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Areas of Specialization: 20<sup>th</sup> Century Continental (European) Philosophy (including Phenomenology, Aesthetics, Philosophy and Literature)

Areas of Competence: 19th Century Continental Philosophy, Social and Political Philosophy, History of Philosophy

#### UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

# **University of Memphis**

- Professor of Philosophy, 2025-
- Associate Professor of Philosophy, 2012-25
- Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 2006-2012

# Villanova University

- <sup>o</sup> Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 2005-2006.
- <sup>9</sup> Visiting Assistant Professor, Core Humanities Program, Spring 2005.

# Grinnell College

 Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow and Lecturer in Philosophy and the Humanities, Center for the Humanities, 2002-2004.

# **DePaul University**

- Lecturer in Philosophy, 2001-2002.
- <sup>a</sup> Teaching Fellow and Adjunct in Philosophy, 1995-2001.

## VISITING ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

### **Monash University**

 Visiting Scholar, Centre for Comparative Literature and Cultural Studies, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, August 2007.

# **EDUCATION**

Ph.D., DePaul University, Chicago, IL. July, 2002.

Dissertation: "Apparitions—Of the Other in Contemporary French Thought"

M.A., DePaul University, Chicago, IL. October, 1995.

Thesis: "The Infinite Companion: Foucault and Blanchot on Language, Literature, and Exteriority"

B.S., Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA. May, 1990.

**Foreign Study and Research:** Chateaubriand Fellowship, Paris, 1997-98. Awarded by the Embassy of France in the United States, NY.

- Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris, France, November 1997-June 1998.
  Seminar of Jacques Derrida, "Le parjure et le pardon."
- Collège Internationale de Philosophie, Paris, France, November 1997-January 1998
   Seminar of Manola Antonioli, "Blanchot et Lévinas: De l'il y a à Autrui."
- University of Paris IV-Sorbonne, Paris, France, January-May 1998.
   Cours de Civilisation Française.

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### **Books:**

Remains—Jacques Derrida. Text and Commentary by Pleshette DeArmitt and Kas Saghafi. (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, in press, expected October 2025). The first chapter is a co-translation of Jacques Derrida, "Remain(s)—The Master, or the Supplement of Infinity," by Pleshette DeArmitt and Kas Saghafi.

*The World after the End of the World: A Spectro-poetics* (Albany: State University of New York Press, 2020).

*Apparitions—Of Derrida's Other* (New York: Fordham University Press, 2010).

# **Edited Books:**

Jacques Derrida, *Thinking What Comes, Volume 1: Essays, Interviews, and Interventions*, Co-edited with Geoffrey Bennington (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2024).

Jacques Derrida, *Thinking What Comes, Volume 2: Institutions, Inventions, and Inscriptions*, Coedited with Geoffrey Bennington (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2024).

# **Edited Journal Special Issues:**

Co-editor, Special Issue, "Thinking What Remains," *Derrida Today* 9.2 (November 2016).

Editor, "Derrida and the Theologico-political," Spindel Conference Proceedings, *Southern Journal of Philosophy* Supplement (2012).

Co-editor, Special Issue, "An Entrusted Responsibility: Reading and Remembering Jacques Derrida," *Epoché* 10, 2 (Spring 2006).

# **Articles in Journals:**

"Phantasms," *Bollettino Filosofico*, Issue XXXVI (2021): 147-160, Special issue "Deconstruction and Psychoanalysis. From Derrida Onwards," December, 2021, 8289 words. (invited).

"Loving the Other Beyond Death," Oxford Literary Review 40.2 (December 2018): 147-55. (refereed).

"The World after the End of the World," Oxford Literary Review 39.2 (December 2017): 265-276. (refereed).

"For Pleshette," PhiloSOPHIA: A Journal of Continental Feminism 7.1 (Winter 2016): 188-193.

"The Master Trembles: Sacrifice, Hierarchy, and Ontology in Derrida's "Remain(s)," *Derrida Today* 9.2 (November 2016): 124-138, (invited).

"For a Time," Journal of French and Francophone Philosophy vol. 23, no.2 (2015): 122-30. (refereed).

"Dying Alive," Mosaic 48.3 (September 2015): 15-26. (refereed).

