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## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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## **AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION AND COMPETENCE**

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- AOS: 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Century Continental Philosophy (especially Phenomenology), Social and Political Philosophy
- AOC: Philosophy of Science and Technology, Ethics, Ancient Philosophy, Aesthetics, Philosophy of Mind

## **ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

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- Associate Professor of Philosophy, Humanities Department, Michigan Technological University, 2011-present
- Director of Graduate Studies in Rhetoric, Theory and Culture, Humanities Department, Michigan Technological University, 2015-2018
- Senior Fellow, Foundation Year Programme, University of King's College, Halifax, 2010-2011
- Instructor, Contemporary Studies Programme, University of King's College, Halifax, 2009-2011
- Teaching Fellow, Foundation Year Programme, University of King's College, Halifax, 2007-2010

## **EDUCATION**

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- University of Guelph, PhD, Philosophy (2010)
- University of Guelph, MA, Philosophy (2005)
- University of Toronto, Special/Non-degree, Philosophy (2001-2)
- University of Western Ontario, BA, Sociology (2001)

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Books

- *The Intercorporeal Self: Merleau-Ponty on Subjectivity*. Albany, NY: State University of New York Press (2012).
  - Reviews: *Symposium: Canadian Journal of Continental Philosophy*, March (2013); *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, February (2013); *Review of Metaphysics* 67 (2013); *Avant V* (2014); *Word and Text: A Journal of Literary Studies and Linguistics* 3 (2013).
- *The End of Ethics in a Technological Society*. Montreal, QC: McGill-Queens University Press (2008). (With Lawrence E. Schmidt.)

### Book Chapters

- “Intercorporeality.” In *50 Concepts for an Intersectional Phenomenology*, eds. Ann Murphy, Gayle Salamon, and Gail Weiss. Evanston: Northwestern University Press (in press).
- “Alterity and Expression in Merleau-Ponty: A Response to Levinas.” In *Perception and its Development in Merleau-Ponty’s Phenomenology*, eds. John Russon and Kirsten Jacobson. Toronto, ON: University of Toronto Press (2017) [refereed].
- “Blind Narcissism: Merleau-Ponty and Derrida on the Line.” In *Phenomenology and the Arts*, eds. Lician Carlson and Peter Costello. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books [Rowman & Littlefield] (2016) [refereed].
- “‘This Power to Which we are Vowed’: Ipseity and Language in Merleau-Ponty’s Phenomenology.” In *Time, Memory, Institution: Merleau-Ponty’s New Ontology of Self*, eds. Kym McLaren and David Morris. Athens, OH: Ohio University Press (2015) [refereed].
- “Russon’s Pharmacy: Desire, Philosophy, and the Ambiguity of ‘Mental Health.’” In *Philosophical Apprenticeships: Contemporary Continental Philosophy in Canada*, eds. Jay Lampert and Jason Robinson. Ottawa, ON: University of Ottawa Press (2009): 98-120 [refereed].

### Articles

- “Impure Sovereignty: Decision, Expression, and the Paradoxes of Political Agency (under review: *Southern Journal of Philosophy*).
- “The Measure of Justice: The Language of Limit as Key to Simone Weil’s Political Philosophy.” *ARC (The Journal of the Faculty of Religious Studies, McGill University, Montreal)* 28 (2000): 53-66. (With Lawrence E. Schmidt) [invited].

### Reviews

- Invited Review: “*Tracing Expression in Merleau-Ponty: Aesthetics, Philosophy of Biology, and Ontology* by Véronique Fóti (Northwestern University Press, 2013)” *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, June (2014).
- Invited Review: “*Layers in Husserl’s Phenomenology: On Meaning and Intersubjectivity* by Peter Costello (University of Toronto Press, 2013)” *Review of Metaphysics* 67 (2013): 427-428.

- “Authors’ Response to “Arthur Schafer, ‘Does Technology Make Us Do It?: A Review of *The End of Ethics in a Technological Society*, by Lawrence E. Schmidt with Scott Marratto.” *Literary Review of Canada* 17 (2009): 30.

### **SPONSORED RESEARCH, GRANTS, AND AWARDS**

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- Interdisciplinary Research Team Member (2012-2014), NSF Funded Study (\$219,614): “Responsible Conduct of Research in Science and Engineering Education: Moral Motivation and Ethical Sensitivity in Multi-National Graduate Students.” (Principal Investigator: Michael Bowler, Michigan Technological University.)
- SSHRC/CGS – Canadian Graduate Scholarship (\$105,000) (2004-7).
- College of Arts Nominee – Governor General's Academic Gold Medal (2005).
- Ontario Graduate Scholarship (\$15,000) (2003-4).

