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EDUCATION

Ph. D. June 15, 2003
DePaul University Chicago, Illinois
Dissertation title: *Between the Garden and the Gathering: The Intertwining of Philosophy with Theology in Walter Benjamin.*
Defense date: March 17, 2003
Committee: Dr. Bill Martin (director), Dr. David Farrell Krell, Dr. Richard Lee.

Ph.D. Teaching Fellow 1998-2001
DePaul University Chicago, Illinois

Master of Arts, Philosophy February 1998
DePaul University Chicago, Illinois
Thesis title: *Redemptive History: Philosophies of History in Vico, Hegel, Marx, and Benjamin.* Readers: Dr. Niklaus Largier, Dr. Bill Martin.

Bachelor of Arts, *summa cum laude*, Philosophy May 1995
Trevecca Nazarene University Nashville, Tennessee

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Northwest Nazarene University
Professor of Philosophy 2019-present

Greenville University
Professor of Philosophy 2017-2019

Associate Professor of Philosophy 2010-present

Assistant Professor of Philosophy 2005-2010

Taught philosophy and world religions courses on regular basis. Advises 15+ students majoring in the Philosophy and Religion Department. Keeps active in research in area of expertise. Oversees Honors Theses and other student projects.

Saint Xavier University, Chicago IL

Assistant Professor of Philosophy 2003-2005
Taught philosophy courses for both General Education and major. Chaired the Assessment Committee. Was the faculty sponsor for the Philosophy Club, which created an undergraduate journal.

Full-time Lecturer 2001-2003
Adjunct Instructor 1999-2001

DePaul University, Chicago IL

Graduate Student Instructor 1999-2001
Teaching Assistant 1997-1999

ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Greenville University, Greenville IL

HLC Accreditation Liaison Officer July 2017-2019

Dean of Instruction 2016-2019
Oversaw the Center for Teaching and Learning and faculty development in the areas of teaching and professional development. Served as HLC co-liaison for accreditation. Developed and implemented on-campus faculty development opportunities regarding pedagogy, diversity training, and online course development. Led New Faculty Orientation.

Assistant Dean of Instruction 2015-2016
Coordinated and produced the Assurance Argument for accreditation for the Higher Learning Commission.

Associate Moderator, Faculty Assembly 2011-2016
Along with the Faculty Moderator, the Associate Moderator represents the faculty in the Dean's Council and President's Council, is a member of Faculty Executives, and is an ad hoc member on any and all shared governance committees, including the Academic Prioritization Committee, the Financial Exigency Revision Committee, and the Contract Committee, which revised faculty contracts. Presents faculty reports to the Board of Trustees in the Moderator's absence. Participates in planning the agenda for Faculty Assembly meetings, which are bimonthly and involve the entire faculty.

Chair, Theology and Philosophy Department July 2012-2019
Oversaw the third-largest department on campus, with 6 full-time faculty members and 2-4 part-time or adjunct members and a student worker. Handled the departmental

budget, which covers student worker wages, supplies, and travel expenses for both faculty and for student activities. Planned course loads for all offerings: General Education as well a four majors, and four minors. Hired adjunct professors and conducts searches for full-time hires. Planned and executed an annual lecture series. Constructed and executed assessment plans for the department, and oversaw implementation and the collection of data from said plans. Conducted regular departmental reviews, which involved student and alumni surveys, data collection and organization on student retention to graduation, faculty loads in General Education and major programs, and external comparison to other schools. Actively participated in recruitment, via regular meetings with prospective students, email and letter correspondence, and phone calls.

Shapiro Chair of Jewish-Christian Studies **2005-2017**

Conducted fundraising and created grant proposals to complete funding for the Endowed Chair in Jewish-Christian Studies. Maintained relationship with Shapiro Foundation and other donors through the creation and mailing of a regular newsletter and other correspondence. Planned and executed annual lecture series featuring a noted Jewish scholar. Ran annual field trip to Holocaust Museum in St. Louis. Planned campus events focusing on Judaism. Taught Jewish Studies courses as part of regular teaching rotation.

COR 401 Senior Capstone Seminar Director **Fall 2010-2012**

Directed the campus-wide senior capstone seminar for all graduating seniors. Planned a retreat every semester and a lecture series for 100+ students. Planned and executed a guest lecture series every semester. Trained and managesd14-16 faculty mentors per semester for the seminar, who oversee student groups conduct independent research and implementation in response to a topic or theme. Planned and executed Common Day of Learning, in which all classes are cancelled and seniors conduct 45-minute presentations in 4 sessions throughout the day, evaluated by faculty members and fellow students. Worked with Assessment Committee to gather data from evaluations to assess seniors in their ability to meet Student Learning Outcomes as set by the University.

