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EDUCATION

PhD 2019 University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, Political Science

MA 2013 Indiana University, Bloomington
Political Science

2011-2012 Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Visiting
Fellow

BA 2005 Indiana University, Indianapolis
Political Science and Philosophy
Graduated with honors

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Lecturer, Santa Clara University, 2022-present

Adjunct Lecturer, Department of Political Science, Menlo College, 2022 – 2023

Postdoctoral Fellow, Carl Friedrich von Siemens Stiftung, Munich, Germany, 2021-22 (*Declined*)

Adjunct Lecturer, Department of Political Science, Santa Clara University, 2019 – 2021

Adjunct Lecturer, Department of Political Science, De Anza College, 2019 – present

Adjunct Lecturer, Department of Political Science, Foothill College, 2016 – present

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

“Nietzsche’s Critique of Power: Mimicry and the Advantage of the Weak” *American Political Science Review*, Vol. 118, No. 1 (February 2024).

DOI: [10.1017/S0003055422001472](https://doi.org/10.1017/S0003055422001472)

“Bound Sovereignty: The Origins of Moral Conscience in Nietzsche’s ‘Sovereign Individual’”
Nietzsche-Studien: Internationales Jahrbuch für die Nietzsche-Forschung, Vol. 50, No. 1
(November 2021).

DOI: [10.1515/nietzstu-2021-500111](https://doi.org/10.1515/nietzstu-2021-500111)

“On the Radical Goals of Slave Morality in Nietzsche’s *On the Genealogy of Morality*” *The Review of Politics*, Vol. 82, No. 2 (Spring 2020).

DOI: [10.1017/S0034670521000590](https://doi.org/10.1017/S0034670521000590)

Book Reviews

Review of *Recovering the Liberal Spirit: Nietzsche, Individuality, and Spiritual Freedom* by Steven F. Pittz, *Review of Politics* Vol. 83, No. 4 (November 2021).

DOI: [10.1017/s0034670520000182](https://doi.org/10.1017/s0034670520000182)

Manuscripts under Review

Dignity's Dark Side: Nietzsche on Justice and Resentment in Dignitarian Democracy

Manuscripts in Preparation

Book Manuscripts

Rescuing Conscience: Nietzsche on Virtue in a Post-Christian Age

Journal Articles

Nietzsche’s Critique of Justice

Piety and Punishment: The Problem of Punitive Justice in Nietzsche’s *Daybreak*

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2024	Professional Activity Grant, Santa Clara University
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2022	Professional Activity Grant, Santa Clara University
2013-14	University of Toronto Graduate Fellowship
2011-12	Carl Friedrich von Siemens Stiftung Graduate Fellowship, Munich, Germany
2010-11	University of Toronto School of Graduate Studies Research Travel Grant
2010-11	Joint Initiative in German and European Studies (JIGES) Graduate Research Fellowship Grant
2009	Deutsche Akademische Austausch Dienst (DAAD) Intensive Language Course Grant
2008	Northwestern University Rhetoric and Public Culture Summer Symposium Grant Recipient
2007-11	University of Toronto Graduate Fellowship
2007	Foreign Language and Area Studies Summer Language Grant (FLAS), West European Studies, Indiana University, Bloomington
2006	Foreign Language and Area Studies Summer Language Grant (FLAS), West European Studies, Indiana University, Bloomington

2006	Deutsche Akademische Austausch Dienst (DAAD) Intensive Language Course Grant
2005-06	Indiana University Associate Instructorship
2003-04	Undergraduate Research Opportunities Grant, Indiana University, Indianapolis
2002-04	The Sam Masarachia Scholarship (Full Scholarship), Indiana University, Indianapolis
2002-03	Loretta Lundsford Scholarship, Indiana University, Indianapolis

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

“Nietzsche’s Critique of Justice,” Nietzsche: Problems and Perspectives; Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic. October 22, 2024.

“Nietzsche’s Conscience,” Nietzsche in the 21st Century; University of Bialystok; Bialystok, Poland. January 30-31, 2023.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Rescuing Conscience: Nietzsche on Virtue in a Post-Christian Age” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association; Vancouver, Canada, September 11-14, 2025.

“Dignity’s Dark Side: Nietzsche on Rank and Resentment in Dignitarian Democracy”

- Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association; Vancouver, Canada, September 11-14, 2025.
- The Association for Political Theory 2025 Annual Conference, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL, USA November 6-8, 2025

“Piety and Punishment: The Problem of Punitive Justice in Nietzsche’s *Daybreak*”

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, September 5-8, 2024.

