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## Positions Held

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Professor and Chair of Literature and Philosophy Georgia Southern University	2016-present
Professor of Philosophy, University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point	2014-2016
Interim Chair of Philosophy Department, UWSP	2011-2012
Associate Professor of Philosophy, UWSP	2008-2014
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, UWSP	2002-2008

## Areas of Specialization and Competence

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**Specializations:** 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Century Continental Philosophy, Social and Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Art, Public Philosophy, Arendt

**Competencies:** History of Philosophy, Feminism, Existentialism, Kant

## Education

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**Ph.D. Philosophy**, The University of Memphis, 2002

*In the Spirit of Kant: Political Judgment in Arendt and Lyotard*

**M.A. Philosophy**, Boston College, 1997

**B.A. Philosophy**, University of Rhode Island, 1991

## Publications

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### Books

1. *Arendt: A Critical Life*. London: Reaktion Press, forthcoming.

2. *Beyond Religious Right and Secular Left Rhetoric: The Road to Compromise*, Palgrave Studies in Religion, Politics, and Policy. New York: Palgrave/Macmillan Press, 2014.

3. *Arendt: a Guide for the Perplexed*, London: Bloomsbury Academic (Continuum Press), 2009.

This has also been translated into *Compreender Hannah Arendt*. Trans. Paulo Ferreira Valério. Petrópolis, Brazil: Editora Vozes, 2009.

### **Guest Edited Volume**

1. McMullin, Irene and Fry, Karin. *Philosophical Topics: Hannah Arendt*. Volume 39.2 (2011).

### **Chapters in Books**

1. "Lyotard and the Philosopher Child." *Philosophy and Childhood: Exploring the Boundaries*. Eds. Brock Bahler and David Kennedy. Lexington Press, forthcoming.
2. "Natality." *Hannah Arendt: Key Concepts*. Ed. Patrick Hayden. Acumen Press: Durham, 2014, pp. 23-35.
3. "The Mutual Enemy: The American Media Construction of Islam by the Christian Right and New Atheist Movements." *Negotiating Boundaries in Multicultural Societies*. Eds. Dina Mansour and Andrew Milne, Inter-Disciplinary Press, 2014.
4. "The Enlightenment Narrative and Violence." *The European Mind: Narrative and Identity*. Ed. Henry Frendo. Malta: University of Malta Press, 2010, Volume II, pp.446-452.
5. "Oh No. They Killed Kenny...Again: Kenny and Camus." *South Park and Philosophy: You Know, I Learned Something Today*. Ed. Robert Arp. Malden, MA: Blackwell Press, 2007, pp. 77-86.
6. "No Longer a Friend of Narnia: Gender in Narnia." *Philosophy and the Narnia Chronicles: The Lion, The Witch, and the Worldview*. Eds. Gregory Bassham, Jerry L. Walls, and William Irwin. Chicago: Open Court Press, 2005, pp.155-166.

## Articles

1. “Banality of Evil.” *The Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Race, Ethnicity, and Nationalism*. John Stone, Dennis Rutledge, Polly Rizeva, Anthony D. Smith, and Xiaoshu Hou eds., 2016.
2. Lyotard and the Philosopher Child.” *Childhood & Philosophy*. Volume 10, no. 20 (2014) pp. 233-246. <http://periodicos.proped.pro.br/index.php/childhood/issue/view/83>.
3. “Hannah Arendt and the War in Iraq.” *Philosophical Topics*. Volume 39.2 (2011): 41-51.
4. “Expert Help: Arendt’s World Alienation.” *Twin Cities Review of Political Philosophy*. Volume 1, Summer 2011. <http://www.stthomas.edu/politicalscience/tcreview/files/arendt.pdf>.
5. “Arendt, Hannah.” <http://www.women-philosophers.com/Arendt.html>, 2009.
6. “Lyotard, Jean-François.” Donald M. Borchert, ed. *Encyclopedia of Philosophy*. Detroit: Macmillan Reference USA, 2006, pp. 619-621.
7. “The Role of Aesthetics in the Philosophy of Jean-François Lyotard” *Philosophy Today*. Volume 48 (2004):87-93.
8. “The Role of Aesthetics in the Politics of Hannah Arendt.” *Philosophy Today*. Volume 45 (2002): 46-51.
9. “Kant and the Problem of Genius.” *Kant und die Berliner Aufklärung*. Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 2001, 546–552.
10. “Preserving the Subject: Kristeva’s Aesthetics in Light of Kant.” *Filozofski Vestnik* proceedings from the XIVth World Congress on Aesthetics 2 (1999): 163–171.
11. Blanchot, Maurice. “Grâce (soit rendue) à Jacques Derrida.” *Revue Philosophique* 2 (1999): 167–173. Translation. *Derrida: Critical Assessments*. New York: Routledge, 2002, Volume 1, pp 43-49.

