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## EDUCATION

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- 2014 Ph.D. Philosophy, Villanova University
- 2009 M.A. Philosophy, Villanova University
- 2005 B.A. Religion, Florida State University

## EMPLOYMENT

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- 2020— Associate Professor: Philosophy Program, University of West Georgia
- 2016-20 Assistant Professor: Philosophy Program, University of West Georgia
- 2014-16 Lecturer: Philosophy Program, University of West Georgia
- 2009-14 Adjunct: Villanova, Drexel, Immaculata, Rowan, and Neumann Universities
- 2005-06 Assistant de langue: Lycée Pierre Forest, Maubeuge, France

## TEACHING AND RESEARCH AREAS

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- AOS Ancient Philosophy; Continental Philosophy
- AOC History of Philosophy; Philosophy of Religion; Ethics
- Languages Ancient Greek (research); French (research, conversation); German (research)

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Monograph

- 2017 *The Emerging Good in Plato's Philebus*, Northwestern University Press.
  - Reviewed by D. Hoinski in *Ancient Philosophy* 40 (1), 2020.
  - Reviewed by S. Ogihara in *The Classical Review* 68 (2), 2018.
  - Reviewed by M. Korngut in *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 09.28, 2018.
  - Reviewed by C. Smith in *Ancient Philosophy* 38 (2), 2018.
  - Previewed in "Early Career Research Spotlight," *Blog of the APA*, September 23, 2016.
  - Partial draft of Ch. 3 privately circulated in *SAGP Newsletter* 14 (1), 2013.

### Peer-Reviewed Essays

- 2020 "Creative Discovery: Proclus and Plato on the Emergence of Scientific Precision," *Epoché: A Journal for the History of Philosophy* 24 (2).
  - Partial draft privately circulated in *SAGP Newsletter* 19 (3), 2019.
- 2018 "Thinking Beyond Identity: Numbers and the Identity of Indiscernibles in Plato and Proclus," *Idealistic Studies* 47 (1/2).
- 2017 "Gadamer and the Lessons of Arithmetic in Plato's *Hippias Major*," *Meta: Research in Hermeneutics, Phenomenology, and Practical Philosophy* 9 (1).
- 2011 "Cornelius Castoriadis," *Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*; revised 2015.

### Essays in Edited Books or Journals

- 2019 “Foreword,” in Cornelius Castoriadis, *Democracy and Relativism: A Debate*, trans. John V. Garner, London: Rowman & Littlefield.
- 2019 “Creativity and Historical Non-Being in Nikulin’s *The Concept of History*,” *Existenz: An International Journal in Philosophy, Religion, Politics, and the Arts* 14 (1), Spring [invited].
  - Reply by D. Nikulin published in *Existenz* 14 (1), Spring 2019.

### Peer-Reviewed Book Reviews

- 2017 “Dmitri Nikulin: *The Concept of History: How Ideas are Constituted, Transmitted and Interpreted*,” *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 8.48.
- 2014 “David Wolfsdorf: *Pleasure in Ancient Greek Philosophy*,” *Ancient Philosophy* 34 (2).
- 2014 “Luc Brisson and Francesco Fronterotta, ed.: *Lire Platon*,” *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 9.44.
- 2013 “Suzi Adams: *Castoriadis’s Ontology: Being and Creation*,” *Journal of the British Society for Phenomenology* 44 (2).
- 2011 “Giorgio Agamben: *The Signature of All Things: On Method*,” *Continental Philosophy Review* 43 (4).

### Book Review in Edited Journal

- 2018 “Saulius Geniusas, Dmitri Nikulin (eds.): *Productive Imagination: Its History, Meaning and Significance*,” *Phenomenological Reviews* 4 (8/10).

### Translations of Books

- — Castoriadis, Cornelius. *The Greek Imaginary: From Homer to Heraclitus*, Edinburgh University Press [contracted; work in progress].
- 2019 Castoriadis, Cornelius. *Democracy and Relativism: A Debate*. London: Rowman & Littlefield International.
- 2011 Castoriadis, Cornelius. *Postscript on Insignificance: Dialogues with Cornelius Castoriadis*. Ed. and trans. with Gabriel Rockhill. New York: Continuum.

