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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Instructor of Philosophy (Full-Time Faculty), Houston Community College, 2019–

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Philosophy, University of New Mexico, 2019

With distinction

Dissertation: “From Deconstruction to Rehabilitation: Heidegger, Gadamer, and Modernity.” https://digitalrepository.unm.edu/phil_etds/39

Committee: Dr. Iain Thomson (chair), Dr. Mary Domski, Dr. Ann Murphy, Dr. Theodore George (Texas A&M University)

M.A., Philosophy, University of New Mexico, 2017

Qualifying exams in Early Modern Philosophy and Nineteenth and Twentieth Century Continental Philosophy

B.A., Philosophy, Hispanic Studies (minor), Connecticut College, 2012

With honors and distinction and *magna cum laude*

Honors thesis: “Overcoming Transcendence: Charles Taylor and Nihilism.”

Advisor: Dr. Lawrence Vogel. Second reader: Dr. Derek Turner

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (as instructor of record unless indicated otherwise)

Introduction to Humanities (HUMA 1301) (x1): HCC, 2022–

Introduction to Philosophy (PHIL 1301) (x25): HCC, 2019–

Introduction to Ethics (PHIL 2306) (x10): HCC 2019–

From Descartes to Kant (PHIL 202) (x2): UNM, 2017–2018

Introduction to Philosophy (PHIL 101) (x2): UNM, 2016–2017

Reasoning and Critical Thinking (PHIL 156) (x6): UNM, 2014–2016

Introduction to Philosophy (PHIL 101) (grader for Dr. Mary Domski) (x1): UNM, 2013

PUBLICATIONS

Journal articles

7. “Truth and Perspective: Gadamer on Renaissance Painting.” *International Yearbook for Hermeneutics* 20 (2021): forthcoming.

6. “Attitude Isn’t Everything: Hermeneutics as an Unfinished Project.” *Analecta Hermeneutica* 13 (2021): forthcoming.

5. “Heidegger and Gadamer on the Modern Age: The Sun Setting in the Western Sky.” *Gatherings: The Heidegger Circle Annual* 11 (2021): 152–82.
<https://doi.org/10.5840/gatherings20211110>

4. “Dialogical Breakdown and Covid-19: Solidarity and Disagreement in a Shared World.” Co-authored by Cynthia R. Nielsen and David Liakos. *Journal of Applied Hermeneutics* (2020), Article 11: 1–12. <https://doi.org/10.11575/jah.vi0.71551>

3. “Hermeneutics and the Conservatism of Listening.” *Cosmos and History* 16, no. 2 (2020): 495–519.
<http://www.cosmosandhistory.org/index.php/journal/article/viewFile/796/1544>

2. “Another Beginning? Heidegger, Gadamer, and Postmodernity.” *Epoché* 24, no. 1 (2019): 221–38. <https://doi.org/10.5840/epoche20191118152>

1. “Reading Oneself in the Text: Cavell and Gadamer’s Romantic Conception of Reading.” *Journal of Aesthetics and Phenomenology* 6, no. 1 (2019): 79–87.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/20539320.2019.1587964>

Book chapters

3. “The Deadliness of Doing: Agamben, Oakeshott, and Withdrawing from Activity.” In *Polarity, Politics, and Peace*, edited by Jennifer Kling and Will Barnes. Leiden: Brill, forthcoming.

2. “‘The Recovery of the Fundamental Hermeneutic Problem’: Application and Normativity.” In *Gadamer’s Truth and Method: A Polyphonic Commentary*, edited by Cynthia R. Nielsen and Greg Lynch. London: Rowman & Littlefield, forthcoming.

1. “Hermeneutics in Post-War Continental European Philosophy.” Co-authored by David Liakos and Theodore George. In *The Cambridge History of Philosophy, 1945–2015*, edited by Kelly Becker and Iain Thomson, 399–415. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2019. <https://doi.org/10.1017/9781316779651.034>

Translations

1. Hans-Georg Gadamer, "Music and Time: A Philosophical Postscript." Translated by Cynthia R. Nielsen and David Liakos. *Epoché* 26, no. 1 (2021): 251–58.
<https://doi.org/10.5840/epoche2021813196>

Non-academic articles

1. "Building a Chapel for Reason." *3:16 A.M.* December 10, 2020. In the series "Finding Meaning" edited by Steven DeLay. <https://www.3-16am.co.uk/articles/building-a-chapel-for-reason?c=finding-meaning-edited-by-steven-delay>

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Post-Kantian Continental European Philosophy (especially Hermeneutics and Phenomenology), Philosophy of Art and Aesthetics

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Early Modern Philosophy (including Kant), Political Philosophy, Philosophy of the Human Sciences, Ethics

AWARDS AND HONORS

Dissertation defended with distinction, 2019

Russell J. and Dorothy S. Bilinski Fellowship in the Humanities, Bilinski Educational Foundation, 2018–2019

UNM Graduate Dean's Dissertation Year Fellowship (declined), 2018–2019

Hans-Georg Gadamer Graduate Prize, North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics, 2018

Travel Grants from Bilinski Educational Foundation, UNM Student Conference Award Program, UNM Department of Philosophy (x2), 2018, 2017, 2014

Graduate Student in Philosophy Essay Prize, Rocky Mountain Division of the American Society for Aesthetics, 2015

Phi Beta Kappa, Delta of Connecticut Chapter, 2012

Oakes and Louise Ames Prize (most outstanding honors thesis in the overall graduating class), Connecticut College, 2012

Susanne K. Langer Award (excellence in philosophy), Connecticut College, 2012

Ruth Barr Robb '37 Scholarship, Connecticut College, 2010–2012

CONFERENCE AND COLLOQUIUM PRESENTATIONS

16. "Propriety, Facticity, Normativity." *Given Time* in Three Times: 1978–79, 1991, 2021 (A Two-Day Symposium). November 11–12, 2021. College Station, TX. Invited.
15. "Attitude Isn't Everything: Hermeneutics as an Unfinished Project." Southwest Seminar in Continental Philosophy. May 7–9, 2021. Online. Invited. (The 2020 installment, to which I was also invited, was canceled.)
14. "The Deadliness of Doing: Oakeshott and Agamben on Activity." North Texas Philosophical Association Conference. March 27–29, 2020. Dallas, TX. Peer reviewed. (Conference canceled due to COVID-19. Official program posted.)
13. "*Vertigo, Twin Peaks, and the Antinomy of Understanding.*" Connecticut College Philosophy Department Colloquium Series. November 1, 2019. New London, CT. Invited.
12. "Hermeneutics and the Conservatism of Listening." Southwest Seminar in Continental Philosophy. May 29–31, 2019. Salt Lake City, UT. Invited.
11. "Reading Oneself in the Text: A Romantic Theory of Reading." University of New Mexico Philosophy Department Colloquium Series. November 16, 2018. Albuquerque, NM. Invited.
10. "Another Beginning? Gadamer, Heidegger, and Postmodernity." Annual Meeting of the North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics. September 13–15, 2018. Naperville, IL. Peer reviewed.
9. "From Destruction to Rehabilitation: Heidegger and Gadamer." Southwest Seminar in Continental Philosophy. June 1–3, 2018. Flagstaff, AZ. Invited.
8. "Gadamer's Rehabilitation of Curiosity." North Texas Philosophical Association Conference. March 30–31, 2018. Dallas, TX. Peer reviewed.
7. "Gadamer, Renaissance Humanism, and Perspective in Painting." Annual Meeting of the North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics. September 14–16, 2017. Baltimore, MD. Peer reviewed.
6. "Gadamer, Renaissance Humanism, and Representation in Painting." Southwest Seminar in Continental Philosophy. June 8–10, 2017. Los Angeles, CA. Invited.
5. "Reading Oneself in the Text: Gadamer and Cavell's Romantic Theory of Reading." Rocky Mountain Division of the American Society for Aesthetics. July 8–10, 2016. Santa Fe, NM. Peer reviewed.
4. "Gadamer on Finding the Way Out of Kantian Aesthetics." Southwest Seminar in Continental Philosophy. May 19–21, 2016. College Station, TX. Peer reviewed.

3. "Gadamer's Critique of Kant's Subjectivized Aesthetics." Rocky Mountain Division of the American Society for Aesthetics. July 10–12, 2015. Santa Fe, NM. Peer reviewed.
2. "Surface Reading, Modesty, and Philosophy as a Literary Genre." University of New Mexico Philosophy Graduate Student Conference. April 10–11, 2015. Albuquerque, NM. Peer reviewed.
1. "Using a Myth to Kill a Myth: Sellars Reads Cassirer." Group Session of the Wilfrid Sellars Society at the Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association. December 27–30, 2014. Philadelphia, PA. Peer reviewed.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL AND PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

