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Curriculum vitae

Thompson Writing Program
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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Philosophy, Vanderbilt University, 2010.
M.A. Interdisciplinary Social and Political Thought, Vanderbilt University, 2008.
M.A. Philosophy, Vanderbilt University, 2007.
B.A. Philosophy and Government, College of William and Mary, 2003.

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2013- Post-doctoral Lecturing Fellow, Thompson Writing Program, Duke University.
2011-2013 Visiting Assistant Professor, Philosophy Department, Warren Wilson College.
2010-2011 Senior Lecturer in Philosophy and Academic Adviser, Vanderbilt University.

AREAS OF RESEARCH SPECIALIZATION & TEACHING COMPETENCE

AOS: Political Philosophy, Social Philosophy, Critical Theory
AOC: Ethics, History of Philosophy, Philosophy of Technology

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- 2015 “Other People’s Problems: Student Distancing, Epistemic Responsibility, and Injustice.” *Studies in Philosophy and Education*. Forthcoming.
- 2014 “Democracy’s Sovereign Enclosures: Territory and the All-Affected Principle.” *Constellations* 21, no. 4 (2014): 560-574.
- 2013 “The Problem of Poverty and the Limits of Freedom in Hegel’s Theory of the Ethical State.” *Political Theory* 41, no. 2 (2011): 257-284.

Book Chapters

- 2015 “Sovereignty, Community, and the Incarceration of Immigrants.” In *Death and Other Penalties*, edited by Geoffrey Adelsberg, Lisa Guenther, and Scott Zeman. (New York: Fordham University Press), 174-192.

Conference Proceedings

- 2010 “Migration, Incarceration, and Deportation.” In *Border Crossings: Boundaries of Cultural Interpretation*, edited by Pablo Diente and David Wiseman. (Nashville: Center for Latin American Studies), 161-168.

Book Reviews

- 2014 Review of Joseph Carens, *The Ethics of Immigration*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013. *Ethics and Global Politics* 7, no. 3 (2014): 137-141.
- 2012 Review of Frank Ruda, *Hegel’s Rabble*. London: Continuum, 2011. *Theory and Event* 15, no. 4 (2012). Online.
- 2011 Review of Jef Huysmans, Andrew Dobson, and Raia Prokhovnik, *The Politics of Protection*. London: Routledge, 2006. *Contemporary Political Theory* 10 (2011): 131-3.

Manuscripts in Preparation

Democracy and Exclusion. Single-authored book.

“Immigrant Disenfranchisement and Democratic Legitimacy.” Article.

“The Criminalization of Immigration and the Valorization of Citizenship.” Article.

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

- 2015 Language Arts and Media Program Pedagogy Fellowship. Duke University.
- 2011 Outstanding Freshman Advisor Award. Vanderbilt University.
- 2009 Robert Penn Warren Humanities Center Dissertation Fellowship. Vanderbilt University.
- 2008 Race, Ethnicity, and Migration Studies Summer Fellowship. Vanderbilt University.
- 2008 Kendall Berry Teaching Award. Philosophy Department, Vanderbilt University.
- 2008 Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award. Vanderbilt University.
- 2006 Mellon Foundation Interdisciplinary Studies M.A. Fellowship. Vanderbilt University.
- 2003 Graduate Teaching Fellowship. Vanderbilt University.

GRANTS

- 2015 Humanities Writ Large Grant. Duke University.
- 2015 Research Grant. Thompson Writing Program, Duke University.
- 2014 Research Grant. Thompson Writing Program, Duke University.
- 2012 American Philosophy Association Teaching and Learning Seminar Grant.
- 2009 American Philosophy Association Graduate Student Travel Stipend.
- 2010 American Philosophy Association Graduate Student Travel Stipend.
- 2008 Arts and Sciences Summer Research Grant. Vanderbilt University.
- 2007 Arts and Sciences Summer Research Grant. Vanderbilt University.

INVITED TALKS

- 2013 “Closure or Contest: Theorizing the Boundaries of Democracy.” Colloquium. Pratt Institute. Brooklyn, NY. March 25.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Paper Presentations

- 2015 “The Problem of Student Resistance in Discussions of Racism and Other Injustices.” American Political Science Association. San Francisco, CA. September 3-6.
- 2014 “Democracy, Community, and the ‘Criminal Alien’.” Association for Political Theory. University of Wisconsin-Madison. Madison, WI. October 16-18.
- 2014 “Situating the Self in Writing-Based Courses: Lessons from the Epistemology of Ignorance.” American Association of Philosophy Teachers. St. Johns University. Collegeville, MN. July 30- August 3.
- 2013 “‘Criminal Aliens’ and the Critique of Private Incarceration.” Rethinking Prisons Conference. Vanderbilt University. Nashville, TN. May 3-5.
- 2013 “A Critique of the All-Affected Principle of Democratic Inclusion.” American Philosophical Association Central Meeting. Main Program. New Orleans, LA. February 20-23.
- 2012 “Democracy, Territoriality, and the Sites of Critical Theory.” TELOS Conference. New York City, NY. January 14-15.

