

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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### CURRENT ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

*March 2018* Titulaire de la Chaire de Métaphysique Etienne Gilson at the Institut Catholique de Paris

*January 2017* Professeur Invité, Centre de Philosophie Contemporaine de la Sorbonne, Université de Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, Paris.

*June 1, 2014 - present* Director, School of Criticism and Theory (SCT), Cornell University, Ithaca.

*2009 - present* Director (Chair), Humanities Center, Johns Hopkins University.

*2007- present* Russ Family Professor in the Humanities & Philosophy, Humanities Center and Department of Philosophy, Krieger School of Arts and Sciences, Johns Hopkins University.

### PAST ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

*2012 - 2015* Distinguished Visiting Professor, Faculty of Humanities, Hebrew University, Jerusalem (yearly, three-week-long seminars in the Department of Comparative Religion as well as under the auspices of the European Forum, which coordinates and initiates matters related to European Studies at the Hebrew University for the Faculties of Social Sciences, Humanities, and Law).

*February 1, 2013 - June 30, 2013* Visiting Fellow, Department of German, Princeton University.

*September 1, 2012 - January 31, 2013* Visiting Professor in the Council of the Humanities and Stewart Fellow in the Department of German, Princeton University.

*2007 - 2013* Directeur de Programme, Collège International de Philosophie, Paris.

*2011 - 2012* Regular Visiting Professor of Systematic Philosophy and the Philosophy of Religion (for a yearly intensive seminar), Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Humanities, University of Amsterdam.

*2007 - 2008* Acting Director (Chair), The Humanities Center, Johns Hopkins University.

*2003 - 2007* Professor of Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, Johns Hopkins University.

*2002 - 2007* Professor of Humanities, Humanities Center, Johns Hopkins University.

*2008 - 2009* Visiting Scholar, Heyman Center for the Humanities, Columbia University.

*2005 - 2010* Professor Ordinarius of Systematic Philosophy and the Philosophy of Religion, Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Humanities, University of Amsterdam.

*1993 - 2004* Professor Ordinarius and Chair of Metaphysics and Its History, Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Humanities, University of Amsterdam.

*2002 (Spring)* Visiting Professor, Humanities Center, Johns Hopkins University.

*1997 - 1998* Senior Fellow, Center for the Study of World Religions, Harvard University.

*1997 - 1998* Visiting Scholar, Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, Harvard University.

*1997 (March)* Visiting Professor, Department of German, Johns Hopkins University.

*1996 (February)* Visiting Professor, Department of German, Johns Hopkins University.

*1994 (Spring)* Visiting Professor, Department of German, Johns Hopkins University.

*1993 (Spring)* Senior Visiting Scholar, Institute for the Advanced Study of Religion, Divinity School, University of Chicago.

*1992 - 1993* Associate Professor for History of Philosophy, Department of Theology, University of Amsterdam.

*1991 - 1992* Associate Professor of Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, Loyola University Chicago.

*1990 - 1991* Mellon Scholar, Department of German, Johns Hopkins University.

*1989 - 1990* Visiting Scholar, Department of German, Johns Hopkins University.

1984 - 1988 Lecturer (“wetenschappelijk assistent”) in the History of Philosophy, Metaphysics, and Hermeneutics, Institute for Religious Studies, Leiden University.

## **EDUCATION**

Ph.D. public defense with the highest distinction (*cum laude*) in the Faculty of Theology, Leiden University, 1989; dissertation title: “Theologie im pianissimo: Zur Aktualität der Denkfiguren Adornos und Levinas”; Ph.D. advisor: Prof. Hendrik Johan Adriaanse, external readers: Professors Jean Greisch, Institut Catholique de Paris, and Klaus M. Kodalle, University of Hamburg.

M.A. examination with the highest distinction (*cum laude*) in the Faculty of Theology and the Faculty of Law of Leiden University, 1983; major and minor specializations in Philosophy of Religion (supervisor: Prof. Hendrik Johan Adriaanse), Judaica and Hellenism (supervisor: Prof. Jürgen Lebram); Public Finance, Political Economy, Ethics & Economy (supervisors: Profs. Victor Halberstadt, Faculty of Law, University of Leiden, and Harry de Lange, Interuniversity Institute for Values and Norms in Society, Rotterdam).

