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EDUCATION

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL: Ph.D., philosophy, December 2000.
Dissertation: *Nietzsche's Ethical Thought: Reassurance and Affirmation*.
Advisors: Robert Pippin (chair), Daniel Brudney, Thomas Pogge.

Preliminary Essay: "A subject very remote from this': Locke's moral epistemology." Supervisor: Daniel Garber.

Columbia University, New York, NY: A.B., philosophy, *magna cum laude*, 1992.

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Current:

Binghamton University (SUNY), Associate Professor of Philosophy, from September 2009. Previously Assistant Professor of Philosophy (2006–9). Director of Graduate Studies (2010–13).

Program affiliations: Graduate Program in Social, Political, Ethical, and Legal Philosophy (SPEL); Graduate Program in Philosophy, Literature, and the Theory of Criticism (PLC); Program in Philosophy, Politics, and Law (PPL).

Previous:

Barnard College, Columbia University, Term Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 2005–6.

Temple University, Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 2002–5.

New Jersey City University (Jersey City, NJ), Adjunct Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Spring 2002.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

continental philosophy (especially Kant and the nineteenth century), moral and political philosophy, history of ethics, philosophy of art

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

ancient Greek philosophy, history of early modern philosophy, philosophy of social science

LANGUAGES

reading knowledge of French, German, Italian, and Ancient Greek

PUBLICATIONS

- papers available unless noted at <http://bingweb.binghamton.edu/~rguay/>

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- (1) "Genealogy and Irony," *Journal of Nietzsche Studies* 41 (Winter 2011), 26–49.
- (2) "'Our Virtues,'" *Philosophical Topics* 33:2 (dated Fall 2005; published 2008), 71–87.
- (3) "Transcendental Elitism," *International Studies in Philosophy* 39:3 (Summer 2007), 163–77.
- (4) "The Tragic as an Ethical Category," *Philosophy and Literature* 30:2 (October 2006), 555–61.
- (5) "The 'I's Have It: Nietzsche on Subjectivity," *Inquiry* 49:3 (June 2006), 218–241.
- (6) "A Refutation of Consequentialism," *Metaphilosophy* 36:3 (April 2005), 348–62.
- (7) "Nietzsche on Freedom," *The European Journal of Philosophy* 10:3 (December 2002), 302–27.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- (8) "Movements and Motivations: Nietzsche's Invention of Political Psychology," in Keith Ansell Pearson ed., *Nietzsche and Political Thought*, Continuum, 2013, 55–70.
- (9) "Order of Rank," in K. Gemes and J. Richardson eds., *The Oxford Handbook to Nietzsche*, Oxford University Press, 2013, 485–508.
- (10) "Genealogy as Immanent Critique: Working from the Inside," in Alison Stone ed., *The Edinburgh Critical History of Nineteenth Century Philosophy* (volume 5 of the

- Edinburgh Critical History of Philosophy*), Edinburgh University Press, 2011, 168–86.
- (11) “Nietzsche, Contingency, and the Vacuity of Politics,” in Jeffrey Metzger ed., *Nietzsche, Nihilism, and the Philosophy of the Future*, Continuum, 2009, 158–70 and 193ff.
- (12) “How to be an Immoralist,” in Gudrun von Tevenar ed., *Nietzsche and Ethics*, New York, Peter Lang, 2007, 55–87.
- (13) “The Philosophical Function of Genealogy,” in Keith Ansell Pearson ed., *A Companion to Nietzsche*, Malden, MA, Blackwell, 2005, 353–71.
- (14) “Tragic Ambiguity,” in C.J.N. de Paulo, P. Messina eds., *Ambiguity in the Western Mind*, New York, Peter Lang, 2005, 35–54.

INVITED REVIEWS

- (15) Maudemarie Clark and David Dudrick, *The Soul of Nietzsche’s Beyond Good and Evil* and Christa Davis Acampora and Keith Ansell Pearson, *Nietzsche’s Beyond Good and Evil: A Reader’s Guide*, in *Foucault Studies*, forthcoming 2014.
- (16) Julian Young, *Friedrich Nietzsche: A Philosophical Biography*, in *European Journal of Philosophy*, forthcoming 2014.
- (17) Robert Pippin ed., *Introductions to Nietzsche*, in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, October 2012.
- (18) Daniel W. Conway, *Nietzsche’s On the Genealogy of Morals*, in *Journal of Nietzsche Studies* 40 (Autumn 2010), 96–100.
- (19) Robert Wicks, *Schopenhauer*, in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 2500 words, January 2009.
- (20) Martin Seel, *The Aesthetics of Appearing*, in *British Journal of Aesthetics* 47:4 (December 2007), 449–51.
- (21) Christine Swanton, *Virtue Ethics: A Pluralistic View*, in *Journal of Nietzsche Studies* 31 (Spring 2006), 75–8.
- (22) John Kekes, *The Art of Life*, in *Ethics* 115:4 (July 2005), 821–3.
- (23) Christa Davis Acampora and Ralph R. Acampora eds., *A Nietzschean Bestiary*, 2500 words, in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, July 2004.

