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Curriculum vitae

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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Haverford College, Visiting Assistant Professor, 2017-present Grinnell College, Assistant Professor, 2014-2017 Haverford College, Visiting Assistant Professor, 2010-2014 Rowan University, Visiting Assistant Professor, 2007-2010 Temple University, Instructor, 2005-2006

DEGREES

PhD, Philosophy, Villanova University, 2006 BA, Philosophy, Seattle Pacific University, 1998 *Summa Cum Laude*, Honors College Co-Valedictorian

RESEARCH AREAS

Research Specializations (AOS): Continental Philosophy, Political Economy, Critical Theory

Research Competencies (AOC): Aesthetics, Ethics, Philosophy of Religion

MONOGRAPHS

- Politics of Divination: Neoliberal Endgame and the Religion of Contingency, Rowman and Littlefield, Intl., 2016
- Deleuze hermético. Filosofia y prueba espiritual. [Spanish translation of The Hermetic Deleuze]. Trans. Juan Salzano. Editions Las Cuarenta, 2016
- *The Hermetic Deleuze: Philosophy and Spiritual Ordeal*, Duke University Press, 2012

EDITED VOLUMES

Speculation, Heresy, and Gnosis in Contemporary Philosophy of Religion: The

Enigmatic Absolute, Rowman and Littlefield, Intl., 2016, co-edited with Matthew Haar Farris

Spiritual Politics After Deleuze: SubStance 39.2, 2010, co-edited with Paul Harris.

TRANSLATION

François Laruelle, Non-Philosophical Mysticism for Today's Use, Palgrave-Macmillan Press, forthcoming, with Edward Kazarian.

ESSAYS

- "Divination et Dualyse," in *La philosophie non-standard de François Laruelle*, Éditions Classiques Garnier, forthcoming.
- "Deleuze and Guattari's Machinic Animism" Deleuze and the Schizoanalysis of Religion, Eds. Schutz & Powell-Jones, Bloomsbury Publishing, 2016
- "Neoliberalism as a Political Theology of Chance: The Politics of Divination" *Palgrave Communications*, Ed. Michael Grimshaw, <http://www.palgrave-journals.com/palcomms/article-collections/radicaltheologies>, December 2015.
- "Contingency Without Unreason: Speculation After Meillassoux," Angelaki: A Journal of Theoretical Humanities 19.1, 2014
- "The Physics of Sense: Bruno, Schelling, and Deleuze," *Gilles Deleuze and Metaphysics*, Eds. Beaulieu, Kazarian & Sushytska, Lexington Books, 2014, co-authored with Daniel Whistler
- "Sophia Within, Without Sophia, Wither Sophia: A Commentary on Philip K. Dick," *Glossator, Vol. 8: The Mystical Text: Black Clouds Course Through Me Unending*, Spring 2013, co-authored with Aron Dunlap
- "Ceremonial Contingencies and the Ambiguous Rites of Freedom," Žižek Now: Current Perspectives in Žižek Studies," Ed. Jamil Kader, Polity Press, 2013
- "Learning the Uncanny," *Deleuze and Education*, Ed. Masny and Semetsky, Edinburgh University Press, 2013
- "Protocols of Surrender: Stammering Along the Gothic Line," *Sonic Bibles: A Radical Theologies Mix Tape*, Ed. Mike Grimshaw, Palgrave Macmillan, 2013

