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Education

Ph.D. DePaul University, defended on the 4th of October, 2019, with distinction
Department of Philosophy
Dissertation: “Prudence and Providence in Kant”
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Dissertation abstract: My dissertation undertakes a re-examination of the concepts of prudence and providence in Kant’s practical philosophy, moral theology, and anthropology. Kant famously breaks with the eudaimonistic tradition by rejecting the principle of happiness from his practical philosophy. Kant understands prudence as providing a means to happiness, thus rejects it from morality together with happiness. Yet, the concept of happiness makes a return in Kant’s theory of the highest good. The highest good is the final goal of morality for Kant, referring to a world in which happiness is distributed in proportion to moral virtue. To promote the highest good, however, is to promote the moral goals of universal happiness and moral perfection, which Kant also describes as wide duties. Kant suggests that it falls to practical judgment or, equivalently, *moral prudence* to judge how to apply wide duties in concrete circumstances. This is how Kant’s theory of the highest good entails a return of prudence albeit of a specifically moral kind. It is divine providence, however, that makes moral prudence possible in Kant. The role of providence in Kant lies not in God’s actual intervention in nature but in providing human beings with the courage and assurance requisite for acting with moral prudence in a world that does not always bend itself to human intentions. Divine providence makes prudence possible in Kant, but it is only through human effort and moral prudence that providence can be realized in the natural world.

M.A. DePaul University, 2016
Department of Philosophy

B.A. *Summa Cum Laude*, American University in Bulgaria, 2014
Major: Political Science and International Relations; Minor: Philosophy and Religion

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Articles:

“The Teleological Argument in Kant’s *Groundwork for the Metaphysics of Morals*.” *Kant-Studien* 110:3 (2020, forthcoming).

“The Time of the Beautiful in Kant’s *Critique of Judgment*.” *Epoché: A Journal for the History of Philosophy* 24:2 (2019, forthcoming).

“From Matter to Earth: Heidegger, Aristotle and ‘The Origin of the Work of Art.’” *Gatherings: The Heidegger Circle Annual* 9 (2019).

“Nancy, Descartes, and Continuous Creation.” *Kronoscope: A Journal for the Study of Time* 19:1 (2019).
Co-authored with Tapdyg Kerimov.

“Descartes, Bergson, and Continuous Creation.” *Methodos: Savoirs et textes* 8 (2018).

Book-Reviews:

Andrew Cooper, *The Tragedy of Philosophy: Kant’s Critique of Judgment and the Project of Aesthetics*.
Philosophy Today 63:1 (2019, forthcoming).

Teaching Experience (15 courses taught in total since Fall 2016)

Philosophy 100—Introduction to Philosophy (4 sections)

Texts taught: Aristotle’s *Nicomachean Ethics*, Descartes’ *Meditations on First Philosophy*, Princess Elizabeth’s *Correspondence*, Kant’s *Groundwork for the Metaphysics of Morals*

Philosophy 202—Philosophy of God (2 sections)

Texts taught: Aristotle’s *Physics*, Avicenna’s *Remarks and Admonitions*, Anselm’s *Proslogion*, Pascal’s *Pensées*, Kant’s *Critique of Pure Reason*, *Critique of Practical Reason*

Philosophy 204—Philosophy and Existential Themes

Texts taught: Aristotle’s *Metaphysics*, Aquinas’ *Summa Theologica*, Kierkegaard’s *Concept of Anxiety*, Heidegger’s *Being and Time*, Sartre’s “Existentialism is a Humanism” and *Nausea*, de Beauvoir’s *Ethics of Ambiguity*

Philosophy 229—Biomedical Ethics (2 sections)

Philosophy 240—Love, Hatred, and Resentment

Texts taught: Plato’s *Symposium*, Augustine’s *Confessions*, Hegel’s “Love” fragment, Solovyov’s *The Meaning of Love*, Proust’s *In Search of Lost Time*, Nietzsche’s *Genealogy of Morals*

