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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Early Modern Philosophy (Kant)
Ethics
Moral Psychology

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Applied Ethics
Philosophy of Science
History of Philosophy (Ancient and Early Modern)

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Philosophy, University of Arizona (August 2021)

Dissertation *Kant's Metaphysical Deduction and the Intellectual Origin of the Categories* (Superior Pass)

Committee Houston Smit (Chair), Mark Timmons, Timothy Rosenkoetter, Jason Turner

Abstract Hume famously argues that we have no idea of objectively necessary connections between existents. But in his metaphysical deduction of the categories, Kant seeks to vindicate our right to use the categories to think such connections. Kant holds that certain acts of the understanding make judgments possible. For example, the judgment “If the sun shines, then the stone warms up” is made possible by thinking of the constituent judgments using the hypothetical form of judgment. The judgment “The sun warms the stone” is made possible by thinking of the perceived sun and stone using the category CAUSE. My dissertation offers a novel account of how the logical forms of judgment and the categories relate. I argue that the same logical functions of the understanding make possible both use of the logical forms of judgment and of the categories. The logical functions are reflective activities through which the mind combines representations according to certain rules. For example, the ground-consequence function, through which the mind combines representations by treating some as grounded on others, is exercised both when the mind combines conceptual representations using the hypothetical form (“If the sun shines, then the stone warms up”) and when it combines perceptual representations using the category of CAUSE (“The sun warms the stone”). My dissertation generalizes this interpretation, offering a systematic account of the origin of each logical form and category. Based on this account, I offer a unique interpretation of the metaphysical deduction and show how Kant legitimizes use of the categories in thought.

Middlebury German School Course, Middlebury Language Schools (Summer 2015)

B.A., Magna Cum Laude, Philosophy (Highest Honors) and English, Williams College (2011)
Phi Beta Kappa

PUBLICATIONS

Sanchez Borboa, S., “On Kant’s Derivation of the Categories,” *Kant-Studien* (2018)

Sanchez Borboa, S. “Kant on the Balance of Moral Forces,” *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* (forthcoming)

Sanchez Borboa, S. *Centering the Margins in Bioethics: A Social Justice Approach to the Ethics of Healthcare and Medicine*, Cognella Academic Publishing (expected Fall 2023)

WORK IN PROGRESS

“Making the Supersensible Intuitive”

“Bringing Ethics Down to Earth”

“Designing a Good Life”

“Interacting Ethical Fields: The Dynamics of The Good, The Right, and Virtue”

“A Kantian’s Guide to Objective Morality”

“No Reversal in Kant’s Foundational Moral Works”

“Naturalizing Transcendental Idealism”

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Graduate Student Travel Award for 5th Latinx Philosophy Conference, April 2020
Fink Prize, Overall Outstanding Graduate Student, University of Arizona, 2018
DAAD, One-year Dissertation Research Grant, University of Arizona, 2016-2017
Miller Prize, Outstanding Student in Philosophy, Williams College, 2011
Graves Essay Prize, Outstanding Essay in Philosophy, Williams College, 2011
Williams College Undergraduate Research Fellowship, Williams College, 2009-2011

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

“No Reversal in Kant’s Foundational Moral Works,” 5th Latinx Philosophy Conference, Virtual; October 2020; 2019 United Kingdom Kant Society Annual Conference, University of Bristol, Bristol, UK, August 2019
“Naturalizing Transcendental Idealism,” Cologne Center for Contemporary Epistemology and the Kantian Tradition, University of Cologne, Cologne, Germany, May 2019
“Balancing Forces in Kant’s Metaphysics of Nature and Metaphysics of Morals,” Ryerson University, January 2022; University of Chicago, January 2021; Columbia University, February 2020; Williams College, December 2019; Classic German Philosophy Colloquium, Humboldt University in Berlin, May 2017; Eastern Study Group Meeting of the North American Kant Society, Yale University, April 2016

RESEARCH LANGUAGES

German
French
Spanish

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Loyola University Chicago (*Instructor*)

Philosophy and Person, Fall 2023
Introduction to Social and Political Philosophy, Spring 2022

School of the Art Institute of Chicago (*Instructor*)

Empathy and Justice, Fall 2022

University of Arizona (*Instructor*)

Metaphysics of Science Graduate Independent Study, Summer 2022
Biomedical Ethics, Fall 2021, Spring 2022 (online), Spring 2023 (online)
Introduction to Logic and Critical Thinking, Spring 2022 (online)
Law and Morality, Fall 2019 (online), Spring 2021 (online)
Philosophy of Happiness, Spring 2019, Fall 2018, Summer 2022 (online)
Introduction to Philosophy of Science, Summer 2016, 2018, 2019 (online)

Williams College (*Resident Graduate Assistant*)

ADRF/MMUF Research Colloquium, Summer 2013; Summer 2014

GRADUATE COURSEWORK

History of Philosophy

History of Ethics, Julia Annas (Spring 2015)
Plato’s Psychology, Rachana Kamtekar (Spring 2013)
Kant’s *Critique of Pure Reason*, Houston Smit (Fall 2013)
Ancient Theories of Happiness, Dan Russell (Fall 2012)
Kant’s Transcendental Deduction, Houston Smit (Spring 2021) (audit); (Spring 2018) (audit)
Kant’s Ethics, Mark Timmons (Fall 2018) (audit); (Fall 2015) (audit)

Hume and Kant, Houston Smit (Fall 2017) (audit)
Aristotelian Ethics, Rachana Kamtekar (Spring 2016) (audit)

Moral, Social, and Political Philosophy

Social Norms & Conventions, Jerry Gaus (Fall 2014)
Naturalism in Ethics, Connie Rosati (Spring 2014)
Moral Responsibility, Michael McKenna (Spring 2014)
Metaethics, Michael Gill (Fall 2012)
Complexity and Self-Organization, Jerry Gaus and Jenann Ismael (Fall 2017) (audit)
Virtue Ethics, Julia Annas (Spring 2015) (audit)

Logic and Philosophy of Science

The Quantum Revolution in Philosophy, Richard Healey (Fall 2014)
Symbolic Logic, Shaughan Lavine (Fall 2013); (Spring 2014)
Philosophy of Quantum Physics, Richard Healey (Spring 2013)
Philosophy of Biology, Richard Healey (Spring 2013)
Physics and Freedom, Jenann Ismael (Spring 2016) (audit)
Causality and Causal Explanation, Richard Healey (Fall 2013) (audit)
Space and Time, Jenann Ismael (Spring 2013) (audit)

Metaphysics, Language, and Epistemology

Philosophy of Language, Juan Comesaña and Stew Cohen (Fall 2013)
Reasons and Rationality, Stew Cohen (Fall 2012)

SERVICE

Moderator, American Philosophical Association Pacific Meeting, April 2017
Member, Committee on Graduate Program Requirements, University of Arizona, Fall 2015
Graduate Representative, University of Arizona, Fall 2014 — Spring 2015

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Philosophical Association
North American Kant Society

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