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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2025– Professor of Philosophy: University of West Georgia
- 2020–25 Associate Professor of Philosophy: University of West Georgia
- 2016–20 Assistant Professor of Philosophy: University of West Georgia
- 2014–16 Lecturer of Philosophy: University of West Georgia
- 2009–14 Adjunct: Drexel, Immaculata, Neumann, Rowan, and Villanova Universities
- 2005–6 Foreign Language Assistant: Lycée Pierre Forest, Maubeuge, France z

EDUCATION

- 2014 Ph.D. Philosophy, Villanova University z
- 2009 M.A. Philosophy, Villanova University
- 2005 B.A. Religion, Florida State University—Honors Program (*Summa*) z

RESEARCH AREAS

- A.O.S. Ancient Philosophy; Continental Philosophy
- A.O.C. History of Philosophy; Philosophy of Religion; Ethics; Aesthetics
- Language English [NATIVE]; French [FLUENT]; Ancient Greek [READING]; German [READING]

ACADEMIC PUBLICATION

Work-in-Progress

- CONTRACTED *Imagination and Truth* (under contract w/ Bloomsbury). [ACADEMIC BOOK]

Book Published

- 2017 *The Emerging Good in Plato's Philebus* (Northwestern UP). [ACADEMIC BOOK] z
 - Reviewed by D. Hoinski in *Ancient Philosophy* 40 (1), 2020. z
 - Reviewed by S. Ogihara in *The Classical Review* 68 (2), 2018. z
 - Reviewed by M. Korngut in *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2018.09.28, 2018. z
 - Reviewed by C. Smith in *Ancient Philosophy* 38 (2), 2018. z
 - Previewed in "Early Career Research Spotlight," *Blog of the APA*, September 23, 2016. z
 - Partial draft of Ch. 3 privately circulated in *SAGP Newsletter* 14 (1), 2013.

Articles/Chapters Published/Accepted

- ACCEPTED "An Institution of Waiting: Capital Punishment in Weil and Camus," in *Re-Thinking Political Crisis and Collapse: Hannah Arendt and Simone Weil*, eds. A. Calcagno & M. Yenson (Bloomsbury Academic, forthcoming). [EDITED BOOK CHAPTER]
- 2025 "Learning from Imagination: Proclus in Dialogue with a Contemporary Debate," *The Southern Journal of Philosophy* (online first). [PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLE] z
- 2024 "The Imaginal World and the Orientation of Perception: Henry Corbin and the French Phenomenological Context," *The Journal of Religion* 104, 1. [PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLE] z

- 2024 w/ Christopher P. Noble, “Possibility or Necessity? On Robert Watt’s ‘Bergson on Number’,” *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* 32, 1. [PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLE] [Z](#)
- 2023 “Foreword” and “Translators’ Notes” in Castoriadis, *Greek Imaginary*, full reference below. [TRANSLATION INTRODUCTION] [Z](#)
- 2020 “Creative Discovery: Proclus and Plato on the Emergence of Scientific Precision,” *Epoché: A Journal for the History of Philosophy* 24, 2. [PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLE] [Z](#)
- Partial draft privately circulated in *SAGP Newsletter* 19 (3), 2019.
- 2019 “Foreword” and “Translators’ Notes” in Castoriadis, *Democracy*, full reference below. [TRANSLATION INTRODUCTION] [Z](#)
- 2019 “Creativity and Historical Non-Being in Nikulin’s *The Concept of History*,” *Existenz* 14, 1. [INVITED ARTICLE] [Z](#)
- Reply by D. Nikulin published in *Existenz* 14 (1), Spring 2019. [Z](#)
- 2017 “Thinking Beyond Identity: Numbers and the Identity of Indiscernibles in Plato and Proclus,” *Idealistic Studies* 47, 1/2. [PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLE] [Z](#)
- 2017 “Gadamer and the Lessons of Arithmetic in Plato’s *Hippias Major*,” *META: Research in Hermeneutics, Phenomenology, and Practical Philosophy* 9, 1. [PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLE] [Z](#)
- 2011 “Cornelius Castoriadis,” *Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*; revised 2015. [PEER-REVIEWED ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRY] [Z](#)

