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EDUCATION

2018	Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of South Florida
2018	Brown University Visiting Research Fellowship Supervisor: Paul Guyer
2017	Université de Fribourg Doctoral Research Fellowship Supervisors: Martin Bondeli, Jean-Claud Wolf
2016	M.A. in Philosophy, University of South Florida
2011	B.A. (honors) in Philosophy/German, *magna cum laude*, University of Kentucky
2009–2010	Universität Heidelberg Academic Exchange

Areas of Specialization

Early and Late Modern Philosophy (especially Wolff, Kant, and Reinhold), German Idealism

Areas of Competence

Heidegger, Nietzsche, Existentialism, Ethics

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2021–	Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg
2018–2021	Postdoctoral Researcher/Coordinator, Internationale Graduiertenschule *Verbindlichkeit von Normen der Vergesellschaftung*, Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg

PUBLICATIONS

Books

2024 — *Christian Wolff's* German Ethics, co-edited with an introduction by Sonja Schierbaum, Michael Walschots, and John Walsh (Oxford University Press)

2022 — *Kant's Early Critics on Freedom of the Will*, co-translated and co-edited with notes and an introduction by Jörg Noller and John Walsh (Cambridge University Press)
Reviewed in: *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, *Kantian Review*, *Journal of Transcendental Philosophy*, *Contextos-Kantianos*

under contract — Karl Leonhard Reinhold, *Letters on the Kantian Philosophy*, translated by John Walsh, edited with an introduction by Martin Bondeli and John Walsh (Cambridge University Press)

under contract — Karl Leonhard Reinhold, *Elementary Philosophy*, translated with an introduction by Timothy Franz, edited by Martin Bondeli, Timothy Franz, and John Walsh (Cambridge University Press)

under contract — Karl Leonhard Reinhold, *Attempt at a New Theory of the Human Faculty of Representation*, translated by Elise Frketich, edited with an introduction by Martin Bondeli and John Walsh (Cambridge University Press)

under contract — Karl Leonhard Reinhold, *Practical Philosophy and Enlightenment*, translated by Benjamin Crowe, Sabine Röhr, and John Walsh, edited with an introduction by Martin Bondeli, Sabine Röhr, and John Walsh (Cambridge University Press)

under contract — Karl Leonhard Reinhold, *Aesthetics and Religion*, translated by Benjamin Crowe and J. Colin McQuillan, edited with an introduction by Martin Bondeli, J. Colin McQuillan, and John Walsh (Cambridge University Press)

Articles and Book Chapters

forthcoming — "Christian Wolff on Rightness," co-authored with Sonja Schierbaum. *Oxford Studies in Early Modern Philosophy*

forthcoming — "Kant on the Possibility of Freedom." In Christoph Horn, Martig Ruffing, and Rainer Schäfer, eds., *Proceedings of the 14th International Kant Congress* (De Gruyter)

2025 — "Knowledge of Freedom in the Immediate Reception of Kant: The Curious Case of K.L. Reinhold." *Studi Kantiani*

2025 "The Thorn in Kant's Side: J.A.H. Ulrich on the Possibility of Free Immoral Action." *Journal of Transcendental Philosophy*

2024 "Being and Meaning in Reinhold's Account of Truth." *Archivio di Filosofia*

2024 "Kant's *Principia Diiudicationis* and *Executionis*." *Kantian Review*
Winner of the 2023 *Wilfrid Sellars Prize* of the North American Kant Society

2024 "Kant on the Supposed Incapacity to Transgress the Moral Law Freely." In Antonino Falduto, ed., *Problems of Reason: Kant in Context* (De Gruyter)

2024 "C.C.E. Schmid's Intelligible Fatalism in Context." In Marion Heinz and Gideon Stiening, eds., *Carl Christian Erhard Schmid (1761–1812): Spätaufklärung im Spannungsfeld zwischen Leibniz und Kant* (De Gruyter)

2024 "Wolff on Obligation." In Sonja Schierbaum, Michael Walschots, and John Walsh, eds., *Christian Wolff's German Ethics* (Oxford University Press)

2023 "Fichte's Account of Free Will in Context." *Fichte-Studien*
Winner of the 2022 *Fichte-Preis* of the Internationale Fichte-Gesellschaft

2023 "C.C.E. Schmid and the Doctrine of Intelligible Fatalism." *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*

