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### **Areas of Specialization**

18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup> Century European Philosophy, History & Philosophy of Science (especially Social Science), Hermeneutics

### **Areas of Competence**

Ethics, Social and Political Philosophy

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### **Education**

PhD in Philosophy. Fordham University, August 2016 – May 2024

- Dissertation title: *Nietzsche, Dilthey, and the Hermeneutics of the Living and the Dead.*
- Dissertation committee: Babette Babich (chair), Christina M. Gschwandtner, Samir Haddad, Michael Baur, Robert C. Scharff

Fulbright Research Grant Certificate. Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Sept. 2022 - July 2023

B.A. in Philosophy with Honors. University of Washington, June 2015

### **Teaching**

Primary Teaching Instructor, Fordham University

Philosophy of Human Nature (7 sections):

- Spring 2020, Fall 2019, Fall 2018
- *Eloquentia Perfecta* section (a writing and speaking intensive section): Fall 2023 (2x), Fall 2019, Spring 2019

Philosophical Ethics (6 sections):

- Spring 2024 (2x), Spring 2022, Fall 2021, Spring 2021, Fall 2020

### **Research**

*PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS:*

“Rereading Nietzsche with Philosophical Hermeneutics: ‘Life’ as the ‘Hermeneutic Situation’.” *Epoché: A Journal for the History of Philosophy* (Vol. 28, No. 2, 2024).

“Prolegomena to Any Future Historicizing: The Dilthey-Husserl Debate and Why It Matters for Critical Phenomenology.” *Puncta: Journal of Critical Phenomenology* (Vol. 4, No. 1, 2021): 107-126.

“*Lebensphilosophie* and the Task of Interpreting Philosophy Historically.” *Sociedad Castellano-Leonesa De Filosofía (SCLF): “Filosofía y Experiencia de la Vida”, XXVIII Encuentro Internacional*. Ediciones Universidad de Salamanca: Universidad de Salamanca (2021).

*UNDER REVIEW PUBLICATIONS:*

“*Lebensphilosophie* Before the 19<sup>th</sup> Century: The Influence of Early Life Philosophy on Classical German Philosophy.”

*BOOK REVIEWS:*

“Review of Church’s *Nietzsche’s Unfashionable Observations: A Critical Introduction and Guide*.” *New Nietzsche Studies* (Vol. 11, No. 3/4, 2023).

“Review of Ferro’s *Masters, Slaves and Philosophers: Plato, Hegel and Nietzsche on Freedom and the Pursuit of Knowledge*”. *Hegel-Studien* (Band 56, 2022): 169-174.

*ARTICLES IN PREPARATION:*

“Nietzsche and the Politics of the Historical Dead”

“Rereading Dilthey on ‘Historical Consciousness’ and ‘Religious Experience’”

“Germany’s Ruhr Area and Modern Philosophical Conceptions of Progress”

**Presentations**

*INVITED PRESENTATIONS:*

“Nietzsche and the Politics of the Historical Dead.” Invited Guest Speaker: Fordham Social & Political Philosophy Workshop, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Fordham University: New York, New York.

“*Lebensphilosophie* Before the University of Berlin: The Influence of Early Life Philosophy on Classical German Philosophy”. Keynote Address & Guest Researcher Presentation, Forschungszentrum für Klassische Deutsche Philosophie / Hegel-Archiv: Forschungskolloquium, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Ruhr-Universität Bochum: Bochum, Germany.

“Foucault in 1970-1971: History at the Limits of the Will to Know.” Collegium Phaenomenologicum Graduate Research Conference, July 2019. Hotel Le Mura: Città di Castello, Italy.

*SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:*

“Gadamer and *Lebensphilosophie*: Reconceptualizing Historical Science as Being with the Dead.” Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP) Annual

Conference, September 2024 (forthcoming). Rochester Institute of Technology: Rochester, New York.

“Dilthey’s Hermeneutics of the Living and the Dead: Rereading Dilthey on ‘Historical Consciousness’ and ‘Religious Experience’.” Wilhelm Dilthey and Historical Consciousness International Conference, November 2023. Royal Holloway University of London: London, UK (online presentation).

“Rereading Nietzsche with Philosophical Hermeneutics: ‘Life’ as the ‘Hermeneutic Situation’.” North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics (NASPH), September 2023. University of Calgary: Alberta, Canada.

“The Technologization of Life and *Lebensphilosophie*.” KU Leuven, Working Group on Philosophy of Technology, September 2022. University of Leuven: Leuven, Belgium.

“Nietzsche and Dilthey: Reconsidering Life Philosophy and Historical Science.” Congreso de la SCLF XXVIII, October 2021. Universidad de Salamanca: Salamanca, Spain. (online presentation)

“The Anachronistic Character of Time and What it Means for History and Politics.” Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP) Annual Conference, September 2021. (online presentation)

“Nietzsche, Dilthey, and the *Lebensphilosophie* shift in perspective on life and history.” Warwick Continental Philosophy Conference, March 2021. (online presentation)

“The Past that Lies in Front of Us: Nietzsche on Historical Science and the Oracular Voice of the Past.” NYC Nietzsche Colloquium, April 2020. Fordham University: New York, New York. (online presentation)

“On the Sociopolitical Dimension of Date-Relations: Derrida and the Czech Monument Tank No. 23.” Comparative and Continental Philosophy Circle (CCPC) Annual Meeting, May 2019. Leiden University: Leiden, Netherlands.