"Revolutionary Derrida," *Oxford literary Review* 36.2 (2014), Special Issue "A Decade After Derrida": 303-5 (invited).

"The Death Penalty, in Other Words, Philosophy," Commentary on Thomas Dutoit, *Southern Journal of Philosophy* Supplement "Derrida and the Theologico-political," Spindel Conference Proceedings (2012): 136-42.

"Thomas the Marvelous: Resurrection and Living-Death in Blanchot and Nancy," *Mosaic: A Journal for the Interdisciplinary Study of Literature* 45.3 (September 2012): 1-16 (refereed).

"Incurable Haunting: Saluting Michel Deguy," Oxford Literary Review 33.2 (2011): 245-264, (refereed).

"'A Certain Spirit of a Certain Marx': Blanchot's Revolutionary Return in *Specters of Marx*" *Philosophy Today* 55 (2011) Supplement, Selected Studies in Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy: 183-91 (refereed).

"The Chase: Rivalry and Conjuration," *Parallax* 58 (January-March 2011): 33-41 (invited).

"Apparitions," FORUM: The University of Edinburgh Postgraduate Journal of Arts and Culture 7 (Autumn 2008) unpaginated e-journal (invited). 14pp.

"Salut-ations," Mosaic: A Journal for the Interdisciplinary Study of Literature 39, 3 (September 2006): 151-172. Special issue "After Derrida" (invited).

"The Ghost of Jacques Derrida," Epoché 10, 2 (Spring 2006): 263-286.

"'An Almost Unheard-of *Analogy*': Derrida Reading Levinas," *Bulletin de la Société Américaine de Philosophie de Langue Française* 15, 1 (2005): 41-71 (refereed).

"Phantasmaphotography," *Philosophy Today* vol. 44 (2000) Supplement, Selected Studies in Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy: 98-111 (refereed).

"The 'Passion for the Outside': Foucault, Blanchot, and Exteriority," *International Studies in Philosophy*, vol. XXVIII, no. 4 (1996): 79-92 (refereed).

# **Chapters in Books:**

"Editors' Introduction" to Jacques Derrida, *Thinking What Comes, Volume 1: Essays, Interviews, and Interventions*, Co-edited with Geoffrey Bennington (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2024), ix-xii.

"Double mort," translation into French by Brigitte Weltman-Aron of "Double Death," in *Sarah Kofman: Philosopher autrement*, Edited by Ginette Michaud and Isabelle Ullern (Paris : Editions Hermann, 2021), (invited)

"Calculus," in *Deconstructing the Death Penalty: Derrida's Death Penalty Seminars*, Edited by Kelly Oliver and Stephanie Marie Straub (New York: Fordham University Press, 2018): 139-155. (invited)

"Lyotard's Gesture," in *Traversals of Affect: On Jean-François Lyotard*, Edited by Mark Stoholski, Claire Nouvet, and Julie Gaillard (New York & London: Bloomsbury, 2016): 89-97. (invited)

"The Desire for Survival?" in *Desire in Ashes: Deconstruction, Psychoanalysis, Philosophy,* Edited by Simon Morgan Wortham and Chiara Alfano (New York & London: Bloomsbury, 2015): 139-160. (invited)

"Safe, Intact: Derrida, Nancy, and the 'Deconstruction of Christianity," in *A Companion to Derrida*, Edited by Leonard Lawlor and Zeynep Direk (Walden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell, 2014): 447-463 (invited).

"Maurice Blanchot (1907-2003)," *Cambridge Foucault Lexicon*, eds. Leonard Lawlor and John Nale (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2014): 52-6 (invited).

Wrote 16 biographies and bibliographies for Jacques Derrida, *Chaque fois unique, la fin du monde*. Edited by Pascale-Anne Brault and Michael Naas (Paris: Galilée, 2003), pp.333-411; [an expanded French version of the entry below], *with* additional biographies and bibliographies on Gérard Granel and Maurice Blanchot. Spanish edition, translated by Manuel Arranz, *Cada vez única, el fin del mondo*, (Valencia: Pre-Textos, 2005); Italian edition, translated by Massimo Zannini, *Ogni volta unica, la fine del mondo* (Milano: Jaca Book, 2005); Japanese edition, translated by Tomonori Tsuchida, Takuji Iwano and Koichiro Kokubun, *Sono tabi goto ni tada hitotsu sekai no shiyuuen*, (Tokyo: Iwanami Shoten Publishers, 2006).

