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### **Research Areas**

AOS: Social and Political Philosophy  
AOC: Early Modern Philosophy, Nineteenth Century Philosophy, Critical Theory  
Teaching Competency: Philosophy of Science, Ethics

### **Education**

Ph.D., **Vanderbilt University**, Philosophy, 2017 - 2023

*Dissertation*: “A Philosophy of Class in the Twenty-First Century”

*Committee*: Karen Ng (chair), Idit Dobbs-Weinstein, Kelly Oliver, Cinzia Arruzza

B.A. (*summa cum laude*), **Case Western Reserve University**, Philosophy & History,  
2012 – 2016

### **Academic Employment History**

Lecturer, Philosophy, Clemson University, 2023 – present

### **Publications**

#### **Peer-Reviewed Articles and Chapters**

“Exhaustion, Scars, and Inheritance: An Embodied Approach to Social Class,” (forthcoming)  
*New Perspectives on the Ontology of Social Identities*, eds. Alejandro Arango and Adam Burgos,  
Routledge.

“Apocalyptic Claims and the Everyday: Tosaka Jun, History, and Journalism,” *Asian  
Philosophy*, Volume 32, Issue 4, 383-397, 2022.

“Quotidian Apocalypse?: Tosaka Jun’s Critical Theory in a New Age of Crisis,” *Southwest  
Philosophy Review*, Volume 38, Issue 1, 209-218, 2022.

“The Lebensform as Organism: Clarifying the Limits of Immanent Critique,” *Philosophy &  
Social Criticism*, Volume 47, Issue 9, 1060-1087, 2021.

“The Fascist and the Democrat: Crisis of the Political in Dewey and Schmitt,” *Transactions of  
the Charles S. Peirce Society*, Vol. 55, No. 3, 228-253, Summer 2019.

“Benjamin and Spinoza: Divine Violence and Potentia,” *Eidos: A Journal for Philosophy of  
Culture*, Vol. 3, Issue 2, 75-90, 2019.

Submitted for Initial Review

Article on Spinoza and Decolonial Theory

Article on Sociological Accounts of Social Class in Philosophical Argumentation

Article on Political Epistemology, Democratic Theory, and Chinese Politics

**Conference Presentations**

“A Liberal Diagnosis of a Radical Problem: From Democrat’s Dilemma to Revolutionary’s Dilemma,” American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting, Denver, Colorado, February 25, 2023

“Disputing the Collapse: Apocalypse Philosophy, Theoretical Journalism, and Tosaka Jun,” Graduate Conference in Political Theory, Loyola University Chicago & The New School for Social Research, April 15-16, 2022.

“Quotidian Apocalypse?: Tosaka Jun’s Critical Theory in a New Age of Crisis,” Southwestern Philosophical Society 2021 Meeting, Nashville, Tennessee, October 15-16, 2021.

“A Social Reproductive Ontology of Class,” Social Ontology 2021, San Diego, California, August 9-21, 2021

“The Military Dream of Society: Utopia as a Supplement to the Genealogical Method,” 44th Annual Mid-South Philosophy Conference 2020, Memphis, Tennessee, March 20-21, 2020 (Canceled due to COVID)

“Private Government: How the Deus Ex Machina Fallacy Fails Us (and Why the Language of Class Might Not),” American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, February 26, 2020

“Constructing Cosmopolis: Stoic Cosmopolitanism and the Imperialist Duty,” Tennessee Philosophical Association, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, November 9, 2019

“Is Spinoza a Decolonial Feminist,” philoSOPHIA Conference, Memorial University, St. John’s, Newfoundland, Canada, May 11, 2019

“Putting the Revolution on Trial,” Derrida Today Conference, Concordia University, Montreal, Canada, May 25, 2018

“Constituent Power and the Boundary Problem,” On Bridges & Walls Graduate Student Philosophy Conference, New School for Social Research, NY, April 2018

“Brain Transplants and the Survival of Personal Identity,” Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, West Virginia University, WV, April 18, 2015

### **Invited Presentations**

“A Philosophy of Class in the Twenty-First Century: What Even *Is* Class?” Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities, Vanderbilt University, Public Lecture, Nashville, TN, April 5, 2023.

### **Honors and Fellowships**

George J. Graham Jr. Fellow, Robert Penn Warren Graduate Student Research Fellowship, 2022-23 —used to advance the Fellow’s dissertation research with an additional year of funding while contributing to the interdisciplinary life and programming of the Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities

Vanderbilt University Philosophy Department Berry Student Publication Award, 2021

Wright-Plaisance Fellowship 2016  
—used to study at *die Freie Universität Berlin* (the Free University of Berlin) in the 2016-17 academic year

### **Teaching**

Certificate in College Teaching, Center for Teaching and the Graduate School at Vanderbilt University, 2019

#### **Courses at Clemson University**

Science and Values (2x Fall 2023)  
Introduction to Ethics (Fall 2023)  
Intro to Philosophic Problems (2x Summer 2023)

#### **Courses at Vanderbilt University**

*As Instructor of Record:*

General Logic (Fall 2019, Spring 2022)  
Introduction to Ethics (Online Summer 2020, Fall 2021)  
Introduction to Philosophy (Spring 2019, Online Fall 2020, Online Spring 2021)

*As Graduate Teaching Assistant:*

Philosophy of Education, Vanderbilt University. (Fall 2018)  
Introduction to Ethics, Vanderbilt University. (Spring 2018)

### **Professional Service**

Vanderbilt Philosophy Department, Minorities and Philosophy Chapter Secretary (2023)  
Vanderbilt Philosophy Department, Graduate Student Vice President (2021-2022)  
*Philosophy and Social Criticism*, Article Referee

Vanderbilt Philosophy Department, Fellowship and Awards Committee (2020-2021)  
Vanderbilt Philosophy Department, Graduate Writing, Research, and Professionalization  
Committee (2019-2022)  
Vanderbilt Philosophy Department, Graduate Student Faculty Representative (2018-2019)

## **Miscellaneous**

### Academic Summer Schools

“Critical Theory Summer School: Foundations of Solidarity,” Humboldt-Universität (Humboldt University), Berlin, Germany, July 4 – 9, 2021.

“In and Out – Questioning the Philosophical Canon,” Institut za filozofiju (Institute of Philosophy), Zagreb, Croatia, June 28 – July 1, 2021.

### Non-Peer Reviewed Books:

“Until Victory is Achieved: The Cleveland May Day Riots of 1919,” EngagedScholarship @ Cleveland State University, MSL Academic Endeavors,  
[https://engagedscholarship.csuohio.edu/msl\\_ae\\_ebooks/28/](https://engagedscholarship.csuohio.edu/msl_ae_ebooks/28/)

### Non-Academic Invited Public Lectures:

“Until Victory is Achieved: The Cleveland May Day Riots of 1919,” Labor Education & Arts Project May Day Teach-In, Cleveland, Ohio, USA, April 28, 2019.

### Interviews

*APA Member Interviews Blog*, “Student Snapshot: Emerson Bodde.” Conducted by Elyse Purcell & Sean Petersen, June 12, 2020. <https://blog.apaonline.org/2020/06/12/student-snapshot-emerson-bodde/>

## **Language**

German: Advanced Reading and Writing, Intermediate Speaking

## **Professional References**

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