## **AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION**

Modern European Thought, Political Theologies, Religion and Media, Concepts of Violence, Literature and Temporality

## **AREAS OF COMPETENCE**

Philosophy of Religion, History and Critique of Metaphysics, History of Modern Philosophy

## **LANGUAGES**

Dutch, English, German, French, Latin, Greek, elements of Biblical Hebrew

## **COURSES DESIGNED AND TAUGHT (selection)**

### *Lecture Courses*

Introduction to Classical Philosophy (Pre-Socratics, Plato, Aristotle, Cicero, Seneca); Metaphysics: History and Critique; Hermeneutics and the Critique of Ideology (Schleiermacher, Gadamer,

Habermas); History of Greek Philosophy; Metaphysics and Epistemology; Great Minds.

### *Undergraduate Seminars*

Philosophy of Human Nature (Plato, Augustine, Descartes, Pascal, Nietzsche); Actions and Values (Rousseau, Nietzsche, Freud); Mysticism and Negative Theology in Contemporary Theory; Spinoza, *Ethics*; “God”; Heidegger’s *Being and Time*; Wittgenstein and Heidegger; Kierkegaard’s *The Sickness Unto Death*; Temporality: Philosophical, Theological, and Literary Aspects (Virginia Woolf’s *Mrs. Dalloway*, Thomas Mann’s *The Magic Mountain*, Marcel Proust’s *In Search of Lost Time*); *Mind and World* (Wittgenstein and Davidson, Austin and Cavell, Rorty and McDowell); Spiritual Exercises from Antiquity to Wittgenstein and Foucault; Marx; The Old and New Spinoza: Reading the *Tractatus Theologico-Politicus*; Of Miracles and Special Effects; Paul and the Philosophers; Literatures of Time; The Ghost & Machine (Descartes, Ryle, Turing, Putnam, Dreyfus); Spinoza’s Heretic “Atheism”; Miracles, Events, Effects; Do Miracles (Still) Happen?; Obama and Philosophy; Spiritual Exercises: Concepts and Practices.

### *Graduate Seminars*

Topics in Contemporary Philosophy; Recent French Philosophy; Time and Narration in Thomas Mann and Marcel Proust; Rosenzweig and Levinas; Modern Practical Philosophy: Kant, Hegel, Habermas, Apel (morality and ethical life in the *Philosophy of Right* and in modern discourse ethics); Heidegger’s *Introduction to the Phenomenology of Religion*; Edmund Husserl’s *The Crisis of European Sciences and Transcendental Phenomenology*; Political Theologies (St. Paul, Augustine, Luther, Calvin, Schmitt, Benjamin, Kantorowicz, Lefort); Idolatries and Blasphemies; The Levinas Effect; Adorno Reconsidered; Martin Heidegger, *Kant and the Problem of Metaphysics*; Stanley Cavell’s *The Claim of Reason: Wittgenstein, Skepticism, Morality, and Tragedy*; On Living Here and Now (Bergson, Bachelard, Hadot); Adorno’s *Negative Dialectics* & Gilles Deleuze’s *Difference and Repetition*; Proust and Philosophy; The Secular Lives of Grace; Secularism and Beyond; The Rhetoric of Sincerity: Two Readings of J. L. Austin; Philosophy and the Event; Heidegger’s *Sein und Zeit*, Division One; Heidegger’s *Sein und Zeit*, Division Two; Topics in 20<sup>th</sup> Century Literature: Philosophy and the Poetics of Temporality (Heidegger and Celan); Wittgenstein, Religion, and Ethics; Mysticism and Mechanicism; Must We Mean What We Say? Seriousness and Sincerity in Ancient and Modern Tragedy and Philosophy.

## **SUPERVISION OF PhD PROJECTS**

### *DIRECT SUPERVISION*

#### *Johns Hopkins University*

Dana Hollander, “Exemplarity and Chosenness: Rosenzweig and Derrida on the Nation of Philosophy,”

2002.

