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## **Curriculum Vitae**

### **Education**

Ph D. in Philosophy: University of South Florida, 2008.

M.A. in Philosophy (with Distinction): University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, 2004.

Part-Time Graduate Studies in Philosophy: University of New Mexico, Albuquerque. Fall 1991-Spring 1996.

[Hiatus as a Licensed Texas Real Estate Agent. Summer 1980-Summer 1991].

B.A. in Philosophy and French: Austin College, Sherman, Texas, 1980. Dean's List, Spring 1977-Spring 1980.

Junior Year Abroad Program: Institut d'Études Européennes, Paris. Fall 1978-Summer 1979.

### **Areas of Interest**

Doctoral Dissertation: *Minding the Gap: What it is to Pay Attention Following the Collapse of the Subject-Object Distinction.*

Major Professor: Dr. Charles Guignon, Ph.D.

Committee: Dr. Ofelia Schutte, Ph.D., Dr. Joanne Waugh, Ph.D., Dr. Elizabeth Hirsh

Defense Chair: Dr. Michael LeVan

*Area of Specialization:* History of 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Century Continental European Philosophy, especially Existentialism and French and German Philosophy in the Hermeneutic, Phenomenological and Deconstructive Tradition.

*Areas of Competency:* History of Western Philosophy—Ancient, Medieval, Modern, Contemporary, History of Aesthetics and Philosophy of Art, Philosophy of Love and Sex, Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy in Film and Literature, Contemporary Continental Philosophy, Human Nature and Technology, Philosophy of Religion, History of Ethics, Post-Modernism.

*Foreign Language Proficiency:* Fluency in French, Reading Proficiency in German.

## **Awards**

College of Humanities and Social Sciences Award for Teaching Excellence in Distance Learning by Visiting Faculty, Spring 2013.

Commendation for Exemplary Teaching and Mentoring, Omicron Chapter of Alpha Chi National Honors Society at Sam Houston State University. April, 2012.

Provost's Award for Outstanding Teaching by a Graduate Teaching Assistant, Commendation. University of South Florida, April, 2007.

Provost's Award for Outstanding Teaching by a Graduate Teaching Assistant, Commendation. University of South Florida, April, 2006.

## **Academic Appointments**

Assistant Professor at Sam Houston State University, 2013-present

Aesthetics

Existentialism and Self-Awareness

Modern Philosophy

Philosophy in Film and Literature

Introduction to Philosophy (online)

Introduction to Philosophy (correspondence)

Critical Thinking (online)

Visiting Assistant Professor at Sam Houston State University, 2009-2012

Aesthetics, Summer II and Fall 2012

Existentialism, Fall 2009-2012

Introduction to Philosophy, (Distance Learning and Classroom) Spring-Fall 2010-2012

Critical Thinking, (Distance Learning and Classroom) Fall 2009-12

Philosophy in Film and Literature, Summer 2010, Spring-Summer 2011

Philosophy of Mind, Spring 2010

Visiting Assistant Professor at John Carroll University, 2008-2009

Continental Philosophy, Summer 2009

Philosophy of Love and Sex: Critical Approaches, Spring 2009

Medieval Philosophy, Fall 2008

Introduction to Philosophy, Fall 2008 and Spring 2009

Adjunct Instructor:

Introduction to Aesthetics, Ringling College of Art and Design, Fall 2006-Spring 2008

Introduction to Philosophy, University of Tampa, Spring 2008

Existentialism, University of South Florida, Summer 2006 and 2007

Introduction to Ethics, University of Tampa, Spring 2007

Introduction to Philosophy, University of South Florida, Summer 2005

Critical Thinking, University of South Florida, Summer 2005

English 102, "Argument and Analysis," University of New Mexico, Spring 2004

English 101, "Composition," University of New Mexico, Fall 2003

Teaching Assistant:

Philosophies of Love and Sex, University of South Florida, Spring 2007 and 2008 (instructor of record)

Existentialism, University of South Florida, Fall 2007 (instructor of record)

Philosophy of Religion, University of South Florida, Fall 2005-Fall 2006 (instructor of record)

Introduction to Ethics, University of South Florida, Spring 2005 (instructor of record)

Introduction to Philosophy, University of South Florida, Fall 2004 (assistant to Dr. Charles Guignon)

Introduction to Philosophy, University of New Mexico, Spring 2003 (assistant to Dr. Iain Thomson)

Introduction to Philosophy, University of New Mexico, 2002-2003 (assistant to Dr. Kelly Becker)

Introduction to Philosophy, University of New Mexico, Fall 2002 (assistant to Mr. Sam Simpson)

Introduction to French, Austin College, 1979-1980 (assistant to Dr. Cynthia Manley)

**Publications, including those submitted and forthcoming**

*Phenomenology and the Political*, edited by S. West Gurley and Geoff Pfeifer, Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, in press, projected publication date: October 2016.

