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### Education

The University of Texas at Austin  
Ph.D. in Philosophy, 2001.  
Dissertation: "The Development of Nietzsche's Critique of Morality."  
M.A. in Philosophy, 1997.  
Thesis: "On the Nature of Nietzsche's Genealogy."  
  
University College, Dublin, Ireland  
B.A. in Philosophy, 1993 (Highest Honors).

### Employment

Instructional Associate Professor, 2018- , The Honors College, University of Houston.  
Instructional Assistant Professor, 2007-2018, The Honors College, University of Houston.  
Visiting Assistant Professor, 2002-2007, The Honors College, University of Houston.  
Lecturer, 2001-2002, The University of Texas at Austin.  
Academic Instructor, 2000-2001, The University of Texas at Austin.  
Teaching Assistant, 1994-2000, The University of Texas at Austin.

### Areas of Specialization

18th and 19th Century History of Philosophy (Ethics), Kant, Nietzsche.

### Areas of Competence

Ancient Philosophy, Existentialism, Philosophy of Emotion, Political Philosophy.

### Publications

#### Books:

*Kant and the Role of Pleasure in Moral Action*, Series in Continental Thought, Ohio University Press, 2009.

#### Articles:

"Nietzsche's Nervous Ascetics: The Physiological Roots of the Ascetic Ideal," *The Journal of Nietzsche Studies*, Vol. 53, No. 2 (2022), 163-80.

"Patterns of Sickness: Nietzsche's Physio-Historical Account of Asceticism," *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, Vol. 30, No. 1 (2022), 109-29.

- “Nietzsche, the Anthropologists, and the Genealogy of Trauma,” *Genealogy* Vol. 5 No. 1 (2021).\*
- “Nietzsche on the Function and Creation of Value Systems,” *The Journal of Nietzsche Studies*, Vol. 51, No. 1 (2020), 67-97.
- “Nietzsche on Guilt: Dependency, Debt, and Imperfection,” *European Journal of Philosophy*, Vol. 26, No. 3 (2018), 974-990.
- “Ascetic Slaves: Rereading Nietzsche’s *On the Genealogy of Morality*,” *The Journal of Nietzsche Studies*, Vol. 45, No. 3 (2014), 230-257.
- “Nietzsche, Economy and Morality,” *Southwest Philosophy Review*, Vol. 26, No.1 (2010), 99-109.
- “Moral and Non-moral Freedom in Kant,” *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*, Vol. 45, No. 1 (2007), 129-148.
- “The Intelligible World and the Practical Standpoint,” *Southwest Philosophy Review*, Vol. 23, No. 1 (2007), 137-146.
- “Pleasure in Kant: An Analysis of Desire Formation,” *Journal of Philosophical Research*, Vol. 31 (2006), 219-232.
- “On Kantian Maxims: A Reconciliation of the Incorporation Thesis and Weakness of the Will,” *History of Philosophy Quarterly*, Vol. 22, No.1 (2005), 73-89.
- “Nietzsche’s Imperfect Perfectionism,” *International Studies in Philosophy*, Vol. XXXVI.3 (2004), 29-42.
- “Respect in Kant: How the Moral Feeling of Respect Acts as an Incentive to Moral Action,” *Southwest Philosophy Review*, Vol. 20, No. 2 (2004), 1-26.
- “Nietzsche’s Political Confusion,” *Theoria*, Vol. LXIX, Part 3 (2003), 184-210.
- “Genealogy, *Ad Hominem* and a Psychological Profile of Kant,” *Southwest Philosophy Review*, Vol. 19, No. 2 (July 2003), 1-16.
- “Nietzsche’s Genealogy of Morality in the *Human, All Too Human* Series,” *The British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, Vol. 11, No. 4 (2003), 657-672.
- “Nietzsche’s Will to Power and the Origin of Morality,” *Journal of the British Society for Phenomenology*, Vol. 34, No. 2 (2003), 132-156.
- “Slave Morality, Will to Power and Nihilism in *On the Genealogy of Morality*,” *International Studies in Philosophy*, Vol. XXXIII.3 (2001), 127-144.

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\* Article solicited by *Genealogy* for a Special Edition. All other articles were submitted to double- or triple-blind review.

“French Cinema and the Use of the Face,” *Images*, 4, 1997.

Book Reviews:

Review of Jeffrey Metzger’s *The Rise of Politics and Morality in Nietzsche’s Genealogy*, (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2020), *Journal of Nietzsche Studies*, Vol. 52, No. 1, Spring 2021, 170-77.

Review titled “The Resonance of Objects: Thomas Derr’s *Telephone Road*,” (Colgate University Press 2012), *Gulf Coast: A Journal of Literature and Fine Arts*, September 2013.

Review of Julian Young’s *Friedrich Nietzsche: A Philosophical Biography*, (Cambridge-New York: Cambridge University Press, 2010), *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, Vol. 49, No. 1, January 2011, 129-130.

Review of Richard Velkley’s (ed) *Freedom and the Human Person*, (Washington DC: The Catholic University of America Press, 2007), *Philosophy in Review*, Vol. 28, No. 6, December 2008.

Review of Christine Swanton’s *Virtue Ethics: A Pluralistic View*, (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2003), *Kantian Review*, Vol. 7, 2004, 119-120.

Review of Gregory Moore’s *Nietzsche, Biology, Metaphor*, (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2002), *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 2002.07.03.

**Selected Conferences and Presentations**

Invited Panelist for “Liberation and Contestation in Nietzsche, Fichte, and Heidegger” session at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Antonio, January 2022.

“Nietzsche’s Nervous Ascetics.” Presented at the bi-annual North American Nietzsche Society Conference, Georgia State University, Atlanta, October 2021.

