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## Education

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**Ph.D. University of Memphis** (Memphis, TN), Philosophy, 2016-21

Dissertation: *Difference and Necessity: Dispositionalism, Deleuze, and the Finite Genesis of Transfinite Truths.*

Committee: Mary Beth Mader (director), David Gray, Kas Saghafi, Jon Cogburn (LSU)

**M.A. Kingston University** (London, UK) and **Paris 8 Saint-Denis** (Paris, France),  
Contemporary European Philosophy, 2014-16.

Thesis Advisor: Catherine Malabou

**M.A. West Chester University** (West Chester, PA), Philosophy, 2010-12.

**B.S. Lebanon Valley College** (Annville, PA), Physics, 2006-10.

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## Areas of Specialization

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Continental and Analytic Metaphysics

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## Areas of Competence

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Ancient Chinese Philosophy, Ancient Indian Philosophy, Ethics, Logic, Philosophy of Mathematics, Philosophy of Science (Physics), Philosophy of Technology.

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## Academic Appointments

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**Post-Doctoral Researcher – Louisiana State University** (Baton Rouge, LA), LSU Ethics Institute, Embedding Ethics in STEM @ LSU, 2022-present.

**Post-Doctoral Researcher – Laurentian University** (Sudbury, ON), Gilles Deleuze and Cosmology Research Group, 2022-3.

**Visiting Instructor – Slippery Rock University** (Slippery Rock, PA), Department of Philosophy, 2021-2.

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## Publications

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### Books

*Deleuze, Mathematics, Metaphysics: Difference and Necessity.* Edinburgh University Press.  
(forthcoming)

### Journal Articles

“Extending Intensions: Deleuze and Guattari’s Critique of Formal Logic,” *Deleuze and Guattari Studies*, (forthcoming).

“Building a Way: Becoming Active in One’s Own Subjectivation Through Deleuze and Xunzi,” *Philosophies*, vol. 7, 98, (2022). 1-16.

“What Laws? Which Past?: Meillassoux's Hyper-Chaos and the Epistemological Limits of Retro-Causation,” in *Open Philosophy*, vol. 1, (2018). 235-244.

“Neuroticism and the Impossibility of Meta-Philosophy,” in *Parasol: Journal for the Centre for Experimental Ontology*, vol. 1, (Jan. 2018).

### Book Chapters

“Mathematical Extraction: Set Theory and Category Theory as the Forms of Duomining,” *Speculative Realism Today*, (forthcoming).

“Infinite Speeds and Practical Reason: A Kinematics of the Concept in *What is Philosophy?*,” in *Deleuze, Guattari, and the Philosophy of Freedom: Freedom’s Refrains*, Routledge, (2019), 16-24.

“On Inherent Values in Media,” in *Crisis, Exposure, Imagination: Lifting Veils*, Cambridge Scholars Publishing, (2017). 71-79.

“Impassioning Reason: On the Role of Habit in Argumentation,” in *Argumentation and Reasoned Action: Proceedings of the First European Conference on Argumentation, Lisbon, 9-12 June 2015*, vol. 2, (2016). 205-15.

### Book Reviews

Chiurazzi, Gaetano, *Dynamis: Ontology of the Incommensurable*, 2021, trans. Robert Valgenti, for *Comparative and Continental Philosophy*, 15.1, July 2023.

*Deleuze and New Technology*, eds. Mark Poster and David Savat for *The Journal of Cultural and Religious Theory*, 11.2, (July 2011). 225-6.

### Works in Progress

Co-authored Monograph: *Weird Atheism: H. P. Lovecraft and the Meaning of Life in a Meaningless Cosmos*. With Jon Cogburn. Draft in progress

Article: “Deleuze and Decoherence: Approaching the Measurement Problem through Intensity.” Under Review.

Article: “Life Against Smallism: Assembly Theory, Complexity and the Order of Explanation.” Draft in progress.

Article: “Operations of Order.” Draft in progress.

### Honors, Awards, Grants

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Conference Grant for “Cosmology Between Philosophy and Science: Deleuze, Guattari, and the Rest of Us,” *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, Nov. 2022.

Morton Dissertation Award, University of Memphis Graduate School, Memphis, Tn. March, 2021.

## Presentations

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### Invited Presentations

“Powers of Difference: Getting Necessary Truths Without Necessary Objects,” Colloquium talk, Christian Brothers University, Department of Philosophy and Religion, Memphis, TN, April 4th, 2019.

### Referred Presentations

“Expression and Mathematical Truth: A Deleuzian Answer to the Bencic Dilemma,” 15<sup>th</sup> International Deleuze and Guattari Studies Conference, Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, Belgrade, Serbia, July 10-12, 2023.

