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Curriculum Vitae

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2019- Present Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Department of Psychology & Philosophy, Sam Houston State University.
- 2013-2019 Instructor, Department of Philosophy, Honor's Program, Women's and Gender Studies, DePaul University.

SPECIALIZATION

- Area of Specialization (AOS)** 19th Century Continental Philosophy (esp. Nietzsche)
20th Century Continental Philosophy (Phenomenology & Existentialism, esp. Heidegger)
- Areas of Competence (AOC)** Feminist Philosophy (Social-Political broadly), Aesthetics, Philosophy of Film & Visual Media, Ancient Philosophy, Ethics

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Department of Philosophy, Villanova University, 2016
Dissertation: *Thinking at the Limit of the Human: Nietzsche, Heidegger, and the Fundamental Concepts of Metaphysics*
Director: Walter Brogan
Readers: Gabriel Rockhill, William McNeill (DePaul University)
- M.A. Department of Philosophy, Villanova University, 2008
- B.A. Department of Philosophy, DePaul University, 2004
Awarded with High Honor

PUBLICATIONS

- 2025 Forthcoming (Summer): "Awakening a Fundamental Attunement: Reflections on Heidegger's Performative Pedagogy," in *Heidegger's Philosophical Mysticism: Saying the Enigma of Being*, ed. Erik Kuravsky (New Heidegger Research Series, Rowman & Littlefield International)

- 2024 Forthcoming (Winter): “Nietzsche’s Untimely Antidote to the Science of History,” in *Nietzsche’s Philosophy of Life-Enhancement: Experimenting with Art and Science to Transfigure Humankind*, ed. Michael J. McNeal (Palgrave Macmillan).
- 2023 “Crossroads in the Flesh: At the Intersection of Heidegger & Latina Feminisms.” *Diacritics* 50 (2): 100-113.
- 2022 “Heidegger’s Nietzsche and the Origin of the Work of Art.” *Journal of Speculative Philosophy*, 36 (3): 290-300.
- 2021 “Propriety to the Measure: A Response to Catherine Homan’s *A Hermeneutics of Poetic Education*.” *Pli: The Warwick Journal of Philosophy*, 33 (1).
- 2021 “Invitations to Multiplicity: Revisiting Travel in Response to Mariana Ortega’s *In Between*,” *Philosophy Today*, 65 (2): 433-440.
- 2019 “It is there in the beginning: *Melancholia*, Time, and Death.” In *The Films of Lars Von Trier and Philosophy*, edited by Bill Koch & José Haro. New York: Palgrave MacMillan, 117-131.
- 2019 “In Times of Crisis.” Invited Review of *After Heidegger?* (Ed. Gregory Fried and Richard Polt, Rowman & Littlefield [2019]). *Gatherings: The Heidegger Circle Annual*, 9 (1): 215-25.
- 2017 “...And the Whole Music Box Repeats Eternally Its Tune,” *Gatherings: The Heidegger Circle Annual*, 7 (1): 103-133.

Translations:

- 2010 “No God, No Caesar, No Tribune! Cornelius Castoriadis Interviewed by Daniel Mermet.” Translated with Gabriel Rockhill and the Villanova French Translation Workshop. *Epoché: A Journal for the History of Philosophy*, 15 (1, Fall): 1-12.

Manuscripts in Preparation:

Nietzsche’s Heidegger (Monograph)

“Nietzsche-Heidegger/Meaning-Truth” (Invited Contribution to edited volume)

“Cyclical not Circular Time: The Ellipse of Eternal Return” (intended for *New Nietzsche Studies*)

“On the Figure of Nietzsche in Heidegger’s *Black Notebooks*” (intended for *Continental Philosophy Review*)

“Field(s) of Possibility: On Temporal Ontology and Feminist Analysis” (intended for *philoSOPHIA*)

“Living the Horrors of the Flesh: Ridley Scott’s *Alien* & the Passage of the Texas Abortion Ban” (intended for *Film Quarterly*)

