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Education

Ph.D., Philosophy, Duquesne University, 2015.

Dissertation: *Rethinking Multiplicity After Deleuze and Badiou*. Director: Daniel Selcer, Ph.D.

M. Humanities, Graduate Interdisciplinary Studies (Philosophy, Film Studies), University of Colorado Denver, 2009.

M.A. with Honors, Philosophy of Religion, Denver Seminary, 2006.

B.A., Philosophy and History, Regis University (Regis College), 2001.

Areas of Specialization

Contemporary Continental Philosophy and the History of Philosophy; Critical Phenomenology

Areas of Competence

Aesthetics; Applied Ethics; Critical Race Theory and Critical Whiteness Studies; Environmental Humanities; Film Theory and Criticism; Continental Philosophy and Mathematics; Philosophy of Religion; Social and Political Philosophy.

Current Academic Appointment

Associate Professor (Tenured), Regis University Philosophy Department, 2020 – present; affiliated faculty in Peace and Justice Studies and Women's and Gender Studies programs.

Previous Academic Appointments

Assistant Professor (TT), Regis University Philosophy Department, 2016-2020.

Term Instructor (Non-TT), Regis University Philosophy Department, 2012-2016.

Graduate Teaching Fellow, Duquesne University Philosophy Department, spring 2011-spring 2012.

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Duquesne University Philosophy Department, fall 2009-fall 2010.

Affiliate Faculty, Metropolitan State College of Denver Philosophy Department, spring 2006-summer 2012.

Adjunct Faculty, Community College of Aurora Philosophy Department, spring 2004-spring 2009

Affiliate Faculty, Regis College Philosophy Department, 2007-2008.

Non-Academic Employment

Director and Lead for DEI (consultant), Compass Ethics, 2022-present.

PUBLICATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY

Scholarly Works in Progress

The *Bloomsbury Handbook for Alain Badiou* (co-editor with Alex Ling).

"Caring for the Whole (Angry) Person: Anger and Affect in the Classroom"

"Cognitive Dissonance, Loving Perception, and Empathetic Capacity"

The Uninvited Guest: Hospitality and the Challenge of Gentrification

Living Deliberately, Living Well: Lessons from Philosophy for Everyday Life

Book

Multiplicity and Ontology in Deleuze and Badiou. Palgrave Macmillan, March 2018. ISBN-13: 978-3-319-76836-6 (Hardcover); ISBN-13: 978-3-319-76837-3 (eBook).

Book Chapters

- “Alain Badiou’s Event and the New Realism.” In *21st Century Handbook of Events: Beyond the Analytic-Continental Divide*, edited by James Bahoh, Marta Cassina, and Sergio Genovese (invited; forthcoming from Edinburgh University Press, 2024).
- “Three Stories about Decision: Badiou, Parmenides, and the Persistence of Thinking Being.” In preparation for *M = O? Rereading Alain Badiou’s Mathematical Ontology 30 Years After Being and Event*, Tzuchien Tho and Mirna Dzamonja, eds. (invited forthcoming from Suture Press).
- “The Pleasures of the Problem: Path, Decision, and Annulment in Parmenides and Badiou.” In preparation for *Practice: Encounters with Antiquity*, Ryan Johnson, Jacob Greenstine, and Dave Mesing, eds. Edinburgh University Press, 2024. (Invited)
- “*Erlebnis*, Tarrying, and Thinking Again After George Yancy.” With Selihom Andarge, Nicholas Aranda, Josie Brady, Tricia Charfauros, Kelley Coakley, and Regi Worles. In *George Yancy: A Critical Introduction*, eds. Kimberley Ducey, Clevis E. Headley, and Joe R. Feagin (Rowman and Littlefield, 2021), 29-47. (Invited)
- “Should We Condemn Michael?” in *Ultimate LOST and Philosophy: Think Together, Die Alone*, ed. Sharon Kaye (Wiley, 2010), 233-241. Also appeared as “Should We Condemn Michael for Saving Walt?” in *LOST and Philosophy: The Island Has Its Reasons*, ed. Sharon Kaye (Blackwell, 2007), 18-25.

