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## **EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL HISTORY**

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### **Education**

- 2009 Ph.D., The University of Iowa.  
2002-2003 Ph.D. track, Purdue University.
- 2002 B.A., University of Dubuque.

### **Academic Positions**

- 2023- Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of the Ozarks.  
2020-23 Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of the Ozarks.  
2017-20 Associate Professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies, Young Harris College.  
2010-17 Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies, Young Harris College.  
2009-10 Instructor of Philosophy and Religion, Coe College.  
2009-10 Adjunct Instructor of Religious Studies, University of Northern Iowa.  
2008-09 Research Fellow, Ballard and Seashore Fellowship, The University of Iowa.  
2006 Adjunct Instructor of Philosophy, Philosophy, Kirkwood Community College.  
2004-08 Teaching Assistant in Religious Studies, The University of Iowa.

### **Academic Administrative Positions**

- 2020- Program Coordinator, Philosophy, University of the Ozarks.  
2018-19 Vice President, Faculty Senate, Young Harris College.  
2014-19 Director, Ethics Across the Curriculum, Young Harris College.  
2013-19 Chair, Department of Religion and Philosophy, Young Harris College.

### **Honors and Awards**

- 2021-22 The Bagwell Outstanding Faculty Award, University of the Ozarks.  
2019-20 Faculty Member of the Year (Nominee), Young Harris College.  
2018-19 Faculty Pacesetter Award, Young Harris College.  
2017-18 Inter-Religious Council Faculty Award, Young Harris College.  
2013-14 The Vulcan Award for Teaching Excellence, Young Harris College.  
2013-14 Student Government Association Faculty Member of the Year, Young Harris College.  
2012-13 Inter-Religious Council Faculty Award, Young Harris College.  
2011-12 Advisor of the Year for the Student Inquiry Group for Humanist Thought, Young Harris College.  
2011-12 Faculty Pacesetter Award, Young Harris College.  
2008-09 Ballard Seashore Fellowship, The University of Iowa.  
2006-07 First Place Paper (Humanities), Jakobsen Graduate Student Conference, The University of Iowa.  
2006-07 Louis P. Penningroth Scholarship Award, Religious Studies, The University of Iowa.  
2000-01 McElroy Student/Faculty Research Grant, University of Dubuque.  
2000-01 Outstanding Student of Philosophy, University of Dubuque.

### **Professional Affiliations**

- American Academy of Religion  
American Association of Philosophy Teachers  
American Philosophical Association  
Georgia Philosophical Society  
National Association of Hispanic Nurses  
North American Association for the Study of Religion  
North American Levinas Society

North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics  
Society for Ethics Across the Curriculum  
Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy  
Society for Ricoeur Studies

## **SCHOLARSHIP**

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### **Publications**

#### Books

- Interpretation: A Critical Primer*, a useful approach to interpretation in hermeneutic philosophy and the academic study of religions. Equinox, 2023.
- Philosophical Hermeneutics and the Priority of Questions in Religions: Bringing the Discourse of Gods and Buddhas Down to Earth*, a critical and comparative work on the direct discourse divine beings or figures of ultimate authority in religious narratives, focusing on HaShem, Mazu, and Jesus. Bloomsbury, 2022.
- Using Questions to Think: How to Develop Skills in Critical Understanding and Reasoning*, a development of the relations between critical thinking and logic and a hermeneutical approach to questioning. Bloomsbury, 2021.

#### Invited Book Chapters

- 2020 “Should Religion-Affiliated Institutions Be Accredited? Ricoeur and the Problem of Religious Inclusivity” in Daniel Boscaljon and Jeff Kuess (editors), *The Just University: Paul Ricoeur and the Hope of Higher Education*. Lexington.
- 2018 “Questioning’s Hermeneutic Priority and Phenomenological Indeterminacy” in Robert H. Scott and Gregory S. Moss, eds., *The Significance of Indeterminacy: Perspectives from Asian and Continental Philosophy* (Routledge Studies in Contemporary Philosophy series).
- 2018 “Prioritizing Questions for Religious Literacy at UMC-affiliated Colleges” in Mark E. Hanshaw and Timothy S. Moore, eds., *Intersections: Faith(s), Church, and the Academy* (General Board of Education and Ministry of United Methodist Church).

#### Book Chapters

- 2017 “What is the difference between religion and philosophy?” in Aaron Hughes and Russell T. McCutcheon, eds., *Religion in 5 Minutes* (Equinox).
- 2017 “Why do so many people believe only one religion can be right?” in Aaron Hughes and Russell T. McCutcheon, eds., *Religion in 5 Minutes* (Equinox).
- 2013 “Faith or Friendship: On Integrating Possibilities for Self-realization in Kierkegaard and Aristotle” in Daniel Boscaljon, ed., *Resisting the Place of Belonging: Uncanny Homecomings in Religion, Narrative, and the Arts* (Routledge).

#### Invited Journal Articles

- 2018 “Feminisms and Challenges to Institutionalized Philosophy of Religion” in *Religions: An Open Access Journal of Theology* 9:113.
- 2017 “Transcendence Un-Extra-Ordinaire: Bringing the Atheistic I Down to Earth” in *Religions: An Open Access Journal of Theology* 8:4.

