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AOS: Social and Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Religion, American Pragmatism

AOC: Social Epistemology, Philosophy and Literature

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Research Professor
Department of Philosophy
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
University of Connecticut, United States

VISITING APPOINTMENTS

Research Fellow, Spring 2018
School of Politics, Philosophy, International Relations &
Environment
Keele University, United Kingdom

Research Fellow, Fall 2017
Project: Humility and Conviction in Public Life
University of Connecticut Humanities Institute, United States

EDUCATION

PhD Philosophy, Macquarie University, Australia, 2016
“Richard Rorty: Rethinking Redemption in Modernity”
MQ International Research Excellence Scholarship

MA Philosophy, University of Santo Tomas, Philippines, 2011
Summa cum Laude

BA Philosophy, University of Santo Tomas, Philippines, 2007
Valedictorian; Summa cum Laude; Rector’s Academic Award

PUBLICATIONS

Forthcoming

1. “‘The Law of the Land has God’s Anointing’—Rorty on Religion, Language, and Politics”, special issue on Rorty and American Politics, *Pragmatism Today*
2. “The Brown Babe’s Burden”, *Hypatia*
3. “Art of Living: Irony and Redemption from Egotism”, *Handbuch Richard Rorty [A Companion to Richard Rorty]*, ed. Martin Müller (Springer VS)
4. “Nihilism”, *A Companion to Richard Rorty*, ed. Alan Malachowski (Wiley-Blackwell)

Peer-Reviewed Articles

1. “Richard Rorty and the Concept of Redemption”, *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 82.2 (2017), 103-118. Lead article. DOI: 10.1007/s11153-016-9596-8

2. “Ethnocentrism: Lessons from Richard Rorty and Randy David”, Special issue on Imagined Democracies, *Philippine Sociological Review* 65 (2017), 133-149.
3. “The Deep Personal Resonance of Nihilism”, Special issue on Nihilism and the Meaning of Life, *Journal of Philosophy of Life* 7.1 (2017), 81-91.
4. “Rethinking Nihilism: Rorty vs. Taylor, Dreyfus, Kelly”, *Philosophy and Social Criticism* 42.9 (2016), 937-950. DOI:10.1177/0191453716645151 - Shortlisted for the 2017 Annette Baier Prize, Australasian Association of Philosophy
5. “Redeeming Rorty’s Private-Public Distinction”, *Contemporary Pragmatism* 13.3 (2016), 319-340. DOI:10.1163/18758185-01303005
6. “Morality by Words: Murdoch, Nussbaum, Rorty”, *Budhi: A Journal of Ideas and Culture* 18.1 (2014), 1-17. Lead article. DOI: 10.13185/bu2014.18101
7. “Shattering Tradition: Rorty on Edification and Hermeneutics”, *Kritike* 5.1 (2011), 108-116.
8. “Alive Beyond Death! Ricoeur and the Immortalizing Narrative of the Self”, *Philosophical Frontiers: A Journal of Emerging Thought*, 5.1 (2010), 37-42.
9. “The Copernican Revolution in Pragmatism? Dewey on Philosophy and Science”, *Kritike* 3.2 (2009), 56-67.

Chapters in Edited Collections

1. “Of Private Selves and Public Morals: Philosophy and Literature in Modernity”, *Worldmaking: Literature, Language, Culture [FILLM 5]*. Ed. Tom Clark, Emily Finlay and Philippa Kelly (Amsterdam/Philadelphia: John Benjamins, 2017), 77-86. DOI: 10.1075/fillm.5.06lla
2. “On Pragmatism, Religion, and Liberalism”, *Thomism and Asian Cultures: Celebrating 400 Years of Dialogue Across Civilizations* (Manila: UST Publishing House, 2012), 492-497.

Review Essays

1. “Coming to Grips with Realism”, Review of *Retrieving Realism* by Hubert Dreyfus and Charles Taylor (Harvard University Press, 2015). *Critical Horizons: A Journal of Philosophy and Critical Theory* 18.3 (2017), 281-288. DOI:10.1080/14409917.2017.1293901
2. Dreyfus, Hubert and Sean Kelly, *All Things Shining: Reading the Western Classics to Find Meaning in a Secular Age*. *Kritike* 6.1 (2012), 119-125.

