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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Philosophy of Religion, Contemporary European Philosophy

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Primary: Philosophy of Religion, Religion and Contemporary Philosophy, Heidegger, Contemporary European Philosophy, Contemporary Religious Thought, Comparative Religious Thought.

Secondary: Ethics, Introduction to Philosophy, Informal Logic, Modern Philosophy, Ancient Philosophy, World Religions, Introduction to Religious Studies, Western Religions, Asian Religions, Biblical Studies, Introduction to Humanities.

EDUCATION

M.A., PH.D. ("WITH DISTINCTION") IN RELIGION 1978 - 1984
Temple University Philadelphia, PA

Awarded a Dissertation Fellowship, University Fellowship, and Teaching and Graduate Assistantships.

B.A. (CUM LAUDE) IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES 1975 - 1978
University of Pennsylvania Philadelphia, PA

Benjamin Franklin Scholar (i.e., Honors Program).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

PROFESSOR OF PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION 2011-PRESENT
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION 2005-2011
West Liberty University West Liberty, WV

- Teaching undergraduate philosophy and religion courses full-time
- Interim Chair of the Department of Humanities (2009-2010)
- Assistant Chair of the Department of Humanities (2008-2009)
- Chair, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences Chair Search (Spring 2019)
- Department of Humanities, Spanish Search Committee (2016-2017)
- Chair, Department of Humanities Chair Search (Spring 2015)
- Chair, Department of Humanities promotion committee for faculty members in the department (2007, 2010)
- Department of Humanities Assessment Committee, 2008-2009
- College of Liberal Arts, Dean Search Committee (2016-2017)
- College of Liberal Arts, Promotion and Tenure Committee (2014, 2017, 2019)
- Faculty Senate Ethics Committee (2014-2016)
- Faculty Senate Personnel Committee (2016-2017)
- Faculty Senate Faculty Evaluation Working Group (2014-2015)

- Faculty Senate representative (2007-2008, 2016-17[alternate], 2021-2022); Faculty Senate Chair (2008-2012, 2022-2024), Faculty Senate Vice-Chair (2021-2022)
- Faculty Representative on the West Liberty University Board of Governors (2019-2020)
- University Faculty Compensation Review Committee (2018-2024)
- University Faculty Excellence in Professional Activity Committee (2014-2015, 2016-2017, 2019-2020)
- University Academic Appeals Committee (2009)
- Chair, University Residency Appeals Committee (2007-2012)
- University Grade Appeals Committee (2007, 2009)

VISITING ADJUNCT FACULTY, DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES
Bethany College

SPRING 2013
Bethany, WV

Taught Introduction to Philosophy, Introduction to Logic, and Introduction to Ethics.

ADJUNCT FACULTY, SOCIAL SCIENCES DIVISION
Metropolitan Community Colleges

2001-2005
Kansas City, MO

Taught introductory courses in ethics, logic (Longview, 2001), philosophy, and philosophy of religion (Maple Woods, 2002-2005).

ADJUNCT FACULTY, SCHOOL OF LIBERAL ARTS
Kansas City Art Institute

2001-2004
Kansas City, MO

Taught introductory courses “Topics of Western Thought,” “Modernism and After” and “Logic”; upper division course “Philosophy of Religion.”

ADJUNCT FACULTY, LIBERAL ARTS DIVISION
Johnson County Community College

2001-2002
Overland Park, KS

Taught introductory courses in humanities, world humanities, and world religions.

ADJUNCT FACULTY, PACE PROGRAM
University of Missouri - Kansas City

FALL 2001
Kansas City, MO

Taught course in “Historical Perspectives of the Family in Christian, Islamic & Judaic Culture.”

ADJUNCT GRADUATE FACULTY, INTERDISCIPLINARY PH.D. PROGRAM IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES
University of Missouri - Kansas City

1996-2001
Kansas City, MO

Steering Committee, 1998-2000.