- Antónia Szabari, "Less Rightly Said: Inventing Scandalous Speech in Literature and Religion in the Reformation," 2005.
- Alexandre Lefebvre, "The Image of Law: Deleuze, Bergson, Spinoza," 2007.
- Stefanos Geroulanos, "Man Under Erasure: The Emergence of Antihumanism in French Thought, Politics, and Literature, 1926-1954," 2008.
- Nils F. Schott, "The Conversion of Knowledge: Religion and Enlightenment in Eighteenth-Century Catechisms," 2010.
- Martin Shuster, "I Against I: Transcendental Commitments and Social Deformities after Kant," 2010.
- Danielle Dubois, "Spiritual Practice and Learned Traditions in Marguerite Porete's *Mirouer des simples ames*," 2012.
- Mina Suk, "The Suffering Self: Relation, Vulnerability, and Inspiration," 2012.
- Tarek Dika, "Descartes and the Origin of the Modern Problem of Finitude," 2013.
- Anh Nguyen "Contextualizing the 'Inner.' Pretense and Aspect in Wittgenstein, Lohenstein, and Goethe," 2014.
- Nicole Jerr, "Pretenders to the Throne: Sovereignty and Modern Drama," 2014.
- Avraham Rot, "From Anxiety to Boredom," in progress.
- Arash Abazari, "Hegel's Doctrine of Essence and the Ontology of Modern Social Domination," in progress.
- Elena Fabietti, "The Transparent Human," in progress.

#### *University of Amsterdam*

- Hester IJsseling, "Over voorwoorden: Hegel, Kierkegaard, Nietzsche," 1997.
- Sander van Maas, "Doorbraak en idolatrie: Olivier Messiaen en het geloof in muziek," 1996.
- Jenny Slatman, "L'expression au-delà de la représentation: sur l'aisthêsis et l'esthétique chez Merleau-Ponty," 2001.
- Chris Doude van Troostwijk, "Trouvaille: anamnèses de la critique (Kant, Freud, Lyotard)," 2003.
- Richard de Brabander, "Engagement in spiegelschrift: een confrontatie tussen Maurice Blanchot en Jacques Derrida," 2003.
- Sybrandt van Keulen, "Kosmopolitiek van Kant, Lévi-Strauss en Derrida: deconstructies van het filosofische en antropologische kosmopolitisme," 2004.
- Asja Szafranec, "Beckett, Derrida and the Event of Literature: Philosophical Perspectives on the Literary," 2004.
- Marie-Aude Lous Baronian, "Image et témoignage: vers une esthétique de la catastrophe," 2005.
- Marc de Wilde, "Verwantschap in extremen: politieke theologie bij Walter Benjamin en Carl Schmitt," 2008.
- Leslie Kavenaugh, "The Architectonic of Philosophy: Plato, Aristotle, Leibniz," 2007.
- Jael Kraut, "From Silence to Muteness: Music and Philosophy in the 20th Century," 2010.

Tammy Lynn Castelein, “No More Heroes: On the Militarization of Dasein,” 2012.

Alena Alexandrova, “Dis-Continuities: The Role of Religious Motifs in Contemporary Art,” 2013.

Rossitsa V. Borkowksi, “After Emmanuel Levinas: The Ethics and Poetics of Literary (Artistic) Experience,” expected 2017.

#### *Other Universities*

Mariele Nientied, “Kierkegaard und Wittgenstein,” (Zweitgutachten) Graduiertenkolleg Repräsentation Rhetorik Wissen, Europa-Universität Viadrina, Frankfurt/Oder, 2003.

#### *SERVICE ON DISSERTATION COMMITTEES (selection)*

Susan Bernstein (German, Johns Hopkins University), George Trey (Philosophy, Loyola University); Jonneke Bekkenkamp (Religion, University of Amsterdam); Annemie Halsema (Philosophy, University of Amsterdam); Janneke Lam (Comparative Literature, University of Amsterdam); Rob Pauls, Religion (University of Amsterdam); Manuela Kalsky (Religion, University of Amsterdam); Maaïke Bleeker (Comparative Literature, University of Amsterdam); Eddo Evink (Philosophy, Tilburg University); Nina Nazar (English, Johns Hopkins University); Elke Siegel (German, Johns Hopkins University); Andreas Weigelt (Classics, Johns Hopkins University); Paulina Ochoa (Political Science, Johns Hopkins University); Richard Baxstrom (Anthropology, Johns Hopkins University); Lars Tønder (Political Science, Johns Hopkins University); Mark Noble (English, Johns Hopkins University); Bhri Gupta Singh (Anthropology, Johns Hopkins University); Matthew S. Haar Farris (Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley); Jean-Christoph Reymond (German and Romance Languages and Literatures, Johns Hopkins University); Andrew Pigot (German and Romance Languages and Literatures, Johns Hopkins); Sylvain Perdigon (Anthropology, Johns Hopkins); Ernst van den Hemel (Religious Studies, University of Amsterdam); William Rauscher (German Language and Literature, New York University); Jeroen Gerrits (Humanities Center, Johns Hopkins), Kate Khatib (Humanities Center, Johns Hopkins), Ahn Nguyen (Humanities Center, Johns Hopkins); Anthony Wexler (English, Johns Hopkins); Nimrod Reitman (German, NYU); Humberto Schwarzbeck (History, Princeton University).

