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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: Trust & Polarization, Public Reason, Religion & Politics, Economic Justice

Academic Appointments

2024- Professor, Institute for American Constitutional Thought and Leadership, University of Toledo
2016-2024 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

1. *All the Kingdoms of the World: On Radical Religious Alternatives to Liberalism*, Oxford UP, 2023.
2. *Trust in a Polarized Age*, Oxford UP, 2020.
3. *Must Politics Be War? Restoring Our Trust in the Open Society*, Oxford UP, 2019.
4. *Liberal Politics and Public Faith: Beyond Separation*, Routledge, 2014.

Edited Volumes

1. *Public Reason and Diversity: Reinterpretations of Liberalism* (Vallier & Gaus), Cambridge UP, 2022.
2. *Social Trust* (Vallier & Weber), Routledge, 2021.
3. *A New Theist Response to the New Atheists* (Vallier & Rasmussen), Routledge, 2020.
4. *Religious Exemptions* (Vallier & Weber), Oxford UP, 2018.
5. *Political Utopias: Contemporary Debates* (Vallier & Weber), Oxford UP, 2017.

Journal Articles

1. "Trinitarian Contractarianism," *Oxford Studies in the Philosophy of Religion*, forthcoming (Winner of the biennial Sanders Prize in the Philosophy of Religion).

2. "Human Rights and Divine Holiness," *Religious Studies*, forthcoming.
3. "The Justice Argument Against Catholic Integralism," 2024, *Political Studies*, 72(2), 590-611.
4. "Public Reason's Classical Liberal Tilt Revisited," 2023, *Cosmos and Taxis*, Symposium on *Trust in a Polarized Age*, 11(9-10), 58-68.
5. "Trust in a Polarized Age: Reply to Critics," 2023, *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy*. Symposium on *Trust in a Polarized Age*, 26(4), 616-627.
6. "The Symmetry Argument for Catholic Integralism," 2023, *Journal of Analytic Theology*, 11, 67-84.
7. "The Social Philosophy of Gerald Gaus: Moral Relations Amid Control, Contestation, and Complexity," 2023, *The Journal of the American Philosophical Association*, 9(3), 510-532.
8. "Political Trust," 2022, *Brigham Young University Law Review*, 47: 1275-1300.
9. "The Fairness Argument against Catholic Integralism," 2021, *Law, Culture, and Humanities*, 1-19.
10. "In Public Reason, Diversity Trumps Coherence," 2021, (Muldoon & Vallier), *Journal of Political Philosophy*, 29(2): 211-30.
11. "Process Democracy," 2021, *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, 17(6): 633-57.
12. "Christian Reconciliation Through the Public Use of Reason," 2021, *Social Theory and Practice*, 47(3): 549-73.
13. "Liberal Socialism Is Not Stable for the Right Reasons," 2020, *Philosophical Topics*, 48(2): 245-264.
14. "Equal Citizenship and Convergence," 2020, *Journal of Applied Philosophy*, 37(5): 846-53.
15. "In Defense of Idealization in Public Reason," 2020, *Erkenntnis*, 85: 1109-1128.
16. "Associations in Social Contract Theory: Toward a Pluralist Contractarianism," 2020, *Political Studies*, 68(2): 486-503.
17. "Containing Ideological Rent-Seekers: Expanding the Reach of Buchanan's Constitutionalism," 2019, *Homo Oeconomicus*, 36(1-2): 71-85.
18. "The Duties of Officials in a Minimally Secular State," 2019, *Journal of Applied Philosophy*, 36(5): 695-701.
19. "Pluralistic Partisanship," 2019, *Res Publica*, 25(4): 487-496.
20. "Hayekian Social Justice," 2019, *The Independent Review*, 24(1): 100-110.
21. "Political Liberalism and the Radical Consequences of Justice Pluralism," 2019, *Journal of Social Philosophy*, 50(2): 212-231.