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY
Park University

1995-2000
Parkville, MO

- Taught undergraduate philosophy and religion courses full-time (non-tenure-track)
- Discipline and program coordinator for philosophy and religion on the Home Campus and in the School for Extended Learning
- Developed and revised courses in philosophy and religion
- Served on Advising Committee and Academic Council
- Served as Humanities Division Meeting secretary, Academic Council Meeting secretary, and Faculty Meeting secretary.

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR IN HUMANITIES DEPARTMENT
Sinclair Community College

1988 -1995
Dayton, OH

- Taught introductory philosophy and religion courses full-time
- Developed new courses in religion
- Served on Honors, Curriculum, and Academic Policies Committees.

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION
Blackburn College

1986-1987
Carlinville, IL

Sabbatical replacement; taught undergraduate philosophy and religion courses full-time.

LECTURER IN PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION
University of Wisconsin

1985 -1986
Whitewater, WI

Leave replacement; taught undergraduate religion courses full-time.

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF RELIGION
University of Northern Iowa

1984 -1985
Cedar Falls, IA

Sabbatical replacement; taught undergraduate religion and humanities courses full-time.

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES
Villanova University

1983 -1984
Villanova, PA

Taught undergraduate religion courses part-time.

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR OF HISTORY/PHILOSOPHY
Community College of Philadelphia

FALL 1983
Philadelphia, PA

Taught undergraduate religion courses part-time.

RELATED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Refereeing articles for the online journals *Argument*, *Open Philosophy*, *Philosophies*, *Religions*, *Social Sciences*, 2017-present.
- Reviewed fourth edition and proposal for the fifth edition of *Philosophy Here and Now* by Lewis Vaughn for Oxford University Press in Summer 2024
- Reviewed fourth edition and proposal for the fifth edition of *Invitation to World Religions* by Jeffrey Brodd, et. al. for Oxford University Press in Fall 2022.
- Master's Thesis Committee Member, Macquarie University (Australia): "The Antique Disposition: An existential conception of the theatre artist and a Heideggerian analysis of the nature of Greek Tragedy" by Silvan Rus in Summer 2022.
- Served on a National Endowment for the Humanities panel evaluating applications for NEH Summer Seminars and Institutes, April 2019.
- Refereed book manuscript for Routledge Publishing, March 2019.
- Refereed article for a special issue ("Phenomenology, Idealism, and Intersubjectivity") of the *New Yearbook for Phenomenology and Phenomenological Philosophy*, August 2017.
- Chaired session at the Pittsburgh Area Philosophy Colloquium at Washington & Jefferson College on September 10, 2016.
- Refereed article for the journal *Studia Phaenomenologica*, July 2016.