Journal Articles (Peer-Reviewed)

- “Building Trust and Autonomy in the Introductory Classroom: Team Discussion and Analysis Assignments.” With Karen C. Adkins, Ph.D. In *APA Studies on Teaching Philosophy*, vol. 22 no. 2 (spring 2023): 2-8.
- “Guests in the Out-Side: Becoming, Knowing, and Acting in Jane Bennett’s Vital Materialism.” *Philosophy in the Contemporary World: An International Journal* 27:1 (Spring/Summer 2021), 20-43. DOI [10.5840/pcw20212712](https://doi.org/10.5840/pcw20212712).
- “Collision: Voices of Water.” *Evental Aesthetics: Aesthetic Intersections* 3, vol. 9, no. 1 (2020): 55-67. https://eventalaesthetics.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/EAV9N1_2020_Vartabedian_Water_55_67.pdf
- “Negation, structure, transformation: Alain Badiou and the new metaphysics.” *Open Philosophy* Topical Issue, “The New Metaphysics: Analytic/Continental Crossovers” 2018:1, 213-222. DOI [10.1515/opphil-2018-0015](https://doi.org/10.1515/opphil-2018-0015).
- “Allowances, Affordances, and the Collaborative Constitution of Identity.” *Perspectives International Postgraduate Journal in Philosophy*, vol. 5 (2014), 58-74.
- “Special Effects, Special Status: Lie, Visual Effects, and Stephen Prince’s Perceptual Realism,” *Cinemascope* 10 (Jan.-June 2008), special issue: Falsehood and Cinema, ed. Mariangela Fornaro, <http://www.cinemascope.it>.

Encyclopedia Entry

“Alain Badiou.” *Bloomsbury Encyclopedia of Philosophers: 20th Century France*, Patrick Gamez, Section Editor; John Shook, General Editor (2020). DOI: 10.5040/9781350999992.0041.

Book Reviews

- Review of James Dreier, ed., *Contemporary Debates in Moral Theory* (Blackwell, 2006), *Teaching Philosophy* 30:1 (March 2007), 132-134.
- Review of Simon Blackburn, *Truth: A Guide* (Oxford University Press, 2005), *Denver Journal* 9 (Jan. 2006): <http://www.denverseminary.edu/dj/articles2006/0400/0403>.

Peer-Reviewed Presentations

- “Exploring Together: Common Intellectual Experiences and a Community of Care.” With Trudi A. Wright, Ph.D. Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities (AJCU) Diversity and Equity Networks Annual Meeting and Conference, Regis University (Denver, Colorado), June 2024.
- “Exploring Together: Common Intellectual Experiences and a Community of Care.” With Trudi A. Wright, Ph.D. Teaching Music History Conference, organized by the American Musicological Society Pedagogy Study Group (Columbus, Georgia), June 2024.
- “The Classroom, Community, and Change: Bridging Gaps Between Theory and Anti-Racist Praxis.” With Regi Worles. Humanities for OUR Times Conference, Colorado College (Colorado Springs, Colorado), June 2023.
- “The Uninvited Guest: Settler Logics and Hospitality.” Southwest Seminar in Continental Philosophy, Texas State University, June 2022.
- “The Uninvited Guest: Hospitality, Responsibility, and Possibility.” The Ethics of Home conference, University of Pardubice (Czech Republic), June 2022. (Paper accepted, invitation declined.)
- “The Uninvited Guest: Hospitality, Responsibility, and Possibility.” Decolonization and Poststructuralism Online Conference, Universidad Complutense Madrid. February 2022.
- “Local Time.” Second Temporal Belongings International Conference: Material Life of Time. March 2021.
- “Decolonial Strategies in Education: Here and Abroad,” with Naomi Olson, Ph.D., Josie Brady, Tricia Charfauros, and Grace Warner. The Sixth Annual Internationalization Summit, University of Denver, April 2019.
- “Writing for Social Justice,” with Alexis Thieme (Language Arts Teacher, Littleton HS). Colorado Language Arts Society (CLAS) Conference, Denver, CO. October 2017.
- “Jane Bennett’s Vital Materialism and its Prospects for Hospitality.” Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World, Estes Park, CO. August 2017.
- “Excescence, Excess, and the Possibility of Resistance.”
- Pittsburgh Summer Symposium in Contemporary Philosophy Participants Conference. August 2014.
 - Millennium Materialism and World Politics Conference, London School of Economics. October 2012.
- “Fugitive Ontology: Alain Badiou’s Excescent Situation,” Fugitive Geographies Symposium, Yale School of Architecture, Yale University. March 2011.
- “Truth and Identity: Allowance and Collaboration.” Truth Matters Interdisciplinary Conference, Institute for Christian Studies, Toronto. August 2010.
- “Hume’s Critique of Miracles.” Pacific Phusikoi Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, Forest Grove, Oregon, April 2000.

