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### AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Gadamer, contemporary hermeneutics, Hegel, German Idealism and Romanticism, ethical philosophy, philosophy of art and aesthetics

### AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Nineteenth- and twentieth-century continental European philosophy, classical American philosophy, history of Western philosophy

### EDUCATION

2000	Ph.D.	Villanova University	Field: Philosophy
1998–99	Fulbright Scholar	University of Tübingen	Field: Philosophy
1997	M.A.	Villanova University	Field: Philosophy
1993	B.A. <i>Cum Laude</i>	Whitman College	Mjrs: Philosophy, German (with honors and distinction)

### APPOINTMENTS

2015–pres.	Department Head and Associate Professor of Philosophy (with tenure; research Texas A&M University. (Research leave 2018–2019; Interim Head 2014–2015)
2007–pres.	Associate Professor of Philosophy (with tenure), Texas A&M University
2001–2007	Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Texas A&M University

### *Honorary Appointment*

2016–pres.	Senior Researcher, College of Fellows, Philosophy Research Institute, Western Sydney University, Sydney, Australia
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## EDITORIAL POSITIONS

Editor, *Epoché: A Journal for the History of Philosophy*, 2012–present. Associate Editor, 2010–2012

Area Editor, “Hermeneutics,” leaf editor, “Hans-Georg Gadamer,” *Philpapers*, 2014–present

## PUBLICATIONS

### *Authored books*

*The Responsibility to Understand: Hermeneutical Contours of Ethical Life* (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, accepted and in press; anticipated publication June 2020).

*Tragedies of Spirit: Tracing Finitude in Hegel’s Phenomenology* (Albany: State University of New York Press, October 2006, 193 pages). Paperback edition: June 2007.

Reviewed Tom Bunyard, *Hegel Bulletin* 30, 1-2, no. 59-60, 2009, pp. 88–95.

### *Edited books*

Theodore George and Gert-Jan van der Heiden, eds., *The Gadamerian Mind* (London and New York: Routledge, under contract).

Charles Bambach and Theodore George, eds., *Philosophers and their Poets: On the Poetic Turn in German Philosophy since Kant* (Albany: State University of New York Press, accepted and in press, anticipated publication December 2019).

### *Book translations*

Günter Figal, *Objectivity: The Hermeneutical and Philosophy* (Albany: State University of New York Press, 2010), English translation of Günter Figal, *Gegenständlichkeit: Das Hermeneutische und die Philosophie* (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2010). Paperback edition: July 2011.

### *Essays*

“Introduction,” co-authored with Charles Bambach, in *Philosophers and their Poets: Reflections on the Poetic Turn in German Philosophy Since Kant* (Albany: State University of New York Press, accepted and forthcoming; anticipated publication December 2019).

“Hegel, Romantic Art, and the Unfinished Task of the Poetic Word,” in *Philosophers and their Poets: Reflections on the Poetic Turn in German Philosophy Since Kant* (Albany: State University of New York Press, accepted and forthcoming; anticipated publication December 2019).

“Hermeneutics in Post-war Continental European Philosophy,” co-authored David Liakos and Theodore George, in *The Cambridge History of Philosophy: 1945-2015* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press), co-edited Iain Thompson and Kelly Becker (invited, accepted and forthcoming; anticipated publication October 2019).

“Hermeneutic Responsibility: Vattimo, Gadamer, and the Impetus of Interpretive Engagement,” *Duquesne Journal of Phenomenology*, special issue, “Hermeneutics Today,” guest editor, James Risser (invited, accepted and forthcoming; anticipated publication September 2019).

“Beyond Speculative Realism? Günter Figal’s phenomenological realism and the exteriority of correlation,” in *Die Gegenständlichkeit der Welt. Festschrift für Günter Figal zum 70. Geburtstag* (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2019): 57–74.

“Hermeneutics as Slow Philosophy,” special round table discussion, *Research in Phenomenology*, Vol. 49, No. 2 (2019): 241–245.

“Birth Cry – Or, the Hermeneutics of Facticity, from the Finitude of Language to the Body in Pain,” *International Journal for Hermeneutics* 18, no. 1 (2018): 110–126.

“Grieving as Limit Situation of Memory: Gadamer, Beamer, and Moules on the Infinite Task Posed by the Dead,” *Journal of Applied Hermeneutics* (2017): Article 11, 1–6. (PID: <http://hdl.handle.net/10515/sy5pg1j58>).

“In a World Fraught and Tender: on Dennis Schmidt’s Contributions to an Original Ethics,” *Epoché: A Journal for the History of Philosophy*, Special Issue ed. Nancy Tuana and Charles Scott 22, no. 1 (Fall 2017): 39–52.

“Art as Testimony of Tradition and as Testimony of Ordering,” *International Journal for Hermeneutics*, Vol. 16, No. 1 (2017): 107–120.

“Are We a Conversation? Hermeneutics, Exteriority, and Transmittability,” *Research in Phenomenology* 47, no. 1 (2017): 331–350.

“Gadamer and German Idealism,” in eds. Niall Keane and Chris Lawn, *The Blackwell Companion to Hermeneutics* (Hoboken: Wiley-Blackwell, 2016), 54–62.

“The Promise of World Literature,” *International Journal for Hermeneutics*, 13 (2014): 128–143.

