

# Curriculum Vitae

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### Positions

Assistant Professor, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI (January 1, 2004—present)  
Fellow, Oxford Centre for Animal Ethics (June 2008—present)  
Instructor, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI (September 1—December 31, 2003)

### Education

Ph.D., University of Notre Dame (Philosophy), January 2004  
B.A. *summa cum laude*, Wheaton College (Philosophy, Literature), May 1995

### Areas of Specialization

20<sup>th</sup> Century European Philosophy, Hermeneutics, Deconstruction, Animal Ethics

### Areas of Competence

History of Philosophy, Neoplatonism, Philosophy of Religion

### Research

#### Articles

“Food for Thought: Practical Advice for Peaceful Eating,” Washington, D.C., The Humane Society of the United States, 2009.

“Animal Welfare and Global Sustainability,” *Minds in the Making*, Volume 4, Issue 2, February 2008, <http://www.calvin.edu/minds/vol04/issue02/mhalteman.php>.

“Living Toward the Peaceable Kingdom: Compassionate Eating as Care of Creation,” Washington, D.C., The Humane Society of the United States, 2008.

“On the Problematic Origin of the Forms: Plotinus, Derrida, and the Neoplatonic Subtext of Deconstruction’s Critique of Ontology,” *Continental Philosophy Review*, November 2006.

“Towards a “Continental” Philosophy of Religion: Derrida, Responsibility, and “Non-Dogmatic” Faith,” in *Rethinking Philosophy of Religion: Approaches from Continental Philosophy*, ed. Philip Goodchild, New York, Fordham University Press, 2002.

“Agent Provocateur: Richard Rorty’s *Truth and Progress*” (a review article with Andrew Chignell), in *Books and Culture*, July/August 2000.

#### Reviews

Review of Paul Waldau and Kimberly Patton’s *A Communion of Subjects: Animals in Religion, Science and Ethics*, *The Christian Century* (forthcoming).

### **Reviews, continued**

“Anticipating Arrival: Notes on Garcia and Wolpa’s *Death Will Come*,” in *Exquisite History Volume Two*, Charlottesville: University of Virginia (The Printmakers Left), 2009.

Review of James Bernauer and Jeremy Carrette’s *Michel Foucault and Theology: The Politics of Religious Experience*, *Scottish Journal of Theology*, Volume 61, Issue 3, 2008.

Review of Mark Dooley and Liam Kavanagh’s *The Philosophy of Derrida*, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 2008.04.07, <http://ndpr.nd.edu/review.cfm?id=12843>.

Review of Paul Edwards’ *Heidegger’s Confusions*, *Philosophical Review*, April 2007.

### **Works in Progress**

“Whose *Différance*? Which Deconstruction?: Rorty and his Rivals Read Derrida” (under review)

“Overcoming Ontological Difference: The Hermeneutic Significance of Heidegger’s ‘On the Essence of Ground’” (under review)

“On the Hermeneutic Unity of *Being and Time*: Divisions I and II as a ‘Progressive Elaboration of Transcendence’” (in preparation)

“Being-in-the-world is Not Just Coping with the World: Heidegger Beyond Pragmatism” (in preparation)

“Philosophy of Behalf of Animals: Resources from the Continental Tradition” (in preparation)

“Liturgical Life as the Spiritual Disciplinary Pursuit of Shalom” (in preparation)

“Varieties of Harm in Livestock Production” (in preparation)

### **Dissertation**

*The Problem of Transcendence in Heidegger and Derrida*

Advisor: Stephen H. Watson; Committee: K. Ameriks, G. Gutting, G. Reydam-Schils

### **Lectures and Presentations**

*Thinking in Public: Christian Philosophers as Public Intellectuals*, Grand Rapids, Michigan (April 2010)

Keynote Address: “Christian Philosophy as a Way of Life: Compassionate Eating and Public Witness” (Society of Christian Philosophers Central Region Annual Meeting)

*Wake Up Weekend: Animals, Awareness, Advocacy*; Grand Rapids, Michigan (January 2010)

“Philosophy on Behalf of Animals: Resources from the Continental Tradition”

Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois (November 2009)

“Varieties of Harm in Industrial Livestock Production”

Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois (November 2009)

“Compassionate Eating as Care of Creation: Why Christians Should Think Before We Eat This Thanksgiving”

## **Lectures and Presentations, continued**

Christian Educators Association Annual Meeting, South Bend, Indiana (October 2009)

“Eating as an Act of Justice: Food Production, Sustainability, and Global Hunger”