#### Journal Articles

- 2022 “Radical Responsibility beyond Empathy: Interreligious Resources against (Neo)Liberal Distortions of Nursing Care.” *Nursing Philosophy*.
- 2021 “Dialogue or Narrative? Exploring Tensions between Interpretations of Genesis 38.” *Religions: An Open Access Journal of Theology*. Co-authored with Joy Spann.
- 2021 “The Hermeneutic Priority of Which Question? A Speech Act Clarification of Interlocutionary Acts.” *Informal Logic*.
- 2021 “Physical Distance, Ethical Proximity: Levinasian Dialogue as Pandemic Pedagogy in Faceless (Masked or Online) Classrooms.” *Teaching Philosophy*. Online first.

- 2021 “Nursing is Never Neutral: Political Determinants of Health and Systemic Marginalization,” co-authored with Roxana Chicas. *Nursing Inquiry*. Online first.
- 2021 “Cooling interventions among agricultural workers: Qualitative field-based study,” co-authored with Roxana Chicas; Xiuhtecutli, Nezahualcoyotl; Flocks, Joan; Scammell, Madeleine; Steenland, Kyle; Hertzberg, Vicki; McCauley, Linda. *Hispanic Health Care International*.
- 2020 “A Hermeneutic for and from Reading Kierkegaard’s *For Self-Examination*.” *Religions: An Open Access Journal of Theology*. 11(10): 491.
- 2020 “Cooling intervention studies among outdoor occupational groups: A Review of the literature,” co-authored with Roxana Chicas, Xiuhtecutli, Nezahualcoyotl; Flocks, Joan; Scammell, Madeleine; Steenland, Kyle; Hertzberg, Vicki; McCauley, Linda. Under review with *American Journal of Industrial Health*. 63(11): 988-1007.
- 2020 “Where, not When, Did the Universe ‘Begin’?” in *Sophia: International Journal of Philosophy and Traditions*, Online first.
- 2020 “Master Questions, Student Questions, and Genuine Questions: A Performative Analysis of Questions in Chan Encounter Dialogues.” *Religions: An Open Access Journal of Theology*. Special Issue, Language and Concepts in Relation to Enlightenment on and off the Cushion in Chan/Zen Buddhism. 11(2): 72.
- 2019 “A Zhuangzian Tangle: Corroborating (Orientalism in?) Posthumanist Approaches to Subjectivities and Flourishings” in *Religions: An Open Access Journal of Theology* 10:382.
- 2019 “Chronic Kidney Disease Among Workers: A Review of the Literature” in *Workplace Health & Safety*, co-authored with Roxana Chicas, Valerie Mac, Jacqueline Mix, Joan Flocks, Vicki Hertzberg, and Linda McCauley.
- 2018 “Call or Question: A Rehabilitation of Conscience as Dialogical” in *Sophia: International Journal of Philosophy and Traditions*, 57(2): 275-294.
- 2016 “Linguistically Mediated Liberation: Freedom and Limits of Understanding in Thich Nhat Hanh and Hans-Georg Gadamer,” in *The Humanistic Psychologist*, 44(3): 256-279.
- 2016 “The Questions of Jesus and Mazu: Human or Beyond?” in *Literature and Theology*, 30(3): 343–358.
- 2015 “Ethical Understanding: The Priority of Questioning in Interreligious Dialogue” in *Listening: Journal of Communication Ethics, Religion, and Culture*, 50(2): 92-105.
- 2014 “Between Gadamer and Ricoeur: Preserving Dialogue in the Hermeneutical Arc for the Sake of a God who Speaks and Listens” in *Sophia: International Journal of Philosophy and Traditions*, 53(4): 553–573.
- 2009 “Anxiety and the Face of the Other: Tillich and Levinas on the Origin of Questioning” in *Sophia: International Journal of Philosophy and Traditions*, 48(3): 267–279.
- 2009 “The Challenge of Asking Engaging Questions in the Classroom” in *Currents in Teaching and Learning*, 2(1): 3-16.

#### Online Essays

- 2023 “From Comparing to Sharing Questions for the Sake of Understanding.” *Philosophy of Religion: big question philosophy for scholars and students*. <https://philosophyofreligion.org/?p=525759>
- 2021 “Disturbing the Definite Article: Taking ‘The’ out of Institutionalized Philosophy of Religion.” *Philosophy of Religion: big question philosophy for scholars and students*. <https://philosophyofreligion.org/?p=525516>

#### Book reviews

- 2019 “Apologetics in/and/or Phenomenology: What makes this rather than that ‘new’ phenomenology?” in *Syndicate: A Living Network of Scholarship in the Humanities*.
- 2017 “Without Loyalty to ‘the’ Tradition: Revising Philosophy of Religion for the Sake of Relevance to Religious Studies” in *Syndicate: A Living Network of Scholarship in the Humanities*.

#### Encyclopedia Entries

- 2009 “Twenty Questions,” “Who am I?,” and “Seesaw,” in *The Encyclopedia of Play: A Social History*, edited by Rodney P. Carlisle and Geoffrey J. Golson (SAGE Publications).

#### Audio

- 2023 Interviewee. “A Conversation with Dr. Nathan Eric Dickman.” *The CDRB Show*. Podcast. April 14. <https://podcasters.spotify.com/pod/show/cdrb>
- 2022 Interviewee. “Eric Dickman On Pedagogical Structures.” *Teaching Philosophy of Religion*. Podcast. January 17. <https://soundcloud.com/studyreligion/eric-dickman-on-pedagogy-for>
- 2020 Interviewee. “In Defense of Critical Thinking.” *In Defense of Humanity*. Podcast. May 18. <https://anchor.fm/idoh/episodes/020-In-Defense-of-Critical-Thought-ee0m25>

### **Current and Future Projects**

#### Books

*A Semantics of Transcendence*, a work in global philosophies synthesizing Zhuangzi’s Daoist thought with Luce Irigaray’s feminist philosophy. In discussion with Lexington Press.

