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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor Philosophy Department Director Hong Kierkegaard Library St. Olaf College Northfield, Minnesota	2022–present
Philosophy Instructor Humanities Department, DIS – Study Abroad in Scandinavia	2015–2022
Assistant Director of Humanities Department DIS – Study Abroad in Scandinavia Copenhagen, Denmark	2017–2021
Philosophy Instructor Faculty of Theology, University of Copenhagen	2015–2017
Philosophy Instructor Long Island University Brooklyn, NY	2010–2014
Teaching Fellow Eugene Lang College, The New School New York, NY	2010, 2013
Philosophy Instructor Baruch College New York, NY	2009
Philosophy Instructor Dowling College Oakdale, NY	2008

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Philosophy , <i>magna cum laude</i> New School for Social Research New York, NY Dissertation: <i>Formative Education in Kierkegaard</i>	2015
M.A. Philosophy , <i>magna cum laude</i> New School for Social Research New York, NY Thesis: <i>A Kierkegaardian Reading of Dostoevsky's The Idiot</i>	2012
B.S. Philosophy/Sociology , minor in History, <i>magna cum laude</i> Northeastern University Boston, MA	2004

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

“Despair as Reflective Sorrow in *Either/Or*’s ‘Silhouettes,’” in *Kierkegaard and the Negative: Re-examining the Dialectical*, ed. René Rosfort, Anna Louise Strelis Söderquist, and K. Brian Söderquist (Leiden: Brill, forthcoming 2026).

“Despair,” in *Kierkegaard in Copenhagen: Reading and Using the Authorship*, ed. Elizabeth Li and René Rosfort, *Kierkegaard Studies Monograph Series* (Berlin: De Gruyter, forthcoming 2026).

“Kierkegaard’s *Either/Or* as a Response to Romantic Despair in Goethe’s *The Sufferings of Young Werther*” in *Sören Kierkegaard: Twelve Shades of his Philosophy*, ed. Fabio Bartoli (Quito, Ecuador: Editorial Universitaria Ciudadela Universitaria, 2026), pp. 55–85.

“A dialética de Kierkegaard: Uma leitura de Ou/ou para o tempo presente,” in *Kierkegaard Compêndio, Atualidade de Kierkegaard*, vol. 4, trans. Gabriel Ferreira (São Paulo: Editora LiberArs, 2024), pp. 11–29.

“Demonic Pantheism: *Either/Or* on Boredom as the Modern Crisis of Faith,” in *Kierkegaard Studies Yearbook*, ed. Heiko Schulz, Jon Stewart, and Karl Verstrynge (Berlin: De Gruyter, 2024), pp. 3–22. DOI: 10.1515/kierke-2024-0002

“Finitude, Necessity, and Healing from Despair in Kierkegaard’s *The Lily and the Bird*,” *Journal of Religious Ethics* 52:1 (March 2024), pp. 95–113. DOI: 10.1111/JORE.12448

“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.

Works in Progress

Chapter: “The Search for Harmony in the Journal of Gilleleje and *The Lily and the Bird*,” in *The Young Kierkegaard: Readings of Kierkegaard’s Loose Papers and Early Student Writings* (London: Bloomsbury, forthcoming 2026).

Book-length monograph: Interpreting Kierkegaard’s *Either/Or* with a focus on the negative dialectic as a lens for reading Kierkegaard in general.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

“Nature and the Search for Harmony in Kierkegaard’s Journal of Gilleleje”
APA Pacific Division, Annual Meeting, 2025

Response to Michael Morgan, “A Problem for Additive Interpretations of *Works of Love*”
APA Central Division, Annual Meeting, 2025

“The Negative Movement in *Either/Or*”
Kierkegaard and The Negative: Re-examining the Dialectical (Online Conference: Co-hosted by the Hong Kierkegaard Library and Søren Kierkegaard Research Centre), 2024

“Kierkegaard’s Dialectics: A Reading of *Either/Or* for the Present Age”
Eighteenth International Kierkegaard Conference (University of Brazil), 2023

“Caught Between Two Evils: *Either/Or* on Boredom and Ideal Modes”
SKC Annual Conference (Søren Kierkegaard Research Centre, Copenhagen), 2023

“The Human Limit: Kierkegaard and Camus on Forgiveness”
Eighth International Kierkegaard Conference (St. Olaf College, MN), 2018

“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,” (University of Copenhagen, Denmark), 2012

“The Rejection of *Eros* in Plato’s *Republic*: An Ironic Gesture”
Comparative Literature Conference (CUNY Graduate Center, NY), 2011