"Attention is Political: How Phenomenology Gives Access to the Inconspicuously Political Act of Attending", forthcoming in *Phenomenology and the Political*, edited by S. West Gurley and Geoff Pfeifer, Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, October 2016.

*Minding the Gap: What it is to Pay Attention Following the Collapse of the Subject/Object Distinction*, Scholar's Press, 2013 (ISBN: 978-3-639-51577-0; Saarbrücken, Deutschland).

“Commentary upon Brian Harding’s “Object Oriented Ontology and Jose Ortega y Gasset’s Anti-Idealist Interpretation of Phenomenology”” in Southwest Philosophy Review: The Journal of the Southwestern Philosophical Society, v. 30, n. 2, July 2014.

Review of *Horizons of Authenticity in Phenomenology, Existentialism, and Moral Psychology: Essays in honor of Charles Guignon*, edited by Megan Altman and Hans Pedersen (Springer, 2015), for Human Studies, Spring 2017.

## Conferences and Speaking Engagements

“*Gelassenheit* as the Proper Way to Grasp What It Is to Pay Attention”, Southwest Seminar in Continental Philosophy annual meeting, California State University Northridge, Northridge, CA, June, 2017.

“Attention is Political: How Phenomenology Gives Access to the Inconspicuously Political Act of Attending”, annual meeting of The Heidegger Circle at Whitman College, Walla Walla, WA, March 2017.

“The Ass I Kick Today May Be the Ass I Will Have to Kiss Tomorrow: What’s Up With the Sacrifice of Woman in the Films of Lars von Trier?”, APA-Central annual meeting, special session of the Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World, Kansas City, MO, March 2017.

“Attention is Political”, invited talk to the Department of Philosophy at Clemson University, Clemson, SC, 7 October 2016.

“The Activity of Attending to the World Arises from Being-in-the-World and not from some Alleged ‘Internal’ Mental State”, Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World, annual meeting at McDaniel College, Westminster, MD, 27 July 2016.

“Attention Is/As Distraction”, Southwest Seminar in Continental Philosophy, annual meeting at Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, 20 May 2016.

“Abandonment Issues: What Becomes of Art after the End of Art, in the Post-historical Age?”, History of Philosophy Society (HOPS), 2<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting at Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, 23 April 2016.

“The Excruciating Activity of Properly Directing Our Attention”, 48<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the North Texas Philosophical Association, El Centro College, Dallas, TX, 1 April 2016.

“Flipping (off) the Question: Of What Value is the Political to Phenomenology?”, APA-Central annual meeting, special session of the Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World, St. Louis, MO, 19 February 2015.

“Abandonment Issues: What Becomes of Art After the End of Art, in the Post-Historical Age?”, annual meeting of the Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World, San Jose, CA, July 2014.

“Abandonment Issues: What Becomes of Art After the End of Art?”, annual meeting of the North Texas Philosophical Association, University of North Texas, Denton, TX, April 2014.

“Aesthetic Experience as a Paradigm for Understanding What it is to Pay Attention”, Collegium Phaenomenologicum Participants Conference, Citta di Castello, Umbria, Italy, July 2013.

“Commentary upon M. Benetreau-Dupin’s ‘Explaining differences in mankind’”, Annual meeting of the New Mexico West Texas Philosophical Society, San Antonio, TX, March 2013.

“Commentary upon Sarah Woolwine’s ‘Interpreting the Work of Jane Ellen Harrison’”, Annual meeting of the New Mexico West Texas Philosophical Society, San Antonio, TX, March 2013.

"The Excruciating Activity of Properly Directing Our Attention: Simone Weil and Pascal on Becoming a Human Being.", SPEP annual meeting, Rochester, NY, Fall 2012.

"Reconsidering What it is to Pay Attention: Heidegger and Letting-Be-ness":  
North Texas Philosophical Association, Denton, TX, Spring 2012

SPEP annual meeting, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, Fall 2010

American Philosophical Association—Pacific Division annual meeting, San Diego, CA, Spring 2011.

"Fred is the Name of This Paper: An Attempt to Attend to the Collective Effort to Attend to This Paper." Honorarium delivered to the Department of Psychology and Philosophy at Sam Houston State University, July 2009.

"The Excruciating Activity of Properly Directing Our Attention: Simone Weil and Pascal on Becoming a Human Being." Conference: *Blaise Pascal, his Times and Influence: 350 Years after the Provincial Letters*, University of South Florida, October 5-6, 2007.

