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## EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Philosophy, 2003  
Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana  
Dissertation: "Interpreting Metaphor" (Award of Degree: August 13, 2003;  
Committee: Forbes, Brower, Lodge)
- M.A. Philosophy, 1999  
Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana
- B.A. Philosophy, with minor in Anthropology, 1996  
University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida  
Thesis: "A Challenge for Instrumental Theories of Human Ends"

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

**Loyola University**, New Orleans, Louisiana (2011-present), Visiting Assistant Professor

**It Is What It Is Films**, New Orleans, Louisiana (2006-2011), Director, Writer, Video Editor

**Xavier University**, New Orleans, Louisiana (2007-2010), Assistant Professor

**Tulane University**, New Orleans, Louisiana (2004-2007), Visiting Assistant Professor, Adjunct

## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Value Theory  
Meaning in Life

Philosophy of Spirituality  
Applied Ethics

## AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Biomedical Ethics	Race & Identity Politics	Aesthetics
Epistemology	History of Modern Philosophy	Political Philosophy
Philosophy of Language	Continental Philosophy	Metaphysics
Cognitive Science	Analytic Philosophy	Ancient Philosophy

## FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS (PEER-REVIEWED)

"Becoming a Hollow Bone: Lakota Respect for the Sacred." *The Philosophy of Spirituality*. Eds. Rod Nicholls & Heather Salazar.

"Liberating Santayana's Spirit: Secular Spirituality without Santayana's Intellectualism." *Overheard in Seville: Bulletin of the Santayana Society*.

"Leaving Well Enough Alone: A Review of Michael Hauskeller's *Better Humans?*, *Sex and the Posthuman Condition*, and *Mythologies of Transhumanism*." *Ethical Perspectives*. (6,000 word book review)

## PUBLICATIONS (PEER-REVIEWED)

"Gifts Without Givers: Secular Spirituality and Metaphorical Cognition." 2017. *Sophia*. 56 (4): 631-647.

## PUBLISHED BOOK REVIEWS

*Money for Everyone: Why We Need a Citizen's Income*. 2014. *Basic Income Studies*. 9 (1-2): 137-140.

## IN PREPARATION

"Can Life be Meaningful without Free Will?" (Submitted to *Philosophia*, Fall 2017)

"Spiritual Reasons as Public Reasons" (With encouragement of editor, to be submitted to *European Journal of Political Theory*)

"Respect for the Sacred as a Public Reason"

"Evil and the Sacred"

## UPCOMING PRESENTATIONS

2018 "This Magic Moment: The Experiential Source of Spiritual Normativity." 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Alabama Philosophical Society, Pensacola, FL, Sep 28-29

## **PREVIOUS PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED)**

2018 "Spiritual Reasons as Public Reasons," Anthrosophia Conference; & Philosophy, Politics & Economics Society, both conferences in New Orleans, LA, March

2018 "Liberating Santayana's Spirit: Naturalized Spirituality without Santayana's Intellectualism," Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, 2018 APA Eastern Division Meeting, Savannah, GA, January 3

2017 "Repetition, Boredom and the Sacred," Alabama Philosophical Society, Pensacola, FL, September 29-30

2017 "Becoming a Hollow Bone: How Lakota Respect for the Sacred Fosters Morality and Meaning in Life," Anthrosophia, Loyola University, New Orleans, LA, March 8-11

2017 "The Meaningfulness of Attachment," Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Rhodes College, Memphis, TN, March 31–April 1.

2016 "Can Trivial or Immoral Activities Make Life More Meaningful?: What's Missing in Susan Wolf's Approach to Life Meaning," Long Island Philosophical Society, Molloy College, Rockville Centre, NY, April 9; and Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Rhodes College, Memphis, TN, February 19-20

2015 "Internal Meaning and Social Theory," Articulating Political Philosophy and Anthropological Theory, Method, and Evidence, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA, December

2015 "Gifts without Givers: Metaphorical Gift Language and Secular Spirituality," Mississippi Philosophical Association, Millsaps College, Jackson, MS, March; and Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Rhodes College, Memphis, TN, March

2008 "Using a Course Portfolio to Measure and Improve Student Learning," Defining and Promoting Student Success Conference, hosted by the Faculty Resource Network, San Francisco, November, co-presented with Dr. Paul Schafer

2006 "'Thought Work' as Philosophical Practice in the Classroom," The 8th International Conference of Philosophical Practice, Seville, Spain, April

2004 "The New Orleans Lyceum," International Conference of Philosophical Practice, Copenhagen, Denmark, August, co-presented with David O'Donaghue, Director of The Lyceum