### Translations of Essays

- 2017 Rockhill, Gabriel. “Are We Really Living in a Technological Era?” in *Counter-History of the Present: Untimely Interrogations into Globalization, Technology, Democracy*. Durham: Duke University Press.
- 2017 Rockhill, Gabriel. “What Is the Use of Democracy? The Urgency of an Inappropriate Question” in *Counter-History of the Present: Untimely Interrogations into Globalization, Technology, Democracy*. Durham: Duke University Press.
- 2014 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 [co-translated with Colin Williamson].
- 2014 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 [co-translated with Colin Williamson].
- 2011 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 Gomez-Müller, Alfredo and 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.
  - 2010 Castoriadis, Cornelius. “No God, No Caesar, No Tribune,” *Epoché: A Journal for the History of Philosophy* 15 (1) [group translation].
  - 2009 Heinich, Nathalie. “The Sociology of Vocational Prizes: Recognition as Esteem,” *Journal for Theory, Culture and Society* 26 (5) [group translation].

## PRESENTATIONS

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### Conference Presentations

- 2020 “An Institution of Waiting: Simone Weil, Albert Camus, and the Death Penalty,” *Rethinking Responses to Political Crisis and Collapse: Hannah Arendt, Edith Stein, Rosa Luxemburg, & Simone Weil*, London, ON, March.
- 2019 “Creativity and Historical Non-Being in Nikulin’s *The Concept of History*,” in ‘Author Meets Critics,’ *Karl Jaspers Society of North America*, Denver, CO, February [invited].
- 2019 “Proclus and Plato on the Source of Precision in the Sciences [revised],” *Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy*, Denver, CO, February.
- 2018 “Proclus and Plato on the Source of Precision in the Sciences [draft],” *12<sup>th</sup> London Ancient Science Conference*, London, England, February.
- 2017 “Number Forms and the Identity of Indiscernibles in Plato and Proclus,” *11<sup>th</sup> London Ancient Science Conference*, London, England, February.
- 2015 “Non-realist Goods in Plato’s Realist Moral Philosophy,” *International Plato Society*, Atlanta, GA, March.
- 2013 “Pure Pleasure as a Paradigm of Good Becoming in Plato’s *Philebus*,” *Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy*, Baltimore, MD, December.
- 2013 “Pleasure as an ‘Emergent Cause’ in Plato’s *Philebus*,” *University of Pennsylvania Ancient Philosophy Workshop*, Philadelphia, PA, May.
- 2013 “The Intrinsic Goodness of Pure Pleasure,” *Pennsylvania Circle of Ancient Philosophy*, Pittsburgh, PA, March.
- 2012 “The Lesson of the Arithmetical Example: Two Readings of Plato’s *Hippias Major* 299ff,” *Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy*, New York, NY, October.
- 2012 “Plato the Democrat: The Academy and Dialogues as ‘Democratic Institutions of Self-Critique’,” *Radical Philosophy Association Conference*, Buffalo, NY, October.

- 2012 “Refutation by Possibility: H.-G. Gadamer’s Interpretation of the *Hippias Major*,” *Comparative and Continental Philosophy Circle*, San Diego, CA, May.
- 2007 “The Realm of Justice and the Dialectic of Master and Slave,” *Northeastern Political Science Association*, Philadelphia, PA, November.

### Conference Commentary

- 2018 “Response to Pieter d’Hoine, ‘Proclus on Self Predication’,” *Ancient Philosophy Society*, Atlanta, GA, April.
- 2014 “Response to Evan Strevell, ‘Remembering as Assimilation in Aristotle’s *De Memoria*’,” *Pennsylvania Circle of Ancient Philosophy*, Villanova, PA, March.
- 2010 “Response to John Wolfe, ‘*Psuchê, Arêtê, Phusis*’,” *Villanova Annual Conference in Philosophy*, Villanova, PA, April.
- 2009 “Response to Philip Armstrong, ‘Jean-Luc Nancy’s Reticulated Ontology’,” *Villanova Annual Conference in Philosophy*, Villanova, PA, April.
- 2008 “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.

### Other Talks

- 2017 “Rethinking Work,” with Janet Donohoe, *The Other Night School at Serenbe*, Palmetto, GA, May 3, 2017; also presented at *The Other Night School at UWG Newnan*, Newnan, GA, February.
- 2017 “Rethinking the Body,” with Janet Donohoe, *The Other Night School at UWG Newnan*, Newnan, GA, February.
- 2016 “Plato’s Hatred of Democracy?” *West Georgia Philosophical Society*, Carrollton, GA, March.

### Workshop Participant

- 2017 9<sup>th</sup> Institute for the History of Philosophy Summer Workshop, Atlanta, GA.
- 2016 13<sup>th</sup> Toronto Summer Seminar in Philosophy, Toronto, Canada.
- 2012-14 Ethics Faculty Development Workshops, Villanova, PA [multiple times].
- 2013 Catholic Social Teaching Summer Workshop, Villanova, PA.
- 2013 Workshop on Democracy and Politics, Villanova, PA.
- 2008 *Atelier de Théorie Critique*, Paris, France.