Invited Discussant on a panel responding to Jeffrey Church’s *Nietzsche and the Culture of Humanity* at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Austin, January 2019.

Invited Panelist at the North American Kant Society’s symposium on “Kant and the Emotions.” Presented at the American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Meeting, Baltimore, January 2017.

Response to Alex Rueger’s “Kant’s Transcendental Definition of Pleasure and Its Role.” Presented at the American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting, San Diego, April 2014.

“Kant on Feelings and Sensations.” Presented at the American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, San Francisco, March 2013.

- “Nietzsche’s Inoculation of his Community.” Presented at the Annual Northwest Philosophy Conference, Lewis and Clark College, Portland, November 2011.
- Meet the Author session to discuss my book *Kant and the Role of Pleasure in Moral Action* at the American Philosophical Association Pacific Division meeting, San Francisco, April 2010.
- “Nietzsche, Economy and Morality.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Philosophical Society, Dallas, November 2009.
- “Conscious Mental States and a Nietzschean Notion of Freedom.” Presented at the “Nietzsche and the Philosophical Life” Symposium, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, April 2008.
- “The Intelligible World and the Practical Standpoint.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Philosophical Society, Nashville, November 2006.
- “Non-Moral Freedom in Kant.” Presented at the Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Memphis, February 2005.
- “Kant and the Role of Pleasure in Desire.” Presented at the American Philosophical Association Central Division meeting, Chicago, April 2004.
- “Nietzsche’s Imperfect Perfectionism.” Annual Meeting of the North American Nietzsche Society (in conjunction with American Philosophical Association), Chicago, April 2002.
- “Nietzsche’s Positivism: Sensualism as Regulative Hypothesis.” Response to Professor Nadeem Hussain, Nietzsche: Philosophical Influences and Legacies Conference, The University of Texas at Austin, March 2001.
- “Slave Morality, Genealogy and Nihilism in *On the Genealogy of Morality*.” Annual Meeting of the North American Nietzsche Society (in conjunction with American Philosophical Association), Chicago, April 2000.
- “French Cinema and the Use of the Face.” Annual Meeting of the American Society for Aesthetics, Indiana University, Bloomington, November 1998.
- “Nietzsche’s Last Chapter – *Ecce Homo*.” Graduate Student Conference on *Last Chapters in Philosophy*, The University of Texas at Austin, April 1998.

### **Peer Referee**

Review article submissions for *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*, *The British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, *Kantian Review*, *Philosophia*, *Southwest Philosophy Review*, *The Journal of Nietzsche Studies*, *History of Philosophy Quarterly*.

### **Teaching**

Human Situation

Leader of Team Alpha: Responsibilities include choosing teams; organizing the selection of books; dividing the lectures amongst faculty; coordinating with Alpha TA on attendance, announcements, oral exams, etc.; reporting to the Dean on the performance of faculty in the course; setting the intellectual tone for the semester with a thematically focused introductory lecture. I lecture on the philosophical texts in the course as well as other places in which I am needed.

### History of Philosophy

18<sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy

19<sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy

20<sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy

Classics in the History of Ethics

### **Co-curricular Activities and Service**

Organized and ran the *Phronesis* Research and Mentoring Program (RAMP). Three Sophomore or Junior minors work on a year-long research project (2016-2018).

Co-organizer of The Human Situation Fete: A celebration of and workshop on teaching in The Human Situation (2012-ongoing).

Member of The Honors College Personnel Committee (2010-11; 2015-16; 2016-17).

Study Abroad: Greece (2011); Continental Europe (2012); Israel (2014, 2016).

Member of the Ross Lence Teacher in Residency Committee (2010-2012).

Member of the Admissions Committee in the Honors College (2008-2012; 2015-16).

Member of Undergraduate Council for The University of Houston (2007-2010).  
Subcommittee: Degree Programs.

Senior Honors Thesis director and reader on a variety of topics.

Host and speaker at annual recruitment events - including "open houses" and banquets - for The Honors College. I introduce the College to prospective students and their parents.

Host a table at the annual *Great Conversation* fund-raising event for The Honors College. I lead a philosophically-oriented conversation on some matter of interest to the general public.

### **Awards**

The Group Lecture Awards (TGLA) for my contribution to Team Alpha's lectures on Plato's *Crito*, Fall 2019.

The Group Lecture Awards (TGLA) for my contribution to Team Alpha's lectures on Plato's *Apology* and *Crito*, Fall 2018.

Wong Engagement Award for commitment to student engagement, teaching, and co-curricular activities, October 2018.

The Group Lecture Awards (TGLA) for my contribution to Team Alpha's lectures on Plato's *Symposium*, Fall 2017.

Ted L. Estess Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching, Mentorship, and Service to the Honors College, October 2017.

Teaching Excellence Award, University of Houston, 2013.

Ross M. Lence Teaching Excellence Award, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences at The University of Houston, 2008.

Outstanding Teaching Award, The University of Texas at Austin, 2001-2002.

Professional Development Award (Travel grant awarded for presentation at APA conference), The University of Texas at Austin, 2000.

Grant Award, The American Society of Aesthetics (ASA Annual Conference, 1999).

Conor McCarthy Award for Excellence in Liberal Arts, University College, Dublin, 1993.

Distinguished Student Award for highest grades in Liberal Arts Program, University College, Dublin, 1993 (Philosophy), 1992 (Philosophy), 1991 (English, Philosophy and Psychology).

### **Languages**

French (Reading).

German (Reading).

### **Current Research**

I am currently working on several articles that will ultimately combine to form a book project on Nietzsche's *On the Genealogy of Morality*.