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EDUCATION

Post-Graduate Affiliate Scholar, Boston Psychoanalytic Institute, 1999-2000

Graduate Ph.D., Philosophy, Emory University, December 1989
Dissertation: Reflections on Immediacy: The Anatomy of Self-Deception in
Kierkegaard's Early Writings. Adviser: Thomas R. Flynn

Undergraduate B.A., Philosophy, Mercer University, June 1981, *Summa Cum Laude*

Specializations: Søren Kierkegaard
Nineteenth Century Continental Thought

Competence: Philosophy of Psychoanalysis
German Romanticism
History of Philosophy

HONORS AND AWARDS

2005 Phi Beta Kappa's Teacher of the Year Award, Boston College

2003 DAAD Summer Grant: Language study in Berlin

1999 Boston College Nominee: CASE U.S. Professor of the Year

1987-1988 Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship

1986-1987 ITT International Fellowship: Søren Kierkegaard Library, Copenhagen

Summer 1986 & 1988 Hong Kierkegaard Library
Summer Research Fellow, St. Olaf College

1981-1984 Woodruff Fellow, Emory University

1979, 1980, 1981 Highest Academic Standing, Mercer University

EDITORIAL BOARD, *KIERKEGAARD'S JOURNALS AND NOTEBOOKS*, 2007-2020

English language critical edition of *Kierkegaard's Journals and Notebooks* (KJN)
Twelve volumes, Princeton: Princeton University Press. 2007-2020.

Volume 1, January 2007	Volume 7, September 2014
Volume 2, February 2008	Volume 8, August 2015
Volume 3, July 2010	Volume 9, May 2017
Volume 4, July 2011	Volume 10, August 2018
Volume 5, January 2012	Volume 11, Part 1. November 2019
Volume 6, January 2013	Volume 11, Part 2. May 2020

****EDITION COMPLETED****

LANGUAGES

Danish (fluent), German (intermediate), French (reading knowledge) and Classical Greek (rudimentary reading knowledge).

CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

“Love and Mourning in the Constitution of the Subject: Recent Psychoanalytic Perspectives, October 17, 2016. Funding: ILA Major Grant, 2016.

“After the Unspeakable: Trauma, *Nachträglichkeit*, and Coming to Terms,” March 22-24, 2012. Funding: ILA Major Grant, 2011.

ARTICLES

“Kierkegaard and King on Passion: In the Narrow Straits of Time,” in *Taking Kierkegaard Personally: First Person Responses*, ed. James Lorentzen and Gordon Marino, Macon: Mercer University Press, 2020.

“Why Moriah? On Weaning and the Trauma of Transcendence,” in *Kierkegaard’s Fear and Trembling: A Critical Guide*, ed. Daniel W. Conway, Cambridge University Press, 2015.

“Progress in Spirit: Freud and Kristeva on Ethics and *Unheimlichkeit*,” in *Hosting the Stranger: Between Religions*, ed. Richard Kearney (New York: Fordham University Press, 2011).

Review article: "In the Face of all the Glad, Hay-Making Suns: Schelling and Hölderlin on Mourning and Mortality." Review of David Krell, *The Tragic Absolute: German Idealism and the Languishing of God*. *Research in Phenomenology* 38 (2008): 113-121.

"Christianly Speaking, Humanly Speaking: The Dynamics of Leveling and Mimetic Desire in Kierkegaard's *Christian Discourses*," in *Kierkegaard Studies Yearbook 2007*, Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 2007.

"An Interview with Vanessa Rumble," *Exhaiphnes* (Greek language journal), 2006.

“Continental Philosophy Today: Too Much Deconstruction or Too Little?” *Budhi: A Journal of Ideas and Culture* 7:3 (2004): 69-74.

"Love and Difference: The Christian Ideal in Kierkegaard's *Works of Love*," in *The New Kierkegaard: Continental Readings of Søren Kierkegaard*, ed. Elsebet Jegstrup. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2004.

"Narrative and Finitude in Kierkegaard and Ricoeur," *Kierkegaard and the Word(s)*, ed. Poul Houe and Gordon D. Marino. Copenhagen: C.A. Reizel, 2003.

