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AREAS OF RESEARCH AND TEACHING SPECIALIZATION

Critical Theory with a focus on religious pluralism, Social and Political Philosophy
Continental Philosophy of Religion
Nineteenth- and Twentieth-Century Continental Philosophy
Post-Holocaust Ethics with emphasis on Trauma and Memory Studies

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

East Central European Thought
Philosophy and Literature

EDUCATION

J. W. Goethe-Universität, Frankfurt a/M, Germany,
Fulbright student of Prof. Dr. Jürgen Habermas,
Fulbright-Hays Grant (with one grant renewal), *September 1989 - July 1991*.
Fordham University, New York, Ph.D., Philosophy, *May 1991*;
Ph.D. Dissertation: *A Study in Communicative and Existential Ethics*.
Director: Merold Westphal (Fordham); readers: James L. Marsh (Fordham);
Richard J. Bernstein (New School for Social Research).
St. Louis University, M.A., Philosophy, *May 1985*.
M.A. Thesis: *Mediation of Deconstruction: Bernard Lonergan's Method in Philosophy*.
Director: James L. Marsh
St. Louis University, Licentiate in Philosophy, special examination. *May 1985*.
Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, B.A., Philosophy, *May 1981*.
Charles University, Prague, Psychology, *September 1976 - July 1977*.
"Charta 77" – I was a student signatory of the Czechoslovak manifesto for human rights issued in Prague
by Jiří Hájek, Václav Havel, and Jan Patočka in *January 1977*.
"Jan Patočka's Flying University," Prague, Czech Republic, *May 1976 - April 1977*;
Attended underground interdisciplinary and philosophy seminars founded by the
dissident movement for human rights, "Charta 77."
Gymnásium (with focus on English & Russian) maturity final exams, Sladkovského 8, Prague,
Czech Republic, *September 1972 - May 1976*.

PROFESSIONAL TEACHING CAREER

Arizona State University, Lincoln Professor of Ethics and Religion, *August 2008 - present.*

Purdue University, Professor of Philosophy, *August 2000 - August 2008.*

Purdue University, tenured Associate Professor of Philosophy, *August 1996 - June 2000*

Purdue University, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, *August 1991 - June 1996.*

Program Director, Ph.D. Program in Philosophy and Literature, Purdue University, *1996 - 2005.*

Charles University, Prague, Fulbright Lectureship Grant, *January - December 1995.*

Fordham University, New York, Teaching Fellow, *September 1987 - May 1989.*

Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, Instructor, *September 1985 - May 1987.*

PUBLICATIONS

B O O K S

A. SINGLE-AUTHOR BOOKS

Radical Evil and the Scarcity of Hope: Postsecular Meditations. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2008. Pp.295 + xii.

Neklid doby: Eseje o radikálním zlu a jiných úzkostech dneška. (Discontents of Our Times: Essays about Radical Evil and Other Anxieties of Today). Book of eight philosophical essays. In Czech. Prague: Philosophia, publisher of the Academy of Sciences of Czech Republic, December 2006. Pp. 176 + iii.

Jürgen Habermas: A Philosophical-Political Profile. Lanham: The Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc., 2001. Series: 20th Century Political Thinkers, general editors, Elisabeth Ehlstein and Kenneth Deutsch. Pp. 339 + xxxvii.

Specters of Liberation: Great Refusals in the New World Order. Albany, N.Y.: State University of New York Press, 1998. Pp. 360 + xxi.

Postnational Identity: Critical Theory and Existential Philosophy in Habermas, Kierkegaard, and Havel. New York & London: The Guilford Press, 1993. Pp. 329 + xxii.

Mediation of Deconstruction: Bernard Lonergan's Method in Philosophy. Lanham: University Press of America, 1988. Pp. 214 + xv.

B. GENERAL CO-EDITOR OF THE BOOK SERIES

New Critical Theory, Co-Editor of the book series at Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc. 1998-2008. Seventeen books have been published. (Web link to the full series list is on my home page.)

C. PUBLISHED CO-EDITED BOOK

Kierkegaard in Post/Modernity. Co-edited with Merold Westphal. Bloomington & Indianapolis: Indiana University Press, 1995. Pp. 304 + xv. Series: Studies in Continental Thought, series ed. John Sallis.

Calvin O. Schrag and the Task of Philosophy After Postmodernity. Festschrift in honor of Calvin O. Schrag. Co-edited with William L. McBride. Evanston: Northwestern University Press, 2002.

ARTICLES

D. PUBLISHED REFEREED BOOK CHAPTERS

- “Reading ‘Kierkegaard’ as a Drama.” A concluding chapter in the book series, *International Kierkegaard Commentary*. Vol. 22, *The Point of View*. Ed. Robert Perkins. Mercer University Press, 2010, 411-430.
- Afterword, *Radislav Matušík: Ján Mathé, hľadač dobra*. Bratislava, Result and Východoslovenská galéria Košice, 2010. Copyright of the text, Radislav Matušík, 2005. Bratislava, Afterword, 262.
- “Více než všichni ostatní.” *Myšlení Jana Patočky očima dnešní fenomenologie*. Ed. Ivan Chvatík. Praha: Filosofia, 2009, 311-326.
- “The God Who Refuses to Appear on Philosophy’s Terms.” In *Gazing Through a Prism Darkly: Reflections on Merold Westphal’s Hermeneutical Philosophy*. Ed. B. Keith Putt. Fordham University Press, 2009, 86-99.
- "Evil and Progress." In *Imagining Law: On Drucilla Cornell*. With response by Drucilla Cornell. Ed. Renee Heberle and Benjamin Pryor. Albany, N.Y.: State University of New York Press, 2008, 161-172. (An earlier version was invited as a plenary paper for Drucilla Cornell’s conference that did not take place. The paper was selected as a plenary presentation for the Prague conference in May 2003.)
- ”More Than All the Others: Meditation on Responsibility.” In *Kierkegaard and Levinas: Ethics, Politics, and Religion*. Eds. Aaron Simmons and David Wood. Bloomington and Indianapolis: Indiana University Press, 2008, 244-256.
- “The Scarcity of Singular Individuals in the Age of Globalization: A Kierkegaardian Response to Fundamentalism.” In *Kierkegaard and Great Philosophers, Acta Kierkegardiana*. Eds. Roman Kralik et al. Vol. 2., pp. 141-160. Mexico City - Barcelona – Šal’a, 2008.
- ”Between Hope and Terror: Derrida and Habermas Plead for the Im/Possible,” reprinted from *Epoche* 9:1 (2004) 1-18. In Lasse A. Thomassen, ed. *The Derrida-Habermas Reader*. Edinburgh University Press, 2006, 278-296./ Translated into Czech as “Mezi nadějí a terorem. Habermas a Derrida žádají nemožné.” Trans. Martin Brabec and Alena Bakesova. In *Spor o Evropu: Postdemokracie, nebo predemokracie?* [Dispute about Europe: Postdemocracy or predemocracy?]. Ed. Marek Hrubec, Prague: Philosophia, 2006, 247-275.
- "Violence and Secularization, Evil and Redemption." In *Modernity and the Problem of Evil*. Ed. Alan Schrift. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2005, 39-50.
- "Back to the Future: Marcuse and New Critical Theory." Foreword to *New Critical Theory: Essays on Liberation*. Ed. William Wilkerson and Jeffrey Paris. Lanham: Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, 2001, vii-xiii.
- "Introduction." Co-authored with William L. McBride, included in *Calvin O. Schrag and The Task of Philosophy After Postmodernity. Festschrift* in honor of Calvin O. Schrag. Co-edited by Martin Beck Matušík and William L. McBride. Evanston: Northwestern University Press, 2002.
- “The Critical Theorist as Witness: Habermas and the Holocaust.” *Perspectives on Habermas*. Edited by Lewis E. Hahn. Chicago and La Salle, IL: Open Court, 2000, 339-366.
- "Kierkegaard's Existential Philosophy and Praxis as the Revolt Against Systems." *The Edinburgh Encyclopedia of Continental Philosophy*. Ed. Simon Glendinning. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 1999, 115-127.
- "Kierkegaard on Authoring and Identity from the Perspective of Havel's Existential Revolution and Nonpolitical Politics." *Reinterpreting the Political: Continental Philosophy and Political Theory*. Vol. 20 of Selected Studies in Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy. Eds., Lenore Langsdorf and Stephen Watson with Karen A. Smith. Albany, N.Y.: State University of New York Press, 1998, 1-18.