OTHER PUBLICATION

- (24) Selection (9000 words), translation, and notes for Friedrich Nietzsche, *On the Genealogy of Morals*
- reprinted with corrections, Philadelphia, Temple University Press, 2004, 277–94 .
- in *Key Readings in Intellectual Heritage*, Boston, Pearson, 2003, 155–72 .

WORK IN PROGRESS

- (25) *Nietzsche’s Ethical Thought: Reassurance and Affirmation*. Book manuscript

PAPERS PRESENTED

- papers available unless noted at <http://bingweb.binghamton.edu/~rguay/>

* indicates invited paper

- *(1) Comment on Josh Gillon, "Plato's Laws II-III and the Judgment of Ideal Critics," ASA Eastern Division meeting, Philadelphia, 28 March 2014.
- *(2) "Why a (Nietzschean) Naturalist Should be a Historicist Should be a Genealogist," Boston University Workshop on Late Modern Philosophy, 12 October 2013.
- *(3) "Nietzsche on Truth," SPEL Colloquium, Binghamton University, 21 February 2013.
- *(4) "Nietzsche on Truth and Politics," Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities, Binghamton University, 5 December 2012.
- (5) "Poetic Living: Schlegel on the relationship between art and life," ASA National Meeting, Tampa, FL, October 2011.
- *(6) "Poetic Living: Schlegel on the relationship between art and life," University of Scranton, 15 April 2011.
- *(7) Comment on Karl Ameriks, "Nietzsche and the Aesthetic Turn in Late Modern Philosophy," ASA National Meeting, Denver, 22 October 2009.
- *(8) "Order of Rank," at Hunter College ("Nietzsche in New York" conference), 1 May 2009.
- (9) "Surprised by Reason: Naturalism and Historical Agency in the Early Marx," APA Eastern Division meeting, Philadelphia, 30 December 2008.
- *(10) "The Dream of Life: Time, Action, and Oneiric Naturalism," Conference on "Nietzsche, Naturalism, and Normativity," University of Southampton (UK), 11 July 2008.
- *(10) "Genealogy and Irony," at Hunter College ("Nietzsche in New York" conference), 1 May 2008.
- *(11) Comment on "An Impossible Object: Embodied Meaning and Hegel's Crooked Teeth," ASA National Meeting, Los Angeles, 8 November 2007.
- *(12) "Nietzsche, Contingency, and the Vacuity of Politics," APSA National Meeting, Chicago, 31 August 2007.
- *(13) Comment on Scott Aikin, "Democratic Deliberation, Public Reason, and Environmental Politics," APA Pacific Division meeting, San Francisco, 6 April 2007.
- (14) "Paradoxes of Culture," at Durham University, UK (Workshop on Multiculturalism and Moral Conflict), 22 March 2007.
- *(15) "Our Virtues," at CUNY Graduate Center ("Nietzsche in New York" conference), 3 March 2007.
- *(16) Comment on Jeff Strayer, "Artworks, Objects, and Subjects," at the American Society for Aesthetics National Meeting, Milwaukee, WI, 27 October 2006. (not available on website)
- *(17) "Flying With the Witches," Greater Philadelphia Philosophy Consortium, Conference on "Heretical Nietzsche Studies," 7 April 2006.
- *(18) "Two Perspectives on Perspectivism," at Hunter College, CUNY ("Nietzsche in New York" Conference), 31 March 2006.

