

Michael Rohlf

curriculum vitae (June 2025)

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I. Academic positions

2025-present: Associate Professor and Director of Graduate Studies, School of Philosophy,
The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC.

2014-present: Associate Professor of Philosophy, The Catholic University of America,
Washington, DC.

2008-2014: Assistant Professor of Philosophy, The Catholic University of America, Washington,
DC.

2006-2008: Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow in Philosophy, Brown University,
Providence, Rhode Island.

2004-2008: Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, New York.

II. Education

1997-2004: University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. M.A. (1999) and Ph.D.
(2004) in philosophy. Dissertation: "Kant on the Unity of Reason." Supervisor:
Paul Guyer.

2001-2002: Freie Universität zu Berlin, Germany. Graduate Exchange Fellow.

1993-1996: Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas. B.A. in philosophy, minor in Greek.

III. Areas of specialization / Areas of competence

AOS: Modern philosophy, especially Kant and post-Kantian Germanic philosophy

AOC: Ethics, political philosophy, aesthetics, philosophy of sport, ancient philosophy

IV. Publications

A. Edited book

The Modern Turn, ed. Michael Rohlf. Washington, DC: The Catholic University of America
Press (2017).

B. Peer-reviewed journal articles and book chapters:

- “Absolute Property in Fichte’s *Foundations of Natural Right*.” In *Fichte’s Practical Philosophy*. Ed. Benjamin Crowe and Gabriel Gottlieb. Leiden and Berlin: De Gruyter Brill (forthcoming).
- “Deriving Duties: Fichte’s Alternative to Kant.” *Belgrade Philosophical Annual* 37.3 (2024): 31-50.
- “Kant, Immanuel.” *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (Originally published 2010. Substantive revision 2024).
- “Suffering and Schadenfreude in Sport.” With Sean Foley. *Journal of the Philosophy of Sport* 50:1 (2023), 133-147.
- “Affinity and Systematicity in the First Critique.” In *Proceedings of the 12th International Kant Congress: Nature and Freedom*. Ed. Violetta L. Waibel and Margit Ruffing. Berlin: de Gruyter (2018), 1527-1533.
- “Transcendental Idealism in the B-Deduction.” In *Kant on Freedom and Spontaneity*, ed. Kate Moran. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press (2018), 48-65.
- “Contemporary Kantian Moral Philosophy.” In *The Palgrave Kant Handbook*, ed. Matthew C. Altman (2017), 791-813.
- “The Rationality of Induction in Kant (and Hume).” *Idealistic Studies* 43:3 (Fall 2013): 153-169.
- “Promissory Notes: Kant’s Argument for Transcendental Idealism.” In *Kant und die Philosophie in weltbürgerlicher Absicht*, ed. S. Bacin, A. Ferrarin, C. La Rocca, and M. Ruffing. Berlin and Boston: de Gruyter (2013), 375-385.
- “Happiness in Kant and Rousseau.” *Estudos Kantianos* 1:2 (2013): 25-42.
- “Emotion and Evil in Kant.” *Review of Metaphysics* 66 (June 2013): 749-773.
- “Kant’s Early Ethics.” *American Dialectic* 1.1 (2011): 137–66.
- “The Ideas of Pure Reason.” In *The Cambridge Companion to Kant’s Critique of Pure Reason*, ed. Paul Guyer. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press (2010), 190-209.
- “Contradiction and Consent in Kant’s Ethics.” *Journal of Value Inquiry* 43.4 (2009): 507–20.
- “Kant on Determining One’s Duty: A Middle Course Between Rawls and Herman.” *Kant-Studien* 100.3 (2009): 346–68.

“The Transition from Nature to Freedom in Kant’s Third *Critique*.” *Kant-Studien* 99.3 (2008), 339–60.

C. Short encyclopedia entries and book reviews:

Review of *The Critique of Judgment and the Unity of Kant’s Critical System* (Cambridge, 2023), by Lara Ostaric. *European Journal of Philosophy* 33.1 (2025): 377–380.

