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Curriculum Vitae

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Professional Appointments

Associate Professor of the Philosophy of Religions and Theology, The University of Chicago
Divinity School, 2017-Present

Assistant Professor of the Philosophy of Religions and Theology, The University of Chicago
Divinity School, 2010-2016

Assistant Professor of Religion, Williams College, 2012-2013

Visiting Assistant Professor, The University of Chicago Divinity School, 2008-2010

Lecturer, Harvard Divinity School, Harvard University, 2007-2008

Visiting Adjunct Professor, Williams College, Winter 2007

Education

The University of Chicago Divinity School, Ph.D. in Theology with Distinction, 2008
Exchange Scholar, Harvard University 2006-2007
Visiting Scholar, Université de Paris IV, Sorbonne, 2005-2006

The University of Chicago Divinity School, A.M. in Religious Studies, 2001

Dartmouth College, B.A. in Religion, Phi Beta Kappa, 2000

Publications

Books:

Heidegger's Confessions: The Remains of Saint Augustine in Being and Time and Beyond
(Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 2015)

Winner of the Manfred Lautenschlaeger Award for Theological Promise 2016;
Reviews: George Pattison, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*

(2015) 83 (4): 1178-1180; Paul Slama, *Bulletin Heideggérien* (2016) 6: 119-148 (review article); Nitzan Leibovic, "The Post-Heideggerian Age," *Modern Intellectual History* (May 2016) 1:1-13 (review article); Phillip Schoenberg, *Augustinian Studies*, 47, no. 2 (September 2016) 243-246; Jeffrey Kosky, *Continental Philosophy Review*, 50 (3): 395-401 (2017); Judith Wolfe, *Philosophical Review* 127 (4): 528-531 (2018); Gregory P. Floyd, *Philosophy Today* 62 (4) 1311-1314 (2018).

A Spectacle for the Gods: Nietzsche and the Philosophy of Religion (manuscript in preparation)

Articles, Book Chapters, and Reviews

"The Resources of the Figure: Literary Discourse and the Critique of Religious Asceticism in Nietzsche's Later Works," in *Nietzsche and Literary Studies*, ed. James I. Porter (Forthcoming, Cambridge University Press)

"On the Destruction of Christianity: Heidegger and Derrida," *Derrida and the Gift*, ed. R. Therezo (manuscript in preparation)

"Memory" in *Critical Terms for Religious Studies*, ed. Sarah Hammerschlag (article in manuscript; contracted, University of Chicago Press).

"Radical Hope, Despair, and Time" in *Faith, Hope, and Love: Inquiries into the Theological Virtues* (Springer Press, 2022)

"Paul Ricoeur and the Search for Order," *Journal of Religion* 100 no. 4 (October 2020) 449-463.

"Eschatology and Metapolitics in the *Black Notebooks*," in D. Espinet, G. Figal, T. Keiling, and N. Mirkovic, eds., *Heideggers «Schwarze Hefte» im Kontext: Geschichte, Politik, Ideologie* (Mohr Siebeck, 2018), 69-86.

"On the Threshold of Distance: The Origins of the Gift-Question in Marion," in A. Calcagno and S. Lofts, eds., *Breached Horizons: The Work of Jean-Luc Marion* (London: Rowman and Littlefield, 2018), 87-106.

"Bearers of Transience: Simmel and Heidegger on Death and Immortality," *Human Studies* 41 (1): 59-78 (2018).

"Philosophy on Trial: *The Confessions* in Heidegger, Derrida, Lyotard, and Marion," (article in manuscript).

"Dignity and the Mystical Body: Kantorowicz's Response to Political Theology," (article in manuscript)

"Martin Heidegger," S. Goetz and C. Taliaferro, eds., *Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Philosophy of Religion* (forthcoming, 2021)

