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**Areas of Specialization:** Political Philosophy, Ethics, Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE)

**Areas of Competence:** Philosophy of Religion, History of Political Philosophy/Economy

**Research Topics:** Public Reason, Trust & Polarization, Religion & Politics, Economic Justice

## Academic Appointments

2016- Associate Professor of Philosophy, Bowling Green State University  
2012-2016 Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Bowling Green State University  
2011-2012 Postdoctoral Associate, Political Theory Project, Brown University

## Education

2011 Ph.D. University of Arizona, Philosophy  
2004 B.A. Washington University in St. Louis, Philosophy (Economics minor), *cum laude*

## Books

*Illiberal Perfectionism*, Oxford University Press, forthcoming.

*Trust in a Polarized Age*, Oxford University Press, 2020.

*Must Politics Be War? Restoring Our Trust in the Open Society*, Oxford University Press, 2019.

*Liberal Politics and Public Faith: Beyond Separation*, Routledge, 2014.

## Edited Volumes

*Public Reason and Diversity: Reinterpretations of Liberalism*, Cambridge University Press, on review.

*Social Trust* (Vallier & Weber), Routledge, 2021.

*A New Theist Response to the New Atheists* (Vallier & Rasmussen), Routledge, 2020.

*Religious Exemptions* (Vallier & Weber), Oxford University Press, 2018.

*Political Utopias: Contemporary Debates* (Vallier & Weber), Oxford University Press, 2017.

## Journal Articles

1. "In Public Reason, Diversity Trumps Coherence," 2021, (Muldoon and Vallier), *Journal of Political Philosophy*, forthcoming.

2. "Process Democracy," 2021, *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, forthcoming.
3. "Liberal Socialism Is Not Stable for the Right Reasons," 2021, *Philosophical Topics*, forthcoming.
4. "Equal Citizenship and Convergence," 2021, *Journal of Applied Philosophy*, forthcoming.
5. "Christian Reconciliation Through the Public Use of Reason," 2020, *Social Theory and Practice*, forthcoming.
6. "In Defense of Idealization in Public Reason," 2020, *Erkenntnis*, 85: 1109-1128.
7. "Associations in Social Contract Theory: Toward a Pluralist Contractarianism," 2020, *Political Studies*, 68(2): 486-503.
8. "Containing Ideological Rent-Seekers: Expanding the Reach of Buchanan's Constitutionalism," 2019, *Homo Oeconomicus*, 36(1-2): 71-85.
9. "The Duties of Officials in a Minimally Secular State," 2019, *Journal of Applied Philosophy*, 36(5): 695-701.
10. "Pluralistic Partisanship," 2019, *Res Publica*, 25(4): 487-496.
11. "Hayekian Social Justice," 2019, *The Independent Review*, 24(1): 100-110.
12. "Political Liberalism and the Radical Consequences of Justice Pluralism," 2019, *Journal of Social Philosophy*, 50(2): 212-231.
13. "Freedom and Justice in a Diverse Polity," *Philosophy and Public Issues*, 2018, 8(1): 97-112.
14. "Rawls, Piketty, and the Critique of the Welfare State," 2019, *Journal of Politics*, 81(1): 142-152.
15. "Exit, Voice, and Public Reason," 2018, *American Political Science Review*, 112(4): 1120-1124.
16. "Political Stability in the Open Society," 2018, (Thrasher & Vallier), *American Journal of Political Science*, 62(2): 398-409.
17. "Constitutional Choice Renewed: A Synthesis of Public Reason and Public Choice Approaches," 2018, *Constitutional Political Economy*, 29(2): 115-136.
18. "Public Reason in the Open Society," 2018, *Cosmos & Taxis*, 5(2): 38-46.
19. "Three Concepts of Political Stability," 2017, *Social Philosophy & Policy*, 34(1): 232-259.
20. "On Jonathan Quong's Sectarian Political Liberalism," 2017, *Criminal Law & Philosophy*, 11: 175-94.
21. "Second Person Rules: An Alternative Approach to Second-Personal Normativity," 2017, *Res Publica*, 23(1): 23-42.