#### **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

##### *SERVICE AT JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY*

Member, Advisory Board, Islamic Studies Program, September 2014 – present.

Member, Dean’s Islamic Studies Working Group, October 2011 – June 2014.

Member, Steering Committee, Center for Advanced Media Studies, September 2011 – August 2013.

Director (Chair), Humanities Center, Johns Hopkins University, 2009 - present.

Chair, Search Committee for the Open Rank position in Comparative Literature, Humanities Center, Fall 2009 - Spring 2010.

Director of Graduate Studies, The Humanities Center, January 2003 - June 2009.

Acting Director (Chair), The Humanities Center, July 2007 - June 2008.

Member, German Senior Search Committee, Department of German and Romance Languages, 2006 - 2007.

Member, Junior and Mid-career Search Committee, The Humanities Center, 2006 - 2007.

Member, "Evolution, Cognition, and Culture Project," Zanvyl Krieger School of Arts and Sciences, May 2007 - June 2010.

Member, Steering Committee, Program for the Study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality, October 2006 - June 2012.

Member of the Advisory Board of the Helen R. Stulman Jewish Studies Program, June 2003 - June 2011.

Member *viz.* Chair of five ad hoc senior appointment committees in the Zanvyl Krieger School of Arts and Sciences, Fall 2005, Spring 2006, Spring 2007, Fall 2009, Fall 2014.

Member, Mellon Post-Doc Selection Committee, Zanvyl Krieger School of Arts and Sciences, November 2004 - February 2005.

#### *SERVICE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM*

Member of the Board of the Stichting (Foundation) ASCA, January 1994 - present.

Scientific Director, Amsterdam School for Cultural Analysis (ASCA, an interdisciplinary research institute and graduate program of some 100 faculty, graduate student and staff members), Faculty of Humanities, June 1998 – March 2004.

Member of the University's Central Commission for Scientific Research, June 1998 – June 2002.

Consultant to the Dean with the task of proposing a completely revised organization of all research institutes as well as the graduate curriculum in the Faculty of Humanities, September 1998 - December 1999.

Co-founder and Chair of the Board, Amsterdam School for Cultural Analysis (ASCA), Faculty of Humanities, January 1994 – May 1998.

Section Chair, Metaphysics and its History (five faculty and staff members), Department of Philosophy, December 1998 – December 2004.

Section Chair, Systematic and Historical Philosophy (combined the divisions of Metaphysics and Philosophy of Art and Culture with a total of ten faculty and staff members), Department of Philosophy, September 1993 - November 1998.

Member, Senior Search Committee for the Chair in Ethics, Department of Philosophy, Spring 1994.

Member of the Board, Amsterdam Center for Comparative European Social Studies (ACCESS), Faculty of Political, Social and Cultural Sciences and the Department of Philosophy, October 1993 – September 1995.

Coordinator and Academic Advisor, MA Program in Philosophy and Cultural Analysis, October 1993 – September 1997.

Co-organizer, International symposium on the 40th anniversary of Horkheimer and Adorno's *Dialectic of Enlightenment*, University of Amsterdam, December 10-11, 1987; Co-editor of the conference proceedings.

#### *ACADEMIC SERVICE, CONTINUED*

Member of the Habilitation Committee, Dr. Gwenaëlle Aubry, École des Hautes Études, Paris, November 10, 2016.

Executive Board Member of the International Consortium of Critical Theory Programs (ICCTP), funded by the Mellon Foundation, May 2015 – present.

Member External Review Committee, Institute for Society and Comparative Literature, Columbia University, March 4-5, 2015.

Member of the Board and Senior Fellow of the School of Criticism and Theory, Cornell University, September 2012 – present.

