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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

St. Olaf College, Associate Professor, Philosophy Department, 2016-present

INSEAD Europe, Visiting Professor, Strategy Department, 2016-17

St. Olaf College, Assistant Professor, Philosophy Department, 2010-2016

Rutgers University, Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Cultural Analysis, 2009-2010

## EDUCATION

Columbia University, Ph.D., Philosophy, 2003-2009

Tufts University, B.A., Philosophy, 1995-2000

- Highest Thesis Honors, Magna Cum Laude

New England Conservatory of Music, B.M., Jazz Studies (Saxophone Performance), 1995-2000

- Academic Honors

(Tufts and New England Conservatory degrees jointly awarded in a dual-degree program)

## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION AND COMPETENCE

AOS: Social/Political Philosophy, Social Epistemology

AOC: Ethics, Business Ethics, Philosophy of Science, Pragmatism

## SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

- “Democratic Representatives as Epistemic Intermediaries,” *NOMOS* (forthcoming)
- “Epistemic Democracy Without Truth: The Deweyan Approach,” *Raisons Politiques* (forthcoming)
- “Epistemic Proceduralism,” in *The Routledge Guide to Social Epistemology*, edited by Miranda Fricker, David Henderson, and Nikolaj Jang Lee Linding Pederson (2019)
- “New Prospects for Corporate Democracy?: How the Joint Pursuit of Social and Financial Goals is Changing Workplace Organization” (with Julie Battilana and Mike Lee), in *Capitalism Beyond Mutuality*, ed. Subramanian Rangan, Oxford University Press (2018)
- “Democratic Experiments: An Affect-Based Interpretation and Defense,” *Social Theory and Practice* 42 (2016): 793-816
- “Contesting the Market: An Assessment of Capitalism’s Threat to Democracy,” in *Reconciling Performance With Progress: Essays on Capitalism, Business, and Society*, edited by Subramanian Rangan, Oxford University Press (2015)
- “Philip Kitcher,” *Cambridge Dictionary of Philosophy*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed., edited by Robert Audi, Cambridge University Press (2015)
- “Democratic Consensus as an Essential Byproduct,” *Journal of Political Philosophy* 22 (2014): 282-301

- “Epistemic Trust and Liberal Justification,” *Journal of Political Philosophy* 21 (2013): 179-199
- “Justice,” *Springer Encyclopedia of Sciences and Religions*, Anne Runehov and Lluís Oviedo eds. (2013)
- “Book Review of Robert Audi, *Moral Perception*,” *Faith and Philosophy* 30 (2013): 476-479
- “Epistemic Democracy and the Social Character of Knowledge,” *Episteme* 5 (2008): 74-93

### **BOOK MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS**

- *Democratic Experiments: Moral Progress and the Wisdom of Experience*
- *Moral Capital* (co-written with Subi Rangan)

### **PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**

- “A Failure of Democracy?,” *DailyNous.com* (2016): November 10
- “A Hollowed Out Civic Experience,” *DailyNous.com* (2016): March 14
- “Thinking Civically” (with Jack Schneider), *Social Education* 77 (2013): 213-214
- “Healthcare Debate: Two Views of Liberty,” *Minneapolis Star-Tribune* (2012): July 3

### **SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS**

#### “Humanitarian Monopolists”

- Third Assembly of the Society for Progress, Harvard Kennedy School of Government, 2019  
(*Organization involving economists, business executives, and academics in business scholarship and philosophy*)

#### “What is the Lesson of Donald Trump for Democratic Theory?”

- Henry West Speaker, Macalester College, 2019

#### “Moral Revolutions”

- Philosophy Dept. Colloquium, Minnesota State University Mankato, 2018

#### “Being Ignorant, and Being Ignored”

- NOMOS conference on Democratic Failure, Boston University School of Law, 2018

#### “Science and Democratic Social Progress”

- Workshop on Contemporary Democracy and Contemporary Science, Department of Philosophy, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, 2018

#### “Deliberative Rationality in Moral Revolutions”

- Conference on the Epistemic Value of Deliberation: Theory and Practice, Centre for Deliberative Democracy and Global Governance, University of Canberra, 2016

#### “New Prospects for Corporate Democracy?: How the Joint Pursuit of Social and Financial Goals is Changing Workplace Organization” (with Julie Battilana, Harvard Business School)