Invited Talks and Commentary

- “Fugitives, Out-siders, and Uninvited Guests: Three Figures in Contemporary Continental Philosophy.” Duquesne University Speakers Series, November 2023.
- “The Cut: Event and Encounter in Deleuze.” Murmurations: Articulating the Boundary. Arts, Letters, and Numbers (online) Winter Workshop, January 2023.
- “Construction and Demonstration as Ontological Method.” Duquesne University History and Philosophy of Science Graduate Seminar, April 2019.
- Commentator, 20th Century Philosophy Colloquium, “Experience, Judgment, and the Limits of Language: Sense and Significance in Husserl’s Transcendental Logic.” Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Central Division. Denver, CO. February 2019.
- Sixty-Second Lectures, sponsored by Regis College Student Honors Advisory Council and Alpha Sigma Nu (Jesuit Honor Society). October 2015, November 2016, March 2018.
- “Alain Badiou: World, Event, and Structure.” Iliff School of Theology/University of Denver Graduate Colloquium. March 2016.

“Cases of Solution: Badiou and Deleuze on Multiple-Being.” University of Colorado Denver Philosophy Department Colloquium Series. October 2013.

Interviews and Media

Interview (with Sidra Shahid, Ph.D.), “Thinking Precarity and Possibility in the Undergraduate Classroom,” *Blog of the American Philosophical Association*, 24 June 2022: <https://blog.apaonline.org/2022/06/24/precarity-and-possibility/>

Interview (with Nathan Eckstrand, Ph.D.), “Early Career Research Spotlight,” *Blog of the American Philosophical Association*, 15 November 2017: <https://blog.apaonline.org/2017/11/15/early-career-research-spotlight-rebecca-vartebedian/>.

Public Humanities Activities (in Collaboration with Denver Project for Humanistic Inquiry [D-phi])

“Offbeat” Art Tour with Dr. Craig Svonkin (MSU-Denver, English). UNTITLED: Artist Takeover. Denver Art Museum, 26 April 2024.

Interview and Q&A with Director Ruth Mader. Denver International Film Festival, 11 November 2022.

“Who is this TED, and Why does he Talk So Much?” Denver Project for Humanistic Inquiry (D-Phi) panel and discussion with Buntport Theater. Denver East High School, April 2019.

Creative Work and Essays

“Murmur, Minor: Two Notes on Deleuze.” *The Earth Of: Murmurations*. Arts, Letters and Numbers, 2023: 25-31.

“Ants, Strange and Particular” (pp. 84-86), “Moving Like Water” (p. 116), and “Meditation: Inter-Eruption” (pp. 173-175). *The Earth Of: Writings from a Time of Rupture*. Arts, Letters and Numbers, 2020.

“Acorn: Northern Red Oak (*Quercus Rubra*), Far Northwest Denver.” *Denver Writing Project’s Invitational Summer Institute and Advanced Institute Anthologies* 2020, 79.

“Dispatch from the Western Desert.” *Denver Writing Project’s Invitational Summer Institute and Advanced Institute Anthologies* 2019, 62.

