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Curriculum Vitae

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Specializations:

AOS Continental Philosophy (esp. 20-21st Century French), American Philosophy (esp. Process Philosophy and Pragmatism)

AOC Environmental Philosophy

Academic Positions:

Current Full-Time Instructor, Philosophy Department, *Seattle University*

2011-Summer 2017 Graduate Employee, Graduate Teaching Fellow
Philosophy Department, *University of Oregon*
Religious Studies Department, *University of Oregon*

Education:

2017 **Ph.D. in Philosophy**
University of Oregon, Eugene, OR.
Dissertation: *From Individuality to Ecological Attunement in Whitehead and Deleuze* (See Abstract below).
Committee: Ted Toadvine (Director), Colin Koopman, Scott Pratt, Forest Pyle (English), Dan W. Smith (Purdue University).

2011 **M.A. in Philosophy**
University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM.
Thesis: *The Ineffable Ethic of the Resolute Wittgenstein* (Committee: Russell Goodman, Paul Livingston, Barbara Hannan).

1996 **B.A. in English**
Magna Cum Laude
Tufts University, College of Arts and Sciences, Medford, MA.

Peer-Reviewed Publications:

“Reckoning with Jean Wahl’s ‘Poetry as Spiritual Exercise’ in Times of Duress: Translation and Commentary.” Forthcoming in *Philosophy Today*, 2020.

“Deleuze, Whitehead, and the ‘Beautiful Soul.’” *Deleuze and Guattari Studies*, May 2019, Volume 13 (2): 163-85.

“Philosophical Criteria in Whitehead and Rorty.” *Metaphilosophy*, October 2017, Volume 48 (4): 762-779.

“‘Pure Experience’ and ‘Planes of Immanence’: From James to Deleuze.” *Journal of Speculative Philosophy*, Winter 2016, Volume 30 (4): 427-51.

“‘Concepts’ and Continuity: Onto-Epistemology in William James.” *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society*, Winter 2015, Volume 51 (4): 508-30.

Book Reviews:

“Language and Attention: Reading Wirth Reading Snyder Reading Dōgen.” Review essay of Wirth, Jason M. *Mountains, Rivers, and the Great Earth: Reading Gary Snyder and Dōgen in an Age of Ecological Crisis*. Albany, NY: SUNY Press: 2017. *Comparative and Continental Philosophy*, July 2018, DOI:10.1080/17570638.2018.1495379

Review of Morton, Timothy. *Dark Ecology: For a Logic of Future Coexistence*. New York: Columbia University Press: 2016. *Symposium: Journal of the Canadian Society for Continental Philosophy*. July 2018, <https://www.c-sep.org/2018/07/09/timothy-morton-dark-ecology-for-a-logic-of-future-coexistence>

Review of Grusin, Richard, Ed. *The Nonhuman Turn*. Minneapolis, MN: University of Minnesota Press: 2015; in *Resilience: A Journal of the Environmental Humanities*, Spring-Fall 2017, Volume 4: 204-208.

Under Review:

Monograph proposal for *Process Metaphysics and Ecology: Deleuze, Whitehead and the Activity of Attention* under review at Edinburgh University Press.

“Feeling Facts with Whitehead and Deleuze” included in an edited volume currently under review for the *Process Thought* series at *Ontos Verlag*.

“Climate Change and the Everyday: Becoming Present to Precarity” under review at *Ethics and the Environment*.

Conference Presentations or Invited Talks:

“Speculation and Responsibility in Times of Ecological Crisis.” 11th Annual SAGE Lecture: Seattle and Gonzaga Exchange. Spokane, WA. April 2019.

“Metaphysics and ‘Fake News’: Feeling Facts with Whitehead and Deleuze.” Metaphysical Society of America. 70th Annual Meeting. Seattle, WA. March 2019.

“Fabulation and Responsibility in Times of Ecological Crisis.” International Association for Environmental Philosophy. 22nd Annual Meeting. State College, PA. October 2018.

“Climate Change and the Every-day: Becoming Present to Precarity.” Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP 57). State College, PA. October 2018.

“Attending to the Singular in the Shadow of Catastrophe(s): Re-purposing Deleuze and Guattari to Encounter Richard Atleo.” Pacific Association of Continental Traditions. Yosemite, CA. October 2018.