Wrote 14 biographies and compiled the bibliographies for Jacques Derrida, *The Work of Mourning*. Edited and translated by Pascale-Anne Brault and Michael Naas (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2001).

### **Translations:**

Jacques Derrida, "Remain(s)—The Master, or the Supplement of Infinity," Co-translated with Pleshette DeArmitt, in *Remains—Jacques Derrida* (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press), (19,100 words).

Jacques Derrida, "Thinking What Comes," Co-translated with Chris Lucibella, in *Thinking What Comes, volume I: Essays, Interviews, and Interventions*, co-edited with Geoffrey Bennington (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2024).

Jacques Derrida, "Aletheia," Oxford Literary Review 32.2 (2010), 169-88. Co-translated with Pleshette DeArmitt.

Jacques Derrida, "A Europe of Hope," *Epoché* 10, 2 (Spring 2006): 407-12. Co-translated with Pleshette DeArmitt and Justine Malle.

# **Book Reviews, Review Articles, and Introductions:**

Review of *Jacques Derrida*: A Biography, by Benoît Peeters (Cambridge: Polity Press, 2012), LA Review of Books (March 30, 2013).

"Editor's Introduction," *Southern Journal of Philosophy* Supplement "Derrida and the Theologico-political," Spindel Conference Proceedings, (2012): 1-4.

Review of *Not Half No End: Militantly Melancholic Essays in Memory of Jacques Derrida*, by Geoffrey Bennington. *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (January 26, 2012).

"Of Origins and Ends. Review Article on *Derrida and Husserl: The Basic Problems of Phenomenology* by Leonard Lawlor," *Research in Phenomenology* 34 (2004): 303-14 (invited).

#### **Interviews**

<sup>a</sup> The World after the End of the World," interview with Britt Edelen, Literary Studies Series, *New Books Network*, April 20, 2021.

https://newbooksnetwork.com/the-world-after-the-end-of-the-world

Recently Published Book Spotlight: The World after the End of the World, Interview with Nathan Eckstrand, Blog of the APA, July 2020. <a href="https://blog.apaonline.org/2020/07/16/recently-published-book-spotlight-the-world-after-the-end-of-the-world/">https://blog.apaonline.org/2020/07/16/recently-published-book-spotlight-the-world-after-the-end-of-the-world/</a>

### **FORTHCOMING**

# **Books:**

Phantasms: Derrida's Deconstruction of the Phantasm (2 of 4 chapters complete)

*Meteor: For Pleshette* (in research stage)

# **Articles in Journals:**

"What Comes," CR: The New Centennial Review 22.3 (2025): 173-190. (forthcoming).

"Awaiting One Another: The Contretemps of Mourning"

# **Chapters in Books:**

"Post?" to be collected in the proceedings of talks presented at the Lecture Series "What Will Poststructuralism Have Been?" at the Department of Philosophy, the University of Vienna, organized by the "Poststructuralism, Gender Theory and Psychoanalysis" research group, edited by Eva-Maria Aigner and Jonas Oßwald.

#### SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

# **University**

- Professional Development Assignment, a competitive sabbatical research grant, University of Memphis, Fall 2023.
- <sup>a</sup> Travel Enrichment Fund, University of Memphis, *Spring* 2022.
- <sup>a</sup> Faculty Research Grant, University of Memphis, *Summer* 2015.
- <sup>a</sup> Travel Enrichment Fund, University of Memphis, *Summer* 2011.
- Professional Development Assignment, a competitive sabbatical research grant, University of

- Memphis, Fall 2010.
- Competitive Research Grant, awarded by the Committee for Support of Faculty Scholarship, Grinnell College, Summer 2003.
- Teaching Fellowship, DePaul University, 1993-1995.

### External (National/International)

- Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship in Philosophy and the Humanities, Grinnell College, 2002-2004.
- <sup>e</sup> Bourse Chateaubriand, one-year dissertation research fellowship (offered by the Embassy of France in the United States, New York), Paris, 1997-1998.

