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Employment

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| 2021– | Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy
University of Toronto |
| 2018–2021 | Assistant Professor, Program of Liberal Studies
Faculty Member, Program in History and Philosophy of Science
Concurrent Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy
Fellow, Medieval Institute
University of Notre Dame |
| 2017–2018 | Assistant Professor, Program of Liberal Studies
Concurrent Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy
Fellow, Medieval Institute
University of Notre Dame |
| 2016–2017 | Assistant Professor, Program of Liberal Studies
University of Notre Dame |
| 2013–2016 | Postdoctoral Fellow, Michigan Society of Fellows,
University of Michigan |
| Summer 2012 | Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy
Al-Quds University, Abu Dis, West Bank, Palestine |
| 2010–2011 | Visiting Researcher, Archives Husserl de Paris
École Normale Supérieure |

Education

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| 2013 | Ph.D., Humanities
Johns Hopkins University, Humanities Center |
| 2010–2011 | École Normale Supérieure |

2010	Département de Philosophie M.A., Philosophy Johns Hopkins University, Department of Philosophy
2005	B.A., Comparative Literature, <i>summa cum laude</i> , University of Michigan, Department of Comparative Literature

Areas of Specialization

Phenomenology (principally Heidegger and French phenomenology)
Early modern philosophy and science (principally Descartes)
History of philosophy of science (principally scholastic Aristotelian, early modern, and phenomenological)

Major Grants & Fellowships

2022	Connaught New Researcher Award (\$20,000)
2013–2016	Postdoctoral Fellowship, Michigan Society of Fellows University of Michigan

Other Small Grants & Fellowships

2022	Tri-Council Bridge Funding
2021	SSHRC SIG Grant
2018	Institute for the Liberal Arts, Travel Grant University of Notre Dame
2011–2013	Leonard and Helen R. Stultman Fellowship in the Humanities Johns Hopkins University
2012	Dean's Teaching Fellowship Johns Hopkins University

Publications

Books

2023	<i>Descartes's Method: The Formation of the Subject of Science.</i> Oxford: Oxford University Press.
2016	<i>Quiet Powers of the Possible: Interviews in Contemporary French Phenomenology.</i> co-authored with W. Chris Hackett. Foreword by Richard Kearney. Fordham: Fordham University Press. Reviews: <i>Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews</i> <i>French Studies</i>

Edited Volumes

- 2023 [*Religion in Reason: Metaphysics, Politics, and Ethics in Hent de Vries*](#), co-edited with Martin Shuster. London: Routledge.

Articles

- 2022 ["Descartes' Deduction of the Law of Refraction and the Shape of the Anaclastic Lens in Rule 8."](#) *HOPOS: The Journal of the International Society for the History of Philosophy of Science* 12 (2): 395–446.
- 2020 ["The Origins of Cartesian Dualism."](#) *Journal of the American Philosophical Association* 6 (3): 335–352.
- 2020 ["Descartes' Method."](#) *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*.
- 2017 ["Finitude, Phenomenology, and Theology in Heidegger's *Sein und Zeit*."](#) *Harvard Theological Review* 110 (4): 476–494.
- 2015 ["Method, Practice, and the Unity of *Scientia* in Descartes's *Regulae*."](#) *Journal of Early Modern Studies* 4 (2): 93–110.
- 2010 "Wittgenstein, the Criticism of Philosophy, and Self-Knowledge," *European Journal of Pragmatism and American Philosophy* 2 (2): 35–40.

Book Chapters

- Forthcoming "Falque on Phenomenality." *Doing Philosophy of Religion with Emmanuel Falque*, ed. Pablo Irizar.
- Forthcoming "Descartes' Method," with Denis Kambouchner. *The Cartesian Mind*, ed. Jorge Secada and Cecilia Wee. New York: Routledge.
- 2020 ["*Auch für Gott: Finitude, Phenomenology, and Anthropology*."](#) *Phenomenology to the Letter: Husserl and Literature*, ed. Rochelle Tobias, Kristina Mendicino, and Philippe Haensler. Berlin: De Gruyter: 45–61.
- 2018 ["Extrinsic Denomination and the Origins of Modern Metaphysics: The Scholastic Context of Descartes' *Regulae*."](#) *The Ontology, Psychology, and Axiology of Habits (Habitus) in Medieval Philosophy*, ed. Nicolas Faucher and Magali Roques. Berlin: Springer: 385–403.