“Philosophical *Eros*: Plato’s Erotic Dialogues”
Meeting of the Society for Existential and Phenomenological Theory and Culture
(University of British Columbia, Vancouver), 2008

SERVICE

Editing

Co-editor, *Kierkegaard and the Negative: Re-examining the Dialectical* (Brill, in progress)

Co-editor, *International Journal of Kierkegaard Research* | 2022–present

Editorial Board, *New Kierkegaard Research* (Rowman & Littlefield) | 2023–present

Editor, Special Issue “On Kierkegaard,” *Graduate Faculty Philosophy Journal* 32:2 | 2011

Co-editor, *Graduate Faculty Philosophy Journal* | 2008–2013

Professional

Reviewer for *Cambridge Elements*, *New Kierkegaard Research* (Bloomsbury), *Journal of Religious Ethics*, *The German Quarterly*, *Brill*, *Palgrave Macmillan*, and *Routledge*.

Curriculum Committee, At-large Representative (elected position)
St. Olaf College, Minnesota | 2024–present

Program Advisor for DIS Copenhagen Study Away
St. Olaf College, Minnesota | 2022–2025

Organizer, Humanities Faculty-to-Faculty Exchange
DIS & Minnesota colleges, including St. Olaf College | 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, Seventh International Kierkegaard Conference
St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN | Summer 2013

Organizer, Women in Philosophy Colloquia
New School for Social Research, New York, NY | 2009–2011

Session Chair, Reader, Graduate Student Philosophy Conferences
New School for Social Research, New York, NY | 2010, 2011

Organizer, Graduate Student Philosophy Conferences
New School for Social Research, New York, NY | 2008, 2009

TEACHING

Courses

Kierkegaard Seminar

St Olaf College, Northfield, MN | Upcoming, Spring 2027

History of Modern Philosophy

St Olaf College, Northfield, MN | 2023—present

The Philosophy of Love

St Olaf College, Northfield, MN | Fall 2024

Kierkegaard & Existentialism

St Olaf College, Northfield, MN | 2022—2023

The Good Life

DIS, Copenhagen | Fall/Spring, Spring 2022

Philosophy of Love

DIS, Copenhagen | Fall/Spring, 2018–2022

Philosophy of Happiness; intensive four-week summer course
(including one-week site-based learning in southern France)

DIS, Copenhagen | 2019–2022

The Good Life; intensive 3-week summer course

(including one-week site-based learning in southern France)

DIS, Copenhagen | 2019–2022

Mythos and Logos: Myth and Reason in Ancient Greece

(including one-week site-based learning in Greece)

DIS, Copenhagen | Fall 2018

The Ethics of Dialogue: Philosophy of Human Relationships

DIS, Copenhagen | 2016–2018

Existential Philosophy

DIS / University of Copenhagen | Fall 2017

Kierkegaard's Authorship

DIS / University of Copenhagen | Fall 2017

Kierkegaard Seminar: *Fear and Trembling*

DIS / University of Copenhagen | 2015–2016

Kierkegaard Seminar: *The Sickness unto Death*

DIS / University of Copenhagen | Spring 2015

Philosophical Explorations

Long Island University, Brooklyn, NY | 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 (Faith, Love, and Hope as the Meaning of Existence in Kierkegaard)
University Federal of Juiz de Fora, Brazil | 2023–present

Dissertation Supervisor (Suffering in Kierkegaard and Black Protestantism)
Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island | 2023–present

Independent Study Director (Nietzsche’s Will to Power)
St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN | 2024

Dissertation Supervisor (Kierkegaard as Educational Thinker)
Danish School of Education, Aarhus University, Copenhagen, Denmark | 2017–2022

Independent Study Director (Kant’s Aesthetics)
Eugene Lang College, The New School, New York, NY | 2011

Other

Various guest lectures (Kierkegaard, Existentialism)
St. Olaf College, Carleton college | 2022–present

Program Assistant, January-term (Kierkegaard in Copenhagen)
St. Olaf College, Philosophy Department | 2024

Various guest lectures (Kierkegaard, Existentialism)
University of Copenhagen, Theology Department | 2013–2022

Various guest lectures (Kierkegaard, Existentialism)
DIS, Copenhagen | 2013–2022

Co-leader (two one-week academic tours with “New Media and Changing Communities”)
DIS, Jutland, Denmark and Dublin, Ireland | Fall 2021

Guest lecture & guided tour in Northern Denmark (Kierkegaard)
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

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, Cultural Integration)
CUNY, New York | Summer 2008

Secondary School Teacher (History and Geography, Living History Program Coordinator)
École Active Bilingue, Paris, France | 2005–2006

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 Gurwitch 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

LANGUAGES/CITIZENSHIP

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