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Curriculum Vitae

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Department of Humanities

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**EDUCATION**

Ph.D. Department of Economics, Uniwersytet Ekonomiczny w Poznaniu, Poland, 2024 (expected)

Specializations: Behavioral Economics

Dissertation: *Axiological Economics: How What We Value Determines Who We Are*

Committee: Sylwester Białowąs

Ph.D. Department of Humanities, Alma Mater Europaea-ECM/Institutum Studiorum Humanitatis, Slovenia, 2019

Specializations: Philosophy and Anthropology

Dissertation: *The Formulation of Humanness as Being-in-the-World*

Committee: Graham Harman (chair), Rok Svetlic (co-chair), Lenart Skof, Mark Walter, Janko Lozar

M.L.A. Graham School, University of Chicago, Chicago, 2015

Specializations: Philosophy and Religion

Dissertation: *On Heidegger and Daoism*

Supervisor: David Tracy

B.A. Department of Philosophy, Aurora University, Aurora, 2014

**AOS:** Philosophical Anthropology, History of Philosophy (East and West, esp. Kant and Post-Kant, Daoism), Contemporary Ontology

**AOC:** Philosophy of Science (esp. Cosmology and Psychology), Value-Theory, Social and Political Theory, Philosophy and Economics

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

2022-Present Assistant Professor & Assistant Department Chair, Department of Humanities, Beacon College

2019-Present Assistant Professor & Humanities Coordinator, Department of Humanities, Beacon College

2018-2019 Instructor & Humanities Coordinator, Department of Humanities, Beacon College

2016-2016 Adjunct Instructor, Department of Philosophy, Kishwaukee College

2015-2016 Graduate Assistant, Department of Political Science, Northern Illinois University

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Books**

2022 *The Spectricity of Humanness: Spectral Ontology and Being-in-the-World.* Berlin: De Gruyter.

**Journal Articles**

2024 (Forthcoming). *The Critique of Pure Reason as Grundlegung: Innerzeitigkeit and the Kantian Framework of Heidegger’s Dasein*. Open Philosophy.

2024 (Forthcoming). *The Subtlety of Spectricity: On Human Distinction*. International Yearbook for Philosophical Anthropology.

2023 (Forthcoming). *Towards Technical Being: A Perspective on Irigiaray’s Ethic of Belonging.* Comparative and Continental Philosophy.

2021 Paradoxical Education: Learning to Unlearn What We Think We Have Learned. *World Journal of Education and Humanities* 3(3):57-65

2021 Political Theology Without Religion. *Journal of Humanities and Social Science Studies* 3(1):24-31.

2017 “On the Future of Art.” *The Journal of Arts and Humanities*, 6(6): 84-94

**Book Chapters**

2024 “Towards and Anthropology of Play: Eugen Fink and Being-in-the-World,” in Phenomenology, Metaphysics, Ontology: Essays on Eugen Fink, Ed. lulian Apostolescu. Berlin: de Gruyter

2022 “The Different Philosophies and Personalities of the Internal and External Martial Arts: From the Freedom of Airbending to the Acrobatics of Firebending” in *Avatar, The Last Airbender and Philosophy*, Ed. Helen De Cruz and Johan De Smedt, The Blackwell Philosophy and Pop Culture Series

**Conference Proceedings**

2017 Moral 'oughts' and pragmatic 'bests': How 'right' actions are composites. In Bojana Filej (ed.), *5th international scientific conference: All about people.* 2000 Maribor, Slovenia: pp. 875-885

**Book Reviews**

2017 “The Beginning of Philosophy: A Review of the book *The Beginning of Philosophy* by Hans-Gorg Gadamer” in *Phenomenological Reviews*

2016 “The Return of Nature: A review of the book *The Return of Nature* by John Sallis” in *Phenomenological Reviews*

**In Preparation**

This World or That One? An Interpretation of Kantian Worlds”

(to be submitted at Kant Studien)

“Philosophical Anthropology as Methodology”

(to be submitted to the Philosophy of the Social Sciences)

“Memories, Emotions, and Freedom: Identity and Second Nature”

(to be submitted to Journal of Philosophical Criticism)

‘The Futural Ethics: Responsibilities, Possibilities, and Prospects for a Moral Future’

(Book manuscript in preparation)

‘From East to West Towards East Again: Intersections of Eastern and Western Thought’

(Book proposal in preparation)

**Other Professional Work**

*Raven’s Stars A New Musical* – Composer, Co-Lyrist, Co-Writer

A new musical that premiered at The Edge Theater in Chicago in March 2023.

Synopsis: Raven, a young artist with autism, struggles to cope with her mentally ill mother.

