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Curriculum Vitae

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2015–present. Northern Michigan University, Associate Professor.
2017–2018. Fordham University, Visiting Research Scholar.
2010–2015. Northern Michigan University, Assistant Professor.
2009–2010. St. Olaf College, Postdoctoral Fellow.
2008–2009. The Ohio State University, Visiting Assistant Professor.

EDUCATION

2008. Indiana University, Ph.D. in Philosophy, minor in Religious Studies.
2001. Calvin College, B.A. in Philosophy, minor in Religious Studies.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Aesthetics, Nineteenth Century Continental Philosophy, Existentialism

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Philosophy of Literature, Philosophy of Religion, Twentieth Century Continental Philosophy

BOOK

2019. *Art and Selfhood: A Kierkegaardian Account*. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield / Lexington Books.

ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

Forthcoming. "Form and Content in Emily Dickinson's Poetry." In *Emily Dickinson and Philosophy*, edited by Elisabeth Camp. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press.

2019. "Kierkegaard on the Value of Art: An Indirect Method of Communication." In *The Kierkegaardian Mind*, edited by Adam Buben, Eleanor Helms, and Patrick Stokes, 166-176. New York, NY: Routledge.

2018. "Kierkegaard and Asceticism" *Existenz: An International Journal in Philosophy, Religion, Politics, and the Arts* 13 (1): 39-43. <https://www.existenz.us/volumes/Vol.13-1Aumann.html>.

2016. "A Moral Problem for Difficult Art." *The Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism* 74 (4): 383-396. doi: 10.1111/jaac.12324.

2014. "The Relationship between Aesthetic Value and Cognitive Value." *The Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism* 72 (2): 117–27. doi: 10.1111/jaac.12073

2014. "Emotion, Cognition, and the Value of Literature: The Case of Nietzsche's *Genealogy*." *The Journal of Nietzsche Studies* 45 (2): 182–95. doi: 10.1353/nie.2014.0021

2014. "On the Validity of Pascal's Wager." *The Heythrop Journal* 55 (1): 86–93. doi: 10.1111/j.1468-2265.2011.00717.x. First published online: November 2011.
2013. "Self-Love and Neighbor-Love in Kierkegaard's Ethics." In *Kierkegaard Studies Yearbook 2013*, edited by Heiko Schulz, Jon Stewart, and Karl Verstrynge, 197–216. Boston, MA: DeGruyter. doi: 10.1515/kier.2013.2013.1.197.
2013. "Kierkegaard, Paraphrase, and the Unity of Form and Content." *Philosophy Today* 57 (4): 376–87. doi: 10.5840/philtoday201357432
2011. "The 'Death of the Author' in Hegel and Kierkegaard: On Berthold's *The Ethics of Authorship*." *Graduate Faculty Philosophy Journal* 32 (2): 435–47. doi: 10.5840/gfj201132211
2010. "Kierkegaard on Indirect Communication, the Crowd, and a Monstrous Illusion." In *Point of View*, International Kierkegaard Commentary 22, edited by Robert L. Perkins, 295–324. Macon, GA: Mercer University Press.
2009. "Kierkegaard's Case for the Irrelevance of Philosophy." *Continental Philosophy Review* 42 (2): 221–48. doi: 10.1007/s11007-009-9104-2
2006. "Sartre's View of Kierkegaard as Transhistorical Man." *Journal of Philosophical Research* 31: 361–72. doi: 10.5840/jpr_2006_12

BOOK REVIEW

2014. Review of *The Paradoxical Rationality of Søren Kierkegaard*, by Richard McCombs. *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*. <http://ndpr.nd.edu/news/the-paradoxical-rationality-of-sren-kierkegaard>.

EDITORSHIPS

- 2019–present. Series Editor. *New Kierkegaard Research*. Rowman and Littlefield/Lexington Books.
2013. Guest Editor. Special Issue: Kierkegaard on Rationality. *Res Philosophica* 90 (4): 439–628. doi: 10.11612/resphil.2013.90.4.1–9
- 2009–2010. Assistant Editor. *Søren Kierkegaard Newsletter*.

