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CURRENT POSITION

Visiting Assistant Professor
Department of Philosophy and Religion, 2022 – Present
University of Tampa – Tampa, FL

EDUCATION

University of South Florida, Ph.D. Philosophy (2020)

Dissertation Title: *Nostalgia and (In)authentic Community: A Bataillean Answer to the Heidegger Controversy*

Committee Chairs: Joshua Rayman and Stephen Turner

Committee Members: Lee Braver, Douglas Jesseph, Alphonso Lingis

Dissertation Summary: Georges Bataille wrote, but never completed, “Critique of Heidegger” in the mid-1930s. The fragment had interesting threads that were never taken to their conclusion, but they could be fully developed by drawing on Bataille’s writings from the era. This expanded critique completed the promise of Bataille’s original fragment, offering a full Bataillean criticism of Heidegger and displaying the connections between his philosophy and Bataille’s understanding of fascism. This critique hinges on Heidegger’s concept of authenticity and community, as a Bataillean reading would interpret these ideas as mere inauthentic utility in the name of a nostalgic vision of the ancient Greeks.

Missouri State University, B.A. Philosophy (2012)

AREA OF SPECIALIZATION

20th Century Continental Philosophy, Socio-Political Philosophy, Ethics

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Applied Ethics, History of Philosophy, Early Modern, Philosophy of Law

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

“Levinas’ Critique of Gurwitsch in the Early French Reception of Heidegger,” *Southwest Philosophy Review*, August 2022.

“What is Fascism without a State?: Countering Claims of Bataille’s Left Fascism,” *Critical Horizons*, August 2022.

“Effaced and Consolidated: Bataille, Fascism, and the Sacred of Big Data,” *Interdisciplinary Journal for Religion and Transformation*, Forthcoming.

Articles under Review

“*Déchirement* of the Other: Bataille contra Heidegger on Community and Authenticity”

“Returning to the Heat of Life: Love and Conrad’s Influence on Bataillean Chance”

“Bataille, Chance, and the Ontology of Moral Luck”

“Of Classes and Power: A Spinozistic Reading on Intersectional Marginalization”

Translation of Georges Gurvitch’s “La nouvelle orientation donnée à philosophie phénoménologique par Martin Heidegger: L’analytique descriptive de l’existence” (French to English)

Manuscripts in Preparation

A Community of Broken Subjects: Bataille, Levinas, and the Political (manuscript in progress)

Invited Contributions

“Henchpersons and the Problem of Induction,” APA Comedy and Teaching Blog, October 14, 2019.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Tuition Waivers USF, University of South Florida Philosophy Department, 2014 – 2019

USF Travel Grant [\$500 Stipend], Fall 2015

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“The Failure of Elohim: Levinas and the Injustice of Liberal Justice,” Australasian Society for Continental Philosophy Conference, December 8, 2021.

“The Ethical Call towards the Third Party: Levinas and Disgust during the Pandemic,”

Existential Philosophy for Times of Change and Crisis, August 27, 2021.

“Pixelated Faces: The Face of the Other in Video Communication,” North American Levinas Society, July 22, 2020.

“*Déchirement* of Community: Bataille contra Heidegger,” Southeastern Association for the Continental Tradition, February 28, 2020.

“Valuing the Margins: Spinoza’s Philosophy as Intersectional,” Early Modern—Saint Louis Conference, May 3, 2019.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Tampa

Visiting Assistant Professor, Fall 2022
Environmental Ethics
Ethics
Social and Political Philosophy
Adjunct Instructor, Fall 2020 – Spring 2022
Introduction to Philosophy (In-person and hybrid)

Columbus State University

Adjunct Instructor, Spring 2021 – Spring 2022
Introduction to Philosophy (Online)

University of South Florida

Adjunct Instructor, 2020
Biomedical Ethics (Online)
Critical Thinking (Online)
Graduate Teaching Associate, 2015 – 2019
Environmental Ethics
Introduction to Ethics (In-person and online)
Introduction to Philosophy (In-person and online)
Professional Ethics
Graduate Assistant, 2014 – 2015
Introduction to Philosophy
Philosophy of Mind

SERVICE

Graduate Assistants United at University of South Florida
Treasurer 2014 – 2016
Steering Committee 2014 – 2016

CERTIFICATES

Online Teaching Certification—University of South Florida
Florida K – 12 Teaching Certification

LANGUAGES

English (Native)
French (Intermediate with strong reading skills)
German (Intermediate)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

North American Levinas Society

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

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Marcus Arvan – Associate Professor, University of Tampa

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