Reviews and Interviews: [Here](https://lifeandtimes.biz/2023/03/06/delve-into-the-touching-world-of-new-rock-musical-ravens-stars/) and [Here](https://www.beaconcollege.edu/beacon-news/2023/01/beacon-alumnus-and-professor-shares-tragedy-and-triumph-in-new-musical/)

**FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS**

2008 Bronze Congressional Award

2009 The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards: Certificate of Achievement

2009 Silver Congressional Award

2010 The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards: Certificate of Merit

2010 Dean’s Academic Scholarship: Aurora University

2010 Corporation for National & Community Service: The President’s Volunteer Service

2011 Gold Congressional Award-Presented in Washington DC by Former Congressman Don Manzullo

2012 Dean’s List Regular Honors (3.75 GPA) – Aurora University

2012 Dean’s List High Honors (4.00 GPA) – Aurora University

2013 Dean’s List Regular Honors (3.75 GPA) – Aurora University

2014 Dean’s List High Honors (4.00 GPA) – Aurora University

2016 Thomas C. Wiegle Award Scholarship (NIU) – $3,000

2016 Doctoral Student Merit Scholarship (Alma Mater Europaea) - $5,000

2017 Doctoral Student Merit Scholarship (Alma Mater Europaea) - $5,000

2018 Doctoral Student Merit Scholarship (Alma Mater Europaea) - $5,000

\*Application currently under review for a small grant amounting to $1000

\*Application currently in preparation for research on intergenerational responsibility in the amount of $30,000

**INVITED TALKS**

2024 ‘The Axiological Benefit of Digital Surveillance’. Online Seminar. University of Pisa. May 2024.

2021 ‘Let Me Google That!: Epistemic Responsibility and the Future of Scholarship’. Faculty lecture Series. Beacon College. Fall 2021

2019 ‘No, You Don’t Actually Know That! Against the Limits of Reason’. Faculty lecture Series. Beacon College. Fall 2019

2017 “The ‘Game’ of Philosophy”. Kibla Series on Is Philosophy Bullshit?. Maribor, Slovenia, July 2017.

2015 “From East to West Towards East Again: On Heidegger and Daoism” Gleacher Center of University of Chicago-Chicago, Illinois. June

2014 “The Future Anthropotechnics: Ray Kurzweil on the Law of Accelerating Returns and the Singularity Upcoming” Aurora University Philosophy Symposium-Aurora, Illinois.

**CONFERENCE ACTIVITY**

**Papers**

2024 “Spectral Patterns and Intergenerational Sustainability”, All About People Conference on Sustainability, Maribor, Slovenia

2023 “Enjoy This!: Laugh-Tracks, Emojis, and ASMR as Indicative of the Increasing Externalization of Enjoyment”, Midwest Popular Culture Association, October 4-6 2023

2021 “New Directions of Ontology: Speculative Realism, OOO, and Spectricity”, (Virtual) AICSSH conference, July 2021.

2021 “Alienated Together: Isolation and Sameness in Times of Pandemics”, Istanbul Ayvansaray University, American University in the Emirates, and Girne American University, ‘Rethinking Alienation Beyond The Pandemic From Local To Global: The New Normal From Theory To Practice’, May 27-28, 2021

2019 “Stratum or Spectrum? Spectral Ontology in the Wake of Nicolai Hartmann and Object-Oriented Ontology”, University of Silesia, Annual Nicolai Hartmann Society Conference, Katowice, Poland. June 2019.

2019 “Housed and Homeless: Behind the Alienating Forces of Urban Life”, University of Detroit-Mercy, Philosophy of the City, October 2019.

2019 “Digital Man: Scholars of the Future” Colorado State University, ‘Living together Online’, October 2019.

2018 “Sustainable Education: Methods, Models, and Thoughts” Alma Mater Europaea, “Go For People: Challenges in Science and Education”, Maribor, Slovenia. March 2018.

2017 “From the Ground up: Epistemology as a Groundwork for Intellectual Resistance” GCAS, “Practicing Intellectual Resistance”, Maribor, Slovenia, July 2017.

2017 “Moral ‘Oughts’ and Pragmatic ‘Bests’: How ‘Right’ Actions are Composites”” Alma Mater Europaea, “All About People”, Maribor, Slovenia. March 2017.

2014 Being a Being in Time: A Critique of Heidegger’s Treatment of Dasein, Aurora University, Undergraduate Research Conference—Aurora, Illinois. May 2014.

**Interviews**

2020 My View of the West: Reflections of the East, The West-Network

2020 Rafy With A Y – Podcast – Episode #3 – July 16th

2020 Exploring Existence – Podcast – August 6th

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Beacon College**

Introduction to Humanities (x7) (Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019)

Ethics (Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Fall 2021, Spring 2023)

Fire to Factories/Phil of Science (Spring 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Fall 2023)

Existentialism (Spring 2024)

Social and Cultural Theory (Fall 2019, Fall 2020)

Moments of Global Change/History of Ideas (Spring 2020)

Political Philosophy (Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Spring 2022, Spring 2023, Spring 2024)

Reading Oppression and Freedom (Spring 2022)

Beyond the Human: Towards a Philosophy and Anthropology of Objects (Spring 2024)

Cultural Astronomy and Astrology (Spring 2021)

Pop Culture and Philosophy (Spring 2022)

Philosophy Through Film and Literature: Love (Spring 2021, Spring 2023)

The Human Condition (Spring 2020, Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Fall 2023)

Eastern Traditions (Spring 2020, Fall 2022)

