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### AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Ethics  
Social and Political Philosophy  
Ancient Greek and Roman Philosophy

### AREAS OF COMPETENCE

History of Philosophy  
Philosophy of Law  
Applied Ethics

### ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Colorado Boulder (Fall 2021 – Present)  
Lecturer, University of California, Davis (Fall 2020 – Summer 2021)  
Lecturer, California State University, Sacramento (Fall 2019 – Summer 2021)  
Adjunct Assistant Professor, Golden Gate University (Summer 2020 – Summer 2021)  
Adjunct Assistant Professor, Cosumnes River College (Spring 2020)  
Lecturer, California State University, East Bay (Fall 2018 – Spring 2019)  
Lecturer, California State University, Stanislaus (Fall 2018)  
Instructor, Iowa Central Community College (Spring 2018)

### EDUCATION

Ph.D., Philosophy, University of Arizona (2017)  
M.A., Philosophy, Queen's University at Kingston (2011)  
B.A. (Honors), Philosophy, Concordia University (2010)

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Books

*Conservatism Past and Present: A Philosophical Introduction* (Routledge, under contract)  
*The Authority of Virtue: Institutions and Character in the Good Society* (Routledge, 2020)

#### Journal Articles

"Stoic Conservatism," *Symposion* (forthcoming)  
"A Virtue Politics for Liberal Democracy," *The Journal of Value Inquiry*, Vol. 55, No. 1  
(2021): 417-435.  
"Virtue Ethics and Political Authority," *Journal of Social Philosophy*, Vol. 51, Issue 2  
(Summer 2020): 303-321.  
"Justice as Lawfulness," *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*, Vol. 4, Issue 2  
(Summer 2018): 262-278.

“Self-Ownership, World-Ownership, and Initial Acquisition,” *Libertarian Papers*, Vol. 2, No. 3 (2010).

### Edited Volumes

“Can’t We Be Friends? Civic Friendship in an Age of Incivility,” in *The Virtues: Civility*.

Edited by Andrew Peterson (Oxford University Press, expected Spring 2023).

“Are We Made for Happiness?”, in *Jordan Peterson: Critical Responses*. Edited by Sandra Woien (Open Universe, January 2022).

### Book Reviews

Donaldson and Kymlicka, *Zoopolis: A Political Theory of Animal Rights*, *The Journal of Value Inquiry*, Vol. 46, Issue 4 (2012): 503-510.

### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

*Institute for Humane Studies Fellow* (2011-2017)

*Institute for Humane Studies Summer Research Fellow* (2016)

*Senator Frank Carrel Fellowship*, Queen’s University (2010-11)

*Faculty of Arts and Science Scholar’s Award*, Concordia University (2010)

### **SELECT PRESENTATIONS**

“Can’t We Be Friends? Civic Friendship in an Age of Incivility”, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, Vancouver, Canada, April 2022.

“Socrates’ Ignorance of Justice: An Epistemic Argument for the Rule of Law in Plato’s *Crito*”, Center for Values and Social Policy, University of Colorado Boulder, November 2021.

“Socrates’ Ignorance of Justice: An Epistemic Argument for the Rule of Law in Plato’s *Crito*”, 75<sup>th</sup> Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference, Utah State University, Remote, October 2021.

“Can’t We Be Friends? Civic Friendship in an Age of Incivility”, Virtue Forum at the Institute for the Study of Human Flourishing, University of Oklahoma, Remote, March 2021.

“A Virtue Politics for Liberal Democracy”, Virtue Ethics and Politics Workshop II: “The Personal and the Common Good”, Concordia University, Montreal, March 2020.

“Love as a Virtue of Public Discourse”, To What End? Narrative, Institutions, and Practices, University of Notre Dame, Indiana, July 2019.

“Finding a Home for Conservatism”, International Social Philosophy Conference, San Francisco, California, July 2019.

“Aristotelian Ethics and The Fact of Reasonable Pluralism”, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, Vancouver, Canada, April 2019.

“A Social Practice View of ‘Natural’ Rights”, American Philosophical Association, Central Division, Denver, Colorado, February 2019.

“Aristotelian Ethics and The Fact of Reasonable Pluralism”, Philosophy Department Lecture Series, California State University, Stanislaus, December 2018.

“The Role of Political Institutions in Human Flourishing”, First Annual Conference of the *Eudaimonia Institute*, April 2017.

“Commentary on Ryan Davis’ ‘Rational Persuasion’s Symbolic Significance”, American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, Baltimore, MD, January 2017.

“Adam Smith on Public Education” & “Virtue, Freedom, and Property Rights”, Association for Private Enterprise Education, Cancun, Mexico, April 2015.

“Virtue Ethics and Political Authority”, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, Vancouver, Canada, April 2015.

“Justice as a Virtue of Institutions and Individuals”, American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, Philadelphia, PA, December 2014.

### **COURSES TAUGHT**

Social and Political Philosophy (Spring 2022, CU Boulder)

Introduces students to an in-depth examination and analysis of central operational ideas in social and political philosophy, such as power, freedom, equality, democracy, justice, rights, community, individuality, civil disobedience, and law.

History of Ancient Philosophy (Fall 2021, CU Boulder)

Surveys developments in metaphysics, ethics, logic, and philosophy of mind from the Pre-Socratics through Hellenistic philosophy, focusing primarily on the arguments of the philosophers.