"A Freer Eye: Conflict and Transformation in Philosophy and Psychoanalysis," in *Psyche and Spirit: Dialectics of Transformation*, ed. W. W. Meissner, S.J., and Chris R. Schlauch. New York: University Press of America, 2003.

"The Scandinavian Conscience: Kierkegaard, Ibsen, and Munch," in *Edvard Munch: Psyche, Symbol, and Expression*, ed. Jeffery Howe. Boston: McMullen Museum of Art, 2001.

"Kierkegaard and the Uncanny: The Endangered Moral Agent," in *Authority and Anthropology: Essays on Søren Kierkegaard*, ed. Poul Houe, Gordon D. Marino, Sven Rossel. Amsterdam and Atlanta, GA: Rodopi Press, 2000.

"Kierkegaard and the Uncanny: A Cast of Sinners and Automatons." *Enrahonar* 29 (1998): 131-36. Reprinted with revisions in *Authority and Anthropology*, above.

"Eternity Lies Beneath: Anxiety and Autonomy in Kierkegaard's Early Writings." *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 35 (1997): 83-103.

"To Be as No One: Kierkegaard and Climacus on the Art of Indirect Communication." *International Journal of Philosophical Studies* 3 (1995): 307-21.

"Sacrifice and Domination: Kantian and Kierkegaardian Paradigms of Self-Overcoming." *Philosophy and Social Criticism* 20 (1994): 19-35.

"The Oracle's Ambiguity: Freedom and Original Sin in Kierkegaard's *The Concept of Anxiety*." *Soundings* 25 (Winter 1992): 605-25.

A Bibliography of Vico in English (1884-1984) (with Giorgio Tagliacozzo and Donald P. Verene). Bowling Green, Ohio: Philosophy Documentation Center, 1986. 150 pages.

REVIEWS

Wojciech Kaftanski, *Kierkegaard, Mimesis, and Modernity: A Study of Imitation, Existence, and Affect*, Routledge, 2022. Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews. 2024.09.05.

Roe Fremstedal. *Kierkegaard on Self, Ethics, and Religion: Purity or Despair*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2022. *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, Forthcoming.

Ferreira, M. Jamie. *Love's Grateful Striving: A Commentary on Kierkegaard's "Works of Love."* Oxford University Press, 2001. *The Review of Metaphysics*, June 2003.

Hannay, Alastair. *Kierkegaard: A Biography*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2001. *Journal of the History of Philosophy*. XLI: 1 (January 2003).

Thulstrup, Niels. *Commentary on Kierkegaard's "Concluding Unscientific Postscript."* Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1980. In *Man and World* 20 (1987): 103-8.

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Project Seminar, Søren Kierkegaard Research Centre, Copenhagen: "At Opleve Det at Døe: Life, Death and Despair in *The Sickness unto Death*," April 8, 2022 (Zoom).

Invited Keynote Address, "Taking on the Idols of the Tribe: Kierkegaard as Existentialist," Ninth International Kierkegaard Conference (virtual), Hong Kierkegaard Library, St. Olaf College, May 6, 2022.

"Kierkegaard's Understanding of Shame, with a nod to Hegel's *Phenomenology*," Panel on Kierkegaard and Public Philosophy, Søren Kierkegaard Society session at the AAR (American Academy of Religion), (virtual/recorded).

Panel Discussion, "Kierkegaardian Resources for Living Through a Pandemic," organized by Kierkegaard Society President J. Aaron Simmons, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2wUTYGSQI4s&fbclid=IwAR1W9QDgVsZCyzz8w2_nEZY3-&ab_channel=PhilosophyforWhereWeFindOurselves

"Kierkegaard's *Vendepunkt*: Reflections on Shame and the Categories of Crisis," Poul Lübcke Memorial Lectures Series (via Google Meet), June 14, 2020, St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN.

“Subjects of Contention, or Who is (de Silentio’s) Abraham?” at Living in Uncertainty: Kierkegaard and Possibility conference, Sept. 2019 University of London.

