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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Department of Philosophy, Texas A&M University, 2016
Dissertation - *Inflections of the Event: The Death of the Other as Event*
Committee - Theodore George (Director), Dan Conway, John J. McDermott,
Donnalee Dox, John D. Caputo
- 2013 Collegium Phaenomenologicum, Città di Castello, Umbria, Italy
- M.A. Department of Philosophy, Loyola Marymount University, 2011
- M.Div. Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA, 2009
- B.A. Religion and Philosophy (*summa cum laude*), Baylor University, 2006

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Post-Kantian Continental Philosophy
Phenomenology
Continental Philosophy of Religion

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

History of Philosophy, especially Ancient
European Philosophy since Kant
Existentialism
Hermeneutics

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2023 Lecturer, Department of History, Philosophy, and Geography, Texas A&M
University - San Antonio
- 2016-2023 Adjunct Professor, Department of Psychology and Philosophy, Sam Houston State
University

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- 2023 *A Death of the World: Surviving the Death of the Other* (under contract with
SUNY Press; accepted for publication after major revisions; revisions completed
and submitted December 2023)

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

- 2023 "The Gift of Mourning," *Journal of French and Francophone Philosophy* 31.1/2 (2023): 82-102.
- 2019 "O My Neighbors, There Is No Neighbor," *International Journal of Philosophy and Theology* Special Issue on Kierkegaardian Echoes: The Reception of Kierkegaard in Twentieth- and Twenty-First-Century Philosophy and Theology 90.4-5: 326-343.
- 2018 "Event, Death, and Poetry: The Death of the Other in Derrida's 'Rams,'" *Philosophy Today* 62.1 (2018): 253-268.
- 2017 "Abrahamic Figurations of Responsibility: Religion Without Religion in Derrida and Marion," *Phainomena: Journal of Phenomenology and Hermeneutics* 100-101 (2017): 135-154.
- 2017 "A Hermeneutic Phenomenology: The Death of the Other Understood as Event," *Journal of Applied Hermeneutics* (2017): 1-14.
- 2014 "Paul and Kierkegaard: A Christocentric Epistemology," *The Heythrop Journal* 55.5 (2014): 927-943.

Book Chapters

- 2023 "The Holy as a Concept in Phenomenology" in *Encyclopedia of Phenomenology* (Springer; forthcoming)

Book Reviews

- 2015 *Ontology After Ontotheology: Plurality, Event, and Contingency in Contemporary Philosophy*. Gert-Jan van der Heiden. Duquesne University Press, 2014. Pp. xi+340. ISBN: 978-0-8207-0472-2, In *Continental Philosophy Review* 48, 4: 497-504.
- 2014 *The Insistence of God: A Theology of Perhaps*. John D. Caputo. Indiana University Press, 2013. Pp. xxi+307 ISBN: 978-0-253-01007-0, In *Bibliographia: An Online Journal of the History of Philosophy*.
- 2013 *Kierkegaard and Existentialism*. Edited by Jon Stewart. Kierkegaard Research: Sources, Reception and Resources Vol. 9. Ashgate, 2011. Pp. xvii+427. ISBN: 978-1-4094-2641-7, In *Bibliographia: An Online Journal of the History of Philosophy* 1: 87-95.

In Preparation

"Mourning and the Messianic: The Religious Structure of Mourning," *The Journal of Religion*

"Ontology, Temporality, and Faith: Reading Heidegger and Arendt on Christianity," *Journal of Continental Philosophy of Religion*

"Betwixt the World Destroyed and World Restored: Derrida's Workless Mourning of Paul De Man," *Derrida Today*

Continental Philosophy of Religion: Spiritualities Formed from the Desert

GRANTS, AWARDS, AND HONORS

- 2019, 2018 Nominee, Excellence in Teaching Award, Sam Houston State University
- 2014 Brown-Kruse Graduate Research Fellowship, Melburn G. Glasscock Center for Humanities Research, Texas A&M University
- 2013 College of Liberal Arts Professional Development Grant, Texas A&M University
- 2013 Graduate Research Fellowship at Collegium Phaenomenologicum, Melburn G. Glasscock Center for Humanities Research, Texas A&M University
- 2009-2011 Philosophy Graduate Scholarship, Loyola Marymount University
- 2008-2009 Dunavant Reeves Scholarship, Fuller Theological Seminary
- 2007-2008 Frederic and Bernice Bush Scholarship, Fuller Theological Seminary
- 2006 Phi Beta Kappa

INVITED TALKS

- 2022 “A Death of the World: Reading Derrida’s ‘Rams,’” Continental Philosophy Reading Group, Texas A&M University, November 30, 2022.
- 2021 “The Gift of Mourning,” *Donner le Temps II* Derrida Symposium, Texas A&M University, November 12, 2021.
- 2021 “Faith, Time, and Being: The Young Heidegger’s Reading of St. Paul,” Continental Philosophy Reading Group, Texas A&M University, October 21, 2021.
- 2019 “Oh My Neighbors, There Is No Neighbor,” Hermeneutics, the Humanities, and the Future of Interpretation Symposium, Texas A&M University, February 23.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 “The Worklessness of Mourning,” Canadian Hermeneutics Institute, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, May 31.
- 2023 “Love and Heidegger: A Response,” Respondent for the “Heidegger on Love” Panel, Central American Philosophical Association, Denver, CO, February 23.
- 2022 “Faith, Time, and Being: The Young Heidegger’s Reading of St. Paul,” The Heidegger Circle, University of Memphis, May 28.
- 2021 “The Gift of Mourning,” Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Online, September 18.
- 2018 “Oh My Neighbors, There Is No Neighbor,” Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, State College, PA, October 19.