- Second Assembly of the Society for Progress, The Royal Society, London, 2015

“Democratic Experiments”

- Moral, Political, Legal, and Social Theory Workshop, The University of Minnesota, 2014

“Contesting the Market: An Assessment of Capitalism’s Threat to Democracy”

- Inaugural Assembly of the Society for Progress, The Royal Society, London, 2014

“The Quest for Consensus”

- Conference: Face au Conflit des Valeurs, Quelle Démocratie: Le Pluralisme Libérale et Ses Critiques, Sciences Po, Paris, 2012
- Association for Political Theory Conference, University of Notre Dame, 2011

“Experimentalist Democracy: A Deweyan Alternative to Deliberation”

- Philosophy Department Colloquium, Carleton College, Northfield, MN, 2011

“The Risk of Persuasive Nonsense”

- Conference on the Epistemology of Liberal Democracy, University of Copenhagen, 2010

Comment on Elizabeth Anderson, “Democracy, Public Policy, and Lay Assessments of Scientific Testimony”

- Conference on Collective Knowledge and Epistemic Trust, Alfried Krupp Wissenschaftskolleg, Greifswald, Germany, 2010

“Epistemic Transparency and Liberal Justification”

- Workshop on the Epistemic Benefits of Free Speech and Openness, University of Copenhagen, 2009

“Deweyan Experience in Political Deliberation: The Case of Desegregation”

- John Dewey’s 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration, Center For Inquiry, Amherst, NY, 2009
- Conference in Honor of John Dewey’s 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Columbia University, 2009

“The Idea of a Political Research Agenda”

- Northeastern Political Science Association Meeting, Boston, MA, 2008

## TEACHING

### St. Olaf College

- The Public Affairs Conversation
- Ethics, Economics, and the Marketplace
- Moral Theory
- Ethics and the Good Life
- Seminar in Social Epistemology
- Law, Politics, and Morality
- Environmental Ethics
- Democracy: Rule of the Ignorant?
- Moral Psychology
- The Science Conversation

### Rutgers University

- The Politics of Science

Columbia University

- Contemporary Moral Problems

Independent Studies Supervised

- “The Evolution and Collapse of Neo-Liberalism”
- “Freedom of Speech”
- “Theories of Justice”
- “Criminal Punishment”
- “Foundations of Human Rights”
- “The Ethics of International Development”
- “Virtue Epistemology”

### **ACADEMIC SERVICE (GENERAL)**

Editorial Board, *Journal of Political Philosophy*

Editorial Board, *Academy of Management Review*

Inaugural Fellow, Society for Progress (working group of philosophers, business scholars, and executives devoted to moral questions of business and society), 2012-present

APA Central Program Committee, 2016-17

Referee for: MIT Press, Icelandic Research Fund, *Philosophy of Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*, *Philosophy*, *Politics*, and *Economics*, *Synthese*, *Res Publica*, *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*, *Journal of Applied Philosophy*, *Social Theory and Practice*, *Social Epistemology*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science*, *Social Philosophy Today*, *Journal of Social Philosophy*, *Palgrave Macmillan*

### **AWARDS/GRANTS/FELLOWSHIPS**

National Endowment for the Humanities “Enduring Questions” Grant, 2016-17

Mellon “Broadening the Bridge” Grant, 2015-16

DeKármán Fellowship, 2008-2009

Whiting Fellowship, Columbia University, 2008-2009 (declined in order to accept DeKármán)

Mellon Interdisciplinary Graduate Fellowship, Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy, Columbia University, 2008-2009

Charles Frankel Memorial Fellowship, Columbia University, 2007-2008  
(*awarded to “a distinguished graduate student” in philosophy at Columbia*)

Humane Studies Fellowship, 2007-2008

Philosophy Department Summer Stipend, Columbia University, 2006, 2008

Tufts University Philosophy Prize, 2000

### **LANGUAGES**

French (fluent spoken)

### **MUSIC**

I am a performing jazz saxophonist and am the drummer for *The Counterfactuals*, a rock band that also features

three professors (two philosophers and a music historian) from Carleton College. We have been featured regularly on Minneapolis-St. Paul radio, have attracted significant press coverage in Minnesota, and were voted a top-five finalist for the Twin Cities' (Minneapolis-St.Paul) "best new band" in the 2014 *City Pages Readers Poll*. Audio available at <https://thecounterfactuals.bandcamp.com/>