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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Saint Olaf College, Philosophy Department

- Professor and Chair, 2023-present
- Associate Professor, 2016-2023
- Assistant Professor, 2010-2016

INSEAD, Visiting Professor, Strategy Department, 2016-17, 2022-23

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

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- *Experiments in Living Together: How Democracy Drives Social Progress*, Oxford University Press, 2024

Articles

- "Humanitarian Monopolists," in *Wedge: Are Core Assumptions in Business Theory Cleaving Apart Performance and Progress?*, ed. Subramanian Rangan, Oxford University Press (*forthcoming*)
- "I 'Need' a Rolex," in *Wedge: Are Core Assumptions in Business Theory Cleaving Apart Performance and Progress?*, ed. Subramanian Rangan, Oxford University Press (*forthcoming*)
- "Epistemic Democracy Without Truth: The Deweyan Approach," *Raisons Politiques* 81 (2021): 81-96
- "An Epistemic Model of Democratic Representation," *NOMOS* 63 (2020)
- "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 *Performance and Progress: Essays on Capitalism, Business, and Society*, ed. Subramanian Rangan, Oxford 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
- “Epistemic Democracy and the Social Character of Knowledge,” *Episteme* 5 (2008): 74-93

Reviews and Reference Entries

- “Epistemic Proceduralism,” in *The Routledge Guide to Social Epistemology*, edited by Miranda Fricker, David Henderson, and Nikolaj Jang Lee Linding Pederson (2019)
- “Philip Kitcher,” *Cambridge Dictionary of Philosophy*, 3rd ed., edited by Robert Audi, Cambridge University Press (2015)
- “Book Review of Robert Audi, *Moral Perception*,” *Faith and Philosophy* 30 (2013): 476-479
- “Justice,” *Springer Encyclopedia of Sciences and Religions*, Anne Runehov and Lluís Oviedo eds. (2013)

Public Engagement

- “What is the Appropriate Moral Reaction to Trump Voters?” *DailyNous.com* (2020): November 10
- “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

PRESENTATIONS

“Community, not Competence: On the Origins of Recent Democratic Failure”

- Political Theory Colloquium, Sciences Po, Paris, 2023

“Why There are no Moral Experts, and What it Means for Democracy”

- European Consortium for Political Research Joint Sessions, Toulouse, France, 2023

“The Kallipolis of Science”

- Kitcherfest, Columbia University, 2022

“The Open Society and Social Irrationality”

- Conference on the Value of the Open Society, Ohio State University, 2022

“Diagnosing Moral Failure on Climate Change: Lessons from the History of Gay Rights”

- Keynote Lecture, Minnesota Philosophical Society Conference, Anoka-Ramsey Community College, 2019

“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

“Democracy in a Divided Society”

- Minnesota Humanists Society, Minneapolis, 2013

“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, Alfred 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 150th Birthday Celebration, Center For Inquiry, Amherst, NY, 2009
- Conference in Honor of John Dewey’s 150th Birthday, Columbia University, 2009

“The Idea of a Political Research Agenda”

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

TEACHING

St. Olaf College

- Ethics in the Age of AI
- Seminar in Distributive Justice
- Race and Social Justice
- 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

INSEAD

- Integrating Performance and Progress

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

Editorial Board, *Political Philosophy*, 2023-present

Editorial Board, *Academy of Management Review*, 2017-present

Editorial Board, *Journal of Political Philosophy*, 2016-23

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*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*, *Philosophy*, *Politics, and Economics*, *Episteme*, *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, Routledge

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

English (native speaker)

French (fluent)