2016 “Givenness and the Basic Problems of Phenomenology.” *Words: Religious Language Matters*, ed. Asja Szafraniec et al., Fordham: Fordham University Press: 284–315.

Invited Publications

2020 [“Heidegger’s Concept of ‘Sense’ in *Being and Time*,”](#) *Crossing: The INPR Journal* 1 (1): 41–53.

Other Publications

Interviews

2012 “Les concepts fondamentaux de la phénoménologie. Entretien avec Claude Romano,” with W. Chris Hackett, *Journal of French and Francophone Philosophy* 20 (2): 173–202.

2012 “La phénoménologie et le concept de vie: Un entretien avec Renaud Barbaras,” with W. Chris Hackett, *Journal of French and Francophone Philosophy* 19 (2): 153–179.

Book Reviews

Forthcoming Emanuela Scribano, *Descartes in Context: Essays*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2023. Reviewed in *History of European Ideas*.

Forthcoming Emmanuel Falque, *Hors phénomène. Essai aux confins de la phénoménologie*. Paris: Les Éditions Hermann, 2021. Reviewed in *Crossings: INPR Review*.

2016 Jeremy Biles and Kent L. Brintnall, eds., *Negative Ecstasies: Georges Bataille and the Study of Religion*. Fordham: Fordham University Press 2015. Reviewed in *SCTIW Review*, September 1.

2016 Ahmed El Shamsy, *The Canonization of Islamic Law: A Social and Intellectual History*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2015. Reviewed in *SCTIW Review*, August 9.

2015 Rico Vitz, *Reforming the Art of Living: Nature, Virtue, and Religion in Descartes’ Epistemology*. Dordrecht: Springer, 2015. Reviewed in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, June 23.

2010 Martin Heidegger, *Logic: The Question of Truth*. Trans. Thomas Sheehan. Indianapolis: Indiana University Press. Reviewed in *Modern Language Notes* 125 (5): 1155–1158.

2008 Jacques Derrida, *Psyche: Inventions of the Other, Volume II*. Ed. Peggy Kamuf and Elizabeth Rottenberg. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2008. Reviewed in *Modern Language Notes* 123 (5): 1201–1204.

2007 Jacques Derrida, *Psyche: Inventions of the Other, Volume I*. Ed. Peggy Kamuf and Elizabeth Rottenberg. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2007. Reviewed in *Modern Language Notes* 122 (5): 1194–1198.

Translations

2018 Jean-Luc Marion, “Kenosis, Starting from the Trinity,” *An Apocalypse of Love: Essays in Honor of Cyril J. O’Regan*, ed. Jennifer Newsome Martin and Anthony C. Sciglitano, Jr. New York: Crossroads Publishing Company: 32–49.

2016 Françoise Dastur, “Phenomenology and Finitude,” *Quiet Powers of the Possible: Interviews in Contemporary French Phenomenology*, ed. Tarek R. Dika and W. Chris Hackett. Fordham: Fordham University Press: 176–188.

Invited Talks & Seminars

Early Modern Philosophy & Science

2018 Seminar on the Cambridge manuscript of Descartes’ *Rules for the Direction of the Mind*, organized by Daniel Garber, Institut d’études avancées de Paris, April 19–20.

2016 “Enumeration and the Definition of Problems in Descartes’ *Regulae*,” Franco-American Workshop in Early Modern Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, Princeton University, May 20.

2016 “Descartes and the Practical Subject of Science,” University of Memphis, Department of Philosophy, February 12 (Job Talk).

2016 “Descartes et le sujet pratique de la science,” Université du Québec à Montréal, Département de Philosophie, February 3 (Job Talk).

2016 “Descartes and the Practical Subject of Science,” University of Notre Dame, Program of Liberal Studies, January 27 (Job Talk).

2015 “Descartes’s Concept of *Habitus*,” Franco-American Workshop

in Early Modern Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne and École Normale Supérieure, May 22.

2015 “Descartes’s Theory of *Habitus*,” Department of Philosophy, University of Michigan, April 10.

Phenomenology

2021 “Heidegger, Homonymy, and the Possibility of Ontology,” Department of Philosophy, University of Toronto, January 14 (Job Talk).

2019 “Heidegger’s Concept of ‘Sense’ in *Being and Time*,” International Network in Philosophy of Religion, Institut Catholique de Paris, June 19–23.

2018 “Husserl and the ‘Finitude’ of Truth,” Department of German, Brown University, May 5–6.

