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### **Education**

Ph.D. (Philosophy), The Graduate Faculty, New School for Social Research, New York, NY, 2002.

M.A. (Philosophy), Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, B.C., 1996.

M.C.S. (Theology), Regent College, Vancouver, B.C., 1993.

B.A. (Political Communication), George Washington University, Washington, D.C., 1987, *cum laude*.

### **Academic and Research Positions**

Senior Research Fellow, Essential Partners, Cambridge, MA, 2017.

Philosophy Professor, Endicott College, MA, 2017-present.

Associate Professor of Philosophy with Tenure, Gordon College, 2012-2016.

Co-Founder and Co-Advisor, Gender Studies Minor, Gordon College, 2008-2016.

Associate Professor of Philosophy, Gordon College, 2009-2012.

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Gordon College, 2005-2009.

External Scholar, "Symposium on Living Philosophers: Richard Rorty," Siena College, 2005-2006.

Adjunct Professor of Philosophy, Siena College, 2003-2005.

Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Haverford College, 2001-2003.

Dean's Fellow, Eugene Lang College, New School for Social Research, 2000-2001.

### **Fellowships, Awards and Grants**

Co-Principal Investigator, "The Dialogic Classroom: A Pedagogy for Engaging Difference with Intellectual Humility," Intellectual Humility in Public Discourse (Humanities Institute, University of Connecticut), a two-year \$215,000 Templeton funded grant.

Research Fellow, Humility and Conviction in Public Life Project, Humanities Institute, University of Connecticut, Fall 2016.

Research Fellow, Center for Faith and Inquiry, Gordon College, 2015-16.

Sabbatical Grant, Gordon College, Fall 2014.

Summer Stipend, Gordon College, 2013.

Initiative Grant, Gordon College, 2007, 2011.

Sabbatical Grant, Gordon College, Spring 2010.

Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Affairs Faculty Development Seminar, Vanderbilt University, 2004.

Graduate Faculty Scholarship, New School for Social Research, 1996-98, 2001.

Teaching Fellowship, New School for Social Research, 2000-02.

Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität Scholarship, for study in Germany, 2000-01.

John R. and Elsie Everett Fellowship, New School for Social Research, 1999-2000.

Dissertation Fellowship, New School for Social Research, 1999-2000.

D.A.A.D. Scholarship, for study in Germany, 1998.

Phi Beta Kappa, George Washington University, 1987.

### **Public and Civic Engagement**

Facilitator, Changing Lives through Literature, alternative sentencing program, Lowell, MA, 2017-present.

Facilitator, Public Deliberative Forum, Kettering Centers for Public Life, February 2017  
present.

Co-founder, Heathmere Center for Cultural Engagement, 2017.

### **Publications**

#### **Monographs:**

*A Hermeneutic Approach to Gender and Other Social Identities*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2016.

*Gadamer's Dialectical Hermeneutics*, Rowman and Littlefield, 2010.

#### **Peer-Reviewed Journals:**

"Giving Birth in the Public Square: The Political Relevance of Dialogue," *The Good Society Journal*, Vol. 26 (2), forthcoming.

"True Identities: From Performativity to Festival," *Hypatia: A Journal of Feminist Philosophy*, Vol. 29 (4) Fall 2014:808-823.

"Warnke's Text-Person Analogue: A Closer Look," *Review Journal of Political Philosophy*, Vol. 10, 2012.

"Rorty, Religion and the Public-Private Distinction," *Philosophy and Social Criticism*, vol. 38 (8) 2012: 861-878.

"Friendship and the Ethics of Understanding," *Epoche: Journal for the History of Philosophy*, vol. 14 (2) Spring 2010: 417-430.

"How Hermeneutical is He? A Gadamerian Analysis of Richard Rorty," *Philosophy Today*, vol. 49 (3/5) 2005: 236-244.

"The Self as Morally Emergent: Charles Taylor and Harry Frankfurt on Personhood," *Review Journal of Philosophy and Social Science*, vol. XXIX, 2004: 153-171.

"Towards an Ethics of Love: Arendt on the Will and St. Augustine," *Philosophy and Social Criticism*, vol. 26 (6) 2000:1-20.