“In the Narrow Straits of Time: Kierkegaard and King on Passion.” Keynote, with Richard Kearney and John D. Caputo, at the 20th Annual Boston College Graduate Philosophy Conference, April 13, 2019.

“‘Something is Happening in Our World’: Kierkegaard and King on Passion,” Eighth International Kierkegaard Conference, St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN, June 14, 2018.

“(A) Defining Passion: Kierkegaard’s Romanticism,” Symposium on Contemporary Philosophy IV, Boston College, May 2018.

“Falleness and Transfiguration: Luther and Kierkegaard on the Shifting Boundaries of the Subject,” International Institute for Hermeneutics, American Catholic Philosophy Association, Washington, D.C. October 10, 2014.

Discussant on Kierkegaard and Schelling panel, American Academy of Religion, Session co-sponsored by the Tillich group and the Kierkegaard, Religion and Culture Group, November 2013.

“Kierkegaard’s Relations to Schelling.” Invited paper, Conference on Kierkegaard’s Repetitions, Johns Hopkins University, September 20-21, 2013.

“Kierkegaard and Schelling on Freedom and Finitude,” Futures of Schelling Conference, 2nd Annual Meeting of the North American Schelling Society, University of Western Ontario, August 29-31, 2013.

“When the Child is to be Weaned: Kierkegaard and the Trauma of Transcendence,” Invited paper, “Kierkegaard: New Perspectives,” 2012 Austin J. Fagothey, S.J., Philosophy Conference, Santa Clara University, February 4, 2012. Revised version presented at “Kierkegaard and German Thought,” University of Oregon (Eugene), May 10-11, 2012 and at SPEP, Rochester, NY, November 1, 2012.

"Why Moriah: On Trauma and Loss in Kierkegaard's *Fear and Trembling*," invited lecture, colloquium series, Miami University of Ohio, October 28, 2011.

“Kierkegaard’s *Fear and Trembling*: The Poetry of Suffering,” Julia Watkin Memorial Kierkegaard Lecture, St. Olaf College, November 4, 2010.

“Kierkegaard on Offense/Kierkegaard as Offense,” Sixth International Kierkegaard Conference, St. Olaf College, June 29, 2010.

"The Trauma of Loss and the Crisis of Desire: Søren Kierkegaard's *Fear and Trembling*," William B. Edwards Undergraduate Lecture, Emory University, November 5, 2009

“Christianly Speaking, Humanly Speaking: Kierkegaard’s Response to Leveling in *Christian Discourses*,” invited paper, Kierkegaard Research Center (Annual Research Seminar), Copenhagen, Denmark, August 17, 2006.

“Steps Toward a Qualified Autonomy,” invited paper for St. Michael’s Centenary Celebration, March 4, 2005. Following day: Philosophy Department Roundtable discussion on Kierkegaard’s *From the Papers of One Still Living*.

“Kierkegaard on Violence and Transcendence: An Ethics of the Sublime,” Annual Meeting of American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, Georgia, November 22, 2003.

“The Role of the Sublime in Kierkegaard’s Notion of Self-Becoming,” Schleiermacher/Kierkegaard Conference, Copenhagen, Denmark, October 12, 2003.

"Too Much Deconstruction or Too Little?" Presentation at Boston College Symposium, "Continental Philosophy: Towards the Future," September 13, 2003.

"Love and Difference: The Christian Ideal in Kierkegaard's *Works of Love*," Kierkegaard, Religion and Culture Group, American Academy of Religion, Denver, Colorado, November 17, 2001.

"Facing Limits: Kierkegaard and Ricoeur on Narrative and Finitude," International Kierkegaard Conference, Northfield, Minnesota, June 11, 2001.

"Love with a Difference? Kierkegaard on Christian Love." Conference: Either/Or . . . : Continental (or deconstructive) readings of Kierkegaard, Augusta State University, March 3, 2001.

"A Genealogy of Kierkegaard's Split Subject: Traces of Fichte and Schelling," Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Philadelphia, December 1997.

"Kierkegaard and the Uncanny: A Cast of Sinners and Automatons," International Kierkegaard Conference, Northfield, Minnesota, June 9, 1997.