Philosophy 248—Business Ethics (2 sections)

Liberal Studies in Education 380—Philosophical Issues in Education and Culture (3 sections)

Texts taught: Plato’s *Republic* and *Meno*, Rousseau’s *Emile*, Wollstonecraft’s *A Vindication of the Rights of Women*, Schiller’s *Letters on Aesthetic Education*, Kant’s *Lectures on Pedagogy*, Paulo Freire’s *Pedagogy of the Oppressed*, Rancière’s *Ignorant Schoolmaster*

Translations

Aubenque, Pierre. "The Cosmology of Prudence," in *Contemporary Encounters with Ancient Metaphysics II: Practice*, ed. Abraham Jacob Greenstone, Ryan Johnson, and David Mesing (Edinburgh University Press, forthcoming). Co-translated with Cameron Coates.

Conference Presentations

"'The Idea is Something Linguistic': Spontaneity and Givenness in Kant and Benjamin," Australasian Society for Continental Philosophy Conference, The University of Melbourne, Australia, December 2019 (forthcoming)

"Kant on Linneaus' Hope," Third Immanuel Kant International Summer School: Kant on Science and Rationality, Baltic Federal University, Kaliningrad, Russia, July 2019

"'Thatness,' Freedom, and Possibility in *Being and Time* and 'The Origin of the Work of Art,'" Heidegger Circle, Nazareth College, Rochester, NY, May 2019

"'καθάπερ ἄνθρωπος φρόνιμος': The Role of Prudence in Aristotle's Biology," Ancient Philosophy Society Conference, Trinity College, Hartford, CT, April 2019

"The Prudence of Nature in Aristotle's Biology," Collegium Phaenomenologicum Participants' Conference, Città di Castello, Italy, July 2018

"Happiness and Teleology of Reason in Kant's *Groundwork for the Metaphysics of Morals*," Graduate Student Colloquium, DePaul University, Chicago, IL, March, 2018

"Nancy, Descartes, and Continuous Creation," Society for Phenomenological and Existential Philosophy (SPEP), Salt Lake City, UT, November 2016

"The Time of the Beautiful in Kant's *Critique of Judgment*," Society for German Idealism and Romanticism, The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, October 2016

"Heidegger, Aristotle, and the Future of Art," Heidegger Circle, DePaul University, Chicago, IL, September 2016

"The Time of the Beautiful: Kant on Lingerin," The European Society for Aesthetics, Barcelona, Spain, June 2016

"Aristotle on Futility in the *Nicomachean Ethics*," Aristotle World Congress, Thessaloniki, Greece, May 2016

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

DePaul University Teaching Fellowship, 2014-2019

DAAD Summer Language Study Grant, 2016

Richardson Fellowship to study at the Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg, Germany, 2016

Award for Best Graduate Student Paper of the Year, *Society for German Idealism and Romanticism*, 2016

DePaul Graduate Research Funding Grants, 2015 (twice), 2016 (twice), 2018, 2019 (twice)

DePaul Doctoral and Undergraduate Opportunities for Scholarships (DUOS) grant to mentor and collaborate with an undergraduate, 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019

Conferences Organized

North American Kant Society, Midwest Study Group (graduate assistant), DePaul University, October 2019

Collegium Phaenomenologicum: Aristotle. Phusis, Psuchê, Anthrôpos (graduate assistant), Città di Castello, Italy, July 2018

Critique in German Philosophy Conference (graduate assistant), DePaul University, November 2017

Heidegger in the 1930s: A One-Day Colloquium (co-organized with Yuliya Tsutserova), University of Chicago, April 2016

Service

Hospitality Committee, Department of Philosophy, DePaul University, 2015-2017

Graduate Conference Committee, Department of Philosophy, DePaul University, 2015-2016

Languages

Russian: native

Azerbaijani: fluent

English: fluent

German: semi-fluency

French: semi-fluency

Ancient Greek: advanced reading

Latin: advanced reading

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