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Academic Appointment

2024- Lecturer in English, Yale University

Education

2017-2024 Ph.D., Religious Studies
Dissertation: "Sacramental Reason: Speculative Thought in Catholic Modernity"
MA and MPhil. awarded Spring 2021
Yale University

2015-2017 AM, Religious Studies
Concentration: Philosophy of Religion
University of Chicago Divinity School

2013-2014 AM, Humanities
Concentration: Philosophy
University of Chicago

2008-2012 BA *cum laude*
Majors: English (Honors) and Philosophy
Suffolk University
Cours de Civilisation Française de la Sorbonne
Spring Semester, 2011 University of Paris IV-Sorbonne

Selected Reviews, Essays, Interviews, and Poetry

- "The Modern Pope," *New York Review of Books*, forthcoming.
"[Elaine Pagels' *Miracles and Wonder*](#)," *New York Times Book Review*, 4/8/2025.
"[Whose Weil?](#)" *The Drift*, Issue 14.
"[Last Rites](#)," *New York Review Online*, 10/20/2024.
"[Inner Light](#)," *Paris Review Daily*, 8/13/2024.
"[Interview: Eliot Weinberger](#)," *The Yale Review*, 7/31/2024.
"[Jessi Jezewska Stevens, *Ghost Pains*](#)," *4 Columns*, 3/1/2024.
"[In the Streets of Rome with Pier Paolo Pasolini](#)," *The Nation*, 2/7/2024.
"[The Miseducation of Mario Vargas Llosa](#)," *The Nation*, 7/5/2023.
"[The Faith of Halldór Laxness](#)" *The Nation*, 12/28/2022.
"[The Real Show](#)" and "[Paper Snow](#)" Poems, *Berfrois*, 12/8/2022.
"[The Dominance of Place: Gerald Murnane's *Last Letter to a Reader*](#)," *Commonweal*, 9/19/2022.
"[The Allure of Catholic Aesthetics](#)," *Gawker*, 7/29/2022.
"[Of Course Disney Released a Sex Pistols Show](#)," *Gawker*, 6/8/2022.
"[Tricks of the Trade: Emily Hall's *The Longcut*](#)," *The Baffler*, 5/25/2022.

- “[Heaven Sent: Celia Paul’s *Letters to Gwen John*](#),” *Artforum*, 4/25/2022.
- “[Finding the Right Angle: On David Jones](#),” *Lapham’s Quarterly*, 2/16/2022.
- “[How Should a Person Tree?: Sheila Heti’s *Pure Colour*](#),” *The Baffler*, 2/14/2022.
- “[Edith Wharton’s Hauntology](#),” *The Baffler*. 10/27/2021.
- “[A Serious Man: Charles Péguy’s *Militant Mysticism*](#),” *Commonweal*. 5/3/2021.
- “[Brown Study](#),” Poem. *The Hopkins Review*. Spring 2020.
- “[Mary Jo Salter: *The Surveyors*](#),” *Kenyon Review Online*. 5/19/2019.
- “Emblem,” Poem. *Salamander Magazine*., Issue 48, Spring/Summer 2018.
- “[William Logan: *Rift of Light*](#),” *Kenyon Review Online*.
- “[In Europe](#),” Poem. *The New Criterion*. Vol. 36, No. 4.
- Monica Moody and Other Poems*. Poetry chapbook. Pen and Anvil Press.
- “Mere Semblance,” “Somehow in C Major,” Poems. *PN Review* 234.
- “[L’esprit terreuse](#),” Poem. *Berfrois*.
- “Len Krisak’s Rilke,” Review. *PN Review* 231.
- “Marilynne Robinson: *Givenness of Things*,” *The Hopkins Review*. Vol. 9, No. 2.
- “On Stephan Mallarmé,” Review. *The Quarterly Conversation*.
- “Paul Celan: Collected Later Poetry,” Review. *The Quarterly Conversation*.

Articles in Preparation

- “The Ritual System: The Study of Religion and the Practice of Philosophy in Hegel”
 “Against Solitude: Charles Péguy and the Rewriting of Catholic Thought”

Teaching

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| 2024 | Daily Themes
Writing tutor, Spring semester
English Department, Yale University |
| 2024 | Literary Production
Instructor, Fall semester
English Department, Yale University |
| 2022 | Reason and Religion
Instructor of Record, Fall semester
Department of Religious Studies, Yale University |
| 2022 | Phenomenology
Teaching Fellow, Spring semester
Professor Noreen Khawaja, Department of Religious Studies, Yale University |
| 2021 | Intro to Media Studies
Teaching Fellow, Spring semester
Professor John Durham Peters, English Department, Yale University |
| 2020 | The Letters of Paul
Teaching Fellow, Fall semester
Professor Laura Nasrallah, Yale Divinity School |
| 2020 | Bible as a Literature
Teaching Fellow, Spring semester
Professor Leslie Brisman, English Department, Yale University |
| 2019 | History of Early Modern Christianity
Teaching Fellow, Fall semester
Professor Bruce Gordon, Yale Divinity School00 |

