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EDUCATION

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| Villanova University | • Ph.D. Philosophy, 2014 |
| Villanova University | • M.A. Philosophy, 2009
Passed <i>Comprehensive History of Philosophy Exam</i> |
| Florida State University—
Honors Program | • B.A. Religion—Ethics/Philosophy Track, 2005
Graduated <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> |

EMPLOYMENT

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| Lecturer of Philosophy | • 2014-present, University of West Georgia |
| Adjunct Instructor | • 2009-2014, Villanova University; Drexel University;
Immaculata University; Rowan University Camden;
Neumann University |
| Writing Program Tutor | • 2006-2007, Villanova University |
| Language Teaching Assistant | • 2005-2006, Ministère de l'Éducation Nationale, Région
Nord-Pas de Calais, Maubeuge, France |

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

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| Areas of Specialization | • Ancient Greek Philosophy
• Continental Philosophy |
| Areas of Competency | • Ethics
• Philosophy of Religion
• Kant, German Idealism |
| Languages | • Ancient Greek (advanced reading)
• French (fluency in speaking, reading, and writing) |

DISSERTATION

Title: *The Good that Comes to Be: The Truth of Pleasure and the Experience of Learning in Plato's Philebus*
Committee: Walter Brogan (director), Helen Lang, Gabriel Rockhill

Abstract: The *Philebus* depicts the good life not only as a life of knowledge but also as a life with some pleasure. Such a *mixed life* is better than a life without any pleasures at all, for its added complexity manifests goodness in more ways than a life in which all pleasures, which are cases of metaphysical *becoming* for Socrates, are eliminated and reduced to the simplicity of *being*. In particular, the *pure pleasure of learning* serves in the *Philebus* as an important example of the kind of becoming that can be intrinsically good. As I argue, its rank as becoming does not conflict with its intrinsic value; rather, the goodness of pure pleasure demonstrates that the good itself can encompass both *being* and *non-being*.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Course Design Grant: Philosophy of the Social Venture, Department of Missions Effectiveness, Villanova University, 2014

James Harvey Teaching Award, Department of Philosophy, Villanova University, 2013

John G. Tich Award for Excellence in Research, Department of Philosophy, Villanova University, 2012

Summer Research Fellowship, School of Arts and Sciences, Villanova University, 2012

Graduate School Travel Grants, School of Arts and Sciences, Villanova University, 2007-2013, numerous times

Graduate Fellowship, Department of Philosophy, Villanova University, 2006-2010

PUBLICATIONS

Current Projects

[3] Book Review: “Luc Brisson and Francesco Fronterotta, ed.: Lire Platon” (under review)

[2] Article: “The Pleasures of Learning in Plato’s *Philebus*” (prepared to submit)

[1] Article: “The Lesson of the Arithmetical Example in the *Greater Hippias*: A Dialogue with Gadamer on a Source of Hermeneutics” *Epoché: A Journal for the History of Philosophy* (under review)

Articles

[2] “Pure Pleasure as a Paradigm of Good Becoming in Plato’s *Philebus*,” *Newsletters for the Society of Ancient Greek Philosophy*, 14 (1), 2013 [conference proceedings]

[1] “Cornelius Castoriadis,” *Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, 2011 [peer-reviewed]

Book Reviews

[3] “David Wolfsdorf: Pleasure in Ancient Greek Philosophy” *Ancient Philosophy* (forthcoming) [peer-reviewed]

[2] “Suzi Adams: Castoriadis’ Ontology: Being and Creation” *Journal of the British Society for Phenomenology* 44 (2), 2013 [invited contribution]

[1] “Giorgio Agamben: The Signature of All Things: On Method” *Continental Philosophy Review* 43 (4), 2011 [peer-reviewed]

Book Translation

- [1] Castoriadis, Cornelius. *Postscript on Insignificance: Dialogues with Cornelius Castoriadis*. Ed. Gabriel Rockhill. New York: Continuum Press, 2011

Article/Chapter Translations

- [6] Agamben, Giorgio. "For an Ethics of the Cinema" in *Cinema and Agamben: Ethics, Biopolitics and the Moving Image*. Ed. Asbjorn Gronstad and Henrik Gustafsson. New York: Bloomsbury Press, 2014 [co-translated with Colin Williamson]
- [5] Agamben, Giorgio. "Cinema and History: On Jean-Luc Godard" in *Cinema and Agamben: Ethics, Biopolitics and the Moving Image*. Ed. Asbjorn Gronstad and Henrik Gustafsson. New York: Bloomsbury Press, 2014 [co-translated with Colin Williamson]
- [4] Wallerstein, Immanuel. "The Present Crest of a *Longue Durée*" in *The Politics of Culture and the Spirit of Critique*. Ed. Gabriel Rockhill and Alfredo Gomez-Müller. New York: Columbia University Press, 2011
- [3] Gomez-Müller, Alfredo & Gabriel Rockhill. "Critical Theory Today: Politics, Ethics, Culture" in *The Politics of Culture and the Spirit of Critique*. Ed. Gabriel Rockhill and Alfredo Gomez-Müller. New York: Columbia University Press, 2011
- [2] Castoriadis, Cornelius. "No God, No Caesar, No Tribune," trans. Rockhill et al., in *Epoché: A Journal for the History of Philosophy* 15 (1), 2010 [group translation; also included as Ch. 1 of Castoriadis, *Postscript on Insignificance*]
- [1] Heinich, Nathalie. "The Sociology of Vocational Prizes: Recognition as Esteem" in *Journal for Theory, Culture and Society* 26 (5), 2009 [group translation]

