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Education

August 2022 Ph.D., Philosophy, Stony Brook University
Dissertation: *The Impossible Dialectic: Existence and the Antinomies of Time*
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2021-22 Visiting Doctoral Researcher, Universität Trier

2015-16 M.Phil., Philosophy, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
Summa Cum Laude

2014-15 M.A., Philosophy, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
Magna Cum Laude

2008-12 A.B., Anthropology, Harvard University
Magna Cum Laude

Dissertation Abstract

This dissertation develops a Hegelian argument for the irresolvability of Kant's antinomies of pure reason insofar as they concern a successive time series. After detailing Kant's presentation of the antinomies, I argue that Kant's appeal to transcendental idealism fails to resolve them. In response to Kant's failure, I defend three premises for the irresolvability of the antinomies grounded in Hegel's analyses of them yet not developed by Hegel himself. First, I develop an argument for the reality of time following Hegel's logical critique of illusion or "shine." Second, I argue that time and timeless eternity are incompatible against two forms of metaphysical foundationalism: a philosophy of transcendent causality and acosmism. Third, I argue for the essentially regressive nature of time and its contradiction with an unconditioned totality of conditions necessary for anything in time to exist. Whereas Hegel pretends to reduce the antinomies to philosophically inconsequential problems despite implicitly admitting to their irreducibility, I argue that they confound the intelligibility of all temporal existence. The

“impossible dialectic” in the title of the dissertation therefore reflects two ideas: first, the metaphysical inconceivability of temporal existence itself, which is yet cannot be due to this contradiction; and second, the impossibility of resolving the antinomies, with any supposed resolution being reinscribed into dialectical irresolution.

Fellowships and Awards

2021-22	Max Kade Fellowship, Transatlantic Collegium of Philosophy
2020	President’s Award for Excellence in Teaching, Stony Brook University
2020	Hugh J. Silverman Lecture Prize, Stony Brook University
2018	Karen Burke Memorial Lecture Prize, The Irigaray Circle
2016-21	Graduate Council Fellowship, Stony Brook University
2016-20	Graduate Tuition Fellowship, Stony Brook University
2014-15	Government of Flanders Fellowship
2012	Phi Beta Kappa early selection, Harvard University
2010-12	John Harvard Scholar, Harvard University

Publications

Edited Volume

What is Sexual Difference? Thinking with Irigaray, with Mary C. Rawlinson, New York: Columbia University Press, under contract.

Refereed Articles and Book Chapters

“The Ontological Negativity of Sexual Difference: Thinking with Irigaray.” In *What is Sexual Difference? Thinking with Irigaray*, edited by Mary C. Rawlinson and James Sares.

“Irigarayan Ontology and the Possibilities of Sexual Difference.” In *Horizons of Difference: Rethinking Space, Place, and Identity with Irigaray*, edited by Ruthanne Crapo Kim, Yvette Russell, and Brenda Sharp. Albany: SUNY Press (forthcoming, 2022).

“Interview with physicist Christopher Fuchs,” with Robert P. Crease. *Continental Philosophy Review*. 54.4 (2021): 541-561.

“The Schizoanalysis of Sex: Toward a Deleuzian-Guattarian Sexual Ontology.” *philoSOPHIA: A Journal of transContinental Feminism*. 10.1 (2020): 47-70.

“Hegel and the Observable: Phenomenology, Empirical Science, and the Problem of Scientific Theory.” *Pli: The Warwick Journal of Philosophy* 31 (2019): 103-140.

“Evil and the Absolute: Schelling and the Paradox of the Future.” *Science et Esprit* 70.3 (2018): 287-302.

Book Reviews

Review of Vicky Roupa's *Articulations of Nature and Politics in Plato and Hegel. The Owl of Minerva* (forthcoming, 2022).

Review of Laura Roberts's *Irigaray and Politics. Sophia* (forthcoming, 2022).

Translation

Gottlob Ernst Schulze, "Aphorisms on the Absolute." Edited by Kenneth Westphal, translated by Caleb Faul, James Sares, and Kenneth Westphal. *The Owl of Minerva* 51.1-2 (2020): 13-34.

Conferences and Paper Presentations

"The Ontological Negativity of Sexual Difference, Genealogical and Horizontal." The Irigaray Circle, Mercer University, May 2022.

"Hegel's Logical Critique of the Kantian Antinomies." Department of Philosophy Research Colloquium, Universität Trier, invited workshop submission, February 2022.

"Moderator's Introduction." Society for Phenomenology and the Philosophy of Science, online meeting, September 2021.

"Response to Mary C. Rawlinson's *The Betrayal of Substance: Death, Literature, and Sexual Difference in Hegel's Phenomenology of Spirit*." Department of Philosophy Graduate-Faculty Colloquium, Stony Brook University, invited presentation, September 2020.

"Husserl on Omnitemporality and Temporal Constitution: An Irreducible Antinomy?" Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Duquesne University, November 2019.

"Co-organizers' Introduction," with Robert Crease, Delicia Kamins, and Paul Rubery. Society for Phenomenology and the Philosophy of Science, Stony Brook University, September 2019.

"Irigaray and the 'Priority' of Sexual Difference: A (Qualified) Defense." Diverse Lineages of Existentialism II, George Washington University, June 2019.

"What is 'Eternal' about History? Vico and Hegel on the Idea of History." Society for Italian Philosophy, Stony Brook University, March 2019.

"Hegel and Scientific Theory." Society for Phenomenology and the Human Sciences, Pennsylvania State University, October 2018.

“Neither Faith nor Profanity: Intellectual Intuition in Early German Romanticism.” North American Society for the Study of Romanticism, Brown University, June 2018.

“Irigaray on Sexual Difference, the Divine, and the Cultivation of the Self.” The Irigaray Circle, Brock University, June 2018.

“Fichte on the Unity of Theoretical and Practical Reason.” Metaphysical Society of America, Atlanta, GA, March 2018.

“Deleuze and Guattari on Sexual Difference.” Deleuze Studies Conference, Wilfrid Laurier University, invited roundtable presentation, June 2017.

“Irigaray on Sexual Difference, the Divine, and the Cultivation of the Self.” Luce Irigaray Summer Seminar, University of Bristol, invited presentation, June 2017.

“The Transcendental Act: Schelling’s Response to Kant’s Aporia of Evil.” The Problem of Evil in Modern and Contemporary European Philosophy, Bishop’s University, April 2017.

“Dialectics of Labor: Spirit’s Ascension and its Suffering.” Internationale Hegel-Gesellschaft, Ruhr-Universität Bochum, May 2016.

Teaching

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| 2018-20 | Instructor, Department of Philosophy, Stony Brook University
PHI 100: Concepts of the Person, PHI 101: Historical Introduction to Western Philosophy (x2), PHI 105: Politics and Society |
| 2016-18 | Graduate Assistant, Department of Philosophy, Stony Brook University
PHI 104: Introduction to Moral Reasoning, PHI 108: Logical and Critical Reasoning (x2), PHI 200: Ancient Philosophy |

Professional Service

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| 2022- | Executive Committee, The Irigaray Circle |
| 2021-22 | Graduate Placement Officer, Stony Brook University |
| 2018- | Co-founder and Officer, Society for Phenomenology and the Philosophy of Science |
| 2018-21 | Long Island Ethics Bowl Judge |
| 2016-17 | Graduate Student Organization Representative, Stony Brook University |