Under Consideration / In Preparation

1. *Outgrowing Modern Nihilism: Rorty and the Sacred Redemptionists*. Under contract with Palgrave Macmillan; 2019.
2. *A Philosophical Defense of Nihilism*, co-authored with James Tartaglia; Under contract with Routledge (Focus on Philosophy Series); 2020.
3. “Egotism from Westboro to the Klan”, R&R – revision in progress, *Journal of Philosophical Research*
4. “Rorty, Transcendence and Metaphilosophy”, co-authored with Nicholas Smith; special issue on Richard Rorty, *Analyse & Kritik*, in progress

Public Engagement

1. Interview: The Philosopher's Zone – ABC Radio National (Sydney, Australia), forthcoming.
2. Article: "Seeking Shelter in a Terrifying Father Figure". Print, 21 Oct - 21 Nov 2016; "Echoes of Trump: A Terrifying Father Figure in the Philippines". Online, 21 Oct 2016. *The Independent*, Issue 218 (New York).
3. Article: "Unholy War on Drugs brings Cardboard Justice to the Philippines" *The Independent* (New York) 04 Oct 2016.
4. Interview: Nihilism and Modernity on Radical Philosophy. *3CR Community Radio* (Melbourne, Australia), 07 Apr 2016.

GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

- 2018 Faculty Travel Award**, Office of the Vice President for Research (OVPR) / American Association of University Professors (AAUP), University of Connecticut, for the APA-2019 Pacific Division Meeting, Vancouver, B.C., Canada (US \$2000)
- Philosophy Department Fund**, University of Connecticut, for the Association for Asian Studies Conference 2019, Denver, Colorado – Mar 2019; Truth and Authoritarianism Workshop, University of Oslo, Norway - Jun 2019 (US \$3670)
- Dean's Office ARP Research Fund**, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Connecticut, for the University of New South Wales (UNSW) Philosophy Seminar, Australia – Dec 2018 (US \$2000)
- Travel Assistance Fund for Philosophers of Color**, The American Philosophical Association – 2018 Pacific Division Meeting, San Diego, CA (US \$500; *declined*)
- 2017 Shortlist - Annette Baier Prize**, Australasian Association of Philosophy, annual monetary prize for an outstanding philosophical paper or book chapter published by an Australasian woman in the previous year
- Honorarium**, Wittgenstein Workshop, The New School for Social Research, New York, United States (US \$270)
- Travel Grant**, UCONN Humanities Institute - Templeton; invited presentations at The New School for Social Research and the CUNY Graduate Center (US \$800)
- Residential Research Fellowship**, Humility & Conviction in Public Life; UConn Humanities Institute - Templeton (US \$25000 and campus residence)
- Visiting Research Fellowship**, Keele University, United Kingdom
- 2016 Best of Indy Article**, "Rodrigo Duterte: Seeking Shelter in a Terrifying Father Figure"
- Teaching Excellence Award Nomination**, Open Universities Australia
- 2015 Travel Grant**, MQ Philosophy Department (AU \$250); Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference, MQ University
- Postgraduate Award**, Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy and UC Dublin School of Philosophy (€220, registration and accommodation); Ireland - Summer Institute on "The Reaches of Pragmatism"
- Travel Grant**, MQ Philosophy Department (AU \$3000); Ireland - Summer Institute on "The Reaches of Pragmatism"
- Research Grant**, MQ Philosophy Department (AU \$5000); Research visit: United States - UC Berkeley (Prof Hubert Dreyfus), UC Irvine (Richard Rorty Archive), and A/Prof Mary Varney Rorty
- 2013 Travel Grant**, MQ Philosophy Department (AU \$266); Australasian Society for

- Continental Philosophy Conference, University of Western Sydney
Postgraduate Award, The Japan Foundation and the Australasian Universities,
 Languages & Literature Association (AU \$500); University of Queensland
2012 Travel Grant, MQ Philosophy Department (AU \$1330); New Zealand - Australasian
 Society for Continental Philosophy Conference, University of Auckland
Travel Grant, MQ Philosophy Department (AU \$115); Catholic Institute of Sydney
 Conference on “The Expressible and the Inexpressible”
International Research Excellence Scholarship, MQ University (full tuition and
 stipend)
2011 Postgraduate Award, Katholische Universität Eichstätt-Ingolstadt, Germany (€2200 and
 residence); “Human Rights and Natural Law: An Intercultural Perspective”
Travel Grants, Christ University (US \$700 and residence) and University of Santo
 Tomas (PhP 10000) - Bangalore, India: “Mysticism Without Bounds” Conference

TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

Forthcoming

- Title TBA (invited speaker), Truth and Authoritarianism Workshop, University of Oslo, Norway (Jun 2019)
- “Rorty, Transcendence and Metaphilosophy” (invited speaker), Richard Rorty Society Panel, 2019 American Philosophical Association Meeting, Vancouver, B.C., Canada (Apr 2019)
- Roundtable (invited speaker): Rising Messiah and Fallen Heroes – Authoritarianism in Southeast Asia, Association for Asian Studies Conference, Denver, Colorado, U.S. (Mar 2019)

Invited Presentations

- “The Law of the Land has God’s Anointing’—Rorty on Religion, Language, and Politics”
 University of New South Wales Philosophy Seminar, Australia (Dec 2018)
- “The Brown Babe’s Burden”
 The Platonic Society - Women in Philosophy Seminar, Macquarie University, Australia (May 2018)
- “Radical Conversion”
 Royal Institute of Philosophy Lecture, Keele University, United Kingdom (Feb 2018)
- “Rorty and Bernstein: Egotism and Irony”
 Wittgenstein Workshop, The New School for Social Research, New York, United States (Nov 2017)
- “Egotism from Westboro to the Klan”
 New York Society of Women in Philosophy / SWIPShop, CUNY Graduate Center, United States (Nov 2017)
- “Redemption in a Secular Age”
 Institute for Ethics and Society Seminar, University of Notre Dame, Australia (Aug 2015)
- “Of Private Selves and Public Morals: Philosophy and Literature in Modernity”
 Research Seminar - University of Santo Tomas, Philippines (Jul 2013)
- “Morality by Words: Murdoch, Nussbaum, Rorty”
 Philosophy Research Seminar - De La Salle University, Philippines (Dec 2012)

Conference and Workshop Presentations

“‘The Law of the Land has God’s Anointing’—Rorty on Religion, Language, and Politics”

- UCHI Social Epistemology Workshop – SEWing Circle (Nov 2018)

“Salvaging Language, Salvaging Politics”

- Brown Bag Philosophy Series, University of Connecticut (Oct 2018)

“Egotism from Westboro to the Klan”

- MQ University, Work-in-Progress Seminar (April 2018)
- Brown Bag Philosophy Series, University of Connecticut (Oct 2017)

“Egotism in Public Discourse”

- UCHI Social Epistemology Workshop - SEWing Circle (Dec 2017)

“Two Cases of Egotism”

- UCHI Research Fellows Roundtable (Sep 2017)
- UCHI Fellow Talk, United States (Nov 2017)

“Polytheism from Nietzsche to Rorty”

- Philosophy of Religion Workshop, University of Notre Dame, Australia (Apr 2017)

“The Cultural Problem of Nihilism”

- Religion & Society Interdisciplinary Workshop, MQ University, Australia (Feb 2017)

“Redemption and Nihilism: Rorty vs. Taylor, Dreyfus, and Kelly”

- Richard Rorty Society Inaugural Meeting, Hamilton College, United States (Sep 2016)

“Self-creation and Solidarity as Strategies for Self-enlargement”

- Australasian Society for Continental Philosophy Conference, University of New South Wales, Australia (Dec 2015)

“Redemption in a Secular Age”

- Conférence Mondiale des Institutions Universitaires Catholiques de Philosophie Conference, Australian Catholic University, Australia (Jul 2015)

“Rethinking the Relationship between Egotism and Nihilism”

- Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference, MQ University, Australia (Jul 2015)

- Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy - Summer Institute, UC Dublin, Ireland (Jun 2015); “The Reaches of Pragmatism”

- MQ University, Research Seminar, Australia (Jun 2015)

“Rorty and Redemption”

- Australasian Society for Continental Philosophy Conference, University of Western Sydney, Australia (Dec 2013)

“Of Private Selves and Public Morals: Philosophy and Literature in Modernity”