HONORS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2017–2018. Creative Work Sabbatical, Northern Michigan University.
2017. Excellence in Teaching Award, Northern Michigan University.
2015. Reassigned Time Award for Research, Northern Michigan University.
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2013. Reassigned Time Award for Research, Northern Michigan University.
2013. Summer Research Fellowship, Kierkegaard Library, St. Olaf College.
2011. Summer Research Fellowship, Kierkegaard Library, St. Olaf College.
- 2009–2010. Kierkegaard Foundation Fellowship, Kierkegaard Library, St. Olaf College.
- 2005–2008. Dolores Zohrab Liebmann Dissertation Fellowship.
2006. Summer Research Fellowship, Kierkegaard Library, St. Olaf College.
2005. Graduate Award for Academic Excellence, Philosophy Department, Indiana University.
2003. Betty Hamilton Award for Scholarly Excellence, Philosophy Department, Indiana University.
2002. Oscar R. Ewing Essay Prize, Philosophy Department, Indiana University.
2002. Summer Research Fellowship, Kierkegaard Library, St. Olaf College.

2001. College of Arts and Sciences Fellowship, Indiana University.

INTERVIEWS

2017. "New Yorks Existentialisme" (in Dutch). Interview by Claudia Galgau. *Filosofie Magazine* December: 78-79. <https://www.filosofie.nl/nl/artikel/48490/new-yorks-existentialisme.html>.

2017. "APA Member Interview: Antony Aumann." Interview by Skye Cleary. *Blog of the APA*. <https://blog.apaonline.org/2017/01/20/antony-aumann>.

PRESENTED PAPERS

"Personal Ideals and the Dangerous Power of Art"

2019. Rocky Mountain Division Meeting, American Society for Aesthetics.

"Kierkegaard on the Nature of Art Appreciation: Overcoming the Tradition of Disinterest"

2019. Society for the Philosophy of Emotion, Eastern Division Meeting, American Philosophical Association.

2018. Rocky Mountain Division Meeting, American Society for Aesthetics.

2018. 8th International Kierkegaard Conference, St. Olaf College.

"Forgiveness and the Multiple Functions of Resentment," with Zac Cogley

2019. Eastern Division Meeting, American Philosophical Association.

2015. 8th Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado.

"Why Should We Care About Art? A Kierkegaardian Account"

2018. Pacific Division Meeting, American Society for Aesthetics.

2018. Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Rhodes College.

2017. Leiden University Institute for Philosophy Colloquium, Leiden University College.

"Is Kierkegaard an Ascetic Thinker?"

2018. Karl Jaspers Society, Central Division Meeting, American Philosophical Association.

"Kierkegaard on Selfhood and Our Need for Others"

2017. Society for Existential and Phenomenological Theory and Culture, Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences, Ryerson University.

2016. 68th Annual Northwest Philosophy Conference, Gonzaga University.

2016. Summer Lecture Series, Hong Kierkegaard Library, St. Olaf College.

"Can All Religions Be True?"

2016. International Education Week, Valparaiso University.

"On Selfhood and Our Need for Others"

2016. Philosophy Department Colloquium, Valparaiso University.

"Unity of Form and Content in Dickinson's Poetry"

2016. Rocky Mountain Division Meeting, American Society for Aesthetics.

2015. Thinking Through Forms: Philosophy & Emily Dickinson, Rutgers University.

"On Kierkegaard, Art, and Autonomy"

2016. Kierkegaard Society, Eastern Division Meeting, American Philosophical Association.

2015. Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Rhodes College.

