

Curriculum Vitae

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Areas of Specialization

Existential Phenomenology and Hermeneutics. Virtue Ethics.

Areas Of Competence

History of Philosophy: Ancient and Modern/German Idealism.

Education

Ph.D. Marquette University, 2000. Philosophy
M.A. Villanova University, 1992. Philosophy
B.A. SUNY at Plattsburgh, 1989. Philosophy/Mass Communications

Articles and Book Chapters

- "Towards a Common World: Arendt's way beyond Hobbes," *Journal of the British Society for Phenomenology*, Vol. 56, Issue 2 (2025): 105-123.
- "Counter Finality and the Living World," in *Earthly Engagements: Reading Sartre after the Holocene*, ed. Matthew Ally and Damon Boria (Rowman and Littlefield, 2023).
- "Heidegger's Epicureanism: Death, Dwelling and Ataraxia," *Gatherings*, Vol. 9 (2019): 60-89.
- "Sartre and Heidegger on Social Deformation and the Anthropocene," *Sartre Studies International*, Vol. 24, issue 2 (2018).
- "Shame and Virtue," in *Emotional Experience: Ethical and Social Significance*, ed. John Drummond and Sonja Rinofer-Kreidl (Rowman and Littlefield International, 2017).
- "Progress and the Practico-Inert," *Sartre Studies International*, Vol. 21, issue 2 (2015)
- "Correlates of the Good Life: Body, Wilderness, and Expertise," in *Phenomenology and Virtue Ethics*, ed. Kevin Hermberg and Paul Gyllenhammer (London: Bloomsbury Publishing, 2013).
- "Phenomenology as an Ascetic Practice," in *Ethics and Phenomenology*, ed. M. Sanders and J. Wisniewski (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2012).
- "Virtue Ethics and Neurosis," *Schutzian Research: A Yearbook of Worldly Phenomenology and Qualitative Social Science*, Vol. 3 (2011): 151-162.
- "Sartre on Shame: From Ontology to Social Critique," *Journal of the British Society for Phenomenology*, Vol. 41, no. 1 (2010): 48-63.
- "The Call of Literature and Sartre's Re-evaluation of Bad Faith," in *Phenomenology and Literature*, ed. Pol Vandavelde (Würzburg: Königshausen and Neumann, 2010).
- "Normality in Husserl and Foucault," *Research in Phenomenology*, Vol. 39, no. 1 (2009): 52-68.
- "A Despairing Duty: The Non-Reciprocal Dimension to Sartre's Ethics," *Philosophy Today*, Vol. 52, no. 2 (summer 2008): 165-172.
- "The Question of Tolerance in Heidegger's Account of World-Disclosure," in *Issues in Interpretation Theory*, ed. Pol Vandavelde (Milwaukee: Marquette University Press, 2006).

- “Three Dimensions of Objectivity in Husserl’s Account of Passive Synthesis,” *The Journal of the British Society for Phenomenology*, Vol. 35, no. 2 (2004): 180-200.
- “The Passivity of Optimizing Practices: A Development of Husserl’s Transcendental Aesthetics,” *Southwest Philosophy Review*, 19, no. 1 (2003): 97-105.
- “Phenomenology: Between Coherence and Correspondence. A Critical Study of Sokolowski’s *Introduction to Phenomenology*,” *Recherches husserliennes*, Vol. 17 (2002): 117-130.
- “Between Noema and Fulfillment: Ricoeur’s Theory of Narrative,” *International Studies in Philosophy*, Vol. 33, no.4 (2001): 45-61.
- “Finding a Place for the Universal in Hermeneutic Theory,” *Southwest Philosophical Studies*, Vol. 23 (2001): 21-28
- “On Fulfillment: Uncovering the Possibility of a New Objective Insight,” *Auslegung*, Vol. 24, no. 2 (2001): 185-198.
- “From the Limits of Knowledge to the Hermeneutics of Action,” *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly*, Vol. 72, no. 4 (1998): 559-580.

