

# Jaime Edwards

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## AREAS OF EXPERTISE

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AOS: Social & Political Philosophy; 19th & 20th Century Continental Philosophy

AOC: Ethics (including Metaethics and Moral Psychology); Philosophy of Law; Kant

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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Oberlin College	Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 2025-present
University of Chicago Law School	Lecturer in Law & Political Philosophy Fellow, 2024-25
St. Norbert College	Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 2018-24 Co-Director of Peace and Justice Program, 2020-24
Art Institute of Chicago	Lecturer in the Liberal Arts Program, 2016-18

## EDUCATION

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University of Chicago	Ph.D. Department of Philosophy (2018) Dissertation: <i>The Marxian Theory of Ideology: A Reconstruction and Defense</i> Advisors: B. Leiter, D. Brudney, M. Forster, M. Nussbaum
University of Bonn	Department of Philosophy (Visiting Scholar, 2014-15)
University of Chicago	M.A. Department of Philosophy (2014)
UC Berkeley	B.A. (Highest Distinction, 2008)

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Books

- *Marx*. Co-authored with Brian Leiter for the *Routledge Philosophers* series (Routledge, 2025)

## Book Chapters

- “Marx on Labor, Value, and Class” in *Oxford Handbook of Philosophy and Work*, eds. Grant Rozeboom, Julian Jonker (Oxford University Press, forthcoming 2026)
- “Marx on Social Structure, Ideology, and Historical Transformation,” in *Transformation and the History of Philosophy*, eds. G. Anthony Bruno, Justin Vlasits (Routledge, 2024)

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

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### Work Presented

“What would it mean for work to be intrinsically valuable?”

- Invited paper, Annual Marx Workshop, Vanderbilt University, May 2026

*Marx*: Authors meet Critics

- Stone Center for Research on Wealth Inequality and Mobility, University of Chicago, Spring 2025
- Conference session, Philosophy, Politics and Economics Society Conference, New Orleans, November 2024

“‘Everything is as it seems, and all is for the best!’: The Origin of Ideological Belief in Cognitive and Motivated Biases”

- Invited paper, UW-Milwaukee, December 2024
- Invited paper, McMaster University, December 2020

“Against Idealism and Idealization: Marx’s Ideological Critiques”

- Invited paper, Oberlin College, September 2024
- Invited paper, Houston Colloquium in German Philosophy, March 2024
- Invited paper, Philosophy Seminar Series, Marquette University, October 2021

“Marx on Good and Bad Work”

- Invited paper, International Workshop on Applied Ethics, Marquette University, May 2024

“Democratic Equality in the New Gilded Age: A Conversation”

- UW-Milwaukee, April 2024

*Marx* Manuscript

- Conference on *Marx* manuscript (J. Edwards and B. Leiter), University of Chicago, January 2024

“Cosmopolitan Solidarity: Reconciling Freedom and Collective Action”

- Conference paper, Philosophy, Politics and Economics Society Conference, New Orleans, November 2023
- Invited paper, International Workshop on Applied ethics, Universidad San Sebastian in Santiago, Chile, September 2023

“Assessing Marx’s Cosmopolitanism”

- Conference paper, Philosophy, Politics and Economics Society Conference, New Orleans, November 2023

“Hegel on the Common Good and the Inevitable Bad”

- Conference paper, Philosophy, Politics and Economics Society Conference, New Orleans, November 2022

“On the Ruling Class and Their Ruling Ideas”

- Conference paper, Philosophy, Politics and Economics Society Conference, New Orleans, March 2020
- Workshop Presentation, the Practical Philosophy Workshop, University of Chicago, January 2018

“Products of Our Time: Bias, Ideology, Morality”

- Invited paper, Central APA, February 2020.
- Conference paper, Western Michigan University Graduate Philosophy Conference, Western Michigan University Kalamazoo, December 2017
- Conference paper, Ethics and Political, Social and Legal Annual Conference, University of Michigan—Flint, November 2017
- Conference paper, Illinois Philosophical Association Conference, Northern Illinois University, October 2017

“Ideal Theory, Ideal Thinkers, and Ideology”

- Invited paper, presented at an author-meets-critics symposium on Jonny Thakkar, Plato as Critical Theorist, Philosophy, Politics and Economics Society Conference, New Orleans, March 2019

“Just Because They Say It, Doesn’t Make It So: On Group Consensus”

- Conference paper, Trust, Expert Opinion and Policy: A multidisciplinary conference investigating questions of trust in and the trustworthiness of expert opinion, University College, Dublin, August 2017

### Interviews

- Brain in a Vat: Why We Think Like Capitalists: Marx on Ideology and Class, October 2025 (<https://youtu.be/Idiq5rZBmpk?si=gTIL8oHzTF8VragN>)
- The Dissenter: *Marx*, November 2024 ([https://youtu.be/sBpJUEkyKDY?si=w\\_nuhOJ\\_1iIYPS-w](https://youtu.be/sBpJUEkyKDY?si=w_nuhOJ_1iIYPS-w))
- Bloggingheads.tv: “The Microfoundations of Marxism,” September 2020 <https://meaningoflife.tv/videos/43103>
- American Philosophical Association Member Interview, October 2019 <https://blog.apaonline.org/2019/10/11/apa-member-interview-jaime-edwards/>

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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#### Oberlin College

