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EDUCATION

2000	Ph.D.	Villanova University
	Dissertation:	<i>Hegel's Speculative Theory of Political Life: Community and Tragedy in the Phenomenology of Spirit</i>
	Director:	Professor Dennis J. Schmidt
	Committee:	Professors Walter Brogan, Julie R. Klein
1998		Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen, Germany (Fulbright scholar)
1996		Collegium Phaenomenologicum, Perugia, Italy
1996	M.A.	Villanova University
1993	B.A.	Whitman College <i>Cum Laude</i> Honors and distinction in Philosophy Major, distinction in German Language and Literature Major

AREAS OF INTEREST

Continental European Philosophy since Kant
Philosophy of Art
Hermeneutical Philosophy
Classical American Philosophy

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Tragedies of Spirit: Tracing Finitude in Hegel's Phenomenology (Albany: State University of New York Press, October 2006). Paperback edition: June 2007.

Book translations

Günter Figal, *Objectivity: The Hermeneutical and Philosophy* (Albany: State University of New York Press, 2010), English translation of Günter Figal, *Gegenständlichkeit: Das Hermeneutische und die Philosophie* (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2006). Paperback edition: July 2011.

Articles

"Thing, Object, Life" *Research in Phenomenology* (forthcoming).

"Objectivity and the Openness of Language: On Figal's Recent Contribution to the Debate between Hermeneutics and Deconstruction" in ed. Friederike Rese, Michael Steinmann, and David Espinet, *Objektivität und Gegenständlichkeit* (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, forthcoming).

"From Work to Play: Gadamer on the Affinity of Art, Truth, and Beauty" *Internationales Jahrbuch für Hermeneutik*, 10 (2011):107–122.

"Giorgio Agamben and the Bequest of German Idealism and Romanticism," *Epoché*, 16, no. 1 (2011): 37–48.

"Forgiveness, Freedom, and Finitude in Hegel's *Spirit of Christianity*" *International Philosophical Quarterly*, 51, no. 1 (2011): 39–54.

Review Article, *Martin Heidegger: Key Concepts* (Acumen, 2010), *Continental and Comparative Philosophy*, 2, no. 2 (2010): 291–300.

"De la invisibilidad a la intimidad: Honneth, Gadamer y el reconocimiento del otro," trans. Juanita Maldonado Colmenares, *Reconocimiento y diferencia* (Bogotá: Universidad de los Andes, Facultad de Ciencias Sociales, CESO, 2010), 295–318.

"Objectivity and Finite Transcendence: A Brief Overview of Günter Figal's New Direction in Hermeneutics," Introduction to *Objectivity: The Hermeneutical and Philosophy* (Albany: State University of New York Press, 2010), xi–xxvi.

"Günter Figal's Hermeneutics," *Philosophy Compass*, 4, no. 6 (December 2009): 904–12.

"What is the Future of the Past? Gadamer and Hegel on the Work of Art in the Age of its Liberation," *Journal of the British Society for Phenomenology*, 40, no. 1 (January 2009): 4–20.

"From the Life of a People to the Death of Others: On Jean-Luc Nancy's Unworking of Heidegger's Politics," *International Studies in Philosophy*, 40, no. 1 (2008): 65–77.

"The Worklessness of Literature: Blanchot, Hegel, and the Ambiguity of the Poetic Word," *Philosophy Today, Selected Studies in Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy* 50, supplement (2006): 39–47 (double column).

"A Monstrous Absolute: Kant, Schelling, and the Poetic Turn in Philosophy," in *Schelling Now*, edited by Jason Wirth (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, December 2004): 135–146.

"Specifications: Hegel, Heidegger, and the Comedy of the End of Art," *Epoché* 8, no. 1 (Fall 2003): 107–21.

"The Myth of the West Interrupted: Community and Cultural Difference in Nancy's 'Literary Communism,'" *International Studies in Philosophy* 35, no. 1 (Spring 2003): 49–63.

"Community in the Idiom of Crisis: Hegel on Political Life, Tragedy, and the Dead," *Research in Phenomenology* 32 (2002): 123–38.

