

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### EDUCATION

Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA: Ph.D. in Philosophy, 1978.  
Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA: M.A. in Philosophy, 1973.  
California State University, Long Beach, CA: B.A. in Philosophy, 1971.

### TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Seattle University, Seattle, Washington, 1979 -

Director, University Honors Program, 2006-2012; Acting Director, 2016-2017  
Director, Graduate Philosophy Program (Planning Phase), 1993-1995  
Pigott-McCone Endowed Chair of Humanities, 1991-1994  
Chair, Philosophy Department, 1988-1991; Acting Chair, Spring 2004  
Professor of Philosophy, 1996-present  
Associate Professor of Philosophy, 1985-1996  
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 1979-1985

Courses taught:

Introduction to Philosophy; Philosophy of the Person; Logic; Ethics; Ancient Philosophy (Honors Program); 19th Century Philosophy (Honors Program); 20th Century Philosophy (Honors Program); Perspectives: Person (Matteo Ricci); Existentialism; Phenomenology; Contemporary Philosophy; Hermeneutics; Cultural Aesthetics; Philosophy of Literature; Philosophy of Law; Philosophy of Art; Philosophy of Literature; Philosophy of Language; Greek Experience-Plato/Aristotle; Major Figure-Kant; Major Figure-Hegel; Major Figure-Gadamer; Major Figure-Later Heidegger; Major figure-Arendt; Life and Death; Virtues in Contemporary Life; Friendship and Community; Inquiry Seminar/Humanities (Core); Interpretation and Culture (Matteo Ricci); Hermeneutics (Graduate Psychology Program).

Villanova University, Villanova, Pennsylvania, 1978-79  
Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy

### PUBLICATIONS

#### **A. Books**

- *The Life of Understanding: A Contemporary Hermeneutics*. (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2012).
- (Edited) *American Continental Philosophy*. Edited by Walter Brogan and James Risser. (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2000).
- (Edited) *Heidegger Toward the Turn: The Work of the 1930s*. Edited by James Risser. (Albany: SUNY Press, 1999).

**PUBLICATIONS** (cont.)

- *Hermeneutics and the Voice of the Other: Re-reading Hans-Georg Gadamer's Philosophical Hermeneutics*. (Albany: SUNY Press, 1997).
- *Truth and Aesthetic Experience in Kant's Critique of Judgement*. Ph.D. Dissertation. (Ann Arbor: University Microfilms International, 1978).

**B. Journals**

- Co-Editor, *Philosophy Today*, vol. 52 (2008). Supplement Issue: The Expanding Horizons of Continental Philosophy. Selected Papers from The Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy.
- Co-Editor, *Philosophy Today*, vol. 51 (2007). Supplement Issue: Refiguring Continental Philosophy. Selected Papers from The Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy.
- Co-Editor, *Philosophy Today*, vol. 50 (2006). Supplement Issue: Dispossessions and Discordance. Selected Papers from The Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy.
- Guest Editor, *Continental Philosophy Review*, vol 33, No. 3 (2000). Special Issue: Hans-Georg Gadamer Centennial Celebration.
- Guest Editor, *Research in Phenomenology*, vol. 29 (1999). Topic: The Claims of History.
- Guest Editor, *Research in Phenomenology*, vol. 26 (1996). Topic: Reason and Community.

**C. Articles**

- "Language and Poetic Word in Gadamer's Hermeneutics," in *Philosophy and Poetry: A Continental Perspective*, ed. Ranjan Ghosh (New York: Columbia University Press, forthcoming, 2018).
- "Ethical Hermeneutics." *Epoche: A Journal for the History of Philosophy*, vol. 22.1 (Fall 2017): 79-89.
- "Hermeneutic Considerations for Understanding Music," in *International Yearbook for Hermeneutics 16*, ed. Günter Figal (Tübingen: Mohr/Siebeck, 2017), 61-75.
- "A (New) Paradigm for Hermeneutics." *Journal of Chinese Philosophy*, vol. 42, 1-2 (2015): 49-61, publication date 2017.
- "The Art of the Example in Plato's *Statesman*," in *Plato's "Statesman": Dialectic, Myth, and Politics*, ed. John Sallis (Albany: SUNY Press, 2017), 171-181.
- "Sensible Humanism," in *International Yearbook for Hermeneutics 15*, ed. Günter Figal (Tübingen: Mohr/Siebeck, 2016), 65-77.
- "Language and Alterity," in *Blackwell Companion to Hermeneutics*, eds. Niall Keane and Chris Lawn (New York: Wiley Blackwell, 2016), 122-129.
- "The Ethics (*Ethos*) of History." *Philosophical investigations*, vol. 9 (2015): 117-136, publication date 2016.
- "Historicity as Effective History." *Danish Yearbook for Philosophy*, vol. 48 (2013): 89-101, publication date 2016.
- "Locating Shared Life in the 'Thou': Historical and Thematic Considerations," in *The Phenomenology of Sociality: Discovering the 'We'*, eds. Thomas Szanto and Dermot Moran (New York: Routledge, 2016), 29-41.
- "Sensible Knowing in Kant's Aesthetics," in *Proceedings for the European Society for Aesthetics*, vol. 7 (2015): 416-427.
- "The Place of Imagination in Philosophical Hermeneutics," in *International Yearbook for Hermeneutics 14*, ed. Günter Figal (Tübingen: Mohr/Siebeck, 2015), 28-41.