Book Reviews Published

- 2023 “Review of: Elena Partene and Dimitri El Murr, eds. *Kant et Platon: lectures, confrontations, héritages*,” *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2023.03.11. [BOOK REVIEW] [Z](#)
- 2018 “Review of: Saulius Geniusas and Dmitri Nikulin, eds., *Productive Imagination: Its History, Meaning and Significance*,” *Phenomenological Reviews* 4, 8/10. [BOOK REVIEW] [Z](#)
- 2017 “Review of: Dmitri Nikulin, *The Concept of History: How Ideas are Constituted, Transmitted and Interpreted*,” *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2017.08.48. [BOOK REVIEW] [Z](#)
- 2014 “Review of: Luc Brisson and Francesco Fronterotta, eds., *Lire Platon*,” *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2014.09.44. [BOOK REVIEW] [Z](#)
- 2014 “Review of: David Wolfsdorf, *Pleasure in Ancient Greek Philosophy*,” *Ancient Philosophy* 34, 2. [BOOK REVIEW] [Z](#)
- 2012 “Review of: Suzi Adams, *Castoriadis’s Ontology: Being and Creation*,” *Journal of the British Society for Phenomenology* 44, 2. [BOOK REVIEW] [Z](#)
- 2010 “Review of: Giorgio Agamben, *The Signature of All Things: On Method*,” *Continental Philosophy Review* 43, 4. [BOOK REVIEW] [Z](#)

Translations Published

- 2023 Cornelius Castoriadis, *The Greek Imaginary: From Homer to Heraclitus*, co-trans. w/ María-Constanza Garrido Sierralta, (Edinburgh UP), 336 pp. [Z](#)
- Reviewed by J. Árnason in *The International Journal of Social Imaginaries*, 2024. [Z](#)
- Reviewed by S. Adams in *European Journal of Cultural and Political Sociology*, 2024. [Z](#)
- Reviewed by J. Gerbasi in *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2024.01.10, 2024. [Z](#)
- Reviewed by G.P. Bifis et al. in *Conatus: Journal of Philosophy* 8 (1), 2023. [Z](#)
- Reviewed by J. Enslin in *Theoria: A Journal of Social and Political Theory* 70 (175), 2023. [Z](#)

- 2019 Cornelius Castoriadis, *Democracy and Relativism: A Debate* (Rowman & Littlefield), 144 pp. [z](#)
- 2017 Gabriel Rockhill, “Are We Really Living in a Technological Era?”; and “What Is the Use of Democracy? Urgency of an Inappropriate Question,” in *Counter-History of the Present: Untimely Interrogations into Globalization, Technology, Democracy* (Duke UP). [z](#)
- 2014 Giorgio Agamben, “For an Ethics of the Cinema”; and “Cinema and History: On Jean-Luc Godard,” in *Cinema and Agamben: Ethics, Biopolitics and the Moving Image*, ed. Asbjorn Gronstad and Henrik Gustafsson, co-trans. w/, Colin Williamson (Bloomsbury). [z](#)
- 2011 Immanuel Wallerstein, “The Present in the Light of the *Longue Durée*”; and Alfredo Gomez-Müller and Gabriel Rockhill, “Critical Theory Today: Politics, Ethics, Culture,” in *The Politics of Culture and the Spirit of Critique*, ed. Gabriel Rockhill and Alfredo Gomez-Müller (Columbia UP). [z](#)
- 2011 Cornelius Castoriadis, *Postscript on Insignificance: Dialogues with Cornelius Castoriadis*, co-trans. with Gabriel Rockhill (Continuum), 160 pp. [z](#)
 - Reviewed by N. Andonovski in *Identities: Journal for Politics, Gender, and Culture*, 2011. [z](#)
 - Ch. 1 translated with the Villanova French Translation Workshop and published in *Epoché* 15 (1), 2010. [z](#)

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

Research Conference Talks

- 2024 “Susanne Langer and the Question of Vocabulary for the Arts,” *Southern Aesthetics Workshop*, Auburn University, Auburn, AL, November.
- 2024 “Imagination, Belief, and an Ethics of Disclosure,” *Department of Philosophy Colloquium Series*, University of Maine, Orono, ME, April. [INVITED]
- 2023 “The Proclean Background of Henry Corbin’s *Mundus Imaginalis*,” *Invention and Imagination*, Lisbon, Portugal, online, December.
- 2022 “The Melian Dialogue in Weil and Castoriadis,” *Radical Philosophy Association*, Jacksonville, FL, November.
- 2022 “The Imaginal World and the Orientation of Perception: Henry Corbin and the Phenomenological Context,” *Southeastern Association for Continental Philosophy*, Sarasota, FL, April.
- 2021 “Catharsis in Aristotle’s *Poetics*,” *Cathartic History Conference*, Carrollton, GA, online, February. [INVITED]
- 2020 “An Institution of Waiting: Simone Weil, Albert Camus, and the Death Penalty,” *Rethinking Responses to Political Crisis and Collapse: Hannah Arendt, Edith Stein, Rosa Luxemburg, & Simone Weil*, London, ON, March.
- 2019 “Creativity and Historical Non-Being in Nikulin’s *The Concept of History*,” *Karl Jaspers Society of North America*, Denver, February. [INVITED]
 - Video recording of ‘Author Meets Critics’ panel with D. Nikulin, J. Bernstein, J. Garner, A. Graves, and S. Tanner. [z](#)
- 2018 “Proclus and Plato on the Source of Precision in the Sciences” (draft), *12th London Ancient Science Conference*, London, GB, February 2018; and (revised) *Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy*, Denver, February 2019.
- 2017 “Number Forms and the Identity of Indiscernibles in Plato and Proclus,” *11th London Ancient Science Conference*, London, GB, February.