"The Disruption of Health: Shaffer, Foucault, and 'the Normal,'" *Journal of Medical Humanities* 20, no. 4 (Winter 1999): 231–45.

Article translations

Günter Figal, "Image and Word: On Plato's *Symposium*," *Epoché* 7, no. 2 (Spring 2003): 251–58.

Hans-Georg Gadamer, "Nicolaus Cusanus and the Present," *Epoché* 7, no. 1 (Fall 2002): 71–80.

GRANTS, AWARDS, AND HONORS

- 2010–2011 Stipendiary Fellow, Glascock Center for Humanities Research, Texas A&M University
- 2010 Association of Former Students Teaching Award, College of Liberal Arts, Texas A&M University
- 2009–2010 Scholarly and Creative Activities Award, Texas A&M University
- 2007–2010 Ray A. Rothrock '77 Fellowship for Newly Promoted Associate Professors, Texas A&M University
- 2008 Goethe Institute Translation Grant for *Objectivity: The Hermeneutical and Philosophy* (Albany: the State University of New York Press, 2010), awarded upon publication of English translation.
- 2003–2004 Texas A&M University, Glascock Center for Humanities Faculty Release Fellowship
- 1998–1999 Fulbright Research Grant, Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen, Germany
- 1998 John Tich Award for Scholarly Excellence, Villanova University
- 1997 D.A.A.D. Intensive Language Grant, Universität Leipzig, Germany
- 1993 Phi Beta Kappa
- 1993 Scholar Athlete Award, National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics

PRESENTATIONS

“Thing, Object, Life,” invited presentation, North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics, Boston, Massachusetts, September 2011.

“Preserving, Willing, Poetic Dwelling: Heidegger on the ‘Guiding Measure’ of Art,” invited presentation, North Texas Heidegger Symposium, Dallas, Texas, April 2011.

“Realism or Facticity? A Gadamerian Rejoinder to Chelstrom,” invited commentator, Session on Gadamer and Phenomenology, annual meeting of the Central Division of the American Philosophical Association, Minneapolis, Minnesota, March 2011.

“Between Hermeneutics and Critical Theory: Hegel’s Idea of Romantic Art,” colloquium presentation, Department of Philosophy, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, February 2011.

“Gadamer and the Unending Task of ‘World Literature,’” Annual Meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Montreal, Canada, November 2010.

“Philosophy, Wonder, and Angst,” invited lecturer, Cornerstone Lecture Series, College of Liberal Arts, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, October 2010.

“The Work and Play of Art,” invited presentation, Freiburg Internationales Hermeneutik Symposium, Freiburg, Germany, July 2010.

“Finite Transcendence, Objectivity, and the Word,” invited presentation, International Symposium on *Objektivität und Gegenstaendlichkeit*, Freiburg, Germany, May 2010.

“Hermeneutic Dimensions of Recognition,” invited presentation, Anzaldúa Speaker Series, University of Texas Pan American, Edinburg, Texas, March 2010.

“Hegel on Action, History, and Existence,” invited commentator, Session on Nineteenth Century Philosophy, Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Chicago, Illinois, February 2010.

“Nightingales and their Song: Philosophical Perspectives on Natural Beauty,” with Kristi Sweet, invited lecturer, Brazos Valley Audubon Society, November 2009.

“Philosophy Begins in Wonder,” invited lecturer, Cornerstone Lecture Series, College of Liberal Arts, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, October 2009.

“Form/Ugly,” invited panelist, Architecture Theory Series, College of Architecture, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, October 2009.

“Love as Infinite Task,” invited commentator, Annual Meeting of the North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics, Wichita, Kansas, September 2009.

“Trespass, Tragedy, and Forgiveness in Hegel’s Early Thought,” invited speaker, North Texas Philosophical Association Annual Conference, Denton, Texas, March 2009.

“From Theodicy to World History: Hegel on Forgiveness as Moral Responsiveness,” invited speaker, University Honors and Department of Philosophy and Humanities, Utah Valley University, Salt Lake City, Utah, February 2009.