Chair, National Interdisciplinary Program Committee “The Future of the Religious Past: Elements and Forms for the 21st Century,” The Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO), funded with 5.4 Million Euros by the NWO Research Council for the Humanities, the NWO Research Council for the Social Sciences, and the Netherlands Foundation for the Advancement of Tropical Research, September 2001 - September 2013.



Conference Director, Concluding International NWO Conference on “The Future of the Religious Past,” Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO), Beurs van Berlage, Amsterdam, June 16-18, 2011.

Member of the Scientific Advisory Board (*Beirat*) of the Graduiertenschule “Religion in Modernisierungsprozessen,” University of Erfurt, September 2010 - present.

Co-chair, with Corey D.B. Walker, of the “Theology and the Political Consultation Group,” American Academy of Religion, November 2009 – December 2011.

Conference Director, Third International NWO conference on “The Future of the Religious Past,” Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO), Beurs van Berlage, Amsterdam, June 4 - June 6, 2006.

Conference Director, Second International NWO conference on “The Future of the Religious Past,” Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO), Beurs van Berlage, Amsterdam, June 4 - 6, 2005.

Conference Director, First International NWO conference on “The Future of the Religious Past,” with keynotes by Charles Taylor and Veena Das, Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO), University of Amsterdam, June 4-5, 2004.

Co-organizer, with Prof. Lawrence E. Sullivan, of an international interdisciplinary project on “Political Theologies,” co-sponsored by the Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research, the Harvard Center for the Study of World Religions and the Amsterdam School for Cultural Analysis, 2003-2005.

Co-Director, Third International Conference on Political Theologies, “Globalization and Political Theologies,” University of Amsterdam, June 24-26, 2004.

Co-Director, Second International Conference on Political Theologies, “Globalization and Political Theologies,” Harvard University, May 2-4, 2003.

Member, Curatorium of the Chair of Contemporary Intellectual History at the University of Amsterdam, sponsored by the Simone de Beauvoir Foundation for the Participation of Women in Senior Academic Research, January 2000 – January 2006.

External Member, Search Committee for the Chair in Philosophy of Religion, Faculty of Theology, University of Utrecht, Spring 2000.

Member, Fellowship Ranking Committee, Center for the Study of World Religions, Harvard University, March 1998.

Co-organizer, with Prof. Samuel Weber, of an international workshop on “Religion and Media,” sponsored by the Borchard Foundation, December 15-17, 1997, Institut Néerlandais, Paris, and September 6-9, 1998, La Bretesche, Bretagne.

Numerous tenure and promotion reports & commissions (Barnard College, Columbia University; DePaul University; SUNY Buffalo; Trinity College, Dublin; Stanford University; University of Chicago; University of Michigan at Ann Arbor; New York University; Harvard University, Princeton University).

Co-organizer, with Prof. Jenny Slatman, International Conference on the 50th Anniversary of Heidegger's "Letter on Humanism," Department of Philosophy, University of Amsterdam, April 9-11, 1997.

Co-organizer, International Conference on "Violence, Identity and Self-Determination," Amsterdam School for Cultural Analysis, Theory and Interpretation in cooperation with the UCLA Paris Program in Critical Theory, Amsterdam, July 12-15, 1994.

Co-organizer, International Symposium on the Ethics of Discussion, Reading and the Pragmatic Turn in the Modern-Postmodern Debate, University for Humanistic Studies, Utrecht, December 18-19, 1991.

Chairman and organizer, "Schopenhauer and the Philosophy of Religion" panel, Conference of the Internationale Schopenhauer-Vereinigung, Hamburg, May 24-27, 1988.

Student member, Council and Executive Board of the Department of Religious Studies, Leiden University, 1982-1983.

House Master ("Pontifex") of the Convivium "Doedoleith," the student housing owned by the Ruinzicht Foundation/Hervormd Opleidingscentrum, 1978-1983.

## **PUBLIC SERVICE POSITIONS**

Invited member of a two-year long seminar, comprised of participants drawn from universities, think tanks, government agencies and media, and sponsored by the newly launched Global Politics and Religion Initiative (GPRI) to promote the study of religion and international affairs at the Johns Hopkins University's Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), February 2012 – present.

