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EDUCATION

University of Texas at Austin, Department of Philosophy
Ph.D, *August, 2006*

University of Copenhagen, Søren Kierkegaard Research Centre
Fulbright Scholar, Guest Researcher, *January – August, 2005*

Cambridge University, Clare Hall College for Advanced Study, Department of Philosophy
Master's Degree in Philosophy, *July 1998*

Yale University, Department of Philosophy
Bachelor of Arts, Directed Studies, Graduated with Distinction in the Major, *May 1997*

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Ethics
19th Century Philosophy

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

History of Philosophy
Existentialism
Philosophy of Religion
Philosophy of Art

PUBLICATIONS

"On Nietzsche's Ideal of the Sovereign Individual" in *International Studies in Philosophy*, Vol. XXXVIII/3, Summer 2006

"Kierkegaard and Nietzsche Reconsidered" in *Kierkegaard Studies*, Yearbook 2007, Ed. Niels Cappelørn, 2007. (forthcoming)

"Hume and Kierkegaard on Faith, Reason, and the Ethics of Philosophy" in *Kierkegaard and the Modern Tradition*. Ed. Jon Stewart, Ashgate Ltd. Publishing (forthcoming)

"Tours of Hell: Mapping the Landscape of Sin and Despair with Dante and Kierkegaard as Poet-Guides" in *Kierkegaard and the Roman and Medieval World*. Ed. Jon Stewart, Ashgate Ltd. Publishing (forthcoming)

PAPERS PRESENTED

"On Nietzsche's Ideal of the Sovereign Individual" APA Central Division Meeting, North American Nietzsche Society Group Meeting, April 2005

"Kierkegaard and Nietzsche on the Best Way of Life: An Examination of Their Points of Disagreement" Søren Kierkegaard Research Center Internal Seminar, Copenhagen University, April 2005. Commentator: Dr. Jon Stewart

"Mackey on Kierkegaard's Ethics and the Joy of Faith" Conference *Wit, Scholar, Mentor: Celebrating the Life and Work of Louis Mackey*. University of Texas at Austin, September, 2005.

"*Johannes Demonicus*: Some Suspicions about Kierkegaard's *de Silentio* and *Climacus*" Poul Loubke Seminar, Department of Philosophy and Rhetoric, Copenhagen University, May 2005

"The Source and Manifestation of Joy in Kierkegaard's Life of Faith" Conference on Kierkegaard's *The Lilies and the Birds*, Søren Kierkegaard Research Centre, Copenhagen University, April 2005

"The Despair of the *Postscript's* 'Religiousness A', or How Anti-Climacus is anti-Climacus" Øresund University's Summer Lecture Series "Kierkegaard's *Postscript*," Copenhagen, August 2005.

"The Influence of Kierkegaard on the Work of Karen Blixen" Presentation to the Germanic Studies Department, University of Texas at Austin, Spring 2003

"Moral Psychology in Contemporary Virtue Ethics: Two Caveats" Commentary presentation for the UT Austin Graduate Conference in Philosophy "Virtue Ethics: The Ongoing Project," Spring 2002

DISSERTATION

Advisors: Kathleen Higgins, University of Texas at Austin
Joakim Garff, University of Copenhagen

The Ethical Project Kierkegaard and Nietzsche Share: Illustrating, Analyzing, and Evaluating Different Ways of Life

Kierkegaard and Nietzsche approach ethics by evaluating not particular actions, principles, or virtues, but the worth of different ways of life as a whole, thereby reintroducing one of the central questions of ancient ethics. I clarify what way of life each thinker takes to be best and how each thinks other ways of life collapse internally; comparing and contrasting their answers, I reveal the grounds for a valuable dialogue on such topics as integrity, autonomy, and responsibility.

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE

Dr. Kathleen Higgins
Dr. Joakim Garff
Dr. Robert Solomon
Dr. Louis Mackey (deceased)

Dr. Paul Woodruff
Dr. Robert Kane
Dr. Philip Hopkins

HONORS & AWARDS

Fulbright Fellowship, Danish-American Fulbright Foundation, Full Grant for Spring and Summer 2005 for study at the Søren Kierkegaard Research Centre, Copenhagen

Outstanding Teacher Award for 2003-2004, Department of Philosophy, University of Texas at Austin

Outstanding Teacher Award for 2001-2002, Department of Philosophy, University of Texas at Austin

Jane Stupp Memorial Scholarship for study at Cambridge University, 1997

R. C. Byrd Fellowship for study at Yale University, 1993.

TEACHING

Boston College: Adjunct Assistant Professor, *Fall 2006 – Present*

Fall 2006 **Philosophy of the Person**

Southwestern University: Adjunct Instructor, *Fall 2004 – Spring 2006*

Fall 2004 **Introduction to Ethics**

Fall 2004 **Biomedical Ethics**

Spring 2006 **Biomedical Ethics**

Austin Community College: Adjunct Instructor, *Summer 2004*

Summer 2004 **Introduction to Ethics**

University of Texas: Teaching Assistant, *Fall 1999 – Spring 2006*

5 semesters **Plan II Honors Philosophy** Phil 610

2 semesters **Introduction to Philosophy** Phil 301

2 semesters **Philosophy of Religion** Phil 305

1 semester **Contemporary Moral Problems** Phil 304

1 semester **Intro. to the Philosophy of the Arts** Phil 317K

1 semester **Medicine, Ethics and Society** Phil 318M

1 semester **Existentialism and Phenomenology** Phil 366

Cambridge University, Homerton College: Instructor/Tutor, *Spring 1998*

Spring 1998 **Introduction to Western Philosophy** (designed and taught)

Individual Supervision in Philosophy 3rd-year student

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

German Yale: One year introductory, one year intermediate, daily classes

Cambridge: One year weekly classes: German for Philosophers

Danish University of Texas: Completed First and Second Year Intensive Danish

Københavns Studieskolen: Completed two intermediate-level classes