**PUBLICATIONS** (cont.)

- “On *Mimesis* and the Imaginary,” in *On the True Sense of Art: A Critical Companion to Transfigurations of John Sallis*, eds. Jason Wirth et. al. (Evanston: Northwestern Univ. Press, 2015), 50-59.
- “Dialogue/Conversation,” in *The Routledge Companion to Hermeneutics*, eds. Jeff Malpas and Hans-Helmut Gander (New York: Routledge, 2014), 335-344.
- “Hermeneutics and the Linguisticity of the Christian Word,” in *Hermeneutics Between Faith and Reason*, eds. Gert-Jan van der Heiden and Philippe Van Haute (Nijmegen, 2014), 141-152.
- “The Humanities as the Art of Imagination.” *Voyages* 3 (2014) [www.voyagesjournal.net].
- “A Response to My Commentators.” *Philosophy Today*, vol 58:1 (Winter 2014): 117-123.
- “On The Threefold Sense of *Mimesis* in Plato’s Republic.” *Epoche: A Journal for the History of Philosophy*, vol. 17, 2 (Spring 2013): 249-256.
- “Plato’s Paradigm for Hermeneutics,” in *Internationale Jahrbuch für Hermeneutik 11*, ed. Günter Figal (Tübingen: Mohr/Siebeck, 2012), 81-93.
- “On Freedom in Another Sense.” *Epoche: A Journal for the History of Philosophy*, vol. 17, 1 (Fall 2012): 99-109.
- “Finding the Measure of Reason in Gadamer’s (Platonic) Hermeneutics,” in *Hermeneutic Rationality*, eds. Maria Luísa Portocarrero, et. al. (Berlin: LIT Verlag, 2012), 87-96.
- “Shared Life” reprinted in *Cultural Politics and Identity*, eds. Barbara Weber, et. al. (Berlin LIT Verlag, 2011), 49-60.
- “Where Do We Find Words for What We Cannot Say?: Language and Experience in the Understanding of Life,” in *Gadamer’s Hermeneutics and the Art of Conversation*, ed. Andrzej Wierciski (Berlin: LIT Verlag, 2011), 221-230.
- “The Lateness of Arrival in the Event of Understanding,” in *Internationale Jahrbuch für Hermeneutik 2010*, ed. Günter Figal (Tübingen: Mohr/Siebeck, 2011), 29-40.
- “Hermeneutic Experience and the Demands of Interpretation: On Beginnings,” in *Gegenständlichkeit und Objektivität*, ed. Friederike Rese, David Espinet and Michael Steinmann (Tübingen: Mohr/Siebeck, 2011), 206-217.
- “On the Hermeneutics of Hermeneutic Phenomenology,” in *Internationale Jahrbuch für Hermeneutik 2009*, ed. Günter Figal (Tübingen: Mohr/Siebeck, 2010), 19-33.
- “Philosophy and Politics at the End of Metaphysics,” in *Between Nihilism and Politics: The Hermeneutics of Gianni Vattimo*, ed. Silvia Benso and Brian Schroeder (Albany: SUNY Press, 2010), 167-182.
- “Gadamer’s Hidden Doctrine: On the Simplicity and Humility of Philosophy,” in *Consequences of Hermeneutics*, ed. Jeff Malpas and Santiago Zabala (Evanston: Northwestern University Press, 2010), 5-24.
- “The Demand of Freedom in Kant’s *Critique of Judgment*.” *Comparative and Continental Philosophy*, vol. 1 (2009): 89-104.
- “Ideality, Memory and the Written Word,” in *Internationale Jahrbuch für Hermeneutik 2008*, ed. Günter Figal (Tübingen: Mohr/Siebeck, 2009), 27-40.
- “Discourse, Dialectic, and the Art of Weaving.” *Epoche: A Journal for the History of Philosophy*, vol. 13, 2 (Spring 2009): 291-298.
- “The Incapacity of Language.” *The Journal for the British Society for Phenomenology*, vol. 40 (2009): 300-311.
- “Saying and Hearing the Word: Language and the Experience of Meaning in Gadamer’s Hermeneutics.” *Journal of Ultimate Reality and Meaning*, vol. 30, 2 (2007): 146-155.