Calvin College Quest Program (Invited Address to the Class of 2013) (September 2009)

“The Opportunity of a Lifetime: Christian Liberal Arts as Liturgy for Living”

*Philosophical Reflections on Liturgy*, Calvin College Summer Seminars (July 2009)

“Liturgical Life as the Spiritual Disciplinary Pursuit of Shalom”

Social Justice Committee, Sherman Street Christian Reformed Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan (March 2009)

“Eating as an Act of Justice: Food Systems and Global Hunger”

Society of Christian Philosophers, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois (November 2008)

“Compassionate Eating as Care of Creation” (with Terence Cuneo and Stephen Webb)

The Episcopal Church at Cornell, Ithaca, New York (May 2008)

Author’s Workshop on “Compassionate Eating as Care of Creation” (Funded by the Greenblade Project in partnership with the Episcopal Diocese of Central New York and the Trinity Grants Program)

Focus the Nation “Teach-In” at Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan (January 2008)

“Food and the Future: Industrial Animal Agriculture and Global Warming”

*Christian Perspectives in Science*, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan (November 2007)

“Animal Welfare and Global Sustainability”

Kuyers Institute for Christian Teaching and Learning Conference on “Reimagining Educational Excellence,” Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan (October 2007)

“Peaceable Pedagogy: Teaching Compassion for Animals as Creation Care”

Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana (March 2007)

“Food For Thought: Practical Advice for Peaceful Eating”

Center For Applied Christian Ethics Annual Conference on “Environment, Economic, and Equity,” Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois (February 2007)

Public Lecture: “Animal Rights and Christian Responsibility”

Keynote Address: “Compassionate Eating as Care of Creation”

Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana (December 2006)

“Living Toward the Peaceable Kingdom: Compassionate Eating as Care of Creation”

Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture Annual Conference (December 2006)

“Eating After Anthropocentrism: The Moral and Spiritual Prospects of Vegetarianism”  
(with Terence Cuneo and Stephen Webb)

## **Lectures and Presentations, continued**

- American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. (November 2006)  
“Neoplatonism at the Margin of Fundamental Ontology: Inklings of Ascent “Beyond Being” in Heidegger’s “On the Essence of Ground”
- Ferris State University, Big Rapids, Michigan (November 2006)  
“Factory Farming and Political Responsibility: What Engaged Citizens Should Know About Contemporary Agribusiness” (Funded by a grant from the Carnegie Foundation and New York Times’ American Democracy Project)
- The Oregon Extension, Ashland, Oregon (October 2006)  
“Reflections on Veganism as a Spiritual Exercise”
- For Animals Annual Meeting, Traverse City, Michigan (October 2006)  
“Animal Advocacy and Religion: How to Cultivate Compassion Among the Faithful”
- International Society for Neoplatonic Studies, Quebec City, Quebec, Canada (June 2006)  
“Neoplatonism at the Margin of Fundamental Ontology: Inklings of Ascent “Beyond Being” in Heidegger’s “On the Essence of Ground” (presented in absentia)
- North American Heidegger Conference, Boston University, Massachusetts (May 2006)  
“Reading the Fine Print: Ontological Transcendence and Tremors of the Turn in the 1929 Footnotes to “On the Essence of Ground” (Theodore Kisiel, commentator)
- Calvin College Social Justice Committee, Grand Rapids, Michigan (March 2005)  
“Animal Advocacy and Social Justice: Is Animal Suffering a Pressing Social Issue?”
- Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy Annual Meeting, Loyola University, Chicago, Illinois (October 2002)  
“Thinking Faith as Praxis: Responsibility, Edification, and Discipline in ‘Continental’ Reflections on Religion”
- American Philosophical Association (Eastern Division), Atlanta, Georgia (December 2001)  
“Towards a “Continental” Philosophy of Religion: Derrida, Responsibility, and “Non-dogmatic” Faith” (winner of a graduate student travel stipend)
- Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy Annual Meeting, Goucher College, Baltimore, Maryland (October 2001)  
“On The Problematic Origin of The Forms: Plotinus, Derrida, and the Neoplatonic Subtext of Deconstruction’s Critique of Ontology”
- American Philosophical Association (Central Division), Minneapolis, Minnesota (May 2001)  
“Re-reading Rorty on Derrida: Why Irony Isn’t Enough”
- American Philosophical Association (Pacific Division), San Francisco, California (March 2001)  
“On the Problematic Origin of the Forms: Plotinus, Derrida, and the Neoplatonic Subtext of Deconstruction’s Critique of Ontology”