2023 "Reinhold's Theory of Free Will in Relation to Kant's *Religion*." In Martin Bondeli and Dirk Westerkamp, eds., *Vorstellen, Denken, Sprache: Reinholds Philosophie im Kontext des Deutschen Idealismus* (De Gruyter)

2023 "Kant's Principles of Adjudication and Execution in the Context of the Enlightenment." In Nina Dmitrieva, Robert Hanna, and Vadim Chaly, eds., *Kant and the Ethics of Enlightenment: Historical Roots and Contemporary Relevance. Proceedings of the 12th International Kant-Readings Conference* (*SHS Web of Conferences*)

2022 "Karl Leonhard Reinhold," co-authored with Daniel Breazeale. *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*

2020 "The Fact of Freedom: Reinhold's Theory of Free Will Reconsidered." In Manja Kisner and Jörg Noller, eds., *The Concept of Will in Classical German Philosophy* (De Gruyter)
Portuguese Translation: "O fato da Liberdade: a teoria da vontade livre de Reinhold reconsiderada," by Emanuel Lanzini-Stobbe. *Kant e-Prints*, vol. 15 (3), 286–304

Translations of Articles and Book Chapters

2024	"The Systematic Arrangement of Wolff's *German Ethics* in its Historical Context" (with Michael Walschots) by Clemens Schwaiger. In Sonja Schierbaum, Michael Walschots, and John Walsh, eds., *Christian Wolff's German Ethics* (Oxford University Press)
2023	"Johann Georg Sulzer's 'Mixed Doctrine of Morals': A Contribution to the History of the Development of Kant's Ethics Between 1770 and 1785" by Heiner F. Klemme. In Andree Hahmann and Stefan Klingner, eds., *Kant and Eighteenth-Century German Philosophy* (De Gruyter)
2023	"On Grace and Dignity" by Heiner F. Klemme. In Antonino Falduto and Tim Mehigan, eds., *The Palgrave Handbook on the Philosophy of Friedrich Schiller* (Palgrave-Macmillan)

Reviews

2026	Review of Olga Lenczewska, *Kant on the History and Development of Practical Reason*, Cambridge University Press (*Kantian Review*)
2026	Review of Ives Radrizzani and Maurizio Malimpensa, eds., *Johann Gottlieb Fichte. Neue Darstellung der Wissenschaftslehre*, fromann-holzboog (*Fichteana*)
2026	Review of Markus Kohl, *Kant on Freedom and Rational Agency*, Oxford University Press (*Kant-Studien*)
2023	Review of Stephen Menn and Justin E. H. Smith, ed. and trans., *Anton Wilhelm Amo's Philosophical Dissertations on Mind and Body*, Oxford University Press (*Kant-Studien*)
2022	Review of James A. Clarke and Gabriel Gottlieb, eds., *Practical Philosophy from Kant to Hegel: Freedom, Right, and Revolution*, Cambridge University Press (*Kantian Review*)
2020	Review of Christian Krijnen, ed., *Metaphysics of Freedom? Kant's Concept of Cosmological Freedom in Historical and Systematic Perspective*, Brill (*Kant-Studien*)

HONORS, AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS

2026–2028	DAAD Grant, PPP USA (Princeton University), Project Assistant; Lead Grant Writer
2025–2027	DAAD Grant, PPP Portugal, Project Assistant; Lead Grant Writer
2025–2027	DAAD Grant, PPP Brazil (FAPPR), Project Assistant; Lead Grant Writer
2025	Erasmus+ Mobility Teaching Grant (Turin, Italy)
2024	DAAD Kongressreisenprogramm

2023	*Wilfrid Sellars Prize* (North American Kant Society) for my paper "Kant's *Principia Diiudicationis* and *Executionis*"
2023	Erasmus + Mobility Teaching Grant (Ferrara, Italy)
2023	Kant in South America, Horizon 2020 Marie Skłodowska-Curie Secondment Grant (Univeridad de Buenos Aires, Argentina)
2022	*Fichte-Preis* (Internationale Johann Gottlieb Fichte-Gesellschaft e.V.) for my paper "Fichte's Account of Free Will in Context"
2022	"Fichte on Deduction" Summer School Invitation and Travel Grant
2022	Erasmus + Mobility Teaching Grant (Ferrara, Italy)
2020	Kant in South America, Horizon 2020 Marie Skłodowska-Curie Secondment Grant (Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina, Brazil)
2018–2021	Guest Researcher at the Interdisziplinäres Zentrum für die Erforschung der Europäischen Aufklärung (IZEA), Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg
2018	Candidate USF Outstanding Dissertation Award
2018	Visiting Research Fellowship, Brown University
2017–2018	Dissertation Completion Fellowship, University of South Florida
2017	Doctoral Research Fellowship, Université de Fribourg
2017	USF International Travel Grant
2014	USF Conference Presentation Grant
2012–2016	Dean's Excellence Award, University of South Florida

