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**AOS** Kant, Early Modern Philosophy

**AOC** Epistemology, Metaphysics, Metaethics, Ethics/Political Philosophy

## — EMPLOYMENT

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| 2025 – present | <b>University of Notre Dame, History of Philosophy Forum</b><br>Postdoctoral Research Associate                                          |
| 2024 – 2025    | <b>University of Fribourg, EPP Research Group, Switzerland</b><br>Postdoctoral Research Fellow (Swiss Government Excellence Scholarship) |

## — EDUCATION

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| 2019 – 2024 | <b>University of Cambridge, St Edmund's College</b><br>PhD in Philosophy (including three terms of non-academic work)<br>Thesis: <i>The Power of Reason: Kant's Empirical Study of the Mind</i><br>Supervisor: Angela Breitenbach |
| 2017 – 2019 | <b>University of Oxford, St Cross College</b><br>BPhil in Philosophy (distinction)<br>Supervisors: Ralf Bader and Alison Hills                                                                                                    |
| 2014 – 2017 | <b>Humboldt University of Berlin</b><br>BA in Philosophy (4.0 GPA, best in year)<br>Supervisor: Tobias Rosefeldt                                                                                                                  |

## — VISITING POSITIONS

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| Spring 2024 | <b>University of Notre Dame, History of Philosophy Forum</b><br>Visiting Researcher, hosted by Alix Cohen                            |
| 2023 – 2024 | <b>University of Cologne, CONCEPT</b><br>Visiting Researcher, hosted by Sven Bernecker                                               |
| Spring 2023 | <b>Princeton University, University Center for Human Values</b><br>Visiting Student Research Collaborator, hosted by Andrew Chignell |

## — PUBLICATIONS

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*Some works listed here appeared under a previous name.*

### Peer-Reviewed

- [10] “No Give, No Take: Kant on the Private Validity of Moral Belief”  
In Sven Bernecker and Sofie Møller (eds.), *Kant on Epistemic Autonomy and Authority*,  
Cambridge University Press, forthcoming
- [9] “Derived by Deduction: Kant on Hypothesis Confirmation”  
In *Proceedings of the 14th International Kant Congress*, De Gruyter, forthcoming
- [8] “Room for Responsibility: Kant on Direct Doxastic Voluntarism”  
*Inquiry* 69, 2026, 3245–3268
- [7] “Was Kant a Kantian About Doxastic States?”  
In Paul Silva Jr., *On Believing and Being Convinced* (Elements in Epistemology),  
Cambridge University Press, 2025, 51–61
- [6] “Defending Kant’s Antinomy of Practical Reason”  
In Beatrix Himmelmann and Camilla Serck-Hanssen (eds.), *The Court of Reason: Proceedings of the 13th International Kant Congress*, De Gruyter, 2021, 423–432

### Edition

- [5] Digital edition of Kant’s collected works (Akademie-Ausgabe)  
Co-editor, with Giuliano Infantino  
Fully searchable digital edition; public launch December 2026

### Book Reviews

- [4] “Review of Daniel Smyth, *Intuition in Kant: The Boundlessness of Sense*”  
*Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*, forthcoming (with Till Hoepfner)
- [3] “Review of Jessica Tizzard, *Kant’s Moral World: Ideas and the Real Use of Pure Practical Reason*”  
*Review of Metaphysics*, forthcoming
- [2] “Review of Gabriele Gava, *Kant’s Critique of Pure Reason and the Method of Metaphysics*”  
*European Journal of Philosophy* 33, 2025, 1236–1242
- [1] “Review of Ian Proops, *The Fiery Test of Critique: A Reading of Kant’s Dialectic*”  
*Philosophical Review* 133, 2024, 197–202 (with Andrew Chignell)

## — WORK IN PROGRESS

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### Under Review

- [9] “From Opinion to Knowledge: Why Kant Must Have Been an Infallibilist”  
*Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*, revise and resubmit

### In Progress selection

- [8] “Divine Abilities: How to Realize Kant’s Highest Good”
- [7] “Respect and Reward: Kant’s Hybrid Theory of Moral Motivation”
- [6] “A Matter of Opinion: Kant’s Probabilistic Argument for Immortality”
- [5] “Belief Without Bounds: Why Kant Accepts the PSR After All”