22. "On the Inevitability of Nudging," 2016, *Georgetown Journal of Law & Public Policy*, 14: 817-828.
23. "Public Reason is Not Self-Refuting," 2016, *American Philosophical Quarterly*, 53(4): 349-363.
24. "Religious Freedom and the Reasons for Rights," 2016, *Philosophy & Public Issues* 6(1): 9-24.
25. "In Defense of Intelligible Reasons in Public Justification," 2016, *Philosophical Quarterly* 66 (264): 596-616.
26. "In Defense of the Asymmetric Convergence Model of Public Justification," 2016, *Ethical Theory & Moral Practice* 19(1): 255-266.
27. "The Moral Basis of Religious Exemptions," 2016, *Law & Philosophy* 35(1): 1-28.
28. "Is Economic Rationality in the Head?" 2015, *Minds & Machines* 25(4): 339-360.
29. "Public Justification versus Public Deliberation: The Case for Divorce," 2015, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 45(2): 139-158.
30. "The Fragility of Consensus: Public Reason, Diversity and Stability," 2015, (Thrasher & Vallier), *European Journal of Philosophy* 23(4): 933-954.
31. "A Moral and Economic Critique of the New Property-Owning Democrats: On Behalf of a Rawlsian Welfare State," 2015, *Philosophical Studies* 172(2): 283-304.
32. "On Distinguishing Publicly Justified Polities from *Modus Vivendi* Regimes," 2015, *Social Theory & Practice* 41(2): 207-229.
33. "The Origin and Future of Political Liberalism," 2014, *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 11: 1-18.
34. "The Normative Significance of Conscience: A Contractualist Account," 2013, (Swan & Vallier), *Journal of Ethics & Social Philosophy* 6(3): 1-21.
35. "Can Liberal Perfectionism Justify Religious Toleration? Wall on Promoting and Respecting," 2012, *Philosophical Studies* 162(3): 645-664.
36. "Liberalism, Religion and Integrity," 2012, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 90(1): 149-165.
37. "Morality and Aspiration in *Bourgeois Dignity*," 2012, *Journal of Socio-Economics* 41(6): 776-782.
38. "Introduction," Public Reason Symposium, 2011, *Public Affairs Quarterly* 25(4): 257-259.
39. "Convergence and Consensus in Public Reason," 2011, *Public Affairs Quarterly* 25(4): 261-279.
40. "Against Public Reason's Accessibility Requirement," 2011, *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 8(3): 366-389.

41. “Production, Distribution and J.S. Mill,” 2010, *Utilitas* 22(2): 103-125.
42. “The Roles of Religious Conviction in a Publicly Justified Polity: The Implications of Convergence, Asymmetry and Political Institutions,” 2009, (Gaus & Vallier), *Philosophy & Social Criticism* 35(1): 51-76.

### Refereed Chapters in Companions/Edited Volumes

- 2021 “Social and Legal Trust: The Case of Africa,” (Bergh, Bjornskov, and Vallier) *Social Trust*, edited by Kevin Vallier and Michael Weber, New York: Routledge, forthcoming.
- 2020 “In Defense of Yeshiva Autonomy,” *Education and Religious Liberty*, edited by Jay Greene and Jason Bedrick, Lanham: Rowman and Littlefield, forthcoming.
- 2020 “Christian Anarchism,” (Underwood and Vallier), *The Routledge Companion to Anarchism*, edited by Gary Chartier and Chad Van Scheolandt, London: Routledge, forthcoming.
- 2017 “The Moral Basis of Religious Disestablishment,” in *Religion and Liberal Political Philosophy*, edited by Cecile Laborde and Aurelia Bardon, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 103-117.
- 2013 “Religion in Public Life,” (Eberle & Vallier), *The Routledge Companion to Social and Political Philosophy*, edited by Gerald Gaus and Fred D’Agostino, London: Routledge, 800-811.
- 2012 “Public Discourse,” *Philosophy and Politics: Method, Tools, Topics*, edited by Antonella Besussi, Farnham, U.K.: Ashgate, 100-115.

### Policy Papers

- 2018 “Social and Political Trust: Concepts, Causes, and Consequences,” Knight Foundation, <<http://kf.org/vallier>>.

### Book Reviews

- 2020 Nelson Tebbe, *Religious Freedom in an Egalitarian Age*, *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, forthcoming.
- 2018 John Corvino, Ryan T. Anderson, and Sherif Girgis, *Debating Religious Liberty and Discrimination*, *Faith & Philosophy*, *Faith & Philosophy* 35(4): 491-497.
- 2014 Andrew Lister, *Public Reason and Political Community*, *Notre Dame Review of Books*, November 4<sup>th</sup>. <<http://ndpr.nd.edu/news/53491-public-reason-and-political-community/>>.
- 2014 Nicholas Wolterstorff, *Understanding Liberal Democracy*, *Faith & Philosophy* 31(3): 345-348.
- 2014 Samuel Fleischaker, *Divine Teaching and the Way of the World: A Defense of Revealed Religion*, *Mind* 123: 207-210.

- 2012 Nicholas Southwood, *Contractualism and the Foundations of Morality*, *Notre Dame Review of Books*, Gary and Anastasia Friel Gutting, editors, published October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012. <<http://ndpr.nd.edu/news/34356-contractualism-and-the-foundations-of-morality>>.
- 2010 Thomas Scanlon, *Moral Dimensions: Permissibility, Meaning, Blame*, *The Journal of Value Inquiry* 44: 561-565.

