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**Education:**

- Ph.D. Philosophy, Northwestern University, Evanston IL, 12/2006  
École Normale Supérieure, Paris, 9/2005 – 6/2006  
Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Institut für Philosophie, 9/2002 – 3/2004  
École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris, 9/1999 – 5/2000
- M.A. Philosophy, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI, 5/1997
- B.A. College of Letters, Wesleyan University, Middletown CT, 5/1995

**Employment:**

- Assistant Professor, Georgia State University, 8/2006 – Present  
Affiliate Faculty of the Neuroscience Institute, 1/2007 – Present

**Area of Specialization:**

German Idealism

**Areas of Competence:**

Continental Philosophy; Philosophy of Science; Formal Logic

**Publications:**

Articles:

“Apriority from the *Grundlage* to the *System of Ethics*,” *Philosophy Today* (forthcoming)

“The Importance and Relevance of Hegel’s *Philosophy of Nature*,” *Review of Metaphysics* 60:2 (December, 2007) [Winning paper in the Dissertation Essay Competition]

Translations:

*What Should We Do with Our Brain?*, translation of Catherine Malabou, *Que faire de notre cerveau?* (Paris: Bayard, 2004), Fordham University Press, October 2008

Book Reviews:

G.W.F. Hegel, *Philosophy of Mind*, tr. W. Wallace & A. V. Miller, revised with introduction and commentary by Michael Inwood, appeared online 10/08/07 in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (<http://ndpr.nd.edu/review.cfm?id=11283>)

“*Time in the Ditch: American Philosophy and the McCarthy Era*, and *Philosophy and Freedom*, by John McCumber,” *Ethics*, Vol. 113, No. 1 (Book Note)

**Presentations:**

“Apriority from the *Grundlage* to the *System of Ethics*,” North American Fichte Society 2008 Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois (4/2008)

“Hegel, Biology, and Contemporary Philosophy,” Department of Philosophy, American University of Beirut, Beirut, Lebanon, 5/2007 (Invited Lecture)

“Hegel’s Transformation of Kant’s Physics,” Department of Philosophy, Georgia State University, Atlanta GA, 2/2006 (Invited Lecture)

“*Nachdenken* and the Transition from Empirical to Speculative Physics in Hegel’s *Naturphilosophie*,” Department of Philosophy, University of Memphis, Memphis TN, 2/2005 (Invited Lecture)

**Awards, Fellowships, and Grants:**

Winner, 2006 Dissertation Essay Competition, sponsored by the Philosophy Education Society/*Review of Metaphysics*, 6/2007

Research Initiation Grant, Georgia State University; Project Title: “Hegel and the Biological Sciences;” awarded to support research at the Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin; \$10,000 award for stipend, travel, and graduate assistant, 5/2007 – 8/2007

*Pensionnaire étranger*, École Normale Supérieure, rue d’Ulm, Paris; awarded by the ENS/Paris and the French Interdisciplinary Group, Northwestern University; combined with Graduate Fellowship, Dean’s Office, Northwestern University, 9/2005 – 6/2006

Dissertation Year Fellowship, Graduate School, Northwestern University, 3/2004 – 8/2004

One-Year Research Grant and One-Semester Extension, Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD). Host Institution: Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Institut für Philosophie. Research Director: Rolf-Peter Horstmann, 9/2002 – 3/2004

Bourse Chateaubriand, Service Culturelle de l’Ambassade de France aux États-Unis. Host Institution: École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales. Research Director: Jacques Derrida, 9/1999 – 5/2000

**Dissertation:**

“From *A Priori* Grounding to Conceptual Transformation: The Philosophy of Nature in German Idealism,” Committee: Terry Pinkard (Chair), Axel Mueller, Peter Fenves, Defended 5/2006

**Works in Progress:**

*Hegel’s Physics* (monograph)

“Animal Physiology in Hegel’s *Philosophy of Nature*”

“Nervous System Structure and Function in Hegel’s Theory of the Mind”

**Professional Experience:**

Georgia State University, Assistant Professor:

Hegel (graduate and undergraduate)

Hegel's *Phenomenology of Spirit* (graduate and undergraduate) [upcoming]

Hegel's *Philosophy of Right* (graduate directed reading)

Graduate Seminar in Continental Philosophy of Science

Philosophy of Science (graduate and undergraduate)

History of the Concept of Time (graduate directed reading)

Symbolic Logic (graduate and undergraduate)

Existentialism

Great Questions of Philosophy (Honors)

**Service:**

Philosophy Department Colloquium Series Director

Georgia State University/Universität Bielefeld MA Exchange Program Director

Philosophy Department Library Liaison

**Languages:**

German, French, Spanish