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### EDUCATION

Ph.D., Philosophy, Texas A&M University                      2016  
College Station, TX

Dissertation Title - *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

Collegium Phaenomenologicum                                      2013  
Città di Castello, Umbria, Italy

M.A., Philosophy, Loyola Marymount University              2011  
Los Angeles, CA

M.Div., Fuller Theological Seminary                              2009  
Pasadena, CA

B.A., Religion and Philosophy, Baylor University              2006 *summa cum laude*  
Waco, TX

### AOS

Phenomenology  
Continental Philosophy of Religion  
Philosophy of the Event

### AOC

History of Philosophy, especially Ancient  
European Philosophy since Kant  
Hermeneutics

## PUBLICATIONS

### Articles

1. "Abrahamic Figurations of Responsibility: Religion Without Religion in Derrida and Marion," *Phainomena: Journal of Phenomenology and Hermeneutics* 100-101 (2017): 135-154.
2. "A Hermeneutic Phenomenology: The Death of the Other Understood as Event," *Journal of Applied Hermeneutics* (2017): 1-14.
3. "Event, Death, and Poetry: The Death of the Other in Derrida's 'Rams,'" *Philosophy Today* (forthcoming).
4. "Paul and Kierkegaard: A Christocentric Epistemology," *The Heythrop Journal* 55, 5 (2014): 927-943.

### Book Reviews

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

### Works In Progress

1. *The Tremendous Event of the Death of the Other* (a book-length project on the event in continental philosophy and the death of the other)
2. "Derrida Reading Heidegger: The Dynamics of *Différance* and the Event"
3. "An Ethics Worthy of the Event: On Hospitality"
4. "Kantian Prolegomena To Any Future Thinking of an Event"
5. "Weeping Over Lazarus: The Sting of Death"

6. "O, Neighbors, There Is No Neighbor"

## **GRANTS, AWARDS, AND HONORS**

1. Brown-Kruse Graduate Research Fellowship, Melbern G. Glasscock Center for Humanities Research, Texas A&M University in support of dissertation research (2014-2015)
2. College of Liberal Arts Professional Development Grant, Texas A&M University for the study of French (May-June 2013)
3. Glasscock Graduate Research Fellowship, Melbern G. Glasscock Center for Humanities Research, Texas A&M University in support of studying at the Collegium Phaenomenologicum (2013-2014)
4. Philosophy Graduate Scholarship, Loyola Marymount University (2009-2011)
5. Dunavant Reeves Scholarship, Fuller Theological Seminary (2008-2009)
6. Frederic and Bernice Bush Scholarship, Fuller Theological Seminary (2007-2008)
7. Phi Beta Kappa (elected Spring 2006)
8. Alpha Chi, Academic Honor Society at Baylor (elected Spring 2006)
9. Phi Sigma Tau, Philosophy Honor Society at Baylor University (elected Spring 2006)
10. Theta Alpha Kappa, National Religion Honor Society (elected Spring 2006)
11. Golden Key Member (elected Spring 2003)
12. President's Scholarship at Baylor University (2002-2006)
13. Gamma Beta Phi

## **PRESENTATIONS**

1. "Abrahamic Figurations of Responsibility: Religion Without Religion in Derrida and Marion," Southwest Seminary in Continental Philosophy, College Station, TX, May 19, 2016.
2. "Derrida Reading Heidegger: The Dynamics of *Différance* as Event," Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Atlanta, GA, October 8-10, 2015.

3. "The Event and the Death of the Other: '[Death] ruins everything, all the while leaving everything intact,'" Glasscock Graduate Colloquium as a Brown-Kruse Graduate Research Fellowship Recipient for 2014-2015, March 3, 2015.
4. "Inflections of the Event: The Death of the Other as a Figure of the Event," Southwest Seminar in Continental Philosophy, Colorado College, June 7, 2014.
5. "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 a Glasscock Graduate Fellow for 2013-2014, March 4, 2014.
6. "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.
7. "Being as Event in Heidegger's *Being and Time*," Southwest Seminar in Continental Philosophy, Texas A&M University, May 16-18, 2013.
8. "The Disclosive Event of Death in Derrida's *The Gift of Death*," 46th Annual North Texas Philosophical Association Conference, University of North Texas, April 4-6, 2013.
9. "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, 2013.
10. "Otherwise Than Discursive Knowledge: Faith and Reason in Kant and Kierkegaard," The Varieties of Continental Thought and Religion Conference, Ryerson University, Toronto, Canada, June 15, 2012.
11. "On the Possibility of a Husserlian Phenomenology of Religious Consciousness (of God)," 45th Annual North Texas Philosophical Association Conference, University of North Texas, April 14, 2012.
12. "Kierkegaard's Phenomenology of God," Houston Baptist University Conference: Divine and Human Action, March 31, 2012.
13. "Hegel's God and Transcendence," 4th Annual Postmodernism, Culture, and Religion Conference: The Future of Continental Philosophy of Religion, Syracuse University, April 9, 2011.
14. "Creation and Creativity: The Creative Process According to Platonic and Christian Tradition," Baylor University's Third Annual Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, Waco, TX, October 31, 2005.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### *Instructor of Record*

1. Introduction to Philosophy, Sam Houston State University (Fall 2016)
2. Philosophy of Religion, Sam Houston State University (Fall 2016)
3. Philosophy of Religion: Continental Approaches, Texas A&M University (Spring 2016)
4. Introduction to Philosophy, FOCUS (Learning community program for first-generation college students), Texas A&M University (Fall 2015)
5. Introduction to Philosophy at Texas A&M University (Fall 2014)

### *Teacher's Assistant*

1. Engineering Ethics Graduate Assistant Teacher at Texas A&M University (Fall 2011, Spring 2012)

### *Teacher Training*

1. Philosophical Pedagogy Course at Texas A&M University (Spring 2015)
2. Loyola Marymount University Teaching Orientation and Practicum Course (Spring 2010 - Fall 2010)

## LANGUAGES

Greek (Koine and Attic) - proficient

German - reading knowledge

French - reading knowledge

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

### *To the Profession*

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

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

### *To the University*

Graduate and Profession Student Council (GPSC) Representative at Texas A&M University (2015-2016)

Graduate Convener for the Glasscock Center Study Group in Continental Philosophy (2013-2016)

Graduate Students in Philosophy Secretary at Texas A&M University (2012-2013)

*Public Lectures*

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

**SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP**

Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy

The American Philosophical Association

Søren Kierkegaard Society

Society of Christian Philosophers

American Academy of Religion