**PUBLICATIONS** (cont.)

- “Minnets gemenskap I Gadamer’s hermeneutik,” in *Det främmande I det egna*, ed. Jonna Bernemark (Huddinge: Södertörn Philosophical Studies 4, 2007), 77-87.
- “On the Continuation of Philosophy: Hermeneutics as Convalescence,” in *Weakening Philosophy: Festschrift in Honor of Gianni Vattimo*, ed. Santiago Zabala (Montreal: McGill-Queen’s University Press, 2006), 184-202; Spanish edition: “Sobre la continuación de la filosofía: la hermenéutica como convalecencia,” trans. Francisco Javier Martínez Contreras, in *Debilitando la filosofía*, ed. Santiago Zabala (Barcelona: Anthropos Editorial, 2009), 217-327.
- “Destruktion, Überlieferung and the ‘Originary’: Hermeneutics Between Heidegger and Gadamer (II),” in *The Hermeneutic Turn in Phenomenology*, ed. Andrzej Wiercinski (Toronto: Hermeneutics Press, 2005), 337-348.
- “Our Time: The Time of Modernity as the Time of Tradition.” *Kinesis*, (Fall 2004): 3-12.
- “L’ermeneutica, la storia e il futuro delle nostre parole.” *Eidos* (2004): 67-80.
- “Keeping Gadamer in Mind: Philosophical Discourse in Plato’s *Philebus*” [in Japanese]. *Human Ontology*, vol.10 (2004).
- “Interpreting Tradition.” *The Journal for the British Society for Phenomenology*, vol. 34, 3 (October 2003): 297-308.
- “Gadamer's Plato and the Task of Philosophy,” in *Gadamer verstehen/Understanding Gadamer*, ed. Wischke and Hofer (Darmstadt: WBG, 2003), 87-100.
- “From Phenomenology to Hermeneutics and Beyond: The Transformations of Hermeneutics After Phenomenology,” in *Kunst, Hermeneutik, Philosophie: Das Denken Hans-Georg Gadamer im Zusammenhang des 20. Jahrhunderts*, ed. István M. Fehér (Heidelberg: Universitätsverlag Winter, 2003), 75-88.
- “Shared Life.” *Symposium*, vol. 6, 2 (Fall 2002): 167-180.
- “In Memoriam: Hans-Georg Gadamer (1900-2002).” *Continental Philosophy Review*, vol. 35, 3 (July 2002): 241-243.
- “Philosophical Hermeneutics and the ‘Art’ of the Appearing Word.” *Studia Phenomenologica*, vol. 2, nos. 1-2 (2002): 215-229.
- “Phronesis as Kairological Event.” *Epoche*, new series vol. 7, 1 (Fall 2002): 107-119.
- “In the Shadow of Hegel: Infinite Dialogue in Gadamer’s Hermeneutics.” *Research in Phenomenology*, vol. 32 (2002): 86-102.
- “Truth in Time and History: Hermeneutics and the Truth that Strikes Back,” in *Between the Human and the Divine: Philosophical and Theological Hermeneutics*, ed. Andrzej Wiercinski (Toronto: Hermeneutics Press, 2002), 427-439.
- “After the Hermeneutic Turn.” *Research in Phenomenology*, vol. 30 (2000): 71-88.
- “From Concept to Word: The Radicality of Philosophical Hermeneutics.” *Continental Philosophy Review*, Special Issue: Hans-Georg Gadamer Centennial Celebration, vol. 33, 3 (July 2000): 309-325.
- “Die Metaphorik des Sprechens,” in *Hermeneutische Wege: Hans-Georg Gadamer zum Hundertsten*, ed. Günter Figal, Jean Grondin und Dennis Schmidt (Tübingen: Mohr/Siebeck, 2000), 177-189.
- “Roland Barthes,” in *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, ed. Edward Craig (London: Routledge, 1998), 656-658.
- “Hermeneutics Between Gadamer and Heidegger.” *Philosophy Today*, vol. 41 (Supplement 1997): 134-141.

**PUBLICATIONS** (cont.)

- “Philosophical Hermeneutics and the Question of Community.” *Existentialia*, vol. VI-VII (1996-97), 89-100. Reprinted in *Interrogating the Tradition*, ed. John Sallis and Charles Scott (Albany: SUNY Press, 2000), 19-35.
- “The Voice of the Other in Gadamer's Hermeneutics,” in *The Philosophy of Hans-Georg Gadamer*, LLP, ed. Lewis Hahn (LaSalle: Open Court, 1997), 389-402.
- “The Imaging of Truth in Philosophical Hermeneutics,” in *Phenomenology, Interpretation, and Community*. Selected Studies in Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, vol. 19, ed. Lenore Langsdorf and Stephen H. Watson (Albany: SUNY Press, 1996), 159-174.
- “Self-Portrait as Self-Image,” in *Van Gogh 100: Papers from the Centenary Conference at Hofstra University*, ed. Joseph D. Masheck (Westport: Greenwood Press, 1996), 151-158.
- “Hermeneutics of the Possible: On Finitude and Truth in Philosophical Hermeneutics,” in *The Specter of Relativism: Truth, Dialogue, and Phronesis in Philosophical Hermeneutics*, ed. Lawrence K. Schmidt, (Evanston: Northwestern University Press, 1995), 111-128.
- “Reason's Entanglement,” in *The Path of Archaic Thinking: Unfolding the Work of John Sallis*, ed. Kenneth Maly, (Albany: SUNY Press, 1994), 169-180.
- “Poetic Dwelling in Gadamer's Hermeneutics.” *Philosophy Today*, vol. 38, no. 4 (Winter 1994): 369-379.
- “The Remembrance of Truth: The Truth of Remembrance,” in *Hermeneutics and Truth*, ed. Brice Wachterhauser, (Evanston: Northwestern University Press, 1994), 123-136.
- “Communication and the Prose of the World: the Question of Language in Gadamer and Merleau-Ponty,” in *Merleau-Ponty in Contemporary Perspective*, ed. Patrick Burke and Jan Van der Veken (Boston: Kluwer Academic Publishers, 1993), 131-144.
- “Siting Order at the Limits of Construction: Deconstructing Architectural Place.” *Research in Phenomenology*, vol. 22 (1992): 62-72.
- “The Ontology of Hermeneutics.” *ellipsis*, vol. 1, no. 2 (Fall 1991): 209-224.
- “Reading the Text.” *Continental Philosophy IV: Gadamer and Hermeneutics*, ed. Hugh Silverman (New York: Routledge, 1991), 93-105.
- “Reading Nietzsche.” *Man and World: An International Review*, vol. 23 (1990): 361-373.
- “Two Faces of Socrates: Gadamer/Derrida,” in *Dialogue and Deconstruction: The Gadamer-Derrida Encounter*, ed. Diane Michelfelder and Richard Palmer (Albany: SUNY Press, 1989), 176-185.
- “To Forget to Forget: Hermeneutics & Artificial Intelligence.” *LOGOS*, vol. 7 (1986): 83-92.
- “Hermeneutic Experience and Memory: Rethinking Knowledge as Recollection.” *Research in Phenomenology*, vol. 16 (1986): 41-55.
- “Rorty's Pragmatism as Hermeneutic Praxis.” *The Modern Schoolman*, vol.63, no. 4, (May 1986): 275-287.
- “Nietzsche's View of Philosophical Style, A Reply.” *International Studies in Philosophy*, vol. 17 (1985): 83-86.
- “The Disappearance of the Text: Nietzsche's Double Hermeneutic.” *Research in Phenomenology*, vol. 15 (1985): 133-142.
- “Practical Philosophy, Hermeneutics, and Social Life.” *Proceedings of the American Catholic Philosophical Association*, vol. 58, (1984): 84-92.