- "Ludic, Corporate, and Imperial Multiculturalism: Impostors of Democracy and Cartographers of the New World Order." *Theorizing Multiculturalism: A Guide to the Current Debate*. Ed., Cynthia Willett. London: Basil Blackwell, 1998, 100-17.
- "Kierkegaard's Radical Existential Praxis or: Why the Individual Defies Liberal, Communitarian, and Postmodern Categories." Included in Matušík and Westphal, *Kierkegaard in Post/Modernity* (q.v.), 239-264.
- "Introduction." Co-authored with Merold Westphal, included in Matušík and Westphal, *Kierkegaard in Post/Modernity* (q.v.), vii-xii.

E. PUBLISHED REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- "Dangerous Memory of Hope." *Journal of Speculative Philosophy: A Quarterly Journal of History, Criticism, and Imagination* 23/4 (2009): 350-363. This is an article-length response to the critical discussion of my *Radical Evil and the Scarcity of Hope* (2008) by John Stuhr (328-339) and Patrick Burke (340-449).
- "Becoming Human, Becoming Sober." *Continental Philosophy Review* 42 (2009) 249-274.
- "Jürgen Habermas." A commissioned entry on Habermas for the online publication of *The Encyclopedia Britannica*, 2009. Revised from the printed 2002 publication in *The Encyclopedia Britannica*.
- "Hope - Scarce and Uncanny." *Tikkun* (May 2008). Online publication of featured selected articles.
- "Towards an Integral Critical Theory of the Present Age." *Integral Review: A Transdisciplinary and Transcultural Journal for New Thought, Research, and Praxis* (December 2007).
Online journal at <http://integral-review.org/>
- "More Than All the Others: Meditation on Responsibility." *Critical Horizons: A Journal of Philosophy and Social Theory* 8 (1) (August 2007) 47-60.
- "Identity or Roots, Idol or Icon? Towards a New Critical Theory of Race," commentary on Lucius Outlaw's work. *Radical Philosophy Review*. 9/2 (2006) 65-77.
- "Singular Existence and Critical Theory." *Radical Philosophy Review*. 8/2 (2005) 211-223.
Major statement on Habermas's Kyoto Award speech in November 2004. This paper was part of the Review Forum on my *Jürgen Habermas*, with comments by David S. Owen, Critical Theory and Learning from History (187-195) and Max Pensky, Jürgen Habermas: Existential Hero? (192-209).
- "Sorrowing Loneliness, Joyful Solitude." *Listening: Journal of Religion and Culture* 40/3 (2005) 207-227.
- "Habermas' Turn?" *Philosophy & Social Criticism* 32/1 (2006) 21-36. Habermas's work since September 11, 2001.
- "Between Hope and Terror: Derrida and Habermas Plead for the Im/Possible," *Epoche* 9:1 (2004) 1-18.
- "Interview with Calvin O. Schrag." A series of interviews with prominent U.S. Continental philosophers. *Symposium* 8/1 (2004) 117-133.
- "Habermas's Philosophical-Political Profile: A Critical Appraisal of the Biographical Argument." *Filozofický časopis* 52/2 (Prague, 2004) 207-29. Czech translation by Ota Vochoc Special issue on Habermas.
- "How Unfinished Should the Humanist Project Be?" *Theory, Culture, and Society* 20/4 (2003) 143-152.
- "Witnessing and Recognition in an Antiredemptory Age: Destroyed Peoples and Our Memorial Problem." *Filozofický časopis* 50/5 (Prague, 2002) 811-828. Czech translation by Ota Vochoc. Commentary on the article by Michael Pullmann, pp. 828-830.
- "Existential Social Theory After the Poststructuralist and Communication Turns." *Human Studies: A Journal for Philosophy and the Social Sciences* 25 (2002) 146-164.
- "Contribution to a New Critical Theory of Multiculturalism." Response to Drucilla Cornell and Sara Murphy's essay, "Antiracism, Multiculturalism, and the Ethics of Identification." *Philosophy and Social Criticism* 28/4 (2002) 473-482.

- "Fragments from the Future: Remembering the Impossible." *Radical Philosophy Review* 2/2 (1999) 170-82.
- "Existence and the Communicatively Competent Self." *Philosophy and Social Criticism* 25/3 (May 1999) 93-120.
- "What Does Critical Theory Have to Do with It?: In Retrospect and Prospect." *Radical Philosophy Review* 1/1 (1998) 46-53 & 1/2 (1998) iv-v.
- "Derrida and Habermas on the Aporia of the Politics of Identity and Difference: Towards Radical Democratic Multiculturalism." *Constellations: An International Journal of Critical and Democratic Theory* 1/3 (January 1995) 383-398.
- "Derrida a Habermas o aporiích politiky identity a difference: k radikálnímu demokratickému multikulturalismu." The Czech translation of the above essay by Stanislav Polášek. *Filosofický časopis* 43/4 (August 1995) 633-652.
- "Democratic Multicultures and Cosmopolis: Beyond the Aporias of the Politics of Identity and Difference." *Method: Journal of Lonergan Studies* 12 (1994) 63-89.
- "Post-National Identity: Habermas, Kierkegaard, and Havel." *Thesis Eleven*, No. 34 (March 1993) 89-103.
- "Habermas's Reading of Kierkegaard: Notes from a Conversation." *Philosophy and Social Criticism* 17/4 (August 1991, issue appeared August 1992) 313-323.
- "Identity and Power: Contribution to the Debate between the Postmodernity of Michel Foucault and the Critical Modernism of Jürgen Habermas." *Filosofický časopis* 39/2 (Prague, February 1992) 177-198. Czech translation.
- "Merleau-Ponty On Taking the Attitude of the Other." *The Journal of the British Society for Phenomenology* 22/1 (January 1991) 44-52.
- "Merleau-Ponty's Phenomenology of Sympathy." *Auslegung* 17/1 (January 1991) 1-25.
- "Havel and Habermas On Identity and Revolution." *Praxis International* 10/3-4 (October 1990-January 1991) 261-277.
- "Habermas On Communicative Reason and Performative Contradiction." *New German Critique*, No. 47 (Spring/Summer 1989) 163-92.

F. PUBLISHED REFEREED REVIEW ARTICLES

- "Jan Patočka and His Promise." Essay on Edward F. Findlay's *Caring for The Soul in a Postmodern Age: Politics and Phenomenology in the Thought of Jan Patočka*. Albany, N.Y.: State University of New York Press, 2002. *American Political Science Review/Perspectives on Politics* (2003).
- "'If Pigs Could Fly' or the Consolations of Philosophy After 1989." Review of William L. McBride's *Philosophical Reflections of the Changes in Eastern Europe*. Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 1999. *Phänomenologie* 13 (2000): 75-78.
- "Kierkegaard as Socio-Political Thinker and Activist." An essay discussing recent literature on Kierkegaard's view of politics, community, and the present age, focus on George B. Connell and C. Stephen Evans, eds., *Foundations of Kierkegaard's Vision of Community: Religion, Ethics, and Politics in Kierkegaard*. Humanities Press, 1992. *Man and World* 27/2 (April 1994) 211-224.
- "Post/Modern Social Theory: Beyond the Polemic." Co-authored with Patricia J. Huntington. An essay on Bill Martin's *Matrix and Line: Derrida and The Possibilities of Postmodern Social Theory*. Albany, N.Y.: State University of New York Press, 1992. *Radical Philosophy Review of Books*, No. 8 (December 1993) 4-12.
- A review essay on *The Corsair Affair*, Vol. 13 of the *International Kierkegaard Commentary*, ed. by Robert L. Perkins, Macon: Mercer University Press, 1990. *Man and World* 26 (1993) 93-97.