"Attention Attends to Itself." *Florida Philosophical Association*. University of South Florida, November 2006.

*1<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Climate and Philosophy*. Invited Panelist: Theoretical Approaches to Philosophy and Climate; and Approaches to Teaching Philosophy and Climate Change. University of South Florida, September 2006.

"Fred is the Name of This Paper: Paying Attention to Paying Attention." *Philosophy Graduate Student Organization*. University of South Florida, March 2006.

"Jacques Derrida's relation to meaning in contemporary art." Guest Lecturer, Art 5934 (Dr. David Wright): Contemporary Art History. University of South Florida, October 2004.

"What Would Make a Phenomenological Reduction of Attention Possible?: Husserl Shrinks Back." *Phi Sigma Tau* Philosophy Graduate Student Conference. (Peer Reviewed). University of New Mexico, March 2004.

"Mourning Mourning Itself: What is Jacques Derrida Up To?" *Phi Sigma Tau* Philosophy Graduate Student Conference. (Peer Reviewed). University of New Mexico, March 2003.

## Professional Service

Philosophy Boot Camp for Teens and Tweens, faculty leader/facilitator, counselor and collaborative consultant on program, Texas A & M University, 5-9 June 2017.

Southwest Seminar in Continental Philosophy Annual Meeting, moderator of session: "Situation, Self, and World: Emotional Depth and the Phenomenology of Everyday Moods", California State University—Northridge, Northridge, CA, 9 June 2017.

P4C Tejas (Philosophy for Children Texas) training seminar for teachers: facilitator and planning consultant with Drs. Claire Katz and Daniel Conway. Texas A & M University, 5 May 2017.

Future Legacies: Fiftieth Annual Meeting of the Heidegger Circle, moderator of session, “On Poiêsis”, DePaul University, Chicago, IL, 16 September 2016.

Twenty-Third Annual Meeting of the Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World, Program Chair, July 2016.

Philosophy Camp for Teens, faculty leader/facilitator/counselor and collaborative consultant on program, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, 20-24 June 2016.

Journal of Philosophy in the Contemporary World. Referee, Spring 2015.

Lighthearted Philosophy Society annual meeting. Referee. Spring 2015.

Heidegger Circle, annual meeting, session moderator, “Methodology”, St. Petersburg, FL, May 2014.

Faculty Advisor, Philosophy Student Organization at Sam Houston State University, 2011-2014.

*APA Pacific Division, annual meeting.* Session chair, “Aesthetics: Dance, the Ephemeral Art”, April 2012.

Review of Joshua James Shaw’s *Emmanuel Levinas on the Priority of Ethics: Putting Ethics First* Cambria Press (2008), for *Human Studies*, Spring 2011.

*Body and Society.* Referee, Spring 2008—2013.

*APA Pacific Division, annual meeting.* Session chair, “Colloquium: Hegel”, April 2010.

*APA Pacific Division, annual meeting.* Chaired session entitled “Colloquium: Epistemology”, April 2009.

*APA, Pacific Division, annual meeting.* Chaired session entitled “Colloquium: Husserl” and provided commentary for paper entitled “Chasing (Away)the Trace of Dogma: Reconsidering the Role of Presence Through Husserl’s Inner Time-Consciousness and Derrida’s Speech and Phenomena”, March 21, 2008

*Theory, Culture, and Society (TCS)*, Referee for special issue, Fall 2007

University of South Florida *Philosophy Graduate Student Organization*, Faculty Liaison. Fall 2006—Summer 2007

University of South Florida *Humanities Institute Advisory Committee*, Graduate Student Liaison. Fall 2005—Spring 2008

Eastern Division of the *Society for Women in Philosophy* annual meeting. Chaired session entitled “Epistemological Frameworks.” University of South Florida, December 2006

Conference of the *Society for Classical Pragmatism and American Philosophy.* Program Referee. University of South Florida, Fall 2005

### **University, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, and Departmental Service**

SHSU Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, September 2014-present.

CHSS Academic Grievance Committee, September 2014- present

CHSS Online Course Teaching Committee, January 2013-present.

Department of Psychology and Philosophy, Faculty Search Committees (4), completed in April 2015.

**Membership in Professional Societies**

*American Philosophical Association*

*Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy*

*Heidegger Circle*

*North Texas Philosophical Association (NTPA)*

*HOPS (History of Philosophy Society)*

*Southwest Seminar in Continental Philosophy (SWSCP)*

*Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World (SWCP)*

*Florida Philosophical Association, Fall 2004-Fall 2008.*