## Book Reviews

1. Banford, Kiff. *Lyotard and the figural in Performance, Art and Writing*. London: Continuum Press, *The European Legacy*. 20:4(2015): 408-9.
2. Lyotard, Jean-François. *Why Philosophize?* Cambridge, UK: Polity Press, 2013. *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*. 9/8/2014. <https://ndpr.nd.edu/news/50154-why-philosophize/>
3. Mann, Bonnie. *Women’s Liberation and the Sublime: Feminism, Postmodernism, Environment*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2006. *American Philosophical Association’s Newsletter on Feminism and Philosophy*. 7:2 (Spring 2008): 21-22.
4. Crome, Keith and Williams, James. *The Lyotard Reader and Guide*. New York: Columbia University Press, 2006. *The European Legacy*.13:1 (2008): 109.

## National and International Conferences and Presentations

1. "Between Heidegger and Jaspers." Hannah Arendt Circle, Westchester University, March 2016.
2. "Critical Thinking and Evaluating Media." Society of Philosophy and the Contemporary World at the American Philosophical Association Pacific Meeting, Vancouver, April, 2015.
3. "Lyotard: Philosophy is a Doing," Performance Philosophy Conference, University of Chicago and Chicago Art Institute, Chicago, April 2015.
4. "Politics of the Straw Man," Society of Philosophy in the Contemporary World, Estes Park, Co, July, 2013.
5. "Religion and Politics in the United States: Challenging One Way Discussion," Invited Public Lecture, St. Mary's University College and the Royal Institute of Philosophy, London, November, 2012.
6. "The Common Enemy: The American Media Construction of Islam by the Christian Right and New Atheist Movements." Inter-Disciplinary.Net conference on Multiculturalism, Mansfield College, Oxford, U.K., September, 2012.
7. "The Democratic Dilemma of Religion and Politics: Beyond Religious Right and Secular Left." 29<sup>th</sup> International Social Philosophy Conference, Northeastern University, Boston, July, 2012.
8. "Challenging One Way Discussion: Beyond Religious Right and Secular Left." Advancing Public Philosophy, Washington D.C., October 2011.
9. "Protestant Bias, Religious Freedom, and Anti-Muslim Rhetoric." Association for Political Theory, University of Notre Dame, October, 2011.
10. "The Need for an Inclusive Secularism in the United States." Association for Political Theory, University of Texas A&M, October, 2009.
11. "Obama and Secularism." Invited Public Values Faculty Seminar, Trinity College, October, 2009.
12. "Opening a Conversation between Secularism and Christianity in the United States" Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World, Oneonta, New York, July, 2009.
13. "The Need for an Inclusive Secularism in the United States." American Political Science Association, September, 2007.
14. "Hannah Arendt and the War in Iraq." Hannah Arendt Circle, Louisville, KY, March, 2007.
15. "The Enlightenment Narrative and Violence." International Society for the Study of European Ideas, Malta, July, 2006.
16. "Beyond Interpretation: Kristeva on the Life and Work of Hannah Arendt." Association for Feminist Ethics and Social Theory, Clearwater Beach, FL, January, 2006.
17. "What Happened to Sartre?" Midwest Modern Language Association, Milwaukee, WI, November, 2005.
18. "Aesthetics and Politics in the Philosophy of Jean-François Lyotard." Millennium Conference, Between Fear and Wonder: International Politics, Representation, and 'the Sublime,' London School of Economics, October, 2005.
19. "Lyotard, Philosophy, and Politics." University of Memphis Alumni Conference, Memphis, TN, May 2004.
20. "Arendt, Philosophy, and Politics." A Special Conference on Values, University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, WI, April 2004.
21. "The Use and Abuse of Genius." Women and Creativity, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI, March 2004.

22. "The Female Genius: Kristeva's Ironic Interpretation of Arendt." *The Art of Gender in Everyday Life*, Pocatello, ID, March 2004.
23. "Writing the Sublime: Lyotard on Art and Politics." International Association of Philosophy and Literature, Leeds, UK, May 2003.
24. "The Role of Aesthetics in the Politics of Jean-François Lyotard." Invited paper. University of Staffordshire, UK, May 2003.
25. "Imagination and Politics." Northwest Philosophy Conference, Portland, OR, October 2002.
26. "The Role of Aesthetics in the Politics of Hannah Arendt." Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Baltimore, MD, October 2001.
27. "The Differend and the Sublime." Collegium Phaenomenologicum, Citta di Castello, Italy, July 2001.
28. "Kant and the Problem of Genius." International Kant Congress, Berlin, Germany, March 2000.
29. "Subjective Boundaries and Boundaries in Literature: Kristeva and Morrison." 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual International Association for Philosophy and Literature, Hartford, CT, May 1999.
30. "Preserving the Subject, Kristeva's Aesthetics in Light of Kant." XIVth World Congress on Aesthetics, Ljubljana, Slovenia, September 1998.