## **COMMENTARY**

2017 Reply to Jack Kwong's "What is Hope?", Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Rhodes College, Memphis, TN, March-April

2016 Reply to Douglas Henry's "The Real Euthyphro Problem," Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Rhodes College, Memphis, TN, February

2015 Reply to Heather Wilburn's "Experience and Contradiction: Thinking the Other of Damaged Life," Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Rhodes College, Memphis, TN, March

## **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR PARTICIPATION**

2018 "The Nature of Spirituality: Santayana and Beyond," George Santayana Society, Online Seminar, Feb 16

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

2018 Editor-in-chief of the peer-reviewed journal *Anthrosophia: A Journal of Philosophy and Anthropology*, 2017-present

2018 Co-organizer of the 2018 Anthrosophia Conference, New Orleans, LA, 2017-present

2018 Organized Visiting Professor Research Group, Loyola University, 2015-present

2016 A member of the steering committee for the 2017 Anthrosophia Conference, New Orleans, LA

## **FILM AND MUSIC**

2011 *Shine*, Documentary (3 episodes), Director, Video Editor

2010 *Double Triple Zero*, Feature (85 mins), Director, Writer, Video Editor

2009 *Half Awake*, Album (by *The Way*), Keyboards

2009 *Pals*, Short (45 mins), Director, Writer, Video Editor

2008 *Triple Zero*, Short (45 mins), Director, Writer, Video Editor

2007 *Hyacinth Girl*, Music Video (5 mins), Director, Writer, Video Editor

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

2001 Freie Universität Exchange Fellowship, Berlin, 2000-2001

2000 Tulane Graduate Fellowship, 1997-2000

## **GRANTS**

2010 Faculty Communities of Teaching Scholars (FaCTS) grant funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation (for infusion of internationalization themes and service-learning in Health Ethics), 2009-2010

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

**Loyola University**, New Orleans, Louisiana (2011-present)

Aesthetics, 2 sections (2017)  
Self & the Sacred, 2 sections (2017)  
Making Moral Decisions, 16 sections (2012–2016, 2018)  
Philosophy of the Human Person, 21 sections (2013–2018)  
Introduction to Philosophy, 4 sections (2011, 2012, 2013)

**Xavier University**, New Orleans, Louisiana (2007-2010)

Health Ethics, 19 sections (2007, 2008, 2010)  
Problems in Philosophy, 7 sections (2007, 2008, 2010)  
African-American Philosophy, 1 section (2009)  
Great Books: Philosophy of Spirituality, 1 section (2009)

**Tulane University**, New Orleans, Louisiana (2004-2007)

Modern Philosophy, 4 sections (2004, 2005)  
Philosophies of Self, 7 sections (1999, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007)  
Introduction to Philosophy, 5 sections (2000, 2003, 2004, 2007, 2012)  
Ethics, 3 sections (2006)  
Philosophy of Art, 1 section (2007)  
Philosophy of Film, 1 section (2007)

**The New Orleans Lyceum**, New Orleans, Louisiana

Baseball Ethics: You Make the Call!, 1 section (2005)  
Introduction to Metaphor in Language, Art, and Culture, 1 section (2004)

**Rollins College**, Winter Park, Florida

Philosophy of Art, 1 section (2006)

## **GRADUATE QUALIFYING PAPERS**

“Hidden Truths: Interpreting Metaphorical Statements Truth-Conditionally,” 1999  
(Committee: Forbes, Brower)

“Describing Music Metaphorically,” 1998 (Committee: Zimmerman, Glenn)

## GRADUATE LEVEL CLASSES TAKEN

Philosophy of Language (Forbes)	Plato (Burger)
Philosophy and Gender (Zimmerman)	Heidegger (Zimmerman)
Advanced Symbolic Logic (Lee)	Aristotle (Burger)
Mathematical Logic (Forbes)	Kant (Glenn)
Metaphysics of Modality (Forbes)	Kierkegaard (Glenn)
Philosophy of Language (Brower)	Epistemology (Brower)
Cognitive Science (Bogdan)	Rationalism (Lodge)
Philosophy of Law (Mack)	

## NEW ORLEANS COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

**The New Orleans Lyceum**, New Orleans, Louisiana, 2003-2005  
Administrator and Facilitator. A leader in local initiative for "Building Communities of Inquiry."

**ERACE**, New Orleans, Louisiana, 2004-2005  
Facilitator for discussion groups, which are free and open to the public.

## REFERENCES

Karl Widerquist	Jason Berntsen	Bruce Brower
Georgetown University	Xavier University	Tulane University
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## PLACEMENT CREDENTIALS

Available from  
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