“Responses to Tragedy: *Tragedies of Spirit* and New Projects,” invited respondent to John McDermott and Steven Crowell, author meets reader session, Theodore George, *Tragedies of Spirit: Tracing Finitude in Hegel’s Phenomenology* (Albany: State University of New York Press, 2006), Texas A&M University, February 2009.

“From Parmenides to Derrida on Tragedy,” invited commentator, author meets reader session for Scott Austin, *Parmenides* (Las Vegas: Parmenides Press, 2007), Texas A&M University, Department of Philosophy and Humanities, College Station, Texas, November 2008.

“Recognition, Friendship and the Other in Honneth and Gadamer,” Annual Meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, October 2008.

“From Invisibility to Intimacy: Honneth, Gadamer, and the Claims of Recognition,” invited presentation, Conference on Recognition and Difference, University of the Andes, Bogotá, Colombia, October 2008.

“Forgiveness, Freedom, and Finitude in Hegel’s *Spirit of Christianity*,” invited lecture, Collegium Phaenomenologicum, Città di Castello, Italy, July 2008.

“Truth, Art, and Tradition in Gadamer and Hegel,” invited colloquium, Department of Philosophy, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Carbondale, Illinois April 2008.

“‘Land of the Future’ —German Idealism, The Crisis of Enlightenment, and the Promise of the American Revolution,” Annual Meeting of the National Communication Association, San Antonio, Texas, November 2006.

“Passivity, Language, and Community: Giorgio Agamben’s Unworking of Hegel’s Aesthetics,” Annual Meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, October 2006.

“What is the Future of the Past? Gadamer and Hegel on the Work of Art in the Age of its Liberation,” Annual Meeting of the North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics, Wenham, Massachusetts, June 2006.

“Crosspollinations of Freedom: Schelling’s *Naturphilosophie* in Emerson’s New World,” Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, San Antonio, Texas, March 2006.

"Kant's Peculiar Fate in German Idealism," invited colloquium presentation, Department of Philosophy at the California State University Stanislaus, Turlock, California, December 2005.

"German Idealism and the Demands of Tragedy," invited presentation, Linfield College, McMinnville, Oregon, November 2005.

"The Worklessness of Literature: Blanchot, Hegel, and the Ambiguity of the Written Word," Annual Meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Salt Lake City, Utah, October 2005.

"The Voluptuousness of Nature: Kant on Culture, Taste, and the Pleasure of the Foreign," Annual Glasscock Center for Humanities International Conference, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, October 2004.

"Hegel and Gadamer on the Pastness of Art and the Crisis of Tradition," Annual Hermeneutics Conference, Universität Freiburg, Germany, July 2003.

"From the Life of a People to the Death of Others: Jean-Luc Nancy's Unworking of Heidegger's Politics," Annual Philosophy, Interpretation, and Culture Conference, SUNY Binghamton, New York, April 2003.

"The West Interrupted: Jean-Luc Nancy, Cultural Difference, and the Prospect of a 'Literary Communism,'" Annual Philosophy, Interpretation, and Culture Conference, SUNY Binghamton, New York, April 2002.

"From Logic to Phenomenology," invited commentator, Colloquium on Phenomenology, American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, New York, New York, December 2000.

"Hegel's Dialectic of Recognition: Nature and the Tragic Work of Art," Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, University of Colorado, Denver, Colorado, October 1998.

"Love in the Young Hegel," Participants' Conference, Collegium Phaenomenologicum, Perugia, Italy, July 1996.

"Irigaray, Beauty, and the Drama of Passion: Re-reading Diotima's Presence at Plato's Symposium," Meeting of the International Association of Philosophy and Literature, George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia, May 1996.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2007–present Associate Professor of Philosophy (with tenure), Texas A&M University

2001–2007 Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Texas A&M University

2007–present, 2005, 2002 Faculty Member, Collegium Phaenomenologicum

1996–2000 Instructor, Philosophy Department and Core Humanities Program, Villanova University

1994–1997 Teachers' Training Program, Villanova University, Graduate Program in Philosophy

Graduate Courses Taught

Seminar in modern philosophy: Classical German Philosophy (from Kant to Hegel)
Philosophical Authors: Martin Heidegger
Seminar in contemporary philosophy: Philosophical Hermeneutics
Philosophy of Art
Social and Political Philosophy

Undergraduate Courses Taught

Current Continental Philosophy	Philosophy and Literature
Nineteenth Century Philosophy	Introduction to Philosophy
Philosophy of Art	Contemporary Moral Issues
Social and Political Philosophy	Core Humanities (ancient)
American Philosophy	Core Humanities (modern)

Regular graduate student advising for Ph.D. and M.A. students; regular directed studies for graduate and undergraduate students in a range of topics in continental European philosophy since Kant.

