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Curriculum vitae

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Professional Appointments

2023-2024 Senior Fellow, the Columbia Center for Contemporary Critical Thought, Columbia University, New York, New York

2020-2023 Visiting Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, Albion College, Albion Michigan

Education

PhD, Philosophy of Religions

The University of Chicago Divinity School, Chicago, IL.
Dissertation: *The Politics of Self-overcoming: Spiritual Exercises and Political Liberation from Michel Foucault to Martin Luther King Jr.*
Committee: Arnold I. Davidson (Chair); Bernard E. Harcourt;
Curtis J. Evans
March 20, 2020

MA, Philosophy of Religions

The University of Chicago Divinity School, Chicago, IL.
June 12, 2010

BA, English, Religious Studies

Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ;
University High Honors, English Department High Honors,
Religious Studies Department Honors with Distinction, Philosophy Minor.
June 2003

Areas of Expertise

Areas of Specialization:

19th and 20th Century French and German Philosophy, Modern Philosophy of Religions, Religion and Ethics, American Religions, Michel Foucault, Emmanuel Levinas, Pierre Hadot, American Pragmatism, Religion and Social Movements, Race and Religion, Religion and Digital Media

Areas of Competence:

Medical Ethics, Hermeneutics, Liberal Theory, Marxist Theory, Liberation Theology, Religion and Speculative Fiction, Critical Improvisation Studies

Publications

2023* *The Care of the Self and the Care of the Other: Spiritual Exercises and the Politics of Self-overcoming*, New York, NY: Columbia University Press (under contract)

- 2024* Co-editor (with Niki Kasumi Clements), *Foucault's Confessions*, New York, NY: Columbia University Press (under review)
- 2026* "Michel Foucault and the Philosophy of Religion," *The Foucauldian Mind*, (Daniele Lorenzini, editor) New York, NY: Routledge Press, "Philosophical Minds" series.
- 2021 English edition editor, translator: Michel Foucault, *Speaking the Truth About Oneself (Dire vrai sur soi-même): Lectures at Victoria University, Toronto 1982*, Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, October 2021.
- 2021 Review: *The Selected Writings of Pierre Hadot*, *The Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, (June 2021)
- 2018 "Dr. King and the Life of the Question," *The Political Theology Network*, MLK 50 Symposium (April 5, 2018). (<https://politicaltheology.com/dr-king-and-the-life-of-the-question/>)
- 2016 Translator: Raoul Moati, *Levinas and the Night of Being: An Introduction to Totality and Infinity*, New York: Fordham University Press, October 2016.
- 2015 "There's Cheating and There's Cheating: Foucault, True Speech, and Strategic Play," *The Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, (Dec. 2015) 83 (4):1084-1107.

Conference Activity & Invited Talks

- 2021- Co-organizer (with Niki Kasumi Clements), chair: *Foucault and Religious Studies Seminar*, The American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting 2021-2025; an interdisciplinary, five-year seminar devoted to exploring the intersection of Religious Studies and the work of Michel Foucault.
- 2025
- 2024 "The Practice of Dignity: Howard Thurman, Martin Luther King, and the Politics of the Self," Mapping Philosophy as a Way of Life Seminar, Instituto de Filosofia da Nova, Lisbon, Portugal
- 2023 "On the Care of the Self and the Care of the Other," Western Carolina Department of Philosophy and Religion, Spring 2023 Visiting Scholar Lecture Series
- 2022 "From the Scale of Despotism to the Scale of Freedom: Violence and Perfectionism in the Non-violent Tradition," Albion College Faculty Lecture Series, March 24, 2022.
- 2021 "Georges Friedmann: Marxism, Technological Change, and the Great Disequilibrium," The Radical Philosophy Association, Radical Philosophy Hour; August 2, 2021
- 2020 "The Lonely Goddess: Religion, Memory, and History in The Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild," American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, The Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Unit; December 2, 2020.
- 2017 "The Practice of Dignity: The Care of the Self, Relations of Power, and the Montgomery Bus Boycott;" The University of Chicago Divinity School, Foucault and Religion, March 10, 2017.
- 2015 "Dewey as Genealogist: Pragmatism, the 'Genetic Method' and Philosophical Reconstruction," American Academy of Religion 2015 Annual Meeting, The Pragmatism and Empiricism in American Religious Thought Group; November 21, 2015.
- 2014 "Ender as Parrhesiast: True Speech, Difference & Empathy in Orson Scott Card's *Speaker for the Dead*," American Academy of Religion 2014 Annual Meeting, combined session of The Arts,