Chair, Council of the Human Sciences, Global Initiative on Love and Forgiveness, Fetzer Institute, Kalamazoo (Michigan), November 2010 – June 2013. The council, consisting of some ten members, was sponsored as part of a three-year long project to "foster awareness of the power of love and forgiveness in the emerging global community." It disbursed an annual sum of \$ 550.000 to prepare a global meeting held in Assisi in September 2012 as well as some fifteen individual projects.

Official Advisor, Netherlands Scientific Council for Government Policy (Wetenschappelijke Raad voor het Regeringsbeleid,.) The Hague, and Member of its project group on Religion and the Public Domain, January 2006 – August 2009.

Member, Management Committee, "Religion and Belief Systems," a European Science Foundation Forward Look Program, October 2007.

Member, “Values, Beliefs and Ideologies as Forces behind a Changing Europe” working group, sponsored by Humanities in the European Research Area (HERA), a partnership of fifteen Humanities Research Councils across Europe and the European Science Foundation, October 2005 – June 2006.

## **MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES**

American Academy of Religion, Modern Language Association

## **GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, OFFERS, AND HONORS**

2018 Titulaire de la [Chaire de Métaphysique Etienne Gilson](#) at the Institut Catholique in Paris. In that capacity, I will present six public lectures in March 2018, which will be published by the [Presses Universitaires de France](#). The endowed chair and lecture series commemorates the work of the well-known twentieth-century [medievalist and Descartes specialist, Etienne Gilson](#). Earlier chair holders included Pierre Aubenque, Alain de Libera, Jean-Luc Marion, Stanley Rosen, Stéphane Moses, Jean-Louis Chrétien, Francis Jacques, Jean Greisch, Jean Grondin, Rémi Braque, and Cathérine Chalier.

Distinguished Visiting Professor, Faculty of Humanities, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel, 2012 – 2015.

Distinguished Visiting Fellow, Cogut Center for the Humanities, Brown University, Providence, February 4-8, 2013.

Visiting Fellow in the Department of German, Princeton University, February 1, 2013 – June 30, 2013.

Visiting Professor in the Council of the Humanities and Stewart Fellow in the Department of German, Princeton University, September 1, 2012 – January 31, 2013.

Grant to develop an online Alternative Reality Game devoted to the historical and theoretical backgrounds of the concepts of “Love and Forgiveness in the Emerging Global Community,” Fetzer Institute, Kalamazoo, \$ 55,000, June 2012.

Dean’s Award for Excellence in Scholarship, May 2012.

Dean’s Award for Excellence in Scholarship, May 2011.

Chaire de sciences des religions, École des Sciences Philosophiques et Religieuses, Université Saint Louis, Brussels, May 2-3, 2011.

Visiting Professorship, Korea University, Seoul, South Korea, Summer 2011. Declined.

Visiting Professorship, Korea University, Seoul, South Korea, Summer 2010. Declined.

Full Professorship, Department of German, Program in Religion, New York University, Spring 2006. Declined.

“Outstanding Academic Title” for 2003, awarded by Choice Magazine, published by the American Association of College and Research Libraries for *Religion and Violence: Philosophical Perspectives from Kant to Derrida* (Baltimore and London: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2002 and 2006).

Grant of 100.000 Euros from the Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO) for the organization of three international workshops on “Political Theologies,” co-funded by Harvard University and ASCA in 2001, 2003, and 2004.

Selected by the Royal Dutch Academy of Sciences (KNAW) and the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, as the 2001-2002 Netherlands Visiting Professor in the Center for International Studies and the Department of Comparative Literature, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Declined.

Invited Fellow, Praemium Erasmianum Ascension Symposium on “The Legacy of the Enlightenment,” May 1996.

Co-winner, Award of the Legatum Stolpianum of the University of Leiden and its Rector magnificus for *Theologie im pianissimo: Die Aktualität der Denkfiguren Adornos und Levinas* (1989). This prize is awarded once every five years for the best study in philosophical theology. Two books were selected in September 1994.

Grant, Fulbright Lecturer / Research Scholar Program, Netherlands America Committee for Educational Exchange, August 1989 – January 1990.

Grant, Ruimzicht Foundation, for research at the Bibliothèque Nationale, Paris, and the Institut Catholique de Paris at the invitation of Professor Jean Greisch, Dean of the Department of Philosophy, April - July 1989.

Scholten-Cordes Fonds Publication Award for doctoral dissertation research, 1989.

