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Curriculum vitae
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AREAS OF RESEARCH AND TEACHING

Specializations

Political Philosophy, Medieval & Renaissance Philosophy, 20th Century Philosophy

Competencies:

Ancient Philosophy, Surveillance and Technology Studies, Early Modern Philosophy

EDUCATION

- 1998 Ph.D. Vanderbilt University, Department of Philosophy
Dissertation: *Baruch Spinoza, Aspects of Imaginatio*
1995 M.A. Vanderbilt University, Department of Philosophy
1990 B.A. Penn State University, Department of Philosophy

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2011- Barry University, PACE & Department of Theology and Philosophy, Assistant Professor
2006-2011 Florida International University, Department of Philosophy, Lecturer
2004-2006 Nova Southeastern University, Humanities Department, Visiting Asst. Professor
2002-2003 Penn State University, Philosophy Department, Visiting Asst. Professor
2000-2002 St Louis University, Department of Philosophy, Visiting Asst. Professor
1998-2000 Columbia College, Department of Humanities, Lecturer

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

- 2016 "Killing the Sons of Brutus: Machiavelli on Republican Political Difference and

the Theme of Return to Beginnings". *The British Journal of the History of Philosophy*, forthcoming.

- 2015 "Living by Algorithm – Smart Surveillance and the Society of Control". *Humanities and Technology Review*, v. 34, 88-112.
- 2015 "The Metabolism of the State: Instrumental and Aleatory Aspects of Auxiliaries in Machiavelli". *Époque: A Journal for the History of Philosophy*, Vol. 20:2.
- 2015 "Specters of *Umori*: Foucault's Reading of Machiavelli in *Sécurité, Territoire, Population*". *Foucault Studies*, No. 19.
- 2014 "Microbiopolitics: *Security Mechanisms, The Hela Cell*, and the Human Strain". *Humanities and Technology Review*, v. 33, 106-130.
- 2013 Machiavelli Facing the Challenge of *Gouvernementalité*" (translation from French). *Foucault Studies*, No. 16, 104-115.
- 2010 "A War of One's Own: The Theme of *Arma alienis* in Machiavelli's, *Principe*". *British Journal of the History of Philosophy*, v. 18:4, 541-574.
- 2001 "The Political Efficacy of Prophetic Madness". *Idealistic Studies*, v. 30:3, 189-207.

Conference Proceedings

- 2014 "Vaccine Technology, Security Mechanisms and the Hela Cell", *Proceedings of the Humanities and Technology Association*. 2015, 108-120.
- 2000 "Bodily Involvements and the Errancy of Imagining in Baruch Spinoza", *Proceedings of the North American Spinoza Society*. No. 6, 3-32.

Book Reviews

- 2014 "Revisiting Spinoza's Theological-Political Treatise". Book Review, *Renaissance Quarterly*, v. 67:4, 1407-1408.

In Submission

A War of One's Own – Mercenaries, Auxiliaries and Mixed Forces in Machiavelli. Book proposal, currently under review with Edinburgh University Press.
“The *Art of War* and the Question of Having One's Own Arms”, translation from French, under review at *War and Society*.

In Preparation

“Cut off the head of the king?” – Surveillance Studies, Societies of Control and the Security Mechanism.

“Spinoza's Radicalizing of Machiavellian Republicanism in the *Tractatus Politicus*”

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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| 2006 | Professor of the Year, NSU |
| 1996 | Mellon Fellowship, Vanderbilt University |
| 1991 | Evan Pugh Scholar Award, Vanderbilt University |

INVITED TALKS

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| 2016 | “Killing the Sons of Brutus: Machiavelli on Leadership”, US Naval War College, April 5. |
| 2003 | “Transmissions of <i>Imaginatio</i> : Maimonides, Spinoza, Walter Benjamin”, Penn State University, March 13. |
| 2003 | “Ancients and the Moderns”, King's College, February 3. |
| 2001 | “Spinoza's Philosophy of Affects/Effects” American University, February 8. |
| 1998 | “The Habit of Geometry”, University of Central Arkansas, March 11. |
| 1998 | “ <i>Lex/Imaginatio</i> : Expressions of Force in Spinoza” Miami University, February 26. |
| 1998 | “Possibilizing the ‘There’ in Heidegger”, Northwestern University, February 10. |
| 1997 | “The Promise of Pseudo-Dionysius”, Northwestern University, October 15. |

