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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Philosophy, [University of South Florida](#), 2012

Dissertation: “An Ontological Analysis of Our Environmental Crisis:
Rethinking Humanity’s Relation to Nature through a Heideggerian Lens”

Directors: Dr. Charles Guignon and Dr. Martin Schönfeld

M.A., Philosophy, [Kent State University](#), 2007

Master’s Thesis: “Two Ways of Social Practice Theory: Wittgensteinian and
Heideggerian”

Director: Dr. Kwang-Sae Lee

B.A., Philosophy, [St. Norbert College](#), 2005

Graduated *magna cum laude* with a minor in mathematics

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Ethics, Continental Philosophy, Chinese Philosophy

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

History of Philosophy, World Religions, Social and Political Philosophy

TEACHING POSITIONS

2017-present Director of General Education, Bellin College

Associate Professor of Philosophy, Bellin College

2013-2017 Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Religion, Finlandia University

2012-2013 Term Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of Alaska Anchorage

2007-2012 Graduate Teaching Instructor, University of South Florida

2005-2007 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Kent State University

Summer 2005 English Instructor, Changle No. 2 Middle School, Changle, China

BOOKS

- 1) [Heidegger and the Environment](#) (London and New York: Rowman & Littlefield International, 2016).

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- 1) "[Heeding Humanity in an Age of Electronic Health Records: Heidegger, Levinas, and Healthcare.](#)" *Nursing Philosophy*, Vol. 19: Issue 3 (Summer 2018).
- 2) "[Heidegger, Communication, and Healthcare.](#)" *Medicine, Health Care and Philosophy* (Spring 2018).
-featured on the website, [Humanities Watch](#).
- 3) "[Adding Academic Rigor to Introductory Ethics Courses using Bloom's Taxonomy.](#)" *International Journal of Ethics Education*, Vol. 3: Issue 1 (April 2018).
- 4) "[Review of Land and the Given Economy: The Hermeneutics and Phenomenology of Dwelling.](#)" *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (Spring 2017).
- 5) "[Approaching Shan Shui Art Through Gadamer.](#)" *Confluence: Online Journal of World Philosophies*, Vol. 1: Issue 2 (Spring 2015). Note: this journal has since been renamed *Journal of World Philosophies*.
- 6) "[The Need for Basic Rights: A Critique of Nozick's Entitlement Theory.](#)" *Socrates*, Vol. 2: Issue 3 (Fall 2014).
- 7) "[Do No Harm: A Cross-Disciplinary, Cross-Cultural Climate Ethics.](#)" *De Ethica: A Journal of Philosophical, Theological, and Applied Ethics*, Vol. 1: Issue 2 (Summer 2014).
- 8) "[Leibniz and Huayan Buddhism: Monads as Modified Li?](#)" *Lyceum*, Vol. 13: Issue 1 (Spring 2014).
- 9) "[Perspectivism Narrow and Wide: An Examination of Nietzsche's Limited Perspectivism from a Daoist Lens.](#)" *Kritike*, Vol. 7: Issue 1 (Fall 2013).
- 10) "[A Kantian Look at Climate Change.](#)" *Essays in Philosophy*, Vol. 11: Issue 1 (Spring 2010).

BOOK CHAPTERS

- 1) "Philosophies of World Peace in Western Civilization," [The Routledge History of World Peace since 1750](#), edited by Christian Peterson, William M. Knoblauch, and Michael Loadenthal (New York: Routledge, 2018).
- 2) "'I'm Free': The Who on the Self in American Society," with William M. Knoblauch, [The Who and Philosophy](#), edited by Casey Harison and Rocco Genaro (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2016).
- 3) "Knowing Thyself in a Contemporary Context: A Fresh Look at Heideggerian Authenticity," with Steven Burgess, [Horizons of Authenticity in Phenomenology, Existentialism, and Moral Psychology: Essays in Honor of Charles Guignon](#), edited by Hans Pedersen and Megan Altman (New York: Springer, 2015).

WORKS UNDER REVIEW

- 1) *Daily Philosophy: 365 Quotes from the World's Greatest Thinkers*. [Workman Publishing](#) (submitted 01/04/2018).
- 2) "Informed Consent in Computed Tomography: A Case for Standardization," with Mark Bake and Christina Smith, [Radiologic Technology](#) (submitted 01/09/2018; accepted pending revisions 06/08/2018).

- 3) "Pharmaceutical Advertising, Foucault, and Power," [*Philosophy Today*](#) (submitted 4/27/2018).

