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### **Education**

*New School for Social Research*: Ph.D. in Philosophy (January 2004)

*University of Hartford*: B.A. (May 1994) (*summa cum laude*) in history and philosophy

AOS: history of philosophy, existentialism, phenomenology

AOC: world religions, ethics

### **Teaching Experience**

*Associate Professor, Centenary College* (9/04-present)

#### **Courses Taught**

PHIL 1005 Introduction to Philosophy

REL 2001 World Religions

PHIL 2003 Logic

PHIL 3002 Modern Philosophy

GENG 690 M.A. Thesis: Aldous Huxley

GENG 687 Literature and Allied Discourse

IND 688 Independent Study: Utopian Literature

GENG 650 Author Studies: Jack Kerouac

ENG 105 Composition and Literature I

POL 2001 Elements of Political Theory

PHIL 2004 Contemporary Ethics

#### **Courses Developed and Taught**

PHIL 299 Special Topics: Existentialism

PHIL 2003 Logic (On-line)

CCS 299 Sophomore Experience: Philosophy and Film

#### **Other courses developed**

REL 2001 World Religions (On-Line)

*Adjunct, Marymount Manhattan College*, (9/99-8/04)

PHIL 101 Introduction to Philosophy

PHIL 307 Phenomenology

PHIL 398 Power, Knowledge, Self: Foucault

PHIL 103 Introduction to Ethics

PHIL 317 Existentialism

RECIPIENT OF TEACHING RECOGNITION AWARD, DEPT. OF HUMANITIES  
(April 03)

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### **Teaching Experience, continued**

*Adjunct, Montclair State University, (9/03-8/04)*

PHIL 210 Ethics

PHIL 101 Introduction to Philosophy

*Adjunct, Bergen Community College, (01/03-5/03, 01/4-8/04)*

PHR 101 Introduction to Philosophy

**Dissertation:** “Merleau-Ponty and Issues of Intersubjectivity: Encounters with Wittgenstein, Sellars, McDowell and Levinas on the foundations, nature and modalities of intersubjective relations” (October 2003)

Committee: Jay Bernstein, Bernard Flynn, James Dodd  
Dean’s Representative: Arien Mack

### **Articles**

“Beat *u-topos* or Taking Utopia on the Road: The Case of Jack Kerouac” *The Beats and Philosophy*, ed. Sharin Elkholy. University of Kentucky Press 2013, pp. 33-45.

“One Ring or Many?: Lessing’s *Nathan the Wise* and Religious Pluralism” *Philosophy and Literature* (April 2009), pp. 139-49

“Truth or Consequence? A Response to Steven M. Cahn’s ‘The Ethics of Teaching: A Puzzle’” *APA Newsletter on Teaching* 03:1 (Spring 2004), pp. 16-7.

“Merleau-Ponty: Reversibility, Phenomenality and Alterity” *Selected Studies in Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Philosophy Today* 46:5 (2002), pp. 52-9.

### **Review Essay**

“Seconding Second Nature: Nicholas H. Smith, ed. *Reading McDowell: On Mind and World*” *Graduate Faculty Philosophy Journal* 25:1 (Spring 2004), pp. 185-95.

### **Book Reviews**

*Aldous Huxley Annual, vol. 6 in Utopian Studies*. 20.1 (2009), pp. 180-83.

Charles Guignon, ed. *The Existentialists: Critical Essays on Kierkegaard, Nietzsche, Heidegger and Sartre in Teaching Philosophy* (December 2004).

Ted Toadvine, Lester Embree, eds. *Merleau-Ponty’s Reading of Husserl in Graduate Faculty Philosophy Journal* 24:1 (June 2003), pp. 243-6.

Duane H. Davis, ed. *Merleau-Ponty’s Later Works and Their Practical Implications in Graduate Faculty Philosophy Journal* 23:2 (November 2002), pp. 213-17.

Rudi Visker, *Truth and Singularity in Graduate Faculty Philosophy Journal* 22:2 (May 2001), pp. 213-6.

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### **Paper Presentations/ Conferences**

“Traveling in Francis Bacon’s *New Atlantis* and H.G. Wells’ *A Modern Utopia*” at University of North Georgia Biannual Arts and Letters Conference: Utopia, University of North Georgia, February 28-March 2, 2014.

Commentator on David Grunner’s “Merleau-Ponty’s Uncommitted Painter” at New Jersey Regional Philosophy Association Conference, Bergen Community College at the Meadowlands, Nov. 10, 2012.

“Jack Kerouac’s Visions of Gerard” at Skylands Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (Mansfield, NJ, May 2011)

“Religious Pluralism” at Skylands Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (Mansfield, NJ, Oct 2010)

“A Brief History of Christianity” and “A Brief Introduction to Comparative Religion” at the House of Good Shepherd (Hackettstown, NJ, July 20 and 27, 2009).

Panelist, discussion subsequent to a viewing of Ayn Rand’s *The Fountainhead*, (Washington Theater, Washington Township, NJ, April 2009).

