Daniel E. A. Adsett
Curriculum Vitae

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Areas of Specialization:

Ethics (especially Business Ethics), Philosophy of Rationality, Phenomenology and Existentialism

Areas of Competence:

History of Philosophy (especially Medieval), Environmental Philosophy

Languages:

English (native), German (intermediate reading), French (basic reading and speaking), Bulgarian (basic reading and speaking), Latin (reading)

Education:

Fall 2013 to Summer 2020

Doctor of Philosophy (Marquette University)

Philosophy

Supervisor: Dr. Pol Vandevelde

Dissertation Title: *The Status of Irrationality: Karl Jaspers' Response to Davidson and Searle*

Defense Date:

6 May 2020 (High Pass – No Mandatory Revisions)

2-20 July 2018

Summer School – taught by Dr. Vittorio Hösle

German Philosophy of History

University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana

25-29 July 2016

Summer School

Intention and Attention: A Joint Venture between Phenomenology and the History of Philosophy – organized by Dag Nikolaus Hasse, Karl-Heinz Lembeck, Karl Mertens, Jörn Müller, and Michela Summa

Würzburg University, Würzburg, Germany

Fall 2011 to Spring 2013
Master of Arts (Memorial University)
Philosophy
Supervisor: Dr. Sean McGrath
Thesis Title: *Equivocal Transcendence: Situating Heidegger's Ontology within a Medieval Schema*

Fall 2007 to Spring 2011
Bachelor of Arts (St. Thomas University)
Double Honours in History and Philosophy
Supervisor: Dr. James Gilbert-Walsh
Thesis Title: *Interrupting the Secret: Jacques Derrida's Deconstruction of Pseudo-Dionysius the Areopagite's Negative Theology*

Work Experience:

Fall 2021 – Present
Assistant Professor (American University in Bulgaria)

Winter 2021
Adjunct Professor (Mount Saint Vincent University)

Fall 2020 to Summer 2021
Adjunct Professor (University of Prince Edward Island)

Summer 2017 to Spring 2018
Lecturer (Marquette University)

Fall 2014 to Spring 2017
Teaching Assistant (Marquette University)

Fall 2013 to Spring 2014
Research Assistant (Marquette University)
Supervisor I: Dr. Pol Vandevelde
Supervisor II: Dr. Richard Taylor
Supervisor III: Fr. John Jones

Fall 2011 to Spring 2012
Research Assistant (Memorial University)
Supervisor: Dr. Seamus O'Neill

Fall 2010
Research Assistant (St. Thomas University)
Supervisor: Dr. James Gilbert-Walsh

Courses Taught:

(1) PHI 1001 – Introduction to Philosophy (American University in Bulgaria) – two full semester sections

- A course surveying philosophical theories and ideas across western history

(2) SUS 2010 – Environmental Ethics (American University in Bulgaria) – two full semester sections
- A course examining the ethical issues concerning the environment

(3) BUS 300/3000 – Business Ethics (American University in Bulgaria) – thirty full semester sections
- A course on how ethical theories can be used to navigate common business-world dilemmas

(4) PHIL-POLS 3314 – Democracy and Deliberation (Mount Saint Vincent University) – one full semester section
- A course on the historical and philosophical idea of democracy and its implications

(5) PHIL 2710 – Ethics of Climate Change (University of Prince Edward Island) – one full semester section
- A course on the ethics and responsibilities we and those around us have in light of our ongoing changing climate

(6) PHIL 2050 – BUS 2130: Business Ethics (University of Prince Edward Island) – two full semester sections
- A course on how ethical theories can be used to navigate common business-world dilemmas

(7) PHIL 4330: Business Ethics (Marquette University) – nine full semester sections
- A course on how ethical theories can be used to navigate common business-world dilemmas

(8) PHIL 2310: Theory of Ethics (Marquette University) – one full semester section
- An historical and thematic introduction to primarily western philosophical theories of ethics

(9) PHIL 1001: Human Nature (Marquette University) – one full semester section
- An historical and thematic introduction to philosophy

(10) PHIL 1000: Logic (Marquette University) – eight full semester sections
- An introduction to propositional and informal logic

Publications:

Books:

(1) *Karl Jaspers' Theory of Irrationality: From Delusions to Worldviews*. Lexington Books, 2025.