GOVERNANCE ACTIVITIES

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| VPAA Representative, Faculty Development Committee | 2019-present |
| Appointed member, Assessment and Accreditation Committee | 2020-present |
| Secretary, Diversity and Inclusion Commission | 2020-present |
| Invited Member, Women’s Equity Initiative | 2019-present |

Greenville University

Appointed member, Provost's Council	2016-2017
Appointed member, Dean's Council	2016-2019
Appointed member, Assessment Committee	2015-2019
Appointed member, General Education Council	2015-2019
Appointed member, Pilot Employee Training Program	2015

Identified as a 'super-connector' – a person engaged in multiple areas of the college, who represents and has the trust of a wider variety of employees – and invited to participate in a series of training programs in areas of GC identity, Organizational Development, Customer Service (Student Relations), Employee Relations/Conflict Resolution, Project Management, and Developing a Positive Culture.

Appointed member, HLC Sub-Committee	2014-2015
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Collected data pertaining to Criterion 4 of the HLC Accreditation process. Created template for data collection in sub-committee, and implemented template for both this committee and the Committee overseeing Criterion 3. Wrote summative report for Criterion 4b in partnership with another faculty member.

Appointed Member, Academic Prioritization Committee	2013-2014
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Conducted a thorough review of external data pertaining to higher education (job statistics and predictions, HERI data on freshmen, etc.) as well as internal data in every academic department area (recruitment and retention of students; growth in majors; sufficient faculty support for all programming) in order to determine areas of growth and areas in need of modification and revision. Committee was tasked with creating a list of detailed recommendations for the President and Vice President of Academic Affairs to review and act upon in the coming year.

Appointed Member, GC Perspectives Committee	2014-15
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In response to a comprehensive survey conducted by the college and distributed to all employees, a committee was formed, with membership from all areas of the college, to address ongoing communication concerns and distrust. Committee meets biweekly in order to identify areas of crisis or concern, and to suggest possible solutions. Implemented coffee times and 'lunch for a buck' to provide community members opportunity to interact more regularly; created a weekly Employees@GC email to keep entire community better informed; created a pilot program of development (see 'Pilot Training Program').

Invited Member, Computer Allocation Committee	Fall 2010-present
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Appointed Member, IT Pedagogy Committee	Fall 2011-present
Appointed Member, General Education Council	Fall 2009-2013
Appointed Member and Secretary: Assessment Committee	2007-2009
Appointed Member: Assessment of Adult Studies	June 2007-August 2007
Elected Member and Secretary: A&S Curriculum Committee	2006-2007

Wesleyan Philosophical Society

President	2014-15
1st Vice President	2013-14

Planned 2014 conference, including finding and cultivating the keynote speaker; arranging all transportation and housing; writing call for papers and publicizing conference; leading blind review of submissions; planning flow and structure of conference; and creating a book proposal, accepted by Pickwick Press, of edited and blind-reviewed conference papers. The 2014 Conference had the second-largest number of submissions in the history of WPS.

2nd Vice President	2012-13
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Wesleyan Theological Society

President	2019-2020
Selects keynote speaker, creates theme and Call For Papers for conference, and gives the Presidential Address.	

1st Vice President	2018-2019
Plans the annual conference in concert with the president, organizes sessions alongside section chairs, handles all event planning and communication with the host institution.	

2nd Vice President	2017-2018
Shadows 1st Vice President and participates in Executive Committee meetings.	

Planning Committee (elected)	2014-16
Planned the overall flow of the conference each year, including how many sessions are needed per section. Addressed issues of time conflict and flow of participants to sessions.	

Section Chair, Philosophical Theology	2007-2014
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Delta Kappa Gamma

President **2014-2016**
Alpha Pi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma
An international organization of women educators. Planned 6 meetings throughout the year, with unique events at each. Oversaw cabinet, which handles membership, recruitment, the budget, and charity events. Currently has 16 members.

Greenville Regional Hospital
Invited Member, Ethics Board **2005-2007**
Ethics Board committee members decide upon ethical standards for the Hospital and its staff.