“Introduction,” author meets critics discussion of Günter Figal, *Objectivity: The Hermeneutical and Philosophy*, in *Research in Phenomenology*, 44, no. 1 (2014): 107–110.

“Remarks on James Risser’s *The Life of Understanding: A Contemporary Hermeneutics*,” *Philosophy Today* 58, no. 1 (2014): 107–116.

“The Responsibility to Understand,” in ed. Gert-Jan van der Heiden, *Phenomenological Perspectives on Plurality* (Leiden: Brill Publishing, 2014), 103–120.

“Thing, Object, Life,” *Research in Phenomenology* 42, no. 1 (2012): 18–34.

“Objectivity and the Openness of Language: On Figal’s Recent Contribution to the Debate between Hermeneutics and Deconstruction,” in eds. Friederike Rese, Michael Steinmann, and David Espinet, *Objektivität und Gegenständlichkeit* (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2011): 218–234.

“From Work to Play: Gadamer on the Affinity of Art, Truth, and Beauty,” *Internationales Jahrbuch für Hermeneutik*, 10 (2011): 107–122.

“Passive Resistance: Giorgio Agamben and the Bequest of Early German Romanticism and Hegel,” *Epoché* 16, no. 1 (2011): 37–48.

“Forgiveness, Freedom, and Human Finitude in Hegel’s *Spirit of Christianity and its Fate*,” *International Philosophical Quarterly* 51, no. 1 (2011): 39–54.

“De la invisibilidad a la intimidad: Honneth, Gadamer y el reconocimiento del otro,” trans. Juanita Maldonado Colmenares, in ed. María del Rosario Acosta López, *Reconocimiento y diferencia* (Bogotá: CESO, 2010), 295–318.

“Objectivity and Finite Transcendence in Günter Figal’s Hermeneutical Philosophy,” Introduction to Günter Figal, *Objectivity: The Hermeneutical and Philosophy*, trans. Theodore George (Albany: State University of New York Press, 2010), xi–xxvi.

“Günter Figal’s Hermeneutics,” *Philosophy Compass* 4, no. 6 (December 2009): 904–12.

“What is the Future of the Past? Gadamer and Hegel on Truth, Art and the Ruptures of Tradition,” *Journal of the British Society for Phenomenology* 40, no. 1 (January 2009): 4–20.

“From the Life of a People to the Death of Others: On Jean-Luc Nancy’s Unworking of Heidegger’s Politics,” *International Studies in Philosophy* 40, no. 1 (2008): 65–77.

“The Worklessness of Literature: Blanchot, Hegel, and the Ambiguity of the Poetic Word,” *Philosophy Today, Selected Studies in Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy* 50, supplement (2006): 39–47 (double column).

“A Monstrous Absolute: Kant, Schelling, and the Poetic Turn in Philosophy,” in ed. Jason Wirth, *Schelling Now*, (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, December 2004): 135–146.

“Specifications: Hegel, Heidegger, and the Comedy of the End of Art,” *Epoché* 8, no. 1 (Fall 2003): 107–21.

“The Myth of the West Interrupted: Community and Cultural Difference in Nancy’s ‘Literary Communism,’” *International Studies in Philosophy* 35, no. 1 (Spring 2002): 49–63.

“Community in the Idiom of Crisis: Hegel on Political Life, Tragedy, and the Dead,” *Research in Phenomenology* 32 (2002): 123–38.

“The Disruption of Health: Shaffer, Foucault, and ‘the Normal,’” *Journal of Medical Humanities* 20, no. 4 (Winter 1999): 231–45.

### ***Essay translations***

Günter Figal, “Image and Word: On Plato’s *Symposium*,” *Epoché* 7, no. 2 (Spring 2003): 251–58.

Hans-Georg Gadamer, “Nicolaus Cusanus and the Present,” *Epoché* 7, no. 1 (Fall 2002): 71–80.

### ***Book Reviews***

Richard Kearney and Brian Treanor, eds., *Carnal Hermeneutics*, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*. March 7, 2017.

Donatella Di Cesare, *Utopia of Understanding: Between Babel and Auschwitz*, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*. February 9, 2013.

Review Article, *Martin Heidegger: Key Concepts* (Acumen, 2010), *Continental and Comparative Philosophy*, 2, no. 2 (2010): 291–300.

### ***Reference entries***

“Hermeneutics,” entry with summary, key works, and see-also references, *Philpapers*, May 2014, rvsd. September 2018.

“Hans-Georg Gadamer,” entry with summary, key works, and see-also references, *Philpapers*, May 2014, rvsd. September 2018.

***As editor, Epoché: a journal for the history of philosophy***

*Epoché* 23., no. 2 (Spring 2019). pp. 263–511. Special Issue, Selections from the Ancient Philosophy Society, 2017–2018.

*Epoché* 23, no. 1 (Fall 2018), pp. 1–262.

*Epoché* 22, no. 2 (Spring 2018), pp. 177–539.

*Epoché* 22, no. 1 (Fall 2017), pp. 1–175. Special Issue, Idioms of Ethical Life: Essays Honoring the Work of Dennis J. Schmidt. Guest editors Nancy Tuana and Charles Scott.

*Epoché* 21, no. 2 (Spring 2017), pp. 251–461. Special Issue, Selections from Ancient Philosophy Society, 2015–2016.

*Epoché* 21, no. 1 (Fall 2016), pp. 1–250.

*Epoché* 20, no. 2 (Spring 2016), 281–516.

