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## Academic Employment

- Michigan State University Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, 2014 –  
Assistant Professor, 2008 – 2014
- Georgetown University Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy,  
2007-8
- University of Richmond Visiting Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, 2006-7

## Education

- Northwestern University Ph.D., Philosophy, December 2006
- Swarthmore College B. A., Philosophy, minor in Political Science, June 2000  
High Honors, Phi Beta Kappa

## Areas of Specialization

Social and Political Philosophy  
Critical Theory

## Areas of Competence

Philosophy of Law  
Moral Philosophy  
19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Century German Philosophy  
History of Philosophy—Ancient and Modern

## Book Publications

*Reification and Reconciliation: the Semblance and Actuality of Freedom from Hegel to Contemporary Critical Theory* (in progress).

*Rawls and Habermas: Reason, Pluralism, and the Claims of Political Philosophy* (Stanford University Press, 2010).

## Peer Reviewed Articles

“Ego Autonomy, Reconciliation, and the Duality of Instinctual Nature in Adorno and Marcuse,” *Constellations* (forthcoming, June 2016).

“Reification In and Through Law: Elements of a Theory in Marx, Lukács, and Honneth,” *European Journal of Political Theory* 13, no. 2 (2014): 178-198.

“Reifying and Reconciling Class Conflict: From Hegel’s Estates to Habermas’ Interchange Roles,” *European Journal of Social Theory* 16, no. 4 (2013): 522-540.

“Democratic Constitutionalism as Mediation: The Decline and Recovery of an Idea in Critical Social Theory,” *Constellations* 19, no. 3 (2012): 383-400.

“Coping with Constitutional Indeterminacy: John Rawls and Jürgen Habermas,” *Philosophy and Social Criticism* 36, no. 2 (2010).

“Race, Difference, and Anthropology in Kant’s Cosmopolitanism,” *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 46, no. 2 (2008): 245-68.

“Constitutionalization and Democratization: Habermas on Postnational Governance,” *Social Theory and Practice* 33, no. 3 (2007): 387-410.

## Chapters in Edited Volumes

Entries for *The Cambridge Rawls Lexicon*, eds. Jon Mandle and David Reidy (Cambridge University Press, 2015): “liberalism: comprehensive,” “reconciliation,” and “Supreme Court and judicial review.”

## Book Reviews

*Hegel and the Metaphysical Frontiers of Political Thought*, by Eric Lee Goodfield, *Journal of the History of Philosophy* (forthcoming).

*John Rawls and the History of Political Thought: The Rousseauian and Hegelian Heritage of Justice as Fairness*, by Jeffrey Bercuson, *International Journal of Philosophical Studies* 23, no. 2 (2015): 296-301.

*Kant and Cosmopolitanism*, by Pauline Kleingeld, *The British Journal of the History of Philosophy* 21, no. 3 (2013): 623-7.

*Re-Presenting the Good Society*, by Maeve Cooke, *The European Journal of Philosophy* 17, no. 3 (2009): 451-4.

*Truth and Justification*, by Jürgen Habermas, *Ethics* 115, no. 1 (2004): 187-8. (Book Note)

## **Presentations**

“The Freudian Death Drive in the Critical Theories of Adorno and Marcuse,” Prague Critical Theory Conference, Prague, Czech Republic, May 21, 2015.

“Reconciliation and Autonomy: A Framework for the Comparative Assessment of Rawls, Habermas, and Honneth,” Critical Theory Roundtable, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH, September 20, 2014.

“The Proceduralist Paradigm, Skepticism about Law, and the Idea of ‘Single Right Answers’,” Prague Critical Theory Conference, Prague, Czech Republic, May 22, 2014.

“Hegel’s Estates Reconsidered: the Mediation and Reconciliation of Group Interests,” American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting, San Francisco, California, March 31, 2013.

“‘Latent’ Class Conflict in the Frankfurt School,” Historical Materialism Conference, York University, Toronto, Ontario, May 12, 2012.

“‘Latent’ Class Structures and Democratic Theory,” Critical Theory Roundtable, Loyola University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, October 29, 2011.

Also presented at the Critical Theory and Social Justice conference, John Felice Rome Center of Loyola University Chicago, Rome, Italy, May 11, 2011.

“Implications for the Frankfurt School’s Authoritarian State Thesis for the Theory of Democracy,” Association for Political Theory, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, October 24, 2009.

“Implications for the Frankfurt School’s Concept of the Authoritarian State for the Theory of Democracy,” North American Association of Social Philosophy, St. Joseph’s University, Philadelphia, PA, July 31, 2009.

