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EMPLOYMENT

2026- : Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Binghamton University
2024-2026: Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, Binghamton University
2022-2024: Alexander von Humboldt Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Freie Universität Berlin
2021-2022: Barry Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Philosophy, University of Chicago
2019-2021: Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, Tufts University

EDUCATION

2019: Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of Illinois at Chicago
2017 (June-July): Visiting student, Freie Universität Berlin
2015-2016: Visiting student, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt
2015 (May-July): Visiting student, Eberhard Karls-Universität Tübingen
2015: M.A. in Philosophy, University of Illinois at Chicago
2010: M.A. in Philosophy, Universitat de Barcelona
2009: “Licenciatura” (B.A.) in Philosophy, Universitat de Barcelona

AOS – 19th-Century Philosophy (esp. Hegel and Marx), Kant, Social and Political Philosophy

AOC – Latin American Philosophy, Ethics, Philosophy of Action

PUBLICATIONS

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

2024: “Extravagance and Misery: Hegel on the Multiplication and Refinement of Needs”,
European Journal of Philosophy
2022: “Hegel’s Ethical Organicism”, *Inquiry*
2022: “Hegelian Practical Freedom and Nature”, *Journal of Modern Philosophy*
2021: “Self-Consciousness is Desire Itself: On Hegel’s Dictum”, *Review of Metaphysics*
2020: “Hegel on the Normativity of Animal Life”, *Hegel Bulletin*
2017: “Realizing the Good: Hegel’s Critique of Kantian Morality”, *European Journal of Philosophy*
2012: “¿Cuál debe ser el comienzo de la ciencia? El problema del comienzo en Hegel”,
Anales del Seminario de Historia de la Filosofía

BOOK CHAPTERS

2024: “Human Beings as the ‘Perfect Animals’: Hegel on the Difference between Animal Life and Human Spirit”, *Hegel’s Philosophy of Nature: A Critical Guide*, ed. Marina Bykova, Cambridge University Press

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

2017: “Hegel, Kant and the Realizability Problem”, *Hegel-Jahrbuch*

BOOK REVIEWS

2021: *The Actual and the Rational: Hegel and Objective Spirit*, Jean-François Kervégan,
British Journal for the History of Philosophy
2013: *Fichte: De la consciència a l’absolut*, Salvi Turró, *Éndoxa*

WORK IN PROGRESS

- “Rich in Needs? Hegel and Marx on the Refinement and Multiplication of Needs” (commissioned for a collected volume published by De Gruyter)
- Response to Andreja Novakovic’s *Hegel on the Family Form* (commissioned for an “author meets critics” to appear in *SGIR Review*)
- “Hegel’s Constitutivism and Historical Change” (commissioned for a special issue of *Ethics in Progress*)

PRESENTATIONS AND COMMENTS (* = invited)

- 5/2027: TBD, Workshop on Kant and German Idealism, Boston University*
- 1/2026: Comments on Kate Petroff, “Was Marx a Republican?”, Eastern APA, Baltimore*
- 10/2025: Comments on Benjamin Berger, *Schelling, Hegel, and the Philosophy of Nature: From Matter to Spirit*, Leuven Seminar in Classical German Philosophy*
- 7/2025: “Hegel’s Neo-Aristotelianism and Hierarchical Ontology”, Emundts Kolloquium, Freie Universität Berlin*
- 11/2024: “Rich in Needs? Hegel and Marx on the Refinement and Multiplication of Needs”, SPEL Colloquium, Binghamton University*
- 7/2024: “Rich in Needs? Hegel and Marx on the Refinement and Multiplication of Needs”, Emundts Kolloquium, Freie Universität Berlin*
- 1/2024: “Hegel’s Constitutivism and Historical Change”, Emundts Kolloquium, Freie Universität Berlin*
- 11/2022: “Extravagance and Misery: Hegel on the Multiplication and Refinement of Needs”, Emundts Kolloquium, Freie Universität Berlin*
- 12/2021: “Human Beings as the ‘Perfect Animals’: Hegel on the Difference between Animal Life and Human Spirit”, 12th European Philosophy Workshop, Harvard University*
- 11/2021: “Hegel’s Ethical Organicism”, German Philosophy Workshop, University of Chicago*
- 4/2020: “Hegel’s Ethical Organicism”, Conference in Honor of Rolf-Peter Horstmann, Boston University* (Cancelled due to Covid-19)
- 9/2019: “Hegel on Human Spirit, the Animal Soul, and Nature,” Habit: Theoretical, Practical, and Historical Approaches, UIC
- 1/2019: Comments on Gerard Gentry, “Two Critiques of German Idealism”, Eastern APA, NYC*
- 12/2018: “Hegel on Human Spirit, the Animal Soul, and Nature”, Annual Conference of the Society for German Idealism and Romanticism (SGIR), Sydney (Australia)
- 1/2018: “Hegelian Practical Freedom and Nature”, Workshop on Hegel’s Philosophy of Spirit, UIC
- 6/2016: “Hegel’s Ethical Naturalism”, Willaschek Kolloquium, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt*
- 5/2016: “Hegel’s Naturalism: Self-Consciousness as Desire Itself”, 31st International Hegel Congress, Internationale Hegel-Gesellschaft, Bochum (Germany)
- 1/2016: “Self-Consciousness, Desire and Recognition: Hegel’s Practical Turn in the *Phenomenology of Spirit*”, Oberseminar, Eberhard Karls-Universität Tübingen (Germany)*
- 9/2015: “The Fact of Reason and the *Triebfedern*: Kant’s Answer to the Practicality Problem”, 12th International Kant Congress, Kant-Gesellschaft, Vienna (Austria)
- 6/2015: “Hegel, Kant, and the Realizability Problem”, Workshop on Kant and German Idealism, University of Warwick (UK)
- 4/2014: “Realizing the Good: Hegel’s Critique of Kantian Morality”, 30th International Hegel Congress, Internationale Hegel-Gesellschaft, Vienna (Austria)
- 3/2014: Comments on Bill Bristow, “Hegel’s Political Philosophy?”, Hegel Workshop, Chicago-Area Consortium in German Philosophy, Marquette University*
- 7/2011: “Hegel’s Syllogisms of Reflection and Necessity”, Summer School on German Philosophy, Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn (Germany)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