#### **Encyclopedia**

"Gadamer," Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy, October 2012.  
<http://www.iep.utm.edu/gadamer/>

#### **Book Chapters:**

"Truth as the Origin (Rather than Goal) of Inquiry," in *The Inexhaustible: Aesthetics, Hermeneutics, and Ontology in the Philosophy of Luigi Pareyson*, ed. Sylvia Benso, SUNY Press, 2018.

"Acts of Betrayal: Hermeneutics, Religion, and the Possibility of Christianity," in *Thinking the Plural: Richard J. Bernstein's Contributions to American Philosophy*, eds. Marcia Morgan and Megan Craig, Lexington, 2016.

"If Enhancement Is the Answer, Then What Is the Question? A Hermeneutic Approach to Bio- and Genetic Enhancement," in *Inheriting Gadamer: New Directions in Philosophical Hermeneutics*, ed., Georgia Warnke, University of Edinburgh Press, 2016.

"The Sheltering Sky: The Region of *Aletheia*," in *Between Description and Interpretation: The Hermeneutical Turn in Phenomenology*, edited by Andrzej Wiercinski. Toronto: The Hermeneutics Press, 2005.

#### **Book Reviews:**

*The Truth (and Untruth) of Language*. Gert-Jan der Heiden. *The Heythrop Journal*, 55 (4) 2014: 739-742.

*The Inner Word in Gadamer's Hermeneutics*, John Arthos; *Gadamer and the Question of the Divine*, Walter Lammi; and *Ricoeur and the Hermeneutics of Suspicion*, Alison Scott-Bauman. *The Heythrop Journal*, 55 (1) 2014: 163-167.

*The Devil Reads Derrida*, James K. A. Smith, *Christian Scholars Review*, vol. 39 (2) Winter 2010: 240-243.

*Wittgenstein and Gadamer: Towards a Post-Analytic Philosophy of Language*, by Christopher Lawn. *Philosophy in Review*, vol. 25 (4) 2005: 279-281.

#### Public Philosophy:

“Lean In? Lean Out? What’s a Girl to Do?” *Faith + Ideas* =; vol. 6 (9) May 2013

“Why there are No Women Voters” (co-authored with Brian Glenney), *Capital Commentary* (blog of the Center for Political Justice)  
<http://www.capitalcommentary.org/2012-presidential-election/why-there-are-no-women-voters-and-no-women%E2%80%99s-issues>

“Gender, Body(ies) and Shalom,” featured in “The Language of Peace,” *Stillpoint*, Spring 2010.

“Beer, Latinas and The Scope of Identity,” *Faith + Ideas* =; Vol.2 (15) October 2009.

“Towards a Shalom-Feminism,” *Stillpoint*, Winter 2007.

#### Presentations

##### Invited:

“Gadamer and Democracy,” panel presentation, North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics, September 2017.

“Dialogue as Civic Discourse,” Emerson College, September 2017.

“The Intelligence of Dialogue,” MIT, April 2017.

“Obsessed with Sex: Gender as an Antidote to Christian Preoccupation with the Body as a Natural Kind,” *Sex on the Margins: Navigating Religious, Social, and Natural Scientific Models of Sex Differences*, Institute for the Bio-Cultural Study of Religion, Boston University, February 2017.

“The Political Relevance of Dialogue,” Public Lecture, Humanities Institute, University of Connecticut, December 2016.

“Understanding as Dialogue,” Social Epistemology Working Group, University of Connecticut, November 2016.

“‘In the Beginning is Relation’: Martin Buber on Dialogue,” Philosophy Department, University of Connecticut, October 2016.

“The Future of Hermeneutics,” panel presentation at the North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics Annual Conference, 2015, Villanova University, PA.

“On the Existential Origins of Dialogue: Buber and Gadamer,” *Rethinking the Plural Conference*, Muhlenberg College, fall 2015.

“Acts of Betrayal: Hermeneutics, Religion, and the Possibility of Christianity,” *Rethinking the Plural Conference*, Stony Brook University, September 2014.