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- 1) "Heidegger, Levinas, and Healthcare," *Wisconsin Philosophical Association Conference*, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, April 28, 2018.
- 2) "Heeding Humanity in an Age of Electronic Health Records," *The Carol Carfang Nursing and Healthcare Ethics Conference: Advancing Ethical Practice*. Sponsored by the Duquesne University School of Nursing, Clearwater, FL, February 28-March 2, 2018.
- 3) "The Healing Power of Philosophy: Heidegger, Healthcare and Communication," *The Seventh International Conference on Health, Wellness & Society*, The University of Denver, Denver, CO, October 5-6, 2017.
- 4) "Heidegger and Daoism: The *Dao of Gelassenheit*," *Philosophy Lecture Series*, Hiram College, Hiram, OH, September 25, 2015.
- 5) "Dwelling Freely Among Things: A Practical Heideggerian Ecology," *The 48th Annual Meeting of the Heidegger Circle*, St. Petersburg, FL, May 8-11, 2014.
- 6) "Saving the Differences: Laozi, Zhuangzi, and the Conception of the Daoist Sage," *Asian Studies Development Program's 19th National Conference*, Phoenix, AZ, February 28-March 2, 2013.
- 7) "The Green Heidegger: (Re)-Introducing a Pivotal Environmental Thinker," *University of Alaska Anchorage Faculty Research Consortium*, Anchorage, AK, November 9, 2012.
- 8) "Approaching Daoist Art Through Gadamer," *Hawaii International Conference on Arts and Humanities*, Honolulu, HI, January 9-12, 2011.
- 9) "Kant and Climate Change," *Humanities and Sustainability: Ecology in the Information Age*, Florida Gulf Coast University, May 8-9, 2009.
- 10) "The Need for Basic Rights: A Critique of Nozick's Entitlement Theory," *New Mexico-West Texas Philosophical Society's 60th Annual Meeting*, Houston, TX, March 27-28, 2009.
- 11) "Heidegger, Daoism, and Politics," *Uehiro Crosscurrents Comparative Philosophy Conference*, University of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI, March 19, 2008.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- 1) "Philosophies of World Peace in Western Civilization," *Perspectives on Peace*, Roundtable Discussion with William Knoblauch, Christian Peterson, and Carolyn Dekker, Finnish American Heritage Center, Hancock, Michigan, November 3, 2017.
- 2) "What Does It Mean to Be Human?" *First Saturday Lecture Series*, Trinity Episcopal Church, Houghton, Michigan, May 7, 2016.
- 3) "Environmental Ethics in the Anthropocene," Finlandia University, Hancock, Michigan, February 9, 2016.

- 4) “We Won’t Get Fooled Again: The Who and Philosophy” with William M. Knoblauch, *The Heart of the Arts and Sciences Colloquium Series*, St. Matthew’s Chapel, Hancock, Michigan, March 12, 2015.
- 5) “Selfie Culture: Four Perspectives from the Liberal Arts,” with William M. Knoblauch, Leslie Johnson, and Christine O’Neil, Finnish American Heritage Center, Hancock, Michigan, October 22, 2014.
- 6) “Daoism,” Opportunities for Lifelong Education (OLE!), Anchorage, Alaska, February 8, 2013.
- 7) “Climaxing Changes in Climate Change Thought,” University of Alaska Anchorage Bookstore, November 12, 2012.

TEACHING

Introduction to Philosophy (regularly)
 Student Success (regularly)
 Ethics (regularly; also online)
 Environmental Philosophy (regularly)
 Introduction to Medical Ethics (regularly; also online)
 Contemporary Issues in Healthcare (regularly; online)
 Professional Ethics (Fall 2011, Spring 2013)
 The Self: Philosophical and Religious Approaches (Fall 2013, Spring 2015, Spring 2017)
 World Religions (Spring 2014)
 Great Voices in Philosophy: Heidegger (Spring 2016)
 Continental Philosophy (Spring 2016)
 Modern Philosophy (Fall 2015)
 Ancient Greek Philosophy (Spring 2015, Spring 2017)
 Philosophy of Sex and Gender (Spring 2015, Spring 2017)
 Chinese Philosophy (Fall 2014, Fall 2016)
 Science and Society (Spring 2009)

SERVICE

[Greater Green Bay Chamber Golden Apple Awards](#)

Judge, 2018
 Bellin College General Education Committee
 Chair, Summer 2017-present
 Member, Summer 2017-present
 Bellin College, Faculty Council Committee
 Member, Summer 2017-present
 Bellin College Distance Learning and Education Committee
 Member, Summer 2017-present

[Copper Country United Way](#)

President, Fall 2014-Spring 2016
 Vice President, Spring 2014-Fall 2014
 Board Member, Fall 2013-Spring 2016

[Sustainable Keweenaw Resource Center](#)

Board Member, Fall 2014-Spring 2017
Finlandia University Sustainability Committee
Chair, Fall 2015-Spring 2017
Member, Fall 2013-Spring 2017
Finlandia University Assessment Committee
College of Arts and Sciences Representative, Fall 2014-Spring 2017
Finlandia University Academic Search Committee: Assistant Professor of Psychology
Chair, Fall 2016-Spring 2016
Finlandia University Servant Leadership Committee
Member, Spring 2014-Fall 2015
Finlandia University Campus Read Committee
Member, Fall 2013-Spring 2015

AWARDS AND HONORS

Graduate Teaching Assistantship, USF Philosophy Department (2007-2012)
Dean's Excellence Award, University of South Florida (2007-2009)
Graduate Teaching Assistantship, Kent State Philosophy Department (2005-2007)
Phelan and Regan Award for Excellence in Philosophy, St. Norbert College (2005)
St. Norbert College's Male Student-Athlete of the Year (2005)
Killeen Chair Scholarship for Excellence in Philosophy, St. Norbert College (2004)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Heidegger Circle
Health, Wellness & Society Research Network

CERTIFICATIONS AND TRAINING

Participant at University of Wisconsin-Green Bay's Instructional Development Institute,
Green Bay, WI, January 18, 2018
Participant at Distance Teaching & Learning Conference, Madison, WI, July 25-27, 2017
OSHA 10 General Industry Certification, OSHA Education Center, July 18, 2017

REFERENCES available upon request.