"A Midsummer Night's Masquerade: Humor as Religious Incognito in Kierkegaard's *Postscript*," AAR/SBL Triregional Meeting, March 31, 1995.

"Sublimity and Irony: Kantian and Kierkegaardian Paradigms for Self-Transcendence," Eastern Division Meeting of the *American Philosophical Association*, December 28, 1992.

"Kierkegaard's Knight of Faith: An Introduction to *Fear and Trembling*," Boston University Evening College, December 8, 1992.

"Kierkegaard on Duplicity and Integrity," Gordon College, Wenham, MA, April 11, 1992.

"Socrates Unbound: Irony and Personality in Kierkegaard's *Begrebet Ironi*," Søren Kierkegaard Society Meeting, *American Academy of Religion*, November 22, 1991.

"In the Heart of No Man: The Paradox of Kierkegaard's Religious Poet." Conference: *Kierkegaard: The Christian in Love with Aesthetics*, April 5-9, 1990, Durham, England.

"Psychologically Speaking: Spiritlessness and Ambiguity in Kierkegaard's *The Concept of Anxiety*," Kierkegaard Consultation, Southeastern Meeting of the *American Academy of Religion*, Atlanta, Georgia, March 5, 1989.

"An Introduction to Kierkegaard's *The Sickness Unto Death*," Andover Newton Theological School, April 8, 1993, November 3, 1994, April 3, 1997, November 17, 1998, November 15, 2000, November 6, 2002.

"Kierkegaard's Knight of Faith: An Introduction to *Fear and Trembling*." Boston College's Honors Program, March 23, 1992.
Boston College's Perspectives Program, April 1, 1992 and April 7, 1993, April 1, 1998.
"Kierkegaard and the Ideal of Friendship," Boston College's *First Serve* Program, August 27, 1991.

RESPONSES AND SESSIONS CHAIRED

Discussant, Book Symposium, Sergia Hay's *Ethical Silence: Kierkegaard on Communication, Education, and Humility*, Pacific Divisional Meeting of the APA, April 5, 2023.

Respondent, Panel Discussion, "When Whiteness is God: A Conversation between Kierkegaard's *Fear and Trembling* and Toni Morrison's *Beloved*," Annual Meeting, American Academy of Religion, Kierkegaard, Religion and Culture Unit, November 19, 2022. (Zoom contribution at in-person session).

Moderator at "Foucault and Freud: *Poiesis*, Practice, and Pleasure," Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Memphis, October 21, 2017.

Moderator at "Kierkegaard and Music," session organized by Kierkegaard, Religion, and Culture Group at the American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, November 21, 2016.

Chair, Session on Kierkegaard and Gender, Kierkegaard Society Group Meeting, Eastern Division Meeting of the APA, Dec. 28, 2010.

Respondent to John Lippitt, "On Loving the Self: On Kierkegaard, Psychotherapy, and the Culture of Self-Esteem," Sixth International Kierkegaard Conference, June 29, 2010.

Respondent to Ari Hirvonen, "Crime, Desire, and Subject: From *Hamlet* to *Hamletmaschine*, or from psychoanalysis to politics and back again," 2nd Annual Meeting of the ISPP, "Psychoanalysis, Tragedy, Politics," Boston College, October 25-28.

Moderator of Søren Kierkegaard Society Session: Kierkegaard and the Bible, American Academy of Religion, Denver, Colorado, November 17, 2001.

Panel Discussant: Kierkegaard and Feminism, American Academy of Religion, Boston, Massachusetts, November 19, 1999.

Respondent to Mark Lloyd Taylor, "Practice in Authority: The Apostolic Women of Kierkegaard's Writings," International Kierkegaard Conference, Northfield, Minnesota, June 10, 1997.

Moderator, "Lacan, Death, and Desire," October 1996 Meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existentialism, Washington, D.C.

Respondent to John Davenport, "The Absolute as *Eschaton* in Kierkegaard's *Fear and Trembling*," Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, December 30, 1995.

