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**EDUCATION**

**SUNY Binghamton**, doctoral candidate in SPEL (Social, Political, Ethical and Legal) Philosophy Program. Expected graduation date: December 2013

Dissertation: *Kierkegaard and Nietzsche: Methods of Tragic-Comic Pedagogy for Non-Foundationalist Ethics*.

Advisors: Robert Guay (chair), Lisa Tessman, Anthony Preus, Andrew Burgess (outside reader).

**University of New Mexico**, Albuquerque, NM: MA, Philosophy (*with distinction*), May 2006.

Master's Thesis: *Suffering Tragedy: Hegel and Kierkegaard on the Tragedy of Antigone*.

Advisors: Andrew Burgess (Chair), Iain Thomson, Brent Kalar.

**Northern Arizona University**, Flagstaff, AZ: BA, Philosophy, May 2000.

**AOS/AOC**

AOS: Ethics, Continental Philosophy & Existentialism, Aesthetics (especially the tragic and comic arts)

AOC: Greek Philosophy, Modern Philosophy, Logic

**TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE**

**Misericordia University**

*Adjunct Instructor (Full-Time)*—Department of Philosophy  
Courses:

- PHIL 200: *Ethical Theory*, Spring 2013
- PHIL 100: *Intro to Philosophy*, Fall 2012 (3 sections)

**SUNY Binghamton**

*Instructor of Record (Part-Time)*—Department of Philosophy  
Courses:

- PHIL 122: *Symbolic Logic* (Web-based), Winter 2012, Summer 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008
- PHIL 140: *Intro to Ethics*, Fall 2009
- PHIL 101: *Intro to Philosophy*, Fall 2008

*Teaching Assistant*—Department of Philosophy  
Courses:

- PHIL 105: *Intro to Asian Philosophy* (for Charles Goodman), Spring 2011
- PHIL 345: *Philosophy of Law* (for Anthony Reeves), Spring 2010

- PHIL 122: *Intro to Logic* (for Eric Dietrich), Fall 2007/Spring 2009
- PHIL 107: *Intro to Existentialism & Phenomenology* (for Randy Friedman), Spring 2007

### University of New Mexico

*Teaching Assistant*—School of Engineering

Course: Summer Bridge Diversity Program: *College English*, Summer 2006

*Guest Lecturer*—Department of Philosophy

Courses:

- PHIL 556 (for Aladdin M. Yaqub—*Symbolic Logic*), Spring 2005
- PHIL 102 (for Carlos A. Sanchez—*Current Moral Problems*), Fall 2005

*Teaching Assistant*—Department of Philosophy

Courses:

- PHIL 201: *Greek Philosophy* (for Andrew Burgess), Fall 2004
- PHIL 202: *Modern Philosophy* (for Brent Kalar), Spring 2004
- PHIL 101: *Intro to Philosophical Problems* (for Bob Reeves), Fall 2003

### PUBLICATIONS

“Kierkegaard and the Tearful, Laughable Goal of Human Nature and Narrative Unity” in *Acta Kierkegaardiana VI: Kierkegaard and Human Nature* (forthcoming, 2013).

“Suffering Tragedy: Hegel, Kierkegaard and Butler on the Tragedy of *Antigone*” in *Mosaic* 40:3 (September 2008), 63-79.

### LANGUAGES

Danish, German (working knowledge), Spanish

### PRESENTATIONS

“Kierkegaard’s *Antigone*: Suffering the Normativity of Temporal Continuity,” to be presented at the World Congress of Philosophy, Athens, Greece, August 2013.

“Kierkegaard’s Tragic-Comic Orientation to Non-Foundationalist Ethics,” to be presented at the 7<sup>th</sup> International Kierkegaard Conference, St. Olaf College, MN, June 2013.

“Critical Humility and Critical Confidence in the Dialectical Demands of Non-Foundationalist Ethics,” presented at the SPEL Colloquium, SUNY Binghamton, March 2011.

“McDowell, Virtue and Cognitive Dissonance,” presented at the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy’s Annual Meeting, Fordham University, NY, October 2010.

“Reading Nietzsche through Kierkegaard,” presented at the 6<sup>th</sup> International Kierkegaard Conference, St. Olaf College, MN, June 2010.

“Kierkegaard on Tragedy’s Either/Or,” presented at the American Society for Aesthetics’ 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Northampton, MA, November 2008.

“Plato’s *Symposium*: Erotic Affinities between Socratic Philosophy and Aristophanic Comedy,” presented at the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy’s Annual Meeting, Fordham University, NY, October 2008.

“Is the Question of Freedom or Determinism an Either/Or?” presented at Graduate Student Organization Conference, SUNY Binghamton, March 2008.

“Reconsidering Hegel’s *Antigone*,” presented at the *Intermountain West Student Philosophy Conference*, University of Utah, April 2006.

**COMMENTARIES** Kenneth Baynes, Syracuse University, *Locating Discourse Morality as Moral Constructivism* presented at SPEL Colloquium, SUNY Binghamton, November 12, 2009.

Joshua Wretzel, SUNY Binghamton, “Is Conceptual Content Self-Grounding? Brandom and Hegel on Strong Individuational Holism,” presented at SPEL Colloquium, SUNY Binghamton, September 11, 2008.

**AWARDS/  
FELLOWSHIP** New Mexico Scholar Award, Fall 2003—Spring 2006  
Summer Fellowship, Hong Kierkegaard Library, Summer 2005

**ORGANIZATIONS** Phi Sigma Tau, Advisor to Misericordia University’s Kappa Chapter, 2012;  
Treasurer to University of New Mexico’s chapter, 2004 to 2006  
Feminist Ethics and Social Theory, 2013  
Søren Kierkegaard Society, 2011 to present  
American Philosophical Association, 2008 to present  
American Society for Aesthetics, 2008 to present  
Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, 2008 to present  
SUNY Binghamton Graduate Student Organization, Co-chair, 2008 to 2009

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