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## EDUCATION

**2021 Doctor of Philosophy in Religious and Theological Studies**

University of Denver | Iliff School of Theology  
Philosophy, Theology, and Cultural Theory Concentration

*Dissertation:* "Community Unclaimed: Plurality and the Problem of Sovereignty in Bataille, Nancy, and Blanchot"

*Committee:* Ted Vial, Thomas Nail, Sarah Pessin (Chair)

**2010 Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies: Religious Studies and Philosophy**

Arizona State University, New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences

*Thesis:* "Between Transcendence and Immanence: Re-imagining the Religious in a Post-secular Age"

*Committee:* Linell Cady, Patricia Huntington, Martin Beck Matušík (Chair)

**2008 Bachelor of Science in Molecular and Cellular Biology**

University of Arizona

## TEACHING & ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2014- Regis University, Regis College of Liberal Arts

Present Senior Term Professor, Philosophy Department

- ***Philosophical Explorations***  
An introductory philosophy course and part of the liberal arts "distributive core" offered to all first-year students.
- ***Human Ecology***  
An interdisciplinary course on the social, economic, political, and ideological roots of the global climate crisis.
- ***God and the Good after Auschwitz***  
An interdisciplinary course on theological and philosophical responses to the Holocaust.
- ***The Phenomenological Tradition***  
An upper division seminar offered to philosophy majors on key figures and themes in 20th century German and French Phenomenology as well as contemporary issues in Critical Phenomenology (e.g., gendered and bodily difference, racial embodiment, carceral spaces, etc.).
- ***Philosophy in Dark Times***  
An upper division seminar offered to philosophy majors on philosophical responses to fascism and authoritarianism, with an emphasis on the antifascist writings and activism of Georges Bataille, the post-Holocaust philosophy of Emmanuel Levinas, Martin Heidegger's involvement with National Socialism, and Hannah Arendt's analysis of totalitarian violence.

2022- University of Colorado, Boulder  
Present Lecturer in Jewish Studies and German

- ***Representing the Holocaust***  
Cross-listed with German and Slavic Languages and Literatures, examines representations of the Holocaust in various literary, artistic, and cultural forms: historical non-fiction, memoirs, poetry, graphic novels, films, and memorials.
- ***Perspectives on the Holocaust***  
Cross-listed with Anthropology, a multi-disciplinary course on the Holocaust drawing on scholarship from across the human and social sciences; considers historical and ideological antecedents to the Holocaust, the modernity of genocide, and the resurgence of antisemitism in far right and neo-fascist political movements.
- ***Jewish History: Origins to 1492***  
Cross-listed with History and Religious Studies, surveys key moments in the history of the Jewish people from their origins in the ancient Near East to the mass expulsion from Spain in 1492.

2011- Front Range Community College, Boulder County Campus  
2014 Lecturer, Arts & Letters Department

- Taught introductory and interdisciplinary courses in ethics, philosophy, and environmental ethics.

2011- University of Denver  
2013 Guest Lecturer and Moderator, Philosophy Department

- “The Ethics of Becoming: Deleuze and Geophilosophy,” Guest Lecturer  
Contemporary Continental Philosophy, Professor Jere Surber (Winter 2013)
- “Gadamer and the Hermeneutic Tradition,” Moderator  
Cultural Theory Colloquium, Professor Jere Surber (Winter 2013)
- “Absolute Knowing: Contemporary Responses to Hegel,” Guest Lecturer and Moderator  
Great Thinkers: Hegel, Professor Jere Surber (Spring 2012)
- “Phenomenology, Mysticism, and the Language of Prayer,” Guest Lecturer  
Philosophy and Mysticism, Professor Sarah Pessin (Fall 2011)

## RESEARCH INTERESTS & AREAS OF COMPETENCE

- ***History of Philosophy***: Ionian/Pre-Socratic natural philosophy, Hellenistic philosophy, early modern and Enlightenment, 19th and 20th century German and French philosophy, Phenomenology, contemporary continental European philosophy and its reception in Anglo-American philosophy
- ***Political Philosophy and Political Theory***: ancient, modern, and contemporary
- ***Jewish Studies and Religious Studies***: Early Jewish history, modern Jewish philosophy, Holocaust Studies, post-Holocaust philosophy and theology, philosophy of religion, secularism and secularization
- ***Human Ecology and Ecocriticism***: the intersection between the Earth System Sciences and the Environmental Humanities

## FELLOWSHIPS & SCHOLARSHIPS

- Research Fellow, Yad Vashem, International School for Holocaust Studies (2018)
- Dissertation Fellowship, DU-Iliff Joint Doctoral Program (2015)
- Academic Fellowship, New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, Arizona State University (2008)

## FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS

*Community Unclaimed: Plurality and the Problem of Coexistence.* A book-length study on the question of community, political pluralism, and the problem of political authority.

## PUBLIC TALKS & PRESENTATIONS

- “The Human Meaning of Ecology: A Two-Part Lecture on the Ideological Roots of the Global Climate Crisis,” Trinity Academy Speaker Series, Trinity United Methodist Church (March 2024)
- *The Zone of Interest*, Film Screening and Discussion, Panelist, International Film Series, University of Colorado Boulder (February 2024)
- “God and the Good After Auschwitz: A Three-Part lecture on Antisemitism and Post-Holocaust Jewish Thought,” Trinity Academy Speaker Series, Trinity United Methodist Church (March 2023)
- “Community between Liberal Cynicism and Authoritarian Nihilism”  
University of Denver, DURAPS Research Summit (April 2017)
- “Negative Excess: Levinas and Bataille on the Death of Others”  
University of Vienna, Institute for Philosophy (November 2013)
- “Becoming-Zombie: A Deleuzo-Guattarian Topography of Life (and Death) at the Surface”  
Tulane University, Fifth International Deleuze Studies Conference (June 2012)
- “The Face as Icon and Enigma: Counter-Phenomenology of the Other in Levinas and Marion”  
University of Denver, Southwest Seminar in Continental Philosophy (May 2011)
- “Re-imagining the Religious in a Post-secular Age: A Transdisciplinary Perspective”  
Arizona State University, Philosophical and Religious Studies Society (February 2010)

## REFERENCES

### **Becky Vartabedian**

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