PROFESSIONAL OFFICES

Associate Head, Department of Philosophy and Humanities, Texas A&M University (2010–present)

Associate Editor, *Epoché: A Journal for the History of Philosophy* (Fall 2010–Present)

Executive Committee Member, North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics (2009–present)

Director, Collegium Phaenomenologicum, “Philosophy, Truth, and the Claims of Art,” Città di Castello, Italy, July 2011

Secretary, North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics (2005–2008)

Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Philosophy and Humanities, Texas A&M University (2005–2006)

SERVICE

Profession

Peer–review Activity

NEH Panelist, Scholarly Editions and Translations (2011).

Book manuscript evaluator for The State University of New York Press (2011, 2008, 2004, 2003, 2000), Fordham University Press (2008, 2007), Indiana University Press (2011, 2010, 2008, 2006), and Routledge Press (2005)

Journal manuscript referee for *Journal of the History of Philosophy* (2011), *Continental Philosophy Review* (2009), *Southwest Philosophical Review* (2009), *Epoché* (2011, 2008, 2003, 2002), *Philosophy and Rhetoric* (2006)

Book selection committee, Society of Phenomenological and Existential Philosophy (2008–2009)

Submission referee for annual meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Central Division (2003)

Conference Organization

Program committee member, North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics session at the Annual Meeting of SPEP (2008, 2006)

Program committee member, North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics Annual Meeting (2011, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006)

Assistant Director, Collegium Phaenomenologicum, Perugia, Italy, July 1996

Further Activity

Session chair, annual meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (2011, 2009, 2007, 2002)

Session chair, North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics at SPEP (2008)

Session chair, North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics (2008)

Session chair, Annual Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Central Division (2005)

Villanova University Alumni Event Speaker, Radio City Hall, New York, New York, 2005

Summaries for *Bibliographie de la Philosophie* (2005, 2003, 2001)

Fulbright Scholar Resource Advisor, Bonn, Germany, 1999

Faculty Advisor, Habitat for Humanity Student Trip, Villanova University, Spring 1997

Founder, Philosophy Graduate Student Union, Villanova University, 1995

University and College

College of Liberal Arts Strategic Planning Committee, Member, Fall 2010–present.

Panel moderator and discussant, “Chasing Al-Qaeda,” with General Wesley Clark and Governor Tom Ridge, Wiley Lecture Series, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, April 2010

“Stranger Than Fiction? Truth and Art in the Shadow of Romanticism,” Texas A&M University College of Liberal Arts Development Council Great Conversations Event, College Station, Texas, April 2009

Session coordinator and chair, “Reflections by Former Students,” Celebration of the Life and Work of John McDermott, College Station, Texas, March 2009

“Lost in Translation? European Philosophy in Emerson’s New World,” Texas A&M University College of Liberal Arts Development Council Great Conversations Event, March 2008

Department

Committee Service

Honors and Awards Committee, Chair, Fall 2007–Spring 2009

Graduate Program Advisory Committee, Member, Fall 2007–Fall 2008; Chair, Fall 2006–Summer 2007

Director of Graduate Studies, Summer 2006–Spring 2007

Steering Committee Member, Fall 2006–present, Fall 2001–Spring 2004

Colloquium Committee Chair, Fall 2003–Spring 2005; Colloquium Committee Member, Summer 2005–Fall 2005, Fall 2002–Spring 2003

Comprehensive Examination Committee, History, Member, Fall 2006–Spring 2007

Hiring Committee Member, Spring 2001

Philosophy Club, frequent invited discussion leader (2010, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2003, 2002)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Philosophical Association

Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy

Hegel Society of America

Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy