

Zachary Alan Isrow

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EDUCATION

2019	Alma Mater Europaea Humanities Specialization in Philosophy & Anthropology Dissertation: “The Formulation of Humanness as Being-in-the-World” Supervised by Graham Harman and Rok Svetlic; Other committee members include Mark Walter, Janko Lozar, and Lenart Skof	PhD
2015	University of Chicago Liberal Arts, Philosophy focus Thesis: “From East to West Towards East Again: On Heidegger and Daoism” under supervision from David Tracy	MLA
2014	Aurora University Philosophy Sociology Minor	BA

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Beacon College – Leesburg, FL, USA

Assistant Professor & Humanities Coordinator, June 2018 – Present

Roles and Duties:

- Serving as lead faculty and mentor to students in the humanities program
- Restructuring and redesigning a new curriculum for the humanities program

- Instruction of core curriculum (four courses/semester)
- Organizing department events and managing small budget
- Student recruitment to the major
- Supervision of student theses
- Creating faculty teaching schedules

Kishwaukee Community College – Malta, IL, USA

Adjunct Professor of Philosophy, August 2016 – December 2016

Roles and Duties:

- Graded students' papers and worked with students to develop enhanced written communication skills
- Aided students' comprehension of material presented
- Instruction of two Introduction to Philosophy courses
- Syllabus design

Northern Illinois University – Dekalb, IL, USA

Graduate Teaching Assistant, August 2015 – May 2016

- Graded students' papers and worked with students to develop enhanced written communication skills
- Aided students' comprehension of material presented
- Worked directly with the Department of Political Science and professional staff
- Assisted in optimal student to professor relations
- Performed initial student/classroom assessment and analysis and provided appropriate feedback
- Instruction experience in Introduction to Law and Courts and Modern Philosophy

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

AOS: Philosophical Anthropology, History of Western Philosophy, Ethics (Normative & Applied)

AOC:, Eastern Philosophy (esp. Buddhism and Daoism, Social and Political Philosophy, Metaphysics (esp. Ontology), Philosophy of Science (esp. Cosmology)

Other Areas of Interest: Cultural Astronomy, Human Rights, Digital Humanities, Cultural Studies/Cultural Anthropology, Cognitive Science, Sociology of Science, Indigenous Philosophies

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs

The Spectricity of Humanness: Spectral Ontology and Being in the World
Forthcoming with De Gruyter Press (October 2021 – production delayed due to COVID-19)

Edited Volumes

Valuing Information: Ethics and Aesthetics of Digital Memory (Co-editor with James Besse)
Under Negotiation with Springer SAPERE Series

Peer-Reviewed Articles

2017 “On the Future of Art” in *The Journal of Arts and Humanities*, Vol.6 No.6

2017 “Moral ‘Oughts’ and Pragmatic ‘Bests’: How ‘Right’ Actions are Composites”,
Published in the *Conference Proceedings from the 5th International Scientific Conference All About People: Interdisciplinarity, Transnationality, and Building Bridges*

2021 “Political Theology Without Religion” in *Journal of Humanities and Social Science Studies*, Vol. 3, No. 1

Forthcoming “Paradoxical Education: Learning to Unlearn What We Think We Have Learned”

Book Chapters

“Negative Aesthetics: Horrific Values and their Digital Representations” in *Valuing Information: Ethics and Aesthetics of Digital Memory*, Ed. Zachary Isrow and James Besse (Forthcoming)

“Towards and Anthropology of Play: Eugen Fink and Being-in-the-World,” in *Phenomenology, Metaphysics, Ontology: Essays on Eugen Fink*, Ed. Iulian Apostolescu (Forthcoming October 2021)

Book Reviews

2016 “The Return of Nature” in *Phenomenological Reviews*
A review of the book *The Return of Nature* by John Sallis

2017 “The Beginning of Philosophy” in *Phenomenological Reviews*
A Review of the book *The Beginning of Philosophy* by Hans-Gorg Gadamer

2019 “Social Disengagement, Nothingness, and Meaning(ful)ness: Finding Meaning in Unlikely Places”
A Review of the book *An Anthropology of Nothing In Particular* by Martin Fredriksen

WORKS IN PROGRESS

‘This World or That One? An Interpretation of Kantian Worlds’
(to be submitted at *Kant Studien*)

