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## Employment

Associate Professor of Philosophy, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, August 2009 to Present.

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, August 2003 to August 2009.

Postdoctoral Faculty Fellowship, University of California, Riverside, 2002-2003.

## Education

University of California, Irvine, Ph.D. in Philosophy, 2002

San Francisco State University, M.A. in Philosophy, 1997

University of California, Santa Barbara, B.A. in Philosophy, 1991

## Areas of Specialization

Spinoza  
Modern Philosophy  
Modern Moral Philosophy

## Areas of Competence

Contemporary Moral Philosophy  
Applied Ethics  
Metaphysics: Free Will  
Ancient Philosophy

## Publications: Articles

"Introduction," co-authored with Matthew J. Kisner, in *Essays on Spinoza's Ethical Theory*, Oxford University Press, forthcoming.

"Descartes's Virtue Theory," *Essays in Philosophy*, July 2013, volume 14, number 2.

"Spinoza on the Very Nature of Existence," *Midwest Studies in Philosophy*, volume XXXV (2011).

"Spinoza's Theories of Value," *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, April 2010, volume 18, number 2, 209–229.

"Spinoza's Model of Human Nature," *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, January 2010, volume 48, number 1, 61–76.

"Spinoza's Theory of the Good," in *The Cambridge Companion to Spinoza's Ethics*, Koistinen, O. (ed.), Cambridge University Press, 2009, 242–257.

"Spinoza's Theory of Motivation," *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, September 2007, volume 88, number 3, 375–390.

"Rationalist Moral Philosophy," in *A Companion to Rationalism*, Nelson, A. (ed.), Blackwell Publishing, 2005.

"Leibniz's Ethics," *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, August 2004 (Updated: June 2011).

"Spinozistic Self-Preservation," *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*, Fall 2003, volume XLI, No. 3, 477–490.

## Publications: Books

Co-editor, *Essays on Spinoza's Ethical Theory*, Oxford University Press, forthcoming (March 2014).

## Publications: Reviews

Review of Michael LeBuffe's *From Bondage to Freedom: Spinoza on Human Excellence*, in *Ethics*, volume 121, no. 2, January 2011, pp. 456-460.

Review of Franklin Perkins' *Leibniz and China: A Commerce of Light*, in *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, volume XLIV, January 2006, Number 1.

## Works in Progress

“Spinoza's Ethical Objectivism,” article in progress

“Spinozistic Emotions as Teleological Information,” article in progress

## Presentations: Papers

"Spinoza's Symptomatic Theory of Emotions," Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Chicago, March 1, 2014.

"Spinoza's Ethical Objectivism," Second Annual Seminar on Moral and Political Contractualism, Universidade Federal Rural Do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, November 7, 2013.

"Spinoza's Ethical Objectivism," Joint Meeting of the Indiana Philosophical Association and the Midwest Study Group of the North American Kant Society, Indiana University, Southeast, March 8, 2013.

"Spinoza's Ethical Objectivism," Human Nature and Agency in Early Modern Philosophy Workshop, Uppsala University, Sweden, September 15, 2012.

"Spinozistic Emotions as Teleological Information," Judgement Conference, University of Turku, Finland, September 10, 2012.

"What Are We For?" Guest lecture in University College 101, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, August 28, 2012.

"Descartes's Virtue Theory," Shifting Subjectivities: Descartes in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Lewis University, February 23, 2012.

"Spinoza on the Very Nature of Existence," Colloquium in the History of Early Modern Philosophy, San Francisco State University, November 3, 2011.

“Spinoza on the Very Nature of Existence,” Mini-conference on Early Modern Philosophy, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, February 13, 2009.

“Spinoza on the Very Nature of Existence,” Midwest Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Marquette University, November 9, 2008.

“Spinoza’s Theories of Value,” Atlantic Canada Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Dalhousie University, July 10, 2008.

“Spinoza’s Theories of Value,” Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Pasadena, March 20, 2008.

“Spinoza on Individual Essence and Value,” Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Group Session, Baltimore, December 28, 2007.

“Spinoza’s Model of Human Nature,” South Central Seminar in the History of Early Modern Philosophy, University of Tulsa, November 17, 2007.

“Spinoza’s Theories of Value,” California Conference in Early Modern Philosophy, California State University Long Beach, October 26, 2007.