- * (19) “Transcendental Elitism,” Panel on “Recent Work in Nietzsche’s Moral Psychology,” North American Nietzsche Society, APA Pacific Division meeting, Portland, 24 March 2006.
- * (20) “How to be an Immoralist,” Binghamton University, 8 February 2006.
- * (21) “The ‘I’s Have It: Nietzsche on Subjectivity,” at University of Kentucky, 23 September 2005.
- (22) “From Historicity to Narrativity,” at Peterhouse, University of Cambridge (Conference of the Friedrich Nietzsche Society), 17 September 2005.
- * (23) “How to be an Immoralist,” at Hunter College, CUNY (“Nietzsche in New York” Conference), 8 April 2005.
- (24) “How to be an Immoralist,” at University of Sussex (Conference of the Friedrich Nietzsche Society), 11 Sept 2004.
- * (25) “Facts and the Construction of Political Principles,” at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, 18 May 2004.
- * (26) Comment on Matthew Meyer, “The Unity of Opposites and Nietzsche’s Tragic Philosophy,” APA Central Division meeting, 25 April 2004.
- (27) “The tragic as an ethical category,” American Society for Aesthetics Eastern Division meeting, 2 April 2004.
- * (28) “The tragic as an ethical category,” at Auburn University, 29 January 2003.
- * (29) “Oneself as other/other as oneself: tragic vulnerability in *Othello*,” at Temple University (Faculty Seminar), 26 October 2003.
- (30) “Tragic Ambiguity,” at Temple University (Conference on Ambiguity in the Western Tradition), 18 October 2003.
- (31) “The tragic as an ethical category,” at University of Warwick (Conference of the Friedrich Nietzsche Society), 13 September 2003.
- * (32) “The Gospel according to Bob: Approaches to Teaching *Matthew* in the Humanities,” at Temple University (Intellectual Heritage Faculty Seminar), 17 March 2003.
- * (33) “Nietzsche on Freedom,” at New Jersey City University, 14 November 2001.
- * (34) “Nietzsche on Freedom,” at The University of Chicago (Continental Philosophy Workshop), 5 November 2001.
- (35) “Schelling and graphocentrism,” at DePaul University, 19 May 1995.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Fellow of the Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities, Binghamton University, Fall 2012
2011 NYS/UUP Individual Development Award
2010–11 Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching.
Dean’s Research Semester, Fall 2008.
Provost’s Inter/Multidisciplinary Symposium Grant, 2007.
DAAD German Studies Summer Seminar (Cornell University) Grant, 2006.

2005 University of Kentucky Essay Prize in European Philosophy from Kant to the Present (awarded for Publication (5) above; see <http://www.uky.edu/AS/Philosophy/PrizeEss3.htm>)
Temple University Research Incentive Fund Grant, December 2004.
Temple University Dean's Appointment Travel Grant, September 2004.
Temple University Merit Award (Category I – Outstanding Teaching), 2003–4, 2004–5.
Honors Faculty, Temple University, 2003–5.
Mellon Summer Fellowship, 1998.
DAAD Summer Grant, 1996.

COURSES TAUGHT

- selected course materials available at <http://bingweb.binghamton.edu/~rguay/>

GENERAL EDUCATION CLASSES

Intellectual Heritage: Ancient Foundations (051, 091)(multiple times)
- both standard and honors sections of seminar-format core curriculum class
- developed combined lecture-recitation format and lectured on ancient philosophy and literature.
Value Pluralism and Cultural Diversity (BC1280)
Comparative Religion (106)

INTRODUCTORY CLASSES

Introduction to Philosophy (101N)
Introduction to Phenomenology and Existentialism/Existence and Freedom (107)
(multiple times)
Philosophy and Human Existence (BC1003)
Ethical Theory (121)

ADVANCED UNDERGRADUATE

Great Philosophers: Plato, Kant, Wittgenstein (208)
Descartes, Hume, Kant (202) (multiple times)
Moral Philosophy (V3701)
Recognition (456Q/488P)
History and the Meaning of Politics (458H)
Philosophy of Social Science (444)(twice)

GRADUATE-LEVEL SEMINARS (including combined graduate/undergraduate)

Hegel on the Sociality of the Self (650A)
Nietzsche on Morality (G4278)
Topics in Continental Philosophy: Culture and Truth (650F)

Nietzsche (451/COLI535K/650J) (twice)
Hegel: Phenomenology of Spirit (650)
Kant: Critique of Pure Reason (404/620)
Wittgenstein (435J/550C)
The Conception of Tragedy (650C)

TUTORIALS/INDEPENDENT STUDIES

Heidegger on *Ereignis* (graduate)
Heidegger and Wittgenstein on Language (graduate)
Lockean Rights and Intellectual Property (undergraduate)
- student paper published as “Rethinking Lockean Copyright and Fair Use,”
Deakin Law Review, 10:1 (2005)
Narrative Explanation (undergraduate)
Rorty and His Critics (undergraduate)
Nietzsche on Art (graduate)
Mind and World (undergraduate)

AS TEACHING ASSISTANT:

Introduction to Ethics (for Arnold Davidson)
Ancient Philosophy (for Ian Mueller)

DISSERTATION SUPERVISION

CHAIR

Edgar Valdez, “Pre-Postulate A Priori Intuition: Revisiting Kant’s Account of Space,” Ph.D. April 2011.
Joshua Wretzel, “Speaking with the Dead: The Philosophical Implications of Brandom’s Interpretive Oversights,” Ph.D. November 2010.
Shoni Rancher, “Kierkegaard and Nietzsche: Tragicomic Pedagogy and Ethical Self-Development,” ABD.
Anwar Radha (Philosophy, Interpretation, and Culture), “Friendship, Enmity, and the Justification of Politics: A Study of Aristotle and Carl Schmitt,” Ph.D. May 2012.
Sean Bustard, ABD, “Reification and Temporal Spaces of Capital”
Phillip Emerson, ABD, “Rethinking Feelings about Morality, and Re-feeling Thinking about Emotions: An Examination through Guilt and Shame”

COMMITTEE

Danesh Singh, “Health as an Ethical Category in the Thought of Nietzsche and Zhuangzi,” defended August 2013.
Lewis Trelawny-Cassity, “Philosophy and the Practice of Politics in Plato’s Laws,” Ph.D. April 2011.