INVITED TALKS

2026	"The Methodological Unity of K. L. Reinhold's Elementary Philosophy." Xi'an Jaotong University. Xi'an (October)
2026	"Toward a Modal Expressivist Interpretation of the Categorical Imperative." The Transcendental Foundations of Kant's Moral Philosophy. Shanghai (October)
2026	"Christian Wolff on Rightness." Department of Philosophy, Universidade Federal do Amazonas. Manaus (August)
2026	"Christian Wolff's Ethics of Enlightenment." História da Filosofia Alemã: Kant, Wolff e Schiller. Belém (August)
2024	"Kant's *Principia Diiudicationis* and *Executionis*." Virtual Kant Congress: North American Kant Society. Online (May)
2024	"Daniel Breazeale in Memoriam: Between Kant and Fichte." Commemorating the Work and Legacy of Daniel Breazeale (1945-2023). Leuven/Online (April)
2023	"The Thorn in Kant's Side: J.A.H. Ulrich on the Possibility of Free Immoral Action." Tsinghua University. Beijing (October)

2023 "Kant's *Groundwork for the Metaphysics of Morals*." Ph.D. Workshop, Università degli Studi di Ferrara. Ferrara (October)

2023 "Kant's *Principia Diiudicationis* and *Executionis*." University of South Florida. Tampa (August)

2023 Commentary on G. Anthony Bruno's "From Being to Acting: Kant and Fichte on Intellectual Intuition." The Athens Colloquium on Kant and German Idealism. Online (April)

2023 "Knowledge of Freedom in the Immediate Reception of Kant: The Curious Case of K.L. Reinhold." Universidad de Buenos Aires. Buenoes Aires (March)

2022 "Kant's *Principia Diiudicationis* and *Executionis*." Fudan University. Shanghai/online (October)

2022 "Kantian Freedom in Context." Ph.D. Workshop, Università degli Studi di Ferrara. Ferrara (March)

2022 "Der Grund der Freiheit." Treffen des Kuratoriums der Edition der Gesammelten Schriften K.L. Reinholds, Universität Basel. Basel/online (January)

2020 "C.C.E. Schmid and the Doctrine of Intelligible Fatalism." Universidade Estadual de Londrina. Londrina (March)

2020 "C.C.E. Schmid and the Doctrine of Intelligible Fatalism." Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais. Belo Horizonte (March)

2020 "C.C.E. Schmid and the Doctrine of Intelligible Fatalism." Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina. Florianópolis (March)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2026 "Der kategorische Imperativ als Prinzip gemeinschaftlicher Rechtfertigungspraxis." XIII. Tagung für Praktische Philosophie. Passau (September)

2026 "Christian Wolff on Conscience." III. Congresso Brasileiro Christian Wolff. Londrina (August)

2025 "Overcoming Kant: Freedom and Necessity in Hegel." IV German-Latin American Congress on Hegel's Philosophy. Mexico City/Puebla (November)

2025 "Christian Wolff on Rightness." XI Multilateral Kant Colloquium: Enlightenment, Science, and Ethics. Florianópolis (October)

2025 "Translating Kant and His Immediate Successors Into English." Translating and Editing Kant. Granada (September)

2025 "Kant on Knowledge of Freedom." United Kingdom Kant Society Annual Conference. The Keystone of Critical Philosophy: Kant's Theory of Freedom. Sheffield (September)

2025 "Common Understanding and Philosophizing Reason in Reinhold's Elementary Philosophy." Gesunder Menschenverstand und philosophierende Vernunft. Ferrara (May)

2025 "Christian Wolff on Conscience" (with Sonja Schierbaum). II. Congresso Brasileiro Christian Wolff. Londrina/online (February)

2024 "Kant on Knowledge of Freedom." 14th International Kant Congress. Bonn (September)

2024 "Toward a Modal Expressivist Interpretation of Kant's Categorical Imperative." 6th International Congress of SEKLE. Santiago de Compostela (July)

2024 "'The First System of Freedom': Fichte's Development of the Wissenschaftslehre." Fichte's *Foundations of the Entire Wissenschaftslehre*. London (June)

