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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION	Early Modern Philosophy, Hegel
AREAS OF COMPETENCE	Ancient Philosophy, 19 th and 20 th Century Continental Philosophy,
COURSES TAUGHT	History of Western Philosophy (parts I and II), Modern Philosophy, Ancient Philosophy, 19 th Century Philosophy, Kant, Existentialism, Aesthetics, Foucault, Symbolic Logic, Philosophy of Science, Justice & Social Identity, Philosophy of Law, Ethical Issues in Health Care
EDUCATION	Ph.D., Johns Hopkins University, Philosophy Department Dissertation Title: <i>Hegel's Transcendental Ontology</i> . Defended on February 5, 2016 Columbia University, Graduate School of Arts & Science Master's Degree, Awarded May, 2004 Interdisciplinary Program in Humanities; The Area of Focus: 19 th & 20 th century European Philosophy and Social Theory. Master's Thesis Advisor: Taylor Carman

Tbilisi State University, Republic of Georgia
Bachelors and Masters [Combined] Degree. Awarded
June 1995; Theoretical Nuclear Physics.

DISSERTATION

Hegel's Transcendental Ontology

Committee: Dean Moyar (chair), Yitzhak Melamed, Hent de Vries

Abstract: The work offers an original reading of the final part of the Logic, the Doctrine of the Concept. I demonstrate that Hegel advances an ontology that constitutes a paradigm shift from traditional metaphysical theories. He breaks from conventional approaches to metaphysical problems and, through a radical reformulation of the relationship between thought and being, proposes a novel form of metaphysics that is fundamentally Kantian in character.

PUBLICATIONS

BOOK:

Hegel's Transcendental Ontology (Monograph).
Lexington Books, December 2018

Reviewed in:

Journal of the History of Philosophy. Elena Ficara.
Volume 58, Number 4, October 2020, pp. 825-826:

“Giorgi Lebanidze's book is a welcome contribution to the literature on Hegel's logic and metaphysics. It provides a well-grounded account of the ontologico-metaphysical relevance of Hegel's thought, and locates it within a lucid reconstruction of recent debates. ...”

Hegel Bulletin. The Hegel Society of Great Britain. Elena Tripaldi. 2020, 42/1, 142–146:

“Hegel's Transcendental Ontology is a very well-written and well-informed book, which manages to deliver its theses with great clarity and without excessive technicism. More than that, even though following in the footsteps of an influential line of Hegel scholarship, namely the transcendental and anti-realist reading of Hegel, Lebanidze

manages to provide a significant contribution to the debate.”

Journal of Transcendental Philosophy. Florian Ganzinger. 2021. Volume 2 Issue 3: 321-326

Allen Speight, Boston University: Lebanidze argues persuasively for an important corrective to that assumption, drawing both on a close reading of Hegel’s treatment of the Syllogism in the Science of Logic and a useful discussion of current work by Pippin, Brandom, McDowell, Horstmann, Bowman and Stern, among others.

ARTICLES:

Hegel’s Critique of Rationalist Metaphysics in the Vorbegriff Chapter of the Encyclopedia Logic (History of Philosophy Quarterly, January 2019; Vol. 36, No. 1)

What is Kant’s Goal in the Metaphysical Deduction? (The Proceedings of the 14th International Kant Congress 'Kant's Project of Enlightenment', de Gruyter, forthcoming in 2026)

Kant on the Objects of Inner Experience. (Work in Progress)

The Kantian Origins of Hegel’s Theory of Concept. (Work in Progress)

Is Kant an Empiricist? Hegel’s Critique of Kant in the Vorbegriff Chapter of the Encyclopedia Logic. (Work in Progress)

Hegel’s Critique of Empiricism in the Vorbegriff Chapter of the Encyclopedia Logic. (Work in Progress)

RECENT EMPLOYMENT:

Assistant Teaching Professor (August 15, 2025 – present)
Department of Philosophy & Religion, **Mississippi State University**, Starkville, MS.

Lecturer (August 15, 2022 – August 15, 2025; full-time, non-tenure track appointment) Department of Philosophy & Religion, **Mississippi State University**, Starkville, MS.

Adjunct Instructor: Marist College, Poughkeepsie, NY
(Philosophy & RS) Fall 2015 – Spring 2022 • Courses taught:
Modern Philosophy (twice); 19th Century Philosophy; Ancient Philosophy; Philosophy of Law; Ethics; Philosophical Perspectives

Adjunct Instructor: Fordham University, New York, NY
(Philosophy Dept.) Spring 2016 – Present • Course taught:
Justice & Social Identity; Symbolic Logic; Philosophical Ethics; Critical Thinking; Philosophy of Human Nature

Dean's Teaching Fellow: Johns Hopkins University,
Baltimore, MD. 2011-2012 • Courses taught: Existentialism,
Introduction to Modern Philosophy, Introduction to Early
Modern Philosophy, Kant's Copernican Revolution, Foucault's
Genealogical Inquiries: Biopolitics, the Prison, and Sexuality

SAMPLE CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Kant's Metaphysical Deduction. The 14th International
Kant Congress: Kant's Project of Enlightenment. September
2024, Bonn, Germany

Hegel's Ontology as the Doctrine of Freedom.
33rd International Hegel Congress of the Hegel Society:
"Hegel and Freedom", June 2021, Warsaw, Poland.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Journal Refereeing: *Idealistic Studies*

TEACHING

Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, MS

Fall 2022 – Present:

19th Century Philosophy;

History of Western Philosophy Part 1: (Ancient Greek to Medieval);

History of Western Philosophy Part 2: (Early Modern to 20th Century);

Introduction to Philosophy; Introduction to Ethics

Fordham University, New York, NY (Philosophy Dept.)

Spring 2016 – Present • Course taught:

Justice & Social Identity; Symbolic Logic; Philosophical Ethics; Critical Thinking; Philosophy of Human Nature

Marist College, Poughkeepsie, NY (Philosophy & RS)

Fall 2015 – Fall 2022 • Courses taught:

Modern Philosophy; 19th Century Philosophy; Ancient Philosophy; Philosophy of Law; Ethics; Philosophical Perspectives

Western Connecticut State University, Danbury, CT
(Philosophy and Humanistic Studies Dept.)

Spring 2019 – Spring 2023 • Courses taught:

Ethical Issues in Health Care; Philosophy of Science; Philosophy of Law and Legal Theory, Introduction to Philosophy; Formal Logic

Johns Hopkins University, Philosophy Department

Existentialism(Dean's Teaching Fellowship),

Introduction to Modern Philosophy, Introduction to Early

Modern Philosophy, Kant's Copernican Revolution,

Foucault's Genealogical Inquiries: Biopolitics, the Prison, and Sexuality.

AWARDS

Dean's Teaching Fellowship, Johns Hopkins University

Academic year 2011-2012

Dean's Prize Fellowship, Johns Hopkins University

Academic year 2012-2013

Selected to be a participant in the 3rd **International Summer School in German Philosophy**, Summer 2013, University of Bonn, Germany

REFEREES

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LANGUAGES

Reading knowledge of German and French; fluent Russian; native Georgian