“October 2, 8:52-8:57am Eastern Daylight Time.” *Denver Writing Project’s Summer Institute Anthology* 2017: pp. 47-49. Denver Writing Project, 2017.

“Writing on an Island.” Submitted to *Letters from Grad School* (<http://lettersfromgradschool.org>). July 2016.

Creative Residency

Arts, Letters & Numbers Virtual Program, “The Earth Of,” July 2020

SERVICE, TRAINING, AND COURSES TAUGHT

Academic Leadership and Service

Member, Regis College Committee on Rank and Tenure, 2024-2025 (one-year sabbatical replacement).

Member, Regis College Fine Arts – Photography Search Participant, spring 2024.

Member, Regis College French Program Search Committee, 2022-2023.

Member, Regis College Art History Search Participant, spring 2021.

Department Chairperson, Regis College Philosophy Department, 2021-2024.

Member (as chair), Regis College-School for Professional Advancement Phase Two Integration Team, 2022-2023.

Member (appointed), Regis College-School for Professional Advancement Phase One Integration Team, spring 2020-spring 2022.

Executive Service, Regis College Faculty Senate, summer 2019.

Member, Regis College Education Department Search Participant, fall 2018.

Member, Regis College Philosophy Department Search committee, 2017-2018.
Member, Regis College Molecular Biology Search Participant, fall 2017.
Regis College Faculty Senate, Recording Secretary, 2017-2019.
Regis College Faculty Senate, Philosophy Department Representative, 2017-2019.
Regis College Committee on Teacher Education at Regis (COTER), Chair and Department Representative, 2017-2019.

Advising and Mentoring Activities

Member and Faculty Participant, Undocumented Students Resource Alliance, 2022-present
Undergraduate Research Certificate Project Advisor, fall 2022-fall 2023
Philosophy Department Major Advisor, fall 2015-present
Transfer Student Academic Advisor, spring 2020.
First Year Student Academic Advisor, 2013-2014; 2015-2017; 2018-2020.
Romero House Student Mentor, 2019-2020.
Senior Project in Philosophy Advisor, 2019-2020.
Senior Honors Thesis Advisor, 2015-2016 (2); 2017-2018; 2019-2020.
Senior Honors Thesis Reader, 2016-2017.
Summer Advising Team, 2016-2020.
Faculty Mentor and Presenter, Regis University *INSPIRE* Diversity Retreat. October 2018.
Project Mentor, Capstone Academic Projects, Denver Seminary, spring 2009 & summer 2010.
Senior Honors Thesis Advisor, Metropolitan State College of Denver, 2008-2009.

Courses Taught

Regis University

PL 270, PL 270C, PL 270H: Philosophical Explorations
PL 270P: Philosophical Explorations Paired with Exploring Music
PL 411: Medieval Philosophy
PL 419: 19th Century Philosophy
PL 420: Contemporary Currents: Continental Philosophy in the 21st Century
PL 428: 20th Century Philosophy: The Phenomenological Tradition
PL 440-J: Topics in Metaphysics: The Event
PL 445: Philosophy/Art
PL 454-E: Philosophy and Social Issues: Precarious Bodies
PL 482: The Elements of Successful Argument
PL 492: Special Topics in Philosophy: Philosophy and Creativity
PL 494: Philosophical Practicum (Philosophy in Practice)
PL 499: Philosophy Capstone
RCC 200: Writing Analytically (First-Year Writing Seminar)
RCC 400D: Thanksgiving Dinner (Regis College Integrative Core second-year Diversity seminar)
RCC 420H: ...And Justice for All (third-year Honors Seminar; co-taught course)
RCC 420H: Hospitality, Justice, and the Common Good (third-year Honors Seminar; co-taught course)
RCC 420J: Justice and the Common Good: Refugees, Resources, Resettlement (Regis College Integrative Core; cross-listed in Peace and Justice Studies)
WGS 400: Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies (cross-listed in Regis College Integrative Core)

Duquesne University

PHIL 219: Christian Philosophy

PHIL 221: Epistemology
UCOR 132: Basic Philosophical Questions
UCOR 151: Philosophical Ethics