- “Nietzsche and the Future of the Philosophy of Religion,” (article in manuscript).
- “Profanation and the Art of Interpretation in Nietzsche’s *On the Genealogy of Morals*,” (article in manuscript).
- “Tillich and Heidegger on the Actuality of God,” *Bulletin of the North American Paul Tillich Society*, vol 43, no. 1 (2017) 12-16.
- “Tillich and Heidegger on Non-being,” *Bulletin of the North American Paul Tillich Society*, vol 43, no. 1, (2017) 16-22.
- “The Wound of Hegelianism: Hermeneutics and Eschatology in Paul Ricoeur,” *Journal of Religion* 96 no. 1 (January 2016), 53-76.
- “Herméneutique et confession: ce que le jeune Heidegger trouva chez Augustin,” translated by Sylvie Goutas, in *Le jeune Heidegger 1909-1926: Problèmes et Controverses*, S-J Arrien and S. Camilleri, eds. (Paris: J. Vrin, 2011), 185-212.
- “A Difficult Proximity: The Figure of Augustine in Heidegger’s Path,” *Journal of Religion* 91 no. 3 (July 2011) 365-397.
- “An Uncertain Avowal: The Use of the Mystical in Contemporary Theological Reflection,” *Journal of Process Studies*, volume 40.2 (Fall/Winter 2011), 340-348.
- Review of *An Atheism that is Not a Humanism Emerges in French Thought* by Stefanos Geroulanos, *International Journal for the Philosophy of Religion* 71 (2): 181-185 (2012).
- Translator, for Claude Romano, “Awaiting,” in J. Manoussakis and N. De Roo, eds. *Phenomenology and Eschatology* (Ashgate, 2009).
- Review of *Postmodernity’s Transcending*, by L. P. Hemming, *Journal of Religion* (January 2009).
- Review of *The Early Heidegger and Medieval Philosophy* by S. McGrath, *Journal of Religion* (January 2009).
- Review of *Minimal Theologies* by H. de Vries, *Journal of Religion*, v. 87, no. 1 (Winter 2007), pp. 121-122.
- Review of *A Guide to the Phenomenology of Religion*, by J. Cox, *Anglican Theological Review* 89:3 (2007) p. 498-499.
- Advisory Editor, *Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Philosophy of Religion*, S. Goetz, G. Griffith-Dickson, M. Kapstein, G. Oppy, T. Rudavsky, C. Taliaferro, eds. (Wiley Blackwell, forthcoming).
- Section Editor, *Cahiers Parisiens*, Robert Morrissey, dir., ‘Le soi’ (Chicago: University of

Chicago Press, 2007) vol 3., p. 17-292.

Invited Lectures and Presentations

“Redoubling Metaphysics,” Givenness and Revelation: On Jean-Luc Marion, University College Dublin, March 27-29, 2023.

“The Center is Everywhere,” The Contribution of Theology to Rationality, Conference in Honor of Jean-Luc Marion, The University of Chicago, November 2-4, 2022.

“On the (Non)-Phenomenality of Revelation: Marion reading Heidegger,” The Phenomenality of Revelation: Engaging the Work of Jean-Luc Marion, The University of Chicago, May 25-26, 2022.

“Kofman on Philosophizing with a Hammer,” Sarah Kofman Journée d’étude, Chicago Paris Center, June 18, 2022.

“On Politics and Self-Deception,” Keynote Lecture, Heidegger: Politics, History, Modernity. Online Conference May 28-29, 2021.

Respondent to J.-L. Marion, “Metaphysics and Poetics, 2020-2021,” Cambridge University seminar, Prof. Catherine Pickstock (5 March 2021).

“Dignity and the Mystical Body: Kantorowicz’s Response to Political Theology,” Political Theology: Promise and Prospects, conference organized by Prof. Willemien Otten, The University of Chicago Divinity School, Martin Marty Center, November 7-9, 2018.

“The Death of God and the New *Vita Contemplativa* in Nietzsche,” Australian Catholic University, Institute for Religion and Critical Inquiry Rome Series, Rome Campus, August 19-22, 2018.

“Presence and Closure: Remarks on the End of Metaphysics,” Istituto di Studi Filosofici ‘Enrico Castelli,’ Università di Roma Sapienza, Winter 2018.

On Heidegger’s *Black Notebooks*, The University of Chicago Divinity School Philosophy of Religions Workshop, November 27, 2017.

“Grand Politics and the Question of Survival in Heidegger’s *Black Notebooks*,” Heidegger aujourd’hui. Actualité et postérité de la pensée de l’Ereignis, Université de Laval, Quebec, CA, September 20-23, 2017.

“Autobiography in the Grand Style: Testimony in Heidegger’s *Black Notebooks*,” Journée d’études: «Autobiographie et Philosophie au XXème siècle,» organized by R. Moati and S. Hammerschlag, The University of Chicago Center in Paris, June 3, 2017.

“Reading Other Peoples’ Texts: Identity-Formation and the Reception of Authoritative Traditions,” colloquium convener, Martin Marty Center for the Public Understanding of Religion, The University of Chicago, March 13-14, 2017.

- “Hope and Despair,” invited public lecture, Boston University (November 16, 2016).
- “Nietzsche on Joy and Despair,” Paper Consultation on “Joy, Trust, and Suspicion,” Yale Center for Faith and Culture, September 7, 2016.
- “Symposium on *Heidegger’s Confessions*,” panel discussant, Lumen Christi Institute at The University of Chicago (May 26, 2016).
- “The Theme of Emergence in Contemporary Philosophy of Religion,” seminar presentation at Heidelberg University, Forschungszentrum für Internationale und Interdisziplinäre Theologie (May 7, 2016).
- Respondant to Alain de Libera, “Philosophy Archeology and Deconstruction: Towards An Archaeology of the Subject,” The University of Chicago (April 26, 2016).
- “This Burning House: On the Meaning of Licenced Evil,” public lecture at *Shinran and Continental Philosophy: Shinran, Heidegger, and Levinas*, Institute for Buddhist Studies, Berkeley, CA (April 15, 2016).
- “Nietzsche and Contemporary Philosophy of Religion,” presenter and participant at Boston University Symposium on the Philosophy of Religion (February 26, 2016).
- “Eschatology in the Black Notebooks,” Public Lecture at *Geschichte, Politik, Ideologie. Heideggers “Schwarze Hefte” im Kontext*, Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies, Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg (January 15, 2016).
- “Levinas, Heidegger, and the Landscape of Being,” lecture at *Levinas Reading*, The University of Chicago Martin Marty Center Conference (April 9, 2015).
- “On the Threshold of Distance: The Origins of the Gift-Question in Marion,” lecture at *Breached Horizons*, conference at the Center for Advanced Research in European Philosophy, King’s University, London, Canada (March 28, 2015).
- “Nietzsche and Faith,” Lecture at the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, IL (January 28, 2015).
- “From the Antichrist to Americanism: Forms of Destitution in Heidegger,” lecture at *La réception anglo-américaine de la pensée de Martin Heidegger*, The University of Chicago Center in Paris (January 16, 2015).
- “Tillich and Heidegger,” invited lecture, North American Paul Tillich Society Meeting (November 2014; San Diego, CA).
- “Paul Ricoeur and the Search for Order, invited lecture at *Paul Ricoeur: Retrospect and Prospect II (Philosophy)*, The University of Chicago Divinity School (October 14, 2014).
- “Paul and Atonement in Some Recent Philosophers,” panel lecture, The Bible, Theology, and Postmodernity Group, AAR Annual Meeting (November 23-26, 2013; Baltimore,

MD).

“Reconsidering the Sources of Tillich's Ontology,” invited lecture, North American Paul Tillich Society Meeting (November 2013; Baltimore, MD).

“Derrida and the Performance of Sacrifice,” panel lecture, Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy Annual Meeting (October 24-26, 2013 Eugene OR).

“Heidegger Between Susan and Jacob Taubes,” lecture at *Jacob and Susan Taubes and Their Circles: An International Conference*, UCLA (March 18, 2013).

“Re-writing Renunciation: The Later Heidegger on Augustine,” invited presentation, Yale University Seminar on Religious Studies (February 28, 2013).

“The Force of Time: Augustine in 20th Century Thought,” panel lecture at The International Patristics Conference (Oxford University, August 2011).

“Text Outside of Text: Ricoeur's Forgetting in Reserve,” Response to Olivier Abel, French Theory in Translation: The Question of the Archive Conference, The University of Chicago Franke Institute, November 3-5, 2011.

“Death, Immortality and Self in Simmel and Heidegger,” Georg Simmel: Life, Self, Culture, Society Conference, The University of Chicago Franke Institute, November 11-12, 2011.

“Reading *Passions*: The Sense of Paralysis: Derrida and Ritual Performativity,” panel presentation, The American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, 2011.

“Is Theology the Understanding of Faith?,” Phi Beta Kappa Lecture at Williams College, December 1, 2010.

Response to Catherine Keller, “Politics as a Moral Question: A Conference on Process Philosophy and Political Theory,” The University of Chicago, October 14-17, 2010.

Participant, Panel Discussion on Mary-Jane Rubenstein's *Strange Wonder*, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, October 31, 2010.

“The Privation of Memory in Augustine's *Confessions*,” Lecture at Harvard Medieval Studies Workshop, December 1, 2008.

“The Subject Forsaken,” public lecture, The University of Chicago, February 19, 2007.

“Heidegger et saint Augustin,” paper at *Descartes et les cartésiens*, Séminaire internationale du Centre d'études cartésiennes, Université de Caen, February 2006.

“La Questionabilité du soi,” paper delivered at *Identité et Ipséité*, Séminaire, Université de Paris IV, Sorbonne, December 2005.