Articles and Chapters – '*' indicates peer-reviewed:

(8) *"Universally Valid Scientific Truths and the Role of Consciousness-as-Such in Jaspers' Philosophy" *Studi Jaspersiani*, Forthcoming.

(7) "Evil as the Denial of Freedom in Jaspers and Kant." In *Gut und Böse in der Philosophie von Karl Jaspers*, edited by Dominic Kaegi and Larysa Mandryshchuk. Schwabe, Forthcoming.

(6) *"On Overcoming the Tension Between Triangulation and Davidson's Rejection of the Third Dogma of Empiricism," *Philosophia* 52 (2024): 1361-1375. https://doi.org/10.1007/s11406-024-00789-3

(5) *"Faith without Dogmatism: Karl Jaspers' Critique of Bultmann's and Barth's Dogmatic Theologies," *The Heythrop Journal* 64, no. 3 (2023): 287-300. https://doi.org/10.1111/heyj.14195.

(4) *"Rational Communication in University Education: A Jaspersian Theory." In *Problematizing the Profession of Teaching from an Existential Perspective*, edited by Aaron Zimmerman, 129-148. Charlotte, NC: Information Age Publishing, 2022.

(3) *"Milbank and Heidegger on the Possibility of a Secular Analogy of Being," *International Philosophical Quarterly* 59, no. 2 (2019): 155-173.

(2) "Ambiguity and Nihilism: Comments on Nassir Ghaemi's *On Depression*" *Existenz* 11, no. 2 (2016): 13-17.

(1) "Meaning and Diagnosis: Are Mental Illnesses Genuinely Mental?" *Existenz* 10, no. 2 (2015): 47-52.

Book Reviews:

(4) Gert-Jan van der Heiden, *Ontology after Ontotheology: Plurality, Event, and Contingency in Contemporary Philosophy*. Pittsburgh: Duquesne University Press, 2014. Reviewed for the *Canadian Society for Continental Philosophy*, 14 January 2016: https://c-scp.org/2016/01/14/gert-jan-van-der-heiden-ontology-after-ontotheology

(3) Mary-Jane Rubenstein, *Worlds Without End: The Many Lives of the Multiverse*. New York: Columbia University Press, 2015. Reviewed in *Analecta Hermeneutica* 7 (2015): https://www.iih-hermeneutics.org/_files/ugd/f67e0f_22c433e5f9644c1ea7ddef4b339a2935.pdf

(2) George Pattison, *Heidegger on Death: A Critical Theological Essay*. Berlington: Ashgate, 2013. Reviewed in *Analecta Hermeneutica* 5 (2013): https://www.iih-hermeneutics.org/_files/ugd/f67e0f_6381bc5ff2a44f398d930827342b1286.pdf

(1) Scott Campbell, *The Early Heidegger's Philosophy of Life: Facticity, Being, and Language*. New York: Fordham University Press, 2012. Reviewed in *Analecta Hermeneutica* 5 (2013): https://www.iih-hermeneutics.org/_files/ugd/f67e0f_281eaea1c0b5469d858236c1b48fa0d9.pdf

Presentations:

Papers:

(24) "Adam Wiśniewski-Sneng's Argument for Super-Beings and the Kantian '*as if*'"
Philology to Theory and Everything in Between: A Work-in-Progress Conference for Anglophone Literary Studies in Bulgaria
American University in Bulgaria
Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria, 10 October 2026

(23) "The Phenomenology of Species Extinction"
3rd EAPPP International Conference: Phenomenology and Psychotherapy – Disclosing Meaning in Encounters
European Association of Phenomenology, Psychopathology and Psychotherapy
Institut français de Gréce
Athens, Greece, 3 October 2026

(22) "The Role of Consciousness-as-Such (*Bewusstsein überhaupt*) in Ensuring Scientific Validity"
Societá Italiana Karl Jaspers
XXV World Congress of Philosophy
Sapeinza University
Rome, Italy, 3 August 2024

(21) "The Negative Theology of Adam Wiśniewski-Sneng"
As If, But Differently: Meditations on the Realisms of Out Times
Sofia University
Sofia, Bulgaria, 2 December 2023

(20) "Anxiety and the Limit Situation of Climate Change"
Affect in Dialogue
Interdisciplinary Coalition of North American Phenomenologists
University of Copenhagen
Copenhagen, Denmark, 31 May 2023

