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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:

Social and Political Philosophy
Ethical Theory (Metaethics and Normative Ethics)

AREAS OF COMPETENCE:

History of Modern Philosophy
Philosophy of Art
Existentialism
Logic

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS:

Associate Professor of Philosophy (with tenure) <i>The College of Wooster</i>	2011-
Assistant Professor of Philosophy (tenure track) <i>The College of Wooster</i>	2005-2011
Visiting Assistant Professor <i>The Ohio State University</i>	Spring 2010
Visiting Assistant Professor (Philosophy and The Honors Program) <i>The George Washington University</i>	2002-2005

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Philosophy

University of Iowa, (2001)

Dissertation Title: *Towards a Reclamation of Substantive Liberalism*

Thesis Supervisor: Diane Jeske

B.A. in English and Philosophy (cum laude)

Coe College, (1991)

College Honors Thesis: *Graham Greene's Novel / Entertainment Distinction*

Thesis Supervisor: Robert Drexler

WRITING

Published Peer Reviewed Articles

["Some Further Concerns with Colburn's Autonomy-minded Ant-perfectionism."](#)

Journal of Philosophical Research, Volume 37, 2012, pp. 243-248.

["Avoiding the Whiff of Paradox in the Liberal Promotion of Autonomy: Critical Comment on Colburn."](#)

Journal of Philosophical Research, Volume 37, 2012, pp. 221-232.

["The Transition From Studying Philosophy to Doing Philosophy."](#)

Teaching Philosophy, Volume 34, No. 3, September 2011. (Winner of 2012 [Lenssen Prize](#)).

- Reprinted with commentaries and my "Reply to Turgeon, Mayer and Mulnix and Mulnix" in [*Philosophy Through Teaching*](#), ed. Emily Esch, Kevin Hermberg, and Rory E. Kraft, Jr., Charlottesville, VA. Philosophy Documentation Center, July 2014.

["Modus Vivendi, Overlapping Consensus and Stability."](#)

Discusiones Filosóficas, Volume 11, No. 17, July-December 2010.

["Towards a Reclamation of Substantive Liberalism."](#)

Janus Head, 5.1 Spring 2002.

["The Neutrality of the State and its Justification in Rawls and Mill."](#)

Auslegung, Volume 23, No. 2. Spring/Summer 2000.

Review Articles, Book Reviews and Comments & Contributions to Conference Proceedings

["Review of John Christman's *Social and Political Philosophy: A Contemporary*](#)

[*Introduction, 2nd Edition*"](#) *Teaching Philosophy*, volume 41, number 2, June 2018.

["Recent Texts in Political Philosophy,"](#) *Teaching Philosophy*, volume 38, number 1,

pp. 95-109. March 2015. (Review Article)

"Why Can't Non-public Reasons Satisfy the Criterion of Reciprocity?," (with Michael

Von Ansbach Young), *Proceedings of the Ohio Philosophical Association*, No. 8. 2011 (Blind Peer Reviewed)

"Comment on Gaier." *Proceedings of the Ohio Philosophical Association*, No. 7, 2010

"Comment on Gerrek." *Proceedings of the Ohio Philosophical Association*, No. 4, 2007

["Review of John Christman's Social and Political Philosophy: A Contemporary Introduction."](#) *Teaching Philosophy*, volume 27, number 2, June 2004

["Review of Rawls' Law of Peoples."](#) *Essays in Philosophy*, Volume 5, number 1, January 2004

["Culture as Cure...Sometimes Worse than the Disease: A Review of Geoffrey Hartman's The Fateful Question of Culture."](#) *Iowa Journal of Cultural Studies*, Volume 18, April 1999.

Works in Progress

"Is There a Fact of Reasonable Pluralism?"

"Piety and Heresy: The Uneasy Compromise Between Commitment To and Critical Distance From One's Community."

Presentations and Conference Participation

Comment on "Corporate Essence and Identity in Criminal Law," by Mihailis Diamantis, Central Division Meetings, American Philosophical Association, February 2018.

Comment on "Rawls's Accommodation of Desert," by Phil Smolenski, Pacific Division Meetings, American Philosophical Association, April 2014.

Comment on "Structurally Accounting for the Significance of Hypothetical Choice in Social Contract Arguments," by Douglas Paletta, Central Division Meetings, American Philosophical Association, February 16, 2012.

"Why Can't Non-public Reasons Satisfy the Criterion of Reciprocity?," (with Michael Von Ansbach Young), Ohio Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, April 9, 2011, Dayton University, Dayton, OH.

