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## EDUCATION

New School University  
Doctorate in Philosophy, *summa cum laude*, 1999.

Yale Divinity School  
Masters of Religious Arts, *magna cum laude*, Philosophical Theology.

University of Virginia  
Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy and Religious Studies.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

High School Early College, New York City  
Assistant Professor of Philosophy  
Fall 2001 to present.

Universität Tübingen, Philosophisches Seminar  
Visiting Assistant Professor, Senior Fulbright Scholar  
Winter Semester 2004-2005.

Hunter College, New York City  
Adjunct Lecturer in Philosophy  
1996-2001.

## PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH ACTIVITY

*Schelling: Heretic of Modernity*. The first intellectual biography about this important 19<sup>th</sup> century German philosopher to the English speaking reader. Under contract with expected publication in 2011 (SUNY Press).

*Schelling: Collected Writings*. Select writings designed to introduce the extensive work of this thinker. Under contract with expected publication in 2011 (SUNY Press).

*Life as the Schema of Freedom: Schelling's Organic Form of Philosophy*. In production and scheduled to appear in the spring of 2010 (SUNY Press).

*The Grounding of Positive Philosophy: The Berlin Lectures*. Translated with an extensive Introduction (SUNY Press) July 2007.

"Kant's Utopian Imperative," in *A Non-Violent Path to Conflict Resolution* (Fatih University Press: Istanbul, Turkey) June 2008.

"Auf der Suche nach der Urform aller Philosophie: Schellings Synthese der platonischen und kantischen Ideen in dem Timaeos Kommentar," in „*Der Anfang und das Ende aller Philosophie ist - Freiheit!*“ *Schellings Philosophie in der Sicht der neueren Forschung* (Frommann-Holzboog: Stuttgart, Germany) May 2008.

„Schellings Ekstasie des Unvordenklichen und Hui-Nengs *Wu-nien*, oder: Wie Rationalität die Überrationalität fördert,“ in *Religion und Philosophie im Widerstreit? Eine interkulturelle – philosophische Annäherung* (Walter de Gruyter: Berlin, Germany) February 2008.

## UNDER CONSIDERATION

“On the Redemptive Power of Art in Adorno and Schelling.” Submitted to *European Journal of Philosophy*, 2009.

“Demythologizing Derrida.” Submitted to *The Journal of the History of Philosophy*, 2009.

“Schelling’s Original Insight.” Submitted to *Philosophical Review*, 2009.

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Antinomies of the Self: Kant and Schelling on Self-Knowledge.” Journal article.

“Beyond Being in the Thought of Plotinus and Schelling.” Journal article.

“Aristotle’s Conception of the Truth of Being, as Interpreted by Jaeger and Heidegger.” Journal article.

Reader for SUNY Press.

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

Fulbright Scholar, University of Tübingen, Germany, Winter Semester, 2004-5. Offered a semester-length lecture course in German entitled *Deutsche Idealismus zur Einführung: Kant, Schelling und die platonische Tradition*, while beginning work on an intellectual biography on Schelling, entitled *Schelling: Heretic of Modernity*.

Bard Early College Faculty Research Travel Awards:

Summer 2007, Turkey.

Summers 2004, 2005, 2006, Germany

Summer 2003, Turkey

Summer 2002, India.

Recipient of a multi-year \$5000 travel grant from the Keene Foundation of New York to develop a curriculum that teaches World Philosophy. Funds facilitated travel to India (2002) and Turkey (2003).

Hans Jonas Memorial Award from The New School for PhD. dissertation: “Life as the Schema of Freedom: Schelling’s Organic Form of Philosophy,” January 1999.

Recipient of a \$5,000 Hunter College Grant Award for Instructional Design and Computing, March, 1999.

Recipient of a \$25,000 Teaching with Technologies Focus Grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to develop a *Digital Philosophy Curriculum: Freedom and Human Nature*, July, 1997.

## INVITED LECTURES, CONFERENCES AND JURIES

“The Categorical Difference of Beginnings : How Fichte’s Quality and Schelling’s Relation Determine System.” Fichte-Kongress, October 2009. Académie Royale des sciences, des Lettres et des Beaux-Arts de Bruxelles.

“Die Umkehrung der Principien: Schellings organische Form der Philosophie.” University of Tübingen, January 2009.

"Kant’s ‘Perpetual Peace’ and the Utopian Imperative.’ Fatih Üniversitesi, Istanbul, Turkey, July 2007.

"Kant’s Utopian Imperative." Bard College Philosophy Colloquium, November 2006.

“Schellings Ekstasie des Unvordenklichen und Hui-Nengs Wu-nien, oder: Wie Rationalität die Überrationalität fördert.“ Gesellschaft für Interkulturelle Philosophie, Universität Köln, July 2006.