Presentations, Papers, and Talks

- 2025 Sir Thomas More Lecture Series
Invited talk and discussion
The Conservative Party, Yale University, March 7
- 2023 “Speculative Thought in Catholic Modernity: Latour, Haraway, Stengers”
Co-sponsored session: Philosophy of Religion Unit and Religion and Ecology Unit
American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, November 18-21
- 2023 “The Literal and the Living: Signs, Science, and the Question of Modernity in
Péguy, Merleau-Ponty, and Haraway”
Panel on the French Catholic Revival
American Catholic Historical Association Annual Meeting, January 5-7 (withdrew due to illness)
- 2022 “Hegel’s Ritual System: Absolute Knowing and the Practice of Theory”
“Theory in the Wake of Hegel and Marx,” Philosophy of Religion Unit
American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, November 19-22
- 2021 “Thinking Through a Counter-Culture: Vitalism and Catholicism”
Bergson and Vitalism(s): An Online Workshop, April 29-30
Ghent University - University of Toulouse, Jean Jaurès
- 2020 “Eduardo Kohn and Andrei Tarkovsky”
Religion and Modernity Working Group, March 3
Department of Religious Studies, Yale University, New Haven, CT
- 2018 “Kant and the Problem of History”
Philosophy of Religion Colloquium,
Department of Religious Studies, Yale University. New Haven, CT
- 2018 “Philosophy of Religion and the Historical ‘How’ of Thinking”
Situating Philosophy of Religion
Department for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto. Toronto, CA
- 2017 “How History Moves: Schelling contra Paul”
Ways of Knowing Annual Conference
Science, Religion, and Culture Program, Divinity School, Harvard University. Cambridge, MA
- 2013 “Plato’s Poetry”
Conference on the Ancient Quarrel Between Philosophy and Poetry
Philosophy Department, Suffolk University. Boston, MA

Academic Service and Professional Experience

- 2024- Associate Editor, *The Yale Review*
- 2023-2024 Assistant Editor and Professional Development Fellow, *The Yale Review*
- 2020-2022 Co-coordinator, Religion and Modernity Working Group, Yale University
- 2020 Co-coordinator, Undergraduate Science and Technology Reading Group, Yale
University
- 2019 Co-convener, Amy Hollywood’s visiting lecture, co-presented by Religious Studies
and Theory and Media Colloquium
- 2019 Co-convener, Theorizing Secularism Working Group, Yale University
- 2017 Research Assistant for Professor Noreen Khawaja, Department of Religious
Studies, Yale University
- 2017 Proofreader for Kangas, David. *Errant Affirmations*. London/New York:
Bloomsbury. 2017

- 2013 Proofreader for Heidegger, Martin. *Introduction to Metaphysics*. 2nd Ed. Tr. Gregory Fried and Richard Polt. New Haven: Yale University Press. 2014.
- 2010-2012 Co-president, Philosophy Society, Suffolk University.
- 2009-2011 Research Assistant for Professor Thomas Connolly, English Department, Suffolk University
- 2009-2012 Assistant to Professor Fred Marchant, Director of the Poetry Center, Suffolk University
- 2009-2012 Student Reader, *Salamander Magazine*

Honors, Awards, and Fellowships

- 2018 National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar, “Invisible Bonds: The Enlightenment Science of Society”; stipend of \$2700. University of Chicago
- 2018 Summer University, Central European University
Participation in intensive seminar on Western esotericism, mysticism, and magic. Budapest, HU
- 2018 John Henry Newman Fund, Yale University
Travel grant of \$2000
- 2017 Franke Fellowship, Yale University
- 2017 Doctoral Fellowship, Yale University
Tuition and stipend for seven years of graduate study
- 2016 Summer Language Study, University of Chicago Divinity School
Full tuition for German language study
- 2015 Finalist for *3 Quarks Daily* Essay Prize
- 2012 Francis Hansen Merzlak Prize, Suffolk University English Department
For excellence in English studies
- 2012 Book Prize, Suffolk University Philosophy Department
For contributions to the intellectual community
- 2011 Sigma Tau Delta
International English Honors Society

Languages

- French (proficient reading, intermediate speaking)
- German (elementary reading)
- Classical Greek (elementary reading)

References

Dr. Paul Franks
Robert F. and Patricia Weis Professor of Philosophy and Judaic Studies
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