AWARDS & GRANTS

Sam Houston State University

- 2023 Nominated for Orange Keys of Excellence Award
- 2021 New Faculty Internal Grant, Office of Research & Sponsored Programs

2020 Nominated for University Excellence in Teaching Award
2020 Travel Grant, Department of Psychology & Philosophy
2019 Travel Grant, Department of Psychology & Philosophy

DePaul University

2019 Travel Grant, Honors Program
2018 Travel Grant, Department of Philosophy
2018 Travel Grant, Department of Philosophy
2017 Travel Grant, Department of Philosophy
2016 Adjunct Faculty, Conferral of Distinction

Villanova University

2016-2004 Graduate Assistantship (Tuition Remitted), Department of Philosophy
2014 Summer Research Grant, Graduate School of Arts & Sciences
2007-2004 Teaching Assistantship (Stipendiary), Department of Philosophy
2005 Travel Grant, Department of Philosophy

PRESENTATIONS

Panels Organized

2024 Ted Kiesel Junior Scholar Award Session. Satellite Session of the Heidegger Circle of North America at the Eastern APA, New York (Jan 15).

2023 Book Showcase (Wanda Gregory Torres, *Speaking of Silence in Heidegger*), Satellite Session of the Heidegger Circle of North America at the 61st Annual Meeting of the Society for Phenomenology & Existential Philosophy (SPEP), Toronto Metropolitan University, Toronto, CA (Oct 12)

2023 “Heidegger on Love.” Satellite Session of the Heidegger Circle of North America at the Central APA, Denver, CO (Feb 23)

2023 Inaugural Ted Kiesel Junior Scholar Award Session. Satellite Session of the Heidegger Circle of North America at the Eastern APA, Montreal, Quebec (Jan 6).

2022 Inaugural Book Showcase (Charles Bambach, *Of an Alien Homecoming: Reading Heidegger’s Hölderlin*), Satellite Session of the Heidegger Circle of North America at the 60th Annual Meeting of the Society for Phenomenology & Existential Philosophy (SPEP), Texas A&M, College Station, TX (Oct 13).

2021 “Reading Heidegger for Social Change.” Organized with Carolyn Culbertson. Satellite Session of the Heidegger Circle of North America, at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Phenomenology & Existential Philosophy (SPEP), virtual (Sep 23).

Invited Talks

- 2024 “Nietzsche’s Heidegger: On the Art of Motive.” North Texas Heidegger Symposium. University of Texas at Dallas, McKinney, TX (April 27)
- 2024 “Critical Thinking.” Annual Student Employee Leadership Institute (SELI) Workshop: “Big Brain Moves” (April 3)
- 2023 “Nietzsche’s Heidegger: A Very Brief Introduction.” North Texas Heidegger Symposium. University of Texas at Dallas, McKinney, TX (April 28)
- 2023 “Figures of Erasure: On the Healing Power of Forgetting in *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*.” Kennesaw State University, Hosted by the Philosophy Student Association, Atlanta, GA (March 23)
- 2023 “Heidegger’s ‘World.’” Continental Philosophy Study and Reading Group. Hosted by the Graduate Program in Philosophy, Texas A&M, College Station, TX (Feb 3).
- 2021 “Suffrage as the ‘Origin’ of Feminism.” Roundtable: Celebrating One Hundred Years of Women’s Political Participation, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX (March 8)
- 2021 “Propriety to the Measure,” Author Meets Critics: *A Hermeneutics of Poetic Education: The Play of the In-Between* (Catherine Homan, Lexington Books). Society for the Philosophy of Creativity, Eastern APA, New York, NY (Jan 4-7)
- 2020 “Figures of Erasure: On the Healing Power of Forgetting in *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*.” St. Mary’s University, Hosted by the Department of Philosophy, San Antonio TX (February 27)
- 2020 “Nietzsche’s Heidegger & the Question of a Liminal Metaphysics.” 38th North Texas Heidegger Symposium. University of Texas: Dallas, McKinney, TX (Scheduled: May 1-2)*
- 2019 “Enriched by the Thousand Darkneses of Deathbringing Speech,” Author Meets Critics: *Words Underway: Continental Philosophy of Language* (Carolyn Culbertson, Rowman & Littlefield International). Annual Meeting of the North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics (NASPH). University of Oregon, Eugene, OR (October 3-5)
- 2019 “Invitations to Multiplicity: Revisiting Travel in Response to Mariana Ortega’s *In Between*.” Satellite Session of the Heidegger Circle of North America. 58th Annual Meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP). Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA (October 31-November 2)
- 2019 “Expelling What Disturbs Us Most Intimately: On Bodily Disposition and the Machinations of the Will to Power,” Author Meets Critics: *Heidegger’s Poetic Writings: From Contributions to Philosophy to the Event* (Daniela Vallega-Neu, Indiana University Press). 58th Annual Meeting of SPEP. Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA (October 31-November 2)
- 2019 “Iterations of Artistry: On Temporal Performativity in Gondry and Dine.” Department of Psychology and Philosophy, Sam Houston State University. Huntsville, TX (January 30)