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY/PARTICIPATION

- 2016 “Cut Off the Head of the King?” Contemporary Surveillance Analysis and the Society of Control”, Deleuze Studies Conference, Annual Meeting, Rome, Italy, June 13-15.
- 2016 “Spinoza’s Radicalizing of Machiavellian Republicanism in the *Tractatus Politicus*”, American Philosophical Association, Central Division, Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, March 2-5.
- 2015 “Surveillance and the Society of Control”, Humanities and Technology Association, Annual Meeting, Newport, RI, November 5-7.
- 2015 “Life Lived by Algorithm: Automated Imagining and the Society of Control”, Deleuze Studies Conference, Annual Meeting, Stockholm, Sweden, June 29-July 1.
- 2015 “Lucretius and Machiavelli on Time as Return”, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, Annual Meeting, Vancouver, British Columbia, April 2-5.
- 2015 “Killing the Sons of Brutus: Machiavelli on ‘Return Toward Beginnings””, Renaissance Society of America, Annual Meeting, Berlin, Germany, March 25-28.
- 2014 “Discipline Lost? Social Sorting, the Surveillant Assemblage and Machinic Imagining”, Annual Meeting, Humanities and Technology Association, Miami, FL, Nov. 6-8.
- 2014 “Specters of Umori: Foucault’s Reading of Machiavelli in *Sécurité, Territoire, Population.*” Foucault Circle, Fourteenth Annual Meeting, Malmö, Sweden, June 5-8.
- 2014 “Pomponazzi and Machiavelli on Religion, Revolution and Return.” Annual Meeting, Renaissance Society of America, New York, NY, March 25-28.
- 2014 “Machiavelli on Killing the Sons of Brutus.” Florida Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, St Augustine, FL, February 14-15.
- 2013 “Beyond Biopolitics? Populations, Vaccination and the *HeLa* Cell.” Humanities and Technology Association, Annual Meeting, Miami, FL, November 7-9.

- 2013 "Territoriality and the Conflict of *Umori* in Machiavelli." Politics at the Limits of Civil Society, Guelph, Ontario, September 20-22.
- 2013 "Killing the Sons of Brutus: Machiavelli and Deleuze on Repetition, Revolution and Return" Deleuze Studies Conference, Annual Meeting, Lisbon, Portugal, July 8-10.
- 2013 "Territoriality in Machiavelli and Deleuze" Cultural Studies Symposium. Annual Meeting, Izmir, Turkey, May 8-10.
- 2013 "Machiavelli's Treatment of Auxiliaries at *Discorsi* II.20" South Central Renaissance Conference, Annual Meeting, Omaha, NE, March 21-23.
- 2012 "Remembering the People: Territoriality and Foucault's Interpretation of Machiavelli in *Sécurité, Territoire, Population*." Mid South Philosophy Conference, Annual Meeting, Memphis, TN, February 25-26.
- 2012 "Machiavelli and Territory in Foucault's *Sécurité, Territoire, Population*," Florida Philosophical Association, Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL, November 2-3.
- 2012 "The Theme of *Arma alienis* in Machiavelli's *Discorsi*." American Philosophical Association Pacific Division, Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, April 1-6.
- 2012 "Argument for a *Strong Environmental Sustainability* Component to the Contemporary Business Curriculum," Business in Education, Annual Meeting, Amsterdam, Netherlands, May 23-25.
- 2012 "The Metabolism of the State", South Central Renaissance Conference, Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, March 8-10.
- 1999 "The Intentionality of Imaginative Notions and Ideas of Intellect in Maimonides", Medieval Philosophy and the Classical Tradition in Islam, Judaism and Christianity, Dayton, OH, April 11-13.
- 1998 "*Lex/Imaginatio*: Expressions of Force in Spinoza and Benjamin", American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, December 27-30.

DISCUSSANT

- 2014 "Nietzsche's Conception of Power", discussant, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, April 16-19.

- 2013 “Panel on Queer Theory,” discussant, Foucault Circle, Thirteenth Annual Meeting, Montreal, Québec, April 18-20.
- 1997 “Spinoza’s Esoteric/Exoteric Teaching”, discussant, American Philosophical Association, Central Division, Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, December 27-30.

CAMPUS TALKS

- 2015 “The Suppression of Utopic Panoptic Space by the Society of Control”, Honors Program Lecture, Barry University, February 12.
- 2014 “This is Your Genome, Learn How to Use It”, discussant, *The Promise of Personalized Medicine*, Barry University, October 21.
- 2014 “Modes of Surveillance in Contemporary Society”, Honors Program Lecture, Barry University, March 15.
- 2013 “Utopic *Police States*? The *polizeiwissenschaft* after the Treaty of Guelph.” *Reclaiming Community from a Culture of Violence*, Barry University, October 25.
- 2012 “Henrietta Lacks: Discipline, Security and *la naissance du biopolitique*” *Power and Ethics*, Barry University, October 25
- 2008 “A War of One’s Own: The Theme of Arma Alienis in Machiavelli’s Principe”, Florida International University, March 15.
- 2007 “Aristotle, Plato and the Work of Art”, The Vizcaya Foundation, May 15.
- 2006 “How to Think Practice in Derrida – Framing the Subject” Nova Southeastern University, February 10.
- 2006 “The Torture Question”, Nova Southeastern University, March 25.
- 2005 “Business Ethics and a Livable Wage”, Nova Southeastern University, April 13.

