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Employment

Hosei University, Department of Global and Interdisciplinary Studies

Tokyo, Japan

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF PHILOSOPHY

March 2023-Current

- **Courses Taught:** *Introduction to Ethics, Introduction to Philosophy, History of Philosophy, Philosophy and Political Thought, Existentialism, Topics in Philosophy, Advanced Topics in Philosophy I & II.*

Areas of Study

Areas of Specialization Ethics, History of Ethics, Late 19th and Early 20th Century Philosophy (esp. Nietzsche)

Areas of Competence Metaethics, Applied Ethics, Philosophy of Action, Early Modern Philosophy, Political Philosophy

Education

Boston University

Boston, MA USA

PH.D. IN PHILOSOPHY

August 2023

- **Dissertation Title:** *Reasons for Love, Reasons of Love*

Georgia State University

Atlanta, GA USA

M.A. IN PHILOSOPHY

August 2017

- **Thesis Title:** *Nietzsche, Homer, and Dissimulation*

St. Norbert College

De Pere, WI USA

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN PHILOSOPHY AND CLASSICS

May 2013

Publications

Review of Samuel Hollander, *A History of Utilitarian Ethics: Studies in Private Motivation and Distributive Justice, 1700-1875* (Routledge, 2020)

FORTHCOMING, *The Journal of Moral Philosophy*.

“*Ressentiment as a Reactive Attitude*”

FORTHCOMING, *The Moral Psychology of Resentment* ANTTI KAUPPINEN AND MAX LEWIS, Eds., (ROWMAN & LITTLEFIELD).

“*Nietzsche on Self-Reverence*”

The Journal of Nietzsche Studies 53.2 (AUTUMN 2022): PP. 181-201

“*Nietzsche and Shame*”

The Journal of Nietzsche Studies 50.2 (AUTUMN 2019): PP. 233-249.

“*Nietzsche, Self-Disgust, and Disgusting Morality*”

The Journal of Nietzsche Studies 50.1 (SPRING 2019): PP. 79-105.

Review of Christa Davis Acampora, *Contesting Nietzsche* (The University of Chicago Press, 2013)

The Journal of Nietzsche Studies 49.2 (FALL 2018): PP. 295-300.

Conference Presentations

“Sidgwick, Rationality, and the Dualism of Practical Reason”

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR UTILITARIAN STUDIES 2024 CONFERENCE (UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON)

London, UK
June 18-20, 2024

“Aesthetic Appreciation, Aesthetic Judgments, and Love,” co-presented with Daniel Star

VISITING LECTURE

Boston University, USA (Online)
December 12, 2023

“Aesthetic Appreciation, Aesthetic Judgments, and Love,” co-presented with Daniel Star

BOSTON UNIVERSITY, FACULTY WORK IN PROGRESS WORKSHOP

Boston University, USA (Online)
December 8, 2023

“Satisficing Love”

THE SOCIETY FOR THE PHILOSOPHY OF SEX AND LOVE ONLINE SEMINAR, PANEL ON REASONS FOR LOVE

Online
November 30, 2023

“Satisficing Love”

COLLOQUIUM PRESENTATION AT AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL ASSOCIATION EASTERN DIVISION 2023 MEETING

Montreal, Québec CA
January 4-7, 2023

“Love in the Deepest Sense”

NORTH AMERICAN NIETZSCHE SOCIETY 2022 CONFERENCE (BROWN UNIVERSITY)

Providence, RI USA
October 7-8, 2022

“Nietzsche on Self-Reverence”

NORTH AMERICAN NIETZSCHE SOCIETY 2021 CONFERENCE (GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY)

Atlanta, GA USA
October 15-17, 2021

“On Egoism and Honor in Spinoza”

COLLOQUIUM PRESENTATION AT AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL ASSOCIATION EASTERN DIVISION 2021 MEETING

Online
January 4, 2021

“‘Birth Follows the Belly’: A Reinterpretation of Natural Maternal Dominion in Hobbes”

SYMPOSIUM PRESENTATION AT AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL ASSOCIATION CENTRAL DIVISION 2019 MEETING

Denver, CO USA
February 20-23, 2019

“‘Birth Follows the Belly’: A Reinterpretation of Natural Maternal Dominion in Hobbes”

INTERNATIONAL HOBBS ASSOCIATION 2019 ANNUAL MEETING

New York, NY USA
January 7-10, 2019

“‘Birth Follows the Belly’: A Reinterpretation of Natural Maternal Dominion in Hobbes”

THE EUROPEAN HOBBS SOCIETY “HOBBS AND GENDER WORKSHOP” (FRIEDRICH-ALEXANDER UNIVERSITÄT)

- This conference was an invited, pre-read workshop.

