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***Abbreviated Curriculum Vitae***

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**Education**

Ph.D. Philosophy (2001) Boston College. Dissertation: *The Paradox of Justice and Love: Emmanuel Levinas and Gabriel Marcel on the Nature of Otherness*. Dissertation committee: Jacques Taminiaux, Richard Kearney, and Richard Cobb-Stevens.  
M.A. Philosophy (1997) California State University, Long Beach. Thesis Honors: *Toward a Phenomenology of Obligation*. Director: Daniel Guerrière.  
B.A. Political Science (1991) University of California, Los Angeles. Special program in international relations (Japanese).

**Areas of Specialization:** Contemporary Continental Philosophy (Hermeneutics, Phenomenology, Existentialism), Environmental Philosophy, Ethics, Philosophy of Religion

**Areas of Competence:** History of Philosophy, Pragmatism, Aesthetics

**Awards and Honors**

*Aspects of Alterity* (Fordham, 2006) Nominated for the Lily Foundation's Arlin G. Meyer Prize (2007)  
LMU Honors Program Professor of the Year (2006)  
Nominee for the National Society of Collegiate Scholars Faculty of the Year Award (2006)  
Profiled in *Who's Who Among America's Teachers?* (2004, 2005)  
LMU Greek Council Professor of the Year (2004)  
Associated Students of Loyola Marymount University Professor of the Year (2003, 2004)  
LMU Greek Council Outstanding Professor (2003, 2004)  
LMU Academic Persistence Program Teaching Excellence Award (2003, 2004)  
Boston College Dissertation Fellowship (2001)  
Distinction awarded on Doctoral Comprehensive Examination (2000)  
Donald J. White Teaching Excellence Award (2000)  
Graduate Fellowship for Collegium 2000 Colloquy on Faith and Intellectual Life (2000)  
Distinction awarded on Preliminary Comprehensive Examination (1999)  
Graduate Dean's List CSULB. Ranked first among Philosophy Department nominees (1997)  
Thesis Honors from the CSULB Philosophy Department and the College of Liberal Arts (1997)  
CSULB Philosophy Department's Award for Exceptional Academic Achievement (1997)  
CSULB Student Philosophy Association's Award for Outstanding Leadership (1997)  
Teaching Assistantship CSULB (1997)

## Scholarship

### Publications

#### *Books*

1. *Aspects of Alterity: Levinas, Marcel and the Contemporary Debate* (New York: Fordham University Press, 2006).
2. *A Passion for the Possible: Thinking with Paul Ricoeur*, co-edited with Henry Isaac Venema (New York: Fordham University Press, forthcoming 2010).

#### *Articles and Book Chapters*

1. "Putting Hospitality in its Place" in *Phenomenologies of Hospitality*, Richard Kearney ed. (New York: Fordham University Press, forthcoming).
2. "High Aspirations: Climbing and Self-Cultivation" in *Climbing and Philosophy*, Stephen Schmid ed. (Malden and Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2010)
3. "Blessed are Those Who Have Not Seen and Yet Believe." *Analecta Hermeneutica*, vol. 2, forthcoming 2010.
4. "Environmentalism and Public Virtue" in *Agricultural and Environmental Ethics*, vol. 22, no. 6, 2009.
5. "What Tradition? Whose Archive?: Blogging, Googlewashing and the Digitization of the Archive." *Analecta Hermeneutica*, vol. 1, 2009.
6. "Embodied Ears: Being in the World and Hearing the Other" in *Words of Life: New Theological Turns in French Phenomenology* (New York: Fordham University Press, 2009).
7. "Phronesis without a Phronimos: Narrative Environmental Virtue Ethics" in *Environmental Ethics*, vol. 30, no. 4, 2008.
8. "Absence Makes the Heart Grow Fonder" in *Transforming Philosophy and Religion: Love's Wisdom*, Bruce Benson and Norman Wirzba eds. (Indianapolis, IN: Indiana University Press, 2008).
9. "The Virtue of Simplicity." *The Concord Saunterer*, vol. 15, 2007.
10. "Judging the Other: Beyond Toleration" in *Interpretando la experiencia de la tolerancia* (Interpreting the Experience of Tolerance), ed. Rosemary Rizo-Patrón de Lerner (Lima, Peru: Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú/Fondo Editorial, 2006).
11. "Constellations: Gabriel Marcel's Philosophy of Relative Otherness." *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly*, vol. 80, no. 3, 2006.
12. "Plus de Secret: The Paradox of Prayer" in *The Phenomenology of Prayer*, Bruce Benson and Norman Wirzba eds. (New York: Fordham University Press, 2005).
13. "The God Who May Be: *Quis ergo amo cum Deum meum amo?*" *Revista Portuguesa de Filosofia*, vol. 60, 2004.
  - a. Reprinted in *After God*, John Manoussakis ed. (New York: Fordham University Press, 2005).
14. "Gabriel Marcel," in *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, Edward N. Zalta ed. (Stanford, CA: The Metaphysics Research Lab), URL= <http://plato.stanford.edu/> (2004).
15. "Merleau-Ponty on the Signifying Power of Painting and Language." *Kinesis*, vol. 28 (1), 2001.
16. "God and the Other Person: Levinas's Appropriation of Kierkegaard's Encounter with Otherness." *Proceedings of the American Catholic Philosophical Association*, vol. 75, 2001.
17. "The Overqualified Artist: Restrictions on Mimesis in Plato's Republic." *Auslegung*, vol. 24 (2), 2001.
18. "Marcel and Levinas: *Disponibilité* and Responsibility." *Dialogue*, vol. 41(1), 1999.

