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Augustine and Culture Seminar Program
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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Philosophy of Space and Place
Philosophy of Technologoy
Phenomenology
19th & 20th Century Continental Philosophy

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Applied Ethics
Asian Philosophy
History of Philosophy
Logic

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Teaching Professor, Augustine and Culture Seminar Program,
Villanova University 2023 - present

Research Associate (Non-remunerative), Research Group on *Practicing Place*,
Katholische Universität Eichstätt-Ingolstadt, Germany 2021 - present

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy,
The College of Wooster 2021 - 2023

Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, Hamilton College 2020 - '21

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Philosophy. University of Kentucky 2020
Dissertation: *Place and Digital Space*
Chair: Theodore Schatzki
Committee: Dan Breazeale, Natalie Nenadic, Anna Secor

M.A., Philosophy. University of Mumbai, Mumbai, India 2014
Thesis: *Art and Technology: Heidegger's Idea of Saving Power in the Age of Technology*

B.A., Philosophy (Hons.), English (Hons.). University of Colorado, Denver 2010
Summa Cum Laude
Philosophy Thesis: "Nietzsche's Conception of Language and its Implications for Morality"
English Thesis: "Nietzsche's Perspectivism and Narrative Technique in Woolf and Faulkner"

PUBLICATIONS

"Exposure to Opposing Views on Social Media: A Critical Analysis of Studies, Theory, and the Medium." *Journal of Social Philosophy*, 2025 (with Theodore Schatzki).
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1111/josp.70019>

"The Spatiality of Social Media: A Social-Phenomenological and Practice-Theoretical Approach." In *Cultural Practices of Place: A Sense of Placing*. Sarah Earnshaw (Ed.). Palgrave Macmillan, 2025.
DOI: https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-96848-8_10

“The Ambiguity of Nearness in Heidegger’s *Ort* and Merleau-Ponty’s *Espace Vécu*.” *Journal of the British Society for Phenomenology* 52:1 (2021), 33-47. DOI: 10.1080/00071773.2020.1743954.

“Developing a Philosophy Summer Camp at the University of Kentucky.” In *Philosophy Camps for Youths*, Claire Katz (ed.). Rowman & Littlefield, 2021 (with Caroline Buchanan, Clay Graham, James William Lincoln, Lauren O’Dell, Andrew Van’t Land, and Colin Smith).

“Dasein’s Spatiality and the Possibility of Being-in-the-world.” *Heidegger Circle Proceedings* 52 (2018), 60-67. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.5840/heideggercircle2018529>.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World Estes Park, Colorado Paper Title: “Hearing the Other Side in Digitally Mediated Social Spaces”	<i>Jul. 2022</i>
International Association for the Study of Environment, Space, and Place Liverpool, England Paper Title: “Nearness and Threshold: Revisiting the Nature of Boundary in Phenomenological Accounts of Place”	<i>Apr. 2019</i>
52nd Annual Heidegger Circle Conference Towson, Maryland Paper Title: “Dasein’s Spatiality and the Possibility of Being-in-the-world”	<i>May 2018</i>
7th International Colloquium on the Philosophy of Technology National University of Cordoba Cordoba, Argentina Paper Title: “Modern Technology and the Distortion of Being”	<i>Oct. 2016</i>
University of Oxford’s Annual Graduate Philosophy Conference Oxford, England Paper Title: “The Place of Ordinary Language in Heidegger’s View of Language”	<i>Nov. 2015</i>
Pacific Philosophy Conference Pacific University, Forest Grove, OR Paper Title: “Assumptions in Wittgenstein’s Idea of Ethics”	<i>Apr. 2010</i>

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Villanova University Ancients Moderns	<i>2023—present</i>
The College of Wooster First Year Seminar Logic and Philosophy Existentialism (Writing Intensive) Ethics, Justice, & Society Ethics and Business Themes in Continental Philosophy: Conceptions of Self	<i>2021—2023</i>

Hamilton College

2020/21

Ethical and Social Issues in the Digital Age (Writing Intensive)

University of Kentucky

2014/15—2019/20

Courses Taught as Primary Instructor

Introductory Logic

Introduction to Philosophy: Knowledge and Reality

Introduction to Philosophy: Morality and Society

Asian Philosophy

Individual and Society

Existentialist Thought & Literature

Business Ethics

Symbolic Logic

Philosophy of Religion

History of Philosophy II (The Modern Period)

Teaching Assistant

Asian Philosophy (for Prof. Oliver Leaman)

The Interplay of Science and Religion (for Prof. Julia Bursten)

BIC (affiliated to Pokhara University), Nepal

2013—14

Introduction to Sociology

English Composition

AWARDS

Graduate Essay Award

2020

Department of Philosophy, University of Kentucky

College of Arts and Sciences Certificate for Outstanding Teaching

2018

College of Arts and Sciences, University of Kentucky

Graduate Teaching Award

2017

Department of Philosophy, University of Kentucky

Pre-Dissertation Fellowship

2017

Department of Philosophy, University of Kentucky

DAAD Intensive Summer Language Course Grant

2016

DAAD, Bonn, Germany

Daniel Reedy Quality Achievement Award

2014 - 2017

University of Kentucky

Royster Fellowship Award

2014 - 2017

University of Kentucky

Read, Succeed at Auraria Scholarship 2006
Auraria Library, University of Colorado at Denver

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY / ACADEMIC SERVICE

Chair, Faculty Development Committee 2024-present
Augustine & Culture Seminar Program, Villanova University

Member, Advisory Board 2025-present
Augustine & Culture Seminar Program, Villanova University

Member, Curriculum Committee 2024-present
Augustine & Culture Seminar Program, Villanova University

Faculty Coordinator, ACS Student Advisory Council 2024-2025
Augustine & Culture Seminar Program, Villanova University

Faculty Advisor to *Sapere Aude* - Undergraduate Philosophy Journal 2022
The College of Wooster

Academic Registration and Creative Horizons (ARCH) Faculty Advisor 2022
The College of Wooster

Journal Referee 2022
The Philosophical Forum

Book Proposal Reviewer 2021
Routledge

Journal Referee 2018
Journal of the Pacific Association of the Continental Tradition

Senator, University Senate 2017 - 2018
University of Kentucky

Chair, Internal Affairs Committee Fall 2017
Graduate Student Congress
University of Kentucky

Member, Subcommittee on Graduate Student Experience Fall 2017
Provost's Blue Ribbon Panel on Graduate Education
University of Kentucky

President 2016-2017
Philosophy Graduate Student Association
University of Kentucky

Primary Organizer, Philosophy Summer Camp for High Schoolers Summer 2017
University of Kentucky Philosophy Summer Camp

Primary Organizer March, 2016
19th University of Kentucky Graduate Philosophy Conference
University of Kentucky

Vice President 2015-2016
Philosophy Graduate Student Association
University of Kentucky

Guest Speaker

2015

Henry Clay High School Philosophy Club
Lexington, Kentucky

GRANTS

2024 Patricia and Vincent J.Trosino Fellowship

Summer 2024

During the grant period, I identified some effective ways of teaching Buddhist texts in the Ancients seminar. The outcome was a revised syllabus for my Ancients seminar and a faculty development workshop scheduled for Spring, 2025.

PLATO Philosophy Fund

April 2017

The grant allowed high school students to participate in the University of Kentucky's Annual Philosophy summer Camp free of charge.

LANGUAGES

English (Proficiency)

German (Intermediate level)

Sanskrit (Reading knowledge)

Nepali (Proficiency)

Maithili (Proficiency)

Hindi (Proficiency)