#### Article/Chapter Manuscripts

- 2023 “Two Textbooks in Medieval Cordoba.” In Timothy Knepper and Cody Dolinsek (editors), National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) volume.
- 2023 “Anapothotics: A Hermeneutic Approach to Religions as Symbolic Languages” in Timothy Knepper and Gereon Kopf (editors), *What Paths - What Summits: A Multi-Entry Approach to Philosophy of Religion*. Bloomsbury. Forthcoming.

### **Presentations**

#### Invited Lectures

- 2022 “Why is ‘does god exist?’ a nonsensical question?” Discussion Series for the Steel Center for the Study of Religion and Philosophy, Hendrix College. October.
- 2021 “Religious Inclusivity in Higher Education and the Hermeneutic Priority of Questions in Religions.” Discussion Series for the Steel Center for the Study of Religion and Philosophy, Hendrix College. September.
- 2014 “The Final Answer Makes the Questions Seem Absurd: How UD Got Me Thinking through Religion, Reading, and Reflexivity.” The Annual APEX Student Scholarship conference, The University of Dubuque. April.
- 2013 “A Willing Loss of Self: A Precarious Opportunity in the Hermeneutic Priority of Questioning.” The Annual Religion, Literature and the Arts Conference, The University of Iowa. September.

#### Conference Presentations

- 2022 Pedagogy for Expanding Philosophy of Religions. Workshop sponsored by the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning, Drake University, IA. March 20.
- 2022 “Maimonides and Ibn Rushd: A Philosophy of Religion.” NEH-funded Mini-conference: Global-Critical Philosophy of Religion: Topics, Questions, Categories. Drake University, IA. March 18-20.
- 2021 Teaching Philosophy of Religion Inclusively to Diverse Students workshop, sponsored by the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning. The American Academy of Religion Annual Conference. Zoom. November 23.
- 2021 “The Two Textbooks in Medieval Cordoba.” Exploratory session for Global-Critical Philosophy of Religion, the American Academy of Religion Annual Conference. Zoom. November 21.
- 2021 Equity in the Pandemic Roundtable for the Southwest Commission for Religious Studies, regional conference of the American Academy of Religion. Zoom. March 5.
- 2020 “Should Religion-Affiliated Colleges Be Accredited?” Book discussion panel for the North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics annual conference. Zoom. October 30-31.
- 2020 “Should Religion-Affiliated Colleges Be Accredited?” Book discussion panel for the Society of Ricoeur Studies annual conference. Zoom. October 6-10.

- 2020 “Spatial Absence, Virtual Proximity: Levinasian Dialogue as a Pandemic Pedagogy.” Selected presentation for the annual meeting of the North American Levinas Society. Remote conference over Zoom. July, 20-23.
- 2020 “UMC-affiliated Colleges with Non-discrimination Policies Should Disaffiliate” selected presentation for the Philosophy of Religion section of the Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion. Athens, GA. February 28-March 1.
- 2019 “Symbolic Language (Tillichian Approach)” selected presentation for the Global-Critical Philosophy of Religion section of the American Academy of Religion. San Diego, CA, November.
- 2019 “Levinasian Ethics or Engaged Buddhism: Two Approaches to Vulnerable Populations in Nursing Practice” selected presentation for the North American Levinas Society Annual Conference. Des Moines, IA, July.
- 2019 “A Zhuangzian Tangle: Corroborating (Orientalism in?) Posthumanist Approaches to Subjectivities and Flourishings” selected presentation for the Philosophy of Religion section of the Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion. Greenville, NC, March.
- 2019 “Neither Neoliberal nor merely Marxist: Du Bois’s Black Response to American Alienation during Reconstruction. Response to Nemli,” response commentary for the Georgia Philosophical Society annual meeting. Macon, GA, February.
- 2018 “Where, not When, did the Cosmos ‘Begin’?” Selected presentation for the Global-Critical Philosophy of Religion seminar at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Denver, CO. November.
- 2018 “Prioritizing Questions for Religious Literacy at UMC-affiliated Colleges.” The *Intersections: Faith, Church, and the Academy* conference, sponsored by the General Board of Higher Education of the United Methodist Church, Nashville, TN. March.
- 2018 “Apologetics in/and/or Phenomenology: A Response to Simmons’s and Benson’s *The New Phenomenology*.” The Annual Meeting of SECSOR, Atlanta, GA. March.
- 2018 “Feminism and the Challenges to ‘Traditional’ Philosophy of Religion.” The Annual Meeting of SECSOR, Atlanta, GA. March.
- 2018 “Response to Bredlau’s ‘Participating in Perception: Merleau-Ponty, Russon, and the Lived Significance of Others.’” The Annual Meeting of the Georgia Philosophical Society joint meeting with the Eastern American Philosophical Association conference, Savannah, GA. January.
- 2017 “Response to Wright’s ‘The Duty of Veracity.’” The Annual Meeting of the Georgia Philosophical Society, Young Harris, GA. April.
- 2016 “Response to De Yang’s ‘Is the Mental Causally Inert?’” The Annual Meeting of the Georgia Philosophical Society, Athens, GA. April.
- 2015 “Isn’t Ethics Already Across the Curriculum?” The Annual Meeting and International Conference on Ethics Across the Curriculum, Greenville, SC. October.
- 2015 “Response to Pratt’s ‘Why Tell War Stories?’” The Annual Meeting of the Georgia Philosophical Society. January.
- 2014 “Linguistically Mediated Liberation: The Freedom to Understand in Thich Nhat Hanh and Hans-Georg Gadamer.” The Philosophy of Religion session at the Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion, Atlanta, GA. March.
- 2014 “Samsaric Identity and Nirvanic Emptiness: Making Something of Oneself in Buddhism.” The session on Faith in the Secular World, at the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Georgia Association of Historians, Athens, GA. March.
- 2013 “Ethical Understanding: Between Subject Matter and Otherness in Interreligious Dialogue.” The Annual North American Levinas Society Conference, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA. June.
- 2013 “Call or Question: A Rehabilitation of Conscience as Dialogical.” The joint session of History of Judaism and Philosophy of Religion at the Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion, Greenville, SC. March.

