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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Chair, Dept. of Communication and Philosophy, Florida Gulf Coast University (2015-present)

Professor, Dept. of Communication and Philosophy, Florida Gulf Coast University (2014-present)

Visiting Professor, Dept. of Sociology and Social Work, Idaho State University (Spring 2015)

Visiting Scholar, Institute for the Medical Humanities, University of Texas Medical Branch (Fall 2014)

Associate Professor, Dept. of Communication and Philosophy, Florida Gulf Coast University (2009-2014)

Assistant Professor, Dept. of Communication and Philosophy, Florida Gulf Coast University (2004-2009)

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Existentialism, Phenomenology, Hermeneutics, Philosophy of Health and Illness

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Philosophy, University of South Florida, 2004

M.A. Philosophy, University of Utah, 1998

New School for Social Research (Philosophy), 1993-94

B.A. Philosophy (French Minor), Idaho State University, ID 1992, *magna cum laude*

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- 2019 *Contexts of Suffering: A Heideggerian Approach to Psychopathology* (London: Rowman and Littlefield International)
Reviewed in: *Journal of Phenomenological Psychology*, forthcoming
- 2018 *Existential Medicine: Essays on Health and Illness*, K. Aho (ed.) (London: Rowman and Littlefield International)
Reviewed in: *Society for Humanistic Psychology* (APA Division 32), 2018; *Choice Reviews*, Vol. 56(4) 2018; *Phenomenological Reviews*, 2019; *Gatherings: The Heidegger Circle Annual*, Vol. 9, 2019
- 2014 *Existentialism: An Introduction* (Cambridge, UK: Polity), 2nd edition, 2020
Reviewed in: *Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review* Vol. 1, 2015; *Self and Society*, Vol. 43(1), 2015; *The Review of Metaphysics*, Vol. 69(1), 2015; *Political Studies Review*, Vol. 13, 2015; *Logical Analysis and the History of Philosophy*, Vol. 18, 2015; *Teaching Philosophy*, Vol. 39(1), 2016
- 2010 *Heidegger's Neglect of the Body* (Albany, New York: SUNY Press)
Reviewed in: *Heidegger Studies*, Vol. 7, 2011
- 2009 *Dostoevsky's Notes from the Underground*, K. Aho and C. Guignon (eds.) (Cambridge, MA: Hackett)
- 2008 *Body Matters: A Phenomenology of Sickness, Disease, and Illness*, with James A. Aho (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2008)
Reviewed in: *The European Legacy*, Vol. 18(2), 2013; *Human Studies*, Vol. 33(2), 2010; *Metapsychology Online Reviews*, Vol. 14 (11), 2010

Articles and Chapters

- Forthcoming "Gadamer and Health," *The Gadamerian Mind*, T. George and G-J van der Heiden (eds.) (London: Routledge)
- Forthcoming "The Contraction of Time and Existential Awakening: A Phenomenology of Authentic Aging," *The Evening of Life: The Challenges of Aging and Dying Well*, J. Davis (ed.) (Notre Dame, IN: Notre Dame University Press)