Erlangen-Nürnberg, Germany
November 22-23, 2018

“Nietzsche and Shame”

NORTH AMERICAN NIETZSCHE SOCIETY 2018 CONFERENCE (STANFORD UNIVERSITY)

Stanford, CA USA
October 5-7, 2018

Courses As Primary Instructor

Northeastern University

PART-TIME INSTRUCTOR

- Moral and Social Problems in Health Care

Boston, MA USA
Fall 2022

Boston College

PART-TIME INSTRUCTOR

- Philosophy of the Person I & II

Northeastern University

PART-TIME INSTRUCTOR

- Early Modern Philosophy

Boston, MA USA
Fall 2022

Boston, MA USA
Fall 2021

Boston University

SENIOR TEACHING FELLOW

- Medical Ethics

Boston, MA USA
Fall 2021

Boston University

SENIOR TEACHING FELLOW

- Early Modern Philosophy

Boston, MA USA
Summer 2021

Assumption University
ADJUNCT PROFESSOR OF PHILOSOPHY
• Ethics and the Good Life

Worcester, MA USA
two sections Spring 2021

Georgia State University
GRADUATE INSTRUCTOR
• Introduction to Philosophy

Atlanta, GA USA
four sections Fall 2016-Spring 2017

Teaching Assistantships

Harvard Extension School
TEACHING FELLOW
• Introduction to Ethics

Boston, MA USA
Spring 2022

Boston University
TEACHING FELLOW
• Medical Ethics
• Existentialism
• Politics and Philosophy
• Reason and Argumentation
• Introduction to Ethics

Boston, MA USA
Fall 2018-Spring 2021

Georgia State University
SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTOR IN PHILOSOPHY
• Introduction to Philosophy
• Critical Thinking

Atlanta, GA USA
Spring 2016-Summer 2016

Georgia State University
WRITING CONSULTANT
• Critical Thinking

Atlanta, GA USA
Fall 2015

St. Norbert College
TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP

De Pere, WI USA
Fall 2012

Academic Awards and Fellowships

Travel Grant Award
AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL ASSOCIATION, EASTERN DIVISION

Montreal, Québec CA
2023

North American Nietzsche Society 2023 Graduate Student Prize
NORTH AMERICAN NIETZSCHE SOCIETY
• Travel grant awarded to the best abstract submitted by a graduate student

Providence, RI USA
2022

Angela J. and James J. Rallis Memorial Award and Edwin S. and Ruth M. White Prize
BOSTON UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR THE HUMANITIES
• This award is based on a nomination from the Boston University Philosophy Department and an award application based on my dissertation work.

Boston, MA USA
2021

Outstanding Teaching Fellow Award
BOSTON UNIVERSITY, PHILOSOPHY DEPARTMENT
• This award is granted annually to one graduate student for outstanding teaching.

Boston, MA USA
2021

Summer Dissertation Writing Fellowship
BOSTON UNIVERSITY, PHILOSOPHY DEPARTMENT

Boston, MA USA
2020

Travel Grant Award
AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL ASSOCIATION, CENTRAL DIVISION

Denver, CO USA
2019

Thomas Phelan and James Regan Award for Excellence in Philosophy
ST. NORBERT COLLEGE, PHILOSOPHY DEPARTMENT

De Pere, WI USA
2013

Student Faculty Development Endowment Fund
ST. NORBERT COLLEGE, PHILOSOPHY DEPARTMENT

De Pere, WI USA
2013

Student Faculty Development Endowment Fund

ST. NORBERT COLLEGE, PHILOSOPHY DEPARTMENT

De Pere, WI USA

2012

Service

Inquiry, Journal of Modern Philosophy, Erkenntnis, Journal of Nietzsche Studies

REVIEWER

Graduate Student Events Coordinator

BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Boston, MA USA

Fall 2021-Spring 2022

Organizer, 2021 Graduate Student Philosophy Conference. Theme: *Philosophy of Science*

BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Online

Spring 2021

Organizer, 2020 Graduate Student Philosophy Conference. Theme: *Social Ontology*

BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Boston, MA USA

Spring 2020

Research Assistantships

Boston University

RESEARCH ASSISTANT FOR PROFESSOR DANIEL DAHLSTROM

- Topic: Edith Stein on Empathy

Boston, MA USA

Summer 2019

Boston University

RESEARCH ASSISTANT FOR PROFESSOR DANIEL DAHLSTROM

- Topic: Nietzsche and Anti-Semitism

Boston, MA USA

Winter 2018

Boston University

RESEARCH ASSISTANT FOR PROFESSOR DANIEL DAHLSTROM

- Topic: Ancient Perspectives on Shame

Boston, MA USA

Summer 2018

Professional Affiliations

American Association of Philosophy Teachers

American Philosophical Association

North American Nietzsche Society

Languages

Japanese

INTERMEDIATE READING AND CONVERSATION

German

INTERMEDIATE READING

Ancient Greek

BASIC READING

Latin

BASIC READING

Professional Positions Outside of Philosophy

AEON Corporation

ENGLISH INSTRUCTOR

Tokyo, Japan

Summer 2013-Summer 2015

St. Norbert College, Center for Norbertine Studies

DIGITAL ARCHIVES INTERNS

De Pere, WI USA

Fall 2011-Spring 2013

St. Norbert College, Office of Communications

COMMUNICATIONS INTERN

De Pere, WI USA

Summer 2009-Fall 2013