**PUBLICATIONS** (cont.)**D. Book Reviews**

- *A Century of Philosophy: A Conversation with Riccardo Dottori*, by Hans-Georg Gadamer. *Human Studies*, vol. 29, no. 1 (January 2006).
- *Ricoeur as Another: The Ethics of Subjectivity*, by Richard Cohen and James Marsh, eds. *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*. 2002.07.05 (on-line journal).
- (With Burt Hopkins) *Husserl and Heidegger on Human Experience* by Pierre Keller. *European Journal of Philosophy*, vol. 9, no. 2 (August 2001).
- *The Gift of Beauty: The Good as Art* by Stephen David Ross. *Ethics* (January, 1998).
- *Truth, Fiction, and Literature* by Peter Lamarque and Stein Haugom Olson. *Review of Metaphysics*, March 1996.
- *Hermeneutics and Education* by Shaun Gallagher. *International Studies in Philosophy*, vol. 28, 2 (1996).
- *The Ubiquity of the Finite* by Dennis Schmidt. *International Studies in Philosophy*, vol. 24, 1 (1992).
- *Postmodern Sophistications* by David Kolb. *Bates: The Alumni Magazine*, November 1991.
- “Hermeneutics at the End of Metaphysics.” Review article on *Radical Hermeneutics*, by John D. Caputo. *Research in Phenomenology*, vol. 20 (1990): 194-200.
- *Reason in the Age of Science* by Hans-Georg Gadamer. *Canadian Philosophical Reviews*, vol. 4, 6 (December 1984).
- *The Basic Problems of Phenomenology* by Martin Heidegger. *Phenomenology Information Bulletin*, vol. 6 (1982).
- “Heidegger and Sartre Revisited.” Review article on *Heidegger's Existential Analytic*, ed. Frederick Elliston, and *Jean-Paul Sartre Contemporary Approaches to His Philosophy*, ed. Hugh Silverman and Frederick Elliston. *Research in Phenomenology*, vol. 12 (1982): 227-233.

**E. Translations**

- Translation of Werner Marx's “Die Dialektik and die Rolle des Phaenomenologen,” *Owl of Minerva*, quarterly journal of the Hegel Society of America, December 1979.
- Redaction of Hans-Georg Gadamer's “Practical Philosophy as a Model of the Human Sciences” in *Research in Phenomenology*, vol. 9 (1979).

**PRESENTATIONS****A. Conference Presentations**

- “Hermeneutics and the Idea of Effective History.” Society for Phenomenology and the Human Sciences, Memphis, TN, October 2017.
- “Logos, for example.” International Hermeneutics Symposium, Universität Freiburg, Germany, July 2017.
- “Ethical Hermeneutics.” Conference on “The Idioms of Ethical Life,” Pennsylvania State University, October 2016.
- “Hermeneutic Considerations for Understanding Music.” North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics, Texas A&M University, September 2016.
- “Can Music Be Interpreted?” International Hermeneutics Symposium, Universität Freiburg, Germany, July 2016.

**PRESENTATIONS** (cont.)

- “Re-thinking the Relation Between *Humanitas* and *Animalitas* after Heidegger.” Comparative Continental Philosophy Circle, Taipei, Taiwan, March 2016.
- “Sensible Humanism.” International Hermeneutics Symposium, Universität Freiburg, Germany, July 2015.
- “On the Phenomenon of Silence in the Work of (Poetic) Language.” Nordic Society for Phenomenology, Södertörn University, Stockholm, April 2015.
- “Identity in Global Communication: The Otherness of Florence.” Conference on “Transnational Florence,” Gonzaga-in-Florence, Italy, February 2015.
- “The Art of the Example in Plato’s *Statesman*.” Conference on Plato’s *Statesman*, Boston College, November 2014.
- “Image and Imagination in Gadamer’s Hermeneutics.” Pacific Association for Continental Thought, Loyola Marymount University, October 2014.
- “The Place of Imagination in Philosophical Hermeneutics.” International Hermeneutics Symposium, Universität Freiburg, Germany, July 2014.
- “Heidegger’s Ethics of History (with reference to Agamben).” North Texas Heidegger Symposium, University of Dallas, April 2014. Also presented, The Heidegger Circle, St. Petersburg, May 2014.
- “Sensuous Knowing in Kant’s Aesthetics.” Comparative Continental Philosophy Circle, Santa Barbara, March 2014. Also presented, European Society for Aesthetics, Dublin, June 2015.
- “The Humanities as the Art of Imagination.” Conference on “The Capacity for Renaissance,” Gonzaga-in-Florence, Italy, February 2014.
- “Response”/Current Research Book Session. Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Eugene, OR, October 2013.
- “The Journey of Philosophy: The Significance of the Concluding Myth in Plato’s *Republic*.” “The Last Chapter” Conference, Lehigh University, October 2013.
- Response to Author Meets Critics Session, North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics, DePaul University, September 2013.
- “The Ethics of History.” Collegium Phenomenologicum, Città di Castello, Italy, July 2013.
- “Locating Shared Life in the ‘Thou’: Historical and Thematic Considerations.” International Conference: Discovering the We, University College Dublin, Dublin, May 2013.
- “Historicity as Effective History.” International Conference: The Phenomenon of History, University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, April 2013.
- “A (New) Paradigm for Hermeneutics.” International Conference: Interpreting Philosophical Classics: East-West, University of Hawaii, Honolulu, February 2013.
- “Paradigms and Models in Plato’s *Sophist*.” Workshop on Plato’s *Sophist*, Seattle University, November 2012.
- “Gadamer and Levinas: A Discussion.” 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Psychology Conference for the Other, Seattle University, November 2012.
- “Tragic Wisdom, Tragic Silence.” International Workshop: Phenomenology and the Philosophies of the Tragic, University of Crete, Greece, June 2012.
- “The Word of Silence.” Comparative Continental Philosophy Circle, San Diego, March 2012.
- “The Silence of Beginning.” Conference on Word and Silence, Gonzaga-in-Florence, Italy, February 2012.
- “A New Paradigm for Hermeneutics” (keynote address). North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics, Boston College, September 2011.