“The Horror of Learning,” London Conference in Critical Thought, London Metropolitan University, June 30-July 1, 2023.

“Deleuze and Decoherence: Approaching the Measurement Problem through Intensity,” Cosmology between Philosophy and Science, Laurentian University, May 25-27, 2023.

“Life Against Smallism: Assembly Theory, Complexity, and the Order of Explanation,” American Comparative Literature Association 2023 Annual Meeting, March 16-19, 2023

“The Meaning of Events: A Modal Argument for Finitude Against Nihilism,” Unlearning Nihilism, Royal Holloway’s Centre for Continental Philosophy and The New Centre for Research and Practice, June 23-26, 2022.

“Breaking the Cyber Siege: Mohist Counter-Siege Warfare as a Model for Digital Resistance,” Intercultural Ethics and Technology Conference, Ethics of Socially Disruptive Technologies Research Program, Jan. 27-8, 2022.

“Powers of Pure Difference: Deleuze, Dispositionalism, and Necessary Truths,” 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Deleuze and Guattari Studies Conference, held by Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic, July 5-7, 2021.

“Operations of Order: Intensity, the Calculus, and Objective Abstraction,” 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Deleuze and Guattari Studies Conference, Royal Holloway, University of London, London, United Kingdom July, 8-10, 2019.

“Living the Justice to Come: Meillassoux and the Use of Utopias for Contemporary Ethics,” 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for Utopian Studies, Memphis, TN, November 9-12, 2017.

“The Devil and Its Friends: Deleuze and Serres on Identity and Systems Coupling,” 56th Annual Meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, University of Memphis, Memphis, TN, October 19-21, 2017.

“Shapes in the Sand: Geometry and Its Importance for an Enactive Account of Mathematics,” Getting Real About Language and Numbers, Erasmus University, Rotterdam, Netherlands, June 12-13, 2017.

- “What Laws? Which Past?: Meillassoux, Retro-causation, and its Consequences for Science,” 2nd Annual Society for the Metaphysics of Science, University of Geneva, Geneva, Switzerland, September 15-17, 2016.
- “Impassioned Reason: On the Role of Habit in Argumentation,” European Conference on Argumentation, Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Lisbon, Portugal, June 9-12, 2015.
- “Lovecraft and Deleuze on Radical Experience, or Walter Gilman, Superior Empiricist,” 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Dutch National Deleuze Scholarship Conference, Radboud University, Nijmegen, Netherlands, June 5, 2015.
- “Infinite Speeds and Practical Reason: A Kinematics of Concept Creation,” Deleuze and Guattari: Refrains of Freedom, Trent University and University of Athens, Athens, Greece, April 24-26, 2015.
- “The Demand of Things: Levinas and Cantor on Infinity,” Philadelphia Summer School in Continental Philosophy, Immaculata University, August 9, 2014.
- “Dx and Genesis: The One Sentence Deleuze Machine,” 7<sup>th</sup> International Deleuze Studies Conference, “Models, Machines, and Memories,” Istanbul Technical University, Turkey, July 14-16, 2014.
- “Inverting Kant: Towards a Theory of Transcendental Empiricism,” 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Philosophy Conference, West Chester University, March 8, 2014.
- “Land Wars: Potential Territories Against Possible Worlds,” 6<sup>th</sup> International Deleuze Studies Conference, “The Territory In-between,” University of Lisbon, Portugal, July 8-10, 2013.
- “Shifting the Transcendental: Deleuze’s Reorientation of Kant,” 5<sup>th</sup> International Deleuze Studies Conference, “Deterritorializing Deleuze,” Tulane University Department of Philosophy, June 25-27, 2012.
- “Ethics of Transmission: Exploring Inherent Values in Mediums,” Lifting Veils: Crisis, Exposure, and Imagination, Salve Regina University, October 22, 2011.
- “Object-Oriented Religion,” Postmodernism, Culture, and Religion 4: The Future of Continental Philosophy of Religion, Syracuse University, April 7-9, 2011.
- “Deleuze/dx: Calculus and the Ontology of Difference,” 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Philosophy Conference, West Chester University, January 23, 2010.
- “Calculus, Generative Metaphysics, and the Nothing,” 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Philosophy Conference, West Chester University, January 25, 2009.

### Commentary

- Comment on Eric Aldieri, “Infinite Speed, or the Metaphysical Basis for Deleuzian Epistemology,” 61<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, October 12-14, 2023.