- Literature, and Religion Section, Mormon Studies Group, New Religious Movements Group, Religion and Popular Culture Group, and Religion and Science Fiction Group, panel “Extraterrestrial Mormonism: Orson Scott Card’s Ender Series and Battlestar Galactica;” November 23, 2014.
- 2012 “Foucault, Ritual Speech & the Analytic of Resistance,” American Academy of Religion 2012 Annual Meeting, Ritual Studies Group, panel “Domains and Boundaries: Ritual and Technology, Game, Play, and Art;” November 19, 2012.
- 2009 “William James, Belief and Identity,” Northwestern University graduate student conference: Religion and Identity, Evanston, IL; April 25, 2009.

Teaching Experience

Professor, Albion College Department of Religious Studies, Course: *Liberation Theology*, Autumn 2020 (remote), Spring 2023

Professor, Albion College Department of Religious Studies, Course: *Faith and Reason*, Spring 2021 (remote), Spring 2023

Professor, Albion College Department of Religious Studies, Course: *Introduction to Western Religions* Autumn 2020 (remote), Spring 2021 (remote), Autumn 2021, Spring 2022, Autumn 2022, Spring 2023

Professor, Albion College Department of Religious Studies, Course: *Religion and Nonviolence*, Spring 2021 (remote), Autumn 2022

Professor, Albion College Department of Religious Studies, Course: *History of Christian Thought*, Autumn 2020 (remote), Autumn 2021, Autumn 2022

Professor, Albion College Department of Religious Studies, Course: *American Christianities*, Spring 2022

Professor, Albion College Department of Religious Studies, Course: *Philosophy of Religion: What is Religious Freedom?*, Autumn 2021

Professor, The University of Chicago Academic Achievement Program, Course: *Religion and the Politics of Non-violent Resistance*, Summer 2020 (remote)

Teaching Assistant, University of Chicago Department of Philosophy, Professor Dan Brudney. Course: *Medical Ethics: Central Topics*, Winter 2020

Lector, The University of Chicago Writing Program, Course: *Academic and Professional Writing*, Winter 2015, Spring 2015, Winter 2016, Spring 2016, Summer 2016, Summer 2017, Winter 2018, Spring 2018, Summer 2018, Autumn 2018, Winter 2019, Autumn 2019, Winter 2020, Spring 2020 (remote)

Instructor, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Course: *Improvisation and Indeterminacy in the Arts*, Autumn 2015, Autumn 2019

Writing Intern, The University of Chicago Humanities Core, Course: *Philosophical Perspectives*, Winter 2018, Autumn 2019

Instructor, The University of Chicago Academic Achievement Program, Course: *Introduction to College Writing*, Summer 2017, Summer 2018, Summer 2019

Instructor, The University of Chicago Humanities Core, Course: *Philosophical Perspectives III*, Spring 2019

Instructor, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Course: *Religion and the Politics of Non-violent Resistance*, Autumn 2016, Spring 2019

Teaching Assistant, University of Chicago Department of Philosophy, Professor Arnold I. Davidson. Course: *Michel Foucault's History of Sexuality*, Autumn 2013, Autumn 2018

Writing Intern, The University of Chicago Humanities Core, Course: *Language and the Human*, Autumn 2016, Spring 2018

