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Education

The New School for Social Research, 2005 to 2016.

Ph.D. in Philosophy, September 2016.

Dissertation, “Dasein as Attention: The Metaphysics of the Effort of Presence.”

Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, 1982–85.

Ph.D. in Applied Economics.

Publications in Philosophy

“Situated Attention, Agency, and Self-Integration.” 2026. *Human Studies*

<https://doi.org/10.1007/s10746-026-09856-y>

“Being and the Praxis of Mindfulness.” 2025. In *The Mystery of Being: Reconsidering the Mystical Element in Heidegger's Thought*, 225-43. E. Kuravsky, editor, Bloomsbury.

The Politics of Attention and the Promise of Mindfulness, New Heidegger Research, Rowman & Littlefield, October 2023.

“The Divine as the Origin of the Work of Art.” 2022. In *Heidegger and the Holy*, R. Capobianco, editor, Rowman & Littlefield, 45-61.

“Review of Lawrence J. Hatab: *Proto-Phenomenology, Language Acquisition, Orality and Literacy. Dwelling in Speech II*.” 2020. *Phenomenological Reviews*.

<https://reviews.ophen.org/2020/12/13/lawrence-j-hatab-proto-phenomenology-language-acquisition-orality-and-literacy-dwelling-in-speech-ii/>

“Attention as the Way to Being.” 2020. *Gatherings: The Heidegger Circle Annual* 10:111-156.

“Being There: Heidegger on Why Our Presence Matters.” *The Stone. The New York Times* March 30, 2015. Reprinted in P. Catapano and S. Critchley, Eds. 2017. *Modern Ethics in 77 Arguments: A Stone Reader*. New York, Liveright Publishing, 22-27.

“Review of Alva Noë’s *Varieties of Presence*.” 2013. *Graduate Faculty Philosophy Journal* 34:227–230.

“Focusing on the Fundamentals: A Postmodern Perspective on Why Ethics Matters.” 2003. *Risk Management and Insurance Review* 6:123–130.

“Mutual Understanding, the State of Attention, and the Ground for Interaction in Economic Systems.” 1996. *Business Ethics Quarterly* 6:1–25.

“Review of ‘Explaining and Understanding International Relations,’ by M. Hollis and S. Smith.” 1994. *Philosophy of the Social Sciences* 256–57.

“Attention and the Construction of Economic Reality.” 1993. *Research in the History of Economic Thought and Methodology* 11:117–144.

“Economics and Hermeneutics.” 1989. *Economics and Philosophy* 5:209–233. Reprinted as “Self-Interpretation, Attention and Language: Implications for Economics of Charles Taylor’s Hermeneutics.” In D. Lavoie, Ed. 1991. *Economics and Hermeneutics*. London: Routledge.

Academic Employment

Marist College, Poughkeepsie, NY

Adjunct Instructor, Department of Philosophy, 2015 to 2017, Fall 2023-current.

Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ

Adjunct Instructor, Department of Philosophy, 2018.

Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

Assistant Professor, Department of Insurance and Risk Management, 1989–94.

University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

Assistant Professor, Department of Finance, 1985–1989.

Philosophy Courses Taught

Social Ethics and Economics:

Marist College: Spring 2025-current

Introduction to Philosophy:

Marist College: Fall 2015 to Fall 2017, Fall 2023-Fall 2024.

Montclair State University: Spring 2018.

Conference Presentations

“Situated Attention and Dynamic Integration.” PhenoLab Summer School, 2024.

“Attention and Self-Awareness.” Interdisciplinary Coalition of North American Phenomenologists, Online, 2022.

“On Bracketing Metaphysical Assumptions.” Interdisciplinary Coalition of North American Phenomenologists, Online, 2021.

“Attention, Introspection, and Reflection.” Interdisciplinary Coalition of North American Phenomenologists, Washington, DC, 2019.

“Vigilance in Derrida and Heidegger: A Dialogue,” Heidegger Circle Meeting, Goucher College, May 2018.

“Attention as the Way to Being,” SPEP meetings, Memphis, October 2017.

“Attention as the Way to Being,” Heidegger Circle Meeting, Whitman College, April 2017.

Discussant, Heidegger Circle Meeting, DePaul University, September 2016.

“Dasein as Attention.” Eastern Division APA Meetings, Heidegger Circle, Philadelphia, PA, December 2014.

“The Hermeneutics of Loving Attention.” University of Buffalo, 2013.

“The Primacy of Attention.” West Chester University, 2009.

“Attention and Spirit.” University of Birmingham, UK, 2006.

“From Intention to Attention.” Loyola University of Chicago, 2005.