- Rawls’s *A Theory of Justice*

- Political Philosophy
- Law, Morality, and Punishment
- Philosophy & Morality (x2)

**Oberlin College (independent studies and thesis advising)**

- Arendt on Moral Judgment (independent study)
- The Ethics of Trust (intendent study)

**University of Chicago Law School**

- Migration and Citizenship
- Punishment: Its Justification and Practice

**St. Norbert College**

- Modern Political Thought (x3)
- Law, Morality, and Punishment (x3)
- Human Rights and Responsibilities (x3)
- Migration, Refugees, and Citizenship (community engaged) (x4)
- Kant and 19th Century Philosophy
- 20th Century Continental Philosophy
- Existentialism and Film
- Democracy (honors tutorial)
- The Foster Care System (community engaged honors tutorial)
- Philosophical Foundations: Ethics (semesterly)

**St. Norbert College (independent studies and thesis advising)**

- Philosophy of Race, Class, and Gender (independent Study)
- On Forgiveness and the Unforgivable (independent study)
- Cosmopolitanism, Multiculturalism, and Refugees (independent study)
- The Capabilities Approach and Prison Reform (BA thesis advisor)
- Nietzsche on the Origin and Expression of Guilt (BA thesis advisor)
- Hannah Arendt (independent study)
- Political Liberalism (independent study)
- Effective Altruism and Higher Education (MA thesis advisor)
- Good Art by Bad Artists (BA thesis advisor)
- Metaethics (independent study)

**Stanford University**

- Marx (one-week intensive course co-taught with Allen Wood, Summer 2019)

### **School of the Art Institute of Chicago**

- Hegel-20th Century
- Existentialism
- Human Rights
- Power and Resistance: An Introduction to Political Philosophy
- Ethics
- Marx and Marxism

### **University of Chicago**

- The School of Suspicion: Marx, Nietzsche, Freud
- Capitalism and Its Critics
- Modern Philosophy
- Heuristics & Biases
- Ideological Critique: Marx, Nietzsche, and the Frankfurt School

### **University of Chicago (BA Preceptor)**

- Philosophy Department

### **University of Chicago (Writing Instructor for the Humanities Common Core)**

- Modern Ethical Theory
- Ancient Philosophy

## **AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

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### **Research**

- Norman Miller Center for Peace and Justice Studies Affiliate Faculty Program, St. Norbert College, 2020-21
- Faculty Fellow for Community Engagement, St. Norbert College, 2019-2020
- University of Bonn Fellowship. 7th International Summer School in German Philosophy, 2017
- University of Bonn Fellowship. 6th International Summer School in German Philosophy, 2016
- Alexander von Humboldt Fellowship. One year of full funding for dissertation research as an exchange student at the University of Bonn, 2014-15
- Center for Law, Philosophy, and Human Values (University of Chicago Law School) Dissertation Year Fellowship, 2014-15
- University of Chicago Graduate Student Fellowship, 2009-14

### **Teaching**

- Oberlin Summer Research Institute Fellowships (Oberlin College)
  - paper: Arendt on Moral Judgment, Summer 2026
  - paper: The Ethics of Trust
- Student-Faculty Collaborative Research Grants (St. Norbert College)

- paper: Philosophy of Race, Class, and Gender, Spring 2024
- paper: On Forgiveness and the Unforgivable, Winter 2023
- paper: Cosmopolitanism, Multiculturalism, and Refugees, Fall 2023
- college-in-prison project, 2020-2022
- paper: The Capabilities Approach and Prison Reform, Summer 2021
- paper: Hannah Arendt on immigration, Spring 2020
- paper: On Good Art and Bad Artists, Summer 2019
- History, Philosophy and Social Studies of Science and Medicine Program, Lectureship, University of Chicago, 2016

## **OUTREACH AND SERVICE**

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### **Service to the College (Oberlin College)**

- Law & Society Committee

### **Service to the College (St. Norbert College)**

- Co-Director of the Peace and Justice Minor, 2020-25
- Killeen Chair Committee, 2019-2025
- Undergraduate Philosophy Club Advisor, 2020-25
- Academic Service-Learning Advisory Committee, 2022-25
- The Norman Miller Center for Peace, Justice, and Public Understanding Advisory Committee, 2019-22
- Philosophy Department Hiring Committee, Fall 2021

### **Service to the Profession**

- Journal Referee: European Journal of Philosophy, Inquiry; Moral Philosophy and Politics; Social Philosophy Today, Social Theory and Practice
- American Philosophical Association Committee for the Defense of the Professional Rights of Philosophers, 2023-present

### **Community Outreach**

- SNC faculty affiliate for Green Bay Citizenship helping to organize twice-weekly citizenship classes for immigrants and refugees in Northern Wisconsin and Eastern Minnesota, 2021-present
- Odyssey Beyond Bars (UW-Madison's college-in-prison program) English 100 tutor, 2022-present
- Registered educational volunteer at the Green Bay Correctional Institution, 2019-present
- Introduction to College (an 8-week college preparatory course for youth in the foster care system) founder and coordinator, 2019
- Elucidations Podcast, Interviewer. University of Chicago, 2011-18

## RESEARCH LANGUAGE

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- German (advanced reading and comprehension; intermediate speaking)

## REFERENCES

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### **Brian Leiter**

Karl N. Llewellyn Professor of Jurisprudence at the University of Chicago Director, Center for Law, Philosophy, & Human Values

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