- "The Justice of Non-Philosophy," *Laruelle and Non-Philosophy*, Eds. John Mullarkey and Anthony Paul Smith, Edinburgh University Press, 2012
- "Jung's Psychology and Deleuze's Philosophy: The Unconscious in Learning" *Educational Philosophy and Theory* 44.1, 2012, co-authored with Inna Semetsky
- "Educating Gnosis/Making a Difference," *Policy Futures in Education* 9.4, 2011, coauthored with Inna Semetsky
- "Introduction" and "Deleuze, Guattari, and the 'Politics of Sorcery'," *SubStance* 39.2, 2010
- "Grotesque Normals: Cronenberg's Recent Men and Women," *Discourse* 32.3, 2010, co-authored with Aron Dunlap
- "Lost Magic: The Hidden Radiance of *Negative Dialectics*," *Radical Philosophy Review* 11.2, 2010
- "Sublime Comedy: On the Inhuman Rights of Clowns," SubStance 39.2, 2010
- "Spooky Noises: Ghosts in the Music Machine of Paul D. Miller (aka DJ Spooky)," *Journal of Cultural and Religious Theory* 10.3, 2010
- "Supernatural Capital: A Note on Žižek's and Milbank's *The Monstrosity of Christ*," *Political Theology* 11.1, 2010
- "The Idol as Icon: Andy Warhol's Material Faith," *Angelaki: A Journal of Theoretical Humanities* 12.1, 2007
- "Opera, For Example: A Preface to Žižek's 'Why Wagner is Worth Saving'," *Philosophy and Scripture* 2.1, 2004
- "On Divine Self-Limitation and Revolutionary Love: An Interview with Slavoj Žižek," *Philosophy and Scripture* 1.2, 2004

REVIEW ESSAYS

- Review of Adam Kotsko, The Prince of this World, in Symposium: Journal of the Canadian Society for Continental Philosophy, forthcoming
- "Comments on Henry Somers-Hall, Hegel, Deleuze, and the Critique of Representation: Dialectics of Negation and Difference," Philosophy Today

59.4, Fall 2015

- Review of Daniel Colucciello Barber, *Deleuze and the Naming of God: Postsecularism and the Future of Immanence*, Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews, August, 2014
- "Desire at the Encounter: Nathan Widder's Micropolitical Deleuze," *Comparative* and Continental Philosophy 5.2, 2013
- "Becoming in Signs" (Review of Inna Semetsky, *Deleuze, Education, and Becoming*), *The Semiotic Review of Books* 19.2, 2010
- "Without Art: Peter Hallward's Out of This World: Deleuze and the Philosophy of Creation," Journal of Cultural and Religious Theory 8.3, 2007

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Catalogue Essay, "Problemy" exhibition by Steven and Billy Blase-Dufala, Cantor Fitzgerald Gallery, Haverford College, 2010

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, & HONORS

Marisco Visiting Scholar, University of Denver, April 2018

Seminar Participant, "Marx, Capital, and the Madness of Economic Reason, with David Harvey," Institute for Critical Social Inquiry, The New School for Social Research, June 11-17 2017

Inaugural Writer-In-Residence, Craigardan Residencies in Studio, Culinary, Agricultural, and Intellectual Arts, Keene, NY, July-August, 2017

Invited Instructor, Deleuze Studies Camp, University of Amsterdam, July 2010

Curator and Director, "Transforming Illusions: A Symposium on Magic and Modern Theatre," Princeton University, Grant from the David A. Gardner '69 Magic Project, October, 2006

John Tich Memorial Award for Excellence in Research, Villanova University Department of Philosophy, October, 2006

Pew Charitable Trust, Pew Younger Scholar, Seminar in Hermeneutics and Deconstruction, Merold Westphal, Director, Notre Dame University, May, 1998

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, SEMINARS, AND LECTURES

"Can Political Theology Still be Western?"

Re-envisioning Religious Studies as a Global Discipline, University of Denver, November 15-16, 2018

"Money, Debt, and Capital in *Anti-Oedipus*" Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, October 18-20, 2018

- "Politics of Divination: Neoliberal Endgame and the Religion of Contingency" Marisco Visiting Scholar Lecture, University of Denver, April 12, 2018
- "Why Don't Academics Do Solidarity?" University of Illinois-Chicago United Faculty Union, March 13, 2018
- "Money, Debt, and Power" MCM: Money, Control, Metamorphosis Symposium, Duke University, November 3, 2017
- "Who's Afraid Of Neoliberalism?" Instructor, Graduate Seminar, Global Center for Advanced Study, June 2017
- "Holism and Chance: Markets and Meaning Under Neoliberalism" Invited Seminar Participant, International Holism Conference, Essex, UK September 4-10, 2017
- "Politics of Divination: Neoliberal Endgame and the Religion of Contingency" Global Center for Advanced Study, 3rd Annual Conference, "Practicing Intellectual Resistance," Maribor, Slovenia, July 1-2, 2017
- "Political Economy and Diagrammatic Reasoning," seminar co-instructor with Rocco Gangle, Global Center for Advanced Study, Maribor, Slovenia, June 26-30, 2017
- "Politics of Divination: Neoliberal Endgame and the Religion of Contingency" Book Talk, Grinnell College, Grinnell, IA February 16, 2017
- "Derivatives and Divination: Contesting the Oracles of Finance Power" European Society for Literature, Science, and the Arts, Stockholm, Sweden, June 14-17, 2016
- "Money and Metaphysics" Invited Lecture, "Theorizing at Rowan," Rowan University, Glassboro, NJ, October 28, 2015

