

# NAOMI FISHER

*Curriculum Vitae*  
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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## AREA OF SPECIALIZATION

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Kant and German Idealism

## AREAS OF COMPETENCE

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Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Religion, History of Philosophy, Logic, Ethics

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

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Loyola University Chicago, Department of Philosophy, Assistant Professor, 2018-present.  
- Program Director, Catholic Studies Minor, 2021-present.  
Clark University, Department of Philosophy, Assistant Professor 2016-2018.

## EDUCATION

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University of Notre Dame, M.A. Philosophy (2011) Ph.D. Philosophy (2016)  
University of California, Davis, M.S. Physics (2005-2007)  
Biola University, B.S. Physical Science (2001-2005), *summa cum laude*  
Torrey Honors Institute Great Books Program (2001-2005), Biola University

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Research Publications in AOS (\*peer-reviewed)

- “The Philosophical Significance of Schelling’s Plato Notebooks, 1792–1794” in *Kabiri* vol. 3 (forthcoming).
- \* (coauthored with Kevin Mager) “Schelling responds to Kant: The *Bruno* critique of one-sided idealism” in *Idealistic Studies* (forthcoming).
- \* (coauthored with Jeffrey J. Fisher) “Schelling and the *Philebus*: Limit and the Unlimited in Schelling’s Philosophy of Nature” in *Epoché* 26:2 (forthcoming 2022).
- \* (translation) “Schelling’s Plato Notebooks, 1792–1794” in *Epoché* 26:1, 109–131 (2021).
- \* “Life, Lawfulness, and Contingency: Kant and Schelling on Organic Nature” in *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* (2021/online first).
- \* “Kant and Schelling on Blumenbach’s Formative Drive” in *Intellectual History Review, Special Issue: Conceptions of Life in German Idealism* (ed. Gerad Gentry and Cat Moir) 31:3, 391–409 (2021).
- \* “Unity in Schelling’s *World Soul*” in *The Review of Metaphysics* 74:4, pp. 527–552 (2021).
- “Kant’s Organic Religion: God, Teleology, and Progress in the Third *Critique*” in *Kant and the Possibility of Progress*, ed. S. Stoner and P. Wilford, University of Pennsylvania Press (2021).

- “Freedom as Productivity in Schelling’s Philosophy of Nature” in *Schelling's Philosophy: Freedom, Nature and Systematicity*, ed. G. Anthony Bruno. Oxford University Press (2020).
- \* “Organisms and the Form of Freedom in Kant’s Third Critique” in *European Journal of Philosophy* 27, pp. 55–74 (2019).
- \* “The Epistemology of Schelling’s Philosophy of Nature” in *History of Philosophy Quarterly* 34:3 pp. 271–290 (2017).
- \* “Kant On Animal Minds” in *Ergo* 4:15, pp. 441–462 (2017).
- \* “Natural and Ethical Normativity” in *Southern Journal of Philosophy* 54:4, pp. 417–439 (2016).

### Other Invited Book Chapters and Articles

- “Tending God’s Garden: Philosophical Themes in Malick’s *Tree of Life*” in *Life above the Clouds: Philosophy in the Films of Terrence Malick* (ed. Steven DeLay), SUNY Press (forthcoming).
- (coauthored with Andrew Krema) “Introduction” in *Nexus: Conversations on the Catholic Intellectual Tradition*, vol. 1 (2021).
- “We Must Give our Students Hope: The Distinctively Catholic Search for Truth in *Ex Corde Ecclesiae*” in *Nexus: Conversations on the Catholic Intellectual Tradition*, vol. 1 (2021).

### Symposia and Conference Proceedings (\*peer-reviewed)

- Symposium Contribution: “Merely Methodological Naturalism in Aesthetics: A Proposed Revision of Zuckert’s Herder Interpretation” in *The Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism* (forthcoming).
- \* ““The Beautiful is the Symbol of the Morally Good”: Judgments of Beauty and the Supersensible in Kant’s Critique of Aesthetic Judgment” in *Proceedings of the American Catholic Philosophical Association* (forthcoming).
- Symposium Contribution: *For the Love of Metaphysics: Nihilism and the Conflict of Reason from Kant to Rosenzweig*, Karin Nisenbaum, *SGIR Review* 3.1-2: 112–118 (Summer 2020)

### Book Reviews

- Review, *Herder’s Naturalist Aesthetics*, Rachel Zuckert, *The British Journal of Aesthetics* 60:3 (August 2020).
- Review, *I, Me, Mine: Back to Kant and Back Again*, Béatrice Longuenesse *Review of Metaphysics* 71: 812–814 (June 2018).
- Review, *Kant and Rational Psychology*, Corey Dyck, *Review of Metaphysics* 68: 651–653 (March 2015).