### Book Reviews

1. Of Richard Kearney. "On Paul Ricoeur: The Owl of Minerva," in *The International Journal of Philosophical Studies*, volume 15, Issue 2, June 2007.
2. Of Richard Kearney. "Debates in Continental Philosophy: Conversations with Contemporary Thinkers," in the *International Journal of Philosophical Studies*, volume 15, Issue 2, June 2007.

### Presentations

#### Conferences

1. "Turn Around and Step Forward: Narratives of Ideology and Utopia in the Environmental Movement." International Association for Environmental Philosophy. Pittsburgh, PA. October 18-20, 2008.
2. "Emplotting Virtue." Society for Phenomenology and Continental Philosophy. Pittsburgh, PA. October 16-18, 2008.
3. "Narrative and Nature: Sympathy with the Non-Human World." Thinking Through Nature: Philosophy for an Endangered World. University of Oregon, Eugene. June 19-22, 2008.
4. "*Tolle, Legge*: Religious Identity and Narrative Figuration." *Convivencia*: Religious Identities in the New World. Los Angeles, CA. March 27-30, 2008.
5. "Emplotting Environmental Virtue." International Association for Environmental Philosophy. Chicago, IL. November 10-12, 2007.
6. "Narrative *Phronesis*." 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Southern California Philosophy Conference. California State University, Northridge. October 27, 2007.
7. "*Phronesis* Without a *Phronimos*: Narrative Environmental Virtue Ethics." Joint meeting of the International Society for Environmental Ethics and the International Association for Environmental Philosophy. Allenspark, CO. May 29-June 1, 2007.
8. "The Demonstrable and the Ineluctable." Pragmatism Revisited: Conference on the Centennial Anniversary of William James' *Pragmatism*. Boston College. April 13, 2007.
9. "But the Greatest of These is Simplicity: Revisiting Thoreau." International Association for Environmental Philosophy. Philadelphia, PA. October 16, 2006. [paper accepted, presentation canceled.]
10. "Otherness and Difference." Society for the Study of Difference. Philadelphia, PA. October 12, 2006.
11. "Blessed are Those Who Have Not Seen and Yet Believe: Postmodern Wagers and Leaps." Mount Alison University Roundtable on Religion and Philosophy. Sackville, New Brunswick, Canada. August 18-22, 2006.
12. "Embodied Ears: Being in the World and Hearing the Other." Society for Continental Philosophy and Theology. Birmingham, AL. March 31-April 2, 2006.
13. "Turn Around and Step Forward: Ideology and Utopia in the Environmental Movement." Environmental Ethics, Aesthetics and Education. California State University, Long Beach. November 8, 2005.
14. "What Tradition? Whose Archive?: Blogging, Googlewashing and the Digitization of the Archive." Canadian Philosophical Association. London, Ontario, Canada. May 28-31, 2005.
15. "Absence Makes the Heart Grow Fonder." The Society for Continental Philosophy and Theology. Wheaton, IL. March 18-20, 2005.
16. "Creative Fidelity: Reciprocal, Asymmetrical Intersubjectivity." The Gabriel Marcel Society. Miami, FL. November 5-7, 2004.

