

Curriculum Vitae

LANDON FRIM

Assistant Professor of Philosophy
Florida Gulf Coast University

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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Early Modern Philosophy (esp. Baruch Spinoza); Philosophy of Religion

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Political Philosophy; Ethics; Modern Jewish Thought

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2018 - Florida Gulf Coast University. Assistant Professor of Philosophy.
- 2017- 18 St. Joseph's College. Assistant, Associate Professor of Philosophy.
- 2011-12 City College of New York / Center for Worker Education. Instructor.
- 2007-12 Stony Brook University. Adjunct Instructor, Department of Philosophy.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Philosophy (2012), Stony Brook University, New York
& Philipps-Universität Marburg, Germany. (*Transatlantic Collegium of Philosophy*)

Graduate Certificate in Cultural Studies (2010), Stony Brook University, New York.

MA in Philosophy (2009), Stony Brook University, New York.

Double BA in Philosophy *and* Interdisciplinary Studies (2007), Florida Atlantic University, Florida. (*University Honors Program*)

BA Minors in Ethnic Studies *and* Ethics, Law and Society.
BA Certificate in Jewish and Holocaust Studies.

PHILOSOPHY COURSES TAUGHT

Early Modern Philosophy; The Ethics of Belief; Ethical Reasoning; Existentialism and Logical Positivism; Animal and Environmental Ethics; Social and Political Philosophy; Logical Reasoning; 20th Century and Contemporary Philosophy, History of Modern Philosophy; Justice and Society; Labor, Class, and Ethics

DISSERTATION

“Monism, Pluralism, and the Politics of Toleration:
An Analysis of Spinoza’s Rationalist Political Philosophy and its 20th Century Critics”

Committee Members: Eduardo Mendieta (Director), Allegra De Laurentiis, Jeff Edwards
External Reader: Jonathan Israel (Institute for Advanced Study)

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS & BOOK CHAPTERS

Prometheus and Gaia: Technology, Ecology, and Anti-Humanism
Anthem Press (2020) - Forthcoming

The Moral Labyrinth: Introducing Ethics through Thought Experiments
Kendall-Hunt Publishing (2019)

“Back to the Futurists? On Accelerationism Left and Right” in
Anti-Science and the Assault on Democracy: Defending Reason in a Free Society
Prometheus Books (2018)

ACADEMIC ARTICLES

“Impartiality or Oikeiôsis? Two Models of Universal Benevolence”
Symposion 6,2 (2019)

“Substance Abuse: Spinoza contra Deleuze.”
Epoché: A Journal for the History of Philosophy Vol. 23 Issue 1 (2018)

“Nature or Atoms? Reframing the IR Curriculum through Ethical Worldviews”
Teaching Ethics Vol.17 No.2 (2017)

“Humanism, Biocentrism, and the Problem of Justification”
Ethics, Policy, and Environment Issue 3 (2017)

“Sufficient Reason and the Causal Argument for Monism.”
Society and Politics Vol. 5, No. 2 (2011)

“Impartiality or Oikeiôsis? Two Models of Universal Benevolence.”

BOOK REVIEWS

The Wrong Couple — Review of Gregor Moder, Hegel and Spinoza: Substance and Negativity
Radical Philosophy (2018)

POPULAR ARTICLES

“Steven Pinker: False Friend of the Enlightenment”
Jacobin Magazine (2018; coauthored)

“Behemoth and Leviathan: The Fascist Bestiary of the Alt-Right”
Salvage Magazine (2017; coauthored)

“Dialectical Enlightenment”
Jacobin Magazine (2017; coauthored)

“Radical Enlightenment 2: Dialectical Enlightenment”
Against Professional Philosophy (2017; coauthored)

“Aliens, Antisemitism, and Academia”
Jacobin Magazine (2017; coauthored)

“Mill, Mao and Socrates:
Three approaches to the Alt-Right in the classroom”
Inside Higher Ed (2017; coauthored)

“What Bernie and the Left Need Now: A Radical Enlightenment”
The New Republic (2016; coauthored)

“Women’s Liberation and Human Liberation”
The Socialist (2012; coauthored)

“A Realist’s Utopia: A return to the one state solution?”
Counterpunch Magazine (2011)

SELECTED TALKS & PRESENTATIONS

February 2020 “Deep Ecology? A Tale of Two Spinozas”
Southeastern Association for the Continental Tradition
St. Leo University – Tampa, Florida