*Epoché* 20, no. 1 (Fall 2015), pp. 1–280.

*Epoché* 19, no. 2 (Spring 2015), pp. 173–328. Special Issue, Selections from Ancient Philosophy Society, 2013–2014.

*Epoché* 19, no. 1 (Fall 2014), pp. 1–172.

***Under commission***

“Hermeneutics,” *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (invited article-length reference entry, under commission).

“Introduction,” co-authored with Gert-Jan van der Heiden, *The Gadamerian Mind* (Routledge, invited book chapter, under commission).

“Translation,” *The Gadamerian Mind* (Routledge, invited book chapter, under commission).

“Speculative v. Hermeneutical Realism,” in ed. Benjamin Boysen and Jesper Lundsryd Rasmussen, *Craving for Reality. Problems within the Material Turn* (Bloomsbury, invited book chapter, proposal under review at press).

“Gadamer and German Idealism,” in ed. Cynthia Coe, *Palgrave Companion to German Idealism and Phenomenology* (Palgrave, invited book chapter, under commission).

## GRANTS, AWARDS, AND HONORS

### *External*

Visiting Teacher, Summer Course, University of Tilburg, Department of Philosophy, Tilburg, Netherlands, July 2018

Guest Researcher, Canadian Hermeneutics Institute, College of Nursing, University of Calgary, Calgary, Canada, June 2018

Guest Researcher, Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies (FRIAS), University of Freiburg, June 2014

Goethe Institute Translation Grant for *Objectivity: The Hermeneutical and Philosophy* (Albany: State University of New York Press, 2010), awarded in 2010 via SUNY press upon publication of English translation, 2008

Fulbright Research Grant, Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen, Germany, 1998–99

D.A.A.D. Intensive Language Grant, Universität Leipzig, Germany, 1997

Phi Beta Kappa, 1993

Scholar Athlete Award, National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, 1993

### *Internal*

Glasscock Center for Humanities Research, Texas A&M University, Small Conference Grant, for Symposium, “Hermeneutics, the Humanities, and the Future of Interpretation, Feb. 22-23, 2019), grant awarded 2018

College of Liberal Arts, Texas A&M University, International Travel Support Grant: 2017 (Sydney, Australia); 2016 (Sydney, Australia); 2016 (Freiburg, Germany and Città di Castello, Italy); 2015 (Freiburg, Germany), 2014 (Cittá di Castello, Italy); 2010; College of Liberal Arts, Texas A&M University, Support for International Research-Related Travel, 2008 (Bogotá, Colombia); 2005 (Cittá di Castello, Italy)

Glasscock Center for Humanities Research, Texas A&M University, Small Conference Grant, for 11th annual meeting of the North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics, grant awarded 2015

Glasscock Center for Humanities Research, Texas A&M University, Publication Support Grant, *Philosophers and Their Poets*, 2014

Glasscock Center for Humanities Research, Notable Lecture Grant for Kenneth Nunn, awarded 2011

Scholarly and Creative Activities Award, Texas A&M University, 2009–10, “Beyond the Subject: Understanding, Interpretation, and Object in Günter Figal’s Hermeneutics”

Ray A. Rothrock ’77 Fellowship for Newly Promoted Associate Professors, Texas A&M University, 2007–10

Faculty Development Leave, “The Work and Play of Art: Philosophy and the Meaning of the Aesthetic,” Spring 2009

Glasscock Center for Humanities Research, Texas A&M University, Travel to Archives for Fieldwork Grant for Freiburg, Germany, 2007

Glasscock Center for Humanities Research, Texas A&M University, Faculty Release Fellowship, 2003–04

John Tich Award for Scholarly Excellence, Villanova University, 1998

## **PRESENTATIONS**

“Two Interpretations of Interpretive Critique: Critique as Conflict and as Dialogue,” invited lecture, Collegium Phaenomenologicum, Città di Castello, Italy, July 2019.

“The Realist Challenge: A Recent Phenomenological Response,” invited presentation, North Texas Heidegger Symposium, McKinney, Texas, April 2019.

“Cosmophilia, a Hermeneutical Perspective,” presented in conjunction with the annual meeting of the College of Fellows at the annual meeting of the Australian Society for Continental Philosophy, November 2018.

“Hermeneutics as Slow Philosophy,” invited panel discussant, “What are Hermeneutics For?,” North American Society for the Philosophical Hermeneutics society meeting at the annual meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existentialism, State College, Pennsylvania, October 2018.

Invited lecture series, “The Responsibility to Understand,” Canadian Hermeneutics Institute, University of Calgary, Canada, May 2018.

Lecture 1, “The Unbearable Lightness of Ethics”

Lecture 2, “The Responsibility to Understand”

Lecture 3, “Responsibility at the Limits”



“The Political as Not Yet Politics: Hermeneutical Experience and Solidarity in Gadamer’s Later Thought,” invited presentation, College of Fellows, Philosophy Research Initiative, University of Western Sydney, Annual Meeting, Sydney, Australia, November 2017.

“Birth Cry – On the Role of the Body in Hermeneutical Transmission,” invited colloquium presentation, Department of Comparative Literature, University of Buffalo, September 2017.

“Birth Cry – Facticity, Language, and the Body,” invited keynote address, North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics, Baltimore, Maryland, September 2017.

“The Body Between Language and Linguisticity,” invited presentation, International Hermeneutics Symposium, Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies, Freiburg, Germany, July 2017.

