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## SPECIALIZATION

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**AOS** classical German philosophy (esp. Hegel), phenomenology, philosophy of time,  
philosophy of sex and gender  
**AOC** philosophy of science

## EDUCATION

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| <b>Stony Brook University</b> , PhD in Philosophy                                   | <i>2016 - Present</i> |
| <b>Katholieke Universiteit Leuven</b> , MPhil in Philosophy, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> | <i>2016</i>           |
| <b>Katholieke Universiteit Leuven</b> , MA in Philosophy, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>    | <i>2015</i>           |
| <b>Harvard University</b> , AB in Anthropology, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>              | <i>2012</i>           |

## DISSERTATION

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*The Impossible Dialectic: Existence and the Antinomies of Time*

Committee: Mary C. Rawlinson, Allegra de Laurentiis, Arindam Chakrabarti, Richard Bernstein

This dissertation examines Hegel's critical analysis of the antinomies in Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason*, particularly as they concern the paradox of an absolute beginning of the world in time or of time in relation to temporal regress. I argue that, far from resolving the antinomies, Hegel's critiques strengthen an argument for their irreducibility and, with it, for the inconceivability of temporal existence itself. I develop this argument in relation to Hegel's logical and phenomenological account of time, his critiques of metaphysical foundationalism, and his analysis of the principle of sufficient reason.

## FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND GRANTS

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| President's Award for Excellence in Teaching, Stony Brook University | <i>2020</i>        |
| Graduate Council Fellowship, Stony Brook University                  | <i>2016 - 2021</i> |
| Graduate Tuition Fellowship, Stony Brook University                  | <i>2016 - 2020</i> |
| Government of Flanders Fellowship                                    | <i>2014 - 2015</i> |

Phi Beta Kappa early selection, Harvard University  
John Harvard Scholar, Harvard University

2012  
2010 - 2012

## AWARD LECTURES

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**Hugh J. Silverman Award Lecture**, Stony Brook University      *postponed due to COVID-19*  
“Husserl on Omnitemporality and Temporal Constitution: An Irreducible Antinomy?”

**Karen Burke Memorial Lecture**, The Irigaray Circle      2018  
“Irigaray on Sexual Difference, the Divine, and the Cultivation of the Self”

## EDITED VOLUME

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1. *What is Sexual Difference? Thinking with Irigaray*. Edited with Mary C. Rawlinson. Under contract with Columbia University Press, expected publication date 2022.

## REFEREED ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

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6. “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. Under review, expected publication date 2022.

5. “Irigarayan Ontology and the Possibilities of Sexual Difference.” In *A Sharing of Thought and Speech: Scholarship on or Inspired by the Work of Luce Irigaray*, edited by Ruthanne Crapo and Yvette Russell. Forthcoming with SUNY Press (2021).

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

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

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

1. “Postmodernism.” *Transgender Studies Quarterly* 1.1-2 (2014): 158-161

## REVIEWS

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2. Review of Vicky Roupa, *Articulations of Nature and Politics in Plato and Hegel* (2020). *The Owl of Minerva* (forthcoming).

1. Review of Laura Roberts, *Irigaray and Politics* (2019). *Sophia* (2021).

## TRANSLATION

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1. 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.

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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1. with Robert P. Crease. "Interview with physicist Christopher Fuchs." *Continental Philosophy Review* (2021). Online First.

## CONFERENCES AND PANELS ORGANIZED

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Co-organizer, with Robert Crease, Delicia Kamins and Paul Rubery: *Phenomenological Approaches to Physics: "Quantum Mechanics: Paradigm or Ontology of Nature?"* Stony Brook University, September 24 - 26, 2019.

Co-organizer, with Robert Crease and Delicia Kamins: *Phenomenological Grounds of the Philosophy of Science*, The Society for Phenomenology and the Philosophy of Science, Duquesne University, October 31, 2019.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (I = INVITED)

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| November 2019 | "Husserl on Omnitemporality and Temporal Constitution: An Irreducible Antinomy?" <i>Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy</i> , Duquesne University.        |
| June 2019     | "Irigaray and the 'Priority' of Sexual Difference: A (Qualified) Defense," <i>Irigaray Circle at Diverse Lineages of Existentialism II</i> , George Washington University. |
| March 2019    | "What is 'Eternal' about History?: Vico on Ideal Eternal History," <i>Society for Italian Philosophy</i> , Stony Brook University.   |
| October 2018  | "Hegel and Scientific Theory," <i>Society for Phenomenology and the Human Sciences</i> , Pennsylvania State University.  |
| June 2018     | "Neither Faith nor Profanity: Intellectual Intuition in Early German Romanticism," <i>North American Society for the Study of Romanticism</i> , Brown University.          |

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| June 2018  | “Irigaray on Sexual Difference, the Divine, and the Cultivation of the Self,” <i>Irigaray Circle</i> , Brock University.   |
| March 2018 | “Fichte on the Unity of Theoretical and Practical Reason,” <i>Metaphysical Society of America</i> , Atlanta, GA.   |
| June 2017  | “Deleuze and Guattari on Sexual Difference,” Roundtable Panel on Schizoanalysis and Feminism, <i>10th International Deleuze Studies Conference</i> , Wilfrid Laurier University. (I) |
| June 2017  | “Irigaray on Sexual Difference, the Divine, and the Cultivation of the Self,” <i>Luce Irigaray Summer Seminar</i> , University of Bristol. (I)                                       |
| April 2017 | “The Transcendental Act: Schelling’s Response to Kant’s Aporia of Evil,” <i>The Problem of Evil in Modern and Contemporary European Philosophy</i> , Bishop’s University.            |
| May 2016   | “Dialectics of Labor: Spirit’s Ascension and its Suffering,” <i>31. Internationaler Hegel-Kongress Der Internationalen Hegel-Gesellschaft</i> , Ruhr-Universität Bochum.             |

## TEACHING

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| Spring 2020 | <b>PHI 105: Politics and Society</b><br>Topic: “Freedom, Will, and Action”   |
| Fall 2019   | <b>PHI 101: Historical Introduction to Western Philosophy</b><br>Topic: “Philosophy of Science and Nature”                   |
| Spring 2019 | <b>PHI 100: Concepts of the Person</b><br>Topic: “What is Thinking? The Human Between Animal and Machine”                    |
| Fall 2018   | <b>PHI 101: Historical Introduction to Western Philosophy</b><br>Topic: “Natural Theology and the Proofs of God’s Existence” |

## OTHER SCHOLARLY AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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| Philosophy of Science Reading Group, Stony Brook University           | 2018 - Present    |
| Hegel’s <i>Science of Logic</i> Reading Group, Stony Brook University | 2016 - 2017, 2019 |
| Long Island Ethics Bowl Judge   | 2018 - 2021       |
| Graduate Student Organization Representative, Stony Brook University  | 2016 - 2017       |