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## EDUCATION

**Yale University**, Department of Philosophy, Directed Studies  
Bachelor of Arts, Graduated with Distinction in the Major, *June 1997*

**Cambridge University**, Clare Hall College for Advanced Study, Department of Philosophy  
Master's Degree in Philosophy, *July 1998*

**University of Copenhagen**, Søren Kierkegaard Research Centre  
Fulbright Scholar, Guest Researcher, *January – August, 2005*

**University of Texas at Austin**, Department of Philosophy  
Ph.D, *August, 2006*  
Departmental Nomination for the University's Outstanding Dissertation Award

## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

**Ethics**  
**Existentialism**

## BOOK PUBLICATION:

*Kierkegaard and Nietzsche on the Best Way of Life: A New Method of Ethics*, Palgrave/Macmillan Press, Nov. 2013.

## REVIEWS OF THE BOOK:

Review by Roberto Sirvent for *Kierkegaard Research: Sources, Reception and Resources*, Volume 18, Tome III  
"Kierkegaard Secondary Literature" (Ashgate Ltd. Publishing, 2015)

Review by Carson Webb for *Religious Studies Review*, Vol. 40, No. 3, p. 144 (September 2014)

## PUBLISHED ARTICLES:

"On Nietzsche's Ideal of the Sovereign Individual" in *International Studies in Philosophy*, Vol. XXXIX/3, Summer 2007.

"Kierkegaard and Nietzsche Reconsidered" in *Kierkegaard Studies*, Yearbook 2007, ed. Cappelørn, Deuser, Söderquist (Walter de Gruyter, 2007).

"*Either/Or* – Reintroducing an Ancient Approach to Ethics" in *Kierkegaard Studies*, Yearbook 2008, ed. Cappelørn, Deuser, Söderquist (Walter de Gruyter, 2008).

"Kierkegaard and Dante: Tours of Hell - Mapping the Landscape of Sin and Despair" in *Kierkegaard and the Patristic and Medieval Traditions*. (Ashgate Ltd. Publishing, 2008)

"Kierkegaard and Horace: The Art of Poetry and the Search for the Good Life" in *Kierkegaard and the Roman World*. (Ashgate Ltd. Publishing, 2009)

"Kierkegaard and Hume: Faith, Reason, and the Ethics of Philosophy" in *Kierkegaard and the Renaissance and Modern Traditions*. (Ashgate Ltd. Publishing, 2009)

"Kierkegaard and Nietzsche: Rival visions of the Best Way of Life" in *Kierkegaard and Existentialism* (Ashgate Ltd. Publishing, 2011)

" 'To Be Joy Itself': Kierkegaard on Being Present to Oneself and Others Through Faith" *Kierkegaard Studies*, Yearbook 2011, ed. Shulz, Stewart, Verstrynge, (Walter de Gruyter Press, 2011)

"Kierkegaard and Wittgenstein: Kierkegaard's Influence on the Origin of Analytic Philosophy" in *Kierkegaard's Influence on Philosophy*, Tome 1 German and Scandinavian Philosophy (Ashgate Ltd. Publishing, 2012)

"Kierkegaard and Nietzsche on Living by a Guiding Passion" in *Kierkegaard Studies*, Yearbook 2013, ed. Shulz, Stewart, Verstrynge, (Walter de Gruyter Press, 2013)

Book review of *The Oxford Handbook of Kierkegaard*, ed. Lippit & Pattison (Oxford University Press, 2013) for *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (2014)

"The Teleological Suspension of the Ethical" in *Kierkegaard's Concepts* (Ashgate Ltd. Publishing, 2015)

"Review of Louis Mackey's *Kierkegaard: A Kind of Poet*" in *Kierkegaard Secondary Literature* (Ashgate Ltd. Publishing, 2016)

"A Matter of Conscience: Nietzsche on Becoming a Sovereign Individual" in *misReading Nietzsche*, ed. By M. Saverio Clemente and Bryan Cocchiara, Pickwick Publications, 2018.