"Jürgen Habermas at 60." A feature on the Habermas *Festschrift*. *Philosophy and Social Criticism* 16/1 (1990) 61-80 & 16/2 (1990) 159-60.

"Transcendental-Phenomenological Retrieval and Critical Theory." A feature review-article on *Post-Cartesian Meditations: An Essay in Dialectical Phenomenology* by James L. Marsh, Fordham University Press, 1988. *Method: Journal of Lonergan Studies* 8/1 (March 1990) 94-105.

G. BOOK REVIEWS

The New Kierkegaard. Ed. Elsebet Jegstrup. Bloomington and Indianapolis: Indiana University Press, 2004. *Philosophy in Review* (2005).

Jan-Olav Henriksen, *The Reconstruction of Religion: Lessing, Kierkegaard, and Nietzsche*. Eerdmans, 2001, 208 pp. *The Theological Studies* 63/3 (2002) 646-647.

Ronald L. Hall. *Word and Spirit: A Kierkegaardian Critique of the Modern Age*. Bloomington and Indianapolis: Indiana University Press, 1993. *Theological Studies* 55/3 (September 1994) 553-54.

Robert L. Perkins, ed., *The Corsair Affair, International Kierkegaard Commentary*, vol. 13. Macon: Mercer University Press, 1990. *International Philosophical Quarterly* 32/4 (December 1992) 524-26.

Rüdiger Bubner. *Essays in Hermeneutics and Critical Theory*. New York: Columbia University Press, 1988. *Auslegung* 16/1 (January 1990) 116-23.

Jürgen Habermas. *Observations on "The Spiritual Situation of the Age."* MIT, 1984. *Auslegung* XIV/2 (Summer 1988) 225-28.

H. OTHER PUBLICATIONS OF GENERAL PUBLIC AND SCHOLARLY INTEREST

*Literární noviny is a Czech intellectual weekly published in Prague. From 2004, all articles are available on-line at <http://www.literarky.cz/> or visit my home page listed above. Several major articles have been published simultaneously in Czech and English.

"Where do people go? Reflections on Václav Havel's Leaving." December 25, 2011. Online publication on the occasion of President's Havel's death.

http://www.broadstreetreview.com/index.php/main/article/the_meaning_of_havels_leaving

"Velvet Revolution in Iran?" *Logos: A Journal of Modern Society and Culture* (Fall 2006)./

"Sametová demokracie v Iránu?" *Literární noviny* (November 13, 2006). Comparative analysis of dissident prodemocracy movements and civil societies in Iran and pre-1989 Eastern Europe. The article was plugged on *Arts & Letters Daily* www.alldaily.com run by the Chronicle of Higher Education and reprinted in *The International Journal of Not-for-Profit Law* (an online quart. devoted to civil society, NGOs, philanthropy & the law.

"Zert a svatokrádez." ("Joke and Sacrilege"). Article on the Danish cartoon controversy.

Literární noviny, February 20, 2006.

"Mýtus, náboženství a politika strachu." ("Myth, Religion, and Politics of Fear."). Analysis of the relation between myth, social ethics, and political culture. *Literární noviny*. December 28, 2005.

"Náboženství a násilí." ("Religion and Violence"). Is the relation between religion and violence something essential or merely historical? *Literární noviny*, October 31, 2005.

"Terorismus je postmoderní svou hodnotovou prázdnotou." ("Terrorism is Postmodern Because It Lacks Values."). Conversation about my work, teaching, public engagements and contemporary social and moral issues. Interview by Kuneš, *Literární noviny*, 31, 2005.

- "Cti otce a matku svou---Ale co když byli komunisté?" ("Honor Your Father and Mother--- But What if They Were Communists?"). Just as in Germany during the 1960s, so also in Eastern Europe, there are now difficult inter-generation questions. *Literární noviny*, February 2005.
- "Ještě kolik minut?" ("How Many More Minutes?"). Reflection on the Tsunami, Time, and Death. *Literární noviny*, January 24, 2005.
- "Náboženství bez náboženství." ("Religion Without Religion."). A Christmas inter-religious article. *Literární noviny*, December 20, 2004.
- "Profesorem filosofie v U.S.A." ("American Philosophy Professor.") *Literární noviny*, December 16, 2004.
- "Sametová demokracie a jiné zm • ny reňimç." ("From 'velvet revolution' to 'velvet jihad?' ") *Literární noviny*, November 15, 2004. / The English version, *Open democracy*, November 18, 2004.
- "Doktorem filosofie v U.S.A." ("American Ph.D."). *Literární noviny*, November 1, 2004.
- "Politika a strach" ("Politics and Fear"). *Literární noviny*, September 20, 2004. Reflection on the Greek notion of courage and its application to the current events.
- "Jedinec a generace" ("Individual and Generation"). *Literární noviny*, August 16, 2004. Article on the anniversary of the 1968 Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia.
- "Nesnesitelná lehkost začátku" ("Unbearable Lightness of Beginnings"). *Literární noviny*, July 12, 2004. Article about memorials, memory work, and truth commissions.
- "Manželství jako občanská neposlušnost" ("Marriage as Civil Disobedience). *Literární noviny*, Continued in two journal issues on June 14, 2004 & June 21, 2004. Article about "the gay marriage" debate in the U.S.
- "Modlitba pro Ameriku" ("America's Prayer"). *Literární noviny*, May 17, 2004. Article about the Abu Ghraib prison abuse. The English version appeared on June 3, 2004 on-line at <http://www.opendemocracy.net/debates/article-3-77-1938.jsp>
- "Nebezpečná pamet" ("Dangerous Memory"). *Literární noviny*, December 8, 2003. Czech intellectual weekly. Front-page article exposing president Vaclav Klaus's recent attack on Václav Havel and his attempt at the historical revision of East European dissent under communism. Article is available on my home page.
- "Letter" in response to the review article ["The Power of Positive Thinking," by Alan Ryan, *The New York Review of Books*, January 16, 2003, pp 43-46] on my book on Habermas (q.v.), published in *The New York Review of Books*, February 27, 2003, p. 49. Articles and the full exchange are available on my home page.
- "Příliš hlucná samota ve filozofickém ústavu." A joint article about the book donations for the Prague philosophy library that lost 40 thousand volumes in the floods of 2002. *Akademický Bulletin* 9 (September 2003): 26-27.
- "Kierkegaard a existenciálna revolúcia," in Slovak, [Kierkegaard and Existential Revolution] *Kultúrny život* (Slovak intellectual bi-weekly in the genre of *The New York Review of Books*, Bratislava, January 1991) 6-7.
- "Post/moderní pokoušení," in Czech, [Post/modern Tempting]. The anniversary issue on the revolutionary events of November 1989. *Tvar*, No. 36 (intellectual bi-weekly, Prague, November 8, 1990) 1, 4-5.

I. PUBLISHED TRANSLATION

Translation and Notes (with Patricia J. Huntington) of Jürgen Habermas, "Kommunikative Freiheit und negative Theologie" (Theunissen Festschrift, Suhrkamp, 1992). A chapter included in Matušík and Westphal, *Kierkegaard in Post/Modernity* (q.v.), 182-198.