Chair of Kierkegaard, Religion, and Culture Group, *American Academy of Religion*, Chicago, November 21, 1994.

Commentator, Kierkegaard, Religion, and Culture Group, *American Academy of Religion*, Washington, D.C., November 20, 1993.

REFEREE/CONSULTANT

Referee on Grant Proposal:

Research Council of Canada: Social Sciences and Humanities

Journals: *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*
Continental Philosophy Review
Philosophy and Social Criticism
Journal of the History of Philosophy
Theological Studies
Religion and the Arts

Publishers: Cambridge University Press
Bloomsbury Press
Palgrave Macmillan
Northwestern University Press
Scranton University Press
Fordham University Press
Princeton University Press
Indiana University Press

Referee on tenure and/or promotion:

Notre Dame University
High Point University, NC
Syracuse University
Lawrence University
Assumption College
St. Olaf College
University of New England, Armidale, Australia
Hobart and William Smith College
State College of West Georgia

External Reviewer:

Philosophy Department, Mercer University, November 2014

Book Jacket endorsements/Promotional blurbs:

For Jamie Lorentzen's *Reading Kierkegaard Devotionally*, Mercer University Press, 2024.

For J. Aaron Simmon's *Camping with Kierkegaard: Faithfulness as a Way of Life*, Wisdom/Work, 2023.

For Neal Leavitt's *Rabindranath Tagore, Amartya Sen, and the Early Indian Classical Period: The Obligations of Power*, Lexington Books (imprint of Rowman and Littlefield), Nov. 2022.

For Bruce Kirmmse's translation of *Fear and Trembling*, Liveright, W. W. Norton, 2022.

For Sergia Hay, *Ethical Silence: Kierkegaard on Communication, Education, and Humility*, Bloomsbury Press, 2020.

For Todd Dufresne's translation of *Beyond the Pleasure Principle*, Broadview Press, 2011.

For Jason Mahn, *Fortunate Fallibility: Kierkegaard and the Power of Sin*, Oxford University Press, 2011.

For David Kangas, *Kierkegaard's Instant: On Beginnings*, Indiana University Press, 2007.

For Ernest Daniel Carrere, *Creating a Human World: A New Psychological and Religious Anthropology In Dialogue with Freud, Heidegger, and Kierkegaard*, Scranton University Press, 2006.

For Gordon Marino, *Basic Writings of Existentialism*, Modern Library, 2004.

For Mark Dooley, *The Politics of Exodus: Kierkegaard's Ethics of Responsibility*, Fordham University Press, 2001.

MEMBERSHIPS

American Philosophical Association
American Academy of Religion
Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy
Søren Kierkegaard Society

SERVICE

Professional

Editorial Board member, *International Journal of Kierkegaard Research*, a new open-access, peer-reviewed Journal, 2023 – present.

Invited Workshop Participant, Kierkegaard's Lily/Bird Discourses, series of Zoom workshops during fall 2022.

Conveners: Francis Maughan-Brown, Holy Cross, and Rick Furtak, Colorado College.

Member, Steering Committee of the Kierkegaard, Religion and Culture Group of the American Academy of Religion, Jan. 2016 – Dec. 2021.

Member, Committee on Psychoanalysis and Undergraduate Education, American Psychoanalytic Association, 2015 – 2019.

Member, Academic Outreach Committee of the Massachusetts Institute for Psychoanalysis, 2015 – 2016.

Member, Board of Directors, Søren Kierkegaard Society, 2015-2017

External Examiner for the M.A. degree: Institute for Christian Studies.

Member, Reading Group, Convener, Humphrey Morris, M.D., Mahindra Center, Harvard University;

2014-2015: *Beyond Representation: Theories of the Primal in Psychoanalysis*; 2015-2016: *What Makes Psychic Reality Real: Encounters with Disavowed Others in Literature and Clinical Work*; 2016-2017: *From Eros to Existence: Psychoanalysis as the Practice of Living the Real*.

Member of the Paul G. Ecker Board: formed as an advisory body to guide and oversee funds for the support of interdisciplinary learning with a psychoanalytic dimension, 2010 - 2013.

