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Areas of Specialization

Social and Political Philosophy • Social Epistemology

Areas of Competence

Philosophy of AI and Technology • Ethics • Epistemology • Philosophy of Language • Philosophy of Law • Philosophy of Religion • Post-Kantian European Philosophy

Academic Appointments

2026–present Postdoctoral Fellow, AI and Democratic Citizenship Initiative [AIDC], Georgetown University
2023–2025 Teaching Associate [Instructor of Record], Georgetown University
2021–2022 Teaching Assistant, Georgetown University

Education

2026 PhD in Philosophy, Georgetown University
Dissertation: *Social Epistemology for the Administered World: Bureaucracies, the Public Sphere, and Other Social Systems*
Committee: John Greco [chair], Quill Kukla, Will Fleisher, Mark Lance

2018 MSt in Philosophical Theology, University of Oxford
2017 MLitt in Philosophy, University of St Andrews
2016 BA in Philosophy and Social Sciences, University of Leipzig

Publications

Social and Political Philosophy & Social Epistemology

2026 Kremers, P., "The Social Epistemology of Bureaucracies," *Synthese* 207(265): 1–26. [doi]
2025 Kremers, P., "Non-Ideal Theory as Ideology," *Inquiry*: 1–23. [doi]

Philosophy of Religion

2024 Kremers, P., "Natural Theology and Divine Freedom," *Sophia* 63(1): 135–150. [doi]
2022 Kremers, P., "Maitzen's Objection from God's Goodness," *Sophia* 61(3): 581–598. [doi]
2021 Kremers, P., "What if God commanded something horrible?," *Religious Studies* 57(4): 597–617. [doi]

Works in Progress

A paper comparing machine superintelligence and social superintelligence [revise and resubmit].
A paper on Kant's social epistemology [under review].
A paper on the ethics of AI-induced deskilling [invited contribution].
A paper defending epistemic bubbles.

Public Writing

2026 Kremers, P., "Gegen die Tech-Elite hilft keine Brandmauer," *Jacobin*, 2026/9.
[A critical review of Rainer Mühlhoff's book *Artificial Intelligence and the New Fascism.*]

2024 Kremers, P., "Staatskritik im Daddy Room," *Jungle World*, 2024/22.
[A critical review of the 2024 bureaucracy museum exhibition in Berlin, Germany.]

Teaching Experience

Instructor of Record

Spring 2027 AI and Work [scheduled], Georgetown University
Spring 2027 Technology and the Good Life [scheduled], Georgetown University
Fall 2025 Language and Philosophy, Georgetown University
Summer 2025 Philosophy and the Law, Georgetown University
Summer 2025 Epistemology of Ignorance, Summer Academy of the *Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes* [German National Merit Foundation] in Leysin, Switzerland [co-taught with Yo-ran Yang]
Spring 2025 Ethics and Technology, Georgetown University
Summer 2024 Introduction to Ethics, Georgetown University
Fall 2023 Political Philosophy, Georgetown University
Summer 2023 Introduction to Philosophy, Georgetown University
Spring 2023 Ways of Knowing, Georgetown University

Teaching Assistant

Fall 2022 Introduction to Philosophy, Georgetown University
Spring 2022 Introduction to Ethics, Georgetown University
Fall 2021 Introduction to Philosophy, Georgetown University

Pedagogical Training

June 2026 AI for Teaching and Learning Bootcamp, Center for New Designs in Learning and Scholarship [CNDLS], Georgetown University

Scholarships & Awards

Apr 2025 APA Graduate Student Travel Stipend
2024 Graduate School PhD Fellowship Stipend, Georgetown University
2019–2020 Graduate School PhD Fellowship Stipend, Georgetown University
2014–2018 Full Scholarship, *Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes* [German National Merit Foundation] [including a living stipend and full tuition coverage]
2015–2016 Erasmus Scholarship [for study abroad at the University of Vienna]
2012–2014 "Lux Like Studium" Full Scholarship, Rosa Luxemburg Foundation [for students from non-academic backgrounds]

Selected Presentations [* = peer-reviewed]

"Uncontrollable Superintelligence and Marx's Automatic Subject"
Apr 2026 Pluralistic Philosophy Workshop, Georgetown University