- 2011 “Democracy’s Boundary Problem and the Paradox of Modern Sovereignty.” Western Political Science Association. San Antonio, TX. April 20-23.
- 2010 “The Modern Origins of Three Contemporary Democratic Paradoxes.” Association for Political Theory. Reed College. Portland, OR. October 21-23.
- 2010 “Territory, Authority, and the People: Rethinking Modern Sovereignty Today.” American Philosophical Association Pacific Meeting. Main Program. March 31-April 4.
- 2009 “Agitation and Torment: Hegel on Sovereignty, Emergency, and the Foundation of the Modern State.” American Philosophical Association Eastern Meeting. Main Program. December 27-30.
- 2009 “The Ambiguities of Authority and the Ground of Modern Sovereignty.” North American Society for Social Philosophy. St. Joseph’s University. Philadelphia, PA. July 30- Aug 1.
- 2008 “Immanently Political or Merely Autonomous? The Art and Praxis of the Manifesto.” Radical Philosophical Association. San Francisco. CA. November 6-9.
- 2008 “Borders Beyond Territory: Rethinking the Limits of Sovereignty for a Globalizing World.” International Political Theory Conference. St. Andrews University. St. Andrews, UK. June 12-13.

Poster Presentations

- 2015 “Immigrant Disenfranchisement and Democratic Legitimacy.” Poster Presentation. American Political Science Association. San Francisco, CA. September 3-6.

Commentaries

- 2012 Response to Emily Crookston, “A Critique of David Estlund’s Normative Consent Theory.” American Philosophical Association Central Meeting. Chicago, IL. February 15-18.
- 2011 Response to Anna Stilz, “Territorial Occupancy and the Wrong of Removal.” Social and Political Theory Workshop. Vanderbilt University. Nashville TN. March 18.

CAMPUS TALKS

- 2014 “Democracy, Deportation, and the ‘Criminal Alien’.” Ocean Crossings Conference on Migration. Duke University. Durham, NC. March 22.
- 2010 “Constituting ‘the People’ Today: Sovereignty and Identity in a Globalizing World.” Robert Penn Warren Humanities Center Lecture. Vanderbilt University. Nashville, TN. March 15.
- 2008 “Migration, Incarceration, Deportation: Philosophical Reflections for Interdisciplinary Conversations.” Border Crossings Graduate Conference. Vanderbilt University. Nashville TN. October 16-18.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Duke University, Thompson Writing Program

Land of the Free: Liberty, Justice, Imprisonment (first-year seminar, 6 sections, 2014-16).
We the People & the Boundaries of Democracy (first-year seminar, 6 sections, 2013-14).

Warren Wilson College, Philosophy Department

Political Philosophy (Fall 2011).
Critical Theory (upper-level seminar, Fall 2012).
Philosophy of Technology (Spring 2012).
Philosophy of Psychology (upper-level seminar, Spring 2013).
Philosophy of Religion (Spring, 2013).
Philosophy of Art (Spring 2012).
Modern Philosophy (2 sections, 2011-12).
Great Trials: Truth and Censorship (2011).
Introduction to Philosophy (3 sections, 2012-2013).

Vanderbilt University, Philosophy Department, Sole Instructor

Philosophy, Democracy, and “We the People” (first-year seminar, Spring 2011).
Rethinking Democracy (upper-level seminar, Spring 2005).
Introduction to Philosophy (2 sections, 2005-6).
Introduction to Philosophy: Writing Intensive (2 sections, 2007-8).

Vanderbilt University, Philosophy Department, Teaching Assistant

Introduction to Ethics (2 sections, Fall 2004).

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2008 Research Assistant to Gregg Horowitz. Department of Philosophy, Vanderbilt University. Created annotated bibliography of aesthetics and political philosophy texts.

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

- 2015 Co-Organizer, Online Pedagogy Resource Committee. “Mass Incarceration” Humanities Writ Large Network. Duke University.
2015 Co-Convener, Speakers Series and Faculty Working Group. “Mass Incarceration” Humanities Writ Large Network. Duke University.
2013 Manuscript Reviewer, *Journal of Politics*, *Constellations*, *Social Philosophy Today*.

UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

- 2015 Member, Teaching Fellow Selection Committee. Thompson Writing Program, Duke University.
2014 Faculty Participant, “Visions of Freedom” FOCUS Honors Program. Duke University.
2014 Presenter, Pedagogy Colloquium. Thompson Writing Program, Duke University.
2012 Member, General Education Curriculum Redesign Committees. Warren Wilson College.
2010 Pre-Major Academic Advisor. Vanderbilt University.
2010 Panelist, Service Learning Workshop. Vanderbilt University
2009 Member, Colloquia Committee. Philosophy Department, Vanderbilt University.
2004 Program Coordinator, McGill Hall Residential Education. Vanderbilt University.

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

- 2014- Editor, *Scalawag Magazine*.

LANGUAGES

French: proficient skills in reading, writing, and translation.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Philosophical Association
American Political Science Association
American Association of Philosophy Teachers
Association for Political Theory
North American Society for Social Philosophy

REFERENCES

Gregg Horowitz Chair, Department of Social Science and Cultural Studies, Pratt Institute
Formerly Associate Professor of Philosophy, Vanderbilt University

José Medina Associate Professor of Philosophy, Vanderbilt University

Carol Gould Professor of Philosophy, Hunter College, City University of New York

Kristen Neuschel Director, Thompson Writing Program, Duke University
(teaching reference)