### PRESENTATIONS (\*peer-reviewed)

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- Panelist, “Conversations in the Catholic Intellectual Tradition: Catholic Higher Education in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century” *Loyola University Chicago 150<sup>th</sup> Scholars Series*. October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
- Invited speaker, “One precise way in which Schelling or Hegel improves on Kant’s theoretical philosophy”, *V-NAKS* series, North American Kant Society, online, July 2021.
- Critic, Author meets Critics session on *Herder’s Naturalist Aesthetics*, Rachel Zuckert, Pacific APA, online, April 2021.
- \* “Platonism in Schelling’s Powers of Nature” The Concept of Nature in German Idealism; Ludwig Maximilians Universität, Munich, online, April 2021.

- Book Panel on *Herder's Naturalist Aesthetics* by Rachel Zuckert, Chicago Consortium in German Philosophy, online, January 2021.
- \* “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, November 2020.
  - \* “Purposiveness as Lawfulness of the Contingent” presented at North American Kant Society Biennial Conference, online, June 2020.
- Critic, Author meets Critics session (hosted by *Society for German Idealism and Romanticism*) on *For the Love of Metaphysics: Nihilism and the Conflict of Reason from Kant to Rosenzweig*, Karin Nisenbaum, Central APA, February 2020.
- “Genius and the Supersensible in Kant’s Third *Critique*” presented at Chicago Area Consortium in German Philosophy, Annual Workshop: Kant, DePaul University, March 18 2019.
- \* “Kant’s Organic Religion” presented at North American Kant Society Midwest Study Group, University of Wisconsin, Madison, October 2018.
- “Schelling’s Philosophy of Nature and Freedom, 1797-1809” presented at City Seminar, DePaul University, August 2018.
- Discussant, “Nationalism and Cosmopolitanism” panel (Richard Velkley and Rachel Zuckert), Kant and the Possibility of Progress Conference, Boston College, February 17 2018.
- \* “Kant, Schelling, and Blumenbach’s *Bildungstrieb*” presented at Society for German Idealism–North American Kant Society Joint Conference: Kantian Legacies in German Idealism and Romanticism, Stanford University, October 2017.
  - \* “Organisms as the form of freedom: The ultimate end of nature in Kant’s third *Critique*” North American Kant Society Eastern Study Group, George Washington University, April 2017.
  - \* “Kant on Animals” North American Kant Society Midwest Study Group, Northwestern University, October 2015.
- Comments on Elizabeth Millán: “Alexander von Humboldt’s *Naturgemälde*: A Romantic Poetry of Nature,” Workshop on German Romanticism, University of Chicago, March 2015.
- “An activity-based approach to rationality” Philosophy Department Colloquium, University of Notre Dame, January 16, 2015.
- “Reconceiving the *scala naturae*: Schelling’s *Naturphilosophie* in the context of evolution” Dissertation Research Seminar, University of Notre Dame, December 2014.
- “Natural Reason: Rationality as Emerging out of Animal Nature,” Institute for Advanced Study Seminar, University of Notre Dame, September 2014.
- “Freedom, Knowledge, and the Productive Activity of Nature,” Philosophy and History Workshop, University of Notre Dame, April 2014.
- \* “Nature and Knowledge in Schelling,” Futures of Schelling Conference, University of Western Ontario, August 2013.
- “Kant und Schelling über die Natur,” Arbeitskreis zur klassischen deutschen Philosophie, Universität Bonn, July 2013.
- “Productive Nature: Knowledge and Freedom in Schelling’s *Naturphilosophie*,” Institutsweites Kolloquium, Institut für Philosophie, Universität Bonn, July 2013
- \* “Kant and Schelling on Final Causes in Nature,” Examining Teleology Conference, Catholic University of America, March 2010.

## AWARDS AND HONORS

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- Hank Center for Catholic Intellectual Heritage Course Development Grant for “Platonism and Catholicism”; Summer–Fall 2021.
- Loyola University Chicago Faculty Development Grant for “Platonism in Schelling’s Early Philosophy”; Summer 2021.
- 2015 Marcus Herz Prize for best graduate student paper presented at a North American Kant Society study group meeting (awarded for “Kant on Animals” paper).
- Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study Graduate Student Fellowship, Academic year 2014-2015.
- ISLA-Mellon Grant for Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Workshops, Academic year 2012-2013, renewed for Academic year 2013-2014.
- Nanovic Institute Graduate Travel and Research Grant for summer research at the University of Bonn, Summer 2013.
- Nanovic Institute Summer Stipend for European Studies, Nanovic Institute, University of Notre Dame, Summer 2011.