"On Neoliberal Political Theology"

Invited Lecture, Johns Hopkins University Program in Moral and Political Thought, Baltimore, MD, October 1, 2015

- "Chance, Risk, and Divination: Toward a Neoliberal Political Theology," Invited Participant, "New Political Materials," American Comparative Literature Association, Seattle, WA, March 2015
- "Politics of Divination: Neoliberal Endgame and the Religion of Contingency," Invited Lecture, Department of Comparative Literature, New York University, November 2014
- "Remarks on Henry Somers-Hall's Hegel, Deleuze, and the Critique of Representation: Dialectics of Negation and Difference," Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, New Orleans, October 2014
- "Divination and Dualysis," La Philosophie non-standard de François Laruelle, Centre Culturel International de Cerisy, September 2014
- "Politics of Divination: Neoliberal Endgame and the Religion of Contingency," Invited Lecture, Royal Holloway, London, July 2014
- "François Laruelle's *Non-Philosophical Mysticism for Today*: Report on a Translation," Association for Continental Philosophy of Religion, Liverpool Hope University, July 2014
- "Deleuze and the Early Avant-Garde: Spiritual Materialism and the Spatial 4th Dimension," Invited Lecture, University of Amsterdam, June 2014
- "Economies of Excess in Nietzsche, Bataille, and Deleuze: Surplus, Chance, Divination," Invited Lecture, Grinnell College, February 2014
- "Neoliberal Endgame as Economic Theodicy," Value at Risk Seminar, George Washington University, November 2013.
- Response to Megan Craig, "Material Tendencies," Symposium on Interdisciplinary Philosophy, Greater Philadelphia Philosophy Consortium, October, 2013.
- "Politics of Divination," Invited Lecture, Philosophy, Cosmology, and Consciousness Forum, California Institute for Integral Studies, August, 2013.
- "Debt, Violence, and Sovereignty," Invited Lecture, Theorizing At Rowan Series, Rowan University, March 2013.

- "Vico As Speculative Philosopher: Narrative, Divination, Metaphysics," Invited Lecture, The Oral History Center, Endicott College, Feburary, 2013.
- "Materialism, Theology, and Politics after Crockett and Robbins," North American Association for the Study of Religion, November, 2012.
- "Contingency and Actuality: A Response to Meillassoux,"Association for Continental Philosophy of Religion, Liverpool Hope University, July, 2012.
- "Contingency and Divination in Deleuze," Deleuze Studies Conference, New Orleans, LA, June, 2012.
- "Learning the Uncanny," Invited Lecture, New Jersey Society for Classical Humanities, Stockton College, September, 2011.
- "It's All in the Music: Speculations on a Prophetic Medium," Invited Lecture, Department of Philosophy, Rhodes College, April, 2011.
- "Does the Actual Reduce to the Possible? On Not Quite Understanding Meillassoux's *After Finitude*," Postmodernism, Culture, and Religion 4: The Future of Continental Philosophy of Religion, April, 2011.
- "Regimes of Signs: Deleuze, Guattari, and the Politics of Language," Invited Lecture, Swarthmore College, October, 2010.
- "Deleuze on Symbolic Knowledge," 3rd International Deleuze Studies Conference, July, 2010.
- "On Context: The Hermetic Tradition and Modern Philosophy," American Academy of Religion, November, 2009.
- "Historicism and Aesthetics: The Case of Jacques Rancière," Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, October 2009.
- "Rumor Has It: Plato's Other Politics of Truth," New Jersey Soceity for Classical Humanities, Stockton College, October, 2009.
- "Undeath or Resurrection? Žižek and Milbank's *The Monstrosity of Christ* and the Problem of Preternatural Life," Towards a Philosophy of Life: Rethinking the Concept of Life in Continental Philosophy of Religion. Liverpool Hope University, June, 2009.
- "Strange Ideas: Deleuze and the Overturning of Platonism," Invited Paper, Faculty Colloquium, Rowan University, April, 2009.