“Nietzsche’s Critique of Power: Mimicry and the Advantage of the Weak,” North American Nietzsche Society Biennial Conference; Brown University; Providence, Rhode Island, October 7-8, 2022.

“Nietzsche’s Critique of Power: Mimicry and the Advantage of the Weak,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association; Boston, Massachusetts, August 30-September 2, 2018.

“The Noble Lie: Slave Morality’s Origins in Nietzsche’s Noble Type,” Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association; San Francisco, California, March 28-31, 2018.

“On Morality’s Radical Aims: Nature, Punishment, and the Demand for Change in the First Essay of Nietzsche’s *On the Genealogy of Morality*,” Northwestern University Graduate Political Theory Workshop; Evanston, Illinois, February 12, 2016.

"Punishment and the Critique of Certainty in the Second Essay of Nietzsche's *On the Genealogy of Morality*," Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association; San Francisco, California, September 3-6, 2015.

"Piety and Punishment: The Problem of Punitive Justice in Nietzsche's *Daybreak*," Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association; Seattle, Washington, March 28-31, 2014.

"Nietzsche's Types and Typologies: Method and Prescription in *Der Antichrist*," Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association; Hollywood, California, March 28-31, 2013.

"Rethinking Nietzsche's *Der Antichrist*: A Preliminary Inquiry," Northwestern University Graduate Political Theory Workshop; Evanston, Illinois, February 8, 2013.

"The Unwisdom of Solon: Herodotus' Critique of Greek Tragic-Pessimism," Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association; Chicago, Illinois, April 22-26, 2010.

"Nietzsche's New Teaching: Interpreting the Will to Power Doctrine from an Ontological Perspective," Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association; Chicago, Illinois, April 22-26, 2010.

"Bento the Bold: Strauss, Spinoza, and the Question of Esotericism," Symposium on Political Thought and Rhetoric in the Classical World, Northwestern University; Evanston, Illinois, July 14-18, 2008.

"More than Metaphor: Nietzsche's 'Misogyny' as Rhetorical Strategy in his War against Modernity," Annual Meeting of the Association for Political Theory; Bloomington, Indiana, November 2-6, 2006.

"Political Theory, Hip-Hop Culture, and Property Rights in the Music Industry" (with Dr. Johnny Goldfinger), Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association; Portland, Oregon, March 11-13, 2004.

WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS

Organizer, 2025-2026

Reclaiming the Declaration: Civic Renewal in the 21st Century, Speaker Series, Santa Clara University.

- A year-long speaker series examining the principles of American democracy and political renewal in a multiethnic society, coinciding with the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

Organizer, 2022-2023

Political Science Department Colloquium, Santa Clara University.

- A year-long colloquium series where department faculty presented their current

research to colleagues and students

Speaker, Center for Arts and Humanities Brown Bag Speaker Series, Santa Clara University.

- "Dignity's Dark Side: Nietzsche on Justice and Resentment in Dignitarian Democracy," 2025.
- "Nietzsche's Critique of Power: Mimicry and the Advantage of the Weak," 2024.

Speaker, Political Science Department Colloquium, Santa Clara University,

- "Nietzsche's Critique of Power: Mimicry and the Advantage of the Weak," 2023.

SERVICE

- Professional Service
 - Panel Chair, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association; Vancouver, Canada, September 11-14, 2025
 - The Political Philosophy of Friedrich Nietzsche
- University Service
 - Academic Advisor, 2025
 - Kronick Award Committee Member, 2023-24

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Regular and Substantive Interaction (RSI), 2025

- Completed a six-hour asynchronous RSI course.
- Participated in three, hour-long cohort discussion groups.

Workshops

- Foothill College
 - Leveraging Technology for RSI, 2025
 - The Easy-Peasy PopeTech Accessibility Tool, 2025
 - Build Interaction with Harmonize, a New Discussion Tool!, 2025

Online Course Redesign Seminar, Santa Clara University, 2023

- Peer-centered workshop to help plan, design, produce, and implement a high-quality online course

Perusal Reading and Annotation Platform Training, 2023

Prezi Video Training, 2020

Peer Online Course Review, Foothill College, 2018

- Peer-centered workshop to improve the student experience, increase online success outcomes, and close the equity gap.

AWARDS

- 2006 Best paper, political theory, Indiana University Political Science Graduate Student Conference
- 2006 Best new presenter, political theory, Indiana University Political Science Graduate Student Conference
- 2005 Top 100 Student, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis

LANGUAGES

German: reading (advanced), writing (intermediate), oral (advanced); Deutsche Sprachprüfung für den Hochschulzugang (DSH) score: 2