- [4] “Kant on Truth and Error” (with Maya Krishnan)
- [3] “Fallibly Infallible: Kant’s Optimism About Empirical Knowledge”
- [2] “Chains of Reason: Kant on Prosyllogisms and the Unconditioned” (with Mario Schärli)
- [1] “Out of This World: Kant on Extra-terrestrials, Planet-hopping, and Space-racism”

## — PRESENTATIONS

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\* invited † refereed

- [15] “Chains of Reason: Kant on Prosyllogisms and the Unconditioned” (with Mario Schärli)  
† NAKS Midwest Study Group, University of Chicago, 12/2026
- [14] “Moral Persons in a Moral World”  
\* The Metaphysical Structure of Kant’s Intelligible World (workshop), Goethe University Frankfurt, 07/2026
- [13] “Belief Without Bounds: Why Kant Accepts the PSR After All”  
Supreme Principle of Reason (workshop), Humboldt University of Berlin, 07/2026  
† UK Kant Society Annual Conference, University College Dublin, 05/2024  
\* Work-in-Progress Workshop, University of Fribourg, 02/2024
- [12] “On Good Grounds: Why Kant Did Not Believe in the Truth Fairy”  
International Kant Colloquium (research group), University of Notre Dame, 06/2026  
† APA Central Division Meeting, Chicago, 02/2026
- [11] “Divine Abilities: How to Realize Kant’s Highest Good”  
† APA Central Division Meeting, Chicago, 02/2026  
\* EPP Colloquium (research group), University of Fribourg, 11/2024  
† UK Kant Society Annual Conference, Cardiff University, 09/2018  
† GAP.10 (congress), University of Cologne, 09/2018
- [10] “A Matter of Opinion: Kant’s Probabilistic Argument for Immortality”  
\* NAKS Pacific Study Group, University of California, San Diego, 02/2026  
\* Kant at the Lake (lecture series), University of Chicago, 10/2025  
\* Kant’s Dialectic (workshop), Humboldt University of Berlin, 07/2025  
\* New Work on Kant (workshop), University of Fribourg, 06/2025  
\* EPP Colloquium (research group), University of Fribourg, 04/2025  
\* PPPR Colloquium (research group), Princeton University, 05/2023
- [9] “No Give, No Take: Kant on the Private Validity of Moral Belief”  
\* Work-in-Progress Luncheon (lecture series), University of Notre Dame, 02/2026  
\* Kant on Epistemic Authority and Autonomy (workshop), University of Cologne, 12/2025  
\* Belief in Kant (workshop), Goethe University Frankfurt, 01/2025
- [8] “Out of This World: Kant on Extra-terrestrials, Planet-hopping, and Space-racism”  
University of Texas at Austin, 11/2025  
\* Kant on the Moon (workshop), University of Fribourg, 10/2025  
\* Kant Marathon (public lectures), Humboldt University of Berlin, 06/2024
- [7] “Kant on Sinn and Bedeutung” (with Lewis Wang)  
\* Work-in-Progress (workshop), Goethe University Frankfurt, 07/2025

- [6] **“Belief in Myself: Kant on the Soul as Inner Substance”**
  - \* Kant’s Selves (conference), University of Fribourg, 03/2025
  - \* Work-in-Progress Workshop, Humboldt University of Berlin, 07/2023
  - \* PPPR Colloquium (research group), Princeton University, 03/2023
- [5] **“From Opinion to Knowledge: Why Kant Must Have Been an Infallibilist”**
  - \* Work-in-Progress Workshop, Humboldt University of Berlin, 02/2025
  - † 14th International Kant Congress, University of Bonn, 09/2024
  - \* Brown Bag Seminar (research group), University of Cologne, 11/2023
- [4] **“Probabilistic Reasoning: Kant’s Bayesian Theory of Hypotheses”**
  - \* Kant’s Metaphilosophy (workshop), Princeton University, 04/2023
  - \* Moral Sciences Club (lecture series), University of Cambridge, 02/2022
  - \* Graduate Seminar (research group), University of Cambridge, 11/2021
- [3] **“Complete and Systematic: Kant on the Final End of Theoretical Reason”**
  - † UK Kant Society Annual Conference, King’s College London, 09/2022
  - \* Kant Colloquium (research group), University of Cambridge, 05/2020
- [2] **“Reliably Right: A Counterfactual Analysis of Moral Worth”**
  - \* Graduate Seminar (research group), University of Cambridge, 11/2019
  - \* Ockham Society (lecture series), University of Oxford, 11/2018
- [1] **“Defending Kant’s Antinomy of Practical Reason”**
  - † 13th International Kant Congress, University of Oslo, 08/2019
  - \* Kant Colloquium (research group), University of Oxford, 05/2018
  - \* Kant Colloquium (research group), Humboldt University of Berlin, 06/2016