“Between Transmittability and Transmission,” invited presentation, North Texas Heidegger Symposium, McKinney, Texas, April 2017.

“Hegel’s Aesthetics and the Critique of the Culture of Romanticism,” invited presentation, Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association, Seattle, Washington, April 2017.

“Halting Conversation,” invited presentation, College of Fellows, Philosophy Research Initiative, University of Western Sydney, Inaugural Meeting, Sydney, Australia, November 2016.

“Are We a Conversation? Hermeneutics, Exteriority, Transmittability,” invited André Schuwer Lecture, sponsored by the Simon Silverman Phenomenology Center at Duquesne University, annual meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Salt Lake City, Utah, October 2016.

“In a World Fraught and Tender: on Dennis Schmidt’s Contribution to an Original Ethics,” invited presentation, Idioms of Ethical Life symposium, Rock Ethics Institute, Penn State University, Pennsylvania, October 2016.

“Art as Testimony of Tradition and as Testimony of Ordering,” invited presentation, International Hermeneutics Symposium, Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies, Freiburg, Germany, July 2016.

“Toward a Hermeneutics of Animality,” invited presentation, North Texas Philosophical Association, Denton, Texas, April 2016.

“Animal Others,” invited presentation, Phi Sigma Tau Honors Society Lecture, St. Mary’s University, San Antonio, Texas, March 2016.

“Hermeneutical Displacement: On the Limits and Excesses of Understanding,” Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Atlanta, Georgia, October 2015.

“In Solidarity with Life: Gadamer, Humanity, and the Animal,” invited presentation, Freiburg International Hermeneutics Symposium, Freiburg, Germany, June 2015.

“Gadamer, Understanding, and the Hermeneutics of Facticity,” invited presentation, North Texas Heidegger Symposium, Dallas, Texas, May 2015.

“On the Melancholy of Spirit,” invited lecture, Collegium Phaenomenologicum, Città di Castello, Italy, July 2014.

“Hermeneutical Displacement: On the Limits and Excesses of Understanding,” invited lecture, Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies, University of Freiburg, June 2014.

“Lost and Found in Translation,” invited lecture, Philosophy Speaker Series, Duquesne University, March 2014. Available online: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=32jkUH8-BPY>.

“Global Solidarity, Visibility, and World Literature,” invited lecture, Jerry Jackson Lecture in the Humanities, sponsored by the Honors College and the Department of Philosophy and Religion, Western Carolina University, November 2013.

“Remarks on James Risser’s *The Life of Understanding*,” invited commentator, author meets reader session, annual meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy,” Eugene, Oregon, October 2013.

“Hermeneutics, radical finitude, and the life situation: On James Risser’s *The Life of Understanding*,” invited commentator, author meets reader session, North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics, Chicago, Illinois, September 2013.

“The Promise of World Literature,” invited presentation, Freiburg International Hermeneutics Symposium, Freiburg, Germany, June 2013.

“The Impetus to Understand,” invited presentation, *Thinking Plurality*, Radboud University, Nijmegen, Netherlands, June 2013.

“The Responsibility to Understand,” keynote address, annual meeting of the Southwest Seminar in Continental Philosophy, College Station, Texas, May 2013.

“The Responsibility to Understand,” invited presentation, North Texas Heidegger Symposium, Dallas, Texas, April 2013.

“Understanding and the Ethical,” keynote address, North Texas Philosophical Association, Denton, Texas, April 2013.

“Landscapes Unseen: The Romantic Bequest in the Hudson River School’s American Frontier,” invited presentation, Texas A&M University Forsyth Galleries Lecture Series, College Station, Texas, November 2012.

“Fichte, Democracy, and Education: Responses and Questions,” invited respondent to Andrew Benjamin, Society for the Annual Meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Rochester, New York, November 2012.

“Gadamer, World Literature, and the Meaning of Translation,” invited presentation, Comparative Perspectives: Poetic Discourse on Trans-Creation and Re-Creation in the Baroque and Neo-Baroque, College Station, Texas, April 2012.

“Hegel, Romantic Art, and the Ethos of Adventure,” invited presentation, North Texas Philosophical Association, Denton, Texas, April 2012.

“On the Inscrutability of the Past and Future,” invited commentator, author meets reader session, Colleen Murphy, *A Moral Theory of Political Reconciliation*, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, November 2011.

“Kindness Toward What Is: Heidegger on Being, Art, and the ‘Guiding Measure’ of Conduct,” invited colloquium presentation, University of St. Thomas, Houston, Texas, November 2011.

“Thing, Object, Life,” invited presentation, North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics, Boston, Massachusetts, September 2011”

“Preserving, Willing, Poetic Dwelling: Heidegger on the ‘Guiding Measure’ of Art,” invited presentation, North Texas Heidegger Symposium, Dallas, Texas, April 2011.

“Realism or Facticity? A Gadamerian Rejoinder to Chelstrom,” invited commentator, Session on Gadamer and Phenomenology, annual meeting of the Central Division of the American Philosophical Association, Minneapolis, Minnesota, March 2011.

“Between Hermeneutics and Critical Theory: Hegel’s Idea of Romantic Art,” invited colloquium presentation, Department of Philosophy, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, February 2011.

“Gadamer and the Unending Task of ‘World Literature,’” Annual Meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Montreal, Canada, November 2010.