J. FORTHCOMING

"Stages, States, and Modes of Existence in Integral Critical Theory" (25 ms. Pages). Chapter in Esbjörn

Hargens, S. & M. Schwartz, Eds. *Dancing with Sophia: Integral Philosophy on the Verge*. Albany, N.Y.: State University of New York Press.

“The Consolations of Philosophy After 1989.” *Revolutionary Hope: Essays in Honor of William L. McBride*, 2013, The Lexington Press, Inc., 2013.

“Conversation with Gabriele M. Schwab on *Haunting Legacies: Violent Histories and Transgenerational Trauma*” (co-edited with G. Schwab and editors of the book). In Monica Casper and Eric Wertheimer, Eds. *Within Trauma: Poetics, Politics, Praxis*. Under review.

Postnational Identity: Critical Theory and Existential Philosophy in Habermas, Kierkegaard, and Havel. New Critical Theory, the second edition with a new Preface, 2013. © 1993.

K. UNPUBLISHED

Out of Silence: A Memoir of Survival. Book length manuscript.

“I was born with an impossible urgency to repair the irreparable, but I became the child of a Holocaust survivor when I was forty years old and learned that family members perished in Auschwitz-Birkenau and surviving relatives had managed to leave Czechoslovakia in 1946.”

After the fall of the Iron Curtain, the author returns from his adopted U.S. home to his native Czechoslovakia only to discover that his mother’s literary and personal archive, that he inherited at 14 upon her death and then hid in Prague on the night before his escape at 19, contains life-altering secrets. On a self-transformative journey to discover his past, the author, who is a professor of philosophy, religious studies, and literature, takes us through an untold personal story spanning three generations and four continents impacted by the Holocaust, Communism, and the fall of Soviet dominance in Central Europe. This memoir of literary nonfiction offers a self-exploration by an author who searches with his spirit and intellect to define himself in a tumultuously changing world at the turn of the twenty-first century.

PAPERS AND LECTURES AT CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

2013

* Plenary speaker. THE BICENTENNIAL OF THE BIRTH OF SØREN KIERKEGAARD: How to philosophize after Kierkegaard? (Ljubljana, Slovenia, June 12–18).

2012

* Reading from my unpublished book ms. *Out of Silence*; organizer and program chair of the symposium on Memory and Countermemory: For an Open Future (ASU, Nov. 8-9).

*“Face-to-Face with Havel and Levinas” (an interview session) North American Levinas Society (Anchorage, May 13-15).

2011

* Keynote and workshop at the undergraduate Philosophy & Religious Studies conference, California State University - Bakersfield (April 29-30).

*“How Can One Forgive G-d for *Being G-d*?” *The Future of God*. An interdisciplinary conference organized by Dean of the Gonzaga-in-Florence Institute and Marc Manganaro, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Gonzaga University in Spokane (Florence, February 23-26).

*“Unforgiving Memory & Counter-Redemptive Hope.” NSU – Nordic Summer University. Falsterbo Kursgård, Sweden. Nordic Summer University, summer session workshop (July 31 to August 6).

*“Midrash on How the Past Will Have Remembered their Futures.” Organizer and program chair with an introduction to the Symposium on Memory and Countermemory: Memorialization of an Open Future (ASU, November 6).

*“Transgenerational Moral Reminders and Postmemorials.” Presented at *Memory & Countermemory: Memorialization of an Open Future*. A Research Symposium, Arizona State University, November 6-8.

* Program concept and chair *Memory & Countermemory: Memorialization of an Open Future*. A Research Symposium, Arizona State University (November 6-9).

* Lecture on Ernest Becker’s *Denial of Death* and its significance since 1993. Presented to *Spirit of the Senses*, (September 27, Phoenix salon).

2010

* Organized and presented at the panel on *Unforgiveness*, conference on New Approaches to Trauma (October 7-9, Arizona State University). <http://traumaconference.newcollege.asu.edu/>

*“Difficult Unforgiveness.” Critical Theory Panel: International Society for Religion, Literature and Culture. The Faculty of Theology, St. Catherine’s College, University of Oxford (September 23-26).

*“The Mitzvoth of Love.” The Panel on Religiously Encouraged Love of the Other of the Judaism section: International Society for Religion, Literature and Culture. The Faculty of Theology, St. Catherine’s College, University of Oxford (September 23-26).

*“The Difficulty of the Unforgivable.” Invited Plenary, International Levinas Association (Toulouse, France, July 4).

*“Where Do People Go? Postsecular Meditations on Vaclav Havel’s *Leaving*.” The Wilma Theater, Philadelphia, after-performance symposium on Havel’s legacy (May 30).

2009

*“Reading ‘Kierkegaard’ as a Drama.” Kierkegaard and Culture Group, American Academy of Religion (Montreal, November 7).

**Radical Evil and the Scarcity of Hope: Postsecular Meditations* (Indiana University Press, 2008) was selected for one of Current Research sessions at the international conference of Society for Phenomenology & Existential Philosophy (Washington, D.C., October 29).

*“The Unforgivable: A Possibility of Redemptive Critical Theory,” The opening lecture at the lunch series hosted by Religious Studies, ASU at Tempe (September 17).

* Organization and presentation at the panel discussion, *Philosophical & Spiritual Questions Concerning Death & Dying, ASU-West*, October 8. An interdisciplinary panel discussion organized by Philosophy and Literature research cluster at ASUW and sponsored by HARCS.

* Main organizer of the *Real Life Ethics Seminar & dinner banquet on Ethical and Spiritual Dilemmas in Hospice End-of-Life-Care*, sponsored by the Lincoln Ctr. for Applied Ethics, Hospice of the Valley, and New College of Arts and Sciences at ASU-West. October 8. Over 80 guests (graduate students, faculty, and community guests) attended the event. Presenters: Gill Hamilton, M.D., Ph.D. Medical Director of Hospice of the Valley; Charley Coppinger, M.A., a chaplain for two palliative care units of Hospice of the Valley, Gardiner Home and Surprise PCU; Rev. David Wilsterman, B.Th. Chaplaincy Coordinator at Hospice of the Valley; and Sarah Bird, RN, MSN, Director of Inpatient Services at Hospice of the Valley and a member of their Ethics Committee.

*“The Possibility of Redemptive Critical Theory.” Plenary presentation at the international Conference on Philosophy of Social Science (Prague, Czech Republic, May 13-17).

* Invited keynote address at Penn State University (College State, PA, April 17).

2008

* Religion and Violence. Session on Kierkegaard and Levinas, American Academy of Religion (Chicago, November 1-3).

* Invited keynote address at the international conference, *Beyond Reification: Critical Theory and the Challenge of Praxis*, John Cabot University (Rome, Italy, May 21-23).

2007

**The Gannon Lecture*. “The Scarcity of Hope: Postsecular Meditations on Radical Evil.”

The Gannon lecture in one of the most premier lecture series at Fordham University--endowed by the class of 1951. The Gannon Lecture Series, which began in the fall of 1980, brings Distinguished individuals to Fordham University to deliver public lectures on topics of their expertise. It is named in honor of the Rev. Robert I. Gannon, S.J., President of Fordham from 1936-1949, an outstanding and popular speaker. (New York, October 9).

*"More Than All the Others": Meditations on Responsibility," an international conference on the occasion of Patočka's centennial of birth, thirty year anniversary of his death, and also thirty years since I signed "Charta 77" and later fled into exile. That human rights Manifesto was inspired by Dostoyevsky's hyperbolic thought that "I am more guilty, more responsible than others." The conference meets with the Husserl Circle (The Center for Theoretical Study, Charles University & the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, Prague (April 22-28).

2006

* *Dialogue with Ken Wilber*: Might there be a need for a third, transversal axis, in addition to

Wilber's states and stages of consciousness, to account for something like the spheres of existence? *Integral Spirituality Center*, one hour on line audio conversation on the topics ranging from my autobiography to social ethics, politics, inter-religious dialogue, and the problem of violence (worldwide webcast, Boulder-Chicago, September 23, audio link on my home page).

