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### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Chair, Dept. of Communication and Philosophy, Florida Gulf Coast University (2015-present)

Professor, Dept. of Communication and Philosophy, Florida Gulf Coast University (2014-present)

Visiting Professor, Dept. of Sociology and Social Work, Idaho State University (Spring 2015)

Visiting Scholar, Institute for the Medical Humanities, University of Texas Medical Branch (Fall 2014)

Associate Professor, Dept. of Communication and Philosophy, Florida Gulf Coast University (2009-2014)

Assistant Professor, Dept. of Communication and Philosophy, Florida Gulf Coast University (2004-2009)

### AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Philosophy of Health and Illness, Heidegger, Existentialism, Phenomenology, Hermeneutics

### EDUCATION

Ph.D. Philosophy, University of South Florida, 2004

M.A. Philosophy, University of Utah, 1998

New School for Social Research (Philosophy), 1993-94

B.A. Philosophy (French Minor), Idaho State University, ID 1992, *magna cum laude*

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

7. *Aging for Existentialists* (Cambridge, UK: Polity, under contract)
6. *Existentialism* (Cambridge, UK: Polity, 2014; revised and expanded 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, 2020)  
Reviewed in: *Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review*; *Self and Society*; *The Review of Metaphysics*; *Political Studies Review*; *Logical Analysis and the History of Philosophy*; *Teaching Philosophy*
5. *Contexts of Suffering: A Heideggerian Approach to Psychopathology* (London: Rowman & Littlefield, 2019)  
Reviewed in: *Journal of Phenomenological Psychology*; *Gatherings: The Heidegger Circle Annual*; *Human Studies*
4. *Existential Medicine: Essays on Health and Illness*, K. Aho (ed.) (London: Rowman & Littlefield, 2018)  
Reviewed in: *Society for Humanistic Psychology*; *Choice Reviews*; *Phenomenological Reviews*; *Gatherings: The Heidegger Circle Annual*
3. *Heidegger's Neglect of the Body* (Albany, New York: SUNY Press, 2010)  
Reviewed in: *Heidegger Studies*
2. *Dostoevsky's Notes from the Underground*, K. Aho and C. Guignon (eds.) (Cambridge, MA: Hackett, 2009)
1. *Body Matters: A Phenomenology of Sickness, Disease, and Illness*, with James A. Aho (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2008)  
Reviewed in: *The European Legacy*; *Human Studies*; *Metapsychology Online Reviews*

### Articles and Chapters

37. "The Uncanny in the Time of Pandemics: Heideggerian Reflections on the Coronavirus," *Gatherings: The Heidegger Circle Annual* (forthcoming)
36. "Gadamer and Health," *The Gadamerian Mind*, T. George and G-J van der Heiden (eds.) (London: Routledge, forthcoming)
35. "The Contraction of Time and Existential Awakening: A Phenomenology of Authentic Aging," *The Evening of Life: The Challenges of Aging and*

*Dying Well*, J. Davis (ed.) (Notre Dame, IN: Notre Dame University Press, 2020)

34. “Ek-sistenz,” *The Cambridge Heidegger Lexicon*, M. Wrathall (ed.) (Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2020)
33. “Heidegger on melancholia, deep boredom, and the inability-to-be,” *Philosophy, Psychiatry, & Psychology*, Vol. 27(3), 2020
32. “Authenticity and Social Critique,” with Charles Guignon, *The Cambridge History of Philosophy, 1945-2015*, K. Becker and I. Thomson (eds.) (Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2019)
31. “Dostoevsky, Existential Therapy, and Modern Rage: On the Possibility of Counseling the Underground Man,” *Journal of Humanistic Psychology*, 2019
30. “Notes from a Heart Attack: A Phenomenology of an Altered Body,” *Phenomenology of a Broken Body*, E. Dahl, C. Falke and E. Erikson (eds.) (London: Routledge, 2019)
29. “Neurasthenia Revisited: On Medically Unexplained Syndromes and the Value of Hermeneutic Medicine,” *Journal of Applied Hermeneutics*, 2019
28. “Temporal Experience in Anxiety: Embodiment, Selfhood, and the Collapse of Meaning,” *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences*, 2019
27. “Existential Medicine: Heidegger and the Lessons from Zollikon,” *Existential Medicine: Essays on Health and Illness*, K. Aho (ed.) (London: Rowman & Littlefield International, 2018)
26. “Affectivity and its Disorders,” *Oxford Handbook of Phenomenological Psychopathology*, G. Stanghellini, M. Broome, P. Fusar-Poli, A. Raballo, R. Rosfort, and A. Fernandez (eds.) (Oxford University Press, 2018)
25. “Alienation and Belongingness,” with Charles Guignon. *After Heidegger?* R. Polt and G. Fried (eds.) (London: Rowman & Littlefield International, 2017)
24. “A Hermeneutics of the Body and Place in Health and Illness,” *Place, Space, and Hermeneutics*, B. Janz (ed.) (Dordrecht: Springer, 2017)
23. “Kierkegaard on Boredom and Self-Loss in the Age of Online Dating,” *Boredom Studies Reader: Frameworks and Perspectives*, M. Gardiner and J. J. Haladyn (eds.) (London: Routledge, 2016)