- 2012 “Difficult Reference, Difficult Predication: Ricoeur between the ‘Holocaust’ and the Surplus of Meaning.” The joint session of Genocide Studies and Ricoeur Studies at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Chicago, IL. November.
- 2012 “On Questioning Differently: Between Speech Act Theory and Hermeneutics.” The Biannual Meeting of the Georgia Philosophical Society, Oglethorpe College, Atlanta, GA. October.
- 2012 “Integrating Levinas’s Responsibility to the Other with Buddhist Ontology.” Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion, Atlanta, GA. March.
- 2011 “Faith or Friendship: On Integrating Possibilities for Self-realization in Kierkegaard and Aristotle.” The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Religion, Literature and the Arts, The University of Iowa. August.
- 2011 “A Common Ground: Buddhist Compassion and Levinas’s Responsibility to the Other.” The Ethics Across the Curriculum’s Ethics Awareness Week conference, Young Harris College. February.
- 2010 “The Questions of Jesus: Human or Divine?” The Ricoeur Consultation and Religion and Humanism Consultation at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, GA. November.
- 2010 “Between Gadamer and Ricoeur: Preserving Dialogue in the Hermeneutical Arc.” The Ricoeur session of the Annual Meeting of Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Montreal, Ontario. November.
- 2010 “Shaping Perception and Action: Religious Resources for an Outdoor Ethic.” The 12<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the Society for Ethics Across the Curriculum, Union College, NY. October.
- 2010 “Can a ‘Buddhist’ Self-destruct? Anatman and Tillich’s Ontology of Evil.” The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Religion, Literature and the Arts, The University of Iowa. April.
- 2009 “The Challenge of Chan ‘Encounter Dialogue’ Literature to the Speech Act Theory of Questions.” The Upper Midwest Regional of the American Academy of Religion, Luther College, MN. March.
- 2008 “Anxiety and the Face of the Other: Tillich and Levinas on the Origin of Questioning.” The Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Chicago, IL. November.
- 2008 “Student Questions, Master Questions, and Open Questions: Iconoclastic Discursive Practice in Classical Chan ‘Encounter Dialogue’ Literature.” The Annual meeting of Religion, Literature and the Arts, The University of Iowa. March.
- 2008 “Take Action: A Critique of the Concept of ‘Practice’ in Contemporary Ethical and Ritual Theory.” The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual James F. Jakobsen Graduate Conference, The University of Iowa. March.
- 2007 “The Question as the Locus of Community: A Critique of Levinas’s Construal of the Other’s Question.” The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the North American Levinas Society, Purdue University, IN. June.
- 2007 “Can ‘God’ ask a genuine question? On the Virtues of Dialogue and the Personhood of God.” The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual James F. Jakobsen Graduate Conference, The University of Iowa. March.
- 2006 “Reading Ourselves Away: On Kierkegaard’s *For Self-Examination and Judge for Yourself!*” The Upper Midwest Regional Meeting of the American Academy of the Study of Religion, Luther College, MN. March.
- 2005 “Being Invited: A ‘Listening Event’ Analysis of Questions.” The Iowa Philosophical Society conference, Simpson College. November.
- 2005 “The Subject of Conversation: Gadamer and the Other Other.” The Upper Midwest Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Luther College, MN. April.
- 2004 “What are you talking about? Hermeneutics and the Other.” The Craft, Critique, and Culture conference, The University of Iowa. April.
- 2004 “What is this supposed to be about? Aesthetic Consciousness in *Truth and Method*.” The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Religion, Literature, and the Arts conference, University of Iowa. April.

2001 “Are you serious? Gadamer and the Point of View from which to Determine Seriousness.” The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Undergraduate Philosophy/Religion conference, Truman State University, MO. November.

## **TEACHING AND MENTORING EXPERIENCE**

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### **Undergraduate Advising**

2020- Division of Humanities & Fine Arts, University of the Ozarks.

Senior Capstone Thesis Director (7 majors)

Advisees 24 (various majors, from Health Science to Sociology, and multiple international students)

Undergraduate Research Sponsor (1 national conference presentation, 2 campus conference presentations)

2010-20 Department of Religion and Philosophy, Young Harris College.

Senior Capstone Thesis Director (13 majors and Interdisciplinary Studies students)

Advisees (15 Religious Studies majors and Philosophy minors, 30 Freshmen)

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant Supervisor, 5 UTAs (Pilot Program, Fall 2013-Fall 2014)

Undergraduate Research Supervisor (5 regional conference presentations, 15 campus conference presentations)

### **Courses**

2020- Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of the Ozarks.