- 2019 "Authenticity and Social Critique," with Charles Guignon, *The Cambridge History of Philosophy, 1945-2015*, K. Becker and I. Thomson (eds.) (Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press)
- 2019 "Ek-sistenz," *The Cambridge Heidegger Lexicon*, M. Wrathall (ed.) (Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press)
- 2019 "Dostoevsky, Existential Therapy, and Modern Rage: On the Possibility of Counseling the Underground Man," *Journal of Humanistic Psychology*
- 2019 "Notes from a Heart Attack: A Phenomenology of an Altered Body," *Phenomenology of a Broken Body*, E. Dahl, C. Falke and E. Erikson (eds.) (London: Routledge)
- 2018 "Neurasthenia Revisited: On Medically Unexplained Syndromes and the Value of Hermeneutic Medicine," *Journal of Applied Hermeneutics*
- 2018 "Temporal Experience in Anxiety: Embodiment, Selfhood, and the Collapse of Meaning," *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences*
- 2018 "Existential Medicine: Heidegger and the Lessons from Zollikon," *Existential Medicine: Essays on Health and Illness*, K. Aho (ed.) (London: Rowman and Littlefield International)
- 2018 "Affectivity and its Disorders," *Oxford Handbook of Phenomenological Psychopathology*, G. Stanghellini, M. Broome, P. Fusar-Poli, A. Raballo, R. Rosfort, and A. Fernandez (eds.) (Oxford University Press)
- 2017 "Alienation and Belongingness," with Charles Guignon. *After Heidegger?* R. Polt and G. Fried (eds.) (London: Rowman and Littlefield International)
- 2017 "A Hermeneutics of the Body and Place in Health and Illness," *Place, Space, and Hermeneutics*, B. Janz (ed.) (Dordrecht: Springer)
- 2016 "Kierkegaard on Boredom and Self-Loss in the Age of Online Dating," *Boredom Studies Reader: Frameworks and Perspectives*, M. Gardiner and J. J. Haladyn (eds.) (London: Routledge)

- 2016 "Existentialism," with Charles Guignon, 2nd ed. *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (London: Routledge)
- 2016 "Heidegger, Ontological Death, and the Healing Professions," *Medicine, Healthcare, and Philosophy* Vol. 19(1)
- 2015 "Heidegger and Silence," *Comparative and Continental Philosophy*, Vol. 7(1)
- 2014 "Guignon on Self-Surrender and Homelessness in Dostoevsky and Heidegger," *Horizons of Authenticity in Existentialism, Phenomenology, and Moral Psychology*, M. Altman and H. Pedersen (eds.) (Dordrecht: Springer)
- 2014 "Depression and Embodiment: Phenomenological Reflections on Motility, Affectivity, and Transcendence," *Medicine, Healthcare, and Philosophy* Vol. 16(4)
- 2013 "The Body," *The Bloomsbury Companion to Heidegger*, F. Raffoul and E. S. Nelson (eds.) (New York: Bloomsbury Press)
- 2012 "Diversity in Philosophy: Reflections on the Legacy of Ofelia Schutte," *APA Newsletter on Hispanic/Latino Issues in Philosophy*, Vol. 12(1)
- 2012 "Assessing the Role of Virtue Ethics in Psychology: A Commentary on the Work of Blaine Fowers, Frank Richardson, and Brent Slife," *Journal of Theoretical and Philosophical Psychology*, Vol. 32(1)
- 2011 "Medicalized Psychiatry and the Talking Cure: A Hermeneutic Intervention," with Charles Guignon, *Human Studies: A Journal for Philosophy and the Social Sciences*, Vol. 34(3)
- 2010 "The Psychopathology of American Shyness: A Hermeneutic Reading," *Journal for the Theory of Social Behavior*, Vol. 40(4)
- 2010 "Phenomenological Reflections on Work and Leisure in America," with Charles Guignon, *The Value of Time and Leisure in the World of Work*, M. Haney and D. Kline (eds.) (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books)
- 2008 "Medicalizing Mental Health: A Phenomenological Alternative," *Journal of Medical Humanities*, Vol. 29(4)