22. "Existentialism," with Charles Guignon, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (London: Routledge, 2016)
21. "Heidegger, Ontological Death, and the Healing Professions," *Medicine, Healthcare, and Philosophy* Vol. 19(1), 2016
20. "Heidegger and Silence," *Comparative and Continental Philosophy*, Vol. 7(1), 2015
19. "Guignon on Self-Surrender and Homelessness in Dostoevsky and Heidegger," *Horizons of Authenticity in Existentialism, Phenomenology, and Moral Psychology*, M. Altman and H. Pedersen (eds.) (Dordrecht: Springer, 2014)
18. "Depression and Embodiment: Phenomenological Reflections on Motility, Affectivity, and Transcendence," *Medicine, Healthcare, and Philosophy* Vol. 16(4), 2014
17. "The Body," *The Bloomsbury Companion to Heidegger*, F. Raffoul and E. S. Nelson (eds.) (New York: Bloomsbury Press, 2013)
16. "Diversity in Philosophy: Reflections on the Legacy of Ofelia Schutte," *APA Newsletter on Hispanic/Latino Issues in Philosophy*, Vol. 12(1), 2012
15. "Assessing the Role of Virtue Ethics in Psychology: A Commentary on the Work of Blaine Fowers, Frank Richardson, and Brent Slife," *Journal of Theoretical and Philosophical Psychology*, Vol. 32(1), 2012
14. "Medicalized Psychiatry and the Talking Cure: A Hermeneutic Intervention," with Charles Guignon, *Human Studies: A Journal for Philosophy and the Social Sciences*, Vol. 34(3), 2011
13. "The Psychopathology of American Shyness: A Hermeneutic Reading," *Journal for the Theory of Social Behavior*, Vol. 40(4), 2010
12. "Phenomenological Reflections on Work and Leisure in America," with Charles Guignon, *The Value of Time and Leisure in the World of Work*, M. Haney and D. Kline (eds.) (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2010)
11. "Medicalizing Mental Health: A Phenomenological Alternative," *Journal of Medical Humanities*, Vol. 29(4), 2008
10. "Rethinking the Psychopathology of Depression: Existentialism, Buddhism, and the Aims of Philosophical Counseling," *Philosophical*

*Practice: Journal of the American Philosophical Practitioners Association*, Vol. 3(1), 2008

9. “Logos and the Poverty of Animals: Rethinking Heidegger’s Humanism,” *The New Yearbook of Phenomenology and Phenomenological Philosophy*, Vol. 7, 2007
8. “Recovering Play: On the Relationship between Leisure and Authenticity in Heidegger’s Thought,” *Janus Head*, Vol. 10(1), 2007
7. “Simmel on Acceleration, Boredom, and Extreme Aesthesia,” *Journal for the Theory of Social Behavior*, Vol. 37(4), 2007
6. “Gender and Time: Revisiting the Question of Dasein’s Neutrality,” *Epoché: A Journal for the History of Philosophy*, Vol. 12(1), 2007
5. “Acceleration and Time Pathologies: The Critique of Psychology in Heidegger’s *Beiträge*,” *Time and Society*, Vol. 16(1), 2007
4. “Animality Revisited: The Question of Life in Heidegger’s Early Freiburg Lectures,” *Existential: An International Journal of Philosophy*, Vol. 16(5-6), 2006
3. “Metontology and the Body-Problem in *Being and Time*,” *Auslegung*, Vol. 28(2), 2006
2. “The Missing Dialogue between Heidegger and Merleau-Ponty: On the Importance of the *Zollikon Seminars*,” *Body and Society*, Vol. 11(2), 2005
1. “Why Heidegger is not an Existentialist: Interpreting Authenticity and Historicity in *Being and Time*,” *Florida Philosophical Review*, Vol. 3(2), 2003

