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Interests

AOS: Early modern European philosophy; 19th century European philosophy; moral psychology

AOC: meta-ethics; ethics; aesthetics; history of economic thought

Education

Ph.D in Philosophy, New York University 2020 – present

Dissertation: *Sentiment and Sociality in Adam Smith's Theory of Human Nature*

Committee: Don Garrett (chair), Anja Jauernig, Sharon Street

B.A. in Philosophy and Economics (high distinction), University of Toronto 2015 – 2019

Honours Thesis: "Marx's Critique of Empiricism in *The German Ideology*"

Publications

Passion and Propriety: Adam Smith's Theory of Approval. *The Philosophical Review* (forthcoming)

Sophie de Grouchy on Tragedy and the "Need to be Moved." *The Journal for the History of Philosophy* (forthcoming)

Presentations

("*" = refereed)

"Smith on the Love of Praiseworthiness"* 2026

Atlantic Canada Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Dalhousie University

"Smith on Self-Evaluation, Sentiment, and Being a 'Stranger to Society'"* 2024

<i>NYC Workshop on Early Modern Philosophy, Fordham University</i>	
"Sophie de Grouchy on the 'Need to be Moved'"	2022
<i>NYU Workshop on the History of Modern Philosophy</i>	
"Sophie de Grouchy on Tragedy as the 'Exercise of the Soul'"	2022
<i>UC San Diego Modern Philosophy Graduate Workshop</i>	
"Adam Smith on Empathy with the Dead"	2021
<i>Washington Square Circle, New York University</i>	

Teaching Experience

As lead instructor:

Early Modern European Philosophy, NYU	2026
Introduction to Aesthetics, NYU	2024
Early Modern European Philosophy, NYU	2023

As teaching assistant:

Philosophy of Mind, NYU (Ned Block)	2024
The Nature of Values, NYU (Sanford Diehl)	2023
Early Modern Philosophy, NYU (Tim Maudlin)	2023
Texts and Ideas: Why Art Matters, NYU (Robert Hopkins)	2022
Introduction to Logic, NYU (grader, Verónica Gómez Sánchez)	2022
Introduction to Philosophy, University of Toronto (Jim John)	2018 – 2019

High school outreach:

East Side Community High School (with Corrupt the Youth)	2024 – 2026
High School of Art and Design	2021

Service Roles

Co-Organizer, Washington Square Circle (NYU graduate work-in-progress group)

2021 – 2022 and 2025 – 2026

Graduate Student Organizer, NYU Philosophy Curriculum Committee 2024 – 2025

Organizer, NYU Workshop on the History of Modern Philosophy 2022 – 2025

Graduate Student Organizer, NYU Colloquium Committee 2023 – 2024

Graduate Student Mentor 2021 – 2022

Co-Organizer, Columbia-NYU Graduate Conference in Philosophy 2020 – 2021

Referee for *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*

Awards and Scholarships

Dean's Dissertation Fellowship 2025 - 2026

MacCracken Fellowship 2020 – 2025

Regents Graduating Award 2019

John Macdonald Scholarship in Philosophy 2017

Jackman Humanities Scholar-in-Residence 2017

University of Toronto International Scholar 2015 – 2019

Selected Graduate Coursework

("*" = audited)

History of Philosophy

Aristotle's *Metaphysics* (Marko Malink and Jessica Moss)

Compassion in the History of Ethics (Anja Jauernig)

Theories of Recognition: Hegel and Marx (Jake McNulty)

Rationalism in the 17th Century (Don Garrett)

Moral Sentimentalism* (Don Garrett)

Hume's *A Treatise on Human Nature** (Don Garrett)

Value Theory

Aesthetics (Rob Hopkins and Anja Jauernig)

Metaethics (Sharon Street)

Rawls & Race (Samuel Scheffler)

Metaethics and the Self* (Sharon Street)

Responding to Wrongdoing* (Miranda Fricker)

Love and Respect* (Sanford Diehl)