Metropolitan State University of Denver

PHIL 1010: Introduction to Philosophy
PHIL 1030: Introduction to Ethics
PHIL 1110: Language, Logic & Persuasion (in-person and online sections)

Community College of Aurora

PHI 111: Introduction to Philosophy (including accelerated, 5-week sections)
PHI 112: Ethics (in-person and hybrid sections)
PHI 113: Logic

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Training (as Leader)

“Service and ‘Servingness’: Integrating Jesuit Mission and HSI Commitments” workshop. Fifth Annual Academic Excellence: Creating Inclusive Spaces workshop. Regis University, August 2023.
“‘Servingness’ and the Integrative Core Classroom” workshop. Integrative Teaching Institute. Regis University, May 2023.
“Advising at the Intersections” workshop. Fourth Annual Academic Excellence: Creating Inclusive Spaces workshop. Regis University, August 2022.
“Handling Difficult Moments in the Classroom” faculty panel. Third Academic Excellence: Creating Inclusive Spaces workshop. Regis University, August 2021.
“Emotion, Perspective, and Challenging Conversations: Using a ‘Four-Corners’ Approach in the Classroom.” Excellence Through Inclusion Workshop Series. Regis University, October 2018.
“Using a ‘Four-Corners’ Approach to Initiate Challenging Conversations.” All-Faculty Teaching Institute. Regis University, August 2018.
“Writing for Social Justice: Presentation and Discussion of ISI Experience and the Evolution of a Teaching Demonstration” with Alexis (Thieme) Crawford. Denver Writing Project 2018 Summer Institute Pre-Institute Meeting. University of Colorado Denver. April 2018.
“Writing for Social Justice,” with Alexis (Thieme) Crawford. Denver Writing Project Summer Intensive Institute, Denver, CO. June 2017.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Training (as Participant)

AORTA “Uprooting White Supremacy” online training, September 2023.
Colorado State University Online “Feminist Frameworks” competencies course (“Introduction to Identity Basics” and “Women Supporting Women” modules; 10 hours), fall 2023.
The Embodiment Institute, “Self-Guided Embodiment Basics” e-course, fall 2023.
Cultural Somatics Institute, e-course on Racialized Trauma (3 hours), July 2022.
Hollaback! Bystander Intervention Training to Stop Anti-Asian/American Harassment and Xenophobia (online training; 1 hour), April 2021.
Workshop on Inclusive Pedagogy: Engaging First-Generation, Low-Income, and Underrepresented Minority Students in the Classroom, facilitated by Dr. Nimisha Barton (1.5 hours); sponsored by the Regis College Diversity Committee, October 2020.
Scholar Match College Coach Training, Summer 2020.

Regis University Anti-Oppression Training, “Perspectives on Anti-Oppression and Equity,” facilitated by Regan Byrd (4 hours; sponsored by the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs), May 2019.

Regis University Brave Space “Gender and Sexuality 101” Training (4 hours; LGBTQ+ Allyship training), May 2017.

Faculty Development Activities (as Creator and/or Leader) at Regis University

Program Development and Management, Ronald A. DiSanto Faculty Fellow for Teaching and New Faculty Development, 2021-Present.

“On Generosity.” Faculty Development Session for Program Directors and Department Chairs, Regis College, November 2022.

“Nurturing the Four Natures – Mind.” Choosing the Goodness and Understanding the Choice Workshop, facilitated by Dr. Trudi Wright. Online, March 2021.

Co-Convener (with Eric Fretz), ATTUNE Faculty Scholarship Series, 2019.

“Effective (?) Seminar Assignments.” First Year Experience Communication-Intensive Course Workshop. Regis University. May 2017.

Member, Regis College Honors Program Advisory Council, 2016-2018.

Faculty Program Liaison, Regis University En/Route Program, fall 2016

Community Fellows Program Participant, Regis University En/Route Program, spring 2016, spring 2017.

Faculty Development Activities (as Participant)

Denver Writing Project Advanced Institute, “That Writing Vibe.” University of Colorado Denver, June 2020.