**PRESENTATIONS** (cont.)

- “The Exemplarity of the Beautiful.” Collegium Phaenomenologicum, Città di Castello, Italy, July 2011.
- “Plato’s Paradigm for Hermeneutics.” International Hermeneutics Symposium, Universität Freiburg, Germany, July 2011.
- “On the Threefold Sense of *Mimesis* in *Republic X*.” Ancient Philosophy Society, Sundance Utah, April 2011.
- “On Freedom in Another Sense.” Ethics, Indifference, and Social Concern, Rock Ethics Institute, Penn State University, April 2011.
- “On the Paradigmatic Character of Comparative Philosophy.” Comparative Continental Philosophy Circle, Cork, Ireland, March 2011.
- “Where Do We Find Words for What We Cannot Say? On Language and Experience in the Understanding of Life” (keynote address). International Human Sciences Research Conference, Seattle University, August 2010.
- “The Lateness of Arrival in the Event of Understanding.” International Symposium, Universität Freiburg, Germany, July 2010.
- “Hermeneutics and Dialectics: Gadamer’s Appropriation of Plato.” Conference on Phenomenology and Ancient Greek Philosophy, Rethymnon, Greece, June 2010.
- “Hermeneutic Experience and the Demands of Interpretation: On Beginnings.” International Conference: “Gegenständlichkeit und Objektivität,” Univ. Freiburg, Germany, May 2010.
- “*Mimesis* and the Imaginary.” Comparative Continental Philosophy Circle. Honolulu, April 2010.
- “On the Imperceptible.” Conference on the Imaginary, Gonzaga-in-Florence, Italy, February 2010. Also presented, Western Phenomenology Conference, San Francisco, April 2010.
- “On the Simplicity and Humility of Philosophy in Gadamer’s Hermeneutics.” Workshop on Contemporary Philosophy, Boston College, October 2009.
- “Finding the Measure of Reason in Gadamer’s (Platonic) Hermeneutics.” International Conference: “Phronetic Rationality,” Universidade de Coimbra, Portugal, October 2009.
- “On The Hermeneutics of Hermeneutic Phenomenology.” International Hermeneutics Symposium, Universität Freiburg, Germany, July 2009.
- “Beyond the Letter.” Conference on Philosophy and Literature, Gonzaga-in-Florence, Italy, February 2009.
- “The Flash of Beauty.” Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Pittsburgh, October 2008. Also presented, Comparative Continental Philosophy Circle, Asilomar, CA, April 2009.
- “Hermeneutics and the Linguisticity of the Christian Word.” Christian Reasoning Colloquium, Trinity Western University, Langley, BC, October 2008.
- “How Can We Understand the Pre-Modern Past? A Hermeneutic Discourse” (keynote address). Conference on Pre-Modernity, Sigtuna, Sweden, August 2008.
- “Ideality, Memory, and the Written Word.” International Hermeneutics Symposium, Universität Freiburg, Germany, July 2008.
- “Discourse, Dialectic, and the Art of Weaving.” Ancient Philosophy Society, New School for Social Research, April 2008.
- “The Incapacity of Language.” British Society for Phenomenology, Oxford University, England, April 2008.



**PRESENTATIONS** (cont.)

- “Forming a Life With-One-another: Hermeneutics and the Promise of Community.” Conference on The Problem of the Other in Contemporary and Traditional Philosophy, Gonzaga-in-Florence, Italy, February 2008.
- “The Fabric of Life.” North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics, Villanova University, September 2007.
- “Distressed Memory: The Character of Understanding in Disposition and Exile.” North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics, Gordon College, June 2006. Also presented, International Symposium, Universität Freiburg, Germany, July 2006.
- “The Movement of Language.” Conference on Truth and Language in Hermeneutic Philosophy, Radboud Universiteit Nijmegen, The Netherlands, January 2006.
- “The Unfulfilled Word.” Conference on Phenomenology and Transcendence, University of Nottingham, England, September 2005.
- “Hermeneutics, Language, Finitude.” International URAM Society, Regis College, Toronto, August 2005.
- “The Community of Memory in Gadamer’s Hermeneutics.” Gadamer y Las Humanidades: Encuentro internacional, UNAM, Mexico, November 2004.
- “Wishful Thinking: The Demand of Freedom in Kant’s *Critique of Judgment*.” Collegium Phaenomenologicum, Città di Castello, Italy, July 2004.
- “Our Time: The Time of Tradition as the Time of Modernity.” Keynote speaker, Building Bridges: 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Student Conference, SIU Carbondale, November 2003.
- “Hermeneutics as Convalescence.” André Schuwer Lecture, Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Boston, November 2003.
- “Hermeneutics Between Heidegger and Gadamer (II): Recollection in a History of Loss.” International Symposium, Universität Freiburg, Germany, July 2003.
- “Comments to ‘Does philosophical hermeneutics surreptitiously appeal to immediate presence?’.” American Philosophical Association, Philadelphia, December 2002.
- “Keeping in Mind: Philosophical Discourse in Plato’s *Philebus*.” Collegium Phaenomenologicum, Città di Castello, Italy, July 2002.
- “Gadamer’s Plato and the ‘Texture’ of the Appearing Word.” International Hermeneutics Symposium, Universität Heidelberg, Germany, July 2002.
- “Hermeneutics in *The Time of Memory*.” Conference on Postmodern Ethics, Brock University, February 2002.
- “Truth in Time and History: Hermeneutics and the Truth that Strikes Back.” 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Faith and Reason Conference, St. John Vianney College Seminary, Feb. 2002. Also presented, First International Conference on Hermeneutics, St. Bonaventure University, May 2002.
- “On the Difference Between Inauthentic and Authentic Historicity.” Eastern Division meeting of The American Philosophical Association, Atlanta, December 2001.
- “Phronesis as Kairological Event: Gadamer’s Re-appropriation of Aristotle’s Phronesis.” International Hermeneutics Symposium, Universität Heidelberg, Germany, July 2001.
- “Infinite Dialogue.” Eastern Division meeting of The American Philosophical Association, New York, December 2000.
- “From Phenomenology to Hermeneutics and Beyond: The Transformations of Hermeneutics After Phenomenology.” International conference: “Kunst, Hermeneutik, Philosophie,” Eötvös-Universität Budapest, Hungary, October 2000.

