Institute grant and organized a graduate student German reading group on Schiller's *Letters on the Aesthetic Education of Man*, Fall 2009.

Referee: *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, *Ergo*, *Philosophy Compass*, *Intellectual History Review*, *Symphilosophie*.

Professional Memberships:

- American Catholic Philosophical Association (ACPA)
- Chicago-Area Consortium in German Philosophy
 - Hosted talks at LUC: Andrew Cooper (March 2019); Thomas Teufel (April 2022)
- North American Kant Society (NAKS)
- North American Schelling Society (NASS)
- Philosophers in Jesuit Education (PJE)
- Society for German Idealism and Romanticism (SGIR)

UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

Internal (primarily student-facing) Presentations:

- “The Unexpected Joys and Travails of Family Life”, in “Goodness, Truth and Beauty” series for Catholic Studies, event for students, September 22nd, 2022.
- Question Box Panel, AMDG (Catholic Club) event for students, April 28th, 2022.
- “What Dostoevsky taught me about fear, lies, learning, and growing” in “Ideas that Change Lives” series for Catholic Studies, event for students, December 2021.
- Presentation in “How I Teach That” series, on Dostoevsky, Hank Center Working Group on the Catholic Intellectual Tradition, December 2021.
- Comments at Catholic Studies Banquet, May 2021.
- Academic debate with Richard Kim (event for undergraduates), Kant vs. Aristotle, Loyola University Chicago, November 14, 2018.
- Publishing workshop panel (event for graduate students), Department of Philosophy, Loyola University Chicago, October 15, 2018.

Current Service as Catholic Studies Program Director (Fall 2021–present)

- Advise students
- Oversee course scheduling for minor.
- Approve, tag, and advertise classes that count for minor.
- Restructured minor (through academic council) to allow for more flexibility and Catholic content (Fall 2022)
- Developed and got approval for a new, cross-listed course PHIL 342/CATH 303: Topics in the Catholic Philosophical Tradition, to be taught Spring 2024.
- Cleaned up and reorganized Catholic Studies website, currently keeping it up to date.
- Recruited affiliated faculty, who serve in advisory roles and are encouraged to offer courses that will contribute to the minor.
- Run annual capstone course for graduating minors. (2022; 2023)
- Organize Thursday evening pre-mass talk series on campus.
- Assisted in planning and hosting Catholic Studies Annual conference, Sept 2022 at LUC.

Service Work within the Department of Philosophy, Loyola University Chicago (2018-present)

- Director, MA Paper: August 2020; August 2022
- Reader, MA Paper: May 2022 (3x)
- Dissertation Committee Member: August 2018; March 2023
- Dissertation Proposal Committee Member: October 2021; March 2021
- Developed and got approval for new graduate course: PHIL 417: Classical German Philosophy, to be taught Spring 2024.
- Search Committee, Moral Theory Line, AY 2021–2022.
- Search Committee, Instructor Line, Fall 2021.
- Mission Committee, AY 2021–2022
- Graduate Placement Committee, AY 2019-2020, AY 2020-2021.
- Alumni Relations Committee (Chair), AY 2020-2021.
- Social Committee, AY 2018-2019, Spring 2020, AY 2020-2021.
- Undergraduate Awards Committee, AY 2019-2020.
- Graduate Admissions and Awards Committee, AY 2018-2019.

University Committee Work, Loyola University Chicago (2018–present)

- Academic Council, 2021–2022.
 - By-laws committee, 2021–2022.
- Search Committee, Director of the University Core Curriculum, June 2020.

COURSES TAUGHT

Loyola University Chicago (2018-present)

Platonism and Catholicism (graduate/undergraduate combined seminar, Fall 2022)

Kant's Critique of Judgment (graduate seminar, Spring 2022)

Kant's Moral Philosophy (graduate seminar, Spring 2020)

Kant: Critique of Pure Reason (graduate seminar, Spring 2019)

Aesthetics in German Idealism and Romanticism (directed reading with 2 graduate students, Fall 2022)

Classical Modern Philosophy (Spring 2022)

Philosophy of Science (Spring 2023)

Philosophy and Persons (most semesters, Fall 2018–present)

Clark University

Introduction to Philosophy

Philosophy of Religion

Philosophy of Science

Existentialism in Philosophy and Literature

Science, Religion, and Reality

University of Notre Dame

Existentialist Themes

Introduction to Philosophy