- Australasian Universities, Languages & Literature Association Congress, University of Queensland, Australia (Jul 2013); “Worldmaking”

“Morality by Words: Murdoch, Nussbaum, Rorty”

- Australasian Society for Continental Philosophy Conference, University of Auckland, New Zealand (Dec 2012)

“On the Immanent Counter-Enlightenment”

- Biennial Conference in Philosophy, Religion and Culture, Catholic Institute of Sydney, Australia (Oct 2012); “The Expressible and the Inexpressible”

- MQ University Research Seminar, Australia (Sep 2012)

“On Pragmatism, Religion, and Liberalism”

- The Quadricentennial International Philosophy Congress, University of Santo Tomas, Philippines (May 2011); “Thomism and Asian Cultures”

“Shattering Tradition: Rorty on Edification and Hermeneutics”

- Philosophical Association of the Philippines Conference, Miriam College, Philippines (Apr 2011)

“The Rortyan Imagination and the Ricoeurian Narrative”

- The Grace of Space: Tribute Lectures in Honor of Prof Leovino Ma. Garcia, Ateneo de Manila University, Philippines (Jan 2011)

“Mysticism: Epistemologized and De-Politicized Through Pragmatism”

- Mysticism Without Bounds Conference, Christ University, Bangalore, India (Jan 2011)

“Breaking the Mirrored Man: Rorty and Pragmatism”

- Philosophical Association of the Philippines Conference (Apr 2010)

TEACHING

Lecturer

Social and Political Philosophy (Honors) – Spring 2019 (forthcoming), University of Connecticut, United States

Philosophy and Religion (Honors) – Fall 2018, University of Connecticut, United States

Philosophy of Religion - 2017 Term 1, University of Notre Dame, Australia; 2013 Term 2 & 2016 Term 1, MQ University, Australia

Ethics - 2010 Term 1, University of Santo Tomas, Philippines

Logic - 2010 Term 1, University of Santo Tomas, Philippines

Teaching Associate

Research Paradigms (Postgraduate) - 2018 Term 1 & 2017 Term 1, MQ University, Australia

Film and Philosophy – 2017 Period 3 for Open Universities Australia

Theories of Justice – 2018 Term 1, MQ University, 2015 Period 3 for Open Universities Australia

Philosophy of Religion - 2017 Term 1 & 2, 2016 Term 1, 2013 Term 2 for MQ University; 2017 Period 1, 2016 Periods 2 & 4, 2015 Period 4 for Open Universities Australia

Happiness Goodness and Justice (Philosophy, Morality and Society) - 2016 Term 2, 2013 Term 1 for MQ University; 2016 Period 1, 2015 Period 2 for Open Universities Australia

Unit Developer

Philosophy of Religion - 2016 MQ University & Open Universities Australia

Metaphysics - 2016 MQ University & Open Universities Australia

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

Academic Advisor: Richard Rorty entry, *Contemporary Literary Criticism* (CLC) Series, Layman Poupard Publishers, LLC (2018)

Examiner: MA Research Thesis in Philosophy, University of Sydney (2017)

Journal Referee: *Journal of the American Philosophical Association* (Cambridge University Press), *Kritike* (University of Santo Tomas, Philippines); *Scientia* (San Beda College, Philippines); *Philippine Sociological Review* (University of the Philippines)

Committee Member; UConn Climate Committee (2018-2019)

Member, International Board of Reviewers: Augustinian Journal (University of San Agustin, Iloilo City, Philippines)
Member, Editorial Advisory Board: PHAVISMINDA Journal of Philosophy (Philippines)
Book Review Editor: *Kritike* (University of Santo Tomas, Philippines)
Reading Group Convener: Kate Manne's *Down Girl: The Logic of Misogyny* – Sydney (2018); Hegel - MQ University, Australia (2013); Plato & Kant - University of Santo Tomas, Philippines (2010)
Committee Chair: Secretariat - Quadricentennial Philosophy Congress, University of Santo Tomas, Philippines (2011)
Volunteer: Australasian Society for Continental Philosophy Conference, UNSW, Australia (2015)
Discussant: Foundations of Research in Modern European Philosophy: Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason* - MQ University, Australia (2013); Disagreement and Debate: Science, Religion, and Public Discourse – University of Connecticut, United States (2017)

REFERENCES

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