Philosophy of Law (Spring 2021, UC Davis)

Philosophical theories of the nature of law, legal obligation, the relation of law and morals. Problems for law involving liberty and justice: freedom of expression, privacy, rights, discrimination and fairness, responsibility, and punishment.

History of Ethics (Spring 2021, California State University, Sacramento)

Investigation of the main approaches to ethics in Western moral philosophy. Emphasis on Plato, Aristotle, Hume, Kant, and Mill.

Personal and Professional Ethics (Spring 2021, Golden Gate University)

Introduction to ethical theory and its applications to business and other professional fields.

Foundations of Ethics (Winter 2021, UC Davis)

Advanced investigation of questions about the nature and foundations of morality. Among the topics that may be discussed are moral realism and anti-realism, cognitivism and non-cognitivism, types of relativism, moral skepticism, normative language and normative belief.

History of Ethics (Fall 2020, UC Davis)

Investigation of the main approaches to ethics in Western moral philosophy. Emphasis on Plato, Aristotle, Hume, Kant, and Mill.

Recent Ethical Theory (Spring and Fall 2020, California State University, Sacramento)  
Major topics in ethical theory with attention to their contemporary formulation, including topics such as utilitarianism vs. right-based theories and the dispute over the objectivity of ethics.

Personal and Professional Ethics (Summer 2020, Golden Gate University)  
Introduction to ethical theory and its applications to business and other professional fields.

Introduction to Philosophy (Spring 2020, Cosumnes River College)  
Focused study of four classic texts: Plato's Early Dialogues, Descartes' *Meditations*, Mill's *On Liberty*, and Hume's *Dialogues Concerning Natural Religion*.

Introduction to Ethics (Spring 2020, Cosumnes River College)  
The application of theories developed by traditional and contemporary moral philosophy to the ethical problems, dilemmas, and issues of today.

History of Ethics (Fall 2019, California State University, Sacramento)  
Investigation of the main approaches to ethics in Western moral philosophy. Emphasis on Plato, Aristotle, Hume, Kant, and Mill.

Bioethics (Fall 2018 and Spring 2019, California State University, East Bay)  
Topics in medical ethics from a virtue ethics perspective, including informed consent, issues of life and death, abortion, euthanasia, and medical research/technology.

Critical Thinking (Fall 2018 and Spring 2019, California State University, East Bay)  
Three-part course: 1) psychological obstacles to critical thinking, 2) deductive arguments, 3) inductive arguments. Topics include identifying arguments, validity, soundness, logical fallacies, inductive reasoning, and moral/legal reasoning.

Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2018, California State University, Stanislaus)  
Focused study of four classic texts: Plato's Early Dialogues, Descartes' *Meditations*, Mill's *On Liberty*, and Hume's *Dialogues Concerning Natural Religion*.

Contemporary Moral Issues (Fall 2018, California State University, Stanislaus)  
Three-part course: 1) the ethical theories of Aristotle, Aquinas, Mill, and Kant, 2) the psychology of moral disagreement, 3) moral problems: abortion, immigration, racism, sexism, free speech, and gun control.

Introduction to Ethical Conflicts (Spring 2018, Iowa Central)  
Topics in normative ethics and applied ethics including consequentialism, non-consequentialism, virtue ethics; euthanasia, abortion, sexual morality, and promising.

Introduction to Philosophy (Spring 2018, Iowa Central)

Survey of the major areas of philosophy from a historical perspective from the Pre-Socratics to 20<sup>th</sup> Century philosophy.

Law and Morality (Spring and Summer 2017, University of Arizona)

Topics in the philosophy of law including paternalism, legal moralism, freedom of speech, punishment, and civil disobedience. (online)

Business Ethics (Fall 2016, University of Arizona)

Topics in business ethics including the morality of markets, sweatshop labor, sexual harassment, social responsibility, and price-gouging. (online)

Medical Ethics (Spring 2016, University of Arizona)

Topics in medical ethics including the ethics of abortion, justice in healthcare, informed consent, paternalism, and euthanasia.

The Ethics and Economics of Wealth Creation (Winter 2016, University of Arizona)

A course in political economy focusing on ethics. Issues discussed included the nature of wealth creation, opportunity costs, prices, and property rights. (online)

The Social Contract (Summer 2015, University of Arizona)

A survey course of the major social contract philosophers and their critics, including Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Rawls, Hume, and Nussbaum. (online)

Contemporary Moral Problems (Winter 2013 and Summer 2012, University of Arizona)

Topics in applied ethics including the legalization of drugs, abortion, sexual harassment, affirmative action, and animal ethics. (online)

#### **RESEARCH ASSISTANT**

Fred Miller Jr. (Spring 2015), new translation of Aristotle's *De Anima* and other psychological works (Oxford Classics, 2018).

#### **LANGUAGES**

Attic Greek (reading)

Latin (reading)

#### **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

American Philosophical Association

Heterodox Academy

#### **SERVICE**

Ethics Bowl Coach, California State University, Sacramento

"Future Philosophers" High School Program, California State University, Sacramento

Philosophy Courses for Correctional Students, Iowa Central Community College

**EDITORIAL WORK**

Reviewer: *Social Theory and Practice, Journal of Libertarian Studies*

Editorial Assistant: *Social Philosophy and Policy* (Fall 2012)

**REFERENCES**

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