“Philosophical Anthropology as Methodology”
(to be submitted to the *Philosophy of the Social Sciences*)

“Memories, Emotions, and Freedom: Identity and Second Nature”
(to be submitted to *Journal of Philosophical Criticism*)

‘The Futural Ethics: Responsibilities, Possibilities, and Prospects for a Moral Future’
(Book manuscript in preparation)

‘From East to West Towards East Again: Intersections of Eastern and Western Thought’
(Book proposal in preparation)

INVITED LECTURES

2019 ‘No, You Don’t Actually Know That! Against the Limits of Reason’. Faculty lecture Series. Beacon College. Fall 2019

2017 “The ‘Game’ of Philosophy”. Kibla Series on *Is Philosophy Bullshit?*. Maribor, Slovenia, July 2017.

2015 “From East to West Towards East Again: On Heidegger and Daoism”
Gleacher Center of University of Chicago-Chicago, Illinois. June 2015.

2014 “The Future Anthropotechnics: Ray Kurzweil on the Law of Accelerating Returns and the Singularity Upcoming”
Aurora University Philosophy Symposium-Aurora, Illinois. April 2014.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2019

“Stratum or Spectrum? Spectral Ontology in the Wake of Nicolai Hartmann and Object-Oriented Ontology”

Paper presented at the Annual Nicolai Hartmann Society Conference. University of Silesia. Katowice, Poland. June 2019.

“Housed and Homeless: Behind the Alienating Forces of Urban Life”

Paper presented at the conference Philosophy of the City. Hosted by the University of Detroit – Mercy. October 2019.

“Digital Man: Scholars of the Future”

Paper presented at the conference ‘Living together Online’. Hosted by Colorado State University. October 2019.

2018

“Sustainable Education: Methods, Models, and Thoughts”

Paper presented at the conference “Go For People: Challenges in Science and Education” at Alma Mater Europaea, in Maribor, Slovenia. March 2018.

2017

“From the Ground up: Epistemology as a Groundwork for Intellectual Resistance”

Paper Presentation at the Conference “Practicing Intellectual Resistance” in Maribor, Slovenia; hosted by GCAS. July 2017.

“Moral ‘Oughts’ and Pragmatic ‘Bests’: How ‘Right’ Actions are Composites”

Paper presentation at the Interdisciplinary Conference “All About People” at Alma Mater Europaea-Maribor, Slovenia. March 2017.

2014

“Being a Being in Time: A Critique of Heidegger’s Treatment of Dasein”

Paper presentation at the Aurora University Undergraduate Research Conference—Aurora, Illinois. May 2014.

CONFERENCES, PANELS, & WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED

Organizer ‘Humanities Department Workshop/Guest Lecture on Heteronormativity’: Workshop/Guest lecture given to the Humanities Department by Dr. Frank Karioris. Held at Beacon College, Florida. March 2019.

Co-Organizer 'Practicing Intellectual Resistance: Conference held at *Salon*, Maribor Slovenia hosted by GCAS. July 2017.

Keynote Speaker: Prof. Lewis Gordon & Prof. Adrian Parr

Co-Organizer 'Summer Institute: Intellectual Resistance' Conference: Summer institute held adjointly with the conference. Held at Alma Mater Europaea. June-July 2017.

Featured Lecturer: Prof. Adrian Parr

GRANTS & AWARDS

Total Amount of Funding Received: \$21,000

2008 Bronze Congressional Award

2009 The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards: Certificate of Achievement

2009 Silver Congressional Award

2010 The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards: Certificate of Merit

2010 Dean's Academic Scholarship: Aurora University

2010 Corporation for National & Community Service: The President's Volunteer Service

2011 Gold Congressional Award-Presented in Washington DC by Former Congressman Don Manzullo

2012 Dean's List Regular Honors (3.75 GPA) – Aurora University

2012 Dean's List High Honors (4.00 GPA) – Aurora University

2013 Dean's List Regular Honors (3.75 GPA) – Aurora University

2014 Dean's List High Honors (4.00 GPA) – Aurora University

2016 Thomas C. Wiegale Award Scholarship (NIU) – \$3,000

2016 Doctoral Student Merit Scholarship (Alma Mater Europaea) - \$5,000

2017 Doctoral Student Merit Scholarship (Alma Mater Europaea) - \$5,000

2018 Doctoral Student Merit Scholarship (Alma Mater Europaea) - \$5,000

2018 Research and Travel Funds (Beacon College) - \$1,500

2019 Research and Travel Funds (Beacon College) - \$1,500

2020 Research and Travel Funds (Beacon College) - \$1,500

*Application currently under review for a small grant amounting to \$1000

*Application currently in preparation for research on intergenerational responsibility in the amount of \$30,000