## Reviews

11. Review of Lennard Davis, *Obsession: A History*. Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press. *Kritikon Litterarum*, Vol. 47(1-2), 2020
10. Review of Phil Sinaikin, M.D., *Psychiatryland*. Bloomington, IN: iUniverse, 2012. *Ethical Human Psychology and Psychiatry*, Vol. 20(2), 2018

9. Review of Mark Letteri, *Heidegger and the Question of Psychology: Zollikon and Beyond*. Amsterdam, Rodopi, 2010. *The European Legacy*, Vol. 16(6), 2011
8. Review of Bernard Paris, *Dostoevsky's Greatest Characters*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan Press, 2008. *The European Legacy*, Vol. 16(2), 2011
7. Review of Edward Skidelsky, *Ernst Cassirer: The Last Philosopher of Culture*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2008. *The European Legacy*, Vol. 15(4), 2010
6. Review of Peter Pericles Trifonas and Michael A. Peters (eds.), *Deconstructing Derrida: Tasks for the New Humanities*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan Press, 2006. *The European Legacy*, Vol. 12(3), 2007
5. Review of Ethan Kleinberg, *Generation Existential: Heidegger's Philosophy in France, 1927-1961*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2005. *The European Legacy*, Vol. 11(7), 2006
4. Review of Toril Moi, *Sex, Gender, and the Body*. Oxford University Press, 2005. *The European Legacy*, Vol. 11(4), 2006
3. Review of Chris Lawn, *Gadamer and Wittgenstein: Towards a Post-Analytic Philosophy of Language*. London: Continuum Press, 2004. *The European Legacy*, Vol. 11(3), 2006
2. Review of Carolyn Dever, *Skeptical Feminism: Activist Theory, Activist Practice*. Minneapolis, MN: University of Minnesota Press, 2004. *Metapsychology Online Reviews*, Vol. 9(4), 2005
1. Review of Charles Guignon, *On Being Authentic*. London: Routledge, 2004. *Metapsychology Online Reviews*, Vol. 9(1), 2005

## PLENARY AND KEYNOTE TALKS

“Extrovert Privilege and American Selfhood: On the Medicalization of Shyness,” University of Texas San Antonio, Medical Humanities, 2020 (Zoom Talk)

“Medicalizing Mental Health: A Phenomenological Alternative,” University of Texas San Antonio, Medical Humanities, 2020 (Zoom Talk)

“The Phenomenology of Aging,” Institute for Hermeneutic Phenomenology, University of Buffalo, College of Nursing, Buffalo NY 2019

“What is Existential Health?” Center for the Study of Human Health, Emory University, Atlanta GA 2018

“Extrovert Privilege and American Selfhood: On the Medicalization of Shyness,” Hillsdale College, Hillsdale MI 2018

“Acceleration, Technology, and Healthcare,” Institute for Hermeneutic Phenomenology, University of Buffalo, College of Nursing, Buffalo NY 2018

“Kierkegaard on Boredom and Self-Loss in the Age of Online Dating,” Dept. of Philosophy, Södertörn University, Stockholm, Sweden 2016

“Heidegger, Ontological Death, and the Healing Professions,” Centre for Studies in Practical Knowledge, Södertörn University, Stockholm, Sweden 2016

“A Hermeneutics of the Body and Place in Health and Illness,” Theorizing the Body in Health and Medicine, Maastricht, The Netherlands 2015

“Who or What is the Body? Phenomenological Reflections on Race, Sex, and Disability,” Dept. of Sociology and Social Work, Idaho State University, Pocatello ID 2015