Guest Lecturer, The University of Chicago Divinity School
Course: *Religion and the American Civil Rights Movement*, January 11, 2018

Guest Lecturer, Trinity College Department of Classics
Course: *Sex and Sexuality in the Ancient World*, September 12, 2016

Teaching Assistant, University of Chicago Divinity School, Professor Richard Rosengarten, Course: *Introduction to the Study of Religion* (MA-level course), Autumn 2014

Instructor, Rutgers University Educational Opportunity Fund, New Brunswick, NJ,
Course: *Preparation for College Writing*, Summer 2004

Pedagogical Training and Certifications:

2020 **University of Chicago Humanities Core Inclusive Pedagogy Workshop III**, “Making it Work in Practice: Encouraging and Managing Controversy in Discussion” February 21, 2020

University of Chicago Humanities Core Inclusive Pedagogy Workshop II, “Writing About Controversial Topics;” January 31, 2020

University of Chicago Humanities Core Inclusive Pedagogy Workshop I, “Discussing Controversial Topics;” January 17, 2020

2017 **The University of Chicago Divinity School**, Certificate in “The Craft of Teaching in the Academic Study of Religion;” completed November 1, 2017

The University of Chicago Divinity School Craft of Teaching Workshop, Annual Philosophy of Teaching Workshop (Arts of Teaching Series); June 8, 2017

2016 **The University of Chicago Divinity School Craft of Teaching Workshop**, “Using Ethnography to Teach Religion” (Arts of Teaching Series), Professor Alireza Doostdar; May 24, 2016

2015 **The University of Chicago Divinity School Craft of Teaching Workshop**, Annual Philosophy of Teaching Statement Workshop; December 1, 2015

The University of Chicago Divinity School Craft of Teaching Workshop, Dean’s Spring Craft of Teaching Seminar with Alumna of the Year, Laurie L. Patton; April 23, 2015

2014 **The University of Chicago Writing Program**, Training Course: Principles of Teaching Writing; completed December 2014

The University of Chicago Divinity School Craft of Teaching Workshop, Dean's Fall Craft of Teaching Seminar with Joanne Maguire Robinson, "From Paper Syllabi to Online Learning: Expanding Course Boundaries;" October 24, 2014

The University of Chicago Divinity School Craft of Teaching Workshop, Workshop on Public Speaking (Arts of Teaching Series); October 2, 2014

The University of Chicago Divinity School Craft of Teaching Workshop, Dean's Spring Craft of Teaching Seminar with David Carrasco; April 24, 2014

The University of Chicago Divinity School Craft of Teaching Workshop, "Practicing an Alternative Epistemology: Thinking at the Edge," Professor Donata Schoeller; April 22, 2014

The University of Chicago Divinity School Craft of Teaching Workshop, "Students in Distress: Student Mental Health and Today's College Teaching," Dr. Michael Pietrus; April 14, 2014

The University of Chicago Divinity School Craft of Teaching Workshop, "Authority in the Classroom," Professor Sarah Hammerschlag; January 27, 2014

The University of Chicago Divinity School Craft of Teaching Workshop, "Beyond Content: What Does It Mean to Think Like a Medievalist?" Professor Leah Shopkow; March 7, 2014

The University of Chicago Divinity School Craft of Teaching Workshop, "Helping Students Cope with Pluralism and Criticism in the Classroom;" February 28, 2014

The University of Chicago Divinity School Craft of Teaching Workshop, Workshop on Syllabus Design, Professor Lucy Pick; February 21, 2014

2013 **The University of Chicago Divinity School Craft of Teaching Workshop**, "Writing Good Recommendation Letters for Your Students," Professors Catherine Brekus and Jeffrey Stackert; December 5, 2013

The University of Chicago Divinity School Craft of Teaching Workshop, "Approaches to the Introductory Course in Religious Studies," Professors Lucy Pick and Richard Rosengarten; October 9, 2013