“Taking Utopia *On the Road: Travel and Utopia*” at 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Utopian Studies Conference (University of Maine, October 2008)

“A Levinasian Reading of Lessing’s Ring Parable in *Nathan the Wise*,” at 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual North American Levinas Society Conference (Seattle University, September 2008)

“Teaching Realism and Idealism via Paley’s Teleological Argument,” at American Association of Philosophy Teachers Bi-Annual Conference (University of Guelph, Ontario, August 2008)

“The Primacy of Ethics over Explanation and Religious Pluralism: Lessing’s *Nathan the Wise*,” at 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Felician Ethics Conference (May 2008) and at Long Island Philosophic Society (Molloy College, April 2008)

Commentator on John De Carlo’s “The Symbolism of Yorick’s Skull: Hamlet as Existential Jester—Dialectical Juggler,” at Long Island Philosophic Society (Molloy College, April 2008)

Commentator on Robert Clewis’ “A Bridge to Freedom: Kant’s Aesthetics of Enthusiasm” at New Jersey Regional Philosophy Association (The College of New Jersey, March 2007)

“Religious Pluralism” at Wagner College, Nov. 14, 2006

“Motives and Misgivings: On Hick’s Religious Pluralism as a Response to the Diversity of Religions” at Felician College, Nov. 13, 2006

Commentator on Roger Foster’s, “Modernist Writing and Ethical Responsibility in Adorno and Wittgenstein” at New Jersey Regional Philosophic Association (Ramapo College, November 2006)

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“Benedict XVI and Religious Pluralism” at Long Island Philosophy Society/ New Jersey Regional Philosophic Association Meeting (LIU-Brooklyn, April 2006)

“Power, Knowledge and the Role of Intellectuals in Foucault” at New School University conference “20 Years After Foucault”. Panel: “The Philosophical Legacy of M. Foucault” (April 04).

“Body and World: Intentionality and the Naturalisms of John McDowell and Merleau-Ponty” at New School for Social Research, Thursday night colloquium (March 03)

“Merleau-Ponty: Reversibility, Phenomenality and Alterity” at 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society of Phenomenological and Existential Philosophy (October 02)

"Flesh, Reversibility, and the Corporeal Schema of the Infant" at Goucher Philosophy Conference, "Merleau-Ponty and the Culturing of the Body" (November 99)

"Foucault: Aesthetic Subjectivity and the Repressive Hypothesis" at University of Hartford Humanities Lecture Series, "Rethinking Self and Knowledge" (January 98)

"Kant: Respect and the Dynamically Sublime" at 3rd Annual Emory University Graduate Student Philosophy Conference (April 97)

### **Administrative Experience**

*Primary Author, Middle States Commission on Higher Education Decennial Accreditation Report*, Centenary College (12/13 – present): work with College leadership to draft our decennial self-study for renewed Middle States accreditation.

*Chair, English and Foreign Language Department*, Centenary College (1/10- 5/14): provide the leadership and facilitation skills necessary for department faculty to develop and implement vision, program mission, benchmarks, goals, and the strategic plan; supervise the development of teaching schedules, student advising, and faculty coverage; encourage, coordinate, mentor, and supervise professional development of department faculty, and provide information regarding faculty development and performance to the Evaluation Committee; manage the department budget; handles all student/faculty matters regarding waivers, disputes, and grievances.

*English M.A. Graduate Program Director*, Centenary College (8/08 – 12/08; 5/10-5/14): Advised/ informed students on degree requirements, particularly procedures and deadline for capstone projects (These or Exam), reviewed, in coordination with Department, applications for admission, maintain databases on students' progress within the program.

*Philosophy Student Advisor*, New School for Social Research (7/97-7/99): advised/ informed students on degree requirements and all bureaucratic procedures (including registration), conducted annual academic review of all students in coordination with Chair and Dean of Student Affairs, developed new oral exam scheduling procedure and new written exam schedule, coordinated all oral exams and defenses, updated/ edited/ proofread student handbook and course bulletin each year, meet with/ recruited prospective students, maintained student files.

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*Graduate Faculty Philosophy Journal*, editor (10/99-10/03), coordinate editing and proofreading of 2-3 articles/issue, review unsolicited manuscripts, handle all individual and institutional subscriptions and back order requests, queries and databases, balance bank account.

### **Other Activities, Awards, Faculty Development**

Middle State Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) Annual Conference (12/13)  
Strategic Planning Focus Group Facilitator and Note Taker (Spring 2011)  
Faculty Representative, Faculty Senate Sub-Committee (Spring 2009)  
Faculty Representative, Presidential Search Committee (Spring 2009)  
Learning Outcomes Assessment Committee, Centenary College (2/05 – 12/09)  
Participant: Academic Impressions: Blending and On-Line Learning Institute, (May 21-23, 07)  
Faculty Council (Sept. 06- Sept. 07)  
Strategic Planning Representative on Reflective Learning (Oct 05 – May 05)  
Centenary College Board of Trustees, Faculty Representative on Academic Affairs (9/04- 5/05)  
On-Line Instructor Training Course (July 05)  
Blackboard 6.0 Training Course (July 05)  
Centenary College Community Plunge (9/04)  
Teaching Recognition Award, Humanities Department, Marymount Manhattan College (4/03)  
AAPT/ APA Teaching Seminar for Advanced Graduate Students in Philosophy, selected participant (8/02)  
Middle States Self-Study Committee, NSSR, student representative (3/02- 5/02)  
Executive & Budget Committee, NSSR, student representative (10/97- 10/00)  
Introductory Pro-seminar, NSSR, co-coordinator (Fall 2000)  
Dean's Search Committee, NSSR, student representative (4/99- 5/00)  
English tutor to Hugo Hiriart, Executive Director of the Mexican Cultural Institute, NY (5/01- 9/01)  
Scholarship for Language Study from Carl Schurz Gesellschaft, Bremen e.V. (7/97)  
University of Hartford Regents Award (1993, 1994)

### **Language Competence**

French reading/ translation exam passed (April 2000)  
German reading/ translation exam passed (October 1997)  
Logic examination passed (SL, PL, truth-tables, trees, natural deduction, December 1996)

### **Professional Affiliations**

American Philosophic Association  
American Association of Philosophy Teachers  
American Association of University Professors  
Long Island Philosophical Society  
New Jersey Regional Philosophic Association  
North American Levinas Society  
Utopian Studies Society