Also presented at Prague Critical Theory Conference, Prague, Czech Republic, May 15, 2009.

“The Normativity of Freestanding Political Theories: Rawls, Dworkin, and Habermas,” Critical Theory Roundtable, Dartmouth College, November 2005.

“Cosmopolitan Solidarity: Habermas on the Prospects for Postnational Democracy,” American Philosophical Association, Central Division meeting, Chicago, April 2004.

“Cosmopolitan Solidarity? The Prospects for Postnational Democracy,” Critical Theory Roundtable, St. Louis, October 2002.

## **Invited Presentations**

“Freedom!! Individualist and Collectivist Dimensions of a Contested Notion,” Philosophy Club, Michigan State University, October 27, 2015.

“Do We Suffer from a Lack of Meaning? The Disenchantment of the World and Its Consequences,” Philosophy Club, Michigan State University, October 15, 2014.

Response to Eduardo Mendieta’s “The New-New Capitalism and the Tasks of Critical Theory: Some Theses,” Workshop on Global Ethics and Capitalism, Michigan State University, October 5, 2013.

“Freedom and the Dialectic of Enlightenment,” Philosophy Club, Michigan State University, February 23, 2012.

Panelist and presenter, “What Would Martin Luther King Say About Occupy Wall Street?” Michigan State University College of Arts and Letters sponsored forum, January 16, 2012.

“Justification through Legislation versus Adjudication: Critical Legal Theory and Deliberative Democracy,” International Conference of Moral and Political Philosophy, Federal University of Brazil at Pelotas, November 11, 2011.

Response to Andrew Feenberg’s “The Mediation is the Message: Rationality and Agency in the Critical Theory of Technology,” Workshop on Commodification, Technoculture, and the Human, Michigan State University, October 23, 2010.

Commentator, “Same Sex Marriage: Legal and Philosophical Issues,” Michigan State University College of Law, April 7, 2010.

Comment on Michael Harbour, “Non-Domination v. Pure Negative Liberty,” American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Meeting, Main Program, New York, NY, December 28, 2009.

Response to Amy Allen’s “The Force of Reason: Re-Reading *Dialectic of Enlightenment*,” Workshop for Social and Political Thought, Michigan State University, March 28, 2009.

## **Awards**

Scholarship Development Grant	Humanities and Arts Research Program (HARP)	Spring 2011
Graduate Research Grant	Mellon Foundation	Winter 2005
Graduate Affiliate	Kaplan Center for the Humanities	Fall 2004
DAAD Summer Fellowship	DAAD	Summer 2001

## **Classes Taught**

Classes taught (2005 – , Michigan State University, Georgetown University, University of Richmond, and Northwestern University School of Continuing Studies):

Social and Political Philosophy (intermediate and advanced) (x8)

Philosophy of Law (intermediate and advanced topics) (x10)  
Introduction to Philosophy (x8)  
19<sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy  
Critical Theory  
Contemporary Moral Issues  
Environmental Ethics  
The Philosophy of Marx (x2)  
Rawls and Habermas (graduate seminar)  
Foundations of Critical Theory (graduate seminar)  
Rationality and Its Other in Critical Social Theory (graduate seminar – co-taught with Christian Lotz)

## Service

Peer reviewer for:

*Social Theory and Practice*  
*Journal of Social Philosophy*  
*European Journal of Political Theory*  
*European Journal of Philosophy*  
*Philosophy and Social Criticism*  
*American Political Science Review*  
*Constellations*  
*European Journal of Social Theory*  
*History of Political Thought*  
*Kantian Review*  
Palgrave-Macmillan

Department and College committee service:

Academic Environment Committee, 2008-9, Spring 2012  
College Committee on the Freshman Experience, Spring 2009  
Academic Environment Committee, chair, 2009-10  
Global Studies Think Tank, Summer 2010  
Advisory Policy Committee, Fall 2010, Fall 2012 - present  
College Technology Committee, Fall 2010  
Philosophy Department Chair Search Committee, Fall 2010  
Graduate Admissions Committee, 2011-12  
College Advisory Committee, Fall 2012 – Fall 2013  
College Curriculum Committee, Spring 2014  
University Academic Appeals Board, Fall 2013 - present  
Faculty Search Committee, 1-year position in Modern Philosophy, Fall 2013 – Spring 2014  
Graduate Committee, 2014 – present  
College Research and Travel Awards Committee, 2014 – present