22. "Rawls, Piketty, and the Critique of the Welfare State," 2019, *Journal of Politics*, 81(1): 142-152.
23. "Freedom and Justice in a Diverse Polity," 2018 *Philosophy and Public Issues*, 8(1): 97-112.
24. "Exit, Voice, and Public Reason," 2018, *American Political Science Review*, 112(4): 1120-1124.
25. "Political Stability in the Open Society," 2018, (Thrasher & Vallier), *American Journal of Political Science*, 62(2): 398-409.
26. "Constitutional Choice Renewed: A Synthesis of Public Reason and Public Choice Approaches," 2018, *Constitutional Political Economy*, 29(2): 115-136.
27. "Public Reason in the Open Society," 2018, *Cosmos & Taxis*, 5(2): 38-46.
28. "Three Concepts of Political Stability," 2017, *Social Philosophy & Policy*, 34(1): 232-259.
29. "On Jonathan Quong's Sectarian Political Liberalism," 2017, *Criminal Law & Philosophy*, 11: 175-94.
30. "Second Person Rules: An Alternative Approach to Second-Personal Normativity," 2017, *Res Publica*, 23(1): 23-42.
31. "On the Inevitability of Nudging," 2016, *Georgetown Journal of Law & Public Policy*, 14: 817-828.
32. "Public Reason is Not Self-Refuting," 2016, *American Philosophical Quarterly*, 53(4): 349-363.
33. "Religious Freedom and the Reasons for Rights," 2016, *Philosophy & Public Issues* 6(1): 9-24.
34. "In Defense of Intelligible Reasons in Public Justification," 2016, *Philosophical Quarterly* 66 (264): 596-616.
35. "In Defense of the Asymmetric Convergence Model of Public Justification," 2016, *Ethical Theory & Moral Practice* 19(1): 255-266.
36. "The Moral Basis of Religious Exemptions," 2016, *Law & Philosophy* 35(1): 1-28.
37. "Gaus, Hayek, and the Place of Civil Religion in a Free Society," 2016, *The Review of Austrian Economics* 30: 327-352.
38. "Is Economic Rationality in the Head?" 2015, *Minds & Machines* 25(4): 339-360.
39. "Public Justification versus Public Deliberation: The Case for Divorce," 2015, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 45(2): 139-158.
40. "The Fragility of Consensus: Public Reason, Diversity and Stability," 2015, (Thrasher & Vallier), *European Journal of Philosophy* 23(4): 933-954.

41. "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.
42. "On Distinguishing Publicly Justified Polities from *Modus Vivendi* Regimes," 2015, *Social Theory & Practice* 41(2): 207-229.
43. "The Origin and Future of Political Liberalism," 2014, *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 11: 1-18.
44. "The Normative Significance of Conscience: A Contractualist Account," 2013, (Swan & Vallier), *Journal of Ethics & Social Philosophy* 6(3): 1-21.
45. "Can Liberal Perfectionism Justify Religious Toleration? Wall on Promoting and Respecting," 2012, *Philosophical Studies* 162(3): 645-664.
46. "Liberalism, Religion and Integrity," 2012, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 90(1): 149-165.
47. "Morality and Aspiration in *Bourgeois Dignity*," 2012, *Journal of Socio-Economics* 41(6): 776-782.
48. "Introduction," Public Reason Symposium, 2011, *Public Affairs Quarterly* 25(4): 257-259.
49. "Convergence and Consensus in Public Reason," 2011, *Public Affairs Quarterly* 25(4): 261-279.
50. "Against Public Reason's Accessibility Requirement," 2011, *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 8(3): 366-389.
51. "Production, Distribution and J.S. Mill," 2010, *Utilitas* 22(2): 103-125.
52. "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

1. "The Emotional Decay of Liberalism," *Realism, Ideology, and the Convulsions of Democracy*, edited by Mikayla Novak, Marta Podemski-Mikluch, Richard E. Wagner, Springer Series in Public Choice, forthcoming.
2. "Public Reason at 50," *A Theory of Justice at 50*, edited by Paul Weithman, 2023, Cambridge UP, 239-256.
3. "Social and Legal Trust: The Case of Africa," (Bergh, Bjørnskov, & Vallier) *Social Trust*, edited by Kevin Vallier & Michael Weber, 2021, Routledge, 9-28.
4. "In Defense of Yeshiva Autonomy," *Education and Religious Liberty*, edited by Jay Greene & Jason Bedrick, 2020, Rowman and Littlefield, 3-14.