2012 **The University of Chicago Center for Teaching**, Seminar & Workshop on Course Design; completed November 2012

Research Experience

Research Assistant, The University of Chicago Law School & Department of Political Science; Columbia University Law School and the Columbia Center for Contemporary Critical Thought, Bernard Harcourt, Professor of Law & Chair of the Department of Political Science, September 2011 – September 2013; 2017; 2019

- Edited and proofread the original French manuscript and English translation of *Mal faire, dire vrai*, Michel Foucault's 1981 lectures at *l'Université catholique de Louvain-la-neuve* (Louvain, 2012); published in English by the University of Chicago Press as *Wrong Doing, Truth-Telling* (2014)

Research Assistant, The University of Chicago Department of Philosophy, Professor Raoul Moati, October 2013 – June 2016

Research Assistant, The University of Chicago Divinity School, Professor Michael Sells, March 2010 – September 2010

Research Assistant, The University of Chicago Department of South Asian Languages and Cultures, Professor Yigal Bronner, October 2008 – June 2009. Archival research, manuscript editing and proofreading for the following publications:

- *Extreme Poetry*, Columbia University Press, New York (2010)
- “The Poetics of Ambivalence: Imagining and Unimagining in Bilhana’s Vikramānkadevacarita.” *Journal of Indian Philosophy*, Vol. 38, No. 5 (October 2010), pp. 457-483
- “Change in Disguise: The Early Discourse on Vyāṅgyastuti.” *Journal of the American Oriental Society*, Vol. 129.2 (2009), pp. 179-198

Academic Service

Workshop Leader, “AV for Academics: An Introduction to Technology in the Classroom,” The University of Chicago Divinity School Craft of Teaching Series and the University of Chicago Divinity School 101 series, February 27, 2019

Translation Vetting, The University of Chicago Press, Jean-Luc Marion, *Sur la pensée passive de Descartes*, January-February 2017

Translation Vetting, The University of Chicago Press, Pierre Hadot, *N’oublie pas de vivre*, November 2017

Coordinator, The Contemporary European Philosophy Workshop, The University of Chicago, Autumn 2013 – Spring 2015

University of Chicago Workshop Presentations

2020 The Philosophy of Religions Workshop, January 27, 2020: “Georges Friedmann: From the Great Disequilibrium to the Interior Effort”

2016 The Philosophy of Religions Workshop, January 19, 2016: “The Politics of Self-overcoming: Notes on Georges Friedmann.”

2012 The Contemporary European Philosophy Workshop, April 2, 2012: “The Practice of Dignity: the Care of the Self, Relations of Power, and the Montgomery Bus Boycott.”

2011 The Contemporary European Philosophy Workshop, April 12, 2011: “The Production of Silence: Confession and Resistance in Foucault’s Analytics of Power.”

2010 The Contemporary European Philosophy Workshop, November 2, 2010: “Remarks on Georges Canguilhem’s *The Normal and the Pathological*: ‘On Organic Norms in Man.’”

Relevant Professional Experience

North & Northwest Philadelphia Area Coordinator, The Center for Literacy, Philadelphia PA, November 2007 – August 2008

English Tutoring Program Manager, Rutgers University Student Support Services Program, New Brunswick, NJ, January 2004 – January 2005

Languages

French: Proficient reader, speaker, and translator
German: Proficient reader

References

Arnold I. Davidson, Robert O. Anderson Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus in the Department of Philosophy, the Department of Comparative Literature, the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures, the Committee on the Conceptual and Historical Studies of Science, the Divinity School, and the Stevanovich Institute on the Formation of Knowledge.

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Bernard E. Harcourt, Isidor and Seville Sulzbacher Professor of Law, Professor of Political Science, Executive Director of the Eric H. Holder Initiative for Civil and Political Rights, and Founding Director of the Columbia Center for Contemporary Critical Thought at Columbia University.

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Teaching References:

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