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Areas of Specialization: Political Philosophy, Ethics, Philosophy, Politics, & 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 of Philosophy, Institute for American Constitutional Thought &
            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 & Public Faith: Beyond Separation*, Routledge, 2014.

Edited Volumes

1. *Public Reason & 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. "Spiritual Education," *Social Philosophy & Policy*, forthcoming.

3. "Three Problems for Political Perfectionism: Sectarianism, Coherence, and Stability," *Social Theory & Practice*, forthcoming.

4. "Fusionism, not Libertarianism, Burned Down the House," *Contemporary Legal Issues*, forthcoming.

5. "Human Rights and Divine Holiness," 2024, *Religious Studies*, 60(4), 667-679.

6. "The Justice Argument Against Catholic Integralism," 2024, *Political Studies*, 72(2), 590-611.

7. "Public Reason's Classical Liberal Tilt Revisited," 2023, *Cosmos & Taxis*, Symposium on *Trust in a Polarized Age*, 11(9-10), 58-68. F6(1)

8. "Trust in a Polarized Age: Reply to Critics," 2023, *Critical Review of International Social & Political Philosophy*. Symposium on *Trust in a Polarized Age*, 26(4), 616-627.

9. "The Symmetry Argument for Catholic Integralism," 2023, *Journal of Analytic Theology*, 11, 67-84.

10. "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.

11. "Political Trust," 2022, *Brigham Young University Law Review,* 47: 1275-1300.

12. "The Fairness Argument against Catholic Integralism," 2021, *Law, Culture, & Humanities*, 1-19.

13. "In Public Reason, Diversity Trumps Coherence," 2021, (Muldoon & Vallier), *Journal of Political Philosophy*, 29(2): 211-30.

14. "Process Democracy," 2021, *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, 17(6): 633-57.

15. "Christian Reconciliation Through the Public Use of Reason," 2021, *Social Theory & Practice*, 47(3): 549-73.

16. "Liberal Socialism Is Not Stable for the Right Reasons," 2020, *Philosophical Topics*, 48(2): 245-264.

17. "Equal Citizenship and Convergence," 2020, *Journal of Applied Philosophy*, 37(5): 846-53.

18. "In Defense of Idealization in Public Reason," 2020, *Erkenntnis*, 85: 1109-1128.

19. "Associations in Social Contract Theory: Toward a Pluralist Contractarianism," 2020, *Political Studies*, 68(2): 486-503.

20. "Containing Ideological Rent-Seekers: Expanding the Reach of Buchanan's Constitutionalism," 2019, *Homo Oeconomicus*, 36(1-2): 71-85.

21. "The Duties of Officials in a Minimally Secular State," 2019, *Journal of Applied Philosophy*, 36(5): 695-701.

22. "Pluralistic Partisanship," 2019, *Res Publica*, 25(4): 487-496.

23. "Hayekian Social Justice," 2019, *The Independent Review*, 24(1): 100-110.

24. "Political Liberalism and the Radical Consequences of Justice Pluralism," 2019, *Journal of Social Philosophy*, 50(2): 212-231.

25. "Rawls, Piketty, and the Critique of the Welfare State," 2019, *Journal of Politics,* 81(1): 142-152.

26. "Freedom and Justice in a Diverse Polity," 2018 *Philosophy & Public Issues*, 8(1): 97-112.

27. "Exit, Voice, and Public Reason," 2018, *American Political Science Review*, 112(4): 1120-1124.

28. "Political Stability in the Open Society," 2018, (Thrasher & Vallier), *American Journal of Political Science,* 62(2): 398-409.

29. "Constitutional Choice Renewed: A Synthesis of Public Reason and Public Choice Approaches," 2018, *Constitutional Political Economy*, 29(2): 115-136.

30. "Public Reason in the Open Society," 2018, *Cosmos & Taxis*, 5(2): 38-46.

31. "Three Concepts of Political Stability," 2017, *Social Philosophy & Policy*, 34(1): 232-259.

32. "On Jonathan Quong's Sectarian Political Liberalism," 2017, *Criminal Law & Philosophy*, 11: 175-94.

33. "Second Person Rules: An Alternative Approach to Second-Personal Normativity," 2017, *Res Publica*, 23(1): 23-42.

34. "On the Inevitability of Nudging," 2016, *Georgetown Journal of Law & Public Policy*, 14: 817-828.

35. "Public Reason is Not Self-Refuting," 2016, *American Philosophical Quarterly*, 53(4): 349-363.

36. "Religious Freedom and the Reasons for Rights," 2016, *Philosophy & Public Issues* 6(1): 9-24.

37. "In Defense of Intelligible Reasons in Public Justification," 2016, *Philosophical Quarterly* 66 (264): 596-616.

38. "In Defense of the Asymmetric Convergence Model of Public Justification," 2016, *Ethical Theory & Moral Practice* 19(1): 255-266.

39. "The Moral Basis of Religious Exemptions," 2016, *Law & Philosophy* 35(1): 1-28.

40. "Gaus, Hayek, and the Place of Civil Religion in a Free Society," 2016, *The Review of Austrian Economics* 30: 327-352.

41. "Is Economic Rationality in the Head?" 2015, *Minds & Machines* 25(4): 339-360.