*"Integral Critical Theory of the Present Age," Society for Phenomenology & Existential Philosophy Philadelphia (October 14).

*"Becoming Human, Becoming Sober," *invited keynote address* at the Kierkegaard conference, "Kierkegaard & Religion," organized by Lewis University, Romeoville (February 23-24).

2005

Presentations during a year-long sabbatical leave

*"Radical Evil: Is It a Religious or Secular Phenomenon?" Discussion panel with Prof. Václav Belohradský," part of the conference on moral and political philosophy, the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic (November 28).

*"Radical Evil: How to Speak about It in Postsecular Age?" Invited presentation at a three-hour colloquium with the Czech Catholic, Orthodox, and protestant bishops; moderated by Prof. Rev. Tomáš Halík & the Czech Christian Academy, the Emauzy monastery, Prague (November 23).

*"Derrida and Lévinas on Religion and Violence," the International Congress "Person and Society: Perspectives for the XXIst Century," the Faculdade de Filosofia da Universidade Católica, Braga, Portugal (November 16-20).

*"Religion, Secularization, and Violence," presentation at Ivan Havel's Center for Theoretical Study (Prague, November 4).

*"Between Terror and Hope," presentation to Philosophical Institute the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, Prague (November 3).

*"Myth, Religion, and Politics of Fear," public presentation and discussion evening (the Czech Christian Academy, Karlovy Vary, October 10)

*"Religion and Violence," major discussion panel with Dean Jan Sokol and Prof. Rev. Tomáš Halík, aula of Charles University, Prague (October 20).

*"Singular Existence and Critical Theory." The annual Prague gathering of social and political philosophers (May 20).

*"Habermas in Retrospect & Prospect." Look at Habermas's work since 9/11 (Inter-University Center Dubrovnik, conference of social and political philosophy in the Continental tradition (March 15).

2004

- *"Evil, Cruelty, and Progress," revised versions of the previously presented paper (Villanova University, January 22; Purdue University, February 6; Loyola University of Chicago, March 22).
- *"Identity or Roots, Idol or Icon? Towards a New Critical Theory of Race," commentary on Lucius Outlaw's work, invited scholar's session, Memphis (October 28).
- *"Violence & Religion: Reading Derrida with Kierkegaard," session of Theology and Continental Philosophy Group Memphis, October 25).
- *Biographical Introduction to Jürgen Habermas' presentation on cosmopolitan law (Purdue, October 15).

2003

- *"Between Hope and Terror: Derrida and Habermas Plead for the Im/Possible," conference on the new shape of the European Union, the Czech Academy of Science, Prague (November 26).
- *"Violence and Secularization, Evil and Redemption," Kierkegaard Society, American Philosophical Association, Cleveland (April 27) & American Academy of Religion, Atlanta (November 22).
- *"Habermas's Turn?" Response to two critical commentaries on my book, *Jürgen Habermas: A Philosophical-Political Profile*, selected for the Current Research Session," Society for Phenomenology & Existential Philosophy, Boston (November 6).
- *"Evil and Progress," plenary presentation at the international Conference on Philosophy of Social Science, Prague, Czech republic (May 20).

2002

- *"Writing Habermas's Intellectual Biography," Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles (March 13) & St. Louis University (October 25).
- *"How Unfinished Should the Humanist Project Be?" Invited paper on Lorenzo Simpson's *Unfinished Project*. Panel with Robert Bernasconi and Lorenzo Simpson. Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Loyola University of Chicago (October 10).

2001

- *"Habermas's Philosophical-Political Profile: A Critical Appraisal of the Biographical Argument," American Philosophical Association, Atlanta (December 27) & Miami University (November 9).
- *"Habermas's Response to Fundamentalism," American Academy of Religion, Denver (November 17).

- *Review of James L. Marsh, *Process, Praxis, and Transcendence*, Society for Phenomenology & Existential Philosophy, Baltimore (October 20).
- *"Existential Variants of Critical Theory," invited colloquium paper, The Inter-University Center in Dubrovnik, Croatia (April 10).
- *Original conception and co-introduction with T. Denean Sharpley-Whiting for *Critical Theory & Race: Contesting The Racial Contract*, an interdisciplinary symposium sponsored by Purdue University's African American Studies and Research Center and English & Philosophy Ph.D. Program (March 22-24).

2000

- *"La Lucha Sigue," multimedia presentation on indigenous communities in Chiapas, Mexico. Fourth National Conference of the Radical Philosophy Association, Loyola University of Chicago (November 3).
- *"The Scarcity of Hope? Untimely Sartrean-Marcusean Meditations," The Sartre Society, Waterloo, Canada (September 15).

- *"Can There Be Witnesses if the Past is Closed?" Invited symposium paper for Ivan Havel's Center for Theoretical Study, Prague, the Czech Republic, international celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Center (created on the model of the Princeton Center in 1990), with participation of Václav Havel, President of the Czech Republic (August 30).
- *"The Critical Theorist as Witness: Habermas and the Holocaust," IAPL -- International Association of Philosophy and Literature, the State University of New York at Stony Brook (May 10).
- *"The Scarcity of Hope? A Sartrean-Marcusean Challenge," The Inter-University Center in Dubrovnik, Croatia (April 11).
- *Original conception and co-introduction with William L. McBride for *The Task of Philosophy After Postmodernity*, national conference in honor of Calvin O. Schrag, Purdue University (April 1).

1999

- *"The Critical Theorist as Witness: Habermas and the Holocaust," Purdue's interdisciplinary forum, "Illuminations" (Sept. 14) & the international conference on Philosophy of Social Sciences organized by Frank Michelman, Axel Honneth, Jean Cohen, and Alessandro Ferrara, Prague (May 19).
- *"The Difficulty of Proving the Claim, 'Truth is Subjectivity'," presentation on Merold Westphal's work. Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, an invited session sponsored by the Society for Phenomenology & Existential Philosophy, Eugene (October 10).
- *Invited Multimedia presentation on indigenous communities in Chiapas, Mexico: Conference, "Latin American Liberation Thought: Educational and Activist Philosophies," held at Lewis University (February 23).

1998

- *"Fragments from the Future: Remembering the Impossible," book-symposium on *Specters of Liberation* (q.v.), by Andrew Feenberg, Bill Martin, and Cynthia Willett, with a response by the author, at American Philosophical Association, Washington, D.C. (December 27).
- *"Back to the Future: Marcuse and New Critical Theory," *Marcuse and the Prospects for Critical Theory*, panel in honor of Marcuse's 100th birthday, Third National Conference of the Radical Philosophy Association, San Francisco State University (November 6).
- *"Existential Social Theory After the Poststructuralist and Communication Turns," Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Denver (October 8).
- **Specters of Liberation*. Invited book-presentation (q.v.), the Noam Chomsky Reading Group, Vertigo Books, Dupont Circle, Washington, D.C. (May 3).

1997

- **Specters of Liberation*. Invited presentation of a chapter from my book (q.v.), Brown University, Providence (September 22).
- *"Ludic, Corporate, and Imperial Multiculturalism: Impostors of Democracy and Cartographers of the New World Order," Society for Philosophy and Geography at American Philosophical Association, Philadelphia (December 28).
- *"What Is a Communicatively Competent Self? An Existential Variant of Habermas's Critical Theory," Communication Studies Conference, Chicago (November 21).
- *"Radical Multicultural and Existential Democracy: West, Marcuse, and Fanon," Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, University of Kentucky (October 17).

1996

- *Discussant at the invited panel on Nationalism, the Committee on International Cooperation, American Philosophical Association, Atlanta (December 27).