Saint Xavier University

Appointed Member: General Education Task Force **January 2004-May 2005**
Appointed committee established by the Vice-President of Academic Affairs, charged with reviewing and revising the General Education Program at Saint Xavier University.

Elected Member, Assessment Committee **December 2003-May 2005**
Chair, Assessment Committee **August 2002-December 2003**
University-wide committee at Saint Xavier University designed to gather assessment procedures and information from all schools and provide assistance to said schools in designing and implementing assessment tools and practices.

Advisor: Eidos Philosophy Club **January 2002-May 2005**
An Undergraduate Philosophy Club that holds discussions on philosophical themes, films, and current events. The group also attended conferences in the Chicago area, including the recent SPEP Conference, and has invited guest speakers to present work. Created a Graduate Student Lecture Series, which brought graduate students in philosophy from the Chicago area to present their work.

Committee Member: Dean's Fellowship Committee **April 2002**

SCHOLARSHIPS AND HONORS

Rank Change at Greenville University **2018**

W. Richard Stephens Outstanding Faculty Award **May 2011**
Greenville University
Award given in honor of "her innovative teaching, passion for philosophy, strong connection with students, encouragement of excellence, integration of faith with learning, strong Christian commitment, and active personal scholarship."

Tenure and Rank Change at Greenville University **March 2011**

James Reinhard Fellowship Grant **March 2006**

Faculty-Student Collaborative Grant

December 2004

Center for Educational Practice, Saint Xavier University
Created an undergraduate philosophy journal with philosophy majors.

Faculty Research Grant

December 2002

Center for Educational Practice, Saint Xavier University
Continuing research on Walter Benjamin's early writings.

Richardson Fellowship

March 2001

DePaul University Foreign Study Grant
Lived and studied in Berlin, Germany for 4 months in order to
conduct dissertation research.

Berlin, Germany

PUBLICATIONS

books

*Jean-Luc Nancy and Christian Thought: Deconstructions
of the Bodies of Christ* 2017
Lexington Books

'This is My Body': Reflections on Embodiment in the Wesleyan Spirit 2016
Editor
Wipf and Stock Publishing

Articles and Chapters

"The Image of God is a Black Woman: Feminist and Womanist
Christologies" in *Methodist Christology: From the Wesleys to the
21st Century*. Wesley's Foundery Books. 2020

Review of Wm. Curtis Holsten and Matthew Nelson Hill., ed. *In Spirit
and in Truth: Philosophical Reflections on Liturgy and Worship in the
Wesleyan Theological Journal*. 2018

"Hol(e)y Jeans and Frayed Knees" in *Women Experiencing Faith* 2018
SacraSage Press

Review of *Difficult Atheism: Post-Theological Thinking in Alain Badiou,
Jean-Luc Nancy, and Quentin Meillassoux* in *Derrida Today*. 2016

Contributions to the Quentin Meillassoux Dictionary, 2015
Edinburgh University Press.

Book Review of *After Reformation: Postliberal Christianity and the Jews* Spring 2014

For the *Studies in Jewish-Christian Relations* journal

Contributions to the Jean-Luc Nancy Dictionary, Fall 2014
Edinburgh University Press.

"Bodies, Communities, Faith: Christian Legacies in Jean-Luc Nancy," Spring 2013
in *Analecta Hermeneutica*. No 4(2012).

"No Other Place To Be: Globalization, Monotheism, and Fall 2012
Salut in Nancy"
In *Thinking Plural: Expositions of Jean-Luc Nancy on World, Art, and Meaning*
SUNY Press.

"Taking Thomas to Temple: Teaching the Jewish Jesus Spring 2011
to an Evangelical Audience"
in *The Jewish Jesus*
Purdue University Press

"The Failure of Hate: Love, Hate and Hope in Jean-Paul Sartre," Winter 2009
In *Philosophy Today*, DePaul University.

"'Catholic' Continental Philosophers: Nancy and Vattimo on Fall 2009
Incarnation and Christianity,"
In *Via Media*
Cambridge Scholars Press.

"'And G-d Said:' Language, Translation, and Scripture in Two Spring 2009
Works by Walter Benjamin."
In *Shofar: An Inter-Disciplinary Journal of Jewish Studies*, Purdue
University Press.