- Moderator for session on “Meillassoux and Derrida on Impossible Limits” at the annual conference of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy in New Orleans, LA, October 23-25, 2014.
- Reviewed *Consider Ethics: Theory, Readings, and Contemporary Issues*, 3rd edition, by Bruce N. Waller for Pearson/Prentice Hall in Fall 2013.
- Reviewed *Ethical Issues in Business: A Philosophical Approach* by Thomas Donaldson and Patricia H. Werhane for Pearson/Prentice Hall in Fall 2013.
- Reviewed *About Philosophy*, 11th edition, by Robert Paul Wolff for Pearson/Prentice Hall in Summer 2012.
- Moderator for panel on “Revisiting Nietzsche on Religion” at the Varieties of Continental Thought and Religion conference at Ryerson University, June 14-17, 2012.
- Reviewed *Case Studies in Business Ethics*, 6th edition, edited by Al Gini and Alexi M. Marcoux for Pearson/Prentice Hall in Spring 2012.
- Reviewed *Congenial Debates on Controversial Issues '12* for Pearson/Prentice Hall in Spring 2012.
- Reviewed papers proposed for presentation in the “History of Philosophy” session at the Pittsburgh Area Philosophy Colloquium at Washington & Jefferson College on September 10, 2011.
- Reviewed *The Philosopher’s Way*, 2nd edition by John Chaffee for Pearson/Prentice Hall in Spring 2011.
- Reviewed *Fictive Narrative Philosophy* project for Pearson/Prentice Hall in Spring 2011.
- Chaired session at the Pittsburgh Area Philosophy Colloquium at Washington & Jefferson College on September 11, 2010.
- Reviewed ninth edition and proposal for the tenth edition of *Introducing Philosophy* by Robert Solomon (and Clancy Martin) for Oxford University Press in Summer 2009.
- Reviewed *The Philosopher’s Way* by John Chaffee for Pearson/Prentice Hall in Spring 2009.
- Reviewed pre-published text of *Consider Philosophy* by Bruce Waller for Prentice Hall/Longman in Fall 2008.
- Guest lecturer at the “Knowledge and Illusion” seminar of The Stephen J. Laut, S.J. Honors Program of Wheeling Jesuit University, September 10, 2008.
- Participant in Philosophy Education Delegation visiting the People’s Republic of China, October 19-November 2, 2000.
- Reviewed manuscript for the American Academy of Religion’s Reflection and Theory in the Study of Religion series in Spring 1998.
- Chaired colloquium on Heidegger at the Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, March 27-29, 1997, in Berkeley, CA.
- Participant in Religious Education Delegation visiting the Ukraine and Russia, June 11-25, 1993.
- Reviewed 3rd edition of *Practical Logic* by V.E. Barry & D.J. Soccio for Holt, Rinehart & Winston in Spring, 1990.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Who’s Who in America, 2010.
- Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers, 1998, 2000, 2005.
- Who’s Who in Religion, 1992-1994.
- Stipend to participate in NEH Summer Institute, “Challenges of Teaching World Religions” at Macalester College, July 9-August 4, 2017.
- Stipend to participate in NEH Summer Seminar, “Themes in Japanese Philosophy” at Ohio State University, June 13 - August 5, 1994.
- Stipend to participate in NEH Summer Seminar, “A Genealogy of Postmodernism” at the University of California - Riverside, June 24 - August 16, 1991.
- Stipend to participate in NEH Summer Institute, “The Philosophical Uses of Historical Traditions” at Clemson University, June 13 - July 24, 1990.
- Merit Award, Sinclair Community College, 1990.

