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Curriculum Vitae
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Area of Specialization

Phenomenology & Existentialism
Environmental Philosophy

Area of Competence

19th & 20th Century German Philosophy
Ethics
Philosophy of Biology
Social and Political philosophy

Education

University of Kentucky, Ph.D (2007)

- German Studies Graduate Certificate (2005)
- Dissertation: "The Promised Land. The Problem of Edmund Husserl's True Philosophy."
Advisor: Dr. Ronald Bruzina

Colorado State University, M.A. in Philosophy, 1995

George Washington University, B.A. in philosophy and minor in classics, 1987

Study Abroad

- Ruprecht-Karls-Universität, Heidelberg, 2002-2003
- Tel Aviv University, 1984 (year)

Publications

Books

Husserl's Constitutive Phenomenology: its Problem and Promise. (Routledge: November 2008)

This study contains an overview of Husserl's total set of writings with an eye to finding therein a systematic of phenomenology. It closely traces the influence of Wilhelm Dilthey on Husserl and contains a translation of Husserl's correspondence with Georg Misch as well as a translation of a draft outline of the "system of phenomenological philosophy" produced by Husserl in collaboration with his assistant, Eugen Fink.

Presentations

- "Husserl's Zigzag Method and the Problem of a Phenomenological Language." Kentucky Philosophical Association. (May 2009)
- "Our Kinship with the World." International Association for Environmental Philosophy. (October 2008)
- "The Rediscovery of Life within Phenomenology: Hans Jonas and his Relation to Max Scheler." Institute for the Study of Nature at M.I.T. (June 2008)
- "Commentary on John Anders's paper, 'An Aporetic Approach to Husserl's Reflections on Time.'" The Husserl Circle (June 2008)
- "The Identical and the Unique in Schleiermacher's Hermeneutics." Kentucky Philosophical Association (October 2006)
- "A subjective phenomenology as Critique of Husserl." Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, (October 2004)

- "War, Political Life, and Philosophy." Katholieke Universiteit Graduate Student Conference in Leuven, Belgium (25 Oct 2002)
- "Commentary on Sebastian Luft's paper, 'Abnormality and the Counter-Normal of the Phenomenological Reduction.'" The Husserl Circle (February 1999)
- "Commentary on Caleb McDaniel's paper, 'Over-eager interpreters: Clifford Geertz and Romantic Hermeneutics'" UK Philosophy Graduate Student Association Conference (March 2001)
- "Commentary on Niel Rosen's paper, 'Phenomenology and the End of Life'" UK Philosophy Graduate Student Association Conference (March 2002)

Book Reviews

- Hickerson, Ryan. *The History of Intentionality*. – In *Philosophy in Review*. (forthcoming)
- Husserl, Edmund. *The Basic Problems of Phenomenology. From the Lectures, Winter Semester, 1910-11*. – In *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 45, no. 2 (2007): 338-339.
- Tuttle, Howard N. *Human Life is Radical Reality: An Idea Developed from the Conceptions of Dilthey, Heidegger, and Ortega y Gasset*. – In *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 44 (2006): 128-29.
- Welton, Donn, editor. *The New Husserl: A Critical Reader*. – In *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 43 (2005): 122-23.

Online

- The Husserl Page (<http://www.husserlpage.com/>) – oldest and most established online resource on Husserl's life and philosophy as well as the philosophers who influenced Husserl and those he most substantially influenced.

Papers/Translations Underway

- "Husserl's Antipode: Max Scheler and the Problem of a Philosophical Anthropology"
- "Teaching Logic to Six Hundred"
- Translation of two articles by Jan Patočka: "Asubjective Phenomenology"

Classes Taught

Complete Responsibility for Course [unless otherwise noted]

500 Level Courses

- Contemporary Philosophy – Phenomenological Directions (1x)

300 Level Courses

- Biology and Society (2x)
- Death, Dying, and the Quality of Life (1x)
- Environmental Ethics (1x)
- Existentialist Thought & Literature (1x)
- The Individual & Society (2x)

100-200 Level Courses

- Introductory Logic (18x, 4x with responsibility for 8 TAs)
- Introduction to Philosophy: Metaphysics and Knowledge (11x)
- Introduction to Philosophy: Morality and Society (2x)
- History of Ancient and Medieval Philosophy (1x [Assistant to Professor])

Teaching Positions

Lecturer

- Fall 2007 – present, University of Kentucky – Lexington, KY
- Fall 1995 – Spring 1998, Mesa State College – Grand Junction, CO

Adjunct

- Spring 2007, University of Kentucky – Lexington, KY

Teaching Assistant

- Fall 1998 – Fall 2006, University of Kentucky – Lexington, KY
- Fall 1993 – Spring 1995, Colorado State University – Fort Collins, CO

Selected Awards

D.A.A.D. Scholarship: Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Exchange (funded for full year 2002-2003)

Teaching Assistantships:

- University of Kentucky (1999-2002 & 2004-2006),
- Colorado State University (1993-1995)
- Student Support Award: University of Kentucky (Spring 1999)

Academic Service

- Faculty of the Environment. Participating member of new Environmental Degree Programs Committee, University of Kentucky Institute for the Environment, 2008-09.
- Session Chair. Heidegger Circle. Cincinnati, OH 2009.
- Editorial Review Board: *Logic* by Stan Baronet. Pearson Publishing. (2007)
- Instructor, "Online Education: Tools and Techniques" Dept. of Philosophy In-Service: University of Kentucky, 2006.
- "Micro-teach Leader," University New Teaching Assistant Orientation: University of Kentucky, 2004.

Languages

- German (high level: reading and speaking)
- Hebrew, Modern (basic level: reading and speaking)
- Greek, Ancient (basic level: reading)

Memberships

- American Philosophical Association
- Heidegger Circle
- Husserl Circle
- International Association for Environmental Philosophy
- Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy

References

- Dr. Ronald Bruzina – (859) 257-1187 rbuzina@uky.edu
Dissertation Chair, Department of Philosophy, University of Kentucky
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Dissertation Committee Member, Department of German Studies, University of Kentucky