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Academic Employment & Education

2025-26	Yale University Postdoctoral Associate, Humanities Program.
2025	University of Chicago. Ph.D., Germanic Studies & Committee on Social Thought.
2018	École Normale Supérieure, Paris. M.A., Philosophy.
2016	Bard College Berlin. B.A., Humanities, the Arts, and Social Thought.

Fellowships

2023	Visiting Research Fellow	École Normale Supérieure, Paris.
2022	Digital Teaching Fellow	Brandeis University, Osher Institute.
2015	Erasmus Exchange Fellowship	Sciences Po, Paris.
2010-12	Studies in philosophy	University of Vienna.

Grants

2023	John U. Nef Summer Travel Grant. <i>University of Chicago.</i>	\$1000.
2022	John U. Nef Summer Travel Grant. <i>University of Chicago.</i>	\$1600.
2021	For graduate conference organized at UChicago. <i>Graduate Council,</i>	\$900.
	<i>Committee on Social Thought,</i>	\$400.
2019	For international conference organized at UChicago. <i>Graduate Council,</i>	\$1500.
	<i>Committee on Social Thought,</i>	\$1500.
	<i>Franke Institute for the Humanities,</i>	\$1360.
	<i>Department of Germanic Studies,</i>	\$750.
2016	Julie J. Kidd Travel and Research Fellowship. <i>European Consortium of Liberal Arts and Sciences.</i>	\$1000.
2016	Transregional Center for Democratic Studies Summer Grant. <i>New School for Social Research.</i>	\$1000.
2014-15	Study Exchange Scholarship for Sciences Po, Paris. <i>Erasmus Program of the European Union.</i>	\$5400.
2012-15	BCB Student Conference Support Fund (four times). <i>Bard College Berlin.</i>	\$2000.
2012	Post Foundation Scholarship of 1742. <i>Bremer Post-Stiftung.</i>	\$750.

Publications

Book-length

Hegel and MacIntyre: Reason in History. Edited with C. Bernacchio, A. Fattah, M. Lazarus.
London: Routledge, forthcoming 2025.

- Edited volume featuring eleven world-leading experts on Hegel and MacIntyre (e.g., Rahel Jaeggi, Andrea Kern, Robert Stern).
- Co-edited; signing alone for the introduction; lead organizer for the conference.

Book-chapters & Articles

“Introduction” in *Hegel and MacIntyre: Reason in History*, ed. Kretz, Bernacchio, et al. London: Routledge, 2025.

“A computational analysis of German translator’s prefaces, 1750-1830,” invited contribution for special issue of *Yearbook of Translational Hermeneutics*, 2025.

“Translation as a Category of Political Theory. Response to Étienne Balibar’s Mark Sachs Lecture” in *Meeting Balibar: A Discussion on Equaliberty and Differences*, ed. Soraya Nour Sckell. Lisbon, Edições Húmus, 2023.

“Rortys *Kontingenç, Ironie und Solidarität*” in *Rorty-Handbuch*. Ed. Martin Müller. Berlin: Springer, 2022.

“Rortys *Essays on Heidegger and Others*” in *Rorty-Handbuch*. Ed. Martin Müller. Berlin: Springer, 2022.

“Progressive Education under Financial Pressure: The Case of Germany,” with D. Kontowski in *The University as a Critical institution?* Ed. R. Deem & H. Eggins. Rotterdam: Sense Publishers, 2017.

“Thinkeries, Ancient and Modern: Democracy’s Challenges to Liberal Arts Education” with E. Atanassow, in *Back to the Core: Rethinking Core Texts in Liberal Arts and Science Education in Europe*. Ed. E. Cohen de Lara & H. Drop. Wilmington: Vernon Press, 2017.

Book reviews

“Recognition for Good Europeans. On Axel Honneth’s *Recognition*, with a response by the author.” *International Journal for History, Culture and Modernity*, Vol. 9/1-4. 2022.

“Community and Loyalty in American Philosophy: Royce, Sellars, Rorty” by Steven A. Miller. *Pragmata*, Vol. 2, 2019.

“Ethics in the Conflicts of Modernity” by Alasdair MacIntyre, with Grégory Lenne. *Raisons Politiques*, 69/1. 2018.

“Corporatism and Fascism,” ed. Antonio Costa Pinto. *Politics, Religion, and Ideology*. 2017.

“Ironic Life” by Richard Bernstein. *Kronos Quarterly*, Vol. 5. 2017.

Translations

Theodor W. Adorno, Seminar on W. Benjamin’s *The Origin of German Tragic Drama* (1932).

Ger.–Fr. with Jean Tain. *Revue Philosophie*, no. 160. Éditions de Minuit: Paris, Jan. 2024.

Angela Sanmann. “‘The Exercise of a Just Love of Humanity’: Sophie von La Roche as Female Cosmopolitan.” Ger.–Engl., with Lindsay Parkhowell. *Women’s Writing*, 2020.

Max Spielman and Sotirios Bahtsetzis, “Post-Industrial Design – Our Standpoint.”

Ger.–Engl., with Lindsay Parkhowell. Institut Hyperwerk, 2016.