### **PRESENTATIONS**

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- “Violence and the Political: A Derridean Challenge to Deliberative Democracy,” *Derrida Today*, Montreal, May (2018).
- “Hegemony and Decision: Phenomenological Reflections on Political Agency,” *16<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of The Nordic Society for Phenomenology*, Gdansk, Poland, April (2018).
- “The Fecund Absence of the Work: The Inoperative in Ferrante’s Neapolitan Quartet,” *American Comparative Literature Association*, Utrecht, Netherlands, July (2017).
- “Politics and Expression: Merleau-Ponty’s Concept of Political Agency,” *Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy*, Salt Lake City, UT, October (2016).
- “Kant’s Concept of Religion,” *XIII<sup>th</sup> Annual Toronto International Summer Seminar in Philosophy*, Toronto, ON, May (2016).
- “Originary Technicity: Reflections on Drawing, Mirrors, and Self-Portraiture,” *40<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the International Merleau-Ponty Circle*, Worcester, MA, October (2015).
- “Sovereignty and Revolution: Derrida and Merleau-Ponty on Political Agency,” *Canadian Society for Continental Philosophy/La Société Canadienne de Philosophie Continentale*, Vancouver, September (2014).
- “The Labor of Articulation: Political Agency as Expressive Movement,” *38<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the International Merleau-Ponty Circle*, Pittsburgh, PA, September (2013).
- “Originary Echoes: Proust’s ‘Little Phrase’ and the Time of Experience,” *American Comparative Literature Association*, Toronto, ON, April (2013)
- “‘Wildflowering Mind and World’: Merleau-Ponty and the Event of Meaning.” *Humanities Department Colloquium*, Michigan Technological University, Houghton, MI, November (2012).
- “Intercorporeity and Objectivity: Toward a Merleau-Pontyan Philosophy of Science,” *Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP)*, Rochester, NY, November (2012).
- “From the Phenomenology of Lived Space to the Ontology of ‘Immemorial Depth,’” *36<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of International Merleau-Ponty Circle*, Moorhead, MN, September (2011).
- “Sensorimotor Invariants or Motor Values: Merleau-Ponty’s Critique of Naturalism,” *American Philosophical Association (Eastern Division)*, Boston, December (2010).
- “‘Self-touching-you’: Husserl, Merleau-Ponty, and Derrida on Double-Sensation,” *Canadian Society for Continental Philosophy*, Edmonton, October (2010).

- “Camus’ ‘Myth of Sisyphus,’” (two-day seminar) *Halifax Humanities Clemente Programme*, April (2009).
- “Art and Alterity: The Ethics of Expression in Merleau-Ponty,” *Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP)*, Pittsburgh, October (2008).
- “‘This power to which we are vowed’: Ipseity and Language in Merleau-Ponty’s Phenomenology,” *33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of the International Merleau-Ponty Circle*, Toronto, September (2008).
- “Alterity and Expression in Merleau-Ponty: a Response to Levinas,” *Society for Existential Phenomenology, Theory, and Culture*, Saskatoon, May (2007).
- “Aristotle’s Account of *Nous* in *De Anima* G 4-5,” Bishop’s University, September (2006).
- “Perception and Différance: The Gesture as Trace,” *Collegium Phaenomenologicum*, Citta di Castello, Italy, July (2006).
- “Reversibility and Alterity in Merleau-Ponty: Chiasmic Flesh and the Ethics of Painting,” *Canadian Society for Continental Philosophy/La Société Canadienne de Philosophie Continentale*, Toronto, May (2006).
- “Commentary on David Ciavatta’s ‘Hegel on Other Selves,’” *Canadian Philosophical Association*, Toronto, June (2006).
- “Being in Question: Mapping Common Ground in the Philosophies of Simone Weil and Emmanuel Levinas,” *American Weil Society*, Toronto, April (2002).
- Invited Presentation: “Life Choices: Genetic Testing, Disability, and the Ethical Principle of Autonomy” (co-authored with Lawrence E. Schmidt), Institute for the History and Philosophy of Science and Technology, University of Toronto, January (2001).

#### OTHER SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

- Participant, *XIIIth Annual Toronto International Summer Seminar in Philosophy*, Toronto, ON, May 16-21 (2016).
- Participant, “Renewing the Ancient Quarrel: Plato, Hegel, Adorno.” Sixth annual workshop of the *Emory University Institute for the History of Philosophy*, Atlanta, GA, June 9-21 (2013).
- Participant, *Collegium Phaenomenologicum*, Citta di Castello, Italy, July (2006).

#### TEACHING

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##### Graduate Courses (Michigan Tech)

- Theoretical Perspectives on Technology; Topics in Philosophy: Language, Writing, Technology; Topics in Philosophy: Language; Continental Philosophy.

##### Undergraduate Courses (Michigan Tech)

- Introduction to Philosophy (2<sup>nd</sup> year level); Philosophy of Religion (3<sup>rd</sup> year level); Philosophy of Science (3<sup>rd</sup> year level); Philosophy of Technology (3<sup>rd</sup> year level); Special Topics – Embodied Cognition (4<sup>th</sup> year level); Existentialism and Phenomenology (4<sup>th</sup> year level); Political Philosophy (4<sup>th</sup> year level).

##### Undergraduate Courses (at University of King’s College)

- The Thought of Michel Foucault (3<sup>rd</sup> year level); 20<sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy and Painting (3<sup>rd</sup> year level); Foundation Year Programme (a 1<sup>st</sup> year great books survey course).

## SERVICE

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### National and International

- President: Canadian Society for Continental Philosophy/Société Canadienne de Philosophie Continentale

### Michigan Technological University

- Committee Member: General Education University Learning Goal 8 Committee (2013-present).
- Humanities Department University Senate Alternate (2014-15).
- Committee Member: University Senate Academic and Instructional Policy Committee (2014-15).
- Committee Member: University Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Library Resources (2015).

### Reviewing

- *Frontiers in Psychology* (2016)
- Northwestern University Press (2016)
- Ohio University Press (2015)
- *Philosophy and Rhetoric* (2015)
- *Symposium: Canadian Journal of Continental Philosophy* (2015)
- State University of New York Press (2014, 2017)
- *Emotion, Space, and Society* (2013)

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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- American Philosophical Association
- Canadian Philosophical Association/L'Association canadienne de philosophie
- The Canadian Society for Continental Philosophy/La Société canadienne de philosophie continentale
- Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy
- International Merleau-Ponty Circle
- The Nordic Society for Phenomenology