- *"What is Critical about Critical Theory?" Organizer, moderator and participant in the panel on the tasks and future of critical social theory. Other invited speakers on this panel: David Ingram, Alison Jaggar, James L. Marsh, and Iris Marion Young. Second National Conference of Radical Philosophy Association, Purdue University (November 16).
- *"Existence and the Communicatively Competent Self," Critical Theory Roundtable, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (October 26).
- *"A Rejoinder to Habermas and Taylor on *Politics of Recognition*,
–the international course of Critical Theory, organized by Seyla Benhabib, Axel Honneth, Jean Cohen, and Alessandro Ferrara, Prague (May 25).
–Howard University, Philosophy Department, Washington, D.C. (March 11).
–Villanova University, Conference, "The Academy and Race" (March 9).
–The American University, Philosophy Department, Washington, D.C. (March 5).
- *"Kierkegaard's Radical Existential Praxis," Philosophy Department, DePaul University, Chicago (April 25).

1995

- *"Critical and Postmodern Social Theory at the Crossroads," part 2, invited speaker at a book session on David Ingram's and James L. Marsh's new books, Radical Philosophy Association at American Philosophical Association, New York (December 29).
- *Invited paper in a panel on "Resurgent Nationalism," organized by International Philosophers for the Prevention of Nuclear Omnicide at American Philosophical Association, New York (December 28).
- *Invited respondent to Beth J. Singer's symposium paper, "Pragmatism, Rights, and Democracy," American Philosophical Association, New York (December 27).
- *Invited colloquium speaker on the occasion of the publication of my co-edited volume, *Kierkegaard in Post/Modernity* (q.v.), The Søren Kierkegaard Research Centre, University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark (November 18-21).
- *"Critical and Postmodern Social Theory at the Crossroads," part 1, invited speaker at the session on Stephen David Ross and James L. Marsh's new books, Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Chicago (October 13).
- *Invited lecture on my work in Critical Theory and Existential Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, Bogazici University, Istanbul, Turkey (July 4-8).

Special Lectures during Fulbright stay in The Czech Republic:

- *"Nationalism and Multicultural Democracy" (in Czech), Blue Monday seminar, Prague (December 4).
- *"Reading Derrida's *Spectres de Marx* in an East-Central European Context" (in English), Prague's Critical Theory Meeting, Villa Lanna (May 14).
- *"Reading Derrida's *Spectres de Marx* in an East-Central European Context" (in Czech), the International Institute of Intercultural Studies, The George Soros Foundation (April 27).
- *"The Myths about Political Correctness" (in Czech), The Center for Theoretical Study (April 13).
- *"Kierkegaard's Category of the Individual" (lecture in Czech), a Blue Monday lecture, Pedagogical Faculty of Charles University (April 4).
- *"Nationalisms of Liberation and Conquest" (lecture in Czech), the International Institute of Intercultural Studies, Masaryk University, Brno (April 6).

1994

- *Invited Panel on "Nationalism," First National Conference of Radical Philosophy Association, Drake University (November 4).
- *"Are Multicultural Difference and Postnational Identity Compatible? The Possibilities of Existential Democracy," an invited colloquium paper. Moravian College (October 18).

- *"The Specters of Deconstruction: Critical Social Theory Without Apologies," an invited critical commentary in a panel on Derrida's *Spectres de Marx*. Seattle, Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (October 1).
- *"Marcuse's 'Great Refusal' in the New World Order," the Black Caucus panel, "Existential Perspectives On Nationalism, Race, and Resistance," American Philosophical Association, Los Angeles (April 1); and Purdue University (April 28).
- *"Postnational Identity and Multicultural Democracy," speaker at the colloquium, "Solidarity and Conflict in a Postmodern World." University of Alabama, Huntsville. Sponsored by NEH (April 25).
- *A book-review panel on my *Postnational Identity*, sponsored by Charles University and Ivan M. Havel, dir. of the Center for Theoretical Studies, Carolinum, Prague (April 13).
- *"The Specter of Liberation in the New World Order," a Prague conference on "Identity and Difference," organized by Seyla Benhabib, Axel Honneth, Jean Cohen, and Alessandro Ferrara (April 12).

1993

- *"Like the Ice-Birds Nesting Upon the Turbulent Sea: A Reply to Critics." Book-review panel, "Critical and Postmodern Social Theory in Dialogue," on my *Postnational Identity*, Radical Philosophy Association, American Philosophical Association, Atlanta (December 28).
- *"From 'Theoretical Cleansing' to Basic Philosophical Rights: A Manifesto," the Committee on International Cooperation, American Philosophical Association, Atlanta (December 28).
- *"Kierkegaard's Radical Existential Praxis or: Why the Individual Defies Communitarian, Liberal, and Postmodern Categories," panel on "Kierkegaard in Dialogue," Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, New Orleans (October 23).
- *"The Politics of Identity and Difference," Cultural Studies Collective, an interdisciplinary colloquium on the occasion of the publication of my *Postnational Identity* Purdue University (September 29).
- *Co-organizer and a panel participant at the first Midwest Roundtable of Critical Theory, St. Louis University (September 17-20).
- *"Habermas and Derrida on the Politics of Identity and Difference," the International Conference, "Rethinking Subjectivity: Modernity and the Self," organized by Seyla Benhabib, Axel Honneth, Jean Cohen, Alessandro Ferrara, and Ivan Vejvoda under the sponsorship of the Inter-University Centre, Dubrovnik, and the Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague (May 1-8).
- *"Habermas and Lonergan on Identity and Community," an invited speaker for the Eleventh Annual Eleanor Giuffre Memorial Lonergan Conference, Santa Clara University (March 13).
- *"Radical Democratic Multiculturalism," an invited speaker in a series, "Ethics in a Pluralistic Society," Philosophy Department of Saint Louis University (February 19).

1992

- *"From Nationalism to Post-National Identity: Habermas, Kierkegaard, and Havel," the Fall Colloquium Series at the Department of Philosophy, Purdue University (December 3).
- *"The Aporia of the Politics of Identity and Difference: Habermas and Derrida," The Radical Activists and Scholars Conference, Loyola University, Chicago (November 14).
- *"Kierkegaard On Authoring and Identity from the Perspective of Havel's Existential Revolution & Non-Political Politics," Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Boston (October 8-10).
- *"Kierkegaard's Authoring and Non-Political Politics from the Perspective of Havel's Existential Revolution," The International Association for Philosophy and Literature, the University of California at Berkeley (May 2).

- *"Post-National Identity in Habermas, Kierkegaard, and Havel," conference on "Identity and Civil Society," organized by Axel Honneth, Jean Cohen, and the Inter-university Center, Dubrovnik, moved to Italy due to the civil war in Yugoslavia (March 30).
- *"Habermas, Kierkegaard, and Havel: Critique of Nationalism," symposium, "Feminism and Multiculturalism," Purdue University (March 19).
- *Two lectures on the problem of nationalism, at the invitation of Central European University, The George Soros Foundation, Prague, Czechoslovakia (February 28 - March 9).

1991

- *"Habermas's Reading of Kierkegaard," The Søren Kierkegaard Society, American Philosophical Association, New York (December 28).
- *"Habermas, Kierkegaard, and Havel On Post-National Identity," The Radical Activists and Scholars Conference, Loyola University, Chicago (November 10).
- *"Permanent Democratic Revolution as Habermas's Critique of Nationalism," lecture in Czech, Philosophy Department, Charles University, Prague, Czechoslovakia (May 8).
- *"Kierkegaard and Existential Revolution," lecture in Czech, Jednota filozofická, the Academy of Sciences, Prague, Czechoslovakia (May 7).
- *"Intellectuals and Power," lecture in Czech at Modré pondělí [Blue Monday: a continuation of the philosophical evenings at the Charles University that until Nov. 1989 took place in Václav Havel's apartment in Prague, Czechoslovakia] (May 6). An interview occurs in the monthly *Prostor* 16, Prague (May 1991).