(19) "Self, Others, and the Phenomenology of Incentives"
Interdisciplinary Coalition of North American Phenomenologists
Simon Silverman Phenomenology Center
Presented Virtually, 1 June 2022
(18) "*Bewusstsein Überhaupt*: Monopsychic Consciousness or Regulative Idea?"
Atlantic Region Philosophers Association
Mount Allison University
Presented Virtually, 22 October 2021
(17) "Ethics and the Phenomenology of Incentives"
American University in Bulgaria
Presented Virtually, 9 October 2021
(16) "What's so Irrational about Delusions?: A Jaspersian Account"
University of Prince Edward Island
Presented Virtually, 6 November 2020
(15) "Incorrigibility and the Problem of Indeterminacy"
Jaspers Haus
Oldenburg, Germany, 2 November 2018
(14) "Donald Davidson and Karl Jaspers on Objectivity and Non-Linguistic Experience"
Response: Brandon Beasley
115th Annual APA Central Division Meeting
Chicago IL, 24 February 2018
(13) "Does Philosophy Have Room for Faith? An Existentialist Response"
Joint Session Sponsored by the Karl Jaspers Society of North America and the Gabriel Marcel Society
115th Annual APA Central Division Meeting
Chicago IL, 22 February 2018
(12) "Coherence, Totality, and the Rational Subject"
Current Debates in Phenomenology & Overcoming the Continental-Analytic Divide
Milwaukee WI, 1 April 2017
(11) "Foreign Minds: On the Intentionality of Inserted Thoughts"
Response: Samuel Cocks
Wisconsin Philosophical Association Meeting
Eau Claire WI, 9 April 2016
(10) Author-meets-Critics: Response to Nassir Ghaemi's *On Depression*
Karl Jaspers Society of North America
112th Annual APA Eastern Division Meeting
Washington DC, 8 January 2016
(9) "Foreign Minds: On the Intentionality of Inserted Thoughts"
Atlantic Region Philosophers' Association Annual Meeting
Fredericton NB, Canada, 31 October 2015
(8) "Dunamis and Entelécheia: On Heidegger and Analogy"
Response: Matt Wood
EPTC / TCEP Meeting
Congress 2015 of the Humanities and Social Sciences
Ottawa ON, Canada, 4 June 2015
(7) "Irrationality and the Elision of Agency"
Response: Chris Hudspeth
Wisconsin Philosophical Association Meeting

Stevens Point WI, 11 April 2015

(6) "Meaning and Diagnosis: Are Mental Illnesses Genuinely Mental?"
Karl Jaspers Society of North America
89th Annual APA Pacific Division Meeting
Vancouver BC, Canada, 5 April 2015

(5) "The Future of the Secret: On Jacques Derrida's Reading of the *Mystical Theology* of Pseudo-Dionysius"
Atlantic Region Philosophers' Association Annual Meeting
St. John's NL, Canada, 24 October 2014

(4) "*Dunamis* and *Enteléchia*: On the Analogical Character of Heidegger's Ontology"
LUC-Marquette Phenomenology Workshop
Chicago IL, 18 October 2014

(3) "Life-World and Meaning: A Husserlian Response to Meillassoux's Arche-Fossil"
Response: Ben Norris
Romulus and Remus or Castor and Pollux? A Conference on Philosophy and the Sciences
The Thirteenth Annual Graduate Student Philosophy Conference
The New School for Social Research
New York NY, 11 April 2014

(2) "Early and Late Aquinas on the *Habitus* of Prophecy: A Departure from Avicenna?"
Aquinas and the Arabs Second On-Line International Live Video Graduate Student Workshop
Online, 13 March 2014

(1) "The Psychopathologist as Apophaticist: Irrationality in Karl Jaspers' Philosophy of Psychopathology"
Karl Jaspers Society of North America
XXIII World Congress of Philosophy
Athens, Greece, 8 August 2013

Comments:

(6) Response to Jake Jackson, "Existential Guilt and Depressive Responsibility"
Marquette University Graduate Philosophy Conference
Milwaukee WI, 24 March 2018

(5) Response to Tadahiro Oota, "Jakob Friedrich Fries' Conception of 'Critique of Reason'"
Marquette University Graduate Philosophy Conference
Milwaukee WI, 28 April 2017

(4) Response to Maria Doulatova, "Intentionalism and the Phenomenology of Mental Effort"
Main Session
113th Annual APA Eastern Division Meeting
Baltimore MD, 4 January 2017