### **Service and Outreach Presentations**

1. "Dysfunctional Politics: What are People Saying about Religion and Politics in the U.S.?" College of Letters and Science Community Lecture Series, September 2015.
2. "SPARC Spotlight." 90.FM UWSP, September, 2015.
3. Interview. WPCN *Portage County Live* 92.1 FM and 1010 AM. September, 2015.
4. "Arendt: Violence and Non violence," and "Arendt: Natality and Hope," Madison Mennonite Church, Madison, Wisconsin, December, 2014
5. "Thinking about Secularism." Letters and Science Forum, University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, November, 2006
6. "Teaching Feminism to non-feminists." UW System conference on Women's Studies. April, 2005.
7. "A Panel Discussion on Feminism." University of Wisconsin Stevens Point, invited speaker, October, 2004.
8. Appearance on Page Two, a local news program, to discuss feminist issues. CBS affiliate channel 7 WSAW Wausau, Wisconsin, 10/4/04.
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12. Commentary on "The Failure of the Best Argument for Social Reduction," Northwest Philosophy Conference, Portland, OR October 2002.
13. Commentary on "Anorexia as Abjection." Mid-South Philosophy Conference, Memphis, TN, February 2000.
14. "Abjection and Literature." Invited Paper, The Language Research Forum, Memphis, TN, April 1999.

## **Teaching Experience**

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*University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point 4/4 load*

Phil 327 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy  
Phil 336 Social and Political Philosophy  
Phil 303 Philosophy of Art  
Phil 350 Feminist Philosophy  
Phil 330 Existential Philosophy  
Phil 490 Senior Seminar “Existentialism: Sartre and Beauvoir”  
Phil 490 Senior Seminar “Religion and Politics”  
Phil 490 Senior Seminar “Hannah Arendt”  
Phil 121 Critical Thinking  
Phil 100 Introduction to Philosophy  
FYS 101 Philosophy and Popular Culture

Independent Studies:

Søren Kierkegaard  
Judith Butler  
Friedrich Nietzsche  
Metaphysics of Media and Art  
Hegel’s *Philosophy of Right*  
Death and Dying in European Thought  
Sartre’s Literature

*University of Memphis*

Values in the Modern World  
Introduction to Logic  
Ancient Philosophy

## **Professional Service**

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### **Service to the University**

Faculty Senate, 2010-2012, 2013-2015.

Philosophy Hiring Committee Chair, 2014-15.

Hiring Committee for the Philosophy Department, University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, 2002-2003, 2004-2005.

Philosophy Department Assessment Coordinator, 2013-2014.

Faculty Advisor, London, fall 2012.

Interim Chair Department of Philosophy, Religious Studies, and Anthropology, 2011-2012.

Philosophy Coordinator 2008-09, 2013-present.

Environmental Ethics Coordinator 2014-15.

University Affairs Committee, 2005-2009.

Women's Studies Advisory Committee, 2006-2009.  
Student Advisor for Phi Sigma Tau, National Honors Society for Philosophy, 2005-present.  
Letters and Science Sabbatical Review Committee, 2015- present.  
Letters and Science Dean Advisory Committee, 2002-2005.  
Letters and Science Subcommittee for approval of technology grants, 2003-04.  
Letters and Science Subcommittee for educational enhancement grants, 2003-04.

### **Service to the Profession**

Managing Editor, *Arendt Studies*.  
Reviewer for the journals *Polity*, *American Political Science Review*, and *philoSOPHIA*  
The Arendt Circle Advisory Committee, 2007-2010.  
Conference Lead Organizer, The Hannah Arendt Circle, 2008-2009.  
Conference Co-Organizer, The Hannah Arendt Circle, 2007- 2008.  
Referee for "A Conference on Values" University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, 2004.  
Editorial Assistant for *Chiasmi International*, a journal on Merleau-Ponty, 2001–2002.

### **Awards**

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1. University Scholar Award, University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, 2016.
2. L&S Faculty and Program Development Grant for research in Arendt Archives at the Library of Congress, 2014-15.
3. Fellow, International Programs UWSP, London, Fall 2012.
4. Sabbatical Year Release 2009-2010.
5. Philosophy Department Nominee, University Scholar Award, UWSP, 2009, 2014, 2015.
6. National Endowment for the Humanities Seminar Grant, "Religious Diversity and the Common Good." Boston College, 2007.
7. University Personnel Development Committee Grant, "The Materiality of Johanna Hallsten's Art, 2007.
8. L&S Educational Enhancement Grant, 2006.
9. L&S Faculty and Program Development Grant, 2006.
10. L&S Faculty and Program Development Grant, 2005.
11. Hillary S. Johnson Student Teaching Award, University of Memphis, 2002.