“The Work and Play of Art,” invited presentation, International Hermeneutics Symposium, Freiburg, Germany, July 2010.

“Finite Transcendence, Objectivity, and the Word,” invited presentation, International Symposium on *Objektivität und Gegenständlichkeit*, Freiburg, Germany, May 2010.

“Hermeneutic Dimensions of Recognition,” invited lecture, Anzaldúa Speaker Series, University of Texas Pan American, Edinburg, Texas, March 2010.

“Hegel on Action, History, and Existence,” invited commentator, Session on Nineteenth Century Philosophy, Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Chicago, Illinois, February 2010.

“Form/Ugly,” invited panelist, Architecture Theory Series, College of Architecture, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, October 2009.

“Love as Infinite Task,” invited commentator, Panel with Ty Camp, Annual Meeting of the North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics, Wichita, Kansas, September 2009.

“Trespass, Tragedy, and Forgiveness in Hegel’s Early Thought,” invited speaker, North Texas Philosophical Association Annual Conference, Denton, Texas, March 2009.

“From Theodicy to World History: Hegel on Forgiveness as Moral Responsiveness,” invited speaker, University Honors and Department of Philosophy and Humanities, Utah Valley University, Salt Lake City, Utah, February 2009.

“Responses to Tragedy: *Tragedies of Spirit* and New Projects,” invited respondent to John McDermott and Steven Crowell, author meets reader session, Theodore George, *Tragedies of Spirit: Tracing Finitude in Hegel’s Phenomenology* (Albany: State University of New York Press, 2006), Texas A&M University, February 2009.

“From Parmenides to Derrida on Tragedy,” invited commentator, author meets reader session for Scott Austin, *Parmenides* (Las Vegas: Parmenides Press, 2007), Texas A&M University, Department of Philosophy and Humanities, College Station, Texas, November 2008.

“Recognition, Friendship and the Other in Honneth and Gadamer,” Annual Meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, October 2008.

“From Invisibility to Intimacy: Honneth, Gadamer, and the Claims of Recognition,” invited presentation, Conference on Recognition and Difference, University of the Andes, Bogotá, Colombia, October 2008.

“Forgiveness, Freedom, and Finitude in Hegel’s *Spirit of Christianity*,” invited lecture, Collegium Phaenomenologicum, Città di Castello, Italy, July 2008.

“Truth, Art, and Tradition in Gadamer and Hegel,” invited colloquium, Department of Philosophy, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Carbondale, Illinois April 2008.

“‘Land of the Future’ —German Idealism, The Crisis of Enlightenment, and the Promise of the American Revolution,” Annual Meeting of the National Communication Association, San Antonio, Texas, November 2006.

“Passivity, Language, and Community: Giorgio Agamben’s Unworking of Hegel’s Aesthetics,” Annual Meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, October 2006.

“What is the Future of the Past? Gadamer and Hegel on the Work of Art in the Age of its Liberation,” Annual Meeting of the North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics, Wenham, Massachusetts, June 2006.

“Cross-pollinations of Freedom: Schelling’s *Naturphilosophie* in Emerson’s New World,” Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, San Antonio, Texas, March 2006.

“Kant’s Peculiar Fate in German Idealism,” invited colloquium presentation, Department of Philosophy at the California State University Stanislaus, Turlock, California, December 2005.

“German Idealism and the Demands of Tragedy,” invited presentation, Linfield College, McMinnville, Oregon, November 2005.

“The Worklessness of Literature: Blanchot, Hegel, and the Ambiguity of the Written Word,” Annual Meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Salt Lake City, Utah, October 2005.

“The Voluptuousness of Nature: Kant on Culture, Taste, and the Pleasure of the Foreign,” Annual Glasscock Center for Humanities International Conference, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, October 2004.

“Hegel and Gadamer on the Pastness of Art and the Crisis of Tradition,” International Hermeneutics Symposium, University of Freiburg, Freiburg, Germany, July 2003.

“From the Life of a People to the Death of Others: Jean-Luc Nancy’s Unworking of Heidegger’s Politics,” Annual Philosophy, Interpretation, and Culture Conference, SUNY Binghamton, New York, April 2003.

“The West Interrupted: Jean-Luc Nancy, Cultural Difference, and the Prospect of a ‘Literary Communism,’” Annual Philosophy, Interpretation, and Culture Conference, SUNY Binghamton, New York, April 2002.

“From Logic to Phenomenology,” invited commentator, Colloquium on Phenomenology, American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, New York, New York, December 2000.

“Hegel’s Dialectic of Recognition: Nature and the Tragic Work of Art,” Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, University of Colorado, Denver, Colorado, October 1998.

“Love in the Young Hegel,” Participants’ Conference, Collegium Phaenomenologicum, Perugia, Italy, July 1996.

“Irigaray, Beauty, and the Drama of Passion: Re-reading Diotima’s Presence at Plato’s Symposium,” Meeting of the International Association of Philosophy and Literature, George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia, May 1996.