Review: *Feminism and Bourdieu*. Fall 2006
APA Newsletter on Feminism and Philosophy

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

"Nice is Not Enough: Christian Complicity, Christian March 2020
Confrontation, and White Fragility"
Kansas City, MO
Presidential Address, Wesleyan Theological Society Conference

"My Body, My Identity" March 2019
Wesleyan Philosophical Society Conference Washington, DC

"Messianic In-Breaking in Walter Benjamin" March 2016
Wesleyan Theological Society Conference Pt. Loma, California

- "The Idol of the Same: Reflections on Identity" March 2015
Wesleyan Theological Society Conference Mt. Vernon, Ohio
- "Impossibly Pure: The Conundrum of Violence and the Possibility for Freedom in Sartre and Benjamin" October 2014
Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy Conference New Orleans, LA
- "Relationship as Experience: the Post-Modern Encounter with God" March 1, 2012
Wesleyan Philosophical Society Conference Nashville, Tennessee
- Panel on Craig Keen's *The Transgression of the Integrity of God* March 3, 2012
Wesleyan Theological Society Conference Nashville, Tennessee
- "The Desert of the Real" March 3, 2011
Wesleyan Philosophical Society Conference Dallas, Texas
- "*Toujour Pur*: Bodies of Violence and the Establishment of the Political" November 21, 2009
North American Sartre Society Conference Memphis, Tennessee
- "The Problem with the Problem of Evil" March 13, 2009
Wesleyan Philosophical Society Conference Anderson, Indiana
- "The Failure of Hate: Anti-Semitism and Hate in Sartre" April 4, 2008
North American Sartre Society Conference Fredericksburg, Virginia
- "When God Disappears in the World: The End of Onto-Theology in the Work of Jean-Luc Nancy" March 13, 2008
Wesleyan Philosophical Society Conference Durham, North Carolina
- "Incarnation: Continental Philosophy and Christianity in the work of Gianni Vattimo and Jean-Luc Nancy" March 1, 2007
Wesleyan Philosophical Society Conference Kankakee, Illinois
- "Language and Translation according to Walter Benjamin." October 28, 2006
American Catholic Philosophers Association Conference Granville, Ohio
- "Bad Advice: Faith and Freedom in Sartre and Kierkegaard." October 29, 2006
National Sartre Society Conference New York, New York
- Organized Session of the *International Association for Philosophy and Literature Conference*. June 5-10, 2006
 Freiburg, Germany
 Presented "Hermeneutics and Deconstruction in Light of the Incarnation: Christianity in Vattimo and Nancy."
- "Responsibility for the Stranger: Jewish Perspectives on Hospitality" March 5, 2006

- “Maneuvering in Political Space: Limits and Possibilities in Bourdieu and Arendt” October 21, 2005
44th Annual Conference for the Society of Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy Salt Lake City, Utah
- “The People of God: Tradition v. Change in a Talmudic Reading by Levinas.” March 4, 2005
40th Annual Wesleyan Theological Society Conference Seattle, Washington
- “The People of God: Tradition v. Change in a Talmudic Reading by Levinas. February 22, 2005
Scholarly Work in Action: The Center for Educational Practice at Saint Xavier University Chicago, Illinois
- “Deception in the Classroom: Its Power, Locus, and Heuristic Intent” October 6, 2003
2nd Annual Outis Conference on Deception, Society for Phenomenology and Media. Buenos Aires, Argentina
- “ ‘And God Spoke:’ Language and Translation According to Walter Benjamin.” March 2-3, 2001
Wesleyan Theological Society’s Annual Conference. Anderson, Indiana
- “Being the Angel: Walter Benjamin’s ‘Redemptive’ History.” April 3-4, 1998
DePaul University 5th Annual Graduate Student Conference Chicago, Illinois

COURSES TAUGHT

NNU:

- PHIL 2010: Intro to Philosophy
- PHIL 2020: Intro to Ethics
- HNRS 2550: Western Traditions I
- PHIL 3010: Deconstructing the Ancient Mind
- PHIL 3020: Systems of the World
- PHIL 3094: Gender Studies
- PHIL 4520: Experiencing God
- PHIL 7560: Philosophical Foundations of Ministry

Greenville University:

- PHIL 201: Major Issues in Philosophy
- PHIL 251: History of Philosophy II
- HONR 270: Philosophy and Theology
- PHIL 310: Philosophy of Religion (Continental)

PHIL 311: History of Political Thought
 PHL 330: Ethics
 PHIL 360: Gender Studies
 PHIL 365: Philosophy of Race and Christian Witness
 THEO 245: Jews, Christians, Muslims
 THEO 345: History of Second Temple Judaism
 THEO 354: World Religions
 SOC/THEO 375: Sociology of Race and Christian Witness
 CORE 101: Faith and Learning
 CORE 401: Senior Capstone Seminar