**PRESENTATIONS** (cont.)

- “What’s Mine? Whose Other?: Gadamer, Levinas, and the Issue of Sociality.” International Hermeneutics Symposium, Universität Heidelberg, Germany, June 2000.
- “Hermeneutics and the Resistance of Difference.” International Hermeneutics Symposium, Universität Heidelberg, Germany, July 1999.
- “How Philosophers Make Sense.” Philosophy Conference: “What is Philosophy?,” Seattle University, May 1999.
- “The Function of Rhetoric in Gadamer’s Hermeneutics.” The Northwest Conference on Philosophy, University of Oregon, October 1998.
- “Nietzsche, Non-Moral Truth and the Task of Philosophy.” Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Denver, October 1998.
- “From Concept to Word: The Radicality of Philosophical Hermeneutics.” International symposium: “Von Wort zum Begriff,” Universität Heidelberg, Germany, July 1998.
- “Plato’s Anti-Platonism.” Philosophy Conference: “Drama, Method, Doctrine, in Plato’s Dialogues,” Seattle University, May 1998.
- “Hermeneutics Between Heidegger and Gadamer.” Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Lexington, October 1997.
- “Hermeneutics, *Parrhesia*, and the Question of Public Duty.” International symposium: “Rhetorik und Politik aus der Sicht der Hermeneutik,” Universität Heidelberg, July 1997.
- “Nietzsche and the Task of Philosophy.” Philosophy Conference: “Nietzsche’s Contribution to the Philosophical Tradition,” Seattle University, May 1997.
- “Nature’s Uncanniness.” Collegium Phaenomenologicum, Perugia, Italy, July 1996.
- “Toward the Strange: Between Gadamer and Heidegger.” International symposium: “Nach der Kehre: Heidegger und Gadamer,” Universität Heidelberg, Germany, July 1996.
- “Tragic Reason: Toward a Postmodern Notion of Reason and Community.” Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Chicago, October 1995.
- “Hermeneutics of Facticity and the Question of Community.” International symposium: “Die Hermeneutik des Faktizität,” Universität Heidelberg, Germany, July 1995.
- “Poetic Dwelling in Gadamer’s Hermeneutics.” International symposium: “Kunst als Aussage,” Universität Heidelberg, Germany, July 1994.
- “Heidegger, History and Everydayness, Comments.” Heidegger Conference, Brigham Young University, May 1994.
- “Words of Grace.” International symposium: “Verstummen Die Dichter?,” Universität Heidelberg, Germany, July 1993.
- “Possibilities for Cross-Cultural Understanding.” American Studies Association, Costa Mesa, California, November 1992.
- “Undoubling the Hermeneutic Circle: A Rejoinder to Stanley Rosen.” Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Boston, Oct. 1992.
- “Communication Adrift: Hermeneutics at the Edge of the Breath.” International symposium: “Das Gespräch in der Hermeneutik,” Universität Heidelberg, Germany, July 1992. Also presented, Collegium Phaenomenologicum, Perugia, Italy, July 1992.
- “The Voice of Poetry/The Truth of the Word.” Philosophy Conference “Philosophy and the Voice of Poetry,” State University of New York at Binghamton, April 1992.
- “Communication and the Prose of the World: Merleau-Ponty and Gadamer on Language and Hermeneutics.” International conference: “Merleau-Ponty in Contemporary Perspective,” Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium, November 1991.

**PRESENTATIONS** (cont.)

- “Philosophical Hermeneutics and Greek Optimism. “International symposium “Philosophische Hermeneutik und Griechische Philosophie,” Universität Heidelberg, Germany, July 1991.
- “Three Questions to ‘Clearing and Unconcealment.’” Heidegger Conference, Vanderbilt University, May 1991.
- “The Question of Truth in Philosophical Hermeneutics.” Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Villanova Univ, October 1990. Revised version presented at the Hoger Instituut voor Wijsbegeerte, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium, Feb. 1991.
- “The Self-portrait as Self-image in the Paintings of Vincent Van Gogh.” Interdisciplinary Conference “Van Gogh 100: A Centenary Conference,” Hofstra University, May 1990.
- “The Body of Thought, Comments.” Interdisciplinary Conference “Giving the Body Its Due,” University of Oregon, November 1989.
- “*Poetic Interaction: A Philosophical Critique.*” Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Duquesne University, October 1989.
- “Philosophical Hermeneutics and the Therapeutic Process.” Human Science Research Conference, University of Aarhus, Denmark, August 1989.
- “The Ontology of Hermeneutics: Finitude and Truth in Gadamer's Hermeneutics.” International symposium: Grundprobleme der Hermeneutik im Anschluss an Hans-Georg Gadamer's “Wahrheit und Methode,” Universität Heidelberg, Germany, July 1989. Revised version presented at Villanova University, April 1992.
- “Reading Nietzsche.” Collegium Phaenomenologicum, Perugia, Italy, August 1988.
- “Image and Truth in Gadamer's Hermeneutics.” Hermeneutics Seminar, Universität Heidelberg, Germany, July 1988.
- “Reason's Entanglement.” Conference on the Work of John Sallis, Galesville, May 1988.
- “The Mirror Image in the Self-Portraits of Vincent Van Gogh.” The Seattle Institute for Psychoanalysis, Seattle, April 1988.
- “Comments on *Radical Hermeneutics.*” International Association for Philosophy and Literature, University of Notre Dame, April 1988.
- “Beauty, Truth, and the Play of Image: Self-Understanding in Philosophical Hermeneutics.” International Society for Philosophy and Psychotherapy, Honolulu, January 1988.
- “Reflections on the Gadamer/Derrida Exchange.” Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, University of Notre Dame, October 1987.
- “The Space of Place: Architecture and Human Dwelling.” International Association for Philosophy and Literature, Univ. of Kansas, April 1987.
- “The Text as Between.” International Association for Philosophy and Literature, European session, University of Warwick, Coventry, England, July 1986.
- “Culmination(s) of Subjectivity: Heidegger on Descartes, Hegel, and Husserl.” Collegium Phaenomenologicum, Perugia, Italy, July 1986.
- “To Forget to Forget: Hermeneutics and Artificial Intelligence.” Conference on Technology and Epistemology, University of Santa Clara, February 1986.
- “Place: A Certain Absence, A Heideggerian Response.” Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Chicago, October 1985.
- “Nietzsche's View of Philosophical Style, A Reply.” The North American Nietzsche Society, San Francisco, March 1985.
- “The Disappearance of the Text: Nietzsche's Double Hermeneutic.” The Nietzsche Society, Atlanta, October 1984.

**PRESENTATIONS** (cont.)

- “Experience Grows by the Edges, A Reply.” Conference on American Pragmatism in Relation to Continental Phenomenology, Pennsylvania State University, August 1984.
- “Practical Philosophy, Hermeneutics, and Social Life.” The American Catholic Philosophical Association, Pittsburgh, April 1984.
- “Rorty's Misunderstanding of Hermeneutics.” The Northwest Conference on Philosophy, University of Idaho, November 1982.
- “Hermeneutics and Self-Understanding.” The Northwest Society for Phenomenology, Existentialism, and Hermeneutics, Seattle, March, 1982.
- “Heidegger and the Origin of the Work of Art, A Reply.” The Northwest Conference on Philosophy, Whitman College, November 1980.
- “Truth in Art: Gadamer's Criticism of Kant's Aesthetics.” Collegium Phaenomenologicum, Perugia, Italy, July 1980.
- “Aesthetic Ideas, Symbolism, and the Role of Metaphor in Kant's Aesthetics.” The Northwest Conference on Philosophy, Oregon State University, November 1979.
- “Gadamer's Critique of Modern Aesthetic Consciousness, A Reply.” Conference on the Thought of Hans-Georg Gadamer, Dickinson College, November 1978.

**B. Distinctive Guest Lectures:**

- “Hermeneutics and the Idea of Effective History.” University of Oregon, October 2017.
- “Understanding How We Understand: Language, Dialogue and Interpretation.” James Madison University, March 2017.
- “Sensible Humanism.” Simon Silverman Phenomenology Center, Duquesne University, February 2016.
- “Hermeneutic Reflections on Understanding Difference.” Goucher College, April 2014.
- “On Language and Silence.” Touchstone Lecture. Seattle University, April 2013. Also presented at CSU Stanislaus, April 2013.
- “After Gadamer: Philosophy, Hermeneutics, and the Life of Understanding.” 3 lectures. University of Buffalo, March 2011.
- “From the Outside: Philosophy, Hermeneutics and the Life of Understanding.” University of British Columbia, January 2011.
- “Agamben and Gadamer on the Incapacity of Language.” Villanova Univ., March 2009.
- “Hermeneutics and the Incapacity of Language.” DePaul University, April 2008.
- “The Community of Memory in Gadamer's Hermeneutics.” Södertörn University College, Stockholm, January 2006.
- “Hermeneutics as Convalescence.” Villanova University, October 2004.
- “L'ermeneutica, la storia e il futuro delle nostre parole.” University of Rome, May 2004.
- “Hermeneutics as Post-Enlightenment Philosophy.” Seattle Pacific Univ., May 2004.
- “The Sociality of Life in Gadamer's Hermeneutics.” CSU Stanislaus, October 2003.
- “Gadamer, Nietzsche, and the Task of Interpretation.” Simon Fraser Univ., Feb. 2003.
- “The Kantian Sublime and Being at Home in Nature.” Univ. of Oregon, Nov. 2002.
- “On Judgment and Time.” Villanova University, February 2002.
- “The Demands of Dialogue.” Trinity Western University, April 2001.
- “Gadamer at 100: Issues in Hermeneutics.” CSU Stanislaus, March 2000.
- “The Relevance of Philosophical Hermeneutics.” Trinity Western Univ., Nov. 1999.
- “Hermeneutics Today.” Green College, University of British Columbia, March 1997.

**PRESENTATIONS** (cont.)

- “The Question of Language in Hermeneutics and Deconstruction.” St. Michael's Institute, Gonzaga University, April 1996.
- “Philosophical Hermeneutics and Problem of Community.” Gonzaga Univ., April 1996.
- “The Speculative Element of Kantian Thought.” Vanderbilt University, October 1993.
- “Gadamer and Hermeneutics.” Philosophy Honor Society, CSU Long Beach, Nov. 1992.
- “Language, Text, and Poetic Word.” 3 lectures. Villanova Univ., March 31-April 1992.
- “Self-portrait as Self-image in Paintings of Van Gogh.” Whitman College, Feb. 1990.
- “From Temples to Skyscrapers.” Whitman College, February 1990.
- “Philosophical Foundations of Existential Phenomenology.” Seattle Univ., Feb. 1988.
- “The Two Faces of Socrates: Gadamer/Derrida.” Duquesne Univ., November 1986.
- “In Defense of Prejudice: Gadamer's Philosophical Hermeneutics.” Central Washington University Philosophy Colloquium, December 1980.