Comment on "Defusing the Demandingness Objection," by Matthew Braddock, Central Division Meetings, American Philosophical Association, April 1, 2011.

"Against Rawlsian Public Reason" (Draft of Michael Young co-authored paper). Presented to the Department of Philosophy, CUNY Brooklyn College, March 17, 2011.

-Earlier versions presented at:

- The College of Wooster Department of Philosophy Roundtable. September 16, 2010.
- The 2010 NEH Summer Seminar, *Philosophical Perspectives on Liberalism and the Global Order*," Washington University, Saint Louis, MO, June 24, 2010.
- The Ohio State University Department of Philosophy Colloquium, Columbus, OH, May 28, 2010.

"Assessment Guided Pedagogy," American Association of Philosophy Teachers Midwest Workshop on Teaching and Learning in Philosophy, March 5, 2011, Ball State University, Muncie, IN.

"Comment on Gaier," Ohio Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, Ohio Northern University, Ada, OH, April 10, 2010.

"*Non-Liberal* Neutrality: The Cases of Hobbes and Rousseau." Faculty Research Luncheon, The College of Wooster, Fall 2008.

"*Non-Liberal* Neutrality: The Cases of Hobbes and Rousseau." Invited Paper delivered at Ashland University, Ashland, OH, September 10, 2008.

"Re-centering the Subject: Making a Case for Robust Liberalism," Athens Institute for Education and Research, 2nd International Conference on Philosophy, Athens, Greece, June 4, 2007.

"Comment on Gerrek," Ohio Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, The College of Wooster, Wooster, OH, April 14, 2007.

"Re-centering the Subject: Making a Case for Robust Liberalism," Invited Paper delivered at Coe College, Cedar Rapids, IA, March 21, 2007.

"Piety and Heresy in Nafisi's *Reading Lolita in Tehran*" College of Wooster First Year Orientation Program, September 26, 2006.

"Assessment In The Philosophy Classroom And Across The Philosophy Curriculum" (with Henry Kreuzman and Elizabeth Schiltz) American Association of Philosophy Teachers 16th annual Workshop/Conference on Teaching Philosophy, Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, PA, August 5, 2006

Invited Participant: Program on Secular Traditions in the Liberal Arts, Teaching Conference on the theme: "The Roots of the Secular Tradition in the West." Institute for the Study of Secularism in Society & Culture, Trinity College, Hartford CT. Conference Held in Lenox, MA (May 24-25, 2006).

"Fusing Perspectives and Seeing More: A Philosopher and an Evaluator Think Together About Social Justice and Public Education" (with Stephanie Siddens) Roundtable session presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Evaluation Association, Toronto, ON. November, 2005.

"A.) Beer and T.V., B.) Wine and Opera, or C.) God Says: "None of the Above!" – Plans of Life and The Limits of State Accommodation" College of Wooster Department of Philosophy Roundtable. September 22, 2005.

"The Logic of Neutrality" George Washington University Philosophy Faculty Colloquium, December 5, 2003.

Comments on "Korsgaard, Identity and Normativity" by Larry Krassnoff, Central Division Meetings, American Philosophical Association, April 2003.

Moderator, Session on Existentialism and Ethics, George Washington University Program in the Human Sciences Annual Conference, *Knowing Subjects: human lives, human worlds*, Washington, D.C., Spring 2001.

"Justifying the Humanities: Don't Forget the Intrinsic Value" Associated Colleges of the Midwest Conference on *Rethinking the Humanities*. Coe College, Cedar Rapids, IA. March 19-21, 1999.

"Three Challenges to Liberalism that are Better Answered by the Substantive Liberal" Presented to the University of Iowa Graduate Student Colloquium, Spring 1999.

"The Neutrality of the State and Its Justification in Rawls and Mill" Presented to the University of Iowa Graduate Student Colloquium, Winter 1998.

AWARDS AND GRANTS

College of Wooster two-semester research leave, AY 2014-15

Member of Hales Fund supported Delegation on College of Wooster Field-Study Trip to Jordan and Israel, Summer, 2012.

The 2012 Lenses Prize, sponsored by the American Association of Philosophy Teachers, recognizing the best research article regarding teaching and learning in philosophy published in 2010 or 2011, for "The Transition from Studying Philosophy to Doing Philosophy," selected from approx. 180 papers culled from one international journal, three national journals, one substantive international newsletter, and various other sources where Philosophy Scholarship of Teaching and Learning is published.

Transylvania University's Bingham Program for Excellence in Teaching Stipend for the Summer 2011 Transylvania Seminar: *Twenty-first Century Liberal Education: A Contested Concept*, Lexington, Kentucky, July 2011.