- “Naess and Whitehead on Ecological Value.” Society for Process Studies. American Philosophical Association Pacific Division. San Diego, CA. March 2018.
- “James and the Post-Human.” William James Society. American Philosophical Association Pacific Division. Seattle, WA. April 2017.
- “Narrative Identity and Environmental Justice in Whiteheadian Process Metaphysic.” Transform-able Identity/ies. Oregon State University Graduate Philosophy Conference. Corvallis, OR. March 2017.
- “James, ‘Pure Experience’, and the Post-human.” International Association for Environmental Philosophy. 20th Annual Meeting. Salt Lake City, UT. October 2016.
- “Deleuze, Whitehead, and Speculative Empiricism.” Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy at SPEP 55. Salt Lake City, UT. October 2016.
- “Whitehead, Rorty, and the Anxiety of Influence.” Summer Institute in American Philosophy. Eugene, OR. July 2016.
- “‘Concepts’ and Continuity: Onto-Epistemology in William James.” William James Society. American Philosophical Association Eastern Division. Washington, DC. January 2016.
- “Experience and Metaphysics: Radical Empiricisms in William James and Gilles Deleuze.” Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP 54). Atlanta, GA. October 2015.
- “Unsustainable Boundaries: Ontology and Psychology in William James.” Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy. Grand Rapids, MI. March 2015.
- “Where Extension Thinks: Language in Spinoza.” The Semiotic Society of America. Seattle, WA. October 2014.
- “The Problem of Problems: Tracing Hybrid Pragmatisms across Traditions.” Summer Institute for American Philosophy. Eugene, OR. July 2014.
- “The Function of ‘Continuity’ in Peirce and James.” American Philosophical Association Pacific Meeting, Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy Panel. San Diego, CA. April 2014.
- “Royce and Communities of Interpretation.” American Philosophical Association Pacific Meeting, Royce Society Panel. San Diego, CA. April 2014.
- “Community and Interpretation: Josiah Royce and Epistemologies of Ignorance.” Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy. Denver, CO. March 2014.
- “Whose Ruse is it?: Merleau-Ponty, Saussure, and the *Course in General Linguistics*.” Society of Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy. Eugene, OR. October 2013.

“Going Backwards to go Forwards: Language and Experience in Rorty and Classical Pragmatism.”
Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy. New Galloway, NJ. March 2013.

“Signs of Life: Heidegger and Animals in *Being and Time*.” Mapping the Field(s): Earth and
Environment across the Disciplines. University of New Mexico. Albuquerque, NM. April 2010.

Awards and Honors:

Oregon Humanities Center Dissertation Fellowship. Oregon Humanities Center. Fall 2016. (\$5,500
Stipend and a term free of teaching.)

William James Society Young Scholar Essay Prize: “‘Concepts’ and Continuity: Onto-Epistemology in
William James.” September 2015.

Paideia Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award. University of Oregon Philosophy Department. June
2015.

Gary Smith Summer Research Development Award. University of Oregon Graduate School. May 2015.
(\$3000- for travel and attendance in Rosi Braidotti’s seminar ‘Human/Inhuman/Posthuman’ at
Utrecht University Summer School.)

John L. and Naomi Luvaas Graduate Fellowship. University of Oregon College of Arts and Sciences.
2014–2015. (\$1300)

Norman Brown Graduate Fellowship. University of Oregon College of Arts and Sciences. 2013–2014.
(\$3100)

Philosophy Matters Graduate Essay Prize. University of Oregon Philosophy Department. June 2013.

Norman Brown Graduate Fellowship. University of Oregon College of Arts and Sciences. 2012–2013.
(\$5250)

Literary Publications:

“‘*You’re in light, song*’; Considering Frank Samperi” (Essay), *Paul Revere’s Horse*, Issue 4, Winter
2010.

“The Eternal Recurrence of William Delions and Stagger Lee” (Story), *Paul Revere’s Horse*, Issue 1,
Spring 2009.

“Field Recordings” (Story), *Fugue Literary Magazine*, Issue 36, Spring 2009.

“That Come for the Light” (Poem), *Watchword Literary Magazine*, Issue 6, Summer 2004.