PHL 1003 Critical Thinking and Logic

PHL 1113 Ethics, Religions, Cultures

PHL 2013 Philosophical Questions

PHL 2033 Moral Philosophy

PHL 2093 Philosophy of Language

PHL 2113 Phenomenology and Existentialism

PHL 2123 Critique of Racism

PHL 2133 Metaphysics and Epistemology

PHL 3003 Political and Legal Philosophy

PHL 3013 Plato and Aristotle

PHL 3013 From Greek to Arabic Philosophy

PHL 3023 Descartes to Kant

PHL 3023 Modern Philosophers

PHL 3053 Business and Professional Ethics

PHL 3093 Feminist Philosophies

PHL 3123 Environmental Ethics

PHL 3213 Hermeneutic Philosophy and Interpretation

PHL 4003 Bioethics

PHL 4113 Hegel to Nietzsche

PHL 4303 Special Topics: Medieval Philosophy

PHL 4403 Advanced Topics in Contemporary Philosophy

PHL 4901/2 Senior Seminar in Philosophy

PLS 3103 Contemporary Political Thought

REL 2073 Hinduism and Buddhism

REL 2073 Asian Philosophies and Religions

REL 3033 Philosophy of Religions

2010-20 Associate Professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies, Young Harris College.

FOUN 1100 First Year Foundations

HONR 2102 Honors Seminar: My Wittgenstein

HONR 2102 Honors Seminar: Spinoza and the New World Order

HONR 2102 Honors Seminar: Poetry and Existentialism

HONR 2102 Honors Seminar: The Science and Art of Questioning  
PHIL 1100 Philosophical Questions  
PHIL 1200 Ethics and Authenticity  
PHIL 1300 Critical Thinking  
PHIL 2100 Ancient and Medieval Philosophy  
PHIL 2110 Modern and Contemporary Philosophy  
PHIL 2220 Philosophy of Language  
PHIL 2330 Phenomenology and Existentialism  
PHIL 3250 Biomedical Ethics  
PHIL 4998 Special Topics: Heidegger and the Greeks  
RELI 1200 World Religions  
RELI 2100 New Testament  
RELI 2110 Life and Teachings of Jesus  
RELI 2130 Hermeneutics  
RELI 2140 Hebrew Bible  
RELI 2210 Muslim Journeys  
RELI 2220 Buddhist Thought and Practice  
RELI 2230 Jewish Experience  
RELI 2300 Theories of Religion  
RELI 2310 Philosophy of Religion  
RELI 3201 Christian Thought  
RELI 3220 Zen Buddhism  
RELI 4980 Directed Readings in Philosophical Theology: Schleiermacher, Tillich, and Scharlemann  
RELI 4998/PHIL 4998 Special Topics: Medieval Islamic, Christian, and Jewish Philosophy  
RELI 4998 Special Topics: Doubt and Religious Belief  
RELI 4998 Special Topics in Philosophical Theology: Spinoza and Tillich

2021- Instructor, Freedom University.  
PHL 1000 Introduction to Philosophy

2010- Instructor, Institute of Continuing Learning, Young Harris College.  
Critique of Racism, Summer 2022  
The Power of Questions, Fall 2021  
Secular Pluralism: Origins of an Idea, Fall 2020  
Virtues and Courage for Tumultuous Times, Summer 2020  
Religion and Politics, Summer 2019  
Reading Plato's *Republic* for Well-Being, Summer 2018  
Religions: The Problem of "Similar Origins" and "Contemporary Schisms," Summer 2017  
On Freud's *Civilization and Its Discontents*, Summer 2016  
Can "God" Ask a Genuine Question?, Summer 2015  
Zen Buddhisms, Summer 2014  
Islam: History and Theologies, Summer 2013  
World Religions, Summer 2012  
Religious Language: Symbols and Myths, Spring 2012

2009-10 Instructor, Philosophy and Religion, Coe College.  
PHL-103 Belief and Unbelief  
REL-106 Eastern Religions  
PHL-206/REL-206 Buddhist Thought  
REL-236/394 Directed Readings in Zen Buddhism

2009-10 Adjunct Faculty, Philosophy and World Religions, University of Northern Iowa.  
HUM 1021 Humanities I



## RELS 1020 Religions of the World

2006 Adjunct Faculty, Department of Philosophy, Kirkwood Community College.  
PHI-111 Basic Reasoning

2004-08 Teaching Assistant, Religious Studies, The University of Iowa.

RELS:1001 Judeo-Christian Tradition

RELS:1001 Judaism, Christianity, and Islam

RELS:1506 Introduction to Buddhism

RELS 1702 Religion and Society

RELS:1903 Quest for Human Destiny

### **Student Organization Advisor**

2020- Faculty Advisor for the Ozarks' Philosophical Symposium organization. University of the Ozarks.

2010-20 Faculty Advisor for the Student Inquiry Group for Humanist Thought. Young Harris College.

2011-19 Faculty Advisor for the Buddhist Meditation and Mindfulness Gathering. Young Harris College.

2010-12 Faculty Advisor for "Bible Study" (a.k.a. The Underground). Young Harris College.

### **Development in Teaching Excellence**

2023 "Art, Religion, and Academic Freedom: Lessons From the Hamline/Prophet Muhammad Controversy." Webinar. Sponsored by Interfaith America. January.

2022 "Navigating Post-Roe as Scholars of Religion." Academic Webinar. Sponsored by the American Academy of Religion. July.

2022 The Chronicle of Higher Education. "Virtual Forum: Curricula for the Future." Sponsored by the University of South Florida. June.

2020-22 Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning about Theology and Religion. Workshop in Grant for Global-Critical Philosophy of Religion. Participant teacher, revising course design, consultations, collecting student data. Fall 2020.