"The Ethics of Resistance: Camus's Encounter with German Idealism" in *The Palgrave Handbook of German Idealism and Existentialism*, ed. by Jon Stewart, Palgrave Macmillan, 2020.

## PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

"Drawing the Knife: Why Kierkegaard's *Fear and Trembling* is Not an Endorsement of Religiously Motivated Violence" APA Pacific Division, Political Theology Group Meeting, "Kierkegaard and Political Theology," Vancouver, Canada, April 2015

"Kierkegaard, Wittgenstein, and the Virtues of Philosophy," APA Pacific Division, Kierkegaard Society Group Meeting, "Kierkegaard and the Educative Value of Philosophy," Vancouver, Canada, April 2015

"Nietzsche on Autonomy, Recovery, and 'Great Health'" guest lecture for the Mendel Society, Bioethics division of Boston College's Pre-Medical Society, March 2015.

"Nietzsche's Christology and his (Kierkegaardian) Attack on Christendom" 20<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the Friedrich Nietzsche Society, Birmingham, Great Britain, September 2014.

"Kierkegaard and Nietzsche on Love and the Best Way of Life" Perspectives on Knowledge Lecture Series, Boston College, April 2014.

"Kierkegaard's Concept and Critique of Individual Autonomy" North Texas Philosophical Association Conference, Denton, TX, April 2014.

"Kierkegaard on Individual Autonomy and its Limitations" Seventh International Kierkegaard Conference, Hong Kierkegaard Library, St. Olaf's College, Northfield, Mn., June 2013.

"Kierkegaard and Dante's Inferno" Søren Kierkegaard Society USA group meeting at the American Academy of Religion Conference, Chicago, IL, October 2012.

"Kierkegaard and Nietzsche on Living by a Guiding Passion" International Kierkegaard Conference, Copenhagen, Denmark, August 2012.

"Nietzsche on the Virtues of Philosophy" North Texas Philosophical Association Conference, Denton, TX, April 2012.

"Nietzsche *and* Aristotle: Taking Virtue Ethics Beyond Virtue" North Texas Philosophical Association Conference, Denton, TX, April 2011.

"To Be Joy Itself": Kierkegaard on Being Present to Oneself and Others Through Faith" International Kierkegaard Conference, Copenhagen, Denmark, August 2010.

"Kierkegaard and Nietzsche on Joy and Sovereignty" Perspectives on Knowledge Lecture Series, Boston College, April 2010.

"Towards an Ethics of Philosophy" Inaugural address of the 2008-2009 Colby College Philosophy Symposium, September 2008.

"Nietzsche's Ethics of Philosophy" International Symposium on "Nietzsche and the Philosophical Life", Philosophy Department, Texas Christian University, April 2008.

"On Solomon's Nietzsche's Scholarship" Robert C. Solomon Memorial Conference, Austin, TX. February 2008.

"*Either/Or* – Reintroducing an Ancient Approach to Ethics" International Kierkegaard Conference, Copenhagen, Denmark, August 2007.

"On Nietzsche's Ideal of the Sovereign Individual" APA Central Division Meeting, North American Nietzsche Society Group Meeting, April 2005.

"Kierkegaard and Nietzsche on the Best Way of Life: An Examination of Their Points of Disagreement" Søren Kierkegaard Research Center Internal Seminar, Copenhagen University, April 2005.

"Mackey on Kierkegaard's Ethics and the Joy of Faith" Conference *Wit, Scholar, Mentor: Celebrating the Life and Work of Louis Mackey*. University of Texas at Austin, September 2005.

"The Source and Manifestation of Joy in Kierkegaard's Life of Faith" Conference on Kierkegaard's *The Lilies and the Birds*, Søren Kierkegaard Research Centre, Copenhagen University, April 2005.

"The Despair of the *Postscript's* 'Religiousness A', or How Anti-Climacus is anti-Climacus" Øresund University's Summer Lecture Series "Kierkegaard's *Postscript*," Copenhagen, August 2005.