1990

- *"Havel and Habermas On Identity and Revolution," Jürgen Habermas's Monday night Colloquium: Frankfurt a/M (October 22).
- *"Vertical Identity as a Critique of Power: Kierkegaard, Lévinas, and Havel," a lecture in Czech, Philosophy Department, Charles University, Prague (April 11).
- *"Identity and Power: Foucault and Habermas," a lecture in Czech, Philosophy Department, Charles University, Prague (April 10).
- *"Foucault's Genealogy of Bio-Power: A Communicative-Ethical Critique of Its Application," Jürgen Habermas's Colloquium: rechtstheoretische Arbeitsgruppe, Frankfurt a/M (January 25).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

A. ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY, PHOENIX (August 2008-present)

- Fall 2008:* Curriculum and program development graduate courses (ethics degree, Lincoln Center).
- Spring 2009:* MAS 598/PHI/REL 494: Studies in Critical Theory
REL 300: Research & Writing in Religion and Applied Ethics
- Fall 2009:* AEP 501 Foundations of Ethics I (ASU-wide)
- Spring 2010:* REL 598/494: Studies in Critical Theory: Post-Holocaust Ethics (ASU-Tempe)
AEP 502 Foundations of Ethics II (ASU-West)
- Fall 2010:* AEP 550 Ethical and Spiritual Issues in Pastoral Care
AEP 551 Ethical & Spiritual Approaches to Death and Dying
REL 300: Research & Writing in Religion and Applied Ethics
- Spring 2011:* PHI 324: Existential Ethics
Facilitator for faculty reading salon on Gabriele Schwab's Haunting Legacies: Violent Histories and Transgenerational Trauma (Columbia University Press, 2010).
- Fall 2011:* REL 598: Critical Theory: Memory, Mourning, Memorialization (ASU-Tempe)
Director of *Lincoln New College Ethics Teaching Fellows - Faculty Seminar 2011-12.*

Fall 2012 HON 294 Imagining Peace
REL 550 /MAS 550 Philosophical & Spiritual Approaches to Death and Dying
Spring 2013 PHI 304 Existentialism
ENG 401 Topic in Critical Theory: Enlightenment and Eros

B. PURDUE UNIVERSITY, W. Lafayette (August 1991- August 2008)

Fall 1991: PHIL 110: Introduction to Philosophy; PHIL 219: Introduction to Existentialism
Spring 1992: PHIL 110; PHIL 680: Foucault & Dialectic of Enlightenment
Fall 1992: PHIL 219: Introduction to Existentialism; PHIL 520: seminar on Existentialism
Spring 1993: PHIL 303: 19th Century Philosophy; PHIL 680: Hegel's *Phenomenology of Spirit*
Fall 1993: PHIL 110 (Honors); PHIL 219
Spring 1994: PHIL 110; PHIL 555: Marcuse & Adorno
Fall 1994: *Assigned Junior Research Leave
Spring 1996: PHIL 110; PHIL 219
Fall 1996: PHIL 555: Critical Theory & Michel Foucault
*Director of the Ph.D. Program: in Philosophy & Literature
Spring 1997: PHIL 110; PHIL 580B: Topic--Hegel and Contemporary Social Ethics
Fall 1997: PHIL 540: Studies in Social and Political Philosophy: Foucault, Butler, Marcuse;
PHIL 510: Phenomenology (Merleau-Ponty)
Spring 1998: PHIL/ENG 576: Philosophy, Hermeneutics, and Literary Theory (team-taught with
Geraldine Friedman)
PHIL 610: Alterity & Identity: Lévinas, Ricoeur, Derrida (team-taught with Calvin O.
Schrage)
PHIL 590: Habermas: *Between Facts and Norms* (philosophy of law)
Fall 1998 & Spring 1999: sabbatical leave
Fall 1999: PHIL 555: Social and Political Philosophy; PHIL 219
Spring 2000: PHIL 309: 20th Century Philosophy;
*Director of the Ph.D. Program: in Philosophy & Literature
Fall 2000: PHIL 510: Merleau-Ponty; PHIL 319: Classical and Contemporary Marxism
Spring 2001: PHIL 219; *Director of the Ph.D. Program: in Philosophy & Literature
Fall 2001: *Research grant*
Spring 2002: PHIL 219; PHIL 555
Fall 2002: PHIL 319: Classical and Contemporary Marxism
Spring 2003: PHIL 610: Seminar in Recent Continental Philosophy; PHIL 219
Fall 2003: PHIL 555: Dialectic of Enlightenment and Radical Evil
*Director of the Ph.D. Program: in Philosophy & English
Summers 2001-2003: Phil 219 E / Engl. 396 E (Prague): *Czech Existential Literature & Drama*
Spring 2004: PHIL 206: Philosophy of Religion (large section lecture course);
PHIL 309: 20th Century Philosophy
Fall 2004: PHIL 680: 20th Century Returns to Hegel's *Phenomenology of Spirit*; PHIL 319
Spring 2005: PHIL 610: Seminar in Recent Continental Philosophy
PHIL 590: Ethics and Religion in Lévinas & Kierkegaard

Summer 2005: Phil 319 E / Fall 396 E (Prague): Existentialism in Czech Literature & Film
Fall 2005-Spring 2006: sabbatical leave (Philosophical Institute of Charles University, Prague)
Fall 2006: PHIL 510: Husserl, Heidegger, Merleau-Ponty
PHIL 555: Adorno, Benjamin, Marcuse
Spring 2007: PHIL 610: Postsecular Turn in Contemporary Continental Philosophy:
Janicaud, Heidegger, Marion, Derrida

Fall 2007: PHIL 580B: Hegel's *Philosophy of Right*
PHIL 293: Philosophy of Love
Spring 2008: PHIL 580C: Seminar on Kierkegaard's religious and social ethics
PHIL 206Y: Philosophy of Religion (long distance, on line course).

C. CHARLES UNIVERSITY, Prague (Fulbright Grant - teaching in Czech)

Spring 1995: Critical Theory and Recent U.S. Texts in the Field (graduate)
Existential Philosophy and Recent U.S. Texts (graduate)
Fall 1995: Kierkegaard, selected texts (graduate)
Charles Taylor and Jürgen Habermas (graduate)

D. LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY, Los Angeles

1985-87: Moral Problems/Ethics (upper division - 4 semest.).
Philosophy of Human Nature (4 semest.).

E. INTERNATIONAL TEACHING AND VISITING LECTURESHIPS

Bogazici University, Istanbul, Turkey; Philosophy, *July 1995*.
The Center for Theoretical Study, dir. Ivan M. Havel, Prague, the Czech Republic,
Fulbright grant, *February - December 1995*.
The Central European University, The George Soros Foundation, Prague, the Czech
Republic, *February 1992*.
Charles University, Prague, visiting lecturer, *April 1990 & May 1991*.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

A. THESES, ADVISING, EXAMS

Arizona State University (August 2008-present)

Primary advisor:

Greg Grobmeier – “Transcendence and Immanence.” MAIS M.A. program – capstone thesis in
Continental philosophy of religion (May 2010).
Michael Woal, James Bingham, Connie Sexton, Tiffinie Smith, Jen Jensen – M.A. Pastoral Care Ethics
& Spirituality (2011-2012).
Victoria Sargent – MA capstone project on memory (2011-12).

Reader:

Robert Berra –M.A. on the holy war, gay marriage, and religious arguments abouttorture (Tempe 2011).
Zachary Goldberg –Kierkegaard and Frankena – Ph.D. thesis and doctoral exams (Tempe – 2011-12).