Sean Johnston, “Productive and Re-Productive Power in Liberalism: Liberal Sites of Domination and Resistance and the Liberal Individual,” Ph.D. May 2011.

Brendan Mahoney, “Modernist Eco-Poetics: Dwelling with Wittgenstein, Heidegger, Rilke and Stevens”(Philosophy, Literature, and the Theory of Criticism), Ph.D. November 2010.

Rafael Mota (Philosophy, Interpretation, and Culture), “Global Racial Regimes and Capitalist Accumulation on a World Scale,” ABD.

Ana Haber (Comparative Literature), “The Formation of Revolutionary Subjectivity,” Ph.D. November 2011.

Carlos Cortissoz, “The State-Soul Analogy: Psychology of the State, Politics of the Soul,” Ph.D. May 2014.

Valerie Saint-Amand, “Assuming Nature: The Conception of Human Nature in Modern Philosophy,” Ph.D. August 2011.

MASTER’S THESIS SUPERVISION

Jackson Nichols, “The Reconciliation of Time between Levinas and Heidegger,” 2011.

UNDERGRADUATE THESIS SUPERVISION

Jessica Mayer, “A Nietzschean Defense of Pluralism,” 2009

Jacky Yamin, “Form, Philosophy, and Modes of Resistance: Placing Kundera in the Philosophical Tradition”(Department of English), 2009.

SERVICE

DEPARTMENT/UNIVERSITY

Professional Standards Committee, 2014–
Advisory Board, Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities (IASH), Binghamton.
All-University Personnel Committee, September 2011 to August 2013. Arts and Sciences
Subcommittee, 2011–12; Chair, Interpretations and Procedures Committee, 2012–
3.

Campus Fulbright Committee, 2010, 2011.

Director of Graduate Studies, Philosophy (SPEL), 2010–13.

Department Committee on Online Instruction, 2010–11.

New Student Mentoring program, 2013–4.

IPC Secretary/Chair (Third Year Review), 2009–10, 2013–4.

Harpur College Curriculum Committee, Humanities Division representative, Spring 2009
to Spring 2010.

Graduate Council, 2008–11. Grievance subcommittee.

Acting Co-Director of Philosophy, Literature and the Theory of Criticism (PLC), 2007–8.

Acting Director of Undergraduate Studies, Philosophy, Spring 2008, Spring 2010.

Harpur College Council, Spring 2007, 2007–8.

Hiring Committee, Philosophy of Law Term Position, 2007.

Social and Political Comprehensive Exam Committee, 2007, 2008. 2013

Ethics Comprehensive Exam Committee, 2010.
Logic Proficiency Examiner, 2010, 2011, 2014
Co-Director, Symposium “Modernity and Locality: Discrete Spaces in Global Culture,”
2007. (Program available at <http://bingweb.binghamton.edu/~rguay/mod-loc.htm>)
Graduate History of Philosophy Examiner, 2003, 2004.
Program Review (Assignments Committee), Intellectual Heritage Program, Temple
University, 2002–3.
Graduate Student Association Moderator, Academic year 1994–5.

PROFESSION

Panel organizer, “Nietzsche on Art,” American Society for Aesthetics Eastern Division
meeting, Philadelphia, PA, April 2013.
External Honors Examiner in Philosophy, Swarthmore College, May 2011.
Grant review: Dutch Council for the Humanities, January 2011.
Refereeing: *Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism* (multiple times); *Ethical Theory and
Moral Practice*; Oxford University Press (multiple times); *Mosaic: A Journal for
the Interdisciplinary Study of Literature; Inquiry; Journal of Philosophical
Research* (multiple times); Cambridge University Press; *American Political
Science Review; Journal of Nietzsche Studies* (multiple times); *European Journal
of Philosophy* (multiple times); Continuum Books; Polity Press; *PhaenEx: Journal
of Existential and Phenomenological Theory and Culture; British Journal of the
History of Philosophy; Culture, Theory, and Critique; Diametros*
External Masters of Philosophy Dissertation Examiner, “Nietzsche’s Conception of
Friendship,” University of Notre Dame Australia, 2007; outside M.A. thesis
examiner, “The Physiology of Bodily Inscription: Genealogy as Curative
Science,” Brock University (Ontario, Canada), 2006.
External Ph.D Examiner, McMaster University, August 2013.
Indexing work on translation of Machiavelli’s *Discourse sopra la prima deca di Tito Livio*
(Harvard University Press), Spring 1995.

REFERENCES

- available upon request

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