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Curriculum vitae

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## EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Philosophy, Boston College, 2009  
MA in Classical Studies, Boston University, 1996  
BA in Classics and Philosophy, University of Montana, 1993

## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Director, Office of the First Year Experience, Regis University, 2017-21  
Professor of Philosophy, Regis University, 2021  
Associate Professor of Philosophy, Regis University, 2015-21  
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Regis University, 2010-15  
Instructor, PULSE Program, Boston College, 2003-10

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

Vico, Giambattista. *The New Science*. Ed. and Trans. (with Robert Miner, Baylor University). New Haven: Yale University Press, 2020.  
Vico, Giambattista. *On the Most Ancient Wisdom of the Italians*. Ed. and Trans. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2010.

### Edited Volumes

*Descartes and Cartesianism* (with Nathan Smith, Houston Community College). London: Cambridge Scholars Press, 2005.

### Journal Articles

“A Center Outside Itself Where the University Finds Itself.” *Conversations on Jesuit Higher Education* 53 (2018): 14-15.  
“Stories We Tell: From Baltimore to Denver” (with Karsonya Kaye Whitehead, Loyola University Maryland). *Conversations on Jesuit Higher Education* 44 (2013): 34.  
“Broadening College Student Interest in Philosophical Education Through Community Service Learning” (with Scott Seider, Boston University). *Teaching Philosophy* 34:3 (2011): 197-217.

## Book Chapters

- “Why Service?: Socratic Engagement, Service-Learning and the Eccentric University.” *Service, Social Justice, and Student Formation: 50 years in the PULSE service learning program at Boston College*. Ed. Eileen C. Sweeney and Meghan T. Sweeney. Under review.
- “From Courageous Conversations to Classroom Dialogue.” *Difficult Discussions: Issues and Ideas for Engaging College Students in Peace and Justice Topics*. Ed. Laura Finley. Charlotte, NC: Information Age Publishing, 2020. 29-52.
- “On the Reception of Plato in Cicero’s *De legibus*.” *Platonic Inspirations: Plato and Platonism in Antiquity and Beyond*. Ed. Mark Beck and Jan Opsomer. Leuven: Leuven University Press, 2013.
- “Machiavelli’s Use of Livy in *Discourses* I.11-15.” *New Worlds and the Italian Renaissance: Contributions to the History of European Intellectual Culture*. Ed. Andrea Moudarres and Christine Purdy Moudarres. Leiden: Brill, 2012. 123-41.
- “On the Appreciation of Our Debt to Descartes” (with Nathan Smith, Houston Community College). *Descartes and Cartesianism*. London: Cambridge Scholars Press, 2005. xi-xxii.

## On-line Scholarly Publications

- “Giambattista Vico: *The New Science*.” *The Literary Encyclopedia*. The Literary Dictionary Company, forthcoming December 2021.

## **INVITED TALKS**

- “Vico’s *New Science*” (with Robert Miner, Baylor University). *Historically Thinking*. March 12, 2020. <http://historicallythinking.org>.
- “Making Advising Ignatian.” Woods College for Advancing Studies, Boston College, May 2017.
- “Socratic Citizenship: A Role for Philosophy in Service Learning.” Keynote address at Phi Sigma Tau Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, Creighton University, April 2014.
- “Integrating Contemplative and Jesuit Educational Practices into Service Learning.” Colorado Campus Compact’s Service Learning 101: An Engaged Faculty Institute, Naropa University, May 2012.
- “Field Notes on the Role of Philosophy in Jesuit Liberal Arts Education.” University of Bergen, Norway, May 2011.
- “Vico and the *Politici*.” Workshop on Themes in Early Modern Philosophy, Boston College, October 2010.

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

- “Arendt on Intellectual Vocation and Revolution.” North American Society for Social Philosophy Annual Meeting, Virtual, July 2021.
- “Ignatian Spiritual Practices as a Resource for Accompaniment in Justice Education.” (with Fernando Alvarez-Lara and Linda Land-Closson, Regis University). Justice in Jesuit Higher Education, Georgetown University/Virtual, June 2021.

- “Liberal Education and Civic Engagement.” Contemporary Philosophy Workshop, Richard Cobb Stevens: Phenomenology, Pragmatism and Pedagogy, Boston College, September 2019.
- “Service-Learning and Vocational Discernment” (with Abby Gosselin, Regis University). Through the Eye of the Needle: Justice in Jesuit Higher Education, Seattle University, August 2017.
- “Cultivating Ethical Dispositions through Service Learning” (with Abby Gosselin, Regis University). North American Society for Social Philosophy Annual Meeting, Carleton University, July 2016.
- “Teaching Justice through Service Learning” (with Karen Adkins and Abby Gosselin, Regis University). North American Society for Social Philosophy Annual Meeting, William Jewell College, July 2015.
- “The Stories We Tell: From Baltimore to Denver.” On Fire at the Frontiers: Justice in Jesuit Higher Education, Creighton University, August 2013.
- “On the Reception of Plato in Cicero’s *De legibus*.” Poetry and Philosophy in light of Plato’s *Laws*, University of Bergen, Norway, May 2011.
- “Christianity and Classical Political Philosophy in Augustine’s *City of God*, Book 19.” Augustine and Cicero panel, Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, November 2008.
- “On the Reception of Plato in Cicero’s *De legibus*.” Plato and Platonisms: The Constitution of a Tradition, University of South Carolina, March 2008.
- “On the Reception of Plato in Cicero’s *De legibus*.” Plato as Literary Author panel, American Philological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada, January 2006.
- “Poetic Illumination and Lucretius in Paul Valéry’s *Dialogue of the Tree*.” Illumination: Reason, Revelation, Science, St. Stephen’s House, Oxford University, England, July 2002.