### GRANTS AND AWARDS

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- 2020-21 *Faculty Research Grant*, Office of Research and Sponsored Projects, University of West Georgia
- 2017-18 *Student Research Assistant Program Grant*, Student Work Advisory Committee, University of West Georgia (with major Cony Garrido)
- 2014 ‘*Philosophy of the Social Venture*’ *Course Design Grant Beneficiary*, Department of Missions Effectiveness, Villanova University
- 2013 *James Harvey Teaching Award*, Philosophy Department, Villanova University

- 2012 *John G. Tich Research Award*, Philosophy Department, Villanova University
- 2012 *Summer Research Fellowship*, School of Arts and Sciences, Villanova University
- 2007-13 *Graduate School Travel Grants*, School of Arts and Sciences, Villanova University [numerous times]
- 2006-10 *Graduate Fellowship*, Philosophy Department, Villanova University

#### **COURSES TAUGHT (3 PER SEMESTER; RECENT TYPES LISTED)**

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- 2021 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy PHIL 3110
- 2021 Critical Thinking PHIL 2020
- 2020 Medieval to Early Modern Philosophy PHIL 3105
- 2020 Introduction to Philosophy PHIL 2010
- 2020 Individuated Study: Pre-Modern Aesthetics PHIL 4381
- 2020 Ancient and Medieval Philosophy PHIL 3100
- 2019 Philosophy of Religion PHIL 4230
- 2019 Individuated Study: Mimetic Theory and Psychology PHIL 5381
- 2019 Modern Philosophy PHIL 3110
- 2018 Senior Seminar: Violence PHIL 4300
- 2018 Honors: Introduction to Philosophy PHIL 2010H
- 2017 Existentialism PHIL 3140
- 2017 Special Topics: German Idealism PHIL 4385

#### **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES (SELECTION)**

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##### **Service to the University (UWG-, COLLEGE-, or PHIL PROGRAM-level)**

- 2020— UWG: Secular Student Society [student org], Faculty Advisor
- 2020— UWG: Gen Ed Assessment Committee—Area E Assessment Team, Member
- 2019— UWG: Interfaith Council, Member; Student Outreach Coordinator (2020)
- 2018— COL: Executive Committee, Member; Vice-Chair (2020-2021)
- 2017— UWG: West Georgia Philosophical Society [student org], Faculty Advisor
- 2017— PHIL: Academic Co-advisor for Majors
- 2016— PHIL: *The Lantern* (philosophy newsletter), Editor
- 2019-20 UWG: Gen Ed Assessment Committee—Area B Working Group, Member
- 2018-20 COL: Theme Year Committee, Member
- 2017-20 COL: School of the Arts Committee, Member
- 2017-19 UWG: UPC—CHIP Subcommittee, Member and Records-keeper
- 2018 UWG: Interfaith Cooperation Campaign, Invited Panelist, October 2018
- 2018 COL: XIDS Pathways to the Humanities, Course Co-designer
- 2018 PHIL: Instructor Position Search, Co-chair
- 2017 COL: QEP Mini Symposium, Participant, June 2017

- 2017 COL: QEP Focus Group, Participant, March 2017
- 2015-17 COL: Online Learning Subcommittee, Member
- 2016 PHIL: Supplemental Instruction Program Pilot, Spring-Fall 2016

#### **Service to the Profession**

- 2020 Reviewer for article: *Symposium: Canadian Journal of Continental Philosophy*
- 2020 Reviewer for article: *Ancient Philosophy Today: Diologoi*
- 2019 Reviewer for article: *Apeiron: A Journal for Ancient Philosophy and Science*
- 2018 Reviewer for article: *Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*
- 2018 Reviewer for article: *Polis: The Journal for Ancient Greek Political Thought*
- 2018 Reviewer for book proposal: *Rowman & Littlefield International*
- 2017 Reviewer for book manuscript: *State University of New York Press*
- 2017 Reviewer for article: *Journal of Speculative Philosophy*
- 2017 Reviewer for article: *Journal of Value Inquiry*
- 2015 Reviewer for article: *Ancient Philosophy*
- 2015 Reviewer for article: *Radical Philosophy Review*
- 2011 Reviewer for article: *Epoché: A Journal for the History of Philosophy*
- 2011 Reviewer for article: *Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*
- 2010 Reviewer for article: *Epoché: A Journal for the History of Philosophy*

#### **Service to the Community**

- 2019— 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> West Georgia High School Ethics Bowl, Judge
- 2017— 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Georgia Ancient Philosophy Seminar, Co-organizer
- 2020 Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl National Championship, Judge