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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Associate Professor, Philosophy Department, and Director, Hong Kierkegaard Library, St Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota, 2022–present
- Philosophy Instructor, University of Copenhagen, Faculty of Theology / DIS – Study Abroad in Scandinavia, Humanities Department, Copenhagen, Denmark, 2015–2022
- Manager of Undergraduate & Faculty Research, DIS – Study Abroad in Scandinavia Copenhagen, Denmark, Spring 2022
- Assistant Director of Humanities Department, DIS – Study Abroad in Scandinavia Copenhagen, Denmark, 2017–2021
- Philosophy Instructor, Long Island University, Philosophy Department Brooklyn, New York, 2010–2014

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Philosophy, *magna cum laude*
New School for Social Research, New York, NY, 2015

Dissertation: *Till We Have Selves: Formative Education in Kierkegaard* (on the pedagogical communication of capability, autonomy, and receptivity through Socratic teaching)
- M.A. Philosophy, *magna cum laude*
New School for Social Research, New York, NY, 2012

Thesis: *Taking Uncertainty Seriously: A Kierkegaardian Reading of Dostoevsky's The Idiot* (on the role of uncertainty in faith)
- B.S. Philosophy/Sociology, minor in History, *magna cum laude*
Northeastern University, Boston, MA, 2004

Thesis: *O Teacher, Why Have You Forsaken Me?* (Kierkegaardian and Heideggerian critiques on the problem of contemporary education)

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Kierkegaard; Continental Philosophy

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Philosophy of Religion; Aesthetics; Ancient and Modern Philosophy; Philosophy and Literature; Philosophy of Education

PUBLICATIONS

Book Manuscript

- *Kierkegaard on Dialogical Education: Vulnerable Freedom* (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2016).

Journal Articles/Book Chapters

- “The Human Limit: Kierkegaard and Camus on Forgiveness,” in *Taking Kierkegaard Personally: First Person Responses*, ed. Gordon Marino and Jamie Lorentzen (Macon, GA: Mercer University Press, 2020).
- “Images of the Closed Self in *The Sickness unto Death*,” in *The Kierkegaardian Mind*, ed. Adam Buben, Eleanor Helms, and Patrick Stokes (New York: Routledge, 2019).
- “Kierkegaard on the Socratic Approach to Storytelling with Children,” in *Acta Kierkegaardiana, vol. VII: Kierkegaard and Classical Greek Thought*, ed. William McDonald and Andrew J. Burgess (Toronto: Kierkegaard Circle, 2017), pp. 137–55.
- “The Intimacy Between Reason and Emotion: Kierkegaard’s ‘Simultaneity of Factors,’” *Res Philosophica* 90:4 (2013), pp. 461–80; prize runner up. DOI: 10.11612/resphil.2013.90.4.2
- Introduction to *On Kierkegaard*, special issue of *Graduate Faculty Philosophy Journal* 32:2 (2011), pp. 217–225. DOI: 10.5840/gfpj20113221
- “Critical Notice: *Beauvoir and Sartre: The Riddle of Influence*,” *Philosophical Forum* 41:3 (2010), pp. 347–57. DOI: 10.1111/j.1467-9191.2010.00366.x
- “Openness to the Possibility of Being Idiotic: A Critical Engagement with Dostoevsky’s *The Idiot*,” *Women in Philosophy Annual Journal of Papers* 5 (2010), pp. 49–66.
- “Being a Philosopher is Living Erotically: Plato’s Erotic Dialogues,” *Women in Philosophy Annual Journal of Papers* 4 (2008), pp. 29–41.

Editor on Special Issue

- “On Kierkegaard,” *Graduate Faculty Philosophy Journal* 32:2 (2011).