*Please note: “Scheduled” items are those that reflect the impact of COVID-19, e.g. publications delayed, or conferences canceled or rescheduled.

- 2018 “Differential Unities and the Question of the Postmetaphysical,” Author Meets Critics: *Complicated Presence: Heidegger and the Postmetaphysical Unity of Being* (Jussi Backman, SUNY Press). 57th Annual Meeting of SPEP. The Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA (October 17-21)
- 2017 “Homesick for the Home We Never Had: Time and Memory in Jim Dine’s *Carnival*.” (In Collaboration with Jeffrey Gower, Wabash University) 51st Annual Meeting of the Heidegger Circle of North America, Whitman College, Walla Walla, WA (March 30-April 2)
- 2016 “Addenda to Art: On the Concealed Relation of Being and Human Being.” Colloquium: Heidegger in the 30’s. Divinity School, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL (April 5)

Refereed Conferences & Workshops

- 2024 Selected as Participating Faculty (Text Seminar Leader) for Week 2 (Heidegger) of the 46th annual Collegium Phaenomenologicum, “Philosophy and Poetry.”
- 2022 “Nietzsche’s Untimely Antidote to the Science of History.” 27th International Conference of the Friedrich Nietzsche Society. University of Dundee, Scotland, UK (Sep 16-17).
- 2021 “Heidegger’s Nietzsche and *The Origin of the Work of Art*.” 60th Annual Meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP), Online (Sept 17)
- 2020 “Toward a Renewed Reading of Will to Power,” for panel, “Continental Philosophy and Power: Critique, Genealogy, Resistance.” North Texas Philosophical Association (Scheduled: Mar 27-29)
- 2019 “Critical History and the Creation of the Present in Nietzsche’s *Untimely Meditations*.” Society for Philosophy of Creativity, Eastern APA, New York, NY (January 7-10)
- 2018 “Here and Elsewhere: The Question of Ontology in World-Travelling.” 52nd Annual Meeting: Heidegger Circle of North America, Goucher University, Baltimore, MD (May 4-6)
- 2016 “...And the Whole Music Box Repeats Eternally Its Tune.” 50th Annual Meeting: Heidegger Circle of North America, DePaul University, Chicago, IL (September 15-18)
- 2008 “On Love and Strife: The Phenomenological Concept of Nothingness.” 16th Biennial Conference: North American Sartre Society, University of Mary Washington, Fredericksburg, VA (April 4-6)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Sam Houston State University, Department of Psychology & Philosophy

- Aesthetics (10 sections, 2 in hybrid format)
- Existentialism & Self-Awareness (5 sections, 1 in hybrid format)
- Introduction to Philosophy (9 sections, 1 hybrid, 4 fully online & condensed into four weeks)
- Philosophy in Film & Literature (5 sections, 1 hybrid)
- Feminist Philosophies (2 sections, 1 hybrid)

Independent Study: Phenomenology (1 section)
Independent Study: Ancient and Medieval Philosophy (1 section)