17. “‘And I Most of All’: The Other and the Third in The Brothers Karamazov.” International Association for Philosophy and Literature. Syracuse, NY. May 19-25, 2004. [paper accepted, presentation canceled.]
18. “Wagers and Leaps: Knowledge, Belief and Faith in James and Derrida.” WECSOR (Western Commission on the Study of Religion, the West Coast Meeting of the American Academy of Religion). Whittier, CA. March 21-22, 2004.
19. “Judging the Other: Beyond Toleration.” XV Inter-American Congress of Philosophy. Lima, Peru. January 12-16, 2004.
20. “(No) More Secret Prayer.” Society for Continental Philosophy and Theology. Boston, MA. November 6-8, 2003 (hosted by SPEP).
21. “‘*Après Vous*’: The Limits of Non-Reciprocal Responsibility.” Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy. Chicago, IL. October 10-12, 2002.
22. “Divine Others and Human Others: An Inquiry into the Influence of Søren Kierkegaard on Emmanuel Levinas.” American Catholic Philosophical Association. Albany, NY. November 9-11, 2001.
23. “The Compatibility of Justice and Love.” The Gabriel Marcel Society. Dallas, TX. November 3-5, 2000 (hosted by the ACPA).
24. “Why do we Privilege Language over Painting?: Merleau-Ponty on Art and Signification.” Aesthetics and the Continental Tradition. University of Essex, Colchester, U.K. March 4, 2000.
25. “Situating Levinas within the Intersubjective Dialogue.” Addressing Levinas: Ethics, Phenomenology, and the Judaic Tradition. Emory University, Atlanta, GA. October 15-17, 1999.
26. “Marcel and Levinas: Disponibilité and Responsibility.” American Philosophical Association. Los Angeles, CA. March 25-28, 1998.
27. “Reciprocity in Intersubjective Relationships.” Southern California Philosophy Conference. University of California, Irvine. October 25, 1997.

## Grants

1. \$14000 Bellarmine College Interdisciplinary Team Teaching Course Development Grant (2008).
2. \$4000 Bellarmine College Summer Research Grant for “Emplotting Virtue” (2008).
3. \$1000 Bellarmine College Book Subvention (2006).
4. \$4000 Loyola Marymount University Summer Research Grant for “The Psychology of Risk” (2006).
5. \$1000 Loyola Marymount University President’s Institute VIII on the Catholicity of the University: “Thinking Outside the Box: The Faith that Does Justice” (2005).
6. \$60,000 for “Ecological Responsibility” the 2006 Bellarmine Forum, co-recipient with Dr. Scott Cameron and Fr. John Coleman, (2005-2006). Unfortunately, after winning this grant, I had to step down for personal reasons, leaving Dr. Cameron and Fr. Coleman to see it through to completion.
7. \$4000 Loyola Marymount University Faith and Justice Curriculum Grant for a Community Based Learning Class studying Environmental and Consumer Ethics (2005).
8. \$4000 Loyola Marymount University New Faculty Summer Research Grant for *Aspects of Alterity: Levinas, Marcel, and the Contemporary Debate* (2004).
9. \$1000 accompanying selection for Loyola Marymount University President’s Institute VII on the Catholicity of the University: “Encouraging Learning for Transformation: The Professor, The University and the City” (2004).
10. \$500 American Academy of Religion Mini-Grant for a graduate student conference on “Imaging God: Religion and Cinema” (2004). Co-Recipient with Mr. Bob Robinson (LMU M.A. Student).

11. \$4000 Boston College Dissertation Fellowship (2001).
12. \$600 accompanying the Donald J. White Teaching Excellence Award (2000).
13. Collegium Graduate Fellowship. Transportation, Room and Board for a weeklong conference at St. John's University in Collegeville, MN (2000).