2020-22 Participant. Beyond the White Echo Chamber and White Fragility, weekly webinar series with Nanette D. Massey.

2021 "Diversity and Inclusion Webinar" sponsored by the Arkansas Association of Teacher Educators. November.

2020 "NetVUE Webinar: Fighting the Good Fight: Social Justice, Activism, and Vocation," participant. Sponsored by The Council of Independent Colleges. Zoom. July.

2020 Participant in the Faculty Online Development three-week intensive seminar. University of the Ozarks.

2011-20 Participant in Rhetorica's Writing Intensive and Speaking Intensive course component project. Young Harris College.

2010-20 Participant in regular faculty workshops on teaching and advising, sponsored by Rhetorica Center for Speaking and Writing, and the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning. Young Harris College.

2010-19 Participant in Ethics Across the Curriculum course component project. Young Harris College.

2009 "35 Stupid Things Well Intentioned People Say," workshop on diversity in the classroom sponsored by Student Affairs. Coe College, August.

2009 "Creating Inclusive Classrooms—An Interactive Workshop," sponsored by the Graduate College, Diversity Resources, and the Rhetoric Department. The University of Iowa, April.

2008 "Leading Discussion," sponsored by the Center for Teaching and the Department of Religious Studies. The University of Iowa, September.

## **PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

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### **Profession**

#### Organization Leadership

- 2021 Moderator. Georgia Philosophical Society bi-annual conference.
- 2020 Moderator. Georgia Philosophical Society bi-annual conference.
- 2019-22 Steering committee for the Religion and Humanism section of the American Academy of Religion.
- 2018-21 Secretary. Georgia Philosophical Society.
- 2018 Founding member of the Georgia chapter for the National Association of Hispanic Nurses.
- 2017-18 President, the Georgia Philosophical Society. Support for organizing Annual Conference. Joint meeting with the Eastern American Philosophical Association. Savannah, GA. January.
- 2016-17 Vice President, the Georgia Philosophical Society. Organized Annual Conference. Young Harris College, April.
- 2014- Referee for Submissions to the Annual Conference of the Georgia Philosophical Society.
- 2013-17 Chair of the Philosophy of Religion section for the Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion. Organized nine joint and standalone panel sessions.

#### Journal Referee

- 2022- Reviewed manuscripts for *Philosophy East and West*.
- 2022- Reviewed manuscripts for *Faith and Philosophy*.
- 2022- Reviewed manuscripts for the *International Journal of Philosophical Studies*.
- 2022- Reviewed manuscripts for the *Journal of Clinical Nursing*.
- 2022- Reviewed manuscripts for the *Journal of Continental Philosophy of Religion*.
- 2021- Reviewed manuscripts for Equinox Publishing, *Critical Primers* series.
- 2021- Reviewed manuscripts for *Philosophia*.
- 2021- Reviewed manuscripts for *Nursing Philosophy*.
- 2021- Reviewed manuscripts for *Genealogy: An Open Access Journal*.
- 2021- Reviewed manuscripts for *Nursing Forum: An Independent Voice for Nursing*.
- 2020- Reviewed manuscripts for *Hispanic Health Care International*.
- 2018- Reviewed manuscripts for *Religions: An Open Access Journal of Theology*.
- 2011- Reviewed manuscripts for *Erkenntnis: An International Journal of Scientific Philosophy*.
- 2010- Reviewed manuscripts for *Sophia: International Journal for Philosophy and Traditions*.
- 2010- Reviewed manuscripts for *Currents in Teaching and Learning*.

#### **Department Administration**

Department member, University of the Ozarks.

- 2022 Five Year Program Review for Accreditation with the Higher Learning Commission.
- 2021- Collected, interpreted, and reported assessment information.
- 2021 Developed program assessment plans for Philosophy major and minor.
- 2020 Developed Philosophy major and minor curriculum revisions.

Chair, Young Harris College.

- 2014-19 Observed, evaluated, and mentored adjuncts, instructors, and assistant professors.
- 2014-19 Interviewed and hired adjuncts.
- 2014-19 Planned, collected, and interpreted program and Core assessments.
- 2014-19 Managed program budget.
- 2019 The Robert H. N. Ho Family Foundation Program in Buddhist Studies New Professorships grant application.
- 2018 Five Year Program Review for Accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.
- 2018 Developed Philosophy minor program revisions and Religious Studies course additions. September. Eight new course proposals.
- 2017 Developed Philosophy Major program proposal. September. Eight new course proposals.
- 2017 Developed Pre-Divinity pre-professional degree track plan. September. One new course proposal.
- 2017 Revised Asian Studies Minor program proposal. September.

- 2017 Revised Religious Studies Major and Philosophy Minor curriculums. June. Numerous course revisions.
- 2016 Refined Religious Studies and Philosophy program assessment plans. May.
- 2015 Developed a new Religious Studies program assessment plan, currently used in the YHC Assessment Handbook as the model for other programs to follow. May.
- 2014 Revised the Philosophy Minor curriculum. March. Three course proposals.

Department Member, Young Harris College.

- 2013-14 Developed and initiated a pilot Undergraduate Teaching Assistant Program.
- 2013 Revised the Religious Studies Major curriculum. August.
- 2013 Applied for departmental admittance to the TAK Religious Studies National Honors Society. August.
- 2011 Overhaul of Religious Studies Major curriculum. February. Ten course proposals.