National Endowment for the Humanities Stipend for Summer Seminar on *Philosophical Perspectives on Liberal Democracy and the Global Order*, Washington University St. Louis, June 2010.

College of Wooster Semester Research Leave, Spring 2010. During this time I was Visiting Assistant Professor in the Department of Philosophy at The Ohio State University.

Member of Hales Fund supported Delegation on College of Wooster Field-Study Trip to India, Summer, 2008.

Hewlett-Mellon Grant for Institutional Renewal (2006-2008)

This grant supported the Philosophy Department's efforts to improve student learning by putting into effect assessment procedures within the Philosophy Department. In addition, this grant helped facilitate some of the assessment goals outlined in the Strategic Plan. Grant awarded: March 2006.

Teagle Foundation Grant (2006-2008)

This grant, provided to the Five Colleges of Ohio, supported my participation in a collaborative effort to develop tools to assess two fundamental and related outcomes of a liberal arts education: creativity and critical thinking.

Isabel and Elizabeth Ralston Presidential Endowment Fund for Faculty Development, Summer 2006.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses Taught at The College of Wooster

- Ethics, Justice, and Society
- Ethical Theory
- Political Philosophy
- Race, Gender and Justice
- Introduction to Philosophy Through Film
- Nineteenth Century Philosophy
- Transcendental Philosophy, Historicism and Alienation
- First Year

Seminar (multiple topics) • Existentialism • Junior Independent Study Seminar • Art, Love, & Beauty • Rationalism and Empiricism • The Global HIV/AIDS Crisis (team taught);

Advised 50+ Senior Independent Study Thesis Projects 2005-present

Courses Taught at The George Washington University

Social and Political Philosophy • Ethics: Theory and Applications • Philosophy of Race and Gender • Philosophy and Literature • Historical Introduction to Philosophy • Introduction to Logic • Honors Proseminar I: Morality and Human Flourishing in Ancient Greece and Rome • Honors Proseminar II: Culture and the Individual: Ideals of Belonging and Authenticity in Modern Philosophy and Literature • Ethics for Business and the Professions

SERVICE

To the Profession:

- Member, Board of Trustees, *Teaching Philosophy Association* (May 2018-present)
- Member of the APA 2018 Prize for Excellence in Philosophy Teaching Selection Committee
- President of The Ohio Philosophical Association (April 2017-present)
- NEH Summer Stipend Application Reviewer (Fall 2016)
- Vice President of The Ohio Philosophical Association (2015-2017)
- Secretary/Treasurer of The Ohio Philosophical Association (2013-2015)
- Referee for the Journal *Social Theory and Practice*
- Referee for the Journal *Philosophy and Public Issues*
- Member of the American Association of Philosophy Teachers 2014 Lenssen Prize Selection Committee
- Book Proposal Reviewer for Routledge Press

To The College of Wooster:

- Chair, Department of Philosophy (2015-present)
- Chair, Taskforce on Freedom of Expression and Inquiry (2017-Present)
- Member, Legal Alumni of Wooster Board of Directors (2016-present)
- Healthcare Benefits Taskforce (2016-present)
- Strategic Planning and Priorities Committee (elected) (2015-18)
- Financial Advisory Committee (elected) (2013-2014)
- Chair, Pre-Law Advising Program (2008 – present)
- Assistant Coach, Moot Court Team (2010-present)
- Member, Legal Alumni of Wooster Steering Committee (2010-2016)

- Executive Director, Great Decisions Lecture Series (2008 – 2014, 2017-18)
Board Member (2005 – present)
- Committee to Evaluate the Dean of the Faculty (Spring 2008)
- Chair, Publications Committee (2007 – 08)
Committee Member (2006 – 08)
- Coordinator, Philosophy Department Roundtable (2007 – 2008)
- Diversity Oversight Group (2006 – 07)
- Copeland Fund Committee (2006 – 07)
- Wooster Forum Planning Committee (spring, 2006)
- Presidential Task Force on Diversity (2005 – 06)
- Faculty Advisor: College of Wooster League of Informed Voters
- Philosophy Department Library Liason (2005 – 2009)

To George Washington University:

- Faculty Advisor, The High School Philosophy Seminar @ GWU (2004-2005)
- Faculty Advisor, The GWU Philosophy Club (2003-2005)
- Organizer, GWU Undergraduate Philosophy Conference (2004 & 2005)

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

The American Philosophical Association
American Association of Philosophy Teachers
The Ohio Philosophical Association