5. “Christian Anarchism,” (Underwood & Vallier), *The Routledge Companion to Anarchism*, edited by Gary Chartier & Chad Van Scheolandt, 2020, Routledge, 187-204.
6. “The Moral Basis of Religious Disestablishment,” in *Religion and Liberal Political Philosophy*, edited by Cecile Laborde & Aurelia Bardon, 2017, Oxford UP, 103-117.
7. “Religion in Public Life,” (Eberle & Vallier), *The Routledge Companion to Social and Political Philosophy*, edited by Gerald Gaus & Fred D’Agostino, 2013, Routledge, 800-811.
8. “Public Discourse,” *Philosophy and Politics: Method, Tools, Topics*, edited by Antonella Besussi, 2012, Ashgate, 100-115.

Policy Papers

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

Book Reviews

1. Adam MacLeod, *The Age of Selfies: Reasoning about Rights When the Stakes are Personal*, *The Independent Review*, 2021, 25(4).
2. Nelson Tebbe, *Religious Freedom in an Egalitarian Age*, *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, 2020, 17(3): 371-4.
3. John Corvino, Ryan T. Anderson, & Sherif Girgis, *Debating Religious Liberty and Discrimination*, *Faith & Philosophy*, *Faith & Philosophy*, 2018, 35(4): 491-497.
4. Andrew Lister, *Public Reason and Political Community*, *Notre Dame Review of Books*, November 4th, 2014. <<http://ndpr.nd.edu/news/53491-public-reason-and-political-community/>>.
5. Nicholas Wolterstorff, *Understanding Liberal Democracy*, *Faith & Philosophy*, 2014, 31(3): 345-348.
6. Samuel Fleischaker, *Divine Teaching and the Way of the World: A Defense of Revealed Religion*, *Mind*, 2014, 123: 207-210.
7. Nicholas Southwood, *Contractualism and the Foundations of Morality*, *Notre Dame Review of Books*, Gary & Anastasia Friel Gutting, editors, published October 14th, 2012. <<http://ndpr.nd.edu/news/34356-contractualism-and-the-foundations-of-morality/>>.
8. Thomas Scanlon, *Moral Dimensions: Permissibility, Meaning, Blame*, *The Journal of Value Inquiry*, 2010, 44: 561-565.

Encyclopedia Entries

1. “Public Justification,” *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, edited by Edward N. Zalta, updated on December 1st, 2022, <<http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/justification-public/>>.

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

Teaching

Undergraduate

Introduction to Ethics (Spring 2013, Summer 2014/2015/2016, Spring 2023)
 Introduction to PPE (Spring 2013, Fall 2014/2015/2016)
 History of Political Economy (Fall 2016/2017, Spring 2018/2020)
 Social and Political Philosophy (Fall 2013)
 Philosophy of Religion (Spring 2012/2014, Summer 2014/2015/2016/2017), Spring 2019/2020)
 PPE Methods (Spring 2015/2017/2018/2019)

Graduate

Teaching and Writing Philosophy (Spring 2023)
 Contemporary Perfectionism in Politics (Fall 2021)
 Public Reason (Fall 2012, Spring 2016, Fall 2020)
 History of Political Philosophy (Spring 2013, Spring 2018)
 Deliberative Democracy: New Directions (Fall 2014)
 Ideal and Non-Ideal Theory (Spring 2014)

Professional Service

2014- Founding Director, BGSU Philosophy, Politics, Economics and Law (PPEL) Program.
 2014- Director, BGSU Conference in Applied Ethics and Public Policy (Ideal Theory)
 2015- Director, BGSU Conference in Applied Ethics and Public Policy (Religious Exemptions)
 2017- Editorial Board, *Public Affairs Quarterly*.
 2019- Director, BGSU Conference in Applied Ethics and Public Policy (Social Trust)
 2021- Executive Board, Society of Christian Philosophers
 2022- Director, Society of Christian Philosophers Midwest Conference

Prizes

2023 Sanders Prize in the Philosophy of Religion for “Trinitarian Contractarianism” essay.

Grants

- 2017 Kevin Vallier, Grant for the PPEL Program, \$1.6 million Charles Koch Foundation Grant.
2021 Cristina Bicchieri (PI) and Vallier (Co-PI), “Trust, Norms, and Poverty,” \$2.5 million John Templeton Foundation Grant.

References

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