DePaul University, Department of Philosophy

Business Ethics (3 sections)
Existential Themes (3 sections)
Philosophy & Film: *Time & Narrativity* (1 section)
Philosophy & Film: *Identity and Embodiment* (5 sections)
Philosophy & Its Issues (3 sections)
Issues in Sex and Gender (1 section)
Philosophy-Conflict-Peace (1 section)
Philosophical Approaches to Multiculturalism (3 sections)
What is Freedom? (1 section)

DePaul University, Honors Program

Philosophical Inquiry: *Philosophy of Art* (1 section)
Junior Seminar in Multiculturalism: *Exploding Binaries: Sex-Gender, Body-Culture* (2 sections)
Topics in Cognitive Studies: *Mind-Consciousness-Meaning* (4 sections)

DePaul University, Women's and Gender Studies

Women's Lives: Race, Class, & Gender (1 section)
Women's and Gender Studies in Transnational Context (2 sections)

Loyola University (Chicago), Department of Philosophy

Ethics (1 section)

Villanova University, Department of Philosophy

Introduction to Philosophy: Knowledge, Reality, Self (2 sections)
Honors Special Topic: *German Phenomenology and Existentialism*, Team Taught with Walter Brogan (1 section)

PEDAGOGICAL DEVELOPMENT

2024 TSUS Faculty Development Day. Facilitated by SHSU Online (June 24).

2022 Engaging Exploration (Active Learning) Workshop. Facilitated by the Professional Academic Center for Excellence (PACE) at SHSU.

2020 Faculty Certification for Online Instruction and Course Redesign. Facilitated by SHSU Online (July 17- August 14).

2020 Writing in the Disciplines. Facilitated by the College of Humanities and Social Sciences at SHSU (Jan 3, 6-8).

SERVICE

To the Profession

- 2024 - 2021 Member-at-Large, Executive Committee of the Heidegger Circle of North America; Special Responsibility to Curate Satellite Sessions at major North American Conferences
- 2023 Outside Reader, Jessica Jessen (PhD) Dissertation, "Nietzsche's Ariadne." Department of Philosophy, DePaul University (Defense: Nov 3)
- 2023 Invited Comments on Nora Fulton's, "Mirages of Transition: Derrida and Malabou's Search for a Heideggerian Sex." 61st Annual Meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP). Toronto Metropolitan University, Toronto, CA (Oct 13)
- 2022 Outside Reader, Candice Wilson Sykes (PhD) Dissertation, "How Students Experience Failing a Course: A Descriptive Phenomenology." College of Education, University of Houston. (Defense: Nov 14)
- 2022 Chair, "Necropolitics & Trauma: Decolonial Perspectives." 60th Annual Meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP). Texas A&M, College Station, TX (Oct 14-16).
- 2020 Panel Organizer, "Reading Heidegger for Social Change." Satellite Session of the Heidegger Circle of North America. 59th Annual Meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP). Toronto, CA (Scheduled: October 8); Rescheduled for Sept. 2021.
- 2020 Respondent, 20th Anniversary Celebration and Annual Meeting of the Ancient Philosophy Society, DePaul University, Chicago, IL (Scheduled: April 2-5).
- 2017 Chair, Panel for the Committee on the Status of Women, "Ecofeminisms: Race, Indigeneity, and Disability Justice." 56th Annual Meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP). University of Memphis, Memphis, TN (October 19-21)
- 2017 Respondent, Satellite Session of the Heidegger Circle of North America, 56th Annual Meeting of SPEP, University of Memphis, Memphis, TN (October 19-21)
- 2014 Chair, Panel on *The Fundamental Concepts of Metaphysics: World-Finitude-Solitude*. 48th Annual Meeting of the Heidegger Circle of North America. Hosted by University of South Florida (USF) and Florida Gulf Coast University, St. Petersburg, FA (May 8-11)
- 2013 Creator and Inaugural Speaker, Dissertation Proposal Defense Roundtable. Department of Philosophy, DePaul University, Chicago, IL (December 6)
- 2007 Organizer, 12th Annual Graduate Student Conference, "Philosophy and Sexuality." Department of Philosophy, Villanova University, Villanova, PA (April 6-8)
- 2006 Co-Chair, Philosophy Graduate Student Union, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Villanova University, Villanova, PA
- 2004 Invited Respondent, "Deleuze and Psychoanalysis." Rowan University, Glassboro, NJ (December 3)