42. "Public Justification versus Public Deliberation: The Case for Divorce," 2015, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 45(2): 139-158.

43. "The Fragility of Consensus: Public Reason, Diversity and Stability," 2015, (Thrasher & Vallier), *European Journal of Philosophy* 23(4): 933-954.

44. "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.

45. "On Distinguishing Publicly Justified Polities from *Modus Vivendi* Regimes," 2015, *Social Theory & Practice* 41(2): 207-229.

46. "The Origin and Future of Political Liberalism," 2014, *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 11: 1-18.

47. "The Normative Significance of Conscience: A Contractualist Account," 2013, (Swan & Vallier), *Journal of Ethics & Social Philosophy* 6(3): 1-21.

48. "Can Liberal Perfectionism Justify Religious Toleration? Wall on Promoting and Respecting," 2012, *Philosophical Studies* 162(3): 645-664.

49. "Liberalism, Religion and Integrity," 2012, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 90(1): 149-165.

50. "Morality and Aspiration in *Bourgeois Dignity*," 2012, *Journal of Socio-Economics* 41(6): 776-782.

51. "Introduction," Public Reason Symposium, 2011, *Public Affairs Quarterly* 25(4): 257-259.

52. "Convergence and Consensus in Public Reason," 2011, *Public Affairs Quarterly* 25(4): 261-279.

53. "Against Public Reason's Accessibility Requirement," 2011, *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 8(3): 366-389.

54. "Production, Distribution and J.S. Mill," 2010, *Utilitas* 22(2): 103-125.

55. "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. "Full Justification," *The Oxford Handbook on the Philosophy of John Rawls*, edited by Lori Watson, Christie Hartley, & Blain Neufeld, Oxford UP, forthcoming.

2. "The Emotional Decay of Liberalism," *Realism, Ideology, & the Convulsions of Democracy*, edited by Mikayla Novak, Marta Podemski-Mikluch, & Richard E. Wagner, Springer Series in Public Choice, forthcoming.

3. "Public Reason at 50," *A Theory of Justice at 50*, edited by Paul Weithman, 2023, Cambridge UP, 239-256.

4. "Social and Legal Trust: The Case of Africa," (Bergh, Bjørnskov, & Vallier) *Social Trust*, edited by Kevin Vallier & Michael Weber, 2021, Routledge, 9-28.

5. "In Defense of Yeshiva Autonomy," *Education & Religious Liberty*, edited by Jay Greene & Jason Bedrick, 2020, Rowman and Littlefield, 3-14.

6. "Christian Anarchism," (Underwood & Vallier), *The Routledge Companion to Anarchism,* edited by Gary Chartier & Chad Van Scheolandt, 2020, Routledge, 187-204.

7. "The Moral Basis of Religious Disestablishment," in *Religion & Liberal Political Philosophy,* edited by Cecile Laborde & Aurelia Bardon, 2017, Oxford UP, 103-117.

8. "Religion in Public Life," (Eberle & Vallier), *The Routledge Companion to Social & Political Philosophy,* edited by Gerald Gaus & Fred D'Agostino, 2013, Routledge, 800-811.

9. "Public Discourse," *Philosophy & 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. Caleb Wellum, *Energizing Neoliberalism: The Energy Crisis & American Political Culture*, *The Society for US Intellectual History*, forthcoming.

2. Gary Chartier, *Christianity & the Nation-State: A Study in Political Theory, The Independent Review*, forthcoming.

3. Fritz Bartel, *The Triumph of Broken Promises: The End of the Cold War & the Rise of Neoliberalism, The Society for US Intellectual History*, forthcoming.

4. Adam MacLeod, *The Age of Selfies: Reasoning about Rights When the Stakes are Personal*, *The Independent Review*, 2021, 25(4).

5. Nelson Tebbe, *Religious Freedom in an Egalitarian Age*, *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, 2020, 17(3): 371-4.

6. John Corvino, Ryan T. Anderson, & Sherif Girgis, *Debating Religious Liberty & Discrimination, Faith & Philosophy, Faith & Philosophy*, 2018, 35(4): 491-497.

7. Andrew Lister, *Public Reason & Political Community, Notre Dame Review of Books*, November 4th, 2014. <http://ndpr.nd.edu/news/53491-public-reason-and-political-community/>.

8. Nicholas Wolterstorff, *Understanding Liberal Democracy*, *Faith & Philosophy*, 2014, 31(3): 345-348.

9. Samuel Fleischaker, *Divine Teaching & the Way of the World: A Defense of Revealed Religion*, *Mind*, 2014, 123: 207-210.

10. Nicholas Southwood, *Contractualism & 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>.

11. 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 & 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 & 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 & 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 & Non-Ideal Theory (Spring 2014)

Professional Service

2014-   Founding Director, BGSU Philosophy, Politics, Economics & Law (PPEL) Program.
2014-   Director, BGSU Conference in Applied Ethics & Public Policy (Ideal Theory)
2015-   Director, BGSU Conference in Applied Ethics & Public Policy (Religious Exemptions)
2017-   Editorial Board, *Public Affairs Quarterly*.
2019-   Director, BGSU Conference in Applied Ethics & 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) & Vallier (Co-PI), "Trust, Norms, and Poverty," $2.5 million John Templeton Foundation Grant.

References

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