2017 “Heidegger on the ‘Finitude’ of Being,” International Network in the Philosophy of Religion, Institut Catholique de Paris, June 23.

2015 “Finitude in *Sein und Zeit*,” International Network in Philosophy of Religion, Institut Catholique de Paris, June 8–10.

Other

2009 “It’s All in the Game,” Department of Philosophy, Université de Picardie, Amiens, May 22.

2009 “Wittgenstein, the Criticism of Philosophy, and Self-Knowledge,” Department of Philosophy, Université de Picardie, Amiens, May 19.

Talks & Seminars

Early Modern Philosophy & Science

2022 “Kambouchner on Objective Reality in Descartes,” Quebec-Ontario Conference in Early Modern Philosophy, University of Toronto, October 28 (Respondent).

2021 “Method and Metaphysics in Descartes,” Quebec-Ontario Conference in Early Modern Philosophy, Université du Québec à Montréal, November 19.

- 2018 “Descartes’ Method: Rule-Following and Problem-Solving in *Rules for the Direction of the Mind*,” Program of Liberal Studies, University of Notre Dame, October 2.
- 2018 “Descartes’ Method: Rule-Following and Problem-Solving in *Rules for the Direction of the Mind*,” Program in History and Philosophy of Science, University of Notre Dame, September 25.
- 2018 “Descartes’ Early Dualism in *Regulae ad directionem ingenii*,” Descartes Society, American Philosophical Association, Central Division, February 21–25.
- 2016 “Method, Habit, and the Unity of *Scientia* in Descartes’s *Regulae*,” American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, March 30–April 3.
- 2015 “Descartes and the Habitual Unity of Science,” École Pratique des Hautes Études, Paris, October 14–16, 2015.
- 2015 “Descartes’s Theory of *Habitus*,” Michigan Society of Fellows, University of Michigan, January 13.
- 2014 “The Methodological Foundations of Kantian Idealism,” Michigan Society of Fellows, University of Michigan, January 13.

Phenomenology

- 2017 “Phenomenology and the ‘Finitude’ of Sense,” German Studies Association, Atlanta, October 5–8.
- 2014 “Heidegger on Ontological Difference: The Incompletion of *Being and Time*,” Brown Bag Lecture, Department of Comparative Literature, University of Michigan, March 28, 2014.

Courses Taught

University of Toronto

- Winter 2024 Seminar in History of Philosophy (Heidegger and the History of Metaphysics)
- Winter 2024 Phenomenology
- Winter 2023 Husserl’s *Cartesian Meditations*
- Winter 2023 Phenomenology
- Fall 2022 Hegel and Heidegger (Graduate Seminar) (with Nick Stang)
- Fall 2022 Heidegger

Fall 2021 Heidegger (Graduate Seminar)
 Fall 2021 Phenomenology

University of Notre Dame

Winter 2021 Phenomenology and the Theory of Science (Graduate Seminar,
 Program in History and Philosophy of Science and Department
 of Philosophy)

2016–2021 Philosophical Inquiry (Program of Liberal Studies);
 Metaphysics & Epistemology (Program of Liberal Studies);
 Seminar II (Program of Liberal Studies); Seminar IV (Program
 of Liberal Studies); Senior Theses Tutorials (Program of Liberal
 Studies)

University of Michigan

Winter 2016 Phenomenology and Existentialism (Department of Philosophy)
 Fall 2015 Translating World Literatures (Department of Comparative
 Literature)
 Fall 2014 Kant (Graduate Seminar, Department of Philosophy and
 Department of Comparative Literature)

Johns Hopkins University

Fall 2012 Skepticism, Theology, and Human Finitude
 Fall 2010 Modern Skepticism
 Fall 2010 Human Freedom
 Fall 2008 Ludwig Feuerbach's *The Essence of Christianity*

Al-Quds University

Summer 2012 Greek Political Philosophy

Service to the Profession

Editorial Board Memberships

2020– Comité de lecture, *Revue de Métaphysique et de Morale*

Referee

Revue de Métaphysique et de Morale
History of Philosophy Quarterly
Studies in History and Philosophy of Science
Southern Journal of Philosophy
Oxford Studies in Early Modern Philosophy
Philosophy

Journal for Continental Philosophy of Religion
Res Philosophica (The Modern Schoolman)
Modern Language Notes
Philosophia
International Journal of Philosophy and Theology
Journal of French and Francophone Philosophy

Languages

English
Arabic
French
German
Latin
Greek rudiments