2024 "Christian Wolff on Rightness" (with Sonja Schierbaum). I. Congresso Brasileiro Christian Wolff. Londrina/online (May)

2024 "Kant on Beauty." Kant, Art, and Beautiful Art. Lisbon (March)

2024 "Knowledge of Freedom in the Immediate Reception of Kant: The Curious Case of K.L. Reinhold." Formen der Rationalität – Kant und die Moderne. Halle (February)

2023 "Kant's *Principia Diiudicationis* and *Executionis*." 10th Multilateral Kant-Colloquium. *The Space of Feelings: Kant and His Legacy*. Ferrara (September)

2023 "Knowledge of Freedom in the Immediate Reception of Kant: The Curious Case of K.L. Reinhold." Kant's Theory of Freedom and Its Early German Reception. Cairo (February)

2022 "*die Aufhebung aller* [*metaphysischen*] *Systeme*. Reinhold und Hegel über die Geschichte der Philosophie." Hegel and the Circle of Sciences: III German-Latin American Congress on Hegel's Philosophy. Lima (November)

2022 "Praktische Vernunft und Wille. K.L. Reinholds Einfluss auf den jungen Fichte." XI. Internationaler Fichte-Kongreß: Paradigmen der Rationalität. Leipzig (October)

2022 "Sein und Semantik im Wahrheitskonzept Reinholds." Gewissheit und Wahrheit bei Reinhold. Parma (September)

2022 "Der Grund der Freiheit. Kants Freiheitskonzept im Kontext." *Probleme der Vernunft: Kant im Kontext*. Ferrara (May/June)

2022 "The Thorn in Kant's Side: J.A.H. Ulrich on the Possibility of Free Immoral Action." Leuven Kant Conference 2022. Leuven (May)

2021 "The Role of Judgment in Wolff's Account of Obligation." Wolff's "German Ethics" – New Perspectives and Approaches. Halle/Online (October)

2021 "Kant's Account of Abortion." 9th Multilateral Kant Colloquium: Justice, Peace, and Cosmopolitan Values. Lisbon/Online (September)

2021 "Kant's *Principia Diiudicationis* and *Executionis*." Moralbegründung und moralische Motivation. Munich/Online (June)

2021 "K.L. Reinhold on the Transformative Role of Philosophy." Philosophy in Friendship: Remembering Drs. Guignon and Schönfeld. Tampa/Online (April)

2020 "C.C.E. Schmid and the Doctrine of Intelligible Fatalism." Jornadas Reinhold: Fundamento e Representação. Filosofia Transcendental e Psicologia. Curitiba/Online (December)

2020 "Kant and the Freedom of Immoral Action." International Conference: Nature and Freedom from Kant's Perspective. Shanghai (postponed)

2020 "Kant und das Problem moralischer Zurechenbarkeit." Praktische Freiheit und moralische Zurechenbarkeit. Munich/online (October)

2019 "*Achtung!* Kant's Account of Respect Reconsidered." United Kingdom Kant Society Annual Conference. Bristol (August)

2019 "Kant's *Principia Diiudicationis* and *Executionis*." Naturrecht: Motivation und Normativität. Halle (July)

2019 "*Achtung!* Kant's Account of Respect Reconsidered." International Wuhan Kant Conference. Wuhan (June)

2019 "Kant's *Principia Diiudicationis* and *Executionis*." XII Kant-Readings International Conference. Kaliningrad (April)

2017 "The Faculty of Desire is not a Will: Reinhold's Critique of Kant's Practical Philosophy." The Concept of Will in Classical German Philosophy. Munich (November)

2017 "Reinholds Theorie zur Willensfreiheit in Bezug auf Kants Religionsschrift." 6. Internationale Reinhold-Tagung. Kiel (September)

2017 "Reinhold's Reply to Kant." International Conference: Reinhold's Mature Philosophical Standpoints. Leuven (April)

2014 "Free Will: Groundless Self-determination of Moral Choice." Free Will Conference. Center for Cognition and Neuroethics. Flint (October)

2011 "Skepticism in the *Phenomenology*." 3rd Annual Daniel Boone Conference on German Idealism. Lexington (May)

