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FIELDS OF STUDY

Area of Specialization

Philosophy of Art and Aesthetics
Environmental Ethics
Applied Ethics

Areas of Competence

Philosophy of Technology
Process Philosophy (Bergson)
American Philosophy (Transcendentalism)

EDUCATION

2018 **PhD, Philosophy**, *University of North Texas*, Denton, TX
Dissertation: *Art Unfettered: Bergson and a Fluid Conception of Art*
I elaborate on the methodology of process philosopher Henri Bergson, and I apply his ideas of duration and creativity to the definitional problem of art, particularly to collapse the dualism between functional and procedural definitions of art.

2007 **M.A., Literature**, *Texas State University*, San Marcos, TX

2005 **B.A., English**, *Texas State University*, San Marcos, TX

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor of Instruction, *Texas State University*, San Marcos, TX

- PHIL 1320: Ethics and Society (Fall 2024 – present)
- PHIL 1305: Philosophy & Critical Thinking (Fall 2024 – present)

Lecturer, *Texas State University*, San Marcos, TX

- PHIL 5323: Environmental Ethics, grad (Spring 2023, Spring 2024)
- PHIL 5303: Philosophy of Technology (Fall 2023)
- PHIL 3323: Environmental Ethics, undergrad (Spring 2023)
- PHIL 1320: Ethics & Society (Spring 2021 – present)
- PHIL 1305: Philosophy & Critical Thinking (Fall 2021 – Spring 2022)

Adjunct Faculty, *University of North Texas*, Denton, TX
- PHIL 3100: Aesthetics (Summer 2019)
- TECM 2700: Professional Writing (Fall 2016 – Spring 2025)
- TECM 1700: Intro to Professional, Science, and Tech Writing (Fall 2016 – Fall 2018)

Adjunct Faculty, *North Central Texas College*, Corinth, TX
- PHIL 1301: Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2013-Spring 2014, Fall 2015 – present)

Adjunct Faculty, *Tarrant County College*, Fort Worth, TX
- PHIL 1301: Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2017 – Fall 2018)

Adjunct Faculty, *Richland College*, Dallas, TX
- PHIL 2306: Introduction to Ethics (Fall 2017 – Fall 2018)

Adjunct Faculty, *Lone Star College*, Houston, TX
- PHIL 2306: Introduction to Ethics, online (Fall 2017 – Fall 2018)
- PHIL 1301: Introduction to Philosophy, online (Fall 2017)

Teaching Fellow (Instructor of Record), *University of North Texas*, Denton, TX
- TECM 2700: Professional Writing (Spring 2016)
- TECM 1200: Developmental Writing (Fall 2015)
- PHIL 4700: Environmental Ethics (Summer 2012)
- PHIL 2500: Introduction to Contemporary Environmental Issues (Summer and Fall 2010)
- PHIL 1400: Introduction to Contemporary Moral Issues (Spring 2011, Summer 2011,
  Spring 2012)
- PHIL 1050: Introduction to Philosophy (Summer and Fall 2009, Spring 2010, Fall 2011, Fall
  2012, Spring 2013)

Adjunct Faculty, *Our Lady of the Lake University*, San Antonio, TX
- PHIL 4348: Social Justice (Fall 2014)
- PHIL 2321: Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2014)

Adjunct Faculty, *Collin County Community College*, McKinney, TX
- PHIL 1301: Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2013)

Teaching Assistant, *University of North Texas*, Denton, TX
- PHIL 2400: Religion and American Society (Fall 2014)
- PHIL 2050: Introduction to Logic (Fall 2008, Spring 2009, and Summer 2013)

Graduate Instructor Assistant, *Texas State University*, San Marcos, TX
- PHIL 1305: Introduction to Philosophy recitation (Fall 2005, Fall and Spring
  2006, Spring 2007)

PRESENTATIONS AND GUEST LECTURES

"What is Engaged Ecology," Earth Day – San Marcos, Department of Philosophy, Texas State University, April 20, 2024.

"Climate Ethics," Philosophy Dialogue Series, Department of Philosophy, Texas State University,
April 18, 2023.

"Bergson and Danto: Avoiding the Post-historical Turn," Department of Philosophy and Religion
Studies Colloquium Series, University of North Texas, Denton, TX, June 20, 2016.

"Duration and the Definitional Problem of Art," Department of Philosophy and Religion Studies
Colloquium Series, University of North Texas, Denton, TX, March 28, 2014.

"Bergson's Conception of Self: a Rebuttal to Bundle Theorists," Guest lecture for Introduction to Philosophy, University of North Texas, March 13, 2013.

"The Ontology of Number: What is it We Count?," Guest lecture for College Algebra, University of North Texas, March 18, 2009.

"I Went to the Woods," Presentation on research findings from the Thoreau Institute at Walden Woods, Texas State University, March 23, 2007.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

Special Program Coordinator, Department of Technical Communications, *University of North Texas* – Denton, Texas (Fall 2018)
- Helped develop and test standardized course curriculum for university core class
- Mediated joint operation between Technical Communications department and a third-party organization (iFixit)

Proofreader, *Journal of Environmental Ethics* (31:4 Winter 2014 – Spring

2016)

Conference Administrative Assistant,

- *North Texas Philosophical Association Annual Conference*, Denton, TX (2011 – 2015)
- *Society for Philosophy and Technology Annual Conference*, Denton, TX (2010, 2011)
- *New Mexico-West Texas Annual Conference,* San Antonio, TX (2007)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2013 **Research Assistant**, College Graduate Research Fellowship from the College of Arts and Sciences, University of North Texas, 2013, Supervisor: Dr. Sarah E. Fredericks

2010 **Research Assistant**, College Graduate Research Fellowship from the College of Arts and Sciences, University of North Texas, 2010, Supervisor: Dr. Trish Glazebrook

2007 **Visiting Researcher**, Thoreau Institute at Walden Woods, Funded by Texas State University, Archival Research

AWARDS AND GRANTS

College Graduate Research Fellowship, College of Arts and Sciences, University of North Texas (2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013)

Academic Achievement Scholarship, Toulouse Graduate School, UNT (2008, 2009)

Research and Travel Grant from the College of Liberal Arts, Texas State University for Archival Research at the Thoreau Institute at Walden Woods, January 7-14, 2007, Lincoln, MA

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS/AFFILIATIONS

American Philosophical Association
International Society for Environmental Ethics