11. Respondent for Cara Greene, "The Past Within the Present: On the Legacy of Utopian Socialism." HCC Symposium: Philosophy and Humanities Conference and Workshop. April 3, 2021. Online.
10. Guest lecturer on hermeneutics for Iain Thomson's Contemporary Continental Philosophy course at UNM. September 10, 2020. Online.
9. "Gadamer's Quarantine: *The Enigma of Health* and COVID-19." Presentation to Continental Philosophy Study and Reading Group (Texas A&M Philosophy Department). Invited presentation. April 23, 2020. Online.
8. "Conversation and the Limits of Politics." *Philosophically Drinking* Public Philosophy Series. Invited presentation. January 28, 2020. Houston, TX.
7. Dissertation Fellow Research Presentation. Bilinski Educational Foundation Annual Colloquium. Invited presentation. November 13, 2018. Albuquerque, NM.
6. Guest instructor for Early Heidegger (*Being and Time*) graduate seminar at UNM. Two-and-a-half-hour session. October 17, 2018. Albuquerque, NM.
5. "Navigating the Graduate Program." Invited as departmental proseminar co-leader. August 29, 2018. Albuquerque, NM.
- 3–4. "Peer Reviews of Teaching among Graduate Students." With Mary Domski and Graham Bounds. UNM Center for Teaching Excellence. Invited presentations. September 11, 2017 and September 13, 2016. Albuquerque, NM.
2. Respondent for Allan Hazlett, "Correctness and Involuntariness." Annual Meeting of the New Mexico Texas Philosophical Society. Invited presentation. March 26–27, 2017. Albuquerque, NM.
1. "Overcoming Transcendence: Charles Taylor and Nihilism." Presentation of honors thesis in Connecticut College Philosophy Department's annual *Papadum and Profundity* Series. Invited presentation. May 8, 2012. New London, CT.

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

HUMA 1302 Course Addition and Development Committee, 2021–

Instructional Materials Committee, Philosophy Program, 2019–

HCC Philosophy and Humanities Conference Planning Committee, 2020–2021

Eagle Eyes Reflection Group (anti-racism faculty initiative), Summer–Fall 2020

Multidisciplinary Mentorship Program, 2019

Organizer, *Works in Progress* series, UNM Philosophy Graduate Student Association, 2017–2019

Public discussion, “Philosophy and the Present,” session convened and led for UNM *Philosophical Happy Hour* series, 2018

Contributor, “A Guide for Peer Review of Teaching among Graduate Students,” with Dr. Mary Domski (lead author) and Graham Bounds, Working Paper for UNM Center for Teaching Excellence, 2015–2016

Co-organizer, UNM Philosophy Graduate Student Conference, Philosophy at the Boundary: Re-Examining the Divide Between Anglo-American and Continental Philosophy, invited speakers Graham Priest and Paul Livingston, 2015

President, UNM Philosophy Graduate Student Association, 2014–2015

Representative from UNM Philosophy Graduate Student Association to the Graduate and Professional Student Association, 2013–2014

Member, Writing Across the Curriculum Board, Connecticut College, 2011–2012

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Assistant area editor for “[hermeneutics](#)” and assistant leaf editor for “[Hans-Georg Gadamer](#)” on PhilPapers, 2018–

Manuscript referee: *Eidos: A Journal for Philosophy of Culture*, *Journal of Applied Hermeneutics*, *Journal of Chinese Philosophy*, *Philosophical Papers*, *Symposium: Canadian Journal of Continental Philosophy*

CERTIFICATIONS AND TRAINING

Online Learning Certification (two-week course from HCC's Institute for Instructional Engagement and Development)

Learner-Centered Instructional Design, Distance Learning, Copyright Literacy in the Academic Environment, Improving Student Learning Through Active Engagement, nextLearning, Flex Campus, Resources to Promote a Culture of Active Participation (all from HCC's Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence)

LANGUAGES

Reading knowledge of German and Spanish

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

American Society for Aesthetics

Continental Philosophy Study and Reading Group (Texas A&M Philosophy Department)

[*Hermeneutical Movements*](#) (online forum)

North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics

North Texas Philosophical Association

Phi Beta Kappa Alumni Association of Greater Houston

Southwest Seminar in Continental Philosophy

OTHER TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Tutor in the fields of college-level writing and reading as well as test prep for verbal and written portions for various standardized preparatory school and college admissions exams: Huntington Learning Center (2012–2013), Connecticut College's Roth Writing Center (2009–2012), Let's Get Ready! (2011)

REFERENCES

Available upon request