Commentator for Jerome Veith’s paper, “Consciousness of Historical Effect and the Constitution of Community,” North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics Annual Conference, U.C. Riverside, October 2012.

“Alcoff’s Identity Realism,” MIT, March 2012.

“What is Conscience,” Jerusalem and Athens Forum, Gordon College, November 2011.

“Author meets critics,” book session, *Gadamer’s Dialectical Hermeneutics*, North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics, Seattle University, September 2010.

“Identity as Interpretation,” Gordon College, October 2010.

“Gender as Interpretation: Alcoff, Warnke, and Beyond,” Distinguished Visiting Lecturer, Humanities Institute of Ireland, University College Dublin, February 2010.

“Gadamer’s Philosophy of Religion?” Boston College Annual Workshop, October 2009.

- “Hermeneutics and Realism,” Psychology and Philosophy Workshop, Gordon College, October 2009.
- “Is Play Enough?” Colloquium commentator, American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Meeting, December 2008.
- “It and Thou: Brandomian Mastering and Gadamerian Befriending of Texts,” Society for Phenomenological and Existential Philosophy, October 2008.
- “Qualifications of the Subject,” Colloquium commentator, American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting, April 2008.
- “What is Objectivity For?” Gordon College Philosophy Club, April 2008.
- “Shalom Feminism,” Convocation, Gordon College, April 2008.
- “Feminist Theory and the Church,” guest lecture for “Gender and the Church” course, Gordon College, April 2007
- “Rorty on Religion,” University of New Hampshire Philosophy Colloquium, March 2007.
- “Hermeneutics and the Joy of Being,” North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics, June 2006
- “Richard Rorty on Conversation and Community,” Philosophy Colloquium, Siena College, March 2004.
- “The Movement of Truth: *Bildung*, Play, Transformation into Structure,” International Gadamer Symposium, Heidelberg, Germany, July 2002.
- “Heidegger on Truth: A Comparative Analysis of *Being and Time* and *Parmenides*,” Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität, Frankfurt, Germany, November 2000.

#### Juried Conferences:

- “Dialogic Pedagogies for Promoting Intellectual Humility and Civic Engagement,” Southern Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, New Orleans, January 2018.
- “Strengthening Civic Discourse,” Northern New England Philosophy Association, Annual Meeting, Stonehill College, November 2017.
- “Working to Instill Intellectual Humility in our Classrooms and Civic Life,” co-presented with Jonathan Garlick, Frontiers of Democracy, Tufts University, June 2017.
- “Giving Birth in the Public Square: The Civic Relevance of Dialogue,” The Good Society Conference, Tisch College of Civic Life, May 2017.
- “Do Feminists Really Need Reality?,” American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Annual Meeting, Vancouver, April 2015.
- “Is Gender a Social Position?” Northern New England Philosophy Association Annual Conference, UMass Dartmouth, October 2014.
- “True Identities: From Performativity to Ritual,” Northern New England Philosophy Association Annual Conference, Dartmouth College, NH, August 2013.
- “A Dialogical Challenge to Ricoeur’s Narrative Account of Identity,” Ricoeur Society Annual Conference, Rochester, NY, October 2012.
- “On the Possibility of Christianity,” International Philosophy and Literature Conference, University College Dublin, February 2011.
- “Hermeneutical Perspectives on Gender Identity,” American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division annual conference, Boston, December 2010.
- “Religion as an Act of Betrayal,” North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics, September 2009.
- “Weak Thought, Strong Faith: Is a Post-Metaphysical, Publicly Relevant Religion Possible?” Society for Phenomenological and Existential Philosophy, November 2007.
- “Hermeneutics’s Good,” Society for Phenomenological and Existential Philosophy, October 2006.

- “Danger Keep Out! The Controversy over Christ in the Public Square,” Christ in Contemporary Cultures Conference, September 2006.
- “Rethinking Truth: The Relevance of a Hermeneutical Conception of Truth for Christianity,” C.S. Lewis Summer Institute, Oxford, England, July 2005.
- “How Hermeneutical is He? A Gadamerian Critique of Richard Rorty,” Symposium presentation, APA Eastern Division, December 2004.
- “An Exposition of Friendship as a Paradigm of Hermeneutical Truth (Or, What has Interpretation to do with the Ethical Life?),” Society for Phenomenological and Existential Philosophy, October 2002.
- “From *Logos* to Dialogue: Some Consequences of a Hermeneutical Concept of Truth,” International Society for Universal Dialogue, Cracow, Poland, July 2001.