PEDAGOGY

Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg

Freiheit im Ausgang von Kant
Kants *Grundlegung zur Metaphysik der Sitten*
K.L. Reinholds *Briefe über die Kantische Philosophie*
Kants *Prolegomena*
Texte zur Kausalität im 18. Jahrhundert
Fichtes *Grundlage der gesammten Wissenschaftslehre*
Leibniz, *Theodizee*
Fichtes *Versuch einer Kritik aller Offenbarung*
Konzepte des Raumes in der Neuzeit
Kants *Kritik der praktischen Vernunft*
Schopenhauers *Die beiden Grundprobleme der Ethik*
Kants *Kritik der ästhetischen Urteilskraft*
Der Pantheismusstreit
Kants Transzendentale Analytik, *Kritik der reinen Vernunft*
Sprachphilosophie im 18. Jahrhundert
Kants Religionsphilosophie
Ursprünge des Idealismus
Kants *Kritik der teleologischen Urteilskraft*
Fichtes *System der Sittenlehre*
Ethik in sprachpragmatischer Hinsicht
Kants *Rechtslehre*
Wittgensteins *Philosophische Untersuchungen*
Fichtes *Wissenschaftslehre nova methodo*
Philosophie der Neuzeit außerhalb des klassischen Kanons

University of South Florida, Sole Instructor

Introduction to Ethics
Biomedical Ethics
Professional Ethics

Existentialism
German I
German II

University of South Florida, Teaching Assistant
Biomedical Ethics
Philosophy of Mind
Introduction to Ethics

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

Referee	Presses: Cambridge University Press Journals: *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*, *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, *European Journal of Philosophy*, *Fichte-Studien, Idealistic Studies*, *International Journal for the Study of Skepticism*, *Kant-Studien*, *Kant Yearbook*, *Manuscrito*, *National Taiwan University Philosophical Review*, *Revista de Estudios Kantianos*, *Schelling-Studien*, *The Review of Metaphysics, Topoi*
Coordinator	International Master's Program *Formen der Rationalität* (2021–)
Co-organizer	Wolff's *German Ethics*: New Approaches and Perspectives (2021) Forms of Rationality: Kant and Modernity (2024) Kant in China (2024) Imagination and Perception: International Summer School (2024) Reason in Dialogue: Wolff—Crusius—Kant (2026)
Reviewer	Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (2020), Österreichs Agentur für Bildung und Internationaliserung (2023), Österreichischer Wissenschaftsfonds FWF (2026)
Secretary	Christian-Wolff-Gesellschaft für die Philosophie der Aufklärung (2021–2025)
Vice President	Christian-Wolff-Gesellschaft für die Philosophie der Aufklärung (2025–)
Chair	Session at "Probleme der Vernunft. Kant im Kontext" Conference, Ferrara (2022) Session at "Fichte on Deduction" Summer School, Vienna (2022) Session at "Recht und Ethik in Kants *Metaphysik der Sitten*" Conference, Halle (2024) Session at Sixteenth Biennial Meeting of the North American Fichte Society: "Fichte's *Foundation of the Entire* Wissenschaftslehre," London (2024)

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Reviewer	The Philosopher's Task, University of South Florida Graduate Student Conference (2016)

Co-organizer	Kant Reading Group, University of South Florida Kant Lesekreis, Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg
Representative	Executive Committee of the Department of Philosophy, Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg (2024–2026)

Thesis Supervision

2021	Steven Reinhardt, "Genese und Geltung der Langeweile in Kants Anthropologie," Master's Thesis (Second Chair)
2023	Antonio Kind, "Die Autonomie des Bösewichts unter dem Freiheitsbegriff nach Immanuel Kant," Thesis for State Examination in Secondary School Education (First Chair)
2024	Lisa Weiß, "Immanuel Kants Religionsphilosophie: Über Moral, Vernunft und die Suche nach einer vernünftigen Religion," Thesis for State Examination in Secondary School Education (First Chair)
2025	Julia Korytowski, "Autonomie und Willensfreiheit in Kants *Grundlegung zur Metaphysik der Sitten*," Thesis for State Examination in Advanced Secondary School [*Gymnasium*] Education (Second Chair)
2026	José Antonio Gutiérrez García, "La teoría de los principios ein Leibniz: naturaleza, justificación y recepción histórica," Ph.D. Thesis (External Referee; Alternate Committee Member)

LANGUAGES

French
Intermediate (reading)

German
Fluent (reading, writing, speaking)

Italian
Intermediate (reading)

Latin
Intermediate (reading)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Philosophical Association
North American Kant Society
Society for German Idealism and Romanticism
Christian-Wolff-Gesellschaft für die Philosophie der Aufklärung
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Philosophie

Kant-Gesellschaft
North American Fichte Society

REFERENCES

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