COURSES TAUGHT

Humanities Coordinator and Assistant Professor of Humanities

Beacon College – Leesburg, FL, USA

- Fall 2018
 - HUM 2700 Introduction to Humanities (x3)
 - HUM 4804 Ethics

- Spring 2019
 - HUM 2700 Introduction to Humanities (x2)
 - HUM 4804 Ethics
 - HUM 4808 Senior Research Seminar in Humanities
- Fall 2019
 - HUM 2882 Introduction to Theatre
 - HUM 2882 Modeling Social and Cultural Construction
 - HUM 4804 Ethics (Independent Study)
 - HUM 3830 Thinking Politically: Political Philosophy
 - HUM 4935 Humanities Capstone
- Spring 2020
 - HUM 2804 Moments of Global Change
 - HUM 3804 The Human Condition
 - HUM 4301 From Fire to Factories
 - HUM 4833 TOPICS: Eastern Traditions
- Fall 2020
 - HUM 2882 Modeling Social and Cultural Construction
 - HUM 2532 Ethics
 - HUM 3830 Thinking Politically: Political Philosophy
 - HUM 4935 Humanities Capstone
- Spring 2021
 - HUM 2532 Ethics
 - HUM 3833 Using the Stars: Cultural Astronomy and Astrology
 - HUM 3833 Philosophy Through Film and Literature
 - HUM 4301 From Fire to Factories

Adjunct Professor of Philosophy

Kishwaukee College – Malta, IL, USA

- Fall 2016 ○ Introduction to Philosophy (x2)

Graduate Teaching/Research Assistant

Northern Illinois University – Dekalb IL, USA

- Fall 2015
 - Assistant for 'Comparative Politics' course

- Spring 2016
 - Assistant for 'Introduction to American Law & Courts' (Online course - ~100 students)

Supervision

PhD:

(Committee Member)

Vadim Gershteyn (In Progress)[Alma Mater Europaea] – Humanities (Dissertation: Charles S. Peirce's Semiotic As A Neo-Pragmatist Theory of Everything)

BA:

(Chair)

Michael Felix (Sp. 2019)[Beacon College] – Humanities (Thesis: The negative Effects of Social Media)

Monika Dumais (Sp.2019)[Beacon College] – Humanities (Thesis: Rethinking Accommodations for Students With Learning Disabilities)

Andrew Cohen-Gross (Sp. 2019)[Beacon College] – Humanities (Thesis: Veganism in Pop Culture)

Jacob Kleser (Fa. 2019)[Beacon College] – Humanities (Thesis: The Ethics of Progress)

James Peckinpugh (Fa. 2019)[Beacon College] – Humanities (Thesis: Not At the Same Table: Case Studies on the Repetition of History)

German Escobar (Fa. 2020)[Beacon College] – Humanities (Thesis: The Influence of Geography on Political Climate)

Dylan Hackett (Fa. 2020)[Beacon College] – Humanities (Thesis: The Dangers of the Freedom of Speech)

(Co-Chair)

Sarah Shapiro (Fa. 2020)[Beacon College] – Humanities (Thesis: Evolution of Classical Female Villain Portrayals)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

International Journal of Arts in Society

Associate Editor for *Vol X Iss X*

SERVICE TO ACADEMIA

Lead, Humanities Curriculum Committee, Beacon College. Fall 2018.

Member, Judicial Review Committee, Beacon College. Fall 2018.

REVIEWER FOR

- *International Journal of Arts in Society*
- *Common Ground Research Network*
- *New Directions in Humanities*
- *Open Philosophy*

Book Proposal/Manuscript Review for:

- Common Ground Research Network

ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIPS & NETWORKS

- American Philosophical Association
- American Astronomical Society

REFERENCES

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Associate Professor and Department Chair of Philosophy and Religion, Aurora University
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