“Spinoza’s Model of Human Nature,” Oxford Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, October 20, 2007.

“Spinoza’s Model Monism,” Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Chicago, April 21, 2007.

“Will, Intellect, and Cartesian Virtue,” Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Chicago, April 27, 2006.

“Spinoza’s Theory of Motivation,” Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, New York, December 30, 2005.

“Spinoza’s Theory of Motivation,” South Central Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Baylor University, November 19, 2005.

“Will, Intellect, and Cartesian Virtue,” Illinois Philosophical Association, Eastern Illinois University, November 5, 2005.

“Will, Intellect, and Cartesian Virtue,” Central Canada Seminar for the Study of Early Modern Philosophy, University of Guelph, October 15, 2005.

“Is Spinoza’s God Good?” University of California, Irvine, Cartesian Circle Meeting, June 2005.

“Spinoza’s Ethical Objectivism,” Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, Philosophy Department Colloquium, October 28, 2004.

“Leibniz’s Ethics,” University of California, Irvine, Cartesian Circle Meeting, August 2004.

“Spinoza’s Normative Intellectualism,” Midwest Seminar on Early Modern Philosophy, University of Illinois at Chicago, March 21, 2004.

“Spinoza’s Normative Intellectualism,” SIUC Philosophy Department Colloquium, November 20, 2003.

“Spinoza’s Ethical Objectivism,” The History of Philosophy Roundtable, UCSD, March 2003.

“Spinozistic Self-Preservation,” 2002 APA Eastern Division Meeting, Philadelphia. Winner of an APA Graduate Student Travel Stipend.

“Spinozistic Self-Preservation,” University of California at Riverside, Philosophy Department Colloquium, December 4, 2002.

“Spinozistic Self-Preservation,” The 2000 Intermountain Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Utah State University.

## Presentations: Comments

Comments on Jonathan Reibsamens's "Social Epistemic Trust" (Saint Louis University), Philosophical Collaborations, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, March 1, 2013.

Comments on Alison Peterman's "On Spinoza's Physical Interlude," Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Minneapolis, April 2, 2011.

Comments on Professor Matthew Kisner’s “Reconsidering Spinoza’s Free Man,” Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Vancouver, Canada, April 10, 2009.

Comments on Professor John Greco’s and Adam Green’s “Testimony and the Basing Relation” (Saint Louis University), Philosophical Collaborations, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, March 28, 2008.

Comments on Rico Vitz’s “Descartes and the Question of Direct Doxastic Voluntarism,” Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, San Francisco, April 2007.

Comments on Edward Halper’s “Spinoza on the Political Value of Freedom of Religion,” Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Chicago, April 25, 2004.

Comments on Jonathan Weinberg and Stacey Swain’s “An Empirical Critique of Analytic Philosophers’ Use of Intuitions,” Philosophical Collaborations, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, April 2, 2004.

Comments on Gideon Yaffe's *Liberty Worth The Name: Locke on Free Agency*. Southern California Philosophy Conference, California State University at Long Beach, 2002.

Comments on Don Garrett's "Spinoza's Conatus Argument." California Conference in Early Modern Philosophy, University of California, Irvine, 2000.

Comments on William Beardsley's "Love in the Ruins: Passion in Descartes' *Meditations*." Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 2000.

## Honors and Awards

Project Grant from the Illinois Humanities Council for the Humanities Forum's project concerning issues and challenges that veterans face in their return home from war to civilian life: "Trauma and the Humanities," 2011-2012. The \$5000 grant was contingent on a \$14,000 matching fund.

Outstanding Faculty Member Teaching in the University Core Curriculum Award, 2010-2011. For an article describing this award, go to the article at the following web address: <http://news.siu.edu/news/April11/041411amh11080.html>.

Eastern APA Graduate Student Travel Stipend winner for the colloquium paper "Spinozistic Self-Preservation," 2002.

Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, Philosophy Department, University of California, Irvine, 2001-2002.

University of California, Irvine Humanities Center Grant, Summer 2002.

University of California Regents' Dissertation Fellowship, Winter 2002.

University of California, Irvine, School of Humanities Fellowship, Summer 2001.

UCI Instructional Resource Center, participant in the Problem-Based Learning Workshop, Winter 2001.

University of California Chancellor's Fellowship, 1997-1998.