



Curriculum Vita
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EDUCATION:

2008- 2014 Purdue University, Ph.D. (English).
(Dissertation: *Affective Politics and Non-sovereign Identity*; Chair, Daniel W. Smith)

2002-2006 Tribhuvan University, Nepal, M. A. (English).
(Dissertation: *The Dialectics of Reason and Unreason in High Modernism*; Chair, Arun Gupto)

ACADEMIC POSITIONS:

2018-2022 Adjunct Faculty (Writing), English Department, U. of Texas at Arlington, Texas.

2018- Adjunct Faculty (Writing), English, U of North Texas, Dallas, Texas.

2018- Adjunct Faculty, Tarrant County Community College, Fort Worth, Texas

2018- 2021 Adjunct Faculty (Writing/Dual Credit), World Languages and Cultures, Richland College, Dallas, Texas.

2018- Adjunct Faculty (English/Dual Credit/World Literature), English Department, Collin College, Frisco, TX.

2017- Online Adjunct Faculty (Philosophy/Humanities), Philosophy & Humanities, Ivytech Community College, Lafayette, IN.

2015-2017 Postdoctoral Researcher (with Prof. Brian Massumi), Communication Department, University of Montreal.

- 2014-2015 Visiting Scholar (English), New York University.
- 2010-2014 Teaching Assistant (Writing/Literature), Philosophy and Literature Program, Purdue University.
- 2008-2009 Research Assistant, Philosophy and Literature Program, Purdue University.

COURSES TAUGHT:

World Literature I & II, English Composition (argumentative writing focus), Comparative Literature, Interdisciplinary Humanities, and Critical Theory

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS:

- 2006-2016 Editor, *Journal of Philosophy: A Cross-disciplinary Inquiry*
Some of the Past Distinguished Contributors for the journal: Richard Rorty, Hilary Putnam, Anthony Appiah, Brian Massumi, Paul Redding, Marjorie Perloff, Charles Altieri, Michael Davidson, Geoffrey Harpham, Jerome McGann, Robert Young, Laurent Berlant and Susan Stewart.
- 2006-2016 Secretary and Treasurer, the Society for Philosophy and Literary Studies, Nepal.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- 2018-2023 Member, Committee on South Asian and South Asian Diasporic, the Modern Language Association (MLA).
- 2010-2018 Member, Committee on Intercultural Research in Philosophy, the Federation of International Societies of Philosophy (FISP).
- 2013-2016 Member, Committee on the Academic Career Opportunities and Placement, the American Philosophical Association (APA).
- 2010-2013 Member, Committee on the Status of Asian and Asian-American Philosophers and Philosophies, the American Philosophical Association (APA).

AWARDS AND GRANTS:

- 2019 Adjunct Faculty Teaching Excellence Award (Credit Adjunct Faculty of the Year 2019-2020), Richland College, Richardson, TX

- 2012 Purdue Interdisciplinary Graduate Program Excellent Award in Philosophy and Literature Research.
- 2012 Purdue College of Liberal Arts Global Research Synergy Grant.
- 2011 Purdue McBride International Travel Grant.
- 2009 American Philosophical Association's Annual Research Grant.

PUBLICATIONS:

Books

- Under review *Theorizing Radical Politics: Without the State, But Not Against It*
- 2016 *Between Foucault and Derrida* (edited with Vernon Cisney & Nicolae Morar; Edinburgh University Press, 2016).
- 2008 *The Humanities at Work: International Exchange of Ideas in Aesthetics, Philosophy and Literature*, ed. Yubraj Aryal (Sunlight, Kathmandu, 2008).

Journal Articles

- 2020 "The Literary Theory in the Making" in *Interdisciplinary Studies* (upcoming)
- 2018 "The Kurdish Freedom Movement: Self-organizing and Self-managing Democratic Politics" in *Deleuze Studies*, Vol. 12, No. 2.
- 2017 "Affective Politics and Non-sovereign Identity" in *Textual Practice*, Vol. 30, Issue 10.
- 2017 "The Political as a Practice: The Sadhus' Art of Not Being Governed" in *The South Asianist*
- 2016 "Ethics of Self-fashioning and the Question of Power in Henrik Ibsen's *A Doll's House*" in *Foreign Literature Studies*.
- 2016 "The Human: Neither "Man" Nor God" in *Journal of Philosophical Research*.
- 2014 "Introduction: Desire, Spirituality and 'Regimes of Truth' in Contemporary South Asian Literature," Vol. 6, No. 4, December, *Forum for World Literature Studies*.
- 2012 "Identity as a Series of Affective Transactions" in *Journal of East West Thought*, Fall, pp. 95-106.