- 2015 “Non-realist Goods in Plato’s Realist Moral Philosophy,” *International Plato Society*, Atlanta, March.
- 2013 “Pure Pleasure as a Paradigm of Good Becoming in Plato’s *Philebus*,” *Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy*, Baltimore, December.
- 2013 “Pleasure as an ‘Emergent Cause’ in Plato’s *Philebus*,” *University of Pennsylvania Ancient Philosophy Workshop*, Philadelphia, May.
- 2013 “The Intrinsic Goodness of Pure Pleasure,” *Pennsylvania Circle of Ancient Philosophy*, Pittsburgh, March.
- 2012 “The Lesson of the Arithmetical Example: Two Readings of Plato’s *Hippias Major* 299ff,” *Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy*, New York, October.
- 2012 “Plato the Democrat: The Academy and Dialogues as ‘Democratic Institutions of Self-Critique’,” *Radical Philosophy Association*, Buffalo, October.
- 2012 “Refutation by Possibility: H.-G. Gadamer’s Interpretation of the *Hippias Major*,” *Comparative and Continental Philosophy Circle*, San Diego, May.
- 2007 “The Realm of Justice and the Dialectic of Master and Slave,” *Northeastern Political Science Association*, Philadelphia, November.

Conference Responses

- 2025 “Response to R. Pomey, ‘Marcel Proust on Impressions’,” *Southern Aesthetics Workshop*, Athens, GA, September.
- 2021 “Response to C. Smith, ‘On Causal Priority and the Dramatic Date of Plato’s *Cratylus*’,” *APA Central*, online, February.
- 2018 “Response to P. d’Hoine, ‘Proclus on Self Predication’,” *Ancient Philosophy Society*, Atlanta, April.
- 2014 “Response to E. Strevell, ‘Remembering as Assimilation in Aristotle’s *De Memoria*’,” *Penn. Circle of Ancient Philosophy*, Villanova, PA, March.
- 2010 “Response to J. Wolfe, ‘*Psuchê, Aretê, Phusis*’,” *Villanova Annual Conference in Philosophy*, Villanova, PA, April.
- 2009 “Response to P. Armstrong, ‘Jean-Luc Nancy’s Reticulated Ontology’,” *Villanova Annual Conference in Philosophy*, Villanova, PA, April.
- 2008 “Response to A. Frankowski, ‘Unearthing the Problem of Temporality and Intersubjectivity as the Ground of Husserl’s Phenomenology’,” *Villanova Annual Conference in Philosophy*, Villanova, PA, March.

OTHER APPEARANCES

General Public Talks

- 2020 “Socratic Dialogue,” *WGPS* (student org.), Carrollton, GA, October.
- 2017 “Rethinking Work,” w/ Dr. J. Donohoe, *The Other Night School at UWG Newnan*, Newnan, GA, February; also presented in Palmetto, GA, May.
- 2017 “Rethinking the Body,” w/ Dr. J. Donohoe, *The Other Night School at UWG Newnan*, Newnan, GA, February.
- 2016 “Plato’s Hatred of Democracy?” *WGPS* (student org.), Carrollton, GA, March.

Participant

- 2025– Ancient Imagination Reading Group (w/ Dr. U. Tooming, et al.), online.
- 2020– Aesthetics Reading Group (w/ Drs. C. Ruth, J. Dyck, et al.), online (biweekly).
- 2022–25 The Gadamer Reading Group (org. Dr. D. Vessey), online (multiple per year).
- 2022 The *Telos* Student Seminar (org. Dr. M. Weiner), online (x2).
- 2017 9th Emory IHP Workshop (org. Dr. S. Bredlau), Atlanta, GA.
- 2016 13th Toronto Summer Seminar (org. Dr. J. Russon), Toronto, ON.
- 2012–14 Ethics Faculty Workshops (org. Dr. M. Doorley), Villanova, PA (multiple).
- 2013 Catholic Social Teaching Workshop (org. Dr. B. Wall), Villanova, PA.
- 2013 Workshop on Democracy and Politics (org. Dr. J. Russon), Philadelphia, PA.
- 2008 *Atelier de Théorie Critique* (org. Dr. G. Rockhill), Paris, France.

