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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 (expected 2020)

**Dissertation** *Kant's Metaphysical Deduction and the Intellectual Origin of the Categories*

**Committee** Houston Smit (Chair), Mark Timmons, Rachana Kamtekar, Timothy Rosenkoetter

**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)

### WORK IN PROGRESS

“The Balance of Forces in Kant’s Natural and Moral Order” (under review)

“No Reversal in Kant’s Foundational Works: How G III’s Appeal to Transcendental Idealism and the *KpV*’s Fact of Reason Complement Each Other”

“Naturalizing Transcendental Idealism”

### FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

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,” 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  
“On Kant’s Derivation of the Categories,” Classic German Philosophy Colloquium, Humboldt University in Berlin, December 2016  
“Balancing Forces in Kant’s Metaphysics of Nature and Morals,” Classic German Philosophy Colloquium, Humboldt University in Berlin, May 2017; Trinity College, Dublin, May 2016; Eastern Study Group Meeting of the North American Kant Society, Yale University, April 2016  
“The Structure of Value: A Sketch of a Naturalistic Response to the Argument from Queerness,” Williams College, July 2013

### **RESEARCH LANGUAGES**

German  
French  
Spanish

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

#### **University of Arizona**

##### ***Instructor***

Law and Morality, Fall 2019 (online)  
Philosophy of Happiness, Spring 2019, Fall 2018  
Early Modern Philosophy, Fall 2017  
Introduction to Philosophy of Science, Summer 2016, 2018, 2019 (online)

##### ***Teaching Assistant***

Ethics & Economics of Wealth Creation, Spring 2018 (Jonny Anomaly)  
History of Moral & Political Philosophy, Spring 2016 (Michael Gill) (online)  
Medical Ethics, Fall 2015 (Laura Howard) (online)  
Philosophy of Happiness, Spring 2015 (Dan Russell)  
Introduction to Logic and Critical Thinking, Fall 2014 (Jonathan Weinberg); Spring 2014 (Weinberg); Fall 2012 (Weinberg)  
Philosophical Perspectives on the Individual, Fall 2013 (Shaun Nichols)

#### **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 2018) (audit)

Hume and Kant, Houston Smit (Fall 2017) (audit)  
Aristotelian Ethics, Rachana Kamtekar (Spring 2016)  
Kant's Ethics, Mark Timmons (Fall 2018) (audit); (Fall 2015) (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)  
Virtue Ethics, Julia Annas (Spring 2015) (audit)  
Complexity and Self-Organization, Jerry Gaus and Jenann Ismael (Fall 2017) (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**

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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