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Curriculum Vitae

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**EDUCATION**

Ph.D. Department of Philosophy, Marquette University, Milwaukee, May 2018

Dissertation: *The Parable as Mirror: An Examination of the Use of Parables in the Works of Kierkegaard*

Committee: Noel Adams (chair), Amelia Zurcher, Javier Ibanez-Noe, Stanley Harrison

AOS: History of Philosophy, Kierkegaard

AOC: Ethics, Existentialism, Philosophy of Science

B.A. Department of Philosophy, University of Tulsa, OK, 2009

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Illinois State University, Instructional Assistant Professor (NTT), 2018-Current**

Basic Issues in Philosophy (5 sections)

Ideal of Democracy (1 section)

Rights and Wrongs (1 section, upcoming)

Science and Human Culture (1 section, upcoming)

**City College of Chicago – Wright College, Adjunct Instructor, 2014-2018**

Introduction to Philosophy (12 sections)

Western Humanities I (3 sections)

Ethics (2 sections)

Popular Culture in American Society, Learning Community (3 sections)

Introduction to Arts and Ideas (1 section)

**National Louis University, Adjunct Instructor, Spring 2017**

Ethics (1 section)

**Marquette University, Adjunct Instructor, 2011- 2014**

Philosophy of Human Nature (11 sections)

Introduction to Logic (2 sections)

Theory of Ethics (2 sections)

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Book Chapters**

2018 “USS Callister and Non-Player Characters: How Should We Act in Video Games” in *Black Mirror and Philosophy*. Wiley and Sons. Forthcoming.

2015 “Why Science is a Liar Sometimes” in *It’s Always Sunny in Philadelphia and Philosophy*. Open Court Press. 159-166.

2013 “It’s Only Sane to Hide the Body in Your Mattress” in *Futurama and Philosophy*. Open Court Press. 245-253.

**Peer Reviewed Journal Articles**

In Submission “Kierkegaard and Parables: Making Sense of Agnes and the Merman”

In Submission “Creating Student Centered Reflections” IRB approval for research at Wright College aimed at understanding how active learning techniques and reflective writing impact students’ ability to apply content in philosophy classes. Research completed Spring 2018, paper in submission.

**Book Reviews**

In Press Review of *Science Fiction, Ethics, and the Human Condition*, ed. Crian Baron, Peter Nicolai Halvorsen, and Christine Cornea. *Science Fiction Film and Television*.

**CONFERENCE ACTIVITY**

**Papers**

2018 Can Christians Take a Joke?: Humor and the Divine, American Philosophical Association Central, Chicago, IL, February 21-24.

2017 Kierkegaard and Parables: Making Sense of Agnes and the Merman, American Philosophical Association Pacific, Seattle, WA, April 12-15.

2016 Ethics and Choice: An Analysis of Decision Design in Games, Pop Culture Association Midwest, Chicago, IL, October 6-9.

2014 Video Games as Moral Development, Pop Culture Association Southwest, Albuquerque, NM, February 19-22.

2014 Empty Spaces: An Analysis of Spinoza’s Vacuum Argument, Newberry Library Renaissance Conference, Chicago, IL, January 23-25

2013 Schopenhauer, Monism, and the Problem of Evil, Northwest Philosophy Conference, Forest Grove, OR, October 4-6.

2013 Chance, Indeterminism, and Freedom in Pierce, Wisconsin Philosophical Association, Milwaukee, WI, April.

2010 The Necessity of Metaphor in Kierkegaard, Marquette Graduate Student Colloquium, Milwaukee, WI, October.

**INVITED TALKS**

2019 Parable as Philosophy: A Look at Kierkegaard’s Story-telling, Washington University, St. Louis, MO.

2013 Humor and the Absurd, Honors College Last Lecture Series, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI.

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Committee to update the Master Syllabi used at Wright College, 2017

Certified Philosophical Counselor, 2016

Co-Chair, Institute on Interdisciplinarity, Wright College, 2015-2016

Learning Community Committee, Wright College, 2015-2016

Great Books Curriculum Committee, Wright College, 2015-2016

Committee to revise the Marquette Philosophy Handbook and By-Laws, 2013

**OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

CITI training for Human Subjects Research, 2016

Preparing Future Faculty Certificate, 2012

Marquette Philosophy Teaching Seminar, 2009

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

American Philosophical Association, 2016-present

North American Soren Kierkegaard Society, 2010-present

Pop Culture Association, 2014-present

American Philosophical Counseling Association, 2016-present

**REFERENCES**

Amelia Zurcher, Associate Professor and Director of the Honors Program

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