## TEACHING

### Regis University

Philosophical Explorations	The Political Thought of Thucydides*
Classical Greek Philosophy	First-Year Writing Seminar
Later Classical Philosophy	Tradition and Innovation Seminar
Emergence of Modernity	Greek Tragedy, Democracy and War
Philosophy of the Enlightenment	Introduction to Peace and Justice
History of Political Theory: Modern	Studies
Philosophical Practicum	Strategies for Success, I and II
Philosophy Capstone	First Scholars Leadership Seminar, I and
Topics in Hellenistic Ethics*	II
Politics and Rhetoric in Hobbes*	
Liberation and the Dynamics of Transformation	
(*=Independent Study)	

## Boston College

Person and Social Responsibility, I and II  
Philosophy of the Person, I and II

## Boston University

Writing Seminar

## Campus Talks

- “Socratic Engagement and the Eccentric University.” Faculty Lecture of the Year, Regis College, November 2016.  
“The Humanities in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.” Fall Faculty Conference, Regis College, October 2011.  
“Vico on Descartes’ Reading Practices.” Honors Program Workshop, Boston College, October 2009.  
“The Structure of Plato’s *Republic*, Books 2-10.” Philosophy Forum Lecture Series, Boston College, October 2007.  
“Social Education in Rousseau’s *Emile*.” PULSE Summer Seminar, Boston College, May 2006.  
“The Refinement of Appetite in Plato’s *Republic*.” Philosophy Forum Lecture Series, Boston College, December 2002.

## **SELECTED SERVICE**

### Regis University

- Member of Core Review Steering Committee, 2018-21  
Member of Regis College Core Curriculum Committee, 2017-21  
Co-facilitator of summer faculty workshop, “Identity and Invitation: Justice Education, the Liberal Arts Tradition, and Jesuit Spirituality,” 2013-21  
Representative to the Faculty Senate 2020-21 (FYE), 2013-14 (Philosophy)  
Member of Teagle/NEH Cornerstone Grant Writing Group, 2020  
Member of Provost’s Student Success Task Force, 2017-20  
Senior Ignatian Faculty Fellow, 2017-19  
Member of First Year Orientation and First Year Experience Workgroups, 2014-17.  
Member of Academic Standards and Policies Committee, 2012-16 (Chair, 2014-16)  
Campus Liaison to Denver Scholarship Foundation, 2015-16  
Member of Faculty Handbook Committee, 2011-15 (Chair, 2013-15)

### Boston College

- Faculty Mentor for Senior Consilium Program, Office of Residential Life, 2010  
Co-organizer of Graduate Student Professional Development Workshop, 2008-09  
Co-organizer of Teaching Philosophy Workshop, 2007-09  
Faculty Mentor for Faculty Fellow Program, Office of Residential Life, 2004-05, 2007-08  
Co-organizer of Workshop on Themes in Modern Philosophy, 2005-07  
Co-Chair of Philosophy Graduate Student Association, 2004-07

Organizer of Philosophy Forum Lecture Series, 2004-07  
Member of Planning Committee for Annual Graduate Student Philosophy Conference,  
2003-06

## **SELECTED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Ignatian Colleagues Program (Cohort 9), 2016-18  
Collegium Summer Colloquy on Faith and Intellectual Life, St. John's University, 2012  
Kroc Summer Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame, 2011

## **HONORS**

### Regis University

Faculty Member of the Year, Regis University Student Government Association, 2017-18  
and 2013-14  
Honorary Inductee, Alpha Sigma Nu Jesuit Honor Society, 2017  
Faculty Lecturer of the Year, Regis College, 2015-16  
Faculty Advisor of the Year, Regis College, 2013-14

### Boston College

Summer Dissertation Fellowship, 2005, 2006  
Donald J. White Teaching Excellence Award, 2004-05  
Ernest Fortin Memorial Grant for Summer Research, 2003-06  
Graduate Fellowship, Department of Philosophy, 2001-05  
Outstanding Graduate Student of School of Arts and Sciences, 2003-04

### Boston University

Teaching Fellowship, Department of Classical Studies. 1994-97  
Teaching Excellence Award. 1994-1995