Ph.D. Dissertations at Purdue University:

Primary advisor:

Tim Martell: Marx and Adorno (March 2001).
Debra Jackson: The Phenomenology of Sexual Assault (April 2002).
Ryan Musgrave: Feminism and Adorno's Aesthetics (April 2002).
Jack Mulder: Faith and Nothingness in Kierkegaard: A Mystical Reading of the God-relationship –
Recipient of 2003 summer grant from St. Olaf's Kierkegaard Center (April 2004, with
distinction).
Jari Niemi, Critical Theory of Technology (April 2004).
Ada S. Jaarsma: Troubling the Normal: Contemporary Encounters with Kierkegaard (December 2004).
Michael Michau: Self and Other in Kierkegaard and Lévinas (May 2008).

Shannon Nason: Motion, Change, and Activity in Aristotle & Kierkegaard. Recipient of 2007 summer grant from St. Olaf's Kierkegaard Center (August 2008).

Directed at Purdue while at ASU:

Aaron Fehir: Postmetaphysical Investigations - Kierkegaard and Prayer. Recipient of 2007 summer grant from St. Olaf's Kierkegaard Center (December 2009).

Erik Hanson: Ethics and Religion in Kant & Kierkegaard (May 2010).

Reader:

Bill Pamerleau: Discourse Ethics and Sartre (May 1994).

Raj Thiruvengadam: Communication and Mass Democracy (May 1994).

Nick Meriwether: Habermas and MacIntyre (May 1995).

Thomas Spademan: Sartre and Marx – Philosophy of Law (May 1996).

Natalija Micunovic: Critique of Nationalism (May 1996).

Derek Buschman: Hegel (May 1997).

Jeff Paris: Critical and Feminist Socialist Theory (May 1998)

Stephen Pluháček: Plato and Derrida (May 1999).

Sarah Robert: The Ethics of Gift – Lévinas, Kierkegaard, and Derrida (May 2000).

Tod Ferguson, Reconstructing Solidarity and Socio-Political Integration in the 21st Century (May 2004).

Mango Meier: Ancient Thoughts on Tyranny: A Reading of Xenophon's *Hiero* (May 2005).

Shane Wahl: A Political Philosophy of the Future (October 2008).

Member of other Dissertation Committees:

Jamie Aroosi: Kierkegaard and Critical Theory (CUNY, April 2013).

Robyn Brothers: Kierkegaard, Sartre, and Proust (Brown University, defended 1997).

B. UNIVERSITY SERVICE

*Director of Center for Critical Inquiry and Cultural Studies (2012-).

*Lincoln Center for Applied Ethics, Arizona State University (Fall 2008-).

*Purdue's Graduate Committee: 2000-2008, admissions, funding, annual student review.

*Director of Purdue's Ph.D. Program in Philosophy and Literature:

1996 - 98; 1999 - 2005, program director (external review, spring 1997).

1991 - 2008, program staff and committee member: responsible for application reviews, graduate student counseling, specialized, Ph.D. examinations, and the course on Philosophy and Literature.

Joint search committee, Phenomenology and African American Studies (1997-98).

Senator representing Purdue's fourteen interdisciplinary programs Senate (1997-98, 2002-04).

Organizer, advisor, administrative director for Purdue at Charles University in Prague (2001-07).

C. NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Editorial Board Memberships:

– Associate Editor of *Constellations: An International Journal of Critical and Democratic Theory*, eds. Nancy Fraser and Andrew Arato (Basil Blackwell, 1994-).

International Book Donation Campaign:

– Organized flood relief for the philosophy library in Prague, Czech Republic (3 tons of books collected from all of the U.S. and shipped via Czech Embassy in Washington, D.C. to Prague, 2003).

– Organized donations of philosophy texts from the U.S. for Charles University, as part of the Fulbright Grant. Over 400 books were shipped to Prague between October 1994 and March 1995.

Manuscript and Grant Reviews:

– Papers for *International Philosophical Quarterly*, *Man and World*, *Constellations*.

– Ms. for SUNY Press (1991-93); University of Pittsburgh Press (1996); Cornell University Press (1999).

– Grant applications, Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences (1992, 1996).

External Review of an Academic Program (member of a national team):

- Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE), on-site review of the Council's study abroad academic program at Charles University, Prague (March 23-27, 1997).

D. SERVICE AS A CITIZEN AND PUBLIC INTELLECTUAL

- *Certified volunteer for Hospice of the valley and grief group facilitator for the New Song for Grieving Children, Phoenix, AZ (2010-).
- *"Human Memory." Presentation to the Phoenix chapter of the Lion's Club (October 2011).
- *Tri-National Friendship Delegation to Mexico: Participant in the international delegation of 86 delegates to the indigenous communities in Chiapas, Mexico (Lacandon jungle, July 2-8, 1998).
- *"Chiapas Solidarity Project" (CSP): The fundraising campaign to build a sustainable pharmacy in the Mayan communities, Chiapas, Mexico. CSP shipped in June, 1999, medicines worth US\$ 200,000.00.

FELLOWSHIPS

- Lincoln New College Teaching Ethics Fellowships – 2012-13: Director of the ethics seminar for six faculty fellowships at ASU – West campus.
- Fulbright Faculty Lectureship Grant; Philosophy, Charles University, Prague, the Czech Republic, *February - June 1995*. Second competition, renewal grant: *September - December 1995*.
- Fulbright-Hays Research Ph.D. Student Grant, J.W. Goethe-Universität, Frankfurt a/M, Germany, *September 1989 - July 1991*.
- Dissertation Fellowship, Fordham University, *September 1990 - May 1991*.
- Teaching Fellowship, Fordham University, *September 1987 - May 1989*.

AWARDS

- Heritage & Memory: Sites of Transgenerational Trauma, Moral Reminders, and Repair*
Institute for Humanities Research Seed Grant. \$11,965.
- Post-WALL-memory of Eastern Europe: Ghosts, Afterlife, and Conflicted Legacies in Post-1989 Eastern Europe East European Studies Program Conference Grant 2011 \$12,495.
- Lincoln Center Award : \$12,000, total budget in ASU's New College: \$24,000.
- Lincoln New College Ethics Teaching Fellows (2011-12) - Faculty Seminar 2011-12*
- Memory and Countermemory: Memorialization of an Open Future (ASU, 6-9 November, 2011).
Responsible for the full operating budget \$36,050.
- Center for Humanistic Studies - Purdue Research Award, *Fall 2001 & Spring 2006*.
- Purdue Global Initiative - courses in Critical Theory and Existential Philosophy, *1992, 1993, 1994*.
- Purdue Global Initiative - Collaborative Research: "Multiculturalism and Global Human Rights,"
Bogazici University & Istanbul Phenomenological Circle, *1997*.
- Purdue International Travel Grants:
 - *International Conference on Philosophy and Social Sciences, Prague, the Czech Republic, *1993, 1994, 1996*.
 - * International Conference on Philosophy and Social Sciences, Ischia, Italy, *1992*.
 - * Istanbul Phenomenological Circle, *1997*.
- The Central European University, the George Soros Foundation, Prague, Czech Republic, *1992, 1994*.

MEMBERSHIPS IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- American Academy of Religion

American Philosophical Association
North American Sartre Society
Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy
Soeren Kierkegaard Society

LANGUAGES

Czech and Slovak (both native)
German & Spanish: speak, read, and write
French, Polish and Russian: good in reading and speech comprehension

FOREIGN TRAVEL

Europe: all Central, Eastern, Southern, and Western countries except Albania.
Middle and Far East, Asia: Israel and Egypt, Asian part of Turkey, Thailand, Nepal, Japan.
Americas: Guatemala and Mexico.
Africa; Kenya, Tanzania: the Uhuru Peak of Mt. Kilimanjaro (summit in early January 2012).

PERSONAL DATA

1957	Born in Czechoslovakia - bilingual and ethnic Czech and Slovak.
August 1977	U.N. refugee status (received political asylum from Austria).
February 1978	Immigrated to the U.S. (Santa Monica).
July 1984	Naturalized U.S. citizen (St. Louis).