Publications as Editor:

- Co-Editor (with Kevin Hermberg), *Phenomenology and Virtue Ethics* (London: Bloomsbury Pub., 2013).
- Lead Editor. *PhaenEx: Journal of Existential and Phenomenological Theory and Culture* 4, no. 1 (spring/summer 2009).
- Lead Editor. *PhaenEx: Journal of Existential and Phenomenological Theory and Culture* 2, no. 1 (spring/summer 2007).
- Co-Editor. Inaugural Edition of *PhaenEx: Journal of Existential and Phenomenological Theory and Culture* 1, no. 1 (spring/summer 2006).
- Managing Editor of *PhaenEx* (see below)

Conference Presentations

- “Sartre and Arendt on Politics, Plurality and Aesthetics,” *North American Sartre Society* (NASS), Molloy University (Oct. 26, 2024).
- “The Problem of the Productive Imagination,” *North American Sartre Society*, UNC, Wilmington (Nov. 3, 2023)
- “Sartre’s way beyond Hobbesian Imperialism,” *Long Island Philosophical Society* (LIPS), St. John’s University (April 1, 2023).
- “The Hobbesian link between Arendt and Sartre: Compelled Silence as an Origin of Imperialism,” *North American Sartre Society*, American University, Washington D.C. (Nov. 5, 2022).
- “Mill and Sartre on Oppression, Individuality, and Virtue,” *Long Island Philosophical Society*, Molloy College, NY (April 30, 2022).
- “Self-Estrangement and the Embodiment of Character,” *North American Sartre Society*, on-line conference (Oct. 30, 2021).
- “Counter Finality and the *Living World*,” *North American Sartre Society*, Univ. of Mary Washington, Fredericksburg, VA (Oct. 27, 2018)
- “The Knight of Faith and Silence,” *Symposium: Truth and Communication from Kierkegaard to Social Media*, St. John’s University, Queens, NY (Nov. 17, 2018).
- “Heidegger’s Epicureanism: Death, Dwelling and *Ataraxia*,” Conference on *Heidegger, Dwelling, Thinking and the Ethical Life*, King’s College, Western University, London ON (Oct. 29, 2017).
- “Heidegger’s Epicureanism: Death, Dwelling and *Ataraxia*,” *Interdisciplinary Coalition of North American Phenomenologists* (ICNAP), Ramapo College, Mahwah, NJ (May 28, 2017).
- “Alter-Globalization Perspectives of Heidegger and Sartre,” *Long Island Philosophical Society*, St. John’s University, Queens, NY (April 1, 2017).
- “The Politics of Being and the Politics of Shame,” *North American Sartre Society*, UNC, Wilmington (Nov. 5, 2016).

- “Sartre and Burdened Virtue,” Depart. of Philosophy Colloquium Series, Marquette University (Nov. 11, 2015).
- “Sartre and Virtue,” *Long Island Philosophical Society*, St. John’s University (April 18, 2015).
- “The Taste of Being: Existential Psychoanalysis and Virtue,” *Diverse Lineages of Existentialism*, St. Louis, MO (June 21, 2014).
- “The Practico-Inert and Transubstantiation: Flynn on the ‘Force of Circumstances,’” *Diverse Lineages of Existentialism*, St. Louis, MO (June 19, 2014).
- “World-Disclosure: Is Literacy a Necessary Condition for Virtue?,” *Long Island Philosophical Society*, Molloy College, Rockville Centre, NY (April 26, 2014).
- “Truth Arises from a Horizon of Virtue,” *New York Phenomenology Research Group*, New School, NY, NY (March 9, 2013).
- “Expertise as an Existentially Grounding and Socially Responsible Form of Life,” *Interdisciplinary Coalition of North American Phenomenologists*, Ramapo College, Mahwah NJ, (May 24, 2013).
- Invited Speaker: Interdisciplinary Panel on Freedom and Responsibility, Dominican College, Orangeburg, NY (Nov. 9, 2011).
- “Husserl on Body, Soul and Spirit,” *Long Island Philosophical Society*, LIU-Brooklyn Campus (Oct. 15, 2011).
- Invited Speaker: Interdisciplinary Panel on the Mind-Brain Dichotomy, Dominican College, Orangeburg, NY (March 28, 2011).
- “Virtue Ethics and Neurosis,” *Existential and Phenomenological Theory and Culture* (EPTC), Concordia University, Montreal (June 1, 2010).
- “Optimizing Practice and Neurosis: A Structural Tension in Virtue Ethics,” *Interdisciplinary Coalition of North American Phenomenologists*, Ramapo College, Mahwah, NJ (May 2009).
- “Normality in Husserl and Foucault,” *Husserl Circle*, Marquette Univ., Milwaukee, WI (June 26, 2008).
- “Shame as a Condition of the Lived-Body: From Ontology to Social Critique,” *North American Sartre Society*, University of Mary Washington, Fredericksburg, VA (April 2008).
- “Husserl’s ‘Aesthetics of Existence’: Reading Husserl through Foucault,” *Foucault Circle*, Earlham College, Richmond, IN (February 2008).
- “The Return of the Hero: The Virtue of Normative Resistance for Foucault,” *Long Island Philosophical Society*, Brooklyn, NY (October 2007).
- “The Normalizing Subject: A Phenomenological Contribution to Disciplined Bodies,” *Society for Existential and Phenomenological Theory and Culture* (EPTC). University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Canada (May 2007).
- “Humanity’s Verifying Mission, Willful Ignorance, and Sartre’s City of Ends,” *Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy* (SPEP). Hosted by Villanova University, PA (October 2006).
- Commentary: A Response to John Hartmann. *Husserl Circle*. Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA (June 2006).
- “Sartre’s Account of Literature Viewed in Light of Bad Faith.” *Sartre Circle*, held in conjunction with the Eastern Divisional Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Hilton, New York, NY (December 2005).
- “Conscience as an Attunement to Alterity.” Annual Meeting of the *Society for Existential and Phenomenological Theory and Culture*: Univ. of Western Ontario, London, Ontario (May 2005).
- Commentary: “De-materialization of the Sign and the Perceptual Ground of Meaning (A Response to Morgan).” Annual Meeting of the *Husserl Circle* at Georgetown University, Washington D.C. (June 2004).
- “Sartre’s Notion of Bad-Faith as a Clue to Regaining Respect for Oneself and Others.” Annual Meeting of the *Society for Existential and Phenomenological Theory and Culture*: University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada (May 2004).