Teaching:

Solo Instructor, Seattle University:

UCOR 2900 Ethical Reasoning (Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2019)

UCOR 2920 Health Care Ethics (Fall 2017, Spring 2018)

UCOR 2500 Philosophy of the Human Person (Winter 2018, Summer 2018)

Solo Instructor, University of Oregon:

PHIL 335: Medical Ethics (Online) (Summer 2017)
PHIL 325: Logic, Inquiry, and Argumentation (Spring 2017)
PHIL 213: Asian Philosophy (Winter 2017)
PHIL 340: Environmental Philosophy (Summer 2016)
PHIL 110: Human Nature (Spring 2016)
PHIL 103: Critical Reasoning (Fall 2015)
PHIL 213: Asian Philosophy (Summer 2015)
PHIL 102: Ethics (Fall 2013)

Solo Instructor, University of New Mexico

PHIL 156: Critical Thinking and Reasoning (Spring 2011)

Teaching Assistant, Philosophy, University of Oregon (grading and discussion sections):

PHIL 211: Existentialism (Naomi Zack, Spring 2014)
PHIL 103: Critical Reasoning (Daniela Vallega-Neu, Winter 2014)
PHIL 340: Environmental Philosophy (Steven Brence, Spring 2013, 2012)
PHIL 325: Logic, Inquiry, and Argument (Scott Pratt, Winter 2013)
PHIL 310: Ancient Greek Philosophy (Peter Warnek, Fall 2012)
PHIL 311: History of Modern Philosophy (Beata Stawarska, Winter 2012)
PHIL 101: Philosophical Problems (Mark Johnson, Fall 2011)

Teaching Assistant, Religious Studies, University of Oregon (grading and discussion sections):

REL 223: Introduction to the New Testament (David Reis, Spring 2015)
REL 102: Religions of Near Eastern Origin (Stephen Shoemaker, Winter 2015)
REL 101: East Asian Religions (Mark Unno, Fall 2014)

Teaching Assistant, University of New Mexico (Grader)

PHIL 101: Introduction to Philosophy (Mary Domski, Fall 2010)

Service:

Journal Reviewing

Environmental Philosophy, Summer 2017

Professional

Organizer of Panel: “Ecology and Creativity: East and West” (Rebekah Sinclair, University of Oregon, Meilin Chinn, Santa Clara University) Society for Philosophy of Creativity, American Philosophical Association Pacific Meeting, Vancouver, BC, April 2019.

Organizer of Panel: “Continentalizing Pragmatism: Re-encountering James and Peirce with Deleuze and Foucault” (presentations by Jeffrey Bell, Southeastern Louisiana University, Bonnie Sheehy, University of Oregon, and myself). Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy. Atlanta, Georgia. October, 2015.

University of Oregon

Graduate Representative to Colloquium and Special Events Committee. University of Oregon Philosophy Department. 2015–2016. (elected)

Graduate Representative to Development and Publicity Committee University of Oregon Philosophy Department, 2014–2015. (elected)

Undergraduate Advisor, University of Oregon Philosophy Department, 2014–2105.

Research Assistant to Alejandro Vallega, University of Oregon. (Indexed Prof. Vallega's *Latin American Philosophy: From Identity to Radical Exteriority* from Indiana University Press.) Winter 2014.

Graduate Student Representative to the Committee of the Whole. University of Oregon Philosophy Department. 2013–2014. (elected)

Graduate Student Representative to Graduate Studies Committee, University of Oregon Philosophy Department. 2012–2013. (elected)

Research Assistant to Beata Stawarska, University of Oregon (Edited and compiled bibliographical citations for Prof. Stawarska's monograph manuscript: *Ferdinand de Saussure's Philosophy of Language*) Winter 2013.

Co-organizer of intradepartmental symposium, 'What is Pluralism?' University of Oregon, May 2012.

Graduate Coursework

Utrecht University Summer School

C30 Human/Inhuman/Posthuman (Rosi Braidotti, Summer 2015)

University of Oregon

PHIL 607: Audit: Kant and Post-Kantian Idealism (Rocío Zambrana, Winter 2016)

PHIL 605: Research: Buddhist Scripture (Mark Unno, Winter 2015)

PHIL 601: Research: Deleuze and Bergson (Ted Toadvine, Spring 2014)

PHIL 601: Research: Peirce and Logic (Scott Pratt, Spring 2014)

PHIL 620: Reading: After Metaphysics? (Colin Koopman, Spring 2014)

PHIL 615: Deleuze's *Difference and Repetition* (Ted Toadvine, Winter 2014)

PHIL 553: Spinoza (Daniela Vallega-Neu, Winter 2014)

PHIL 551: Native American Philosophy (Scott Pratt, Fall 2013)

PHIL 553: Advanced Symbolic Logic (Scott Pratt, Spring 2013)