Edited Special Journal Issues

- 2020 “Nepal and the Non-colonized/Non-postcoloniality,” (coedited with Binod Paudel, U of Utah) *South Asian Review*.
- 2014 “Desire, Spirituality and ‘Regimes of Truth’ in Contemporary South Asian Literature,” Vol. 6, No. 4, December, *Forum for World Literature Studies*.
- 2010 “Modernisms” (coedited with Prof. Peter Nicholls, NYU for the *Journal of Philosophy: A Cross-Disciplinary Inquiry*, Vol. 6, No. 13, Fall.

Book Chapters

- 2018 “A Strange Encounter of Aesthetics and Imperial Politics in Alex Strick van Linschoten and Felix Kuehn’s Poetry of the Taliban,” *Making Strangers: Outsiders, Aliens and Foreigners*, ed. Abbas Maazaoui (Vernon Press: Wilmington, DE 2018), pp. 115-128.
- 2015 “Ideology and Escape,” (conversation with Brian Massumi) in *The Politics of Affect*, ed. Brian Massumi (Polity Press).
- 2012 “Extended Nationalism,” in *Encyclopedia of Global Justice*, ed. Deen K. Chatterjee (Springer) pp. 747-748.

Published Interviews

(I interviewed, among others, the following notable scholars in the *Journal of Philosophy: A Cross-Disciplinary Inquiry*.)

- 2013 Charles Altieri (UC-Berkeley), “Aesthetics of Affects: What Can Affect Tell Us about Literature?” Vol.8, No.19, pp. 48-53.
- 2012 Lauren Berlant (UChicago), “Affect and the Political,” Vol.7, No.17, pp.70-73
- 2012 Brian Maussami (U of Montreal), “Beyond the ‘Techniques of Domination:’ Affect, Capitalism and Resistance,” Vol.7, No.18, pp. 66-78.
- 2011 Robert J. Young (NYU), “Interventions: Postcolonial, Agency and Resistance,” Vol.7, No.16, pp. 65-69.
- 2011 Paul Patton (U of New South Wales, Australia), “Bio-power and Non-sovereign Rights,” Vol. 6, No. 15, pp. 65-71.
- 2010 Kwame Anthony Appiah (Princeton U), “Cosmopolitanism and Issues of Ethical Identity,” Vol. 5, No. 12, pp. 54-57.

INVITED SPEAKER:

- 2019 “Nepal and Noncoloniality,” Imperial Legacies of 1919 Conference, April 19-20, 2019, UNT, Denton, TX.
- 2016 “Life as a Work of Art: Aesthetics as a Political Act,” Department of Art, UCLA, November 14, Los Angeles, CA.
- 2016 “Theorizing Radical Politics: ‘Without the State, But Not Against It,’” Philosophy Department, University of Kentucky, November 18, Lexington, KY.
- 2016 “Life as a Work of Art: Aesthetics as a Political Act,” Department of Visual Arts, Purdue University, November 5, West Lafayette, IN.
- 2015 “Towards a Theory of Many Politics: Aesthetic and Personal as Political,” Department of Fine Arts, Concordia University, March 20, 2015 Montreal, Canada.
- 2014 "Situating Nie Zhenzhao's Ethical Literary Criticism to the Works of Levinas, Spinoza and Nietzsche," The 4th International Symposium on Ethical Literary Criticism, Dec. 19-22, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Shanghai, China.
- 2014 “The Workshop on Ph.D. Dissertation Writing,” November 15, Central China Normal University, Wuhan, China.
- 2014 “Taliban Poetry: A Document of Culture or Barbarism?,” September 09, the Center for Comparative Literature, Shanghai Normal University, Shanghai, China.
- 2012 “History, the Human and Becoming,” Deakin University’s Philosophy Conference on “Deleuze, Pragmatism and Post-Kantian Thought,” December 17-18, Deakin University, Melbourne, Australia.

CONFERENCE PAPER PRESENTATIONS:

- 2015 “A Strange Encounter of Aesthetics with the Imperial Politics in Alex Strick van Linschoten and Felix Kuehn’s Poetry of the Taliban” organized by the South Asian Literary Association, January 5-6, Austin, TX.
- 2014 “How does Hair Matter for African American Women’s Identity?” [Poster Presentation] at “[Let’s Talk About Hair: An Interdisciplinary Symposium](#),” organized by the Black Cultural Center (BCC) and the Office of Interdisciplinary Graduate Programs, February 24, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN.