- 2008 "Rethinking the Psychopathology of Depression: Existentialism, Buddhism, and the Aims of Philosophical Counseling," *Philosophical Practice: Journal of the American Philosophical Practitioners Association*, Vol. 3(1)
- 2007 "Logos and the Poverty of Animals: Rethinking Heidegger's Humanism," *The New Yearbook of Phenomenology and Phenomenological Philosophy*, Vol. 7
- 2007 "Recovering Play: On the Relationship between Leisure and Authenticity in Heidegger's Thought," *Janus Head*, Vol. 10(1)
- 2007 "Simmel on Acceleration, Boredom, and Extreme Aesthesia," *Journal for the Theory of Social Behavior*, Vol. 37(4)
- 2007 "Gender and Time: Revisiting the Question of Dasein's Neutrality," *Epoché: A Journal for the History of Philosophy*, Vol. 12(1)
- 2007 "Acceleration and Time Pathologies: The Critique of Psychology in Heidegger's *Beiträge*," *Time and Society*, Vol. 16(1)
- 2006 "Animality Revisited: The Question of Life in Heidegger's Early Freiburg Lectures," *Existential: An International Journal of Philosophy*, Vol. 16(5-6)
- 2006 "Metontology and the Body-Problem in *Being and Time*," *Auslegung*, Vol. 28(2)
- 2005 "The Missing Dialogue between Heidegger and Merleau-Ponty: On the Importance of the Zollikon Seminars," *Body and Society*, Vol. 11(2)
- 2003 "Why Heidegger is not an Existentialist: Interpreting Authenticity and Historicity in *Being and Time*," *Florida Philosophical Review*, Vol. 3(2)

Book Reviews

- Forthcoming Review of Lennard Davis, *Obsession: A History*. Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press. *Kritikon Litterarum*.
- 2018 Review of Phil Sinaikin, M.D., *Psychiatryland*. Bloomington, IN: iUniverse, 2012. *Ethical Human Psychology and Psychiatry*, Vol. 20(2)

- 2011 Review of Mark Letteri, *Heidegger and the Question of Psychology: Zollikon and Beyond*. Amsterdam, Rodopi, 2010. *The European Legacy*, Vol. 16(6)
- 2011 Review of Bernard Paris, *Dostoevsky's Greatest Characters*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan Press, 2008. *The European Legacy*, Vol. 16(2)
- 2010 Review of Edward Skidelsky, *Ernst Cassirer: The Last Philosopher of Culture*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2008. *The European Legacy*, Vol. 15(4)
- 2007 Review of Peter Pericles Trifonas and Michael A. Peters (eds.), *Deconstructing Derrida: Tasks for the New Humanities*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan Press, 2006. *The European Legacy*, Vol. 12(3)
- 2006 Review of Ethan Kleinberg, *Generation Existential: Heidegger's Philosophy in France, 1927-1961*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2005. *The European Legacy*, Vol. 11(7)
- 2006 Review of Toril Moi, *Sex, Gender, and the Body*. Oxford University Press, 2005. *The European Legacy*, Vol. 11(4)
- 2006 Review of Chris Lawn, *Gadamer and Wittgenstein: Towards a Post-Analytic Philosophy of Language*. London: Continuum Press, 2004. *The European Legacy*, Vol. 11(3)
- 2005 Review of Carolyn Dever, *Skeptical Feminism: Activist Theory, Activist Practice*. Minneapolis, MN: University of Minnesota Press, 2004. *Metapsychology Online Reviews*, Vol. 9(4)
- 2005 Review of Charles Guignon, *On Being Authentic*. London: Routledge, 2004. *Metapsychology Online Reviews*, Vol. 9(1)

PLENARY AND KEYNOTE TALKS

- 2020 "The Meaning of Suffering," Institute for Hermeneutic Phenomenology, University of Buffalo, College of Nursing, Buffalo NY
- 2019 "The Phenomenology of Aging," Institute for Hermeneutic Phenomenology, University of Buffalo, College of Nursing, Buffalo NY

- 2018 "What is Existential Health?" Center for the Study of Human Health, Emory University, Atlanta GA
- 2018 "Pathologizing Shyness: Extrovert Privilege and American Selfhood," Hillsdale College, Hillsdale MI
- 2018 "Acceleration, Technology, and Healthcare," Institute for Hermeneutic Phenomenology, University of Buffalo, College of Nursing, Buffalo NY
- 2016 "Kierkegaard on Boredom and Self-Loss in the Age of Online Dating," Dept. of Philosophy, Södertörn University, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2016 "Heidegger, Ontological Death, and the Healing Professions," Centre for Studies in Practical Knowledge, Södertörn University, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2015 "A Hermeneutics of the Body and Place in Health and Illness," Theorizing the Body in Health and Medicine, Maastricht, The Netherlands
- 2015 "Who or What is the Body? Phenomenological Reflections on Race, Sex, and Disability," Dept. of Sociology and Social Work, Idaho State University, Pocatello ID
- 2014 "Existential Health and the Problem of Medicalization," Colloquium for the Institute for the Medical Humanities, University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston TX
- 2014 "Heidegger, Ontological Death, and the Healing Professions," Colloquium for the Institute for the Medical Humanities, University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston TX
- 2014 "Heidegger, Ontological Death, and the Healing Professions," Dept. of Psychology and Philosophy, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville TX
- 2011 "Depression and Embodiment: Phenomenological Reflections on Motility, Affectivity, and Transcendence," Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden

- 2011 "Heidegger's Neglect of the Body," Centre for Studies in Practical Knowledge, Södertörn University, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2008 "Phenomenological Reflections on Work and Leisure in America," with Charles Guignon, Jacksonville FL
- 2008 "Medicalized Psychiatry versus Psychotherapy," with Charles Guignon, Science and Medicine in Society, University of South Florida, Tampa FL

CONFERENCE TALKS

- 2019 "Teaching Heidegger's Question Concerning Technology," The Heidegger Circle, Rochester NY
- 2014 "Recognition and Alterity: On the Political Value of an Anti-Systematic Existentialism," Diverse Lineages of Existentialism: Caribbean Philosophical Association (CPA), St. Louis MO
- 2013 "Heideggerian Reflections on a Non-Dual Ecology," American Academy of Religion (AAR), Baltimore MD
- 2012 "Is Existentialism Anti-Psychiatry?" American Philosophical Association (APA), Eastern Division Meeting, Atlanta GA
- 2011 "Ricoeur and Latin America: An Interpretation of Selfhood, Memory, and Cultural Trauma," with Elena Ruiz and Glenn Whitehouse, Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP), Philadelphia PA
- 2011 "On the (Im)possibility of Understanding the Psychopathologies of Colonialism," with Elena Ruiz, American Philosophical Association (APA) Central Division Meeting, Minneapolis MN
- 2009 "The Psychopathology of American Shyness: A Hermeneutic Reading," American Philosophical Association (APA) Eastern Division Meeting, New York NY
- 2008 "Dostoevsky on Rage and Resentment: Counseling the Underground Man," with Elena Ruiz, American Philosophical Association (APA) Eastern Division Meeting, Philadelphia PA
- 2007 "Rethinking the Psychopathology of Depression: Existentialism, Buddhism, and the Aims of Philosophical Counseling," American

Philosophical Association (APA) Eastern Division Meeting,
Baltimore MD

- 2006 "Medicalizing Mental Health: A Phenomenological Alternative,"
American Philosophical Association (APA) Eastern Division
Meeting, Washington DC
- 2006 "Hans Jonas and the Heuristic Value of Dystopian Fiction,"
Climate and Philosophy Conference, University of South Florida,
Tampa FL
- 2006 "Acceleration and Time Pathologies: On the Social Psychology of
Heidegger's *Beiträge*," American Philosophical Association (APA)
Central Division Meeting, Chicago IL
- 2004 "Sex and Gender in *Being and Time*: Revisiting the Question of
Dasein's Neutrality," Florida Philosophical Association,
Jacksonville University, Jacksonville FL
- 2004 "A Conversation on the Body between Heidegger and Merleau-
Ponty," with Charles Guignon, The Heidegger Circle, New Orleans
LA
- 2004 "Heidegger, the Body, and the Importance of the Zollikon
Seminars," American Philosophical Association (APA) Central
Division Meeting, Chicago IL
- 2003 "Heidegger, the Body, and the Importance of the Zollikon
Seminars," Florida Philosophical Association, Eckerd College, St.
Petersburg FL
- 2003 "Redeeming the Negative Social Critique of Adorno and
Horkheimer: A Response to Habermas," International Social
Theory Consortium, Reddington Beach FL
- 2003 "On Heidegger's Neglect of the Body," Philosophy, Interpretation,
and Culture (PIC), Binghamton NY
- 2003 "Heidegger and the Problem of Empathy," Society for Women in
Philosophy (SWIP), University of South Florida, Tampa FL
- 2003 "Merleau-Pontian and Feminist Critiques of Heidegger,"
Northeast Florida Philosophy Conference, University of North
Florida, Jacksonville FL

