

## Curriculum Vitae

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### Education

Ph.D. Boston University  
Department of Religion  
Religion in Philosophy, 2022  
Dissertation: *Reanimating Religion: Hegel, Habit, and the Nature of Spirit*

M.A. Graduate Theological Union  
Systematic and Philosophical Theology, 2009

B.A. Sonoma State University  
English Literature, 2007

### Publications

“Hegel’s Habits.” *Hegel-Jahrbuch* (2021). (in press)

“Have We Ever Been Human?” *Hegel-Jahrbuch* 1 (2019): 322-329.

“Über Grenzen zwischen Mensch und Tier (On Boundaries between Human and Animal).”  
In *10 Minuten Philosophie*, edited by Kristin Drechsler and Christoph Jamme. Paderborn:  
Wilhelm Fink, 2019.

“Why Animals and Religion Now.” *Humanimalia* 9, no. 2 (2018): 68-91

### Presentations

“Hegel’s Habits.” International Hegel Congress, Warsaw, Poland. June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

“On Cults and Culture.” 10-Minute Philosophy at Leuphana Universität, Lüneburg, Germany. January, 14<sup>th</sup> 2020.

“Aus Gewohnheit (Out of Habit).” 10-Minute Philosophy at Leuphana Universität, Lüneburg, Germany. June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

“Were We Ever Human?” International Hegel Congress, Tampere, Finland. July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

“Was heißt Instinkt (What do we call Instinct).” 10-Minute Philosophy at Leuphana Universität, Lüneburg, Germany. December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

“Über Grenzen zwischen Mensch und Tier (On Boundaries between Human and Animal).” 10-Minute Philosophy lecture series at Leuphana Universität Lüneburg, Germany. April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

“Why Animals and Religion Now?” Oxford Symposium for Religious Studies, Oxford, UK. December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

“A Rope over an Abyss: Nietzsche’s Conception of the Human/Animal.” New England American Academy of Religion Conference at Boston College, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts. February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

“The Faith to Believe: On the Relationship among Faith, Belief, and Reason in the Religious Philosophy of J.L. Schellenberg and Søren Kierkegaard.” Ways of Knowing Conference at Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts. October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

## **Teaching Experience**

*Instructor*, Leuphana University Lüneburg, 2017- Present

Courses: Thinking Cities and Societies (2020-2021), Philosophy of Culture (2021, 2019), Of Habit (2020), The Questions of the Animal (2018), The Religious Animal (2017)

*Teaching Fellow*, Boston University, 2014-2016

Courses: Sacred Journeys (2016), Introduction to the Study of Religion (2015-2016, 2014), Eastern Religions (2014).

*TEFL Instructor*, Peace Corps, Horodok, Ukraine, 2011-2013

*Teaching Assistant*, Sonoma State University, 2006

Courses: Shakespeare

## **Grants and Fellowships**

Short Term Graduate Research Abroad Fellowship (2019) / The Edwin S. and Ruth M. White Prize and The Angela J. and James J. Rallis Memorial Award (2018) / Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Teaching Fellow Scholarship (2014-2016) / Boston University Dean's Fellow Stipend (2013-2014) / Doyle Trust Scholarship (2002-2005)

### **Professional Memberships**

American Philosophical Association / Hegel Society of America / American Academy of Religion / International Hegel Society / National Peace Corps Association

### **Languages**

English (Native) / German (C2) / French (Reading) / Ukrainian (B2) / Koine Greek (Reading) / Latin (Reading)