"The Social Epistemology of Bureaucracy"
Sep 2025 4th Social Epistemology Network Event [SENE4], Washington, DC*
Apr 2025 APA Pacific Division Meeting, San Francisco*
Mar 2025 Pluralistic Philosophy Workshop, Georgetown University

"Kant's Social Epistemology of the Public Sphere"
Sep 2025 Pluralistic Philosophy Workshop, Georgetown University

"Vindicating the Myth of the Good Epistemic Bubble"
Aug 2025 Summer Academy of the *Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes* in Leysin, Switzerland
Jul 2025 14th Graduate Conference of the Vienna Forum for Analytic Philosophy, University of Vienna*
Feb 2022 Pluralistic Philosophy Workshop, Georgetown University

"Non-Ideal Theory as Ideology"
Feb 2024 Warwick Graduate Conference in Political and Legal Theory, University of Warwick*
Nov 2023 Faculty Work-in-Progress Workshop, Georgetown Philosophy

"Modal Status and *A Posteriori* Arguments for God's Existence"
Jul 2021 Ian Ramsey Centre for Science and Religion Conference, University of Oxford*

"De-Platonizing Counterpossibles"
Jul 2021 7th International Conference on Philosophy of Language and Linguistics, University of Łódź*

"Divine Command Metaethics and the Objection of Horrible Commands"
Jun 2019 Tyndale Fellowship Conference, University of Cambridge*
Feb 2019 Helsinki Analytic Theology Workshop, University of Helsinki*
Apr 2018 Harris Manchester College MCR Work-in-Progress Workshop, University of Oxford

"Wittgenstein and Evolutionary Debunking Arguments"
Aug 2018 41st International Ludwig Wittgenstein Symposium, Kirchberg am Wechsel, Austria*

"How Not to Argue That Wittgenstein Was a Moral Anti-Realist"
Jun 2016 39th International Ludwig Wittgenstein Symposium, Kirchberg am Wechsel, Austria*

Dissertation Abstract

Bureaucracies allow us to address complex epistemic problems and produce knowledge with remarkable speed and reliability. Yet, the same division of labor that makes these epistemic achievements possible also makes it difficult for us to understand how different pieces of knowledge depend on one another. My dissertation explains this tension by developing a systems-oriented social epistemology of bureaucracies. I show that their epistemic advantages depend on favorable conditions, whereas their tendency to undermine understanding persists even under such conditions. I then examine how other sociotechnical systems, particularly the public sphere, might compensate for these epistemic shortcomings.

Other Relevant Work Experience

2020–2022 Technology Assistant, Georgetown University
2020–2021 Software Engineer, BytExperts GmbH, Germany
2018–2019 Research Assistant, Leibniz-Center for General Linguistics [ZAS], Germany

Service

Reviewer for *AI & Society*, *Journal of Political Ideologies*, *Religious Studies*, *Religions*, *Social Epistemology*, *Sophia*, and *Organon F*.

2023–2025 Faculty Advisor, *Philoso-Tea* [Undergraduate Philosophy Club], Georgetown University
2025–2026 Debate Judge [3x], *Philonomosian Society* [Undergraduate Debate Club], Georgetown University
2022–2024 Graduate Chair for Social Life, Department of Philosophy, Georgetown University
2020–2021 Organizer, Pluralistic Philosophy Workshop, Georgetown University

Skills

Languages: German [native], English [fluent], French [intermediate]
Technology: JavaScript & TypeScript, Vue, React, PHP, Python, PyTorch, transformers, AI security, web exploitation, penetration testing, Docker, Git, Linux

References

Prof. John Greco, McDevitt Professor of Philosophy
Department of Philosophy, Georgetown University

Prof. Quill Kukla, Professor of Philosophy & Socrates Fellow
Department of Philosophy, Leibniz University Hannover

Prof. Will Fleisher, Assistant Professor of Philosophy
Center for Digital Ethics & Department of Philosophy, Georgetown University

Prof. Mark Fisher, Assistant Professor of Government
AIDC Initiative & Department of Government, Georgetown University

Prof. Bryce Huebner, Professor of Philosophy [Teaching Reference]
Department of Philosophy, Georgetown University

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