### **CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS**

- 46. Commentary on the Book Session for Michael Naas, *Class Acts: Derrida on the Public Stage* at the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Toronto, Metropolitan University, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, October 12, 2023 (invited).
- 45. Commentary on the Book Session for Peggy Kamuf's *Literature and the Remains of the Death Penalty* presented at the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, October 15, 2022 (invited).
- 44. "Post?" invited speaker for the Lecture Series "What Will Poststructuralism Have Been?" presented at the Department of Philosophy, the University of Vienna, Austria, May 20, 2022. (invited).
- 43. "Learning How to Become A-mortal," presented at "Derrida & Phenomenology" Conference, Bergische Universität Wuppertal, Wuppertal, Germany, March 22, 2022. (invited).
- 42. "Double Death," presented at Colloque international "Sarah Kofman: Philosopher Autrement," Université Sorbonne Nouvelle—Paris 3, Paris, June 5-7, 2019. (invited)
- 41. "Loving the Other Beyond Death," presented at the 6<sup>th</sup> *Derrida Today* Conference, Concordia University, Montreal, May 26, 2018.
- 40. "The Economy of Sacrifice in Derrida's 'Remain(s)'," at the 5<sup>th</sup> Derrida Today Conference, Goldsmiths, University of London, London, UK, on *June 10*, 2016.
- 39. "For Pleshette," presented at the London Graduate School Summer Academy, Kingston University, London, UK, on *June 27*, 2016. (invited).
- 38. "The Phantasm of Dying Alive," presented at the Graduate Student Philosophy Conference, West Chester University of Pennsylvania, West Chester, PA on *February* 28, 2015. (invited Keynote lecture).
- 37. "Dying Alive: The Phantasmatics of Living Death," presented at "A Matter of Lifedeath" *Mosaic* Conference, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada, presented *October* 2, 2014.
- 36. "The World after the End of the World," presented at the 4<sup>th</sup> *Derrida Today* Conference, Fordham University, New York, *May* 30, 2014.
- 35. "Calculus," Panel on Derrida's *Death Penalty Seminar* presented at the American Comparative Literature Association, New York, *March* 20-23, 2014 (Invited).

- 34. "For A Time," Panel on Michael Naas's *Miracle and Machine*, presented at the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Eugene, Oregon, *October* 24, 2013 (Invited).
- 33. "What Remains—Of Mastery and Ipseity," presented at the London Graduate School Summer Academy, Kingston University, London, UK, *June* 24-27, 2013 (Invited Lecture).
- 32. "Lyotard's Gesture," presented at "Traversals of Affect/Traversées d'affect" conference, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, *March* 23, 2013.
- 31. "The Master Trembles," presented at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Derrida Today conference, University of California, Irvine, *July 13*, 2012 (Invited Special Session).
- 30. "Derrida and Levinas," Guy L. Leonard Memorial Lecture, presented at the Twelfth Annual Meeting of Levinas Research Seminar, University of Nevada, Reno, *July 6*, 2012 (Invited Keynote).
- 29. "A Deathblow to Death," presented as part of a week-long meeting of the Derrida Seminars Translation Project, IMEC, Caen, France, *July 7*, 2011 (Invited).
- 28. "'A Certain Spirit of A Certain Marx': Blanchot's Revolutionary Return in *Specters of Marx*," presented at the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Montreal, Canada, *November 6*, 2010.
- 27. "Thomas: Lazarus: Blanchot: Nancy," Blanchot panel for La Société Américaine de Philosophie de Langue Française (SAPLF), presented at the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Montreal, Canada, *November 6*, 2010 (Invited).
- 26. "The Chase: Rivalry and Conjuration," presented at *Derrida Today* Conference, Goodenough College, London, UK, *July 21*, 2010.
- 25. "Derrida, Blanchot, and 'Living Death,'" presented as part of a week-long meeting of the Derrida Seminars Translation Project, IMEC, Caen, France, *July 8*, 2010 (invited), posted at http://Derridaseminars.org/workshops.html.
- 24. "On Derrida's *The Beast and the Sovereign*, vol. 2," talk as part of a week-long meeting of the Derrida Seminars Translation Project, IMEC, Caen, France, *July 6-11*, 2009 (Invited).
- 23. "A Forgiveness without Power," Response to Giovanna Borradori, the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Pittsburgh, PA, *October 17*, 2008 (Invited).
- 22. "Incurable Haunting: Michel Deguy's 'Spectro-poetics'," presented at "Literature and Philosophy/Philosophy and Literature" Conference at the Centre for Literature and Philosophy, University of Sussex, Brighton, UK, *June 14*, 2008.
- 21. "Derrida's 'Faith and Knowledge,'" Special Seminar, Centre for Comparative Literature and Cultural Studies, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia, *August 10, 2007* (Invited Seminar).
- 20. "The True Lazarus: Death and Resurrection in Blanchot and Nancy," "Maurice Blanchot and the Work of Thought" Symposium, Centre for Comparative Literature and Cultural Studies, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia, *August 8*, 2007 (Invited Public Lecture).
- 19. "'Ça» me regarde': Regarding Responsibility in Derrida," Research in Progress, University of Memphis, Memphis, TN, December 8, 2006.
- 18. "This Monstrous Figure without Figure or Face," the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Philadelphia, PA, *October 16*, 2006.