Stefan Zweig, “To Friends in Foreign Land.”

Ger.–Engl. In *Asymptote Journal*. Oct 2016.

Teaching

Instructor	German 101, 102, 103	U Chicago	'19-20
of record	Philosophy of history (in German)	U Chicago	2022
	Rilke's <i>Duino Elegies & Sonnets to Orpheus</i>	Brandeis U	2022
	Goethe's <i>Faust</i>	Brandeis U	2022
Teaching	Thomas Mann's <i>Magic Mountain</i>	(David Wellbery)	U Chicago 2020
Assistant	Hegel's <i>Phenomenology of Spirit</i>	(Robert Pippin)	U Chicago 2022
	'Backwards' Course Design	(Avi Bernstein)	Brandeis U 2022

Selection of Conference Talks & Invited Lectures

- 03/25 "Modernity and Translational Mourning"
Committee on Social Thought Colloquium, U Chicago.
- 11/24 "Translational Action as Creative Mourning"
De/limiting Translation. German department, U Michigan.
- 09/24 "A Computational Analysis of German translator's prefaces, 1750-1830"
 Digital Hum. seminar, *German Studies Association*, annual conference, Atlanta.
- 01/24 "Concepts of Translation, Germany, ca. 1800."
Literature and Philosophy Workshop, UChicago.
- 07/23 "Digitizing the *Messkataloge*: On Early Modern German Publishing and Translation."
 With Jeff Tharsen. *Digital Humanities 2023*. Graz, Austria.
- 06/23 "Genius as the Form of Historical Agency in Kant."
Kant on Intellectual Freedom, LMU Munich.
- 03/23 "Rilkean Rigor."
American Comparative Literature Association, annual conference, Chicago.
- 02/23 "Kant on the Forms of Historical Agency."
German Philosophy Workshop, UChicago.
- 12/22 "Rilke, Heidegger, Historical Crisis."
Literature and Philosophy Workshop, UChicago.
- 06/22 "Rilke's Work of Mourning and the Unity of the Elegies."
 Christoph König's seminar. Osnabrück, Germany.
- 05/22 "The Habermas-Gadamer debate."
 Antoine Pageau-St. Hilaire's seminar. U Chicago.
- 06/21 "Thomas Mann: Irony & Engagement."
 Panel with Mark Lilla, Esquil Elling. Northwestern U. Online.
- 12/20 Panel with Glenn Most, Aaron Tugendhaft, Ewa Atanassow on *The Idols of ISIS*.
 Berlin/Chicago. Online.
- 11/20 "Translational Action at the End of a World."
Anthropological Association of Ireland. Online.
- 11/20 "Aristophanes' *Clouds* & Liberal Education Today."
 Guest lecture. Bard College Berlin. Online.

- 03/20 “A Liberal Arts Experience: from Berlin to Chicago.”
Guest lecture. U Tyumen, Russia. Online.
- 03/20 “‘Translation’ as a Concept of Political Thought. Response to Balibar.”
Nova Law School, Portugal. Online.
- 11/19 “Poets and Translators at the End of a World.”
UToronto Philosophy Grad Conference.
- 05/19 “Rorty’s *Contingency, Irony, and Solidarity* as Bildungsroman.”
Rorty-Tagung, Tutzing, Germany.
- 02/19 “Troeltsch and/or/against Gadamer.”
UNotre Dame & UChicago Graduate Conference, UChicago.
- 06/18 “Translational Action for a Pragmatist Enlightenment.”
3rd European Pragmatism Conference. Helsinki U.
- 09/16 “Translational Action at the End of a World.”
Conceptual Change in History. Helsinki U.
- 09/16 “Progressive Education Under Financial Pressure – The Liberal Arts in Germany.”
29th Consortium on Higher Ed Research Conference. Cambridge U.
- 05/16 “Translational Action at the End of a World.”
10th Annual Conference of the International Society for MacIntyrean Enquiry.
Wroclaw U.
- 09/15 “Thinkeries, Ancient and Modern: Aristophanic Challenges to Liberal Arts Education” with Prof. Ewa Atanassow.
Liberal Arts and Sciences Education and Core Texts in the European Context.
Amsterdam University College.
- 01/14 “Against Moral Eliminativism.”
6th Conference of the Dutch Flemish Association for Analytic Philosophy.
U Groningen, Netherlands.

Conferences Organized

- 10/22 *Hegel and MacIntyre. A Philosophy Conference on Reason in History.*
With Caleb Bernacchio, Ahmed Fattah, and Michael Lazarus. Online.
Featuring: Rahel Jaeggi, Jennifer Herdt, Robert Pippin & others.
- 05/21 *Heidegger: Politics, History, Modernity. An International Grad Student Conference.*
With Mat Messerschmidt & Antoine Pageau St. Hilaire. Online.
Keynotes: Judith Wolfe & Ryan Coyne.
- 04/19 One-day workshop on Geoff Lehman’s & Michael Weinman,
Plato, the Parthenon, and Liberal Education.
Co-organizers: Ena M. Gojak and Xinyue Zhang. University of Chicago.
- 05/14 „Pioneering 15 Years of Liberal Education in Germany.”
Panel presenting research on the history of ECLA/ BCB.
With Lucian Cosinschi, Aya Ibrahim, Irina Stelea, Michael Weinman.
Bard College Berlin.