2014. Annual Meeting, American Society for Aesthetics.

- “Kierkegaard, Difficult Truths, and Challenging Art”
 2014. Summer Lecture Series, Hong Kierkegaard Library, St. Olaf College.
- “Self-Love and Neighbor-Love in Kierkegaard’s Ethics”
 2013. 7th International Kierkegaard Conference, St. Olaf College.
 2013. Society for Existential and Phenomenological Theory and Culture, Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Victoria.
 2012. Summer Lecture Series, Hong Kierkegaard Library, St. Olaf College.
- “Nietzsche on Emotion, Cognition, and the Value of Literature”
 2013. Rethinking Feeling: the Nature and Importance of Affect and Emotion, 43rd Annual California State University - Fullerton Philosophy Symposium.
- “The Relationship between Aesthetic Value and Cognitive Value”
 2013. Central Division Meeting, American Philosophical Association.
 2012. Annual Meeting, Central States Philosophical Association.
- “Asymmetry between Self-Love and Neighbor-Love in Kierkegaard’s Ethics”
 2012. International Conference on Kierkegaard on Love and the Passions, Kierkegaard Research Center, University of Copenhagen.
- “Aesthetic Value, Cognitive Value, and the Border Between”
 2012. Eastern Division Meeting, American Society for Aesthetics.
- “On the Cognitive Value of Literature: The Case of Nietzsche’s *Genealogy*”
 2011. Methodology of/and/in Aesthetics and Philosophy of Art, Indiana University.
 2011. North American Nietzsche Society, Central Division Meeting, American Philosophical Association.
- “Kivy, Kierkegaard, and the No-Paraphrase Thesis”
 2010. Annual Meeting, American Society for Aesthetics.
 2010. Midsouth Philosophy Conference, University of Memphis.
- “Tentative Belief and Pascal’s Wager”
 2010. Upper Midwest Regional Meeting, American Academy of Religion.
 2010. Eastern Regional Conference, Society of Christian Philosophers.
- “On the Trouble with Paraphrasing Kierkegaard”
 2010. 6th International Kierkegaard Conference, St. Olaf College.
 2009. Philosophy Department Colloquium, St. Olaf College.
- “Kierkegaard on Indirect Communication, the Herd Mentality, and a Monstrous Illusion”
 2009. Kierkegaard Library Colloquium, St. Olaf College.
- “Kierkegaard’s Case for the Irrelevance of Philosophy”
 2009. Philosophy Department Colloquium, Ohio State University.
 2008. Philosophy Department Colloquium, Colgate University.
 2008. Kierkegaard Society, Central Division Meeting, American Philosophical Association.
 2008. Midsouth Philosophy Conference, University of Memphis
 2007. Philosophy Department Colloquium. Indiana University.
- “The Indispensability of Indirect Communication”

2005. 5th International Kierkegaard Conference, St. Olaf College.

OTHER PRESENTATIONS, LECTURES, AND COMMENTS

2019. Comment on Sarah Mattice, “Daoist Aesthetics of the Everyday and the Fantastical,” APA Committee Session on East Asian and Anglo-Analytic Aesthetics in Dialogue,” Central Division Meeting, American Philosophical Association.
2018. Comment on James Dow, “On the Aesthetic Appreciation of Agriculture Landscapes,” Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Rhodes College.
2018. Comment on Joseph Anderson and Daniel Collette, “Wagering With and Without Pascal,” Central Division Meeting, American Philosophical Association.
2015. “The Cognitive Science of Religion,” Guest Lecture, Marquette Interfaith Forum, St. James the Less Church.
2015. Comment on Brett Gaul, “Developing Hands-On Learning Activities for Philosophy Courses,” Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Rhodes College.
2014. Comment on Paul Kottman, “‘The Charm Dissolves Apace’: Shakespeare and the Self-Dissolution of Drama,” Eastern Division Meeting, American Society for Aesthetics.
2013. Comment on Aaron Harper, “The Sincerity of Valuing: Honesty as a Nietzschean Value Standard,” Central Division Meeting, American Philosophical Association.
2013. Comment on Daniel Conway, “Exploring the Borderlands with Johannes *de Silentio*,” 7th International Kierkegaard Conference, St. Olaf College.
2013. Comment on James Wong and Russell Anderson, “Does Foucault Have a Problem with Others?” Society for Existential and Phenomenological Theory and Culture, Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Victoria.
2010. Comment on Gregory Beabout, “The Art of Writing and the Art of Character: Kierkegaard after MacIntyre, Again,” 6th International Kierkegaard Conference, St. Olaf College.
2010. “Pascal’s Wager,” Guest Lecture, Philosophy 241: Philosophical Theology, St. Olaf College.
2010. Comment on Bryan Baird, “On Interpreting Kierkegaard: Taking the Pseudonyms Seriously,” Midsouth Philosophy Conference, University of Memphis.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Northern Michigan University