“Das Absolute und das Erhabene in Kant und Schelling.” University of Munich, July 2005.

„Schellings Organistische Philosophie und die Form einer Philosophie überhaupt.“ University of Köln, January 2005.

„Abduktion als die Methode Schellings Positive Philosophie.“ Humboldt University, January 2005.

“Philosophie als Kunst.” UT Wien, Austria, November 2004.

“Auf der Suche nach der Urform aller Philosophie: Schellings Synthese der platonischen und kantischen Ideen in dem *Timaeos* Kommentar.” Schelling-Ringvorlesung, University of Tübingen, October 2004.

„Philosophie als Ethik: Schellings Begriff der Philosophie als problematische Wissenschaft.“ University of Tübingen University, October 2004.

“Schellings pietistische Geistesahnen.” University of Tübingen, June 2004.

"On Writing, Socrates and Learned Ignorance." Simon's Rock College of Bard, October 2003.

"From the *Tractatus* to the *Investigations*: The Problem Case of Mixed-Colors." Bard College Philosophy Colloquium, April 2003.

"Teaching the Conflicts." panel participant at a conference of the same name organized by The Institute for Writing and Thinking, Bard College, March 1999.

#### Jury Critic

- Columbia University's Graduate Seminar in Architecture, October 1998.
- The New School University's Parsons School of Design Graduate Seminar in Architecture, October 1998.
- Pratt Institute's Honor's Thesis in Architecture, October 1997.

#### **REFEREED LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS**

“Wittgenstein, Religion and *Lebensform*: Or Why Wittgenstein is not a Wittgensteinian Fideist.” World Congress of Philosophy, Istanbul, August 2003.

"The Paradox of *Sankhara* and the Mind-Body Identity." Society for Indian Philosophy and Religion, Eastern Division APA, Philadelphia, December 2002.

“Grasping the Void: Meister Eckhart's Use of the *Nous Poetikos*.” Mysticism, Reason, Art and Literature: East-West Perspectives, sponsored by the Society of Indian Philosophy & Religion, Calcutta, India, August 2002.

“In the Shadow of God.” Perspectives on Evil, Prague, Czech Republic, March 2002.

“Schelling: Existentialism and the Euthanasia of Pure Reason.” The 2nd Annual New York City International Philosophy Conference, May 1998.

"Philosophy as Poetic Composition: Wittgenstein's Use and Misuse of Simile from the *Tractatus* to the *Investigations*." The 55th Annual Meeting of The American Society for Aesthetics, Sante Fe, October 1997.

“Aristotle's Reconciliation of Philosophy and Theology through Ethics: How the *Telos* of Man Grounds *Metaphysics*.” The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual New York City International Philosophy Conference, May 1997.

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

### *Introductory Level:*

The Examined Life. *Two semester interdisciplinary Humanities course.*  
Maps of Knowledge. *One semester interdisciplinary Humanities course.*  
Introduction to Philosophy: Freedom and Human Nature.  
The Worthy and the Wicked: an Introduction to Ethics.  
Deutsche Idealismus zur Einführung: Kant, Schelling und die platonische Tradition.  
World Philosophy.  
The Philosophy of Religion, East and West.  
Existentialism.

### *Upper Level Seminars:*

The Platonic Tradition.  
Aristotle's Metaphysics.  
The Philosophy of Kant.  
German Idealism.  
The German Enlightenment, Romanticism and Rebellion.  
The Philosophy of Nietzsche.  
Ethics, Society and Values.

### *Directed Readings:*

On Spinoza.  
Nietzsche and Heidegger: the Will to Power.  
Post-Modernity and its Discontents.

## **FOREIGN LANGUAGES**

Fluent in German, reading comprehension of French and Ancient Greek.

## **INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE**

- Department Liaison, Social Sciences, Bard High School Early College, April 2007 to present.
- Faculty Representative, Executive Committee, Bard High School Early College, September 2007 to present.
- Self-Study and Accreditation Committee, Bard High School Early College, April 2006 to present.
- Coordinator of First Year Seminar, Bard High School Early College September 2002-May 2003.
- Committee Member and co-editor of Hunter College Strategic Plan: 1999-2004, May 1998-April 1999.
- Representative, Hunter College Faculty Senate, September 1996 to April 1998.
- Grade Review Committee, Hunter College, October 1997.

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- American Philosophical Association.
- American Association of University Professors.
- Gesellschaft für Interkulturelle Philosophie e.V.
- Internationale Schelling-Gesellschaft e.V.
- Center for the Humanities and the Arts in Begadan, France, Steering Committee
- Globalization For The Common Good, Steering Committee

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

- Global Marshall Plan Initiative, US Steering Committee.
- Citta, Board Member.
- New York Live-Work Coalition.

## **RESEARCH REFERENCES**

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## **TEACHING REFERENCES**

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