Awards and Fellowships

2016	Manfred Lautenschlaeger Award for Theological Promise
2006-2007	Charlotte Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship
2005-2006	Georges Lurcy Educational and Charitable Trust Fellowship
2004	Brauer Seminar Fellow, The University of Chicago
2003	D.A.A.D. Short-Term Fellowship
2002-2004	The University of Chicago Divinity School Fellowship
2000-2002	The University of Chicago Divinity School Scholarship
2000	Presidential Scholar, Dartmouth College
2000	Dudley Prize for Excellence in Religious Studies, Dartmouth College

Teaching Experience

University of Chicago:

Introduction to Hermeneutics, Winter 2009, Winter 2014, Spring 2018
Nietzsche and His Interpreters, Winter 2009
Phenomenology and Eschatology, Spring 2009
Paul Ricoeur's *Memory, History, Forgetting*, Spring 2009
Modern Ideas of Human Freedom, Winter 2010
Heidegger Through the Turn, Winter 2010 and Winter 2016
De-theologizing Christianity, Spring 2010
Lacan's Ethics, Spring 2010
Augustine on Grace and Free Will, Winter 2011
Deconstruction and Religion, Winter 2011, Spring 2016, Fall 2021
Kant on Religion and Rational Theology, Spring 2011 and Spring 2015
Nietzsche: Nihilism and Faith, Spring 2011 and Fall 2013
Introduction to the Study of Religion, Fall 2011, Fall 2018
Heidegger and Christianity: New Perspectives, Winter 2012
The Dream in Modern Thought, Spring 2012 and Spring 2020 (UG)
Mysticism and Christianity, Spring 2012 (UG)
Theological Sources in Philosophical Reflection, Fall 2013
Brauer Seminar on Intentionality, Winter 2014
The Infinite: From Hegel to the Present, Spring 2015
Continental Philosophy of Religion: An Introduction, Fall 2015
Martin Marty Fellows Seminar Fall-2015-Spring 2016
Theories and Methods in the Study of Religion (w/ J. Stackert), Winter 2017
Seminar on the Black Notebooks: Heidegger and the Problem of Evil, Winter 2017
Can One Say Yes to Finitude?, Winter 2018
The Death of God, Winter 2018 (UG)
Religion and Psychoanalysis, Spring 2018
History of Christian Thought IV: Early Modernity, Winter 2019
Brauer Seminar on Time and Temporality (w/ D. Arnold), Winter 2019
Introduction to Religious Studies, Winter 2020 and Winter 2021 (UG)
How to Philosophize with a Hammer (w/ S. Hammerschlag), Winter 2020
Agamben's *Homo Sacer* Project (w/ E. Santner), Spring 2020
Religion, Politics and Writing: Heidegger's *Black Notebooks*, Fall 2020
Religion, Reason, and Critique: What is Suspicion?, Fall 2020 (UG)

Social Sciences Core Sequence on Religion, Fall 2021 (UG)
Time and Eternity: Philosophical and Theological Inquiries (2023)
Introduction to Phenomenology (2023)

Williams College:

Seminar on Augustine's *Confessions*, Winter 2007
Conceptualizing Evil, Fall 2012
History of Christian Thought: Late Antiquity and Early Middle Ages, Fall 2012
History of Christian Thought: High Middle Ages and Early Modernity, Spring 2013
Memory, Repetition, Forgetting, Spring 2013

Harvard Divinity School:

Selfhood and the Christian Mystical Tradition, Spring 2008
Christianity and Deconstruction, Spring 2008

Service

Council of Advanced Studies Committee Member 2023-present
Divinity Deanship Review Committee Member Fall 2020-Winter 2021
Provostial Education Planning Group Member (Covid) Spring 2020-Winter 2023
Divinity Core Planning Group Chair 2020-2021
Teaching Committee Chair 2019-2021
Undergraduate Studies Director 2018-2021
Divinity School Teaching Fellows Program Director 2018-2021
Board of University Publications Member 2018-2021 (Chair, 2019-2021)
Lecturer Review Committee Chair 2019-2021
Promotion and Tenure Committee Member 2018-2019
New Testament and Early Christian Literature Search Committee Member 2018-2019
Admissions and Aid Committee Member 2010-2012; ex officio 2018-spring 2020
Teaching Task Force, ex officio 2018-2021
Martin Marty Center Faculty Advisor 2017-2021
Fellows Seminar Co-director, The Martin Marty Center, 2015-2017
Theology Area Chair 2015-2017
Committee on Degrees Member 2014-2015
Theology Search Committee Member 2014-2015
Academic Policy Committee Member 2013-2015 (Chair 2013)
Byzantine Theology and Visual Culture Search Committee Member 2013-2014
Philosophy of Religions Workshop (CAS) Faculty Sponsor 2014-present
Contemporary European Philosophy Workshop Faculty Sponsor 2009-2012
Undergraduate Studies Committee Member 2010-2012

Professional Societies

American Academy of Religion
Society for Phenomenological and Existential Philosophy
American Philosophical Academy

Research Languages

French, German, Latin, Greek