## — COMMENTS

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- [5] Karl Schafer, **“The Unity of Reason and the Limits of Comprehension in Kant”**  
Author-Meets-Critics (workshop), University of Cologne, 03/2026
- [4] Sven Bernecker, **“Fiddling with Epistemic Maxims”**  
South American–German Kant Conference 2024, University of Siegen, 01/2024
- [3] Gabriele Gava, **“Kant’s Critique of Pure Reason and the Method of Metaphysics”**  
Author-Meets-Critics (workshop), University of Cologne, 01/2024
- [2] Joseph Shieber, **“Kantian Social Epistemology and Non-Ideal Theory”**  
Epistemic Authority and Autonomy (conference), University of Cologne, 09/2023
- [1] Ferhat Taskin, **“Divine Freedom and the Best of All Possible Worlds”**  
Islamic Thought (workshop), Princeton University, 05/2023

## — TEACHING

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### University of Notre Dame

|             |                                                                                                                                 |
|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Spring 2027 | <b>Knowledge and Faith</b><br>New course (upcoming)                                                                             |
| Fall 2026   | <b>Introduction to Philosophy</b><br>PHIL 20101 · second-year                                                                   |
| Spring 2026 | <b>Kant's Critique of Pure Reason</b><br>PHIL 43181 · senior seminar · evaluations: median 5.0 of 5; 98% excellent or very good |
| Fall 2025   | <b>Introduction to Philosophy</b><br>PHIL 10101 · first-year · evaluations: median 5.0 of 5; 89% excellent or very good         |

### University of Cambridge

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| Lent 2022 | <b>II Kant's Ethics</b><br>Third-year paper · four lectures on the <i>Groundwork</i> |
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### Teaching Development

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| 2025 – 2026 | Postdoctoral Program for Teaching Excellence, Kaneb Center, University of Notre Dame |
| 2019        | Teaching and Transferable Skills Programme, University of Cambridge                  |

## — SUPERVISION AND TUTORING

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### University of Cambridge

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| 2021, 2024  | <b>II European Philosophy from Kant</b> · third-year · 2 terms             |
| 2021 – 2022 | <b>II Ethics</b> · third-year · 3 terms                                    |
| 2021 – 2022 | <b>Dissertation and extended essays</b> · second- and third-year · 3 terms |
| 2020 – 2022 | <b>IB Ethics</b> · second-year · 4 terms                                   |
| 2021        | <b>IB Knowledge, Language, and the World</b> · second-year · 2 terms       |
| 2021 – 2022 | <b>IA Ethics and Political Philosophy</b> · first-year · 2 terms           |
| 2019        | <b>IA Formal Methods</b> · first-year · 1 term                             |
| 2019 – 2021 | <b>IA Discussion Group</b> · first-year · 3 terms                          |

### Humboldt University of Berlin

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| 2017        | <b>Kant's Theoretical Philosophy</b>  |
| 2016 – 2017 | <b>Introduction to Philosophy</b>     |
| 2016        | <b>Plato's Philosophy of Language</b> |

## — GRANTS

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### Major Grants

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|---------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 08/2024 | DFG research grant, EUR 743,041, co-applicant with Tobias Rosefeldt<br>“Reasonable Ideas: Metaphysics and Meta-metaphysics in Kant’s Transcendental Dialectic” |
| 02/2025 | Fakultäre Aktionsfonds, conference grant, CHF 2,400                                                                                                            |
| 02/2025 | Fonds du centenaire, conference grant, CHF 2,564                                                                                                               |
| 11/2018 | Mind Association Major Conference Grant, GBP 2,000                                                                                                             |

### Further Grants

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|---------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 01/2025 | Conference Grant, German Kant Society         |
| 05/2024 | German Embassy Conference Grant               |
| 10/2022 | UK Kant Society Postgraduate Bursary          |
| 03/2020 | Cambridge Philosophy Faculty Conference Grant |
| 03/2020 | BSHP Regular Conference Grant                 |
| 12/2019 | UK Kant Society Workshop Grant                |
| 12/2019 | All Souls College Travel Bursary              |

## — SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2024 – 2025 | Swiss Government Excellence Scholarship                          |
| 2024        | Research Fellowship, Centre for Human Abilities (declined)       |
| 2024        | Research Fellowship, DFG project “Reasonable Ideas” (declined)   |
| 2023 – 2024 | Cambridge Philosophy Faculty Studentship                         |
| 2020 – 2023 | Doctoral Scholarship of the Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes |
| 2019 – 2020 | Cambridge Philosophy Faculty Studentship                         |
| 2019        | UT Austin Provost’s Graduate Excellence Fellowship (declined)    |
| 2017 – 2019 | DAAD Graduate Scholarship                                        |
| 2017 – 2019 | Graduate Scholarship of the Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes |
| 2016 – 2017 | Germany Scholarship (Deutschlandstipendium)                      |

## — SERVICE

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### Refereeing

*Philosophical Review*, *Noûs* (×2), *Philosophers’ Imprint*, *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*, *European Journal of Philosophy* (×3), *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* (×2), *Kantian Review*, *Review of Metaphysics*, *History of Philosophy & Logical Analysis*, *HOPUS*, *Journal of Transcendental Philosophy*, *Religions*, *Philosophia*; Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes (scholarship selection)

### Organized Series

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| 2026 – present | International Kant Colloquium (research group), University of Notre Dame |
| 2025 – present | Kant at the Lake (lecture series), Notre Dame and Chicago                |

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| 2025 – present | Anscombe's <i>Intention</i> (reading group), University of Notre Dame   |
| 2024 – present | Kant's Transcendental Dialectic (research group), Notre Dame and Berlin |
| 2020 – 2021    | Moral Sciences Club (lecture series), University of Cambridge           |
| 2019 – 2020    | Loxbridge Kant Series (workshop series), UCL, Oxford and Cambridge      |
| 2018 – 2019    | Ockham Society (lecture series), University of Oxford                   |
| 2018 – 2019    | Jowett Society (lecture series), University of Oxford                   |
| 2018 – 2019    | Oxford Kant Colloquium (research group), University of Oxford           |

### Organized Events

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| 06/2027 | Kant and the Law of Excluded Middle (workshop), University of Notre Dame |
| 03/2026 | Working Towards the Highest Good (workshop), University of Notre Dame    |
| 02/2026 | Kant's Ethics of Belief (panel), APA Central Division Meeting, Chicago   |
| 10/2025 | Kant on the Moon (workshop, co-organized), University of Fribourg        |
| 07/2025 | Kant's Idealism (workshop), University of Fribourg                       |
| 07/2025 | Kant's Dialectic (workshop), Humboldt University of Berlin               |
| 06/2025 | New Work on Kant (workshop), University of Fribourg                      |
| 02/2025 | Kant's Selves (conference), University of Fribourg                       |
| 01/2025 | Belief in Kant (workshop), Goethe University Frankfurt                   |
| 01/2024 | Author-Meets-Critics (workshop), University of Cologne                   |
| 11/2018 | Kant's Theory of Modality (workshop), University of Oxford               |
| 11/2018 | Oxford Graduate Philosophy Conference, University of Oxford              |

### Academic Posts

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|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2025 – present | Program Coordinator, "Socrates Scholars", University of Notre Dame            |
| 2021 – 2024    | Member of the Philosophy Equality Group, University of Cambridge              |
| 2020 – 2022    | PhilPapers Assistant Editor (for Angela Breitenbach), University of Cambridge |
| 2020 – 2022    | Philosophy Translator, Lex Academic, London                                   |
| 2017 – 2018    | Research Assistant to Ralf Bader, University of Oxford                        |
| 2016 – 2017    | Student Assistant to Jonathan Beere, Humboldt University of Berlin            |

## — MEMBERSHIPS

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|----------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 2026 – present | American Philosophical Association            |
| 2023 – present | German Kant Society                           |
| 2023 – present | British Society for the History of Philosophy |
| 2022 – present | North American Kant Society                   |
| 2022 – present | UK Kant Society                               |
| 2019 – present | German Society for Analytic Philosophy        |

## — LANGUAGES

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|---------|--------------------------------------------|
| German  | native                                     |
| English | fluent (TOEFL 115/120, GRE verbal 161/170) |
| French  | intermediate (B1 certified)                |
| Latin   | basic (Latinum)                            |

## — REFERENCES

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Available upon request.