## **TEACHING**

### ***Teaching Awards***

Association of Former Students Teaching Award, College of Liberal Arts, Texas A&M University, 2010

### ***Graduate Courses***

Contemporary philosophy: continental approaches in the philosophy of language (thematic focus on hermeneutics, deconstruction, and related areas)

Contemporary philosophy: hermeneutics

Contemporary philosophy: phenomenology

Philosophical authors: Heidegger, *Being and Time*

Philosophical authors: Hegel, *Phenomenology of Spirit*

Seminar in modern philosophy: Kant to Hegel

Social and Political Philosophy

Aesthetics

Directed studies offered on various topics in continental philosophy and history of philosophy

### ***Graduate Advising***

#### ***Ph.D. Dissertation Committee Director***

Alexander Crist, Philosophy, in progress (not yet filed with Office of Graduate Studies).

Dissertation areas of focus: philosophical hermeneutics, psychoanalysis.

Chris Black, Philosophy, in progress (not yet filed with Office of Graduate Studies). Dissertation areas of focus: philosophy of technology, Heidegger studies.

Somaye Seddighkavidak, co-directed with Steven Caffey, Architecture, in progress.

*Mythopoetics of Space.*

Brittany Leckey, Philosophy, *Irritatingly Incomplete: Ontological Considerations of the Filmic Image*, dissertation successfully defended Fall 2016. Current placement as Assistant Professor, South Texas College, Edinburg, TX.

Jennifer Gaffney, Philosophy, *From Citizenship to the Space of Appearance: Arendt, Haiti and the Problem of Political Exclusion*, dissertation successfully defended Fall 2015. Current placement as tenure-track Assistant Professor, Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, PA.

Harris Bechtol, Philosophy, *Inflections of the Event: The Death of the Other as Event in Heidegger, Derrida, and Marion*, dissertation successfully defended Fall 2015. Current placement as Lecturer, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX.

Shima Mohajeri, Architecture, *On the Dialectic of Silence: Klee, Kahn, and the Space of Transversal Modernity in Iran*, co-directed with Peter Lang, Architecture, dissertation successfully defended Spring 2013. Current placement as Lecturer, Architecture, University of Washington, WA.

*Ph.D. Dissertation Committee Member*

Stephen Haug, Philosophy, UC Santa Cruz, in progress

Sara Chung, English, in progress

Soha Chung, English, in progress

Hyunjung Kim, English, in progress

Nicolas Cenegy, English, in progress

Emily Williams, Educational Psychology, University of Calgary (External Examiner), 2019

David Liakos, Philosophy, University of New Mexico, 2019

Kim, Seung-Hyun, English, 2019

Alex Haitos, Philosophy, 2018

Karen Davis, Philosophy, 2017

Kristin Drake, Philosophy, 2017

Mychelle Smith, Education, 2015

Bradley Goodine, Political Science, 2013

Charles Carlson, Philosophy, 2012

David Henderson, Philosophy, 2008

Muhammad Harris, Philosophy, 2008

Kent Dunnington, Philosophy, 2007

Soo Kim, English, 2007

Ashaman Sallah, English 2007

James Noland, Philosophy 2006

*M.A. Thesis Committee Director*

Crystal DelaFuente, Philosophy, 2012

Tyler Friedman, Philosophy, 2012

Alan Milam, Philosophy, 2010

Laura Lea Nalle, Philosophy, 2010

Anthony Pepitone, Philosophy, 2010

Ty Camp, Philosophy, 2008  
 Benjamin Craig, Philosophy, 2008  
 Ali Elamin, Philosophy, 2007  
 James Taylor, Philosophy, 2006  
 Katherine Willyard, Philosophy, 2003  
 Michael J. Tilley, Philosophy, 2002

*M.A. Thesis Committee Member*

Christopher Black, English, in progress  
 Saleh Afroogh, Philosophy, 2019  
 Brittany Leckey, English 2015  
 Jackson Hoerth, Philosophy, 2014  
 Cody Moore, Philosophy, 2012  
 Naoyuki Nozaki, English, 2012  
 Rollin Mayes, English, 2010  
 Erik Berquist, Philosophy, 2008  
 Kyle Mask, Philosophy, 2008  
 Preston Stovall, Philosophy, 2008  
 Troy Deters, Philosophy, 2006  
 Brad Garrick Harden, Sociology, 2006  
 Shaun Miller, Philosophy, 2006  
 Leslie Herring, Philosophy, 2005  
 Jake Spiegelhauer, Philosophy, 2005  
 Charles DeBord, Philosophy, 2004  
 Christopher Hodgson, Philosophy, 2004  
 Larry Lawson, English, 2001

***Further Graduate Mentoring***

Faculty Member, Collegium Phaenomenologicum, Città di Castello, Italy (2002–present; text seminar leader, 2016, 2012, 2011, 2007, 2005, 2002)

Convener, Study Group in Continental Philosophy, Texas A&M University, 2012–present

Teaching Mentor, Graduate Teaching Mentor Program, Department of Philosophy, Texas A&M University

***Undergraduate Courses***

Current Continental Philosophy  
 Nineteenth Century Philosophy  
 Philosophy of Art  
 Philosophy and Literature



Social and Political Philosophy  
 American Philosophy  
 Introduction to Philosophy  
 Contemporary Moral Issues  
 Core Humanities (ancient)  
 Core Humanities (modern)

***Study Abroad***

Berlin Academic Field Trip, a one-week study abroad program focused on art history offered in conjunction with Philosophy of Art course, 2013

***Further Undergraduate Teaching***

Directed studies offered on various topics in continental philosophy and history of philosophy

Invited guest lectures for undergraduate courses on various topics in continental philosophy and the history of philosophy

***Guest Lectures and Seminars***

“Kant’s Copernican Turn,” invited discussion group leader, Study Group in Continental Philosophy, Texas A&M University, October 2018.