TEACHING

Barry University

Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2011, Fall 2012, Fall 2013, Fall 2014, Fall 2015)
Applied Ethics (Spring 2011, Spring 2012, Spring 2013, Spring 2014, Spring 2015)
Medieval Philosophy (Fall 2011, Fall 2013, Fall 2015)
Modern Philosophy (Spring 2011, Spring 2013, Spring 2015)
20th Century Philosophy (Fall 2012, Spring 2014)
Biomedical Ethics (Spring 2012, Spring 2013, Spring 2014, Spring 2015)
Environmental Ethics (Fall 2012, Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Fall 2015)

Florida International University

Applied Ethics (Fall/Spring/Summer 2006-2010)
Seminar: Plato and Machiavelli (Fall 2006)
Social and Political Philosophy (Spring 2006, Fall 2009)
Existentialism (Fall 2007, Fall 2009)
Seminar: Jewish Philosophy (Spring 2007)
Contemporary Philosophy (Spring 2008)
Philosophy and the Environment (Spring 2009)
Ancient Philosophy (Spring 2010)
Early Modern Philosophy (Fall 2010)

Nova Southeastern University

Applied Ethics (Fall/Spring/Summer 2004-2006)
Ethics and the Media (Spring 2004, Spring 2006)
Biomedical Ethics (Fall 2004, Fall 2005, Fall 2006)
Environmental Ethics (Spring 2004, Spring 2005, Spring 2006)
History of Modern Philosophy (Fall 2005, Spring 2006)
Political Philosophy (Spring 2006)

Penn State University

Early Modern Philosophy (Fall, 2002)
Seminar: Aristotle (Fall, 2002)
Introduction to Philosophy (Spring, 2003)
Seminar: Spinoza (Spring, 2003)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Peer Review

Humanities and Technology Review, Editor in Chief, 2015-
Humanities and Technology Association, Vice President and Abstract Reviewer, 2012-2015
Florida Philosophical Association, Abstract Reviewer, 2011-2013
Journal of Humanities and Technology Association, Article Reviewer, 2013-2014
Renaissance Society of America, Abstract Reviewer, 2012

Departmental/University Service

Academic Coordinator for Adjunct Faculty, 2015-
Faculty Senate, 2015-
Co-chair, Communiqué and Faculty Awards Committee, 2015-
General Education and Curriculum Committee, Barry University, 2011-2015
Portfolio Committee, Barry University, 2010-2015
Distance Education Committee, Barry University, 2010-2014
Faculty Exchange Committee, Barry University, 2011-2014
Grants, Leaves and Sabbaticals Committee, Barry University, 2010-2011

EXTRACURRICULAR UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Sponsor, *T.E.D. Talks* Undergraduate Society, Barry University, 2011-2015.
Co-sponsor, Undergraduate Philosophy Journal, Barry University, 2011-2015.
Co-sponsor, Philosophy Club, Barry University, 2010-2015.
Judge, Undergraduate Philosophy Essay Contest, Barry University, 2011-2014.
Sponsor, *Filosof*, Undergraduate Essay Journal, Florida International University, 2007-2010
Judge, Undergraduate Essay Contest, Florida International University, 2007-2010
Sponsor, Philosophy Society, Florida International University, 2006-2010

LANGUAGES

Classical Greek: Research language
Latin: Research language
Spanish: Advanced reading, intermediate speaking and writing
French: Advanced speaking, writing and reading
Italian: Advanced reading, speaking and writing
German: Advanced reading

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS/AFFILIATIONS

Society for the History of Political Philosophy, 2010-2015
Renaissance Society of America, 2010-2015
Society of Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy, 2000-2015
South Central Renaissance Society, 2010-2015
Humanities and Technology Association, 2012-2015
Foucault Circle, 2010-2015
Deleuze Studies, 2010-2015
Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, 2000-2015
Florida Philosophical Association, 2010-2015

Florida Political Science Association, 2011-2015
American Philosophical Association, 1997-2015

REFERENCES

Darrell Arnold, PhD

Associate Professor of Philosophy
Interim Dean of Biscayne College
Department of History, Philosophy and Global Studies
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