### Encyclopedia Entries

- 2021 “Neoliberalism,” *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, edited by Edward N. Zalta, forthcoming on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021, <<http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/neoliberalism/>>.
- 2018 “Public Justification,” *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, edited by Edward N. Zalta, updated on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018, <<http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/justification-public/>>.
- 2017 “Religion and Politics,” *The Routledge Handbook of Libertarianism*, edited by Jason Brennan, Bas van der Vossen, and David Schmidtz, Routledge.
- 2015 “Liberalism,” *Vocabulary for the Study of Religion*, edited by Robert Segal and Kocku von Stuckrad. Brill Press.
- 2014 Entries on “Liberty of Conscience,” “Martin Luther King,” and “Public Choice Theory,” *The Cambridge Rawls Lexicon*, edited by Jon Mandle and David Reidy. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

### Teaching

- 2020 Public Reason, Fall – PHIL 7800
- 2020 History of Political Economy – PPEL 3000/PHIL 3400
- 2020 Philosophy of Religion, Spring – PHIL 3170
- 2019 Philosophy of Religion, Spring – PHIL 3170
- 2019 The Methods of Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, Spring – PPEL 3100
- 2018 History of Political Economy, Fall – PPEL 3000/PHIL 3400
- 2018 History of Political Philosophy, Spring – PHIL 6220
- 2018 The Methods of Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, Spring – PPEL 3100
- 2017 History of Political Economy, Fall – PPEL 3000/PHIL 3400
- 2017 Philosophy of Religion, Summer – PHIL 3170
- 2017 The Methods of Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, Spring – PPEL 3100
- 2016 History of Political Economy, Fall – PPEL 3000/PHIL 3400
- 2016 Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, Fall – PPEL/PHIL 2240
- 2016 Philosophy of Religion, Summer – PHIL 3170
- 2016 Introduction to Ethics, Summer – PHIL 1020
- 2016 Public Reason, Spring – PHIL 7800
- 2015 Capitalism, Socialism, and Democracy, Fall – PHIL 2240
- 2015 Philosophy of Religion, Summer – PHIL 3170
- 2015 Introduction to Ethics, Summer – PHIL 1020
- 2015 Methods in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, Spring – PHIL 7800
- 2015 Special Topics in Political Philosophy, Spring – PHIL 4200

- 2014 Deliberative Democracy: New Directions, Fall – PHIL 7800  
 2014 Capitalism, Socialism and Democracy, Fall – PHIL 2240  
 2014 Philosophy of Religion, Summer – PHIL 3170  
 2014 Introduction to Ethics, Summer – PHIL 1020  
 2014 Ideal and Non-ideal Theory, Spring – PHIL 7800  
 2014 Capitalism, Socialism, and Democracy, Spring – PHIL 2240  
 2014 Philosophy of Religion, Spring – PHIL 3170  
 2013 Introduction to Ethics, Fall – PHIL 1020  
 2013 Social and Political Philosophy, Fall – PHIL 3120  
 2013 Philosophy of Religion, Summer – PHIL 3170  
 2013 History of Political Philosophy, Spring – PHIL 6220  
 2013 Capitalism, Socialism and Democracy, Spring – PHIL 2240  
 2012 Philosophy of Religion, Fall – PHIL 3170  
 2012 Public Reason, Fall – PHIL 7800  
 2012 Philosophy of Religion, Summer – PHIL 3170

*At Brown University:*

- 2011 Prosperity and Poverty, Fall – POLS 1150  
 2011 Economic Freedom and Social Justice, Fall – POLS 2230 (with John Tomasi)

**Professional Service**

- 2014- Director, BGSU Philosophy, Politics, Economics and Law (PPEL) Program.  
 2018 Director, Social Trust, *BGSU Philosophy Conference*.  
 2017- Editorial Board, *Public Affairs Quarterly*.  
 2015 Director, The Scope of Religious Exemptions, *BGSU Philosophy Conference*.  
 2014 Director, Political Utopia: Promise or Peril?, *BGSU Philosophy Conference*.  
 2012 Guest Ed., *Public Affairs Quarterly*, 25(4), “Convergence Justifications in Public Reason.”

Referee for: *Philosophical Review*; *Ethics*; *American Political Science Review*; *American Journal of Political Science*; *Ethical Theory & Moral Practice*; *PPE*; *Political Studies*; *Philosophers' Imprint*; *Social Theory & Practice*; *Journal of Political Philosophy*; *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*; *Philosophical Quarterly*; *Journal of Politics*.

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