### Teaching

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#### Visiting Instructor

**Slippery Rock University**, Fall 2021-Spring 2022

Asian Philosophy (2 sections)

Business Ethics (1 section)

Cognitive Science: Artificial Intelligence and Film (1 section)

Formal Logic (1 section)

Philosophical Inquiry (2 sections)

World Religions (1 section)

**Graduate Instructor****The University of Memphis**, Fall 2018-Summer 2021.

Elementary Logic (6 sections)

Introduction to Ethics (3 sections)

Science, Technology, and Human Values (1 section)

**Adjunct Instructor****Louisiana State University**, Spring 2021, Fall 2022-Fall 2023.

Introduction to Philosophy (2 section)

Introduction to Buddhist Philosophy (1 section)

History of Modern Philosophy (1 section)

Object-Oriented Ontology, co-taught with Jon Cogburn (1 section)

Philosophy of Art, co-taught with Jon Cogburn (1 section)

**Christian Brothers University**, Spring 2018-Spring 2021.

Theories of Human Nature (8 sections)

**Rowan University**, Fall 2015-Spring 2016.

Symbolic Logic (2 sections)

World Philosophy II (1 section)

**Walnut Hill College**, Winter 2013-Spring 2014.

Ethics (1 section)

Philosophy as a Way of Life (1 section)

**Immaculata University**, Summer 2013.

Logic and Knowledge (1 section)

**Lebanon Valley College**, Spring 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2015-Spring 2016.

American Philosophy (2 sections)

Ethics (2 sections)

The Examined Life (3 sections)

**Neumann University**, Fall 2011, Spring 2014.

Ethics (2 section)

Introduction to Philosophy (1 sections)

**Teaching Assistant****University of Memphis**, Fall 2016-Spring 2018.

Fundamental Issues in Philosophy (3 sections)

Intermediate Logic (1 section)

## Embedded Ethics Modules Designed

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- “Privacy and Proxy Variables in Biosensor Design,” BE 2350: Biosensor Design
- “Community Design and Reflective Equilibrium,” BE 1252: Biology in Engineering
- “Moral Development in Chemical Engineering Safety,” CHE 4172: Process Design
- “Research Ethics in Biology,” SCI 1002: Honors Becoming a Scientist
- “Publication Ethics in Psychology,” PSYC 7930: Professional Development
- “Moral Reasoning Beyond Professional Codes of Ethics,” ENGR 1050: Intro to Engineering
- “Disability and the Ethics of User Interface Design,” CSC 4243: Interface Design Technology

## Professional Service

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- Workshop Co-Organizer, *WELL-Informatics Workshop*, Louisiana State University, October 2, 2023.
- Conference Co-Director, *Cosmology Between Philosophy and Science: Deleuze, Guattari, and the Rest of Us Conference*, Gilles Deleuze and Cosmology Research Group, Laurentian University, May 25-27, 2023.
- Instructor, *Humanities Ladder*, Slippery Rock University and Union Area High School, February-June 2022.
- Conference Co-Director, *Complexity in the Humanities and Sciences: Philosophy Graduate Student Association Conference*, University of Memphis, March 29-30, 2019.
- Book Exhibit Coordinator for the *56th Annual Meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy*, hosted by University of Memphis, October 19-21, 2017. Paid part-time position, August-October, 2017.
- Conference Co-Director, *Ethics in Dialogue: West Chester University's 7th Annual Graduate Conference*, West Chester University, April 7, 2012.

## Summer Training

- Participant, *12<sup>th</sup> Annual Deleuze Camp*, Royal Holloway, University of London, London, United Kingdom, July 1-5, 2019.
- Participant, 2014 Tübingen Philosophy and History of Physics Summer School, “Arches and Scaffolding with Michel Janssen,” Tübingen, Germany, August 4-8, 2014.
- Participant, *Summer School – Philosophy of Probability*, organized by Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy, Saig, Black Forest, Germany, July 21-26, 2014.
- Participant, *Kierkegaard Summer Scholars Program*, St. Olaf University, Northfield, MN, June 2014.
- Participant, *2013 Tuebingen Summer School: The Philosophical History of Modern Space-Time Theory* with Robert DiSalle, Tübingen, Germany, August 5-10, 2013.
- Participant, *Summer School - Physics and Philosophy of Time*, organized by Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy, Saig, Black Forest, Germany, July 23-28, 2013.

Participant, 7<sup>th</sup> *Annual Deleuze Camp*, University of Lisbon, Lisbon, Portugal, 1-5 July, 2013.

### **Professional Memberships**

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American Philosophical Association (APA)

The Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP)

Society for Ethics Across the Curriculum (SEAC)

### **References**

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#### **Dissertation Committee**

Mary Beth Mader (director), Professor of Philosophy. The University of Memphis.  
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#### **Teaching**

Daniel J. Smith, Asst. Professor of Philosophy. The University of Memphis.  
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University. jwallac6@cbu.edu. 901-321-3018.

#### **Embedded Ethics Research**

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