Philosophies of Violence (Fall 2023)

Research Methods (Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Fall 2023)

Capstone (Spring 2019, Fall 2020, Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2023, Spring 2024)

**Kishwaukee College**

Introduction to Philosophy x2 (Fall 2016)

**Northern Illinois University, Teaching Assistant**

American Law and Courts (Spring 2016)

**Aurora University, Lesson Facilitator**

Modern Philosophy – Hume and Locke (Spring 2014)

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

**Peer Review**

Journal Reviewer, *New Direction of Humanities Journal*, 2019-Present

Book Proposal Reviewer, *Common Ground Research Network*, 2019-Present

Journal Reviewer, *Open Philosophy*, 2021-Present

Journal Reviewer, International Journal of Arts in Society, 2017

**To Profession**

(Co)Editor *Philosophical Anthropology* series with Bloomsbury, Since 2022

Organizer ‘Humanities Department Guest Lecture on Psychoanalysis and Video Games by Dr. Alfie Bown’:Guest lecture given to the Humanities Department by Dr. Alfie Bown. Held at Beacon College, Florida/Delivered via Zoom. October 2021.

Organizer ‘Humanities Department Workshop/Guest Lecture on Heteronormativity’: Workshop/Guest lecture given to the Humanities Department by Dr. Frank Karioris. Held at Beacon College, Florida. March 2019.

Co-Organizer ‘Practicing Intellectual Resistance:Conference held at *Salon,* Maribor Sloveniahosted by GCAS. July 2017.

Keynote Speaker: Prof. Lewis Gordon & Prof. Adrian Parr

Co-Organizer ‘Summer Institute: Intellectual Resistance’ Conference:Summer institute held adjointly with the conference. Held at Alma Mater Europaea. June-July 2017.

Featured Lecturer: Prof. Adrian Parr

**Research and Thesis Supervision**

**PhD:**

**(Committee Member)**

Vadim Gershteyn (September 2023)[Alma Mater Europaea] – Humanities (Dissertation: Charles S. Peirce’s Semiotic As A Neo-Pragmatist Theory of Everything)

**To Community**

Chair, Humanities Curriculum Committee, Beacon College, Fall 2018

Member, Judicial Committee, Beacon College, Fall 2018-Present

Faculty Director, Beacon Voices Musical Group, Beacon College, Fall 2018-Present

Faculty Director, Humanities Student Organization, Beacon College, Fall 2021-Present

Member, Curriculum Committee, Beacon College, Fall 2022-Present

Member, Tenure and Promotion Committee, Beacon College, Fall 2022-Present

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

American Philosophical Association, 2014-present

American Astronomical Society, 2021-present

**LANGUAGES**

German: Advanced reading, writing; Intermediate speaking

French: Advanced reading, writing; Intermediate speaking

Polish: Advanced reading, writing; Intermediate speaking

Greek: Intermediate reading, writing; Beginner speaking

Latin: Intermediate reading, writing; Beginner speaking

Slovenian: Beginner reading, writing, speaking

Sanskrit: Beginner reading, writing

Hebrew: Beginner reading, writing

Russian: Beginner reading, writing

Dutch: Intermediate reading

**Graduate Coursework and Seminars Attended**

University of Chicago

*Hinduism*, Wendy Doniger

*The New Cosmology*, Michael Turner

*Homer and Aristotle on Ethics, Happiness and Homecoming*, David Wray

*The Faust Legend*, Stephen C. Meredith

*Meaning and Motive in Social Thought,* Andreas Glaeser

*Colonial Fictions: Adventures, Exoticisms, East, West,* Sascha Ebeling

*Medical Ethics: Life, Death, and a Few Things Inbetween*, Dan Brudney

Northern Illinois University

*Modern Political Philosophy: Theory of Capitalism,* Adam Seagrave

*Scope and History of Political Science, Northern Illinois University*, Adam Seagrave

*Topics in Metaphysics and Epistemology: Free Will*, Alicia Finch

*Ethical Theory: Metaethics*, Mylan Engel Jr.

Alma Mater Europaea

*Political Theology*, Seminar featuring Dejan Lucic, Michael Hardt, Micha White

*Humanities I,* Seminar featuring lectures by Henry Giroux, Noam Chomsky, Lenart Skof, Slavoj Zizek, Alain Badiou

*Humanities II* (summer institute), Roco Gangle, Lewis Gordon, Clayton Crockitt, Alfie Bown, Adrian Parr

*Feminist Theory*: *Love and Nature*, Luce Irigaray

*Psychoanalysis, Neuroscience, Philosophy*, Julie Reshe (with Catherine Malabou)

*Doctoral Workshop I & II*, Graham Harman, Rok Svetlic, Janko Lozar, Mark Walter, and Lenart Skof

*Deconstruction and Media*, Alma Mater, Jean-Luc Nancy & Giovanni Tusa

*Enlightenment Philosophy*, Alma Mater, Eleni Xilankis

*Poetics and Performance Philosophy*, Sigrid Hackenberg

**REFERENCES**

Dr. Graham Harman, Distinguished Professor

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