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Education

PhD 1980, MA 1976, Pennsylvania State University
BA 1972, Tulane University

Languages: French, German, Italian, Spanish; some Greek, Japanese

Professional Experience

Metaphysical Society of America

President, 2014; Vice President and President-Elect, 2013

Boston University

John Findlay Visiting Professor of Philosophy, Fall 2005

Williams College

Mark Hopkins Professor of Philosophy Emeritus, 2022-

Mark Hopkins Professor of Philosophy, 2000-2022

Director, Williams College Oxford Programme, 1997-1999

Department Chair, 1994-1997, 1999-2003

Professor of Philosophy, 1993-2000

Associate Professor of Philosophy, 1990-1993 Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 1986-1990

The Graduate Faculty, The New School for Social Research

Acting Department Chair, 1984-85

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 1982-86

East Tennessee State University

Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 1981-82

Davidson College

Visiting Assistant Professor in Humanities, Spring 1981

Publications

Books

1. *Absolute Knowledge: Hegel and the Problem of Metaphysics*. Series in Continental Thought, Vol. 4. Ohio University Press, 1983.
2. *Schelling: An Introduction to the System of Freedom*. Yale University Press, 1983.
3. *Within Nietzsche's Labyrinth*. Routledge, 1990.
4. *Hegel. The Philosophy of Right*. Translator and Editor. Focus Publishing, 2002.
5. *Structure and Being. A Theoretical Framework for a Systematic Philosophy*. Lorenz B. Puntel (Munich). Translated by and in collaboration with Alan White. Penn State University Press, 2008.
6. *Being and God. A Systematic Approach in Confrontation with Heidegger, Lévinas, and Marion*. Lorenz B. Puntel (Munich). Translated by and in collaboration with Alan White. Northwestern UP, 2011.
7. *Nothing Matters. A Philosophical Romance*. A novel self-published in Kindle format, 2011.
8. *Revenge*. A novel self-published in Kindle format, 2011.
9. *Toward a Philosophical Theory of Everything. Contributions to the Structural-Systematic Philosophy*. Bloomsbury, 2014.
10. *Rumo a Uma Teoria Filosófica de Todo*. Buenos Aires: Edições Loyola, 2016. (Portuguese versión of 9.)

11. *Being and Nothing. The Primordial Question of Philosophy*. Lorenz B. Puntel (Munich). Translated by Alan White. Forthcoming from Bloomsbury.

Articles

1. Orgasmic Idealism: A Hegelian Entertainment. *The Owl of Minerva* 16,2 (Spring 1985): 236-242.
2. Nietzschean Nihilism: A Typology. *International Studies in Philosophy*, XIX/2 (1987), pp. 29-44. Reprinted in Richard White (ed.), *Nietzsche*, Ashgate Dartmouth, 2002.
3. Reconstructing Husserl: A Critical Response to Derrida's Speech and Phenomena. *Husserl Studies* 4, 1987: 45-62.
4. Hegel or Schelling? *Bulletin of the Hegel Society of Great Britain* 30, 1994: 14-22.
5. Of Grammatolatry: Deconstruction as Rigorous Phenomenology? In W. R. McKenna and J. C. Evans (eds.), *Derrida and Phenomenology*, Kluwer Academic Publishers, 1995: 103-119.
6. Schelling. In L. Embree et al. (eds.), *Encyclopedia of Phenomenology*, Kluwer Academic Publishers, 1997: 634-636.
7. Schelling's Idealism. In S. Glendinning (ed.), *The Edinburgh Encyclopedia of Continental Philosophy*. Routledge 1999: 69-80.
8. The Youngest Virtue. In R. Schacht (ed.), *Nietzsche's Postmoralism: Reassessments of Nietzsche's Philosophy*, Cambridge University Press, 1999. 63-78.
9. An Appalling or Banal Reality. Borges's "Tlön, Uqbar, Orbis Tertius." *Variaciones Borges* (April 2003): 47-91.
10. Nietzsche and Transcendental Philosophy. *International Studies in Philosophy* XXXVIII/3 (2005): 29-44.
11. *Una Realidad Atroz o Banal*. Translated by Andres Pacheco. In *El fragmento iri finito. Estudios sobre 'Tlön, Uqbar, Orbis Tertius' de J. L. Borges*. Zaragoza: Prensas Universitarias de Zaragoza, 2006: 137-186. (Spanish version of 9).
12. Comments on Colin McGinn, *Basic Structures of Reality: Essays in Metaphysics* (Oxford UP, 2011), *Review of Metaphysics*, Sept 2012, 161-62.
13. One Way to be a Moral Relativist. *Teaching Ethics*, Spring 2014, 91-103.
14. Rearticulating Being. *The Review of Metaphysics*, September 2015.
15. Toward a Systematic, Rights-Based Moral Theory. *Open Philosophy* 2019; 2: 491-502; <https://sites.williams.edu/awhite/files/2020/01/White-2019-Toward-a-Systematic-Rights-Based-Moral-Theory-Open-Philosophy.pdf>
16. If You Can Understand This Essay Then You Have Moral Rights and Moral Duties. *Open Philosophy* 2020; 3; 161-174.
17. Being. Forthcoming in Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy.

Presentations

1. The Ideal of Pure Reason. Tennessee Philosophical Association (October 1981).
2. The Ideal of Pure Reason. The New School for Social Research (March 1982).
3. Reconstructing Husserl: A Response to Derrida. Society for Systematic Philosophy (APA East) (December 1983).
4. Nietzschean Nihilism: A Typology. Vassar College (November 1985).
5. Nietzschean Nihilism: A Typology. Fordham University (December 1985).
6. Nietzschean Nihilism: A Typology. North American Nietzsche Society (APA East) (December 1985).
7. Nietzschean Nihilism: A Typology. Williams College (February 1986).
8. Freedom as Autonomy. Williams College (October 1986).

9. Principles in a Pluralistic Society. The Stoneleigh-Burnham School (February 1988).
10. The Insignificant Other: Toward a Postmodern Aristotelian Humanism. Williams College Faculty Seminar (April 1988).
11. Eternal Return Revisited. Trinity College (October 1988).
12. Eternal Return Revisited. SUNY /Purchase (February 1989).
13. Deconstruction as Rigorous Phenomenology? Center for Advanced Research in Phenomenology (APA Midwest, April 1989).
14. Within Nietzsche's Labyrinth: Genealogies. Pennsylvania State University (September 1989).
15. Within Nietzsche's Labyrinth: Nobility and Nobilities. SUNY /Purchase (November 1989).
16. The End of Philosophy. Faculty Lecture, Williams College (February 1991).
17. Schopenhauer as Educator. North American Nietzsche Society (APA East) (December 1991).
18. The Youngest Virtue. Nietzsche Sesquicentennial Conference, University of Illinois (October 1995).
19. Hegel on Antigone. SUNY/Purchase (March 1997).
20. Socrates: The First Psychiatrist? 1999 Annual Fall Meeting of the New York State Capital District Branch of the American Psychiatric Association (October 1999).
21. Everything Flows. Berkshire Athanaeum (October 2000).
22. Everything Flows. Williams College (November 2000).
23. Everything Flows. Trinity College, San Antonio (February 2001).
24. Truing: Aristotle and the Art of Bicycle Maintenance. Vassar College (October 2001).
25. An Appalling or Banal Reality. Borges's "Tlön, Uqbar, Orbis Tertius." Williams College (February 2002).
26. Heidegger's Evasion of Community. Fordham University (February 2003).
27. Nietzsche and Transcendental Philosophy. Panel participant, North American Nietzsche Society (APA West) (March 2003).
28. Heidegger's Evasion of Community. SUNY/Purchase (October 2003).
29. Everything Flows. SUNY/Purchase (October 2003).
30. Can Philosophy Be Systematic, and Ought It to Be? Clark University (September 2005).
31. Can Philosophy Be Systematic, and Ought It to Be? Boston University (September 2005).
32. Everything Flows. Boston University (October 2005).
33. Everything Flows. Bennington College (March 2006).
34. Can Philosophy Be Systematic, and Ought It to Be? Williams College (March 2006).
35. Toward a Philosophical Theory of Everything. An Introduction to the Structural-Systematic Research Program in Philosophy. Northern New England Philosophical Association (October 2007).
36. Living as Dancing. International Nietzsche Symposium. Texas Christian University (April 2008).
37. Political Philosophy and Political Theory: Steps Toward a Systematic Clarification. Notre Dame Political Theory Seminar (November 2008).
38. Toward a Philosophical Theory of Everything. College of the Holy Cross (November 2008).
39. Toward a Philosophical Theory of Everything. Massachusetts College of the Liberal Arts (January 2009).
40. Toward a Philosophical Theory of Everything. Boston College (March 2011).
41. Articulation. The Intrinsic Intelligibility and Human Accessibility of Being. 63th Annual Meeting of the Metaphysical Society of America, University of Georgia (March 2012).
42. Beauty. Williams Club, NYC (February 2014).
43. Rearticulating Being. Presidential Address, 65th Annual Meeting of the Metaphysical Society of America, Williams College (April 2014).

44. On Athletics and Academics. Williams College SAAC Conference (April 2015).
45. Varsity Athletics and Williams: How Good Is the Fit? Williams College (April 2015).
46. Some Issues in the Philosophy of Sport. Williams Club, NYC (January 2016).
47. Callology. Williams College Museum of Art (August 2018).

Website

1. <http://sites.williams.edu/awhite/>