“Existential Health and the Problem of Medicalization,” Colloquium for the Institute for the Medical Humanities, University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston TX 2014

“Heidegger, Ontological Death, and the Healing Professions,” Colloquium for the Institute for the Medical Humanities, University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston TX 2014

“Heidegger, Ontological Death, and the Healing Professions,” Dept. of Psychology and Philosophy, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville TX 2014

“Depression and Embodiment: Phenomenological Reflections on Motility, Affectivity, and Transcendence,” Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden 2011

“Heidegger’s Neglect of the Body,” Centre for Studies in Practical Knowledge, Södertörn University, Stockholm, Sweden 2011

“Phenomenological Reflections on Work and Leisure in America,” with Charles Guignon, Jacksonville FL 2008

“Medicalized Psychiatry versus Psychotherapy,” with Charles Guignon, Science and Medicine in Society, University of South Florida, Tampa FL 2008

## CONFERENCE TALKS (selected)

“Teaching Heidegger’s *Questions Concerning Technology*,” The Heidegger Circle, Rochester NY 2019

“Recognition and Alterity: On the Political Value of an Anti-Systematic Existentialism,” Diverse Lineages of Existentialism: Caribbean Philosophical Association (CPA), St. Louis MO 2014

“Heideggerian Reflections on a Non-Dual Ecology,” American Academy of Religion (AAR), Baltimore MD 2013

“Is Existentialism Anti-Psychiatry?” American Philosophical Association (APA), Eastern Division Meeting, Atlanta GA 2012

“Ricoeur and Latin America: An Interpretation of Selfhood, Memory, and Cultural Trauma,” with Elena Ruiz and Glenn Whitehouse, Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP), Philadelphia PA 2011

“On the (Im)possibility of Understanding the Psychopathologies of Colonialism,” with Elena Ruiz, American Philosophical Association (APA) Central Division Meeting, Minneapolis MN 2011

“The Psychopathology of American Shyness: A Hermeneutic Reading,” American Philosophical Association (APA) Eastern Division Meeting, New York NY 2009

“Dostoevsky on Rage and Resentment: Counseling the Underground Man,” American Philosophical Association (APA) Eastern Division Meeting, Philadelphia PA 2008

“Rethinking the Psychopathology of Depression: Existentialism, Buddhism, and the Aims of Philosophical Counseling,” American Philosophical Association (APA) Eastern Division Meeting, Baltimore MD 2007

“Medicalizing Mental Health: A Phenomenological Alternative,” American Philosophical Association (APA) Eastern Division Meeting, Washington DC 2006

“Hans Jonas and the Heuristic Value of Dystopian Fiction,” Climate and Philosophy Conference, University of South Florida, Tampa FL 2006

“Acceleration and Time Pathologies: On the Social Psychology of Heidegger’s *Beiträge*,” American Philosophical Association (APA) Central Division Meeting, Chicago IL 2006



“Sex and Gender in *Being and Time*: Revisiting the Question of Dasein’s Neutrality,” Florida Philosophical Association, Jacksonville University, Jacksonville FL 2004

“A Conversation on the Body between Heidegger and Merleau-Ponty,” with Charles Guignon, The Heidegger Circle, New Orleans LA 2004

“Heidegger, the Body, and the Importance of the Zollikon Seminars,” American Philosophical Association (APA) Central Division Meeting, Chicago IL 2004

“Heidegger, the Body, and the Importance of the Zollikon Seminars,” Florida Philosophical Association, Eckerd College, St. Petersburg FL 2003

“Redeeming the Negative Social Critique of Adorno and Horkheimer: A Response to Habermas,” International Social Theory Consortium, Reddington Beach FL 2003

“On Heidegger’s Neglect of the Body,” Philosophy, Interpretation, and Culture (PIC), Binghamton NY 2003

“Heidegger and the Problem of Empathy,” Society for Women in Philosophy (SWIP), University of South Florida, Tampa FL 2003

“Merleau-Pontian and Feminist Critiques of Heidegger,” Northeast Florida Philosophy Conference, University of North Florida, Jacksonville FL 2003