Development in Administrative Excellence

- 2022- Participant in weekly faculty discussion groups on assessment, technology, and more. University of the Ozarks.
- 2020- Participant in advising and instructional workshops, hosted by the Office of Academic Affairs and the Registrar. University of the Ozarks.
- 2014-19 Regular participant in Deans and Chairs workshops, hosted by Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning. Young Harris College.
- 2011 “Academic Department Assessment” with Dr. Barbara Walvoord. February.

**College**

Committees

- 2023 Search committee, Sociology. University of the Ozarks
- 2022- Walton Arts and Ideas Series committee. University of the Ozarks.
- 2022 Search committee, Sociology (criminology specialization). University of the Ozarks.
- 2021 Search committee, Art (ceramics specialization). University of the Ozarks.
- 2021 Chair of Curriculum Scaffolding Committee, University of the Ozarks.
- 2020- Through Your LENS Committee, discussion series, University of the Ozarks.
- 2020-22 HLC Criterion Committee, Evaluation of Learning and Assessment, University of the Ozarks.
- 2020 Planning committee for the Forums on Racial Injustice, University of the Ozarks.
- 2019-20 Black History Month committee, Young Harris College.
- 2017-20 First Year Experience program committee, Young Harris College.
- 2018-19 Academic Advisory Council, as Vice President of the Faculty Senate. Young Harris College.
- 2017-19 Chair of Teaching Excellence Award committee, Young Harris College.
- 2010-19 Ethics Across the Curriculum committee, Young Harris College.
- 2014-19 Undergraduate Research committee, Young Harris College.
- 2018 Chair of search committee, Religion and Philosophy. Young Harris College.
- 2016-17 Diversity committee, Young Harris College.
- 2011-15 Honors Program committee, Young Harris College.
- 2014 Chair for search committee, Religion and Philosophy. Young Harris College.
- 2011 Homecoming Court committee, Young Harris College.
- 2011 Search committee, Communication Studies. Young Harris College.
- 2007-08 Treasurer/Secretary, Religion Graduate Student Organization (RGSO). The University of Iowa.
- 2006-07 Graduate Faculty Committee Representative, Religious Studies. The University of Iowa.
- 2004-07 Graduate Student Liaison, American Academy of Religion. The University of Iowa.
- 2005-06 Lecture Committee Representative, RGSO. The University of Iowa.

Service Presentations and Panel Moderation

- 2023 “Academic Integrity and AI,” faculty panel presentation and discussion on the use of Large Language Models (LLMs) such as ChatGPT. Sponsored by the Robson Library. University of the Ozarks. April.
- 2023 “Evening with the Author,” presentation on research. Sponsored by Robson Library. University of the Ozarks. February.
- 2022 “Religious Perspectives on Suicide and Mental Health,” Panel Discussion. Student Lead Program sponsored by Counseling Services. University of the Ozarks. February.
- 2021 “Finding Your Way with Your Degree,” Panel Discussion. Sponsored by the Through Your LENS committee. University of the Ozarks. October.
- 2020 “White Privilege and White Fragility,” for the Forum on Racial Injustice. University of the Ozarks. July.
- 2020 “Forum on Racial Injustice and What You Can Do About It,” a campus-wide virtual discussion series (4 weeks) on topics such as police brutality, antiracism, and intersectionality sponsored by the Black Student Association. University of the Ozarks. July.
- 2020 “Ethics in Healthcare and Global Health,” for the Social Justice and Health Care course taught by Drs. Imelda Reyes and Roxana Chicas (Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing, Emory University). Freedom University. April.
- 2020 “LGBTQIA+: Understanding Communities,” a student, faculty, and staff panel discussion sponsored by SIGHT and Prism (an LGBTQIA+ advocacy organization). Young Harris College. January.
- 2019 “What is it like for P.O.C.’s at P.W.I.’s?” student, faculty, and staff panel discussion sponsored by SIGHT and the Black Student Union. October.
- 2019 “Sustainability,” faculty panel discussion sponsored by the Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity. Young Harris College. April.
- 2019 “Pride, Ally-ship, and Queer Disruptions,” inclusivity panel discussion sponsored by Ethics Across the Curriculum, the Gay-Straight Alliance, SIGHT, the Buddhist Meditation and Mindfulness Gathering, and the Department of Religion and Philosophy. Young Harris College. March.
- 2019 “Accessibility, Capabilities, and Disability Diversity,” inclusivity panel discussion sponsored by Ethics Across the Curriculum, SIGHT, the Buddhist Meditation and Mindfulness Gathering, and the Department of Religion and Philosophy. Young Harris College. March.
- 2019 “Women’s Equality and Toxic Masculinity,” inclusivity panel discussion sponsored by Ethics Across the Curriculum, SIGHT, the Buddhist Meditation and Mindfulness Gathering, and the Department of Religion and Philosophy. Young Harris College. February.
- 2018 “White Fragility, White Privilege, and White Supremacy,” inclusivity panel discussion sponsored by Ethics Across the Curriculum, SIGHT, the Multicultural Student Alliance, the Buddhist Meditation and Mindfulness Gathering, and the Department of Religion and Philosophy. Young Harris College. November.
- 2018 “Lawn Jockeys, Totem Poles, and Rebel Flags,” inclusivity panel discussion sponsored by Ethics Across the Curriculum, SIGHT, and the Multicultural Student Alliance. Young Harris College, October.
- 2018 “Graduate School,” faculty and staff discussion panel sponsored by the Academic Success Center. Young Harris College. September.
- 2018 “The Graduate School Search,” faculty and staff discussion panel sponsored by the Academic Success Center. Young Harris College. February.
- 2017 “The Ethics of Advising,” faculty workshop for Ethics Across the Curriculum, hosted by the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning. Young Harris College. March.
- 2016 “You’re Already EAC,” faculty workshop for Ethics Across the Curriculum, hosted by the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning. Young Harris College. February.
- 2015 “Motivating Student Inquiry,” faculty workshop, hosted by the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning. Young Harris College. September.