**C. Interviews:**

- KING-AM, Seattle, WA, “The Current State of Philosophy in American Culture,” Jan 15, 1990.

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

- Executive Committee, North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics, 2012-15.
- Host/Organizer, North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics, Seattle University, September 2010.
- Director, 2007 Collegium Phaenomenologicum, Perugia, Italy, July, 2007.
- Co-organizer, International Symposium, Universität Freiburg, Germany, July 2005, July 2008, July 2010, June 2012, July 2015, July 2016.
- Executive Co-Director, Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, 2004-2007.
- Secretary-Treasurer, Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, 1999-2004.
- Co-organizer, International Merleau-Ponty Circle, Seattle University, October 1997.
- Director, 1997 Collegium Phaenomenologicum, Perugia, Italy, July, 1997.
- Advisory Book Selection Committee, Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, 1995-96; Committee Chair, 1996-99.
- Chair, Local Arrangements, Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Seattle, Washington, September 1994.
- Career Opportunities Committee, American Philosophical Association, 1992-95.
- Co-organizer of the International Hermeneutics Symposium, Universität Heidelberg, Germany, July, 1991-2003.
- Secretary-convener, Heidegger Conference, Seattle Univ., May 1990.
- Director, 1989 Collegium Phaenomenologicum, Perugia, Italy, July 1989.
- Program Committee, 62<sup>nd</sup> American Catholic Philosophical Association, April 1988.
- Program Chair, Nietzsche Society, October 1986-1989.
- Director, Western Phenomenology Conference (meets in conjunction with the Pacific APA), June 1986 - present.
- Co-founder and Secretary, Northwest Society for Phenomenology, Existentialism, and Hermeneutics, April 1981-present.
- Executive Committee and Program Chair, Northwest Conference on Philosophy, November 1981.

**SELECTED SERVICE: SEATTLE UNIVERSITY****A. University**

- University Rank and Tenure, 2013-2017
- University Core Policy Board, 2003-2012
- Academic Council, 1991-1994
- Evening College Advisory Board, 1989-1991
- Faculty Senate, 1982-1984

**B. College & Department**

- College of Arts and Sciences, College Assembly, Executive Council, 2001-2003
- College of Arts and Sciences, Rank and Tenure Committee, 1992-1994, 1999-2000
- College of Arts and Sciences, Executive Committee, 1988-1991; 2006-2012; 2015-2016
- University Honors Program, Director, 2006-2012; 2015-2016
- Matteo Ricci College, Executive Committee, 1985-1987; 1993-1996
- Philosophy Department, Department Chair, 1988-1991; Spring 2004

**EDITORIAL ADVISORY BOARDS///REVIEW WORK**

- Studies in Continental Thought, Indiana University Press (since 2015)
- *Philosophy Today* (since 2014)
- *Analecta Hermeneutica* (since 2006)
- *Continental Philosophy Review* (since 2005)
- *Epoche* (since 2004)
- *The New Yearbook for Phenomenology and Phenomenological Philosophy* (since 2001)
- *Research in Phenomenology*, Associate Editor (since 2000)
- Reviewer for NEH Conference Grants, NEH Summer Fellowships, NEH Translation Grants; Blackwell Publishers, Bloomsbury Publishing, Brill, Columbia Univ. Press, Indiana Univer. Press, Lexington Books, McGraw Hill Publishers, Northwestern Univ. Press, Ohio Univ. Press, Palgrave/Macmillan, Routledge, Springer, St. Martin's Press, Stanford Univ. Press, SUNY Press, Univ. of Notre Dame Press; *Comparative Continental Philosophy*, *Continental Philosophy Review*, *Dialogue*, *International Journal of Philosophical Studies*, *International Yearbook for Hermeneutics*, *Journal of the Philosophy of History*, *Metaphilosophy*, *Mosaic*, *Philosophy & Rhetoric*, *Polity*, *Religions*.

**RECENT THESES SUPERVISION/COMMITTEES**

- 2017 PhD: "The Platonic Origin of Hans-Georg Gadamer's Philosophical Hermeneutics," Christopher Gibson, University of Ottawa. External examiner.
- 2017 MA: "Interpreting Auditory Verbal Hallucinations," Pavan Brar, Seattle University. Supervisor.
- 2012 PhD: "Self and Tradition: Historical Understanding and Social Life in Gadamer," Jerome Veith, Boston College. External examiner.
- 2007 PhD: "Hermeneutics and the Reconstitution of Universal Memory," Jeffrey Simms, University of Toronto. External examiner.

**HONORARY APPOINTMENTS///AWARDS**

- Senior Research Fellow, School of Humanities and Communications Arts/Western Sydney University, 2017-18.
- Scholar-in-Residence, Silverman Phenomenology Center/Duquesne University, 2016.
- Philosophy Research Fellowship, Seattle University, 2015, 2018.
- College of Arts & Sciences Research Fellowship, Seattle University, 2014.
- ASSU Outstanding Faculty Award, Seattle University, 2012.
- Philosophy Endowed Chair, Seattle University, 2002, 2012.
- College of Arts & Sciences Research Fellowship, Seattle University, 1999, 2001.
- Pigott-McCone Endowed Chair in the Humanities, Seattle University 1991-1994.
- Summer Faculty Fellowship Award, Seattle University, 1983, 1985, 1989, 1997.