## **Lectures and Presentations, continued**

*Modernity and Moral Identity*, University of Helsinki, Finland (August 2000)

“On The Right and The Good: Habermas, Gadamer, and the Justice/Virtue Debate”

*Congress on Continental Philosophy of Religion*, St. Martin’s College, Lancaster, England (July 2000)

“Calculating the Incalculable: Derrida’s “Religion” of Radical Responsibility and the Task of Articulating a “Continental” Philosophy of Religion”

American Philosophical Association (ISNS meeting), Chicago, Illinois (April 2000)

“The One and the Other: Neoplatonism and Deconstruction in Conversation,” Panel on Neoplatonism and Continental Philosophy (with Wayne Hankey, Philippe Hoffmann, and Jean-Marc Narbonne)

International Society for Neoplatonic Studies, Vanderbilt University, Tennessee (May 1999)

“Similar Spaces: Plotinus and Derrida on Matter and Khora”

Calvin College Philosophy Symposium, Grand Rapids, Michigan (April 1999)

“Transcending Irony: A Critical Reading of Rorty’s Derrida”

## **Honors and Awards**

Fellow, Oxford Centre for Animal Ethics, Oxford, England (appointed June 2008)

Distinguished Innovative Course Award (for “Peaceable Kingdom”), Animals and Society Course Awards, The Humane Society of the United States, Washington D.C. (2007)

Faculty Advisor of the Year (Students for Compassionate Living), Calvin College Student Activities Office (2006-2007)

Calvin Research Fellowship (Summer 2006)

Calvin Research Fellowship, Diekema Distinction (Spring 2006)

Graduate Teaching Fellowship, Graduate School of the University of Notre Dame (2001-2002)

GSU Graduate Teaching Award, Graduate Student Union, University of Notre Dame (2001)

Outstanding Graduate Student Teacher Award for Excellence in Teaching, Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Notre Dame (2000 and 2001)

Fellow, Erasmus Institute, Notre Dame, Indiana (Summer 2000)

## **Teaching Experience**

*Calvin College (as Assistant Professor):*

Phil 153: Fundamental Questions in Philosophy

Phil 340: Contemporary Continental Philosophy

Phil 390: Heidegger’s *Being and Time*

Phil 390: Heidegger After Fundamental Ontology

Phil W10: Peaceable Kingdom: Transforming our Relationships with Animals

## **Teaching Experience, continued**

*University of Notre Dame (as Instructor):*

First Year Writing 110: Media and Popular Culture

Phil 212: Thinking in Practice—Four Approaches to Philosophy

*University of Notre Dame (as Teaching Fellow)*

Phil 101: Introduction to Philosophy (under Paul Weithman)

Phil 204: Morality and Modernity (under David Solomon)

Phil 206: Medical Ethics (under David Solomon)

## **Professional Activities and Service**

Participant, Philosophical Reflections on Liturgy, Calvin Seminars in Christian Scholarship,  
Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI (Summer 2009)

Consultant Editor, *The Journal of Animals Ethics* (Spring 2009-present)

Advisory Board, Palgrave Macmillan Book Series in Animal Ethics (Fall 2008-present)

Referee for Columbia University Press

Referee for Palgrave Macmillan Publishers

Referee for *Philosophical Quarterly*

Chair and Budget Officer, Animals and the Kingdom of God Lecture Series, Calvin College,  
Grand Rapids, MI (Fall 2007-present)

Advisory Board, Humane Society Animals and Religion, The Humane Society of the United  
States, Washington D.C. (Spring 2007-present)

Consultant, The Humane Society of the United States, Washington D.C. (Summer 2007)

Board of Directors, Farm Kind, New York (Spring 2007-present)

Co-Founder and Convener, Wake Up Weekend Annual Conference (January 2006-present)

Faculty Advisor, Calvin College Philosophy Symposium (Fall 2003-Spring 2009)

Faculty Advisor, Students for Compassionate Living (Spring 2005-present)

Member, Student Life Committee, Calvin College (Fall 2005-Spring 2008)

## **Professional Memberships**

American Academy of Religion

American Philosophical Association

Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy

## **References**

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Bruce Ellis Benson, Wheaton College (bruce.ellis.benson@wheaton.edu)

Andrew Chignell, Cornell University (chignell@cornell.edu)

Terence Cuneo, University of Vermont (tcuneo@uvm.edu)

Stephen Gersh, University of Notre Dame (sgersh@nd.edu)

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