### **Current Projects**

“*Civic Dialogue*,” manuscript in progress.

### **Professional Trainings**

- Kettering Foundation Centers for Democratic Public Life Exchange, February 2017-February 2018.
- Non-Violent Direct Action Training, Gloucester, MA, January 2018.
- Alternatives to Violence Program, Beverly, MA, January 2018.
- “The Power of Questions,” Essential Partners, Cambridge, MA, May 2017.
- “The Power of Dialogue,” Essential Partners, Cambridge, MA, October 2015.

### **Academic and Professional Societies**

- Member, American Philosophical Association, 2001-present.
- Member, North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics, 2004-present.
- Advisory Board Member, North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics, 2008-2012.
- Founder and President, North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics, 2004-2008.
- Member, National Coalition for Dialogue and Deliberation, 2016-present.
- Member, Society for Phenomenological and Existential Philosophy, 2002-2012.

### **Professional Service**

- Founder and President, The North American Society of Philosophical Hermeneutics, 2004-2008.
- Editorial Board, *Journal of Applied Hermeneutics*, 2016-present.
- Reviewer, *Constellations*.
- Reviewer, *Hypatia: A Journal of Feminist Philosophy*.
- Reviewer, *Journal of Dialogue Studies*.
- Reviewer, *Christian Scholar's Review*.
- Reviewer, *Epoche: Journal for the History of Philosophy*.
- Conference organizer, North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics 2006-2008.
- Moderator, North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics, Roanoke College, September 2014.
- Moderator, Keynote address by David Pellauer, NASPH, DePaul University, Chicago, September 2013.
- Moderator, “Ethics and Community,” Society for Phenomenological and Existential Philosophy, Philadelphia, October 2011.
- Moderator, “Gadamer’s Aesthetics,” North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics, Boston, September 2011.

Moderator, "Adorno's Realism," Society for Phenomenological and Existential Philosophy, Montreal, November 2010.  
Moderator, The Society for Continental Philosophy and Theology, Gordon College, April 2008.  
Juror, North Shore Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, February 2011.  
Juror for paper selection, North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics Conferences, 2006-2008.

### **Institutional Service**

Co-founder and co-director, Gender Studies Minor, Gordon College, 2008-2016.  
Chair, Faculty Welfare Committee, Gordon College, 2012-14.  
Member, Academic Support Center Advisory Committee, Gordon College, 2008-2011; 2015-2016.  
Member, Faculty Welfare Committee, Gordon College, 2011-12.  
Member, American Studies Minor Committee, Gordon College, 2011-12.  
Founder and Coordinator, "Women and Philosophy," Gordon College, 2007-2009.  
Member, Convocation Committee, Gordon College, 2006-2008.

### **Courses Taught**

Contemporary Ethics  
Ethics (History of)  
Introduction to Peace Studies  
Philosophy of Women  
Gender Today: Philosophical and Theological Perspectives  
Philosophy and Feminisms  
Is the Good Life Possible? Philosophy and Literature in Dialogue  
American Pragmatism: Prophets and Poets  
Confession as Apology: Definitions of the Self  
Language and Interpretation  
Tradition and Rationality: Gadamer, Habermas, Rorty, and MacIntyre  
Defining a Person: Taylor, Frankfurt, Ricoeur, and Arendt  
Dialogue and Conversation: Gadamer and Rorty  
Philosophy and the Human Being  
Philosophy of the Human Person  
Great Ideas: Modernity  
The Human Condition  
The Examined Life

### **Areas of Specialization**

Ethics, Feminist Theory, Hermeneutics, Social and Political Philosophy

### **Areas of Competence**

Ancient Philosophy, History of Philosophy, Philosophy and Literature, Pragmatism, Religious/Theological Studies, Feminist Theology

### **Languages**

French, German, Spanish