November 2017 “Heretics! How Erastus and Socinus brought us
Modernity”
Liberal Arts Colloquium
St. Joseph’s College – Patchogue, New York

- October 2017 "Should the State Teach (a Secular) Ethics?"
Ethics Across the Curriculum Conference.
Grand Rapids, Michigan
- April 2017 Annual Khatib Lecture: Violence and Peace in Islam
Invited Panelist.
St. Joseph's College – Patchogue, New York
- March 2017 "The Forgotten Origins of Jewish and Arab Nationalism"
History, Memory, and Justice Conference.
Florida Gulf Coast University - Ft. Myers, Florida
- February 2016 "Impartiality or Oikeiôsis?
Two Models of Universal Beneficence"
Association for Practical and Professional Ethics.
Reston, Virginia
- October 2015 "Can one be a 'Realist' Cosmopolitan?"
Ethics Across the Curriculum Conference.
Greenville, South Carolina
- April 2015 "Marx's Metaphysics: Re-interpreting Marxist Humanism
through a Rationalist Metaphysic"
Historical Materialism Conference.
New York University, New York
- November 2014 "The Metaphysics of Tolerance"
Liberal Arts Colloquium.
St. Joseph's College - Patchogue, New York
- October 2013 "Must Charity Begin at Home? The paradigms of
Impartialism and Oikeiosis in Contemporary Applied
Ethics."
Ethics Across the Curriculum Conference.
Oregon State University - Corvallis, Oregon
- March 2013 "Monism and Solidarity" Keynote speaker,
Annual Prospective Doctoral Student Gala,
Stony Brook, New York.
- September 2011 "Substance Abuse: Deleuze's Reading of Spinoza and its
Political Consequences"
Provost Lecture Series, Stony Brook University.
Stony Brook, New York
- March 2011 "From Reality to Existence: Spinoza's Ontological
Argument"
Annual Conference for Early Modern Philosophy.
Universitea din București, Romania

- November 2010 "Spinoza's Ethics of Prudence" Doctoral Seminar
in Philosophy - Phillips-Universität.
Marburg, Germany
- November 2008 "Spinoza, the State of Nature, and Same Sex Marriage"
Ethics Across the Curriculum Conference.
Baltimore, Maryland

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

- May 2016 Faculty Research Grant, St. Joseph's College
- February 2016 Rubin Foundation Grant (\$10,000) for SJC Ethics Center
- May 2014 Faculty Research Grant, St. Joseph's College
- June 2011 Distinguished Travel Award, SUNY
- Fall 2010, Spring 2011 Kade Fellowship – Transatlantic Collegium of
Philosophy, Philipps-Universität
Marburg, Germany
- May 2010 Herzog August Bibliothek Travel Grant,
For Early Modern Archival Research
Wolfenbüttel, Germany
- May 2010 Mildred and Herbert Weisinger Dissertation Fellowship
- April 2006 Donald Hamilton McGreevy Senior Scholarship in
Philosophy
- April 2006 Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society
- May 2005 Panim's Aaron Goldman Young Jewish Activist Award

ACADEMIC SERVICE

- Fall 2019 - Faculty Senator – College of Arts and Sciences
FGCU
- Fall 2018 - Spring 2019 Annual Philosophy Conference Co-Organizer
Florida Gulf Coast University
- Fall 2015 - Spring 2016 APPE Regional Ethics Bowl Representative
- Fall 2015 Northeast Regional Ethics Bowl (Host & Organizer)
St. Joseph's College

Fall 2014 Advisor, Senior Thesis in Philosophy
St. Joseph's College

Fall 2013 Advisor/Developed new Minor Degree:
"Labor, Class, and Ethics"
St. Joseph's College

Fall 2012 - Advisor/Coach of Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl Team
St. Joseph's College

Fall 2009 President of the Philosophy Graduate Society,
Stony Brook University

Fall 2008 Representative for the Philosophy Graduate Society,
Stony Brook University

MEDIA & COMMENTARY

March 12, 2020 Corona virus Roundtable
WINK News (CBS Affiliate)

January 31, 2020 Understanding Santería and Afro-Cuban spiritual traditions
Herald-Tribune

January 30, 2020 Understanding Santería and Afro-Cuban spiritual traditions
News-Press (USA Today Network)

December 17, 2019 Pope removes shroud of secrecy from clergy sex abuse cases
WINK News (CBS Affiliate)

November 2, 2018 The centuries-old history of Jewish "puppet master" conspiracy
theories
Vox

April 20, 2017 KPFA Behind the News with Doug Henwood