“The depiction of touch in Michelangelo and Caravaggio: some philosophical considerations,” invited guest lecturer, Philosophy Club, Texas A&M University, March 2017.

“Derrida on survival, birth and death,” invited discussion group leader, Study Group in Continental Philosophy, Texas A&M University, November 2016.

“Jaspers, Heidegger and the Limit Experience of Death,” invited discussion group leader, Study Group in Continental Philosophy, Texas A&M University, October 2016.

“Kierkegaard and Derrida on the ‘Gift of Death,’” invited discussion group leader, Study Group in Continental Philosophy, Texas A&M University, September 2016.

“Ethics as Carrying,” invited guest lecturer, Philosophy Club, Texas A&M University, October 2016.

“Human and animal,” invited guest lecturer, Philosophy Club, Texas A&M University, October 2015.

“Self-understanding and death; in memory of Scott Austin” invited guest lecturer, Philosophy Club, Texas A&M University, February 2015.

“On the impetus to philosophize (wonder, languor, anxiety),” invited guest lecturer, Cornerstone Lecture Series, Texas A&M University, October 2014.

“Faith and reason,” invited guest lecture, Honors Dormitory Lecture Series, Texas A&M University, March 2014

“Levinas Talmudic Reading Symposium,” invited text seminar leader, Texas A&M University, February 2014.

“Martin Heidegger’s *Letter on Humanism*,” invited discussion leader, Study Group in Continental Philosophy, Texas A&M University, October 2013 (co-lead with Ph.D. student Zakary Fisher).

“Jacques Derrida’s ‘Structure, Sign, and Play in the Human Sciences,’” invited discussion leader, Study Group in Continental Philosophy, Texas A&M University, November 2012 (co-lead with Ph.D. student Brittany Leckey).

“Why I Am Against Ethics,” invited lecture, Cornerstone Course Lecture Series, Texas A&M University, October 2012.

“The Thing,” invited discussion leader, Study Group in Continental Philosophy, Texas A&M University, February 2012 (co-lead with John McDermott).

“Philosophy, Wonder, and Angst,” invited lecturer, Cornerstone Lecture Series, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, October 2010.

“Nightingales and their Song: Philosophical Perspectives on Natural Beauty,” with Kristi Sweet, invited lecturer, Brazos Valley Audubon Society, College Station, Texas, November 2009.

“Philosophy Begins in Wonder,” invited lecturer, Cornerstone Lecture Series, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, October 2009.

“Haiti, Hegel, and the Dialectic of Mastery and Servitude,” invited lecturer, Philosophy Club, Texas A&M University, February 2010.

“How Does Philosophical Inquiry Begin?” invited lecturer, Philosophy Club, Texas A&M University, January 2008.

“The Hermeneutics of Suspicion,” invited lecturer, Philosophy Club, Texas A&M University, October 2007.

“From Knowledge to Meaning,” invited lecturer, Philosophy Club, Texas A&M University, April 2006.

“Postmodern Concepts of Justice and the Issue of Terror,” invited lecturer, Philosophy Club, Texas A&M University, October 2003.

“Marx, His Legacy, and the Conflict in Iraq,” invited lecturer, Philosophy Club, Texas A&M University, March 2003.

“The Riddle of Community,” invited lecturer, Philosophy Club, Texas A&M University, November 2002.

“Postmodernism and Atheism,” invited lecturer, Agnostic and Atheistic Student Group, Texas A&M University, March 2002.

## **SERVICE**

### ***To the Profession***

#### *External Program Review*

External Program Review, Department of Philosophy, Texas State University, April 2016

#### *External Grant Review*

Icelandic Research Fund, Fellowship application, Fall 2018

NEH Panelist, Scholarly Editions and Translations, Washington, D.C., March 2016

Grant proposal evaluator, Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies, University of Freiburg, 2015

NEH Panelist, Scholarly Editions and Translations, Washington, D.C., March 2011

Grant proposal evaluator, Fulbright Commission, 2012

Grant proposal evaluator, Earhart Fellowship, 2012

#### *External Tenure Review*

External Evaluator, Promotion to Associate Professor Case, R2 university, Fall 2017

External Evaluator, Tenure and Promotion Review Case, R1 university, Summer 2015

#### *External Referee Activity*

Book manuscript evaluator for Routledge Press (2005, 2019) Rowman and Littlefield (2017),

The State University of New York Press (2000, 2003, 2004, 2008, 2011), Fordham

University Press (2007, 2008), and Indiana University Press (2006, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2013)

Journal manuscript referee for *Journal of Speculative Philosophy* (2017, 2018), *Arendt Studies*

(2017), *South African Journal of Philosophy* (2015), *Journal of the History of Philosophy*

(2011, 2014), *South Central Review* (2014), *Continental Philosophy Review* (2009, 2012,

2013), *Southwest Philosophical Review* (2009), *Epoché* (2002, 2003, 2008), *Philosophy and Rhetoric* (2006)

Book series proposal evaluator, Springer Press, 2013

Book selection committee, Society of Phenomenological and Existential Philosophy, 2008–09

Submission referee for annual meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Central Division, 2003

#### *Advisory Positions*

Advisory Board, *Journal of Continental Philosophy* (advisory board in formation; first issue expected Fall 2019)