“Tolerance as a Hermeneutic Virtue.” Inter-American Congress of Philosophy: Catholic University of Peru, Lima, Peru (January 2004).

“The Passivity of Optimizing Practices: A Development of Husserl’s Transcendental Aesthetics.” Annual Meeting of the *Southwestern Philosophical Society* in Kansas City (November 2002).

“The Need for Dialogue in Heidegger’s Notion of World-Disclosure.” Annual *Mid-South Philosophy Conference* at the University of Memphis (February 2002).

“On Husserl’s Notion of Fulfillment: Filling in the Intersubjective Void.” Annual Meeting of the *Husserl Circle* at Seattle University (June 2000).

“Finding a Place for the Universal in Hermeneutic Theory.” Annual Conference of the *New Mexico/West Texas Philosophical Society*, Irving, TX (April 2000). My paper was distinguished by receiving the annual *Larry Taylor Award*, which is given to the best paper by a young scholar.

Teaching Experience

Professor: St. John’s University (2025-Present)

Associate Professor: St. John’s University (2009-2025).

Assistant Professor: St. John’s University (2003-2009).

Visiting Assistant Professor: Northern Illinois University (2001-2003).

Lecturer: Marquette University (Fall 1996-Summer 2001).

Courses Taught at St. John’s University

(St. John’s offers a BA in philosophy. Regular teaching load is three courses per semester. The usual course assignment is two courses in the Core program and one elective course).

Philosophy of the Human Person (Core Program)

Ethics (Core Program)

Metaphysics (Core Program)

Aesthetics

Existentialism

Contemporary (Continental) Philosophy

Honors/Awards

2019 Faculty Merit Award: SJC, St. John’s University

2018 (Spring) Research Leave: SJC, St. John’s University.

2012-2013 Teaching Reduction for Research: SJC, St. John’s University.

2011 (Fall) Research Leave: SJC, St. John’s University.

2009-2011 Vincentian Research Fellow: Vincentian Chair of Social Justice, St. John’s University.

2004, 2007 Summer Research Grants: Internal Grants, St. John’s University.

2005-2006 Teaching Reduction for Research: CPS, St. John’s University.

2005, 2009 Faculty Recognition Awards: CPS, St. John’s University.

1998-2000 Arthur J. Schmitt Fellowship: Private Fellowship Awarded through the Graduate School at Marquette University to Ph.D. Candidates.

Professional Activities

2009-2017: Managing Editor of *PhaenEx: Journal of Existential and Phenomenological Theory and Culture* (www.phaenex.uwindsor.ca).

2007-2009. Chair of the Editorial Board of *PhaenEx*.

2006-Present. Peer-Reviewer for *PhaenEx*.

2005-Present. Peer-Reviewer for the annual meeting of the *Society for Existential and Phenomenological Theory and Culture* (EPTC).

2009-Present: Peer-reviewed submissions for *Continental Philosophy Review*, *Phenomenological Studies*, *Journal of Social Ontology*, *Phenomenology and Cognitive Science*, *Canadian Philosophical Association*.