St. Xavier University

PHL 150: The Examined Life
 PHL 200: Ethics
 PHL 300: Philosophy of Religion
 PHL 399: Jewish Philosophy
 PHL 250: Feminist Ethics

DePaul University

PHL 150: Intro to Philosophy
 PHL 200: Business Ethics
 PHL 300: Philosophical Themes of Sex and Gender

SPEAKING INVITATIONS

<p>“Splinters and Planks” MacAllastar Scholars Lecture Greenville University</p>	<p>April 2019</p>
<p>“Eschatology and Social Justice” At NNU’s Homecoming</p>	<p>November 2018</p>
<p>“A Passover Seder” <i>Cuisine and Culture: Interterm Course</i> Greenville College</p>	<p>January 14, 2016 Greenville, Illinois</p>
<p>“A Passover Seder” <i>Cuisine and Culture: Interterm Course</i> Greenville College</p>	<p>January 14, 2015 Greenville, Illinois</p>
<p>“Integrating the Disciplines: COR 401” COR 401 Capstone Seminar Retreat, Guest Speaker</p>	<p>Fall and Spring 2008-present</p>
<p>“Homosexuality and the Church: Refocusing the Conversation”</p>	<p>Spring 2012</p>

Sextravaganza Event, Greenville College	<i>Greenville, Illinois</i>
“Violence and Christianity: Miroslav Wolf” COR 401 Capstone Seminar Chapel Address	Fall 2009 <i>Greenville, Illinois</i>
“Jewish Beliefs and Practice.” Greenville Free Methodist Church	November 8 & 15, 2009 <i>Greenville, Illinois</i>
“Concubines, Polygyny, and the Bride Price: Marriage in The Hebrew Bible.”	January 26, 2008
COR 401 Capstone Seminar Retreat, Guest Speaker	August 28, 2007 <i>Greenville, Illinois</i>
“The Christian Amidst World Religions”	April 15, 2007
Invited Speaker to Mattis Avenue Free Methodist Church, Sunday School Series.	<i>Champaign, Illinois</i>
“Islam and Democracy: A Response” Respondent to the Mannoia Lecturer <i>Greenville College’s Mannoia Lecture Series</i>	April 11, 2007 <i>Greenville, Illinois</i>
“Kaaterskill Falls: A Review” <i>Honors Program: Coffee and Conversation</i> <i>Greenville College</i>	April 1, 2007 <i>Greenville, Illinois</i>
“A Passover Seder” <i>Greenville College Chapel Service</i>	April 12, 2006 <i>Greenville, Illinois</i>
“Zionism and the Establishment of Israel.” <i>Honors Program: Coffee and Conversation.</i> <i>Greenville College</i>	November 13, 2005 <i>Greenville, Illinois</i>
“Images of Identity: Cultural and Religious Messages of Womanhood” <i>Christians for Biblical Equality, Greenville College Chapter,</i> <i>Fall Meeting</i>	October 24, 2005 <i>Greenville, Illinois</i>
“The Assessment of Writing and the Use of Technology” <i>Faculty Development Day, Saint Xavier University</i>	February 17, 2003 <i>Chicago, Illinois</i>
“An Informal Conversation on Assessment” <i>Food for Thought: Center for Educational Practice at</i> <i>Saint Xavier University</i>	October 31, 2002 <i>Chicago, Illinois</i>

“ ‘Do I Have to Study Ethics?’ Teaching Ethical
Choice to a Captive Audience”
*Food for Thought: Center for Educational Practice at
Saint Xavier University*

February 26, 2002
Chicago, Illinois

Saint Xavier University, Religion and Philosophy Colloquia
Presented dissertation work on time and
language as discussed in several essays by Walter Benjamin.

February 26, 2001
Chicago, Illinois

Olivet Nazarene University, Dialog Discussion Group
Presented and led subsequent discussion regarding the later
works of Martin Heidegger as relevant to theology.

April 2000
Kankakee, Illinois

LANGUAGES

French-competent
German-competent
Ancient Greek-some reading ability
Biblical Hebrew-some reading ability

EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

Editorial Assistant
1997-1999
Philosophy Today
Editor-in-Chief: Dr. David Pellauer, DePaul University

REFERENCES

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