Advisory Board, *Applied Hermeneutics*, 2015–present

Advisory Board, North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics, 2017–present

Planning Committee, International Hermeneutics Symposium, 2015–present

Board of Former Directors, *Collegium Phaenomenologicum*, 2011–present

President, North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics, 2003–2016

Executive Committee, North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics, 2009–13

Secretary, North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics, 2005–08

Fulbright Scholar Resource Advisor, Bonn, Germany, 1999

#### *Summer Institute Organization*

Director, Collegium Phaenomenologicum, “Philosophy, Truth, and the Claims of Art,” Città di Castello, Italy, July 9–29, 2011

#### *Conference Organization*

North American program co-organizer, International Hermeneutics Symposium, Salzburg, Austria, July 2019

Co-host, program co-organizer “Hermeneutics, the Humanities, and the Future of Interpretation,” College Station, TX, February 2019

North American program organizer, annual meeting of the International Hermeneutics Symposium, Freiburg, Germany, July 2018

Program organizer, North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics, College Station, Texas, September 2016

Program co-organizer, North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, September 2015

North American program organizer, annual meeting of the Hermeneutics Symposium, Freiburg, Germany, June 2014

Program consultant, annual meeting of the Southwest Seminar in Continental Philosophy, 2013

Program committee member, Poetics v. Philosophy, conference co-sponsored by Hispanic Studies, Glasscock Center for Humanities Research, and Philosophy at Texas A&M University, 2013

Program organizer, North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics session at the Annual Meeting of SPEP, 2012, 2014, 2016  
 Program committee member, North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics session at the Annual Meeting of SPEP, 2006, 2008, 2014, 2016  
 Program committee member, North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics Annual Meeting, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014  
 Assistant Director, Collegium Phaenomenologicum, Perugia, Italy, 1996

### *Further Activity*

Comments in memoriam, John J. McDermott, annual meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, State College, Pennsylvania, October 2018.  
 Annual Directors Meeting, Collegium Phaenomenologicum, 2018, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010.  
 Panel moderator, “Chasing Al-Qaeda,” with General Wesley Clark and Governor Tom Ridge, Wiley Lecture Series, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, April 2010  
 Session chair, North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics at Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, 2014, 2012, 2008  
 Session chair, annual meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, 2018, 2014, 2011, 2009, 2007, 2002  
 Session chair, Annual Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Central Div., 2005  
 Villanova University Alumni Event Speaker, Invited speaker, Radio City Hall, New York, New York, 2005  
 Summaries for *Bibliographie de la Philosophie*, 2005, 2003, 2001  
 Faculty Adviser, Habitat for Humanity Student Trip, Villanova University, 1997  
 Founder, Philosophy Graduate Student Union, Villanova University, 1995

### *To Texas A&M*

Member, Academic Program Review Panel, invited panelist, Office of the Provost professional development series, Texas A&M University, November 2017  
 Member, Museum Planning Committee, Texas A&M University, 2015–2017  
 College of Liberal Arts Distinguished Service Award Ceremony, encomium for award winner John McDermott, April 2015  
 College of Liberal Arts Strategic Planning Committee, Member, 2010–14  
 “Stranger Than Fiction? Truth and Art in the Shadow of Romanticism,” Texas A&M University College of Liberal Arts Development Council Great Conversations Event, College Station, Texas, April 2009  
 Session coordinator and chair, “Reflections by Former Students,” Celebration of the Life and Work of John McDermott, College Station, Texas, March 2009  
 “Lost in Translation? European Philosophy in Emerson’s New World,” Texas A&M University College of Liberal Arts Development Council Great Conversations Event, March 2008  
 European Studies Doctoral Program. Planning Committee, Member 2004–05

### ***To the Department***

#### *In role as Head (selected)*

Managed annual salary, graduate program, and operating budget (approx. total of \$3,000,000)  
 Managed hiring process for tenure-track faculty, contingent faculty, and staff persons  
 Managed Academic Program Review of the Department of Philosophy, Texas A&M University, 2016–17  
 Member, College of Liberal Arts Executive Committee  
 Chair, Department of Philosophy, Steering Committee  
 Organizer and convener, Annual Fall and Winter Departmental Receptions  
 Organizer and convener, Memorial Event, Texas A&M University, Scott Austin, January 2015

#### *Other Administrative Roles*

Associate Department Head, 2010–2012  
 Director of Graduate Studies (interim), 2005–06

#### *Committee Service*

Rules Committee, 2014  
 Faculty Annual Evaluation Advisory Committee, 2012–2014  
 Colloquium Committee, Fall 2012–present; 2002–03, 2005  
 Chair, Promotion and Tenure Review Subcommittee, 2012  
 Chair, Midterm Review Subcommittee, 2012  
 Chair, Honors and Awards Committee, 2007–09  
 Graduate Program Advisory Committee, 2007–08  
 Chair, Graduate Program Advisory Committee, 2006–07  
 Steering Committee Member, 2006–12, 2001–04  
 Manual Davenport Prize, Selection Committee, Member, 2005  
 Colloquium Committee Chair, 2003–05  
 Comprehensive Examination Committee, History, Member, 2006–07  
 Hiring Committee Member, 2001

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Philosophical Association  
 Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy  
 North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics  
 Hegel Society of America  
 North Texas Philosophical Association  
 Dallas Area Society for European Inquiry (Dasein)