- 2018 “Oh My Neighbors, There Is No Neighbor,” Southwest Seminar in Continental Philosophy, Flagstaff, AZ, June 2.
- 2016 “Abrahamic Figurations of Responsibility: Religion Without Religion in Derrida and Marion,” Southwest Seminar in Continental Philosophy, College Station, TX, May 19.
- 2015 “Derrida Reading Heidegger: The Dynamics of Différance as Event,” Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Atlanta, GA, October 8-10.
- 2014 “Inflections of the Event: The Death of the Other as a Figure of the Event,” Southwest Seminar in Continental Philosophy, Colorado College, June 7.
- 2013 “Being as Event in Heidegger’s Being and Time,” Participants Conference at the Collegium Phaenomenologicum in Città di Castello, Umbria, Italy on “Heidegger, Gelassenheit, Ethical Life, Ereignis 1933-1946,” July 6-7.
- 2013 “Being as Event in Heidegger’s Being and Time,” Southwest Seminar in Continental Philosophy, Texas A&M University, May 16-18.
- 2013 “The Disclosive Event of Death in Derrida’s The Gift of Death,” 46th North Texas Philosophical Association, University of North Texas, April 4-6.
- 2013 “The Disclosive Event of Death in Derrida’s The Gift of Death,” Houston Baptist University Conference: Looking Along the Beam: Philosophical and Theological Themes in the Inklings, March 23.
- 2012 “Otherwise Than Discursive Knowledge: Faith and Reason in Kant and Kierkegaard,” The Varieties of Continental Thought and Religion Conference, Ryerson University, Canada, June 15.
- 2012 “On the Possibility of a Husserlian Phenomenology of Religious Consciousness (of God),” 45th North Texas Philosophical Association, University of North Texas, April 14.
- 2012 “Kierkegaard’s Phenomenology of God,” Houston Baptist University Conference: Divine and Human Action, March 31.
- 2011 “Hegel’s God and Transcendence,” 4th Postmodernism, Culture, and Religion Conference: The Future of Continental Philosophy of Religion, Syracuse University, April 9.

CAMPUS TALKS

- 2015 “The Event and the Death of the Other: ‘[Death] ruins everything, all the while leaving everything intact,’” Glasscock Graduate Colloquium as Brown-Kruse Fellowship Recipient, March 3.
- 2014 “Inflections of the Event: From Event to Gift and the Death of the Other With Martin Heidegger, Jacques Derrida, and Jean-Luc Marion,” Glasscock Graduate Colloquium as Fellow, March 4.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Texas A&M University - San Antonio

Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2023, Spring 2024)

Introduction to Ethics (Fall 2023, Spring 2024)

Sam Houston State University

Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2016-2022, Spring 2017-2023; Online and F2F)

Philosophy of Religion (Fall 2016-2022; Online and F2F)

Ancient and Medieval Philosophy (Fall 2018)

Student Supervision

Honors Thesis Director, Matthew McGrenera, "God, Self, and Identity: A Comparative Examination of Eastern and Western Philosophy of Religion," Sam Houston State University (Spring 2020)

Texas A&M University

Philosophy of John Dewey (Fall 2018; Graduate Seminar; Assistant to Dr. McDermott)

Philosophy of Religion (Spring 2016)

Introduction to Philosophy, FOCUS (Fall 2015; for first-gen students)

Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2014)

Engineering Ethics (Fall 2011, Spring 2012; Teaching Assistant)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Peer Review

Manuscript, *Epoché: A Journal for the History of Philosophy*

Manuscript, *Journal of Applied Hermeneutics*

Manuscript, *Symposium: Canadian Journal of Continental Philosophy*

To Profession

Text Seminar Leader, Collegium Phaenomenologicum, Città di Castello, Umbria, Italy (July 2023)

Assistant to Editor, *Epoché: A Journal for the History of Philosophy* (2012-2014)

Assistant to Editor, *Inter-American Journal of Philosophy* (2012-2014)

To University

History of Modern Philosophy Course Assessment Design, Sam Houston State University (2022-2023)

Graduate and Professional Student Council, Texas A&M University (2015-2016)

Graduate Convener, Glasscock Study Group in Continental Philosophy, (2013-2016)
Graduate Students in Philosophy Secretary, Texas A&M University, (2012-2013)

PUBLIC LECTURES

- 2008 “Hermeneutics and Interpretation: Bringing the Words to Life” presented at Ecclesia Hollywood’s Bible 365 series, October 14.
- 2008 “The Reformation: Sola Scriptura and the Priesthood of All Believers” presented at Ecclesia Hollywood’s Ecclesia 101 series, August 3.
- 2007 “Faith and Reason” presented at Ecclesia Hollywood’s A Fuller Morning Lecture Series, October 7.

EXTRA TRAINING

Association of College and University Educators: Creating an Inclusive and Supporting Learning Environment (2020-2021)
Teaching for Online Courses Certification, Sam Houston State University (Fall 2019)
Philosophical Pedagogy Course at Texas A&M University (2015)
Loyola Marymount University Teaching Orientation and Practicum (2010)

LANGUAGES

Greek (Attic and Koine) - proficient
German - reading knowledge
French - reading knowledge

SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy
The American Philosophical Association
Søren Kierkegaard Society
Society of Christian Philosophers
American Academy of Religion

REFERENCES

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