- "Love Uncanny: *The Birds* Retells a Freudian Tale," American Society for Aesthetics Eastern Division. Philadelphia, April 2009, & 2nd Annual Art and Philosophy Conference, SUNY Stony Brook—Manhattan, March 2009.
- Response to Ira Newman, "On the Road with Oedipus," American Society for Aesthetics, Eastern Division, April, 2009.
- "The Occult Limit of Negative Dialectics," Eighth Biennial Radical Philosophy Conference, San Francisco State University, November, 2008.
- "Immanent Spirits: Deleuze's Hermetic Materialism," American Academy of Religion, Chicago, IL, November, 2008.
- "Spiritual Knowledge of Matter in Bruno's *Heroic Frenzies*," International Patristics, Medieval, and Renaissance Studies Conference, Villanova University, October, 2008.
- "The Politics of Sorcery," 1st International Deleuze Studies Conference. University of Cardiff, August, 2008.
- "Comic Passions: Cronenberg and the Subversion of Tragic Heroism," The Grotesque and the Sublime in Contemporary Culture: 2008 Religion and Literature Forum, LeMoyne College, April, 2008.
- Moderator, Current Research Session, Peter Hallward's *Out of this World*: *Deleuze and the Philosophy of Creation*, Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, November, 2007.
- "Feral Christ: Bruno's Animist Incarnations," International Patristics, Medieval, and Renaissance Studies Conference, October, 2007.
- Response to Bill Frissoli's "The Occult Object: Genre as Modernist Critique in HP Lovecraft," American Society for Aesthetics, April, 2007.
- "Versions of *Antigone*: Hegel, Lacan, Butler," New Jersey Society for the Classical Humanities, February, 2007.
- "Has Selma Seen It All? Visibility and Ethics in Lars von Trier's *Dancer in the Dark*," Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy. October, 2005.
- "Hysterically Visible: Andy Warhol's Politics of Enjoyment," International Association for Word and Image Studies, September, 2005.

"The Example of Slavoj Žižek," New Jersey Regional Philosophical Association. March, 2005.

"'He worked it out in his spare time': Gilles Deleuze and the Construct of Film's Mental Image in Alfred Hitchcock's *Vertigo*," American Society for Aesthetics Eastern Division Meeting, April, 2002.

UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE

Assessment Committee, Grinnell College, 2016-2017 Humanities Center Advisory Board, Grinnell College, 2016-2017 Early Career Faculty Co-Coordinator, Grinnell College, 2016-2017 Director, "Thinking in Images: Diagrams Across the Divisions," Inaugural Transdivisional Symposium, Hurford Center for Arts and Humanities, Haverford College, April 2012. Coordinator and Seminar Participant, "Humans, Desire, Society," Inaugural Customs Week Transdivisional Faculty-Student Seminar, Hurford Center for Arts and Humanities, Haverford College, August 2011. Faculty Transdivisional Activities Coordinator, Hurford Center for Arts and Humanities, Haverford College, 2011-2012. Faculty Advisor, *The Haverford Journal*, Haverford College, 2011-2012. Faculty Advisor, "Capital Futures" Reading Group, Hurford Center for Arts and Humanities, Haverford College, 2011. Faculty Advisor, First Annual Haverford Philosophy Conference, Fall 2010. Department Library Liaison, Rowan University Department of Philosophy and Religion, 2007-2010.

EDITORIAL POSITIONS

Co-Editor, Radical Philosophy & Theology Series, Palgrave-Macmillan Press, 2011-Present.

Assistant Editor, *Epoche: A Journal for the History of Philosophy*, 2001-2002.

LANGUAGES

French, German, and Spanish for reading and translation

MEMBERSHIPS IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

American Philosophical Association Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy American Society for Aesthetics American Academy of Religion

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

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