- 2014 “Productive Dialogue: Opportunities and Risks in the Classroom,” faculty workshop presentation sponsored by Rhetorica and Ethics Across the Curriculum. Young Harris College. February.
- 2014 “The Real Graduate School Experience,” faculty discussion panel sponsored by the Department of Mentor and Career Leadership. Young Harris College. February.
- 2013 “Power and Privilege,” Bonner Leaders workshop. Young Harris College. April.
- 2012 “The Risks We Take for a Fulfilling Life,” *Cinematheque* presentation on *The Fountain*. Young Harris College. March.
- 2011 “Regional Religious Demographics,” Continuing Education for Ministers. Young Harris College. October.
- 2009 “Student Creativity in Writing Assignments.” Topics in Composition and Communication, Department of Rhetoric. Coe College. October.

Campus and Community Activity

- 2022 Discussant. Questioning and Curiosity research and teaching working group.
- 2021 Recruiter for prospective students. University of the Ozarks. September.
- 2021 Textbook donor. Freedom University for undocumented students. September.
- 2021 Student participant. “Forbidden Knowledge” Fights Back: Unleashing the Transformative Power of Critical Race Theory,” intensive seminar sponsored by The African American Policy Forum (AAPF). August.
- 2021 Textbook donor. Freedom University for undocumented students. May.
- 2020- Attendee. Various topics. Hermeneutics in Real Life sponsored seminars.
- 2020- Discussant. North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics. Gadamer Reading Group.
- 2020- Attendee at student organization events, recitals, plays, art and poetry exhibitions, and athletic events. University of the Ozarks.
- 2020 Donor. Rental assistance during the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- 2020 Donor. Project Corazon, with Lawyers for Good Government, for immigrant legal defense at the southern US border. December.
- 2020 Mediator. Commission for racial equity. Clarksville, Arkansas. November.
- 2020 Textbook and exam prep materials donor. Freedom University for undocumented students. September.
- 2020 Protest rally participant for Black Lives Matter. Clarksville, Arkansas. September.
- 2020 Donor. Arkansas Immigration Defense immigration advocacy and legal counsel organization. Springdale, Arkansas. July-November.
- 2020 Donor. Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing drive to address the PPE shortage for nurses in the COVID-19 Pandemic. Atlanta, Georgia. October.
- 2020 Donor. The Bail Project in support of incarcerated protestors of police brutality toward Black Americans. June.
- 2019-20 Dissertation editor. Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing. Emory University.
- 2019 Donor. SEIRN Community Defense.
- 2019 Volunteer. World Refugee Day festival, in partnership with Clarkston Community Health Center and Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing, Emory University. June.
- 2019 Donor. Project Corazon, sponsored by Lawyers for Good Government, for immigrant legal defense at the southern US border. September.
- 2019 Participant. Immigrant listening sessions, sponsored by the New Sanctuary Movement of Atlanta. March.
- 2019 Donor. Great Tree Women’s Zen Temple. Support for retreats and study abroad. May.
- 2018 Donor. Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals renewal funds. November.
- 2018 Participant. Workshop on affirming health care for transgender and gender diverse patients, led by Dylan Avery and Dr. Kylie Smith. Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing. Emory University. July.

- 2018 Assistant aide. Nursing immersion experience with *Hogares Mana* in Merida, Mexico, with Drs. Vickie Hertzberg and Valerie Mac. Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing. Emory University. June-July.
- 2018 Research aide. Pilot study for cooling interventions with Latinx farmworkers, with Drs. Valerie Mac and Roxana Chicas. In partnership with Nell Hodgson School of Nursing, Emory University, and the Farm Workers Association of Florida. May.
- 2017-20 Instructor. Sample class for Scholars' Day orientation for prospective students. Young Harris College.
- 2017 Donor. Foundation Beyond Belief. Hurricane Harvey support. August.
- 2017 Donor. Islamic Relief USA. Hurricane Harvey support. August.
- 2015 Donor. Foundation Beyond Belief. Disaster recovery drive in Nepal. April.
- 2013 Donor. Great Tree Women's Zen Temple. January.
- 2012 Counter-protestor against the Klu Klux Klan rally. Blairsville, GA. October.
- 2011-15 Judge for the Annual RA Lip-Sync Contest. Young Harris College.
- 2011-20 Recruiter. New student orientation representative for the Humanities Division. Young Harris College.
- 2010-20 Attendee at student music recitals, plays, art exhibitions, and athletic events. Young Harris College.
- 2010-15 Participant and leader in Religious Life's "Hard Questions" Faculty/Student Discussion Group. Young Harris College.
- 2010-11 Director of Faculty Reading Group on Ethics, reading Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics*. Young Harris College.
- 2010 Donor. American Academy of Religion, Centennial Fund. September.
- 2009-10 Dissertation editor. Philosophy. Purdue University.
- 2009-10 Donor. Sanctuary Ministries. Toronto, ON.
- 2009 Donor. Project Rwanda. April.
- 2009 Thesis editor. Religious Studies. The University of Iowa.

#### Reference and Reviewer

- 2018 External Reviewer for Texas Christian University
- 2010- Current and former students (>50)
- 2010- Colleagues (>13)

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