Works in Progress

- Article or chapter: Kierkegaard’s *The Lily of the Field and the Bird of the Air* in dialogue with the work of Simone Weil (on addressing despair through accepting embodiment)
- Book manuscript: *Love’s Mythologies: The Role of Love from Socrates to Kierkegaard* (on love as an explanatory force and response to the human condition of duality)
- Article or chapter: “Lovesickness in Proto-romanticism: *Either/Or* as a response to Goethe’s *Sufferings of Young Werther*” (Kierkegaard’s text as an answer to despair in Goethe’s earliest, autobiographical novel)

Planned Works

- Simone de Beauvoir's *Ethics of Ambiguity* and Kierkegaard's *Sickness unto Death* (as offering complementary descriptions of the various ways of fleeing the human plight of freedom)
- Camus' first novel *A Happy Death* as a response to Nietzsche's *Thus Spoke Zarathustra*

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- "Kierkegaard on the Role of Suffering in Discovering Joy"
Faculty Workshop (DIS – Study Abroad in Scandinavia, Copenhagen), 2021.
- "The Human Limit: Kierkegaard and Camus on Forgiveness"
Eighth International Kierkegaard Conference (St. Olaf College, MN), 2018.
- "Who Let the Doctor In? The Role of Anti-Climacus in *The Sickness unto Death*"
SKC Annual Conference (Søren Kierkegaard Research Centre, Copenhagen), 2017.
- "The Teaching of Capability in Kierkegaard's Indirect Communication"
Faculty Workshop (DIS – Study Abroad in Scandinavia, Helsingør, Denmark), 2015.
- "Kierkegaard's Pedagogy: The Art of Ethical Capability"
Project Seminar (Søren Kierkegaard Research Centre, Copenhagen), 2013.
- "The Intimacy Between Reason and Emotion: Kierkegaard's 'Simultaneity of Factors'"
Seventh International Kierkegaard Conference (St. Olaf College, MN), 2013.
- Response to Mark Lloyd Taylor and Alissabeth Newton, "Kierkegaard on Children"
Seventh International Kierkegaard Conference (St. Olaf College, MN), 2013.
- "Kierkegaard's 'Indirect Communication' in Moral Education"
International Conference: "Kierkegaard on Love and the Passions," Dissertation Panel
(University of Copenhagen, Denmark), 2012.
- "The Rejection of *Eros* in Plato's *Republic*: An Ironic Gesture"
Comparative Literature Conference (CUNY Graduate Center, NY), 2011.
- "Being a Philosopher is Living Erotically: Plato's Erotic Dialogues"
Meeting of the Society for Existential and Phenomenological Theory and Culture
(University of British Columbia, Vancouver), 2008.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Visiting Researcher, Søren Kierkegaard Research Center, Copenhagen, 2015–2017
- Fulbright Grant, Søren Kierkegaard Research Center, Copenhagen, 2013–2014
- Dissertation Fellowship, New School for Social Research, 2013–2014
- Adam Gurwitsch Scholarship, New School for Social Research, 2013–2014
- Summer Fellowship, Hong Kierkegaard Library, St. Olaf College, 2010–2013
- Student Conference Travel Fund, New School for Social Research, 2008–2013
- Full Tuition Fellowship, New School for Social Research, 2009–2011

- New School University Teaching Fellowship, New School for Social Research, 2010, 2013
- DAAD Scholarship: Intensive German Language Course, Berlin, 2009

SERVICE

Professional

- Organizer, Humanities Faculty-to-Faculty Exchange
DIS & Minnesota colleges, including St. Olaf College, Minnesota; Spring 2019
- Organizer, Humanities Pedagogical Retreat
DIS, Møns Klint, Denmark; Spring 2019
- Organizer, “Wine & Words,” Talks in the Humanities
DIS, Copenhagen; 2017–2020
- Organizer, Kierkegaard Colloquium
Søren Kierkegaard Research Center, Theology Department, University of Copenhagen; Copenhagen; Fall 2018
- Session Chair, 7th International Kierkegaard Conference
St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN; Summer 2013
- Organizer, Women in Philosophy Colloquium
New School for Social Research, New York, NY; 2009–2011
- Session Chair, Reader, Graduate Student Philosophy Conference
New School for Social Research, New York, NY; 2010, 2011
- Organizer, Graduate Student Philosophy Conference
New School for Social Research, New York, NY; 2008, 2009

Editing & Translation

- Professional editing on various manuscripts, articles, translations (ongoing)
- Professional translations from French & Danish into English (ongoing)
- Editorial Board, *Graduate Faculty Philosophy Journal*, 2008–2013