President, Søren Kierkegaard Society, 2003-2004

External Member, Doctoral Jury, Sergia Hay, Columbia University, 2003.

Vice President/President Elect: *The Søren Kierkegaard Society*, 2001-2002.

APA Representative for *The Søren Kierkegaard Society*

Responsibility for Society's Programs for APA Divisional Meetings, November 1993-November 1995.

Nominating Committee for Søren Kierkegaard Society, 1997, 2006

Departmental

Convener, Teaching Seminar, 2024-2027

Graduate Committee, Fall 1999-2002; 2003-2012; 2014-2019; 2024-2025

Graduate Admissions Board, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2024

Review of Philosophy of Person Committee.

Promotions Committee member (for Elisa Magri).

Fitzgibbons Committee, w. Richard Kearney, 2021-2022.

Teaching Seminar presentations, 2021 (Freud), 2022 (Nietzsche), 2023 (Freud), 2024 (Nietzsche).

Departmental Calendar and fellowship/conference opportunities for grad community, 2021-summer 2024.

Mock Interview panels for doctoral students and graduates, annually.

Grader for M.A. Qualifying Papers, 2021-2024.

Adviser for M.A. Qualifying Papers.

Honors Thesis co-adviser, 2023-2024 (Joseph Nuzzi; Bapst award winner).

Honors Thesis adviser, 2024-2025 (George Renaudin).

Hiring Committee, 2007, 2011, 2018-19.

Director of M.A. Studies, 2004-2012; 2017-2019.

Committee for 5-year department hiring plan, 2015.

Drafted proposal for departmental hire in environmental ethics.

Director, Undergraduate Studies, Fall 1996-Spring 1999

Chapter Adviser, Phi Sigma Tau, 1992-1993, 1993-1994

Masters and Doctoral Comprehensives boards, 1990-present

Committee on Administrative Structures, Departmental Self-Study, 1990-91

Graduate Teaching Awards Committee: 1990, 1991, 1995, 1997, 1998, 1999

Undergraduate Committee, Spring 1995-1996

Hardy-Cushing Perspectives Program, 1992-93

College

Perspectives on Art Workshop, Spring 2023.

Director, Psychoanalytic Studies Program, 2004-2008; 2011-2020

Promotions Committee for Adjunct Faculty, 2004-2008

Interviewer for Fulbright candidates in the College of Arts and Sciences, 2003-2009; 2013-2016; 2019-2024.

Interviewer for Presidential Scholars Program, 2001-2005.

Undergraduate Advising, 1990-present, 5-25 students per semester

Capstone Committee, 1990

University Hearing Committee, 1991-2005

Presidential Scholars Program Mentor

University

Reviewer ASG study grant applications, 2014, 2024

NEASC Accreditation Committee, 2006

Jesuit Institute Seminar on Meaning and Transcendence, 2000-2015

Seminar on Student Formation, led by Fr. Howard Gray, 1999-2000

Committee on Awards and Honorary Degrees, 1996

Discussion Group on Psychoanalysis and Religion, William Meissner, SJ, Chair, Spring 1993-2001.

Jesuit Institute Seminar on the Alienation of the American Intellectual from Religion, Michael

Buckley, S.J., Chair, 1993-1994.

Benjamin Mays Mentoring Workshop, August 10-12, 1993.

Mays Mentor, 1993-98, 2001-2002.

Fourth Annual Jesuit Institute on Higher Education, San Francisco, June 5-9, 1990.

TEACHING

Undergraduate:

Perspectives on Western Culture

Person and Social Responsibility (PULSE)

Perspectives on Art (EQ) 2023-24; 2024-25

(Honors Program) Twentieth Century and the Tradition I and II

(Honors Program) Western Cultural Tradition: Year Two

Philosophy of Person

Self-Deception and Morality

German Romanticism and Idealism

Philosophical Autobiography

Freud and Philosophy

Hegel, Kierkegaard, Nietzsche (for spring 2021)

Kierkegaard, Nietzsche, 20th century legacies (for spring 2022)

Graduate:

Søren Kierkegaard

German Romanticism

Freud and Psychoanalysis