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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 (including Social Epistemology)

AOC: Ethics, Critical Theory, Philosophy of Education

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Peer-Reviewed Articles

- 2017 “Felon Disenfranchisement and Democratic Legitimacy.” *Social Theory and Practice* 43, no. 2 (2017). Forthcoming.
- 2016 “Other People’s Problems: Student Distancing, Epistemic Responsibility, and Injustice.” *Studies in Philosophy and Education* 35, no. 5 (2016): 427-444.
- 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 (2013): 257-284.

### Book Chapters

- 2017 “Epistemic Activism and the Politics of Credibility: Testimonial Injustice in a North Carolina Jail.” Co-authored with José Medina. In *Making the Case: Feminist and Critical Race Theorists Investigate Case Studies*, edited by Heidi Grasswick and Nancy McHugh. (New York: SUNY Press). *Forthcoming*.
- 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.

### 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.

### In Preparation

“An Argumentative Impasse in Philosophical Debates about Immigration.” Article.

“Jail, Local Democracy, and the Limits of Accountability.” Article.

*Democracy and Exclusion*. Single-authored book.

### FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

- 2016 Excellence in Teaching Writing Award. Duke University.
- 2015 Language Arts and Media Program Pedagogy Fellowship. Duke University.
- 2011 Outstanding Freshman Advisor Award. Vanderbilt University.
- 2009 Dissertation Fellowship. Robert Penn Warren Humanities Center, 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. \$40,000 to establish public lecture series, faculty seminar, online pedagogy resources, and a new course. With one co-writer. Duke University.
- 2015 Research Grant. \$1,700 for conferences. Thompson Writing Program, Duke University.
- 2014 Research Grant. \$1,000 for conferences. Thompson Writing Program, Duke University.
- 2012 American Philosophy Association Teaching and Learning Seminar Grant. \$300 for travel.

## INVITED TALKS

- 2016 “Teaching Injustice: Student Distancing and Democratic Engagement.”  
Democratic Education Civic Engagement Institute. High Point, NC. February 9.

## CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

### Paper Presentations

- 2016-17 “Felon Disenfranchisement and Democratic Legitimacy.”  
  
American Philosophy Association Eastern Meeting. (Accepted for main program.)  
Baltimore, MD. January 1-4, 2017.
- International Social Philosophy Conference. Carleton University. Ottawa, ON.  
July 21-23, 2016.
- Bowling Green Workshop in Applied Ethics and Public Policy. Bowling Green  
State University. Bowling Green, OH. March 11-12, 2016.
- 2016 “Jail as a Political Knowledge Problem.” Association for Political Theory. Ohio  
State University. Columbus, OH. October 20-22.
- 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, 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. San Francisco. 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. New York, NY. December 27-30.
- 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.” 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.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Duke University, Thompson Writing Program (2013-2016)**

Contemporary Political Philosophy (first-year writing seminar)  
Land of the Free: Liberty, Justice, Imprisonment (first-year writing seminar)  
“We the People” and the Boundaries of Democracy (first-year writing seminar)

### **Warren Wilson College, Philosophy Department (2011-2013)**

Political Philosophy  
Critical Theory (advanced seminar)  
Modern Philosophy  
Philosophy of Technology  
Philosophy of Psychology (advanced seminar)  
Philosophy of Religion  
Philosophy of Art  
Great Trials: Truth and Censorship  
Introduction to Philosophy

### **Vanderbilt University, Philosophy Department, Sole Instructor (2005-2008, 2011)**

Philosophy, Democracy, and “We the People” (first-year writing seminar)  
Rethinking Democracy (advanced seminar)  
Introduction to Philosophy  
Introduction to Philosophy: Writing Intensive

### **Vanderbilt University, Philosophy Department, Teaching Assistant (2004)**

Introduction to Ethics

## **PEDAGOGY DEVELOPMENT**

- 2015-16 Designer and administrator of pedagogy website to facilitate interdisciplinary teaching and learning about mass incarceration and social justice.
- 2014-16 Presenter at Duke University, Elon University, and High Point University in colloquia about teaching controversial ethical and political topics.
- 2015 Fellow in the Language, Arts, Media Program teaching lab at Duke University.
- 2012 Participant in the APA and American Association of Philosophy Teachers “Teaching and Learning Seminar,” a five-day teacher training workshop.
- 2010 Panelist, Service Learning Workshop. Vanderbilt University.

## **SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT, UNIVERSITY, AND PROFESSION**

- 2015-16 Co-facilitator of campus-wide lecture series and faculty workshops on mass incarceration. Humanities Writ Large: Emerging Networks, Duke University.
- 2015-16 Search Committee member. Thompson Writing Program, Duke University.
- 2014-16 FOCUS PPE Program faculty participant. Duke University.
- 2010-16 Reviewer for *Journal of Politics*, *Constellations*, *Social Philosophy Today*.
- 2012 Curriculum Redesign Committees member. Warren Wilson College.
- 2010 Pre-Major Academic Advisor. Vanderbilt University.
- 2009 Colloquia Committee member. 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      Professor of Social Science and Cultural Studies, Pratt Institute  
Formerly Associate Professor of Philosophy, Vanderbilt University  
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- José Medina      Professor of Philosophy, Vanderbilt University  
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- Carol Gould      Professor of Philosophy, Graduate Center, City University of New York  
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- Stephen Bloch-Schulman  
(teaching reference)      Chair and Associate Professor of Philosophy, Elon University  
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- Kristen Neuschel      Associate Professor of History, Duke University  
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