- 2013 “Nonsovereign versus Subaltern: Reincarnation of the Oppressed,” 20th Annual Philosophy Born of Struggle’s Conference on “Ethics, Aesthetics and the Epistemology of Being,” October 25-26, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN.
- 2012 “Identity as a Series of Affective Transactions,” 2012 Annual Conference of the Australasian Society for Continental Philosophy, Dec 09-11, University of Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand.
- 2012 “Modernism and its New Engagements with the ‘Real’ in the Contemporary Time,” (with Marjorie Perloff, Stanford U), the Modern Language Association’s Annual Conference, January 03-06, Boston, MA.
- 2012 “Affect, Body and the Ethical Self,” the American Philosophical Association’s Central Meeting, February 15-18, Chicago, IL.
- 2012 “On the Human,” (co-presented with Geoffrey Galt Harpham, Director, the National Humanities Center, NC), the 2012 South Atlantic Modern Language Association’s Annual Conference, November 09-11, Research Triangle Park, NC.
- 2012 “Workshop on Interdisciplinary Pedagogy in Literature,” the 2012 South Atlantic Modern Language Association’s Annual Conference, November 09-11, Research Triangle Park, NC.
- 2011 “Unoriginal Genius/Conceptual Poetry: Recovering Avant-grade in the Contemporary Poetics,” the First Conference of American and Chinese Association for Poetry and Poetics, September 29-30, Central China Normal University, Wuhan, China.
- 2011 “Affective Politics: A Non-sovereign Way of Creating a Sovereign Self,” Special Session for “Authors of Working Papers,” the South Atlantic Modern Language Association’s Annual Conference, November 04-06, Atlanta, GA.
- 2011 “The Parallel Hypothesis: Desiring the Mind and Minding the Desire,” the Comparative Literature Department of City University of New York, CUNY-Graduate Center’s Conference on “Desire from Eros to Eroticism,” November 10-11, CUNY-Graduate Center, NY.
- 2008 “Intercultural Exchange of Ideas for Global Peace and Mutual Understanding,” the Conference of World Congress of Philosophy, July 30- August 05, Seoul National University, Seoul, Korea.
- 2006 “Progress on Knowledge as a Story of Violence” the Literary Association of Nepal’s Annual Conference on “South Asia as a Zone of Peace,” March 1-2, Kathmandu, Nepal.

SESSION CHAIR:

- 2012 “The Workshop on Continental Philosophy & Social Transformation” organized by the School of Humanities at the University of New South Wales and supported by the Institute for Social Transformation Research at the University of Wollongong, December 13-14, Sydney, Australia.
- 2011 “Session: Metaphysics: Nietzsche,” the American Philosophical Association’s Central Division Meeting, March 27-April 01, Minneapolis, MN.

PAPER COMMENTATOR:

Samir Haddad’s (Fordam University) “Machines in the Life of Deconstruction,” the American Philosophical Association’s Eastern Division Meeting, Dec 27 New York, NY. -30, 2009

- 2009 Joseph Arel’s (U. of Guelph) “Hypothesizing the Self in Plato’s *Meno* and Derrida’s *The Memoirs of the Blind*,” Kent State University Philosophy Conference, March 14, Kent, OH.

ACADEMIC TRAININGS AND WORKSHOPS:

- 2018 Independent Applying the Quality Matter Rubric (APPQMR) offered Dallas Community College County District, TX.
- 2018 Faculty as Leaders: Professional Development Workshop Series offered by Richland College, Dallas, TX.
- 2018 Humanities in Class: Critical Inquiry and Classroom Practice in the Information Age offered by the National Humanities Center & UT Austin.
- 2018 Teaching Transformation: A Virtual Event offered by McGraw Hill Education
- 2017 Online Teaching Certificate, Ivy-tech Community College, Indiana.
- 2012 Preparing Future Faculty Workshop offered by the Purdue Graduate School.
- 2011 College Teaching Workshops Series: Basics of Teaching offered by the Center for Instructional Excellence, Purdue U.

REFERENCES:

Prof. William McBride, Philosophy and Literature Program, Purdue U., wmcbride@purdue.edu, (765) 4944285.

Prof. Stacy Thorne Stuewe, English Program, stacy.stuewe@tccd.edu, [817-715-7155](tel:817-715-7155).

Prof. Gary Wilson, English Program, Collin College, gwilson@collin.edu, (469) 365-1818.