Lecture Series & Academic Events Organized

- 2023-24 *Committee on Social Thought colloquium*. Coordinated with Xinyue Zhang. UChicago.
2020-21 *Literature and Philosophy Workshop*. Coordinated with Xinyue Zhang. Online.
01/21 Guest lecture by Hannes Bajohr at UChicago, *Poetry and Poetics Workshop*. Online.
05/19 American premiere of *Hans Blumenberg—Der unsichtbare Philosoph*,
 with talks by Robert Pippin and David Wellbery. U Chicago.
2015 Two guest lectures by Adrian Piper. Initiated & organized. Bard College Berlin.
2015 Guest lecture by Norman Manea. Organized, moderated. Bard College Berlin.

Selection of Masterclasses & Summer Programs

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| 10/24 | University of Chicago | Miguel Abensour on utopia. <i>Martin Breugh & Paul Mazzocchi</i> . |
| 10/24 | University of Chicago | Theory of religion after Hegel & Nietzsche. <i>Hans Joas</i> . |
| 08/23 | UBC & Kuaijishan Acad. | Buddhist philosophy. <i>K. Crosby, R. Sharf, B. ter Haar</i> . |
| 09/23 | University of Chicago | What comes after the secularization thesis? <i>Hans Joas</i> |
| 06/22 | Sorbonne I, Paris. | Mourning, melancholia, politics. <i>A. Ricciardi & I. Alfandary</i> . |
| 11/21 | University of Chicago | Computational text-analysis. <i>Brooke Luetgert</i> . |
| 08/21 | Fondation Rilke | Rilke's Duino Elegies. <i>Christoph König</i> . |
| 07/19 | University of Bonn | Hermeneutics. <i>Michael Forster & Markus Gabriel</i> . |
| 07/18 | UChicago Centre Paris | Levinas' political philosophy. <i>Richard A. Cohen</i> . |
| 07/17 | University of Tübingen | Political ecology. <i>Bruno Latour</i> . |
| 03/17 | Catholic Academy Bavaria | Pragmatism. <i>Richard J. Bernstein</i> . |
| 02/17 | University of Tübingen | Phenomenology and the Myth of the Given. <i>Ray Brassier</i> . |
| 07/16 | New School for
Social Research | Social epistemology. <i>Alice Crary</i> .
Memory, trauma, history. <i>Carol and Richard J. Bernstein</i> . |
| 05/16 | Princeton & Humboldt U. | The state of exception. <i>Jan-Werner Müller</i> . |
| 07/15 | Viadrina European U. | Rule of law: Kant, Hegel, Habermas. <i>G. Lohmann, R. Adolph</i> . |
| 03/13 | Bard College Berlin | Poetry Translation. <i>Peter Filkins</i> . |

Languages

German (native), English (near native), French (fluent), Latin & Ancient Greek (reading),
Mandarin Chinese (beginner).

Service to Institution and Profession

- 2022-23 Initiated “Committee on the Committee,”
to gather student input on strategic directions for the
Committee on Social Thought in a moment of institutional transition.
- 2021 Book reviewer for Emerald Publishing.
- 2019-24 Graduate Student Union steward for the German Department.
- 2019-20 Representative to Dean’s Student Advisory Board.
- 2016-17 Student Representative for philosophy M.A. students at ENS.
- 2014-16 Co-initiated the BCB History Taskforce.
Following the name change from European College of Liberal Arts
to Bard College Berlin,
it brought together students, faculty, staff, alumni and:
- conducted 50+ hours of oral history research interviews,
 - curated an on-campus museum,
 - researched and re-opened the institutional archives,
 - improved online presentation of the college’s history.
- 2012-16 Student representative to the BCB Academic Senate (‘13-16),
Member of the Studies Committee (‘12/13),
Student Life Committee (*ex officio*, ‘13/14).
- 2014-15 External Reviewer for international undergraduate philosophy journal *Stance*.
(stance.iweb.bsu.edu)

Public-Facing Writing

- 2019-23 Poetry Staff, *Chicago Review*
- 2019-22 Contributing Editor, *Journal of the History of Ideas Blog*
- Various contributions to public-facing venues like *The Point Magazine*, *Libération*, *Journal of the History of Ideas Blog*, *Public Seminar*, *Tocqueville21*, *Die Bärliner*, and *Opium Philosophie*.

Relevant Work Experience

- 2016-18 Freelance translator (e.g., for Institute HyperWerk, versus.com). Part-time.
- 2017 Gakko Project (gakko.org). Instructor at international summer camps.
Romania and Indonesia. Teaching philosophy & poetry translation.
- 2015-16 Program Assistant to BCB German language & culture study-abroad programs.
- 2011 Diakonie ‘Eine Welt’ (einewelt.diakonie.at). In lieu of military service,
administrative & translation work at pro-bono legal counseling center for
refugees. Full-time.

References

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