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Curriculum Vitae

Contact Information

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Research and Teaching Interests

Areas of Specialization: Ancient Greek Philosophy, 19th-Century German Philosophy (esp. Nietzsche), Phenomenology (esp. Husserl, Heidegger, and Fink)

Areas of Competence: Medieval Philosophy, Philosophy of Religion, Continental Philosophy, 20th-Century French Philosophy

Education

2022 **PhD.**, Department of Philosophy, DePaul University, Chicago, USA
Dissertation Title: Eleusis *contra* Delphi: The Idea of Eternal Return in Nietzsche, Heraclitus, and the Greek Mystery Cults
Committee: Sean Kirkland, William McNeill, Peg Birmingham

2015 **MPhil.**, Department of Philosophy, KU Leuven, Leuven, Belgium
Thesis Title: Χώρα and Necessity: Irrationality, Disorder, and Destruction in Plato's *Phaedrus* and *Timaeus*
Thesis Advisor: Henning Tegtmeier

2014 **M.A.**, Department of Philosophy, KU Leuven, Leuven, Belgium
Thesis Title: The Phenomenon of Life in Heidegger's Late Writings
Thesis Advisor: Ullrich Melle

2013 **B.A.**, Department of History, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey

Academic Positions

2022 Boğaziçi University, Part-time Instructor
2017-2022 DePaul University, Teaching Fellow
2015-2017 DePaul University, Teaching Assistant

Languages

Ancient Greek, German, and French (All officially completed during Ph.D.)

Publications

“Act of Terror and the Sublime at the Twilight of the Islamic State” in *Journal of Speculative Philosophy* (forthcoming)

“‘Deep Yellow and Hot Red’ – Nietzsche’s Genealogy of Space” in *Cosmos and History: The Journal of Natural and Social Philosophy*, 18 (2):150-74.

De Theognide Megarensi: Nietzsche on Aristocracy and Blood in *Megarali Theognis Üzerine*, written by Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche, 7-22. Istanbul: Dergah Yayinlari, 2021.

Eternal Return and the Greek Religion (monograph in preparation)

Work in Progress

“Stone and the World: Thing and Repose in Heidegger’s *The Origin of the Work of Art*” (under review)

“Ibn Sīnā’s Addendum in *Kitāb al-Shifā’ al-Ṭabī’iyya* to Aristotle’s Account of Rest” (under review)

“The Question Concerning Ground and Theodicy in Schelling’s Commentary on the *Timaeus* (1794)”

“The Olympian and The Chthonic: The Topology of Plato’s Pantheon” (under review)

Grants and Fellowships

2021 Doctoral and Undergraduate Opportunities for Scholarship (DUOS) Grant, DePaul University College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Project: *The Dionysian State: Friedrich Nietzsche on Politics and Community*

2020 Writing Quarter Fellowship, DePaul University

2016 Richardson Fellowship, French Language Courses in Paris

2016 International Graduate Research Fund, DePaul University, Project: *Foucault’s Unpublished Notes on Nietzsche and the notion of Herkunft*, Foucault Archives in Bibliothèque Nationale, Paris

2015- Graduate Teaching Fellowship

2007-2012 TUBITAK Grant

Conference Activity and Participation

2021 “Nietzsche on Time and Place of the Tragic” *History of Philosophy Society*. May 2

2020 “Nietzsche and the Temporalities of Destruction: Desert Time and Jungle Time” *History of Philosophy Society*. April 17.¹

2020 “History of Time: The Notion of Αἰών In Homer, Aeschylus, and Euripides” *Ancient Science Conference*, University College London. (UCL) February 22

2015 “Plato and Nietzsche on Place.” *Place and Space Conference*, Kingston College, January 6

2014 “Heidegger and the Question of Animality in 1929-30 Lecture Course.” Hoger Instituut voor Wijsbegeerte (HIW), KU Leuven. April 20.

Teaching Experience

Boğaziçi University, Department of Philosophy, 2022-2023
Negative Theology (1 section)

DePaul University, Department of Philosophy, 2015-2021
Introduction to Philosophy (7 sections)
Love, Hatred, and Resentment (5 sections)
Business Ethics (2 sections)
Philosophy of God (1 section)
Environmental Philosophy (1 section)

Total 18 sections

¹ Conference cancelled after paper acceptance due to the pandemic.