TEACHING

Courses

- Kierkegaard & Existentialism
St Olaf College, Philosophy Department, Northfield, MN; 2022—present
- The Good Life
DIS, Copenhagen; Fall/Spring, Spring 2022
- Philosophy of Love
DIS, Copenhagen; Fall/Spring, 2018–2022
- Philosophy of Happiness; intensive 4-week summer course (including 1 week site-based learning in southern France)
DIS, Copenhagen; 2019–2022

- The Good Life; intensive 3-week summer course (including 1 week site-based learning in southern France)
DIS, Copenhagen; 2019–2022
- Mythos and Logos: Myth and Reason in Ancient Greece (including 1 week site-based learning in Greece), co-taught with K. Brian Söderquist
DIS, Copenhagen; Fall 2018
- The Ethics of Dialogue: Philosophy of Human Relationships
DIS, Copenhagen; Fall/Spring, 2016–2018
- Existential Philosophy
DIS/Søren Kierkegaard Research Center, Theology Department, University of Copenhagen; Fall 2017
- Kierkegaard's Authorship
DIS/Søren Kierkegaard Research Center, Theology Department, University of Copenhagen; Fall 2017
- Kierkegaard Seminar: *Fear and Trembling*, co-taught with K. Brian Söderquist
DIS/Søren Kierkegaard Research Center, Theology Department, University of Copenhagen; Fall 2015, Spring 2016
- Kierkegaard Seminar: *The Sickness unto Death*, co-taught with K. Brian Söderquist
DIS/Søren Kierkegaard Research Center, Theology Department, University of Copenhagen; Spring 2015
- Philosophical Explorations, part I (Ancient, Medieval, & Moral Philosophy)
Long Island University, Brooklyn, NY; Fall/Spring, 2010–2014
- Philosophical Explorations, part II (Modern, Social, Political, & Existential Philosophy)
Long Island University, Brooklyn, NY; Fall/Spring, 2010–2014
- Modern Philosophy
Eugene Lang College, The New School, New York, NY; Fall 2013
- Ancient Philosophy
Eugene Lang College, The New School, New York, NY; Spring 2010
- Existentialism & Phenomenology
Baruch College, New York, NY; Spring 2009
- Human Rights
Dowling College, Oakdale, NY; Fall 2008

Mentoring

- Dissertation Supervisor (Kierkegaard as Educational Thinker)
Danish School of Education, Aarhus University, Copenhagen, Denmark; 2017–present
- Independent Study Director (Kant's Aesthetics)
Eugene Lang College, The New School, New York, NY; 2011

Other

- Various guest lectures (Kierkegaard, Existentialism)
DIS, Copenhagen; 2013–2022
- Various guest lectures (Kierkegaard, Existentialism)
Søren Kierkegaard Research Center, Theology Department, University of Copenhagen;
2013–present
- Co-leader (2 week-long academic tours with “New Media and Changing Communities”)
DIS Study Tours, Jutland, Denmark and Dublin, Ireland; Fall 2021
- Guest lecture & guided tour in Northern Denmark (Kierkegaard on Seeking God’s Will)
Kenyon College, Faculty Led Program at DIS Copenhagen; Fall 2021
- Guest lecture (Kierkegaard on Childhood Education)
St. Lawrence University, Faculty Led Program at DIS Copenhagen; Summer 2017
- Secondary School Teacher (College and Career Preparation for newly immigrated students)
Angel Advantage Center, Brooklyn, NY; Summer 2012
- Graduate Seminar Facilitator (Kierkegaard), Independent group, weekly sessions
Brooklyn, NY; 2007–2011
- Undergraduate Seminar Facilitator (Kierkegaard’s *Works of Love*)
St. Olaf’s College, Northfield, MN; Summer 2011
- Graduate Seminar Facilitator (Reading & Translation in French Philosophy)
New School for Social Research, New York, NY; 2007–2011
- Graduate Seminar Facilitator (Heidegger’s *Being and Time*)
New School for Social Research, New York, NY; Fall 2009
- Secondary School Teacher (English as a Second Language, American History, and Cultural
Integration)
CUNY, New York; Summer 2008
- Secondary School Teacher (History and Geography, Living History Program Coordinator)
École Active Bilingue, Paris, France; 2005–2006

LANGUAGES/CITIZENSHIP

- English and French (native fluency)
- Danish (advanced reading, writing, and speaking)
- German and Ancient Greek (reading comprehension)
- Dual U.S.-French Citizenship