Review of *An Introduction to Hegel’s Lectures on the Philosophy of Religion: The Issue of Religious Content in the Enlightenment and Romanticism* (OUP, 2022), by Jon Stewart. *The Thomist* 88.4 (2024): 688–692.

Entries on “idea,” “regulative,” “regress,” and “architectonic” (1000–1500 words each) in *The Cambridge Kant Lexicon*, ed. Julian Wuerth (2021).

Review of *Kant, God and Metaphysics: The Secret Thorn*, by Edward Kanterian. *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (2019).

“Synthetic a priori judgments.” In *New Catholic Encyclopedia Supplement 2012–2013: Ethics and Philosophy*, ed. Robert L. Fastiggi. 4 vols. Detroit: Gale, 2013.

Review of *Kant on Beauty and Biology*, by Rachel Zuckert. *Review of Metaphysics* 62.2 (2008): 444–46.

Review of *Kant on the Human Standpoint*, by Béatrice Longuenesse. *Ethics* 118.2 (2008): 345–49.

Review of *Kant’s Cosmopolitan Theory of Law and Peace*, by Otfried Höffe. *International Philosophical Quarterly* 47.1 (2007): 115–16.

Review of *Kant’s Transcendental Proof of Realism*, by Kenneth R. Westphal. *International Philosophical Quarterly*, 46:3 (2006): 371–72.

V. Conference presentations and invited talks

A. Papers:

March, 2024: “Selfhood and Competitive Sport.” Robert Gordon University: 2024 British Philosophy of Sport Association Conference, Aberdeen, UK.

September, 2023: “Striving, Embodiment, and Sociality in Sport.” The 50th Annual Conference of the International Association for the Philosophy of Sport, Split, Croatia.

March, 2023: “Fichte’s Criticisms of Kant’s FUL and FH.” Sixth Biennial Meeting of the North American Kant Society, Mexico City.

August, 2022: "Suffering and Schadenfreude in Sport." With Sean Foley. The 49th Annual Conference of the International Association for the Philosophy of Sport, online.

May, 2022: "Late Schelling as a Kantian Philosopher of Freedom." Seventh Meeting of the North American Schelling Society, online.

May, 2022: "Absolute Property in Fichte's *Foundations of Natural Right*." DePaul University: Chicago. Fifteenth Biennial Meeting of the North American Fichte Society.

March, 2021: "Fichte's Kantian Ethics." DC-Baltimore Kant and Post-Kantian Workshop, online

May, 2018: "Fichte's Departure from Kant's Ethics." The 4th Biennial Meeting of the North American Kant Society. Vancouver, Canada.

September, 2015: "Affinity and Systematicity in the First Critique." The 12th International Kant Congress. Vienna, Austria.

June, 2014: "Transcendental Idealism in the B-Deduction." Georgetown University: DC/Baltimore Kant Workshop.

February, 2014: "Affinity and Systematicity in the First Critique." Colloquium paper at the APA Central Division Meeting, Chicago. (Read by the session chair in my absence due to illness)

October, 2013: "Transcendental Idealism in the B-Deduction." Brown University: Conference on Nature and Freedom in Kant, in honor of Paul Guyer.

March, 2012: "Emotion and Evil in Kant." Keynote lecture at the CUA graduate student philosophy conference on Emotions.

September, 2010: "Happiness in Rousseau and Kant." The Catholic University of America: School of Philosophy Fall lecture series.

May, 2010: "Promissory Notes: Kant's Argument for Transcendental Idealism." XI International Kant Congress. Pisa, Italy.

April, 2008: "Systematicity and Conditions of Experience in Kant." Brown University: Cogut Center for the Humanities Fellows' Seminar.

February, 2008: "Systematicity and Conditions of Experience in Kant." The Catholic University of America: School of Philosophy colloquium.

May, 2007: "Contradiction and Consent in Kant's Ethics." University of Southern Maine: Eastern Study Group of the North American Kant Society.

December, 2006: "Contradiction and Consent in Kant's Ethics." Brown University: Cogut

Center for the Humanities Fellows' Seminar.

November, 2006: "Contradiction and Consent in Kant's Ethics." Trinity University, San Antonio: Department of Philosophy colloquium.