Introduction to Logic (2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2019)

World Religions (every semester)

Philosophy of the Arts (2015, 2016, 2018)

Philosophy of Religion (2011, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2017)

Philosophy of Art and Literature (2011, 2013)

Existentialism (2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2019)

Forgiveness (2016)

Directed Study: Authenticity (2016)

Directed Study: Problems in Aesthetics (2016)

The Ohio State University

- Introduction to Philosophy (2008, 2009)
- Honors Introduction to Philosophy (2009)
- Fundamental Concepts in Existentialism (2009)
- Contemporary Continental Thought (2009)

Indiana University (Full Responsibility)

- Introduction to Philosophy (2004)
- Thinking and Reasoning (2005)

Indiana University (Teaching Assistant)

- Introduction to Philosophy (2003 – Jonathan Jacobs)
- God, Evidence, and Evil (2002 – Timothy O'Connor)
- Thinking and Reasoning (2004 – Leah Savion)
- Phenomenology and Existentialism (2003 – Paul Vincent Spade)

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Referee: *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly*, *British Journal of Aesthetics*, *Ergo*, *Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism*, *Journal of Philosophical Research*, *Palgrave*, *Parrhesia*, *Sophia*, *Søren Kierkegaard Newsletter*

2019–present. Secretary, Rocky Mountain Division, American Society for Aesthetics.

2018–present. American Academy of Religion Representative, Søren Kierkegaard Society.

2010–present. Program Coordinator, Religious Studies Minor, Northern Michigan University.

2019. Session Chair, Panel on Kantian Aesthetics, Rocky Mountain Division Meeting, American Society for Aesthetics.

2018. Session Chair, Michael Begun, “Nietzsche’s Theory of Forms,” Central Division Meeting, American Philosophical Association.

2017. Session Chair, Shannon Hoff, “Hegel on Tragedy and the Character of Freedom,” Society for Existential and Phenomenological Theory and Culture, Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences, Ryerson University.

2016. Moderator, Session on Phenomenology and Aesthetics, 68th Annual Northwest Philosophy Congress, Gonzaga University.

2015. Session Chair, Laura Gillespie, “The Participant View: A Theory of Childhood Punishment,” 8th Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado.

2015. Session Chair, Gwen Bradford, “The Badness of Pain,” 8th Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado.

2014–2015. Chair, Committee on Undergraduate Programs, Northern Michigan University.

2013. Session Chair, Colloquium on Selfhood, 7th International Kierkegaard Conference, St. Olaf College.

2013. Session Chair, H. David Sessions, “Being and Comprehension,” Society for Existential and Phenomenological Theory and Culture, Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Victoria, June 2013

2012. Session Chair, Colloquium on Philosophy of Religion, Annual Meeting, Central States Philosophical Association.

2012. Session Chair, Invited Symposium on Aesthetics and the Science of Disgust, Pacific Division Meeting, American Philosophical Association.
2011. Session Chair, Colloquium on Philosophy of Literature, Annual Meeting, American Society for Aesthetics.
2010. Conference Organizer, 6th International Kierkegaard Conference, St. Olaf College.
- 2006–2007. President, Graduate Association of Student Philosophers, Indiana University.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Philosophical Association
American Academy of Religion
American Society for Aesthetics
Søren Kierkegaard Society