(3) Response to Christopher Calvert-Minor, "Truth and Consciousness"
Wisconsin Philosophical Association Meeting
Eau Claire WI, 9 April 2016

(2) Response to Chris Hudspeth, "Moral Lagrangian Points"
Wisconsin Philosophical Association Meeting
Stevens Point WI, 11 April 2015

(1) Response to Hessam Dehgani, "Interpretation and Action: The Question of the Self or No-self in Derrida and Ricoeur"
Marquette University Graduate Philosophy Conference
Milwaukee WI, 28 March 2015

Guest Lectures:

(1) Guest Lecture on Karl Jaspers' Existentialism
PHIL 6690 – German Phenomenology and Existentialism
Dr. Sebastian Luft
Marquette University – Online – Microsoft Teams
16 November 2020

Public Talks:

(4) "Impactful Conversations"
Green Transition Forum – Youth Forum
Sofia Event Center
Sofia, Bulgaria, 5 June 2026

(3) "What does it Mean to be Irrational?
TEDx AUBG – Contours of Clarity
American University in Bulgaria
Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria, 4 April 2026

(2) Book Presentation of *Karl Jaspers' Theory of Irrationality: From Delusions to Worldviews*
Panitza Library Book Presentations & Readings Series
American University in Bulgaria
Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria 10 February 2026

(1) "What's so Irrational about Conspiracy Theories? A Jaspersian Account"
Philosophy Public Lecture
St. Thomas University
Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada, 8 January 2026

Scholarships and Awards:

(13) DAAD Short-Term Research Grant (Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst) (2019)
(12) Smith Family Fellowship (Marquette University) (2018)
(11) Graduate Student Travel Stipend (American Philosophical Association) (2018)
(10) Research Assistantship (Marquette University) (2013-2014)
(9) Fellow of the School of Graduate Studies (Memorial University) (2013)
(8) Dean's Award (Memorial University) (2011-2012)
(7) Graduate Fellowship (Memorial University) (2011-2012)
(6) Joseph-Armand-Bombardier Canada Master's Scholarship (Memorial University) (2011-2012)
(5) Mark Adams Prize for Philosophy in Fourth Year (St. Thomas University) (2011)
(4) Laurence Desmond Prize for Medieval History (St. Thomas University) (2010)
(3) Congregation of Notre Dame Prize for Highest Standing in Third Year Philosophy (St. Thomas University) (2009)
(2) Westminster Books Prize for Highest Standing in First Year Philosophy (St. Thomas University) (2008)
(1) Francis M. McLaughlin Scholarship (St. Thomas University) (2007-2011)

Professional Society Memberships:

(1) Karl Jaspers Society of North America (KJSNA) (2013-2024)

Peer-Reviewed For:

(1) Peter Lang Group
(2) *New Studies in the History and Historiography of Philosophy* (De Gruyter)
(3) *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly*
(4) *Acta Academica*

Service to the Community:

(14) 2025-2026 – Secretary for the Faculty Assembly – American University in Bulgaria
(13) 2024-2025 – Parliamentarian for the Faculty Assembly – American University in Bulgaria
(12) 2022-2024 – Sustainability Committee – American University in Bulgaria
(11) 2021-2024 – Human Subjects Review Committee – American University in Bulgaria
(10) 2019-2021 – Leader and organizer of local philosophy reading groups for non-philosophers
(9) 2016-17 – Organizer for the Karl Jaspers Society of North America meeting, *Jaspers, Reason, and the Understanding*, held in conjunction with the Central APA
(8) 2016-18 – Graduate Student Representative for Marquette's University Financial Planning and Review Committee (UFPRC)
(7) 2016-17 – Philosophy Representative for the Graduate Student Organization
(6) 2016-18 – Vice-Director for the Philosophy Graduate Student Association
(5) 2016 – Organizer for the MU Kierkegaard Reading Group
(4) 6-9 January 2016 – Volunteer for 112th APA Eastern Division Meeting
(3) 2014-17 – Co-Organizer for the Marquette University Graduate Student Conference
(2) 2014 – Organizer for the Second Annual Aquinas and the Arabs Graduate Conference http://academic.mu.edu/taylorr/Aquinas_and_the_Arabs/Grad_Student_Workshops.html
(1) 2010-11 – President of the St. Thomas University Philosophy Society

Referees:

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