PRIMARY INSTRUCTOR

BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY:

- Methods of Reasoning (Fall 2024, Spring 2025, Fall 2025, Spring 2026)
- Elementary Logic (Spring 2025, Fall 2025, Spring 2026)
- Existence and Freedom (Spring 2027)
- Freedom, Morality, and the Social World: Kant, Hegel, Marx (Fall 2024)
- Morality and Human Nature (Fall 2024)
- Social Inequality (Spring 2025)
- Marx (Fall 2025, Fall 2026)
- From Kant to Beauvoir (Spring 2026)
- Hegel and Marx (Fall 2026)

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO:

- Freedom, Morality, and the Social World: Kant, Hegel, Marx (Spring 2022)

TUFTS UNIVERSITY:

- Independent Study: Hegel's *Phenomenology of Spirit* (Spring 2021)
- What is a Person? (Summer 2020)
- From Kant to Beauvoir (Spring 2020)
- Introduction to Philosophy: What is Freedom? (Fall 2019 x 2, Spring 2020 x 2)

SCHOOL OF THE ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO:

- History of Philosophy: Hegel to the 20th Century (Spring 2019)

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO:

- Introductory Logic (Spring 2017 and Summer 2018)
- Introduction to Political Philosophy (Spring 2018)
- Morality and Human Nature (Fall 2017)

TEACHING ASSISTANT (UIC)

- Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2016)
- Critical Thinking (Spring 2015)
- Introductory Logic (Fall 2014)

SCHOLARSHIPS AND ACADEMIC AWARDS

- 2021: Two-Year Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (Germany)
- 2021: John and Daria Barry Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of Chicago
- 2018: Dean's Scholar Fellowship, Graduate College, UIC
- 2018: Ruth Barcan Marcus Award (Outstanding member of the philosophy graduate program), UIC
- 2017: Chicago Consular Corps Award
- 2016: Chancellor's Graduate Research Award, Graduate College, UIC
- 2016: Summer School on Kant and German Idealism Travel Grant, Universität Tübingen (Germany)
- 2015: Long-term (10-month) Research Fellowship, DAAD (Germany)
- 2014: Provost Award, Graduate College, UIC
- 2012: LAS Graduate Fellowship (Postponed until 2014-15 due to alternative financial support), College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, UIC
- 2012: Premi Extraordinari de Màster (Prize awarded for outstanding academic performance during the 2009-2010 academic year), Universitat de Barcelona (Spain)
- 2011: "la Caixa" Fellowship (Awarded to do graduate study in the US; 24 months; Tuition and fees, health insurance + \$51,600), Obra Social "la Caixa" (Spain)
- 2011: XXX Premi Arnau de Vilanova (Prize awarded annually to the best essay by a graduate student in philosophy), Centre d'Humanitats, Col·legi Oficial de Doctors de Catalunya (Spain)
- 2011: Summer School in German Philosophy Travel Grant, Universität Bonn (Germany)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Referee for: Hegel Society of America, Routledge, *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, *History of Philosophy Quarterly*, *Review of Metaphysics*, *Inquiry*, *Journal of Modern Philosophy*, *European Journal of Political Theory*, *Ethics in Progress*, *Journal of Transcendental Philosophy*
- Mock Trial Judge, Bearcat Mock Trial Tournament, Binghamton University, 2025
- Organizer (with Dina Emundts), Conference “Hegel’s *Realphilosophie*”, FU Berlin, 2024
- Co-organizer, Work in Progress Series, Department of Philosophy, UIC, 2017-19
- Organizer (with Sally Sedgwick), Workshop “Hegel’s Philosophy of Finite Spirit,” UIC, 2018
- Co-organizer, Fourth Chicagoland Philosophy Graduate Conference, UIC, 2017
- Graduate Student Representative at Philosophy Faculty Meetings, UIC, 2014-15

MEMBERSHIPS

American Philosophical Association
North American Kant Society
Society for German Idealism and Romanticism
Hegel Society of America

LANGUAGES

Spanish: Native
Catalan: Native
German: Fluent (Goethe-Zertifikat C1, 2012)
Ancient Greek: Elementary

REFERENCES

Sally Sedgwick (ssedgw@bu.edu)
Professor of Philosophy
Boston University
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TEACHING REFERENCES:

Anthony Laden (laden@uic.edu)
Professor of Philosophy
University of Illinois at Chicago
David Denby (david.denby@tufts.edu)
Distinguished Senior Lecturer in Philosophy
Tufts University