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

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- Guest editor, *Nexus: Conversations on the Catholic Intellectual Tradition*, vol. 1 (2021).
- Assistant Philosophy Editor, *SGIR Review*, Spring 2020–present.
- Hank Center Working Group on the Catholic Intellectual Tradition, Spring 2021–present (originally Loyola Working Group in Catholic Higher Education, Spring 2020–Spring 2021, co-founder and organizer)
- Executive Committee, Philosophers in Jesuit Education, Fall 2019–present  
-Secretary-treasurer, Fall 2021–present
- German reading group for graduate students and faculty, Loyola University Chicago, Fall 2019–present (organizer/leader).
- Ancient philosophy reading group for graduate students and faculty, Loyola University Chicago, Spring 2020–present (participant).
- Program Committee, American Catholic Philosophical Association, Spring 2020.
- Participant, faculty seminar: *All Things Ignatian: Catholic Intellectual Life and the Common Good*, Loyola University Chicago, Spring 2020.
- Coordinator for Philosophy and History Workshop at Notre Dame: Secured a Mellon grant for and co-organized an interdisciplinary workshop in philosophy and history; Academic years 2012-2013 and 2013-2014.
- Lumen Christi Summer Seminar on Catholic Social Teaching, Russell Hittinger, U. C. Berkeley, Summer 2013.
- Assistant Editor, *Internationales Jahrbuch des deutschen Idealismus* [International Yearbook for German Idealism], Academic year 2010-2011.
- Secured a Nanovic Institute grant and organized a graduate student German reading group on Schiller’s *Letters on the Aesthetic Education of Man*, Fall 2009.
- Referee: *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, *Ergo*, *Philosophy Compass*, *Intellectual History Review*, *Symphilosophie*.

### Professional Memberships:

- American Catholic Philosophical Association (ACPA)
- Chicago-Area Consortium in German Philosophy
- North American Kant Society (NAKS)
- North American Schelling Society (NASS)
- Philosophers in Jesuit Education (PJE)
- Society for German Idealism and Romanticism (SGIR)

### UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

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#### Dissertation Proposal Committee Member

- Kevin Mager, October 2021
- Anthony Gudwien, March 2021

Advisor, MA Paper, Department of Philosophy, Loyola University Chicago, projected completion August 2022, Rutger Hakkenberg.

Advisor, MA Paper, Department of Philosophy, Loyola University Chicago, August 2020 (Conor Thomas Beath: *The Unity of Reason Between the First and Second Critiques*).

Dissertation Committee Member, Department of Philosophy, Loyola University Chicago, August 2018 (Kyoungnam Park: *The Concept of Matter in Kant's Transcendental Idealism*).

#### Internal Presentations:

- “What Dostoevsky taught me about fear, lies, learning, and growing” in “Ideas that Change Lives” series for Catholic Studies, event for students, December 2021.
- Presentation in “How I Teach That” series, on Dostoevsky, Hank Center Working Group on the Catholic Intellectual Tradition, December 2021.
- Comments at Catholic Studies Banquet, May 2021.
- (with Kevin Mager) “Form and Matter in Kant’s Amphiboly and Schelling’s *Bruno*” at History of Philosophy Roundtable, February 2021.
- “Platonism in Schelling’s Early Philosophy” at History of Philosophy Roundtable, September 2020.
- Academic debate with Richard Kim (event for undergraduates), Kant vs. Aristotle, Loyola University Chicago, November 14, 2018.
- Publishing workshop panel (event for graduate students), Department of Philosophy, Loyola University Chicago, October 15, 2018.

#### University Committee Work, Loyola University Chicago (2018–present)

- Academic Council, September 2021–present.
  - By-laws committee, September 2021–present.
- Search Committee, Director of the University Core Curriculum, June 2020.

#### Committee Work within the Department of Philosophy, Loyola University Chicago (2018–present)

- Search Committee, Instructor Line, Fall 2021.
- Search Committee, Moral Theory Line, AY 2021–2022.
- Graduate Placement Committee, AY 2019–2020, AY 2020–2021
- Alumni Relations Committee (Chair), AY 2020–2021
- Social Committee, AY 2018–2019, Spring 2020, AY 2020–2021
- Undergraduate Awards Committee, AY 2019–2020
- Graduate Admissions and Awards Committee, AY 2018–2019

## COURSES TAUGHT

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### **Loyola University Chicago**

*Kant's Critique of Judgment* (graduate seminar, Spring 2022)  
*Kant's Moral Philosophy* (graduate seminar, Spring 2020)  
*Kant: Critique of Pure Reason* (graduate seminar, Spring 2019)  
*Classical Modern Philosophy* (Spring 2022)  
*Philosophy and Persons* (most semesters, Fall 2018–present)

### **Clark University**

*Introduction to Philosophy*  
*Philosophy of Religion*  
*Philosophy of Science*  
*Existentialism in Philosophy and Literature*  
*Science, Religion, and Reality*

### **University of Notre Dame**

*Existentialist Themes*  
*Introduction to Philosophy*