To the University, College, and Department

- 2024 - 2023 Co-Lead Producing Program Schedule
- 2024 – 2023 Member, Department Committee for Promotion of Non-Tenure Track Faculty
- 2024 - 2023 Member of Program Committee to evaluate, interview, and hire adjunct faculty
- 2024 - 2020 Sponsoring Promising Undergraduate Research (SPUR), Program Representative to Committee (College of Humanities and Social Sciences)
- 2024 - 2023 Faculty Advisor, Lavender Union of Kats
- 2024 - 2022 Faculty Advisor, Envious Dance Line
- 2023 Uncompensated Independent Study: Ancient & Medieval Philosophy
- 2023 Uncompensated Independent Study: Phenomenology (co-taught with Thomas Meagher)
- 2023-2022 Diversity & Inclusion (DivIn), Subcommittee on LGBTQ+ Affairs, Member
- 2023-2022 Enslaved Africans, Their Descendants, and the Development of SHSU. SHSU, Criminal Justice, and Mass Incarceration, 1964-2022: Working Group Participant.
- 2023 - 2020 Diversity & Inclusion (DivIn), Chair of the Subcommittee on Women’s History and Culture (2021), Member of Committee (College of Humanities and Social Sciences)
- 2023 - 2019 Diversity & Inclusion, Member of Committee (Department of Psychology & Philosophy)
- 2024 - 2019 Faculty Mentor for Honors Contracts:
14. Kelly Hampton (Philosophy in Film & Literature)
 13. Dominic Brandolini (Philosophy in Film & Literature)
 12. D’Ettra Johnson (Aesthetics)
 11. Alyssa Newman (Existentialism & Self-Awareness)
 10. Alyssa Newman (Aesthetics)
 9. Alyssa Newman (Feminist Philosophies)
 8. Olivia Heide (Aesthetics)
 7. Alexis Gilbert (Aesthetics)
 6. Isabelle Muniz (Existentialism & Self-Awareness)
 5. Laura Bianchi (Existentialism & Self-Awareness)
 4. Mariana Sanchez (Aesthetics)
 3. Sara Moya (Aesthetics)
 3. Matthew McGrenera (Philosophy in Film & Literature)
 2. Andrew McHuffey (Philosophy in Film & Literature)
 1. Gabriel Pizarro (Existentialism & Self-Awareness)
- 2021 Search Committee for Tenure Track Faculty in Philosophy, Member (Fall)

2020 Search Committee for Tenure Track Faculty in Philosophy, Member (Fall)
2020 Search Committee for Tenure Track Faculty in Philosophy, Member (Spring)
2019 Selection Committee for Thomas Satre Scholarship, Member
2019 Invited Faculty Presenter, Philosophy Club

Editorial

2024 - 2023 State University of New York (SUNY) Press, Referee
2022 *Journal for the British Society of Phenomenology* (JBSP), Referee
2021 - 2019 *Epoché: A Journal for the History of Philosophy*, Referee
2021 - 2020 *Symposium: Canadian Journal of Continental Philosophy*, Referee
2021 - 2020 *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, Referee

To the Community

2023 PFLAG Huntsville, Member

2023 - 2021 No Home for Hate in Huntsville, Co-Founder

2023 – 2020 Black Lives Matter: Huntsville Alliance Against Injustice and Racism, Community Activism Committee Member

LANGUAGES

French Research & Translation (advanced), Speaking (intermediate)
German Research & Translation (intermediate)
Ancient Greek Research (novice)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Philosophical Association (APA)
Society for Phenomenology & Existential Philosophy (SPEP)
Heidegger Circle of North America
The Friedrich Nietzsche Society (FNS)
North American Nietzsche Society (NANS)
philoSOPHIA: Society for Continental Feminism
North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics (NASPH)

REFERENCES

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