## Teaching

### Teaching Experience

Director of Environmental Studies, Loyola Marymount University (2008-present)  
 Associate Professor, tenured (via early promotion), Loyola Marymount University (2008-present)  
 Assistant Professor, tenure track, Loyola Marymount University (2003-2007)  
 Visiting Assistant Professor, Loyola Marymount University (2001-2003)  
 Teaching Fellow, Boston College (1999-2000)  
 Teaching Assistant, California State University, Long Beach (1997)

### Classes Taught

#### *Undergraduate*

Environmental Ethics  
 Environmental Philosophy  
 Ethics  
 Henry David Thoreau  
 Introduction to Environmental Studies (team-taught with Dr. Herreiner of the Economics Department)  
 Narrative and Identity (cross-listed in Honors, European Studies, and Catholic Studies)  
 On Human Dignity (Honors)  
 Philosophy of the Person I  
 Philosophy of the Person II  
 Philosophy of Human Nature  
 Philosophy and Literature (cross listed in Catholic Studies)  
 Postmodernism  
 Paul Ricoeur  
 Philosophy and Culture (cross-listed in European Studies)  
 Philosophy of the Arts (cross-listed in Theological Studies)  
 Society and Its Discontents (Honors)  
 Wilderness and Wildness (team-taught with Dr. Burton-Christie of the Theological Studies Department)

#### *Graduate*

Contemporary French Philosophy  
 Emmanuel Levinas  
 Environmental Philosophy  
 Phenomenology  
 Philosophy of Religion  
 Pragmatism

#### *Independent Studies*

Environmental Philosophy (Undergraduate)  
 Hermeneutics (Graduate)  
 Narrative and Identity (Graduate)  
 Pragmatism (Undergraduate)

Pragmatism (Graduate)

## **Service**

### **Selected Departmental and University Service**

Participant in Western Conversations in Jesuit Higher Education (2009)  
Departmental Mentor to Assistant Professor Gretchen Gusich (2008-present)  
Director, Environmental Studies (2008-2009)  
Environmental Studies Committee (2008-present)  
Faculty Advisor to E.C.O. Students (2007-present)  
Faculty Advisor to Outdoor Programs Club (2009-present)  
Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability Committee (Fall 2007 to present)  
President's Committee on Mission and Identity (2004-present)  
Majors Advisor (2005-present)  
University Housing Committee (2008)  
Departmental Search Committee (AOS: Phenomenology) (2007)  
Planning Committee for the Interdisciplinary Environmental Studies Minor (2007-2008)  
Supervisor for Teaching Orientation and Practicum (T.O.P) (2007-2008)  
Supervisor for Graduate Teaching Fellows (2007-2008)  
Liberal Arts Undeclared Student Advisor (2005- 2007)  
Faculty Advisor to Philosophy Society (2003-2005)  
Faculty Advisor to Phi Sigma Tau (2003-2005)  
Guest Speaker for New Student Orientation (2005, 2007)  
Invited Participant in the National Seminar on Jesuit Higher Education (2005)  
Guest Speaker for Transfer Student Orientation (2005, 2006)  
Invited Speaker at New Faculty Orientation (2004, 2005)  
Freshman Seminar Pilot Program (Fall 2004)  
Guest Lecture for Presidential Preview Day (2004, 2006, 2007)  
President's Institute (2004, 2005, 2009)  
Philosophy Department Teaching Orientation and Practicum Mentor (2002, 2003, 2004)

### **Disciplinary/Professional Service**

Executive Committee of the Gabriel Marcel Society (2006-present)  
Executive Committee of the American Catholic Philosophical Association (2007-present)  
Society of Christian Philosophers, APA Pacific Steering Committee (2006-2007)  
Program Committee, American Catholic Philosophical Association (2008)

### **Other Service**

Board of Directors, Allen and Betty Rosenstein Foundation (2008-present)

### **Other**

#### **Editorial, Consulting, and Refereeing Work**

Fordham University Press  
Indiana University Press  
SUNY Press  
Spiritus: A Journal of Christian Spirituality

Worldviews Journal  
Environmental Philosophy  
**Professional memberships**

American Philosophical Association  
Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy  
Society for Continental Philosophy and Theology  
International Association for Environmental Philosophy  
International Society for Environmental Ethics  
Thoreau Society  
Gabriel Marcel Society  
American Catholic Philosophical Association  
American Academy of Religion  
International Society for Philosophy and Literature  
William James Society  
Society of Christian Philosophers  
Phi Sigma Tau, Philosophy Honor Society (president CSULB chapter 1996-1997)  
Phi Kappa Phi, National Honor Society