2003

“On the Possibility of a Historical Narrative: A Critique of Lyotard,”
Special Topics Symposium: Feminism and Gender Studies,
University of South Florida, Tampa FL

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editorial Board

Human Studies: A Journal for Philosophy and the Social Sciences
International Journal of Applied Philosophy
Gatherings: The Heidegger Circle Annual

Reviews Editor

Human Studies: A Journal for Philosophy and the Social Sciences, 2008-2015

Executive Committee

The Heidegger Circle, 2017-2020

Journal Reviewer

Medicine, Healthcare, and Philosophy; *Journal of Humanistic Psychology*; *Review of General Psychology*; *Psychopathology*; *Medical Anthropology*; *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*; *Journal of Applied Hermeneutics*; *Journal of Medical Humanities*; *Symposium*; *Gatherings: The Heidegger Circle Annual*; *Social Theory and Practice*; *Teaching Philosophy*; *Humananimalia*; *International Journal of Applied Philosophy*; *Continental Philosophy Review*; *Mental Health and Prevention*; *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences*; *Inquiry*; *Journal of Theoretical and Philosophical Psychology*; *The European Legacy*; *British Journal of Sociology*; *Human Studies*; *Theory, Culture, and Society*; *Florida Philosophical Review*; *Body and Society*; *EDP Society and Space*; *Perspectives on Science*; *Social Science and Medicine*; *Time and Society*; *Journal for the Theory of Social Behavior*

Book Reviewer

Cambridge University Press; University of Toronto Press; Sage; Routledge; Wiley-Blackwell; Pearson/Longman; Polity; Rowman and Littlefield; Lexington Books; Springer; Palgrave MacMillan

DOCTORAL COMMITTEES

Richard Hammond, “Misogynology and the Impossibility of Dwelling,” Federation University, Victoria, Australia (examiner), 2016

Josephine Seguna, “The Consequence of Resistance: Interrogating Heidegger and Butler on the Conundrums of Ableism,” Griffith Law School, Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia (examiner), 2016

Anthony Fernandez, "The Contingency of Existence: On the Matter and Method of Phenomenological Psychopathology," Dept. of Philosophy, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL (committee), 2016

MaryCatherine McDonald, "Trauma and Adaptation: A Scientifically Informed Phenomenological Account," Dept. of Philosophy, Boston University (committee), 2015

Nicole Piemonte, "The Cultivation of the Healer: How Contemporary Medical Epistemology and Pedagogy Shape our Future Physicians," Institute for the Medical Humanities, University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, TX (committee), 2015

Mo Mandic, "Heidegger and Existential Psychotherapy," School of Psychotherapy and Psychology, Regent's University London (supervisor), 2014

Paul McGinley, "What does crying tell us about what it means to be human?" School of Psychotherapy and Psychology, Regent's University London (co-supervisor), 2014

AWARDS AND INSTITUTES

2018-20, Institute for Hermeneutic Phenomenology, University of Buffalo
2017, Institute for the History of Philosophy, Emory University
2014, Institute for the Medical Humanities, University of Texas Medical Branch
2005-08, Professional Development Grant Award, FGCU
2008, McTarnaghan Teacher of the Year Award, FGCU
1999-2004, Teaching Assistantship, University of South Florida
1993-94, Research Assistantship, New School for Social Research
1993-94, Tuition Scholarship, New School for Social Research
1991, Randall M. Call Memorial Scholarship, Idaho State University
1990, Saraf-Duncan Sociology Scholarship, Idaho State University
1988, Alumni Recognition Scholarship, Idaho State University

REFERENCES

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