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Curriculum Vitae

Education

Ph D. in Philosophy: University of South Florida, 2008.

M.A. in Philosophy (with Distinction): University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, 2004.

Part-Time Graduate Studies in Philosophy: University of New Mexico, Albuquerque. Fall 1991-Spring 1996.

[Hiatus as a Licensed Texas Real Estate Agent. Summer 1980-Summer 1991].

B.A. in Philosophy and French: Austin College, Sherman, Texas, 1980. Dean's List, Spring 1977-Spring 1980.

Junior Year Abroad Program: Institut d'Études Européenes, Paris. Fall 1978-Summer 1979.

Areas of Interest

Doctoral Dissertation: *Minding the Gap: What it is to Pay Attention Following the Collapse of the Subject-Object Distinction.*

Area of Specialization: History of 19th and 20th Century Continental European Philosophy, especially French and German Philosophy in the Hermeneutic, Phenomenological and Deconstructive Tradition.

Areas of Competency: History of Ancient and Modern Philosophy, Existentialism, Philosophy of Love and Sex, Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy in Film and Literature, Contemporary Continental Philosophy, Human Nature and Technology, Philosophy of Religion, History of Aesthetics, History of Ethics, Post-Modernism, History of Medieval Philosophy.

Foreign Language Proficiency: Fluency in French, Reading Proficiency in German.

Awards

Excellence in Teaching Award. College of Humanities and Social Sciences. Sam Houston State University. September 2012.

Commendation for Exemplary Teaching and Mentoring, Omicron Chapter of Alpha Chi National Honors Society at Sam Houston State University. April, 2012.

Provost's Award for Outstanding Teaching by a Graduate Teaching Assistant, Commendation. University of South Florida, April, 2007.

Provost's Award for Outstanding Teaching by a Graduate Teaching Assistant, Commendation. University of South Florida, April, 2006.

Academic Appointments

Assistant Professor of Philosophy at Sam Houston State University, 2013

Aesthetics, Fall 2012-Spring 2013

History of Modern Philosophy, Spring 2013

Introduction to Philosophy (Distance Learning and Classroom), Spring 2013

Visiting Assistant Professor at Sam Houston State University, 2009-2012

Aesthetics, Summer-Fall 2012

Existentialism, Fall 2009-2012

Introduction to Philosophy, (Distance Learning and Classroom) Spring-Fall 2010-2012

Critical Thinking, (Distance Learning and Classroom) Fall-Spring 2009-12

Philosophy in Film and Literature, Summer 2010, Spring-Summer 2011

Philosophy of Mind, Spring 2010

Visiting Assistant Professor at John Carroll University, 2008-2009

Continental Philosophy, Summer 2009

Philosophy of Love and Sex: Critical Approaches, Spring 2009

Medieval Philosophy, Fall 2008

Introduction to Philosophy, Fall 2008 and Spring 2009

Adjunct Instructor:

Introduction to Aesthetics, Ringling College of Art and Design, Fall 2006-Spring 2008

Introduction to Philosophy, University of Tampa, Spring 2008

Existentialism, University of South Florida, Summer 2006 and 2007

Introduction to Ethics, University of Tampa, Spring 2007

Introduction to Philosophy, University of South Florida, Summer 2005

Critical Thinking, University of South Florida, Summer 2005

English 102, “Argument and Analysis,” University of New Mexico, Spring 2004

English 101, “Composition,” University of New Mexico, Fall 2003

Teaching Assistant:

Philosophies of Love and Sex, University of South Florida, Spring 2007 and 2008 (instructor of record)

Existentialism, University of South Florida, Fall 2007 (instructor of record)

Philosophy of Religion, University of South Florida, Fall 2005-Fall 2006 (instructor of record)

Introduction to Ethics, University of South Florida, Spring 2005 (instructor of record)

Introduction to Philosophy, University of South Florida, Fall 2004 (assistant to Dr. Charles Guignon)

Introduction to Philosophy, University of New Mexico, Spring 2003 (assistant to Dr. Iain Thomson)

Introduction to Philosophy, University of New Mexico, 2002-2003 (assistant to Dr. Kelly Becker)

Introduction to Philosophy, University of New Mexico, Fall 2002 (assistant to Mr. Sam Simpson)

Introduction to French, Austin College, 1979-1980 (assistant to Dr. Cynthia Manley)

Conferences and Speaking Engagements

“The Excruciating Activity of Properly Directing Our Attention: Simone Weil and Pascal on Becoming a Human Being.”, SPEP annual meeting, Rochester, NY, Fall 2012.