- 17. "To Follow Him," "Following Derrida: Legacies" Conference at the University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, *October 6*, 2006 (Invited).
- 16. "The Master and the Rogue," the American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, Portland, OR, *March* 25, 2006 (Invited).
- 15. "Salutations: Between Derrida and Nancy," the Modern Languages Association, Washington, DC, (presented in abstentia) December 27, 2005.
- 14. "Salut to Resurrection: Derrida and Nancy," the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Utah Valley State College, Salt Lake City, UT, October 21, 2005.
- 13. "The Truth—Of Photography: Derrida's *Aletheia*," "The Photograph" Conference, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, *March* 12, 2004.
- 12. "Already Double," Response to Emmanuel Eze, "Diversity, Democracy, Du Bois," Conference on W.E.B. DuBois, Grinnell College, Grinnell, IA, *October 9*, 2003 (Invited).
- 11. "Paradigm, Analogy, Relation: Derrida Reading Levinas," Collegium Phaenomenologicum, "Thinking the Difference between Immanence and Transcendence: Levinas, Bergson, Deleuze," Città di Castello, Umbria, Italy, *July 12*, 2003.
- 10. "The Fascinating Corpse: Kofman, Blanchot, Derrida," the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy at Loyola University of Chicago, *October* 10, 2002.
- 9. "Spectrality, Responsibility and the Look of the Other in the Recent Work of Jacques Derrida," University of Tennessee, Chattanooga, *February 18*, 2002 and at Grinnell College, IA *April 23*, 2002 (Invited).
- 8. "Mourning and the Ethical," Conference on "Philosophical Collaborations," Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, IL, *March* 2, 2001 (Invited).
- 7. "The Heteronomy of the Gaze of the Other," the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA, October 7, 2000.
- 6. "The Spectral Other," the International Association for Philosophy and Literature, State University of New York, Stony Brook, NY, *May 10*, 2000.
- 5. "Remarks on Derrida's *Adieu*," DePaul University, Faculty Research Seminar, *November* 5, 1999.
- 4. "Aux deux-là: Blanchot's Image in Levinas's Shadow," the International Association for Philosophy and Literature, University of South Alabama, Mobile, Alabama, May 7, 1997.
- 3. "Transcribing the Gesture: Lyotard on the Aesthetics of Space-Time-Matter," the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Georgetown University, Washington, DC, October 11, 1996.
- 2. "The Trace of the Friend: At a Turning Away," DePaul University, Faculty Research Seminar, *April* 12, 1996.
- 1. "'Here' and 'Now': Lyotard's Notions of the Sublime and the Event," DePaul University, Chicago, IL, Graduate Student Colloquium, *April* 21, 1994.

### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND ACTIVITIES

# Professional Service:

- North American Correspondent, Sarah Kofman Studies, 2015-
- Book Reviews Editor, Oxford Literary Review, 2008-2012.
- <sup>o</sup> Conference Director, 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Spindel Conference, "Derrida and the Theologico-political: From Sovereignty to the Death Penalty," University of Memphis, *September 29-October 1*, 2011.
- Ph.D. Thesis External Examiner, Blair McDonald, "Irreconcilable Demands: Friendship and the Question of the Political in Aristotle, Kant and Schmitt," Centre for Comparative Literature and Cultural Studies, Monash University, Australia, February 2010.
- President, La Société Américaine de Philosophie de Langue Française (SAPLF), 2007-9
- Member, Advisory Book Selection Committee, Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, 2005-6.
- Manuscript Reviewer, (Presses) Bloomsbury Press, State University of New York Press,
   (Journals) Research in Phenomenology, Epoché, Derrida Today, Journal of the Midwest Modern
   Language Association (JMMLA), Law Culture and the Humanities, Southern Journal of Philosophy,
   German Studies Review.
- <sup>a</sup> Chair, session at SPEP, Arlington, VA, October 30, 2009.
- Organizer, SAPLF session at APA Eastern, Philadelphia, PA, December 29, 2008.
- Organizer and Chair, SAPLF session at SPEP, Pittsburgh, PA, October 17, 2008.
- Organizer and Chair, SAPLF session at APA Eastern, Baltimore, December 28, 2007.
- <sup>o</sup> Chair, session at SPEP, Chicago, IL, *November 10*, 2007.
- <sup>o</sup> Chair, session at SPEP, Memphis, TN, October 3, 2004.

# **Professional Activities:**

- <sup>9</sup> Seminar Leader, Collegium Phaenomenologicum 2014, Citta di Castello, Italy, *July* 22-28, 2014.
- Participant, Derrida Seminars Translation Project (DSTP) Workshop 2013, La peine de mort II
   (Death Penalty II), IMEC, Normandy, France, July 1-6, 2013.
- Participant, Derrida Seminars Translation Project (DSTP) Workshop 2011, La peine de mort I
   (Death Penalty I), IMEC, Normandy, France, July 4-9, 2011.
- Participant, Derrida Seminars Translation Project (DSTP) Workshop 2010, La peine de mort I
   (Death Penalty I), IMEC, Normandy, France, July 7-12, 2010.
- Participant, Derrida Seminars Translation Project (DSTP) Workshop 2009, La Bête et le souverain
   II (The Beast and the Sovereign II), IMEC, Normandy, France, July 6-11, 2009.
- Participant, "Post-Postmodernism: Globalization, Symbolic Capital, and Resistance," led by Distinguished Visiting Professor Jeffrey Nealon (English, Pennsylvania State University), Grinnell College, Center for the Humanities Faculty Seminar, Fall Semester 2003.
- Participant, Humanities Seminar Summer Workshop, Grinnell College, August 18-22, 2003.
- Participant, "Thinking Through the Difference between Immanence and Transcendence:
   Levinas, Bergson, Deleuze, Collegium Phaenomenologicum, Città di Castello, Italy, Levinas Seminar, July 11-21, 2003.

- Participant, "Semiotic Approaches to the Total Work of Art," led by Distinguished Visiting Professor Vyacheslav Ivanov (Slavic Languages and Literatures, UCLA), Grinnell College, Center for the Humanities Faculty Seminar, Fall Semester 2002.
- Attendee, "La Démocratie à venir (Autour de Jacques Derrida)," Le Centre Culturel International de Cerisy-la-Salle, Normandy, France, July 8-18, 2002

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

# University of Memphis, Memphis, TN

## Graduate courses:

- Seminar in Major Figures: Derrida: The Ethics and Politics of Sacrificial Economy (team taught with Pleshette DeArmitt),
- Derrida—The Sovereign and the Rogue
- Levinas: Totality and Infinity
- Derrida—The Political Animal
- Derrida, Specters of Marx
- Deconstruction 1.0: Derrida
- Seminar in Continental Philosophy: "The Relation to the Other" in Post-19th Century European Thought
- The Imaginary (Doctoral Colloquium)
- Blanchot and Nancy (Seminar in Continental Philosophy)
- Recent Continental Philosophy: "World"
- Recent Continental Philosophy: "The Other"
- Readings and Research: Derrida's Politics of Friendship

Derrida's Death Penalty Seminar

Narrative & Philosophy

Derrida and Plato

#### Service Courses:

Teaching Skills • Proseminar

### *Undergraduate courses:*

- Aesthetics
- □ 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> Century Continental Philosophy
- Existentialism
- Recent Continental Philosophy
- Philosophy and Literature
- Philosophy and Film
- Values in the Modern World
- Introduction to Philosophy (previously Fundamental Issues in Philosophy)

