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Education

2007 – Ph.D., Northwestern University, Department of Philosophy (on going)
2005 B.A. In Liberal Arts, St. John's College (Annapolis, MD)

Areas of Specialization

Heidegger
Philosophy of Language
Philosophy of Law

Areas of Competence

Existentialism
Hermeneutics
Contemporary Political Philosophy

Works in Progress

“Heideggerian Hermeneutics and the Case of Legal Precedent,” Dissertation

“Where Does the Semantic Sting?” (An article on the linguistic bases for Dworkin's rejection of legal positivism)

Presentations and Conferences

2011 “Can I Have a Theoretical Disagreement with Heidegger?” Northwestern
Dissertation Research Seminar

2011 Commentator on Phillip Schwind “In Defense of Prima Facie Duties”
Northwestern University for the Theory of Ethics and Politics

2011 Chair, APA Colloquium on Gadamer and Phenomenology

2010 Commentator, Questioning the Law Conference, Barry Wimpfheimer “Where
is Jewish Law,” Kristin Stilt “Who Makes Islamic Law,” Bruno Centrone “Making the Law in Plato's
Republic”

2010 “Heidegger on Perceptual Content,” Northwestern Dissertation Research
Seminar

2009 “Articles, Particles, Syntax,” PhLing (Philosophy and Linguistics Workgroup)
2008 Commentator on Keith Erwin “Constructing a Moral Semantics for Hume's
Moral Ontology”

Academic Work and Administration

2011 – Assistant Master for Jones Residential College, student mentor and liaison between undergraduates and faculty with the aim of extending the learning environment beyond the classroom

2011 – Mentor in the Brady Scholars Program in Ethics and Civic Life

2010 – President of the Philosophy Graduate Student Body

2010 – 2011 Department Representative to Graduate Student Association

2009 – 2010 Organizer of PhLing

2009 – 2010 Vice President of the Philosophy Graduate Student Body

2009 Leader of Interdisciplinary Heidegger Reading Group (members from Philosophy, Comparative Literature, Rhetoric, and Classics)

2008 – 2009 Faculty Liaison of the Philosophy Graduate Student Body

Significant Teaching Experience

2012 Teaching Assistant and Paper Supervisor for Visiting Professor Francoise Dastur

2011 Led Discussion of Occupy Wall Street Movement for Brady Program

2011 Led Discussion of the Political Potential of Synthetic Worlds Online

2011 Gave 3 Lectures in Introduction to Moral Philosophy (1 on Aristotle's Virtue Ethics, 2 on Utilitarianism)

2011 Gave Lecture in Introduction to Existentialism on Heidegger's Account of Death

2008 – Served as Teaching Assistant for Philosophy and Classics

Previous Work Experience

2005 – 2007 Assistant Seminar Designer, The Aspen Institute, selected topics and readings for seminars meant to bring together people in a position to make change to discuss the timeless questions that lie behind any political activity, helped create and evaluate the Wilderness Seminar which fomented discussion on the meaning of Nature and what responsibilities we have for preserving it

2005 – 2007 Programs Manager, Touchstones Discussion Project, implemented the Prison Seminar Initiative, designed new material including a collaboration to produce a volume on the African-American experience, trained teachers to use the program, supported implementation of the

program in primary and secondary schools

Awards and Honors

2010 Fellowship in Brady Scholars Program in Ethics and Civic Life

2005 President's Award for Excellence in Speaking, St. John's College

2004 Honorable Mention for Essay "Faith from Physics: The Continuum of Physics and Metaphysics in Leibniz," St. John's College

Language Facility

Ancient Greek, Latin, Spanish, French, German