——, UMass Amherst Graduate History Association Conference “The Routes of History”, March 2019. University of Massachusetts Amherst: Amherst, Massachusetts.

——, UK Graduate Research Conference on Social and Political Philosophy, March 2019. University of Kentucky: Lexington, Kentucky.

“Nietzsche in 1886: The Will to Health as a Willingness to Displacement”. NYC Nietzsche Colloquium, October 2018. Fordham University: New York, New York.

“Foucault’s Relationship to the Self and the Possibility of Biopower from Below.” Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP) Annual Conference, October 2018. Penn State University: State College, Pennsylvania.

“Affective Labor as Resistance in the Biopolitical Society.” philoSOPHIA: Society for Continental Feminism, March 2018. University of Richmond: Richmond, Virginia.

“On the Efficacy of Foucault and Kant’s Critiques of the A Priori Conditions of Knowledge.” Canadian Society for Continental Philosophy (CSCP) Annual Congressional Conference, September 2017. Ryerson University: Toronto, Canada.

### **Languages**

- *German*: advanced in reading, speaking, & writing
- *French*: competency in reading

### **Fellowships & Prizes**

‘Hans-Georg Gadamer Essay Prize’, North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics (NASPH), September 2023.

A highly esteemed research award in the area of contemporary philosophical hermeneutics. Awarded for the paper: “Rereading Nietzsche with Philosophical Hermeneutics: ‘Life’ as the ‘Hermeneutic Situation’.”

Fulbright Research Grant (Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Germany), September 2022 - July 2023.

A prestigious research grant funded by the U.S. Dept. of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs for the purposes of open research at the Research Center for Classical German Philosophy. The goal of this research was to study the history of industrialism and post-industrialism in Germany, and to consider the ways that this history intersects with the history of philosophical thinking about technology and progress. This research was completed in collaboration with the Ruhr-Universität Bochum and Professor Birgit Sandkaulen.

Fordham GSAS Prestigious External Fellowship, May 2022.

Fordham GSAS Senior Teaching Fellowship, May 2022.

Fordham Beacon Exemplar Certificate of Excellence, April 2020

An exclusive teaching award given by the United Student Government at Fordham University in recognition of outstanding dedication to inspiring, supporting, and motivating students.

Selected Participant at the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Collegium Phaenomenologicum, July 2019.

Award Recipient at the UMass Amherst Graduate History Association Conference: ‘Award for Excellent Interdisciplinary Work’, March 2019.

The Richard and Eileen Bennett Teaching Assistantship (2018-2020) and the Richard and Eileen Bennett Assistantship (2016-2018).

Distinguished Philosophy Department Graduation Speaker. University of Washington Department of Philosophy Graduation Ceremony, June 2015.

### **Department & University Service**

Fordham GSAS Higher Education Leadership Fellowship, January 2020 - May 2022  
A two-year fellowship in university administration work alongside the Dean of the Fordham Graduate School of Arts & Sciences (GSAS), with a specialization in initiatives related to graduate mentoring, mental health, and well-being. While holding this position I planned initiatives, events, and programs for the Fordham GSAS community, and collaborated with members of many different Fordham offices and departments.

Participant in Fordham Jesuit Pedagogy Seminar, February 2021 – June 2021.  
A selective interdisciplinary graduate seminar which examines the history of Jesuit pedagogy, and strategizes ways to implement Jesuit pedagogical practices in the classroom.

Active member of the Fordham Francophone Reading Group 2016-2022.

Active member of the Fordham German Reading Group 2018-2022.

Fordham Philosophical Society Speaker Series Graduate Student Representative 2019-2020.

Chief Organizer of the Fordham Philosophical Society Symposium Series 2018-2019.

Co-Organizer of the Red Star Line Graduate Conference 2019.

Chief Organizer of the Fordham Philosophical Society's 8<sup>th</sup> Biennial Graduate Conference 2018.

Writing Center Tutor, University of Washington Department of Philosophy Writing Center, August 2014 – June 2015.

### **Service Outside of the University**

Organizer and Volunteer for *Rethink*, September 2016 - 2020.  
A NYC-based society of graduate students that planned and organized philosophical discussions outside of the traditional academic context. I worked with members of marginalized and underprivileged groups in the NYC community and helped develop students' skills in discussing philosophical issues in a respectful and collaborative way.

Teacher for Claremont Educational Foundation Summer Learning Program (Junior High School), June - September 2016.

**Professional Associations**

North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics (2023-present)

European Network for the Philosophy of the Social Sciences (2023-present)

Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP) (2018–present)

**References**

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