# Villanova University, Villanova, PA

- Senior Thesis Seminar
- Marx and Marxism

- Honors Humanities Seminar (Hermeneutics)
- Social and Political Philosophy
- Modern Thought: Enlightenment to the Present (Core Humanities Seminar)
- Introduction to Philosophy

# Grinnell College, Grinnell, IA

- Encounters with the Other (Special Topics Seminar)
- Philosophy of Art
- The Ancient Greek World (Humanities Seminar)
- Introduction to Philosophy

# DePaul University, Chicago, IL

- Ethical Theories
- Philosophy and Modern Society
- Philosophical Approaches to Multiculturalism (Sophomore Seminar)
- Philosophy and the Question of Race
- Business, Ethics, and Society
- Philosophy and its Issues
- Interdisciplinary Studies (Freshman Focal Point Seminar)

# **Teaching Workshops:**

- Participant, Undergraduate Advising Workshop, University of Memphis, September 29, 2006.
- Participant, Core Humanities Teaching Workshop, Villanova University, February 25, 2005.
- Participant, "Writing Across the Curriculum" Workshop, DePaul University, March 1997.
- <sup>a</sup> Participant, Philosophy Teaching Practicum, DePaul University, September 1994-June 1995.

## **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

# University of Memphis, Memphis, TN

### University

- Philosophy Department Representative, Graduate Council, Spring 2024.
- <sup>a</sup> Philosophy Department Representative, Faculty Senate, 2023
- Academic Support Committee, Faculty Senate, 2023
- Philosophy Sub-Committee for the PhD in Interdisciplinary Fine Arts, College of Communication and Fine Arts, 2021-22.

# Department

## Committee Work

- Director of Graduate Studies, 2024.
- Member, Graduate Admissions Committee, 2011-12, 2013-14, 2017-2022, 2023-
- Search Committee, Ancient Philosophy Committee, Fall 2024
- Philosophy Department Self Study, Facilities (Library), 2021-22.
- Seshat Prize, Philosophy Essay Competition Committee, 2021-

- Committee for Graduate and Undergraduate Awards, 2020-
- Director of Undergraduate Studies, 2019-21.
- <sup>a</sup> Representative, CAS Undergraduate Council, 2019-21.
- <sup>o</sup> CAS Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, 2019-21.
- Department Representative, CAS Tenure and Promotion Committee, 2017-
- Member, Department Hiring Committee.
- <sup>a</sup>Teaching Skills, Spring 2011, Spring 2018, Spring 2019.
- <sup>a</sup> Coordinator, PhD French Language Exam, 2014-2015, 2020.
- Member, PhD Assessment Committee, 2014-15.
- <sup>o</sup> Chair, Bornblum Graduate Student Travel Award Committee, 2011-15.
- Director of Graduate Studies, 2011-14.
- <sup>a</sup> Representative, College of Arts and Sciences Graduate Council, 2011-14.
- Member, CAS Distinguished Research & Engaged Scholarship Awards Committee, 2011-14.
- <sup>a</sup> Chair, PhD Theoretical Comprehensive Exam Committee, 2008-2011.
- <sup>a</sup> Member, PhD Theoretical Comprehensive Exam Committee, 2007-2011.
- Member, Visiting Assistant Professor Selection Committee, 2011.
- <sup>o</sup> Coordinator Graduate Assistant/Teaching Assistant Mentor Program, 2008-2011.
- Library Acquisitions Coordinator, 2008-2011.
- Member, Graduate Student Travel Awards Committee, 2006-7.
- <sup>9</sup> Member, M.A. Humanism & Antihumanism Comprehensive Exam Committee, 2008.
- <sup>a</sup> Member, M.A Ancient Comprehensive Exam Committee, 2006-7.
- Member, M.A Intersubjectivity Comprehensive Exam Committee, 2006-7.
- <sup>a</sup> Associate Undergraduate Studies Coordinator, 2006-7.
- <sup>a</sup> Assistant Editor, Southern Journal of Philosophy, 2006-2009.

# Advising

- Reader, PhD Dissertation Committee, Bernardo Alba, "The Changing Style of Change in Style:
   A Critical Case Study on the Aesthetics of De-radicalization Experiences"
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