PRESENTATIONS

- “Knowing, Counting, Being: Meillassoux, Heidegger and Science,” at the annual conference of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy in Eugene, OR, October 24-26, 2013.
- “Commentary on ‘Aesthetics and Religion in Schelling’s *Philosophical Letters*” to the Philosophy of Religion section of the Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, February 21-23, 2013.
- “Twenty-Five Years After *Beyond Theism and Atheism: Faith or Faith in Doubt?*” to the Varieties of Continental Thought and Religion conference at Ryerson University, June 14-17, 2012.
- “Fideism or Faith in Doubt? Meillassoux’s Criticism of Post-Kantian Philosophy” to the Continental Philosophy Working Group of the Pittsburgh Area Philosophy Colloquium at Washington & Jefferson College on September 10, 2011.
- “Faith in Doubt in the End” to the Postmodernism, Culture and Religion Conference on “The Future of Continental Philosophy of Religion” at Syracuse University, April 7-9, 2011.
- “An Environment Friendly God: Commentary on ‘Environmentalism and Nicholas of Cusa’s Model of God’” to the “Models of God” mini-conference at the Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, April 3-8, 2007, in San Francisco, CA.
- “Hume, Heidegger, Rorty: Religious Belief and the Meaning of Being” to the Philosophy of Religion and Theology section at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion/Southeast regional meeting of the American Academy of Religion in Nashville, TN March 16-18, 2007.
- “Of God, Humanity, and the World: Philosophical-Theological Reflections on *The Truman Show*” during the Roundtable Session at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion in Boston, MA, November 20-23, 1999.
- “Religious Responses to Postmodernism—A Reply” to the Philosophy of Religion section at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion in Orlando, FL, November 21-24, 1998.
- “Different Religions, Diverse Gods” to the Philosophy of Religion section at Rocky Mountain/Great Plains Regional meeting of the American Academy of Religion in Omaha, NE, March 20-21, 1998.
- “God in Heidegger’s *Beiträge*—A Response” to the Philosophy of Religion section at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion in San Francisco, CA, November 22-25, 1997.
- “Changing Our Tune” posted on the conference web page (<http://www.focusing.org/postmod.htm>) of the conference on “After Postmodernism” at the University of Chicago, November 14-16, 1997.
- “Philosophy of Religion: What Does That Mean?” at a meeting of the Central States Philosophical Association in Kansas City, MO, October 11-12, 1996.
- “*Kami* and *Daimōn*: A Cross-Cultural Reflection on What is Divine,” to the Philosophy of Religion Section at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion in Philadelphia, PA, November 18-21, 1995.
- “Interrupting Speculation: The Thinking of Heidegger as Re-enactment of Greek Tragedy,” at the annual meeting of the International Association for Philosophy and Literature in Edmonton, AB, May 4-7, 1994.
- “The Question of God: Thinking After Heidegger—A Response,” at the annual meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy in New Orleans, LA, October 21-23, 1993.
- “Living On (Happily) Ever After: Derrida, Philosophy and the Comic,” at the annual meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy in Boston, MA, October 8-10, 1992.
- “Toward a Tragic Theology: The Piety of Thought in Heidegger and Tragedy,” to the Fifth Conference on Literature and Religion at University of Durham, England, September 24-27, 1990.
- “The Piety of Thought: Heidegger, Religion, and the Question of Technology,” to an interdisciplinary conference on “Science, Technology, and Religious Ideals” at Kentucky State University, April 6-7, 1990.
- “Of/From Deconstruction and Theology,” to the Theology and Religious Reflection Section at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, November 18-21, 1989.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- *Beyond Theism and Atheism: Heidegger's Significance for Religious Thinking*. Dordrecht: Martinus Nijhoff, 1987.

Articles

- “Thinking What is Strange and Dangerous: Heidegger, Tragedy and Original Ethics,” *Comparative and Continental Philosophy* 14.3 (2022), 266-280; DOI 10.1080/17570638.2022.2155340
- “Of God, Humanity, and the World: Reflections on ‘The Truman Show,’” *Journal of Religion and Film* 23:1 (2019), Article 48; <https://digitalcommons.unomaha.edu/jrf/vol23/iss1/48>
- “Science” in *The Meillassoux Dictionary*, ed. Paul Ennis and Peter Gratton (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2014), 151-153.
- “Dogmatism” in *The Meillassoux Dictionary*, ed. Paul Ennis and Peter Gratton (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2014), 59-60.
- “Knowing, Counting, Being: Meillassoux, Heidegger and the Possibility of Science,” *Journal of Speculative Philosophy* 28 (2014):335-345.
- “Fideism or Faith in Doubt? Meillassoux, Heidegger, and the End of Metaphysics,” *Philosophy Today* 57 (2013): 358-368. DOI philtoday201357430
- “Faith in Doubt in the End,” *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 73 (2013):29-38. DOI 10.1007/s11153-011-9333-2
- “From *Daimonion* to the ‘Last’ God: Socrates, Heidegger, and the God of the Thinker,” *Philosophy Today* 53 (2009):265-272. DOI philtoday200953315
- “An Environment Friendly God: Commentary on Nancy Hudson’s ‘Divine Immanence,’” *Philosophia* 35 (2007): 357-360.
- “Interrupting Speculation: The Thinking of Heidegger and Greek Tragedy,” *Continental Philosophy Review* 36 (2003): 177-194.
- “Different Religions, Diverse Gods,” *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 49 (2001): 33-47.
- “*Kami* and *Daimōn*: A Cross-Cultural Reflection on What is Divine,” *Philosophy East and West* 49 (1999):63-74.
- “Danger: Philosophy of Religion,” *Philosophy Today* 42 (1998):393-401. September 6, 2018. DOI philtoday199842417
- “Living On (Happily) Ever After: Derrida, Philosophy and the Comic,” *Philosophy Today* 38 (1994):167-180. DOI philtoday 199438225
- “Toward a Tragic Theology: The Piety of Thought in Heidegger and Tragedy,” *Journal of Literature and Theology* 7 (1993):13-32.
- “Of/From Theology and Deconstruction,” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* LVIII (1990):413-437.
- “Tragedy or Religion? A Question of ‘Radical Hermeneutics,’” *Philosophy Today* 32 (1988):244-255. DOI 10.5840/philtoday198832314
- “Mysticism and Ontology: A Heideggerian Critique of Caputo,” *The Southern Journal of Philosophy* 24 (1986):463-478. DOI southernjphil19862443
- “The Inside and the Outside: Religious Experience and Religious Thought,” *Auslegung* 12 (1986):122-133. DOI 10.17161/AJP.1808.8990
- “Beyond Theodicy: The Divine in Heidegger and Tragedy,” *Philosophy Today* 29 (1985):110-120. DOI 10.5840/philtoday1985292/410
- “Between Tradition and Critique: The Gadamer-Habermas Debate,” *Auslegung* 8 (1981):5-18.