“On the Possibility of a Historical Narrative: A Critique of Lyotard,” Special Topics Symposium: Feminism and Gender Studies, University of South Florida, Tampa FL 2003

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

### **Editorial Board**

*Human Studies: A Journal for Philosophy and the Social Sciences*

*International Journal of Applied Philosophy*

*Gatherings: The Heidegger Circle Annual*

### **Reviews Editor**

*Human Studies: A Journal for Philosophy and the Social Sciences*, 2008-2015

### **Executive Committee**

*The Heidegger Circle*, 2017-2020

### **Journal Reviewer**

*Medicine, Healthcare, and Philosophy; Theoretical Medicine and Bioethics; Medical Humanities; Journal of Medicine and Philosophy; Medical Anthropology; Journal of*

*Medical Humanities; Social Science and Medicine; Theory and Psychology; Journal of Humanistic Psychology; Review of General Psychology; Psychopathology; European Journal of Philosophy; Journal of the American Philosophical Association; Journal of Applied Hermeneutics; Symposium; Gatherings: The Heidegger Circle Annual; Social Theory and Practice; Teaching Philosophy; Humananimalia; International Journal of Applied Philosophy; Continental Philosophy Review; Mental Health and Prevention; Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences; Inquiry; Journal of Theoretical and Philosophical Psychology; The European Legacy; British Journal of Sociology; Human Studies; Theory, Culture, and Society; Florida Philosophical Review; Body and Society; EDP Society and Space; Perspectives on Science; Time and Society; Journal for the Theory of Social Behavior*

### **Book Reviewer**

Cambridge University Press; University of Toronto Press; Sage; Routledge; Wiley-Blackwell; Pearson/Longman; Polity; Rowman & Littlefield; Lexington Books; Springer; Palgrave MacMillan

## **DOCTORAL COMMITTEES**

Patrick Seniuk, “Encountering Depression In-Depth: An Existential-Phenomenological Approach to Selfhood, Depression, and Psychiatric Practice,” Södertörn University, Stockholm, Sweden, (examiner), 2020.

Stefan Cousquer, “Embodied Dwelling as Inquiry: How do we disclose what we really care about in the future and bring strategy back to life?” Hult International School of Business, Hertfordshire, UK (examiner), 2020

Richard Hammond, “Misogynology and the Impossibility of Dwelling,” Federation University, Victoria, Australia (examiner), 2016

Josephine Seguna, “The Consequence of Resistance: Interrogating Heidegger and Butler on the Conundrums of Ableism,” Griffith Law School, Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia (examiner), 2016

Anthony Fernandez, “The Contingency of Existence: On the Matter and Method of Phenomenological Psychopathology,” Dept. of Philosophy, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL (committee), 2016

MaryCatherine McDonald, “Trauma and Adaptation: A Scientifically Informed Phenomenological Account,” Dept. of Philosophy, Boston University (committee), 2015

Nicole Piemonte, “The Cultivation of the Healer: How Contemporary Medical Epistemology and Pedagogy Shape our Future Physicians,” Institute for the Medical Humanities, University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, TX (committee), 2015

Mo Mandic, "Heidegger and Existential Psychotherapy," School of Psychotherapy and Psychology, Regent's University London (supervisor), 2014

Paul McGinley, "What does crying tell us about what it means to be human?" School of Psychotherapy and Psychology, Regent's University London (co-supervisor), 2014

## **AWARDS AND INSTITUTES**

Institute for Hermeneutic Phenomenology, University of Buffalo, 2018-20  
Institute for the History of Philosophy, Emory University, 2017  
Institute for the Medical Humanities, University of Texas Medical Branch, 2014  
Professional Development Grant Award, FGCU, 2005-2018  
McTarnaghan Teacher of the Year Award, FGCU, 2008  
Teaching Assistantship, University of South Florida, 1999-2004  
Research Assistantship, New School for Social Research, 1993-94  
Tuition Scholarship, New School for Social Research, 1993-94  
Randall M. Call Memorial Philosophy Scholarship, Idaho State University, 1991  
Saraf-Duncan Sociology Scholarship, Idaho State University, 1990  
Alumni Recognition Scholarship, Idaho State University, 1988

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