AWARDS, GRANTS, OR RECOGNITIONS

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- 2025 Nominee (as part of PHIL Program) for Best Program in Teaching, USG Regents Awards, University of West Georgia
 - 2025 Nominee for PAAA Faculty Partnership Award, University Advising, University of West Georgia
 - 2022 Recognized by Faculty Tribute Series, College of Arts, Culture, and Scientific Inquiry, University of West Georgia
 - 2020–21 Recipient of Faculty Research Grant, ORSP, University of West Georgia
 - 2017–18 Recipient of SRAP Grant, Student Work Advisory Committee, University of West Georgia (with major María-Constanza Garrido Sierralta)
 - 2007–14 Recipient of Graduate Travel Grants (multiple), School of Arts and Sciences, Villanova University
 - 2014 Beneficiary of Course Design Grant (‘Philosophy of the Social Venture’), Department of Missions Effectiveness, Villanova University
 - 2013 Recipient of James Harvey Teaching Award, Philosophy Department, Villanova University
 - 2012 Recipient of John G. Tich Research Award, Philosophy Department, Villanova University
 - 2012 Recipient of Summer Research Fellowship, School of Arts and Sciences, Villanova University
 - 2006–10 Recipient of Graduate Fellowship, Philosophy Department, Villanova University

COURSES TAUGHT (RECENT UNIQUE TYPES; 3/3 LOAD)

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- 2025 Philosophy of Imagination PHIL 4385
 - 2025 Ancient Philosophy PHIL 3100
 - 2025 Critical Thinking PHIL 2020
 - 2024 Philosophies of Art & Beauty (18th–19th Century) PHIL 3110
 - 2024 Existentialism PHIL 3140

- 2023 Introduction to Philosophy PHIL 2010
- 2022 Philosophy of Religion PHIL 4230
- 2020 Medieval to Early Modern Philosophy PHIL 3105

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES (SELECTION)

Service to the University [USG-, UWG-, COLLEGE-, SCHOOL- or PROGRAM-level]

- 2025– SCH: Undergraduate Teaching Assistantship Pilot Program
- 2024– COL: Honors Faculty Advisory Committee
- 2024– SCH: School of Humanities Advisory Committee
- 2023– USG: Board of Regents Advisory Committee for Philosophy and Religion
- 2019– UWG: Gen. Ed. Assessment Committee: Core Assessor Areas I, A, and S
- 2018– COL: Executive Committee: Chair (2021–23); Associate Chair (2020–21)
- 2016– PROG: Philosophy News and Course Brochure Editor
- 2014– PROG: Faculty Committee and Student Mentor (2016–)
- 2024–25 COL: Teagle Grant Application Committee: Philosophy Liaison
- 2023–25 PROG: Program Coordinator for Philosophy
- 2024 SCH: Ad Hoc Committee for BA Revision
- 2023–24 UWG: Faculty Mentoring Program: Mentor (Dr. M. Chiddo)
- 2018–24 UWG: Interfaith Council: Panelist (2018); Board Member (2019–24)
- 2017–24 COL: ‘School of the Arts’ Advisory Committee (2017–20; 2021–24)
- 2017–23 PROG: Student Org. Sponsor: West Georgia Philosophical Society (2017–23); Phi Sigma Tau (2023); Secular Student Society (2020–21)
- 2022 PROG: Post-Tenure Review Committees (x2)
- 2018–20 COL: College Theme Year Committee
- 2017–19 UWG: UPC–CHIP Subcommittee: Records-keeper (2018–19)
- 2018 COL: XIDS Humanities Pathway Course: Co-designer (w/ Dr. A. Cuomo)
- 2015–17 COL: Online Learning Subcommittee

Service to the Profession

- 2010– Article Referee: *Distinktion: Journal of Social Theory* (2024); *Dialogue: Canadian Philosophy Review* (2021); *Symposium: Canadian Journal of Continental Philosophy* (2020); *Ancient Philosophy Today: Dialogoi* (2020); *Apeiron: A Journal for Ancient Philosophy and Science* (2019); *Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (2018, 2011); *Polis: The Journal for Ancient Greek Political Thought* (2018); *Journal of Speculative Philosophy* (2017); *Journal of Value Inquiry* (2017); *Ancient Philosophy* (2015); *Radical Philosophy Review* (2015); *Epoché: A Journal for the History of Philosophy* (2011, 2010)
- 2017– Book Referee: Lexington Books (2022, full book); Rowman & Littlefield International (2018, proposal only); SUNY Press (2017, full book)

- 2022 External Reappointment Referee: The New School for Social Research

Service to the Community

- 2019– National High School Ethics Bowl, West Georgia Regional, Judge (x5) *z*
- 2017–21 Georgia Ancient Philosophy Seminar, Co-organizer (x4) *z*
- 2020 Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl, National Championship Judge *z*

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- Other Drs. S. Bredlau; A. Calcagno; J. Donohoe; A. Feldman; L. Grams; C. Ionescu; R. Kellison; R. Lane; D. Nikulin; W. Riker; J. Russon; T. Tuozzo; D. Vessey; et al.