Reviews

- “Review of *Images: Three Inquiries in Technology and Imagination* by Mark C. Taylor, Mary-Jane Rubenstein and Thomas A. Carlson,” *Reading Religion: A Publication of the American Academy of Religion* (2022); <https://readingreligion.org/9780226782287/image/>
- “Review of *The World at Heart: Studies in Secularism* by Thomas A. Carlson,” *Reading Religion: A Publication of the American Academy of Religion* (2021); <http://readingreligion.org/books/world-heart>
- “Review of *A Dictionary of Philosophy of Religion*, 2nd edition, edited by Charles Taliaferro and Elsa J. Marty,” *Reading Religion: A Publication of the American Academy of Religion* (2018); <http://readingreligion.org/books/dictionary-philosophy-religion>
- “Review of *Not Even a God Can Save Us Now. Reading Machiavelli After Heidegger* by Brian Harding,” *Reading Religion: A Publication of the American Academy of Religion* (2017); <http://readingreligion.org/books/not-even-god-can-save-us-now>
- “Review of *Pathways in Theodicy. An Introduction to the Problem of Evil* by Mark S. M. Scott,” *Reading Religion: A Publication of the American Academy of Religion* (2017); <http://readingreligion.org/books/pathways-theodicy/>
- “Review of *The End of Phenomenology and the New Realism* by Tom Sparrow,” *Recherches Philosophiques* 2 (2016):145-147.
- “Review of *The Self after Postmodernity* by Calvin O. Schrag,” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* LXVII (1999):248-250.
- “Review of *Religion, Ontotheology and Deconstruction*, ed. by Henry Ruf,” *Critical Review of Books in Religion* 1991. Atlanta: Scholars Press, 1991. 463-464.
- “Review of *Kenneth Burke and Martin Heidegger, with a Note Against Deconstructionism* by Samuel B. Southwell,” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* LVIII (1990):152-154.
- “Heidegger, Tragedy, and Ethical Reflection,” *International Studies in Philosophy* XXI (1989):33-48. DOI intstudphil198921179
- “Review of *Is There a Measure on Earth?* by Werner Marx.” *Critical Review of Books in Religion* 1989. Atlanta: Scholars Press, 1989. 279-281.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- American Academy of Religion
- American Philosophical Association
- Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy
- Heidegger Circle

REFERENCES

Upon Request