February, 2006: "Procedural Formalism and Substantive Value in Kant's Ethics." University of South Carolina, Columbia: Department of Philosophy colloquium.

November, 2005: "Procedural Formalism and Substantive Value in Kant's Ethics." Stanford University: Pacific Study Group of the North American Kant Society.

October, 2005: "Hedonism and the Highest Good in Kant." Syracuse University: Upstate New York Early Modern Philosophy Workshop.

January, 2004: "The Transition From Nature to Freedom in Kant's Third *Critique*." Indiana University, Bloomington: Department of Philosophy colloquium.

B. Commentaries on others' papers

November, 2020: Comments on Naomi Fisher, "The Beautiful is a Symbol of the Morally Good: Judgments of Beauty and their Relation to the Supersensible in Kant's Third *Critique*," American Catholic Philosophical Association annual meeting, online.

December, 2013: Response to Sasa Stankovic, "Practical Knowledge of Freedom in Kant's Critical Philosophy." APA Eastern Division Meeting, Baltimore.

December, 2012: Response to Katherine Gasdaglis, "The Refutation of Idealism and the Perception of Time." APA Eastern Division Meeting, Atlanta.

April, 2007: Response to James Reid, "Freedom in Nature: The Moral of Kant's Critique of Judgment." APA Pacific Division Meeting, San Francisco.

April, 1999: "Is Epicurean Friendship Altruistic? A Response to Timothy O'Keefe." Trinity University, San Antonio: 22nd Annual Workshop in Ancient Philosophy.

VI. Editorial work

Editor, *Review of Metaphysics* (2019 – present)

VII. Professional affiliations

North American Kant Society

North American Fichte Society

North American Schelling Society

DC/Baltimore Kant and Post-Kantian Workshop

International Association for the Philosophy of Sport

British Philosophy of Sport Association

VIII. Teaching experience

University of Pennsylvania

Introduction to Philosophy
Writing About Moral Issues
The History of Modern Philosophy
Ethics

Skidmore College

Introduction to Philosophy
The History of Early Modern Philosophy
Ethics
Seminar in Kant
The Idea of Freedom
Independent Study on Freedom in Rousseau and Kant
Independent Study on Hegel's Philosophy of Right

Brown University

Aesthetics
Kant's Critique of Pure Reason (undergraduate and graduate)
German Idealism (undergraduate and graduate)
Kantian Ethics (graduate seminar)

The Catholic University of America

The Classical Mind
The Modern Mind
Nature and Human Nature (honors)
Human Action and Government (honors)
Theories of Ethics
Philosophy of Art
Philosophy of Sport
Political Philosophy
Philosophy of Knowledge
History of Modern Philosophy
Junior Seminar (on Plato's *Republic*)
Senior Seminar (on Kant and post-Kantian Germanic philosophy)
Kant's Critique of Pure Reason (graduate seminar)
Kant's Moral and Political Philosophy (graduate seminar)
Kant's Critique of Judgment (graduate seminar)
German Idealism (graduate seminar)
Fichte's Ethics and Political Philosophy (graduate seminar)
Hegel and His Critics (graduate seminar)
Hegel's Philosophy of Right (graduate seminar)
The Philosophy of Karl Marx (graduate seminar)

IX. Service to The Catholic University of America

Director of Graduate Studies, School of Philosophy (2025 – present)

Faculty-in-residence, Freshman Residential College (2010-2012)

Faculty-in-residence, Honors Residential Community (2012-2014)

Faculty, CUA Rome Center (Fall 2014 semester)

Faculty Secretary, School of Philosophy

Coordinator of the Fall 2010 lecture series in the School of Philosophy

Chair, Graduate Placement Advisory Committee in the School of Philosophy

Member, Committee on Appointments and Promotions in the School of Philosophy

Member, German Language Examination Committee in the School of Philosophy

Member, Graduate Admissions Committee in the School of Philosophy

Member, Website Management Committee in the School of Philosophy

Member, Graduate Proseminar Committee in the School of Philosophy

Member, Graduate Reading List Examination Committee in the School of Philosophy

Member, Senior Comprehensive Examination Committee in the School of Philosophy