PHIL 533: Hegel's *Phenomenology of Spirit* (Rocio Zambrana, Spring 2013)

PHIL 607: Continental Philosophy Proseminar (Beata Stawarska, Spring 2013)

PHIL 605: Reading: Pragmatism and Normativity (Colin Koopman, Spring 2013)

PHIL 607: Feminist Philosophy Proseminar (Bonnie Mann, Winter 2013)

PHIL 563: James's *Principles of Psychology* (Mark Johnson, Winter 2013)

ENVS 605: Reading: Environmental Aesthetics (Ted Toadvine, Winter 2013)

PHIL 605: Royce (Scott Pratt, Fall 2012)

PHIL 563: Beauvoir (Bonnie Mann, Fall 2012)

PHIL 605: Reading: Philosophy of Race (Naomi Zack, Fall 2012)

PHIL 563: Dewey (Mark Johnson, Spring 2012)
 COLT 590: Philosophy and Literature: Ethics and Aesthetics (Forest Pyle, Spring 2012)
 PHIL 607: Philosophy and Teaching Proseminar (Ted Toadvine, Fall, Winter, Spring 2012)
 PHIL 605: Reading: Merleau-Ponty, *Phenomenology of Perception* (Ted Toadvine, Spring 2012)
 PHIL 625: Philosophy of Language (Mark Johnson, Winter 2012)
 PHIL 615: Animality (Ted Toadvine, Winter 2012)
 PHIL 607: Phenomenology and Structuralism (Beata Stawarska, Fall 2011)
 PHIL 607: American Philosophy: Pragmatism and Neo-Pragmatism (Colin Koopman, Fall 2011)

Courses at University of New Mexico

PHIL 557: History of Analytic Philosophy (Paul Livingston, Spring 2011)
 PHIL 562: Emerson (Russell Goodman, Spring 2011)
 PHIL 520: Graduate Proseminar in Philosophy (Faculty, Fall 2010)
 PHIL 557: Kant (Mary Domski, Fall 2010)
 PHIL 415: History and Philosophy of Mathematics (Paul Livingston, Fall 2010)
 PHIL 422: Wittgenstein (Russell Goodman, Fall 2010)
 PHIL 440: Seminar: Buddhist Sutras (John Taber, Summer 2010)
 PHIL 569: Biopolitics (Adrian Johnston, Spring 2010) (Independent Study)
 PHIL 558: The Good Life and the Nature of Happiness (Paul Katsafanas, Spring 2010)
 PHIL 432: American Philosophy (Russell Goodman, Spring 2010)
 PHIL 421: Early Heidegger (Ian Thompson, Fall 2009)
 PHIL 557: 17th Century Math and Metaphysics (Mary Domski, Fall 2009) (audited)

Course at CUNY Graduate Center

PHIL 76100: Medieval Philosophy (Douglas Lackey, Fall 2008)

Languages

French (Proficient reading)
 Spanish (Proficient reading, Basic speaking)

References

Ted Toadvine, Director, Rock Ethics Institute, Penn State University, 541-731-7984, tat30@psu.edu

Colin Koopman, Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of Oregon, 541-346-5980,
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Scott Pratt, Professor of Philosophy and Executive Vice Provost of Academic Affairs, University of Oregon, 541-346-8937, spratt@uoregon.edu

Daniela Vallega-Neu, Head of Philosophy, Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of Oregon, 541-346-5549, dneu@uoregon.edu

Jason Wirth, Professor of Philosophy, Seattle University, 206-296-2135, wirthj@seattleu.edu

Russell Goodman, Emeritus Regents Professor of Philosophy, University of New Mexico,
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Dissertation Abstract: From Individuality to Ecological Attunement in Whitehead and Deleuze

My dissertation explores the ecological implications of a process metaphysics, focusing in particular on subjectivity. Primarily using the work of Whitehead and Deleuze, I explore how taking a process metaphysics seriously undoes the assumption that an individual self is a discretely bounded and independent subject. I argue that this framework troubles expansive identifications of the self with a unified whole that one finds in some metaphysically inflected strands of environmental thought (for example Deep Ecology). Instead, it encourages an orientation towards the qualitative and affective aspects of micro-relational moments, since these are the most ‘real’ metaphysically. Macro-level entities such as the self (as well as other ‘wholes’) are understood as abstractions from these primary occasions. I consider the existential impacts of taking these views seriously, in particular with regard to the transformed standing of tertiary or affective qualities that follows from the metaphysical view developed.