“Reconsidering What it is to Pay Attention: Heidegger and Letting-Be-ness”, North Texas Philosophical Association, Denton, TX, Spring 2012, SPEP annual meeting, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, Fall 2010 and at The American Philosophical Association—Pacific Division annual meeting, San Diego, CA, Spring 2011.

“Fred is the Name of This Paper: An Attempt to Attend to the Collective Effort to Attend to This Paper.” Honorarium delivered to the Department of Psychology and Philosophy at Sam Houston State University, July 2009.

“The Excruciating Activity of Properly Directing Our Attention: Simone Weil and Pascal on Becoming a Human Being.” Conference: *Blaise Pascal, his Times and Influence: 350 Years after the Provincial Letters*, University of South Florida, October 5-6, 2007.

“Attention Attends to Itself.” *Florida Philosophical Association*. University of South Florida, November 2006.

1st International Conference on Climate and Philosophy. Invited Panelist: Theoretical Approaches to Philosophy and Climate; and Approaches to Teaching Philosophy and Climate Change. University of South Florida, September 2006.

"Fred is the Name of This Paper: Paying Attention to Paying Attention." *Philosophy Graduate Student Organization*. University of South Florida, March 2006.

"Jacques Derrida's relation to meaning in contemporary art." Guest Lecturer, Art 5934 (Dr. David Wright): Contemporary Art History. University of South Florida, October 2004.

"What Would Make a Phenomenological Reduction of Attention Possible?: Husserl Shrinks Back." *Phi Sigma Tau* Philosophy Graduate Student Conference. (Peer Reviewed). University of New Mexico, March 2004.

"Mourning Mourning Itself: What is Jacques Derrida Up To?" *Phi Sigma Tau* Philosophy Graduate Student Conference. (Peer Reviewed). University of New Mexico, March 2003.

Professional Service

APA Pacific Division, annual meeting. Session chair, "Aesthetics: Dance, the Ephemeral Art", April 2012.

Review of Joshua James Shaw's *Emmanuel Levinas on the Priority of Ethics: Putting Ethics First* Cambria Press (2008), for *Human Studies*, Spring 2011.

Body and Society. Referee, Spring 2008—present

APA Pacific Division, annual meeting. Session chair, "Colloquium: Hegel", April 2010.

APA Pacific Division, annual meeting. Chaired session entitled "Colloquium: Epistemology", April 2009.

APA, Pacific Division, annual meeting. Chaired session entitled "Colloquium: Husserl" and provided commentary for paper entitled "Chasing (Away)the Trace of Dogma: Reconsidering the Role of Presence Through Husserl's Inner Time-Consciousness and Derrida's Speech and Phenomena", March 21, 2008

Theory, Culture, and Society (*TCS*), Referee for special issue, Fall 2007

University of South Florida *Philosophy Graduate Student Organization*, Faculty Liaison. Fall 2006—Summer 2007

University of South Florida *Humanities Institute Advisory Committee*, Graduate Student Liaison. Fall 2005—Spring 2008

Eastern Division of the *Society for Women in Philosophy* annual meeting. Chaired session entitled "Epistemological Frameworks." University of South Florida, December 2006

Conference of the *Society for Classical Pragmatism and American Philosophy*. Program Referee. University of South Florida, Fall 2005

Membership in Professional Societies

American Philosophical Association

Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy

Heidegger Circle

North Texas Philosophical Association

Florida Philosophical Association, Fall 2004-Fall 2008.

Philosophy Graduate Student Organization. University of South Florida

Phi Sigma Tau, Graduate Professional Student Organization. University of New Mexico. 2002-2003

Pi Delta Phi, National French Honor Society. Austin College. 1977-1980