Denver Writing Project Advanced Institute, University of Colorado Denver, June 2019.

Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Academy, Regis University Centers for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) and Scholarship and Research Engagement (CSRE), 2018-2019.

Vocational Discernment Learning Community, Regis University Office of Mission, fall 2018.

Manresa New Faculty Orientation Community, 2016-2018.

Integrative Teaching Institute, Regis University, summer 2013, summer 2018.

Jesuit and Feminist Pedagogy Learning Community, Regis University, spring 2018.

Denver Writing Project continuing education workshop, “Narrative Non-Fiction: Conveying Truth and Meaning through Story.” University of Colorado Denver, November 2017 (3 hours).

Denver Writing Project Intensive Summer Institute, University of Colorado Denver, June 2017.

Writing Analytically Instructor’s Intensive Training, Regis University, summer 2013.

Online Teaching Course Review Workshop, Metropolitan State College of Denver, 2011.

New Faculty Mentor, Community College of Aurora, spring 2009.

Leadership Trainings and Institutes

Strategic Narratives Masterclass (online), facilitated by Studio D and Jan Chipchase, May 2024.

Creative Thinking for Complex Problem Solving (online with Certification), facilitated by IDEO-U, March-April 2024.

Change Leadership Certificate, IDEO-U, October 2023. Including Designing for Change (fall 2023); Leading Complex Projects (spring 2023); Human-Centered Design Thinking (winter 2023).

Emotional Resilience Masterclass for Leaders (online), facilitated by Studio D and Jonny Miller, November 2022.

Academic Management Institute, Colorado-Wyoming Network of Women Leaders (Leadership Training Network for Women in Higher Education in Colorado and Wyoming), 2021-2022.

Service to the Profession

Scientific Advisory Board Member, Demographics in Philosophy Project, 2022-Present

Ad hoc reviewer, Philosophy of Management, Open Philosophy, Metaphilosophy, Social Philosophy Today, Bloomsbury Academic, Cogent Arts and Humanities, Journal for Philosophy in the Contemporary World, Epoché, Cosmos and History.

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

Regis College Distributive Core Course Innovation Award (\$1,000), 2021-2022.
Regis College Faculty Award for Outstanding Scholarship, 2018-2019.
Regis University Young Alumni Achievement Award, 2016.
McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts Dissertation Fellowship (competitive, merit-based fellowship), Duquesne University, 2013-2014.
Nominee, Duquesne University Graduate Teaching Award, 2012-2013.
Charles Dougherty Graduate Teaching Excellence Award, Duquesne University Philosophy Department, 2011-2012.
Lynne and Bert Einloth III Endowed Scholarship, Duquesne University, spring 2012.
McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts Graduate Fellowship, Duquesne University, 2009-2012.

Grants

Regis College Faculty Development Small Grant, summer 2020 (\$1000).
Regis College Faculty Development Small Grant, summer 2019 (\$200)
Regis College Faculty Development Travel Grant, summer 2014, summer 2017, fall 2018, fall 2019, summer 2022.
Regis College New Course Development Grant (Refugees, Resources, Resettlement course), fall 2014.
Student International Travel Grant, Duquesne University Philosophy Department, October 2012.
Mathesis Grant for Summer Language Study, Duquesne University. Alliance Française Paris, summer 2012.
Student Travel Grant, Duquesne University Philosophy Department, March 2011.
Student International Travel Grant, Duquesne University Philosophy Department, August 2010.

LANGUAGES

French (reading proficiency, speaking proficiency); German (reading proficiency, speaking proficiency); Koine Greek (reading proficiency); Spanish (reading proficiency, basic speaking proficiency).

MEMBERSHIPS

American Association of Philosophy Teachers; American Philosophical Association; American Studies Association; Philosophers in Jesuit Education; Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Volunteer, College Application Boot Camp, Boys Hope Girls Hope Colorado, May-June 2023; May 2024.
Producer, Program Coordinator, and Host, KUVO Radio, 2012-2014.
Intern, Starz Film Center Denver Programming Department, spring 2008.