CONFERENCES

Presentations

- [7] "Pure Pleasure as a Paradigm of Good Becoming in Plato's *Philebus*," *Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy at the APA*, Baltimore, MD, December 2013
- [6] "Pleasure as an 'Emergent Cause' in Plato's *Philebus*," *University of Pennsylvania Ancient Philosophy Workshop*, Philadelphia, PA, May 2013
- [5] "The Intrinsic Goodness of Pure Pleasure," *Pennsylvania Circle of Ancient Philosophy Conference*, Pittsburgh, PA, March 2013
- [4] "The Lesson of the Arithmetical Example: Two Readings of Plato's *Hippias Major* 299ff," *Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy Conference*, New York, NY, October 2012
- [3] "Plato's Academy and Dialogues as 'Democratic Institutions of Self-Critique'," *Radical Philosophy Association Conference*, Buffalo, NY, October 2012
- [2] "Refutation by Possibility: H.-G. Gadamer's Interpretation of the *Hippias Major*," *Comparative and Continental Philosophy Conference*, San Diego, CA, May 2012
- [1] "Hegel and Luther: The Dialectic of Master and Slave," *Northeastern Political Science Association Conference*, Philadelphia, PA, November 2007

Commentary

- [4] “Response to Evan Strevell ‘Remembering as Assimilation in Aristotle’s *De Memoria*’,” *Pennsylvania Circle of Ancient Philosophy Conference*, Villanova, PA, March 2014
- [3] “Response to John Wolfe ‘*Psuchê, Arêtê, Phusis*’,” *Villanova Annual Conference in Philosophy*, Villanova, PA, April 2010
- [2] “Response to Philip Armstrong ‘Jean-Luc Nancy’s Reticulated Ontology’,” *Villanova Annual Conference in Philosophy*, Villanova, PA, April 2009
- [1] “Response to Alfred Frankowski, ‘Unearthing the Problem of Temporality and Intersubjectivity as the Ground of Husserl’s Phenomenology’,” *Villanova Annual Conference in Philosophy*, Villanova, PA, March 2008

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of West Georgia	<i>Critical Thinking</i> (Fall 2014-present) <i>Introduction to Philosophy</i> (Fall 2014-present)
Drexel University	<i>Ancient Philosophy</i> (Fall 2013) • “Honors Option” advisor for two student projects <i>Modern Philosophy</i> (Winter 2014) <i>Introduction to Western Philosophy</i> (Spring 2014)
Villanova University	<i>Introduction to Philosophy</i> (Spring 2011, Fall 2010, Spring 2010, Fall 2009) <i>Knowledge, Reality, and Self</i> (Spring 2014, Fall 2013, Spring 2012, Fall 2011) <i>The Ancients: Augustine Cultural Seminar I</i> (Fall 2012) <i>Ethics and Contemporary Moral Problems</i> (Spring 2014, Fall 2013, Summer 2013, Spring 2013, Fall 2012) <i>Logic and Critical Thinking</i> (Spring 2014) Online: <i>Ethics and Contemporary Moral Problems</i> (Summer 2014)
Immaculata University— Lifelong Learning Program	<i>Introduction to Philosophy</i> (Summer 2012)
Rowan University Camden	<i>Logic of Everyday Reasoning</i> (Spring 2012)
Neumann University	<i>Introduction to Philosophy</i> (Fall 2009, Spring 2010)

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Workshop Participant	<i>Ethics Faculty Development Workshops</i> (Villanova, 2012-2014, numerous times) <i>Catholic Social Teaching Workshop</i> (Villanova, 2013) <i>Workshop on Democracy and Politics</i> (Villanova, 2013)
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Centre Parisien d'études critiques (Paris, France, 2008):
One month critical theory workshop conducted in French

Invited Journal Referee

Epoché: A Journal for the History of Philosophy
Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy

Departmental Services

Villanova Majors Fair, Philosophy Department
Representative (Villanova, 2013)
Annual Philosophy Conference Assistant (Villanova, 2007-10, multiple times)

ACADEMIC REFERENCES

Letters of Recommendation

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| Dr. Walter Brogan, Full Professor of Philosophy | Department of Philosophy, Villanova University
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Other Academic References

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