## **EDITORIAL POSITIONS**

Editor of *Cultural Memory in the Present*, a book series published by Stanford University Press (188 original book titles and translations published between June 1995 and September 2015; some 10 additional titles and translations are presently in production and in press).  
<http://www.sup.org/books/series/?series=Cultural+Memory+in+the+Present>

General Editor, *The Future of the Religious Past*, a series of five collective volumes on Concepts, Powers, Words, Things, and Gestures, respectively, published by Fordham University Press, 2001-2016.

Member, Editorial Board, *Medieval and Early Modern Political Theology: Historical and Theoretical Perspectives* book series, Brepols Publishers, 2016 – present.

Member, Editorial Board, *Adorno Studies*, 2015 - present.

Member, Editorial Board, *Harvard Early Modern and Modern Greek Studies* book series, Harvard University Press, 2008-present.

Member, Editorial Board, *Religion and Postmodernism* book series, University of Chicago Press, 2001-present.

Member, Editorial Board, *Bulletin de la Société Américaine de Philosophie de Langue Française*, 1989 - present.

Member, Editorial Board, *Journal for Cultural and Religious Theory*, 2000 - present.

Member, Editorial Board, *Perspectives in Continental Philosophy* book series, Fordham University Press, 2001- present.

Member, Editorial Board, *Modern Language Notes*, Johns Hopkins University Press, 2002- present.

Member, Editorial Board, *Religion in Philosophy and Theology* book series, Mohr Siebeck, Tübingen, 2006-2009.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### *BOOKS*

*Kleine filosofie van het wonder* [Philosophy of the Miracle: A Short Introduction] (Amsterdam: Uitgeverij Boom, 2015), 256 pp.

Selected Reviews and Book Notices: Carel Peeters, *Vrij Nederland*, February 27, 2015; Christian van der Heijden, *RKK.nl*, March 20, 2015; Sebastien Valkenberg, *Trouw*, April 15, 2015; Gérard van Tillo, *Edmund Husserl-Stichting*, website, May 1, 2015; Rens Bod, *NRC Handelsblad*, June 26, 2015; Sjoerd van Hoorn, *Volzin*, June, 2015; Leon Commandeur, *iFilosofie* # 14 Zomer 2015; Herman de Dijn, *Tijdschrift voor Filosofie* 77:3 (2015), 668-670.

[Minimal Theologies: Critiques of Secular Reason in Theodor W. Adorno and Emmanuel Levinas](#), trans. Geoffrey Hale (Baltimore and London: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2005) (Expanded and completely revised edition of *Theologie im pianissimo*), 657 pp.

Selected Reviews and Book Notices: Jan Greven, *Trouw*, May 10, 2005; Josef Früchtel, *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, October 17, 2005; Espen Hammer, *Radical Philosophy*, no. 134 (November-December 2005); *JCRT*, vol. 7 no.1 (Winter 2005); Sandra Wynands, *Religion & Literature* 37.3 (Autumn 2005), 117-120; Oona Eisenstadt *Bulletin de la Société Américaine de Philosophie de Langue Française*, vol. 15 no. 2 (Fall 2005), 94-99; Colin Davis *The Modern Language Review*, vol. 101 no. 2 (April 2006), 508-509; Christopher J. Insole, *Times Literary Supplement*, April 21, 2006, 30; Marsha Aileen Hewitt, *Religious Studies Review*, vol. 32 no. 2, 2006, 113; Ryan Coyne, *The Journal of Religion*, vol. 87 pt. 1 (2007), 121-123; Jeffrey Dudiak, *Philosophy in Review*, vol. 26 no. 1 (2006), 21-22; Owen Anderson, *The Review of Metaphysics*, vol. 59 no. 4 (2006), 878-880; William David Hart, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, vol. 75 no. 1 (2007), 179-182; Oliver Kozlarek, *Signos Filosóficos*, vol. IX no. 17 (2007), 198-200; Nicolaas P. Barr Clingan, in *The European Legacy*, 15: 5 (2010), 549-563; *Prabuddha Bharata*, February 2015, 53.

[Religion and Violence: Philosophical Perspectives from Kant to Derrida](#) (Baltimore and London: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2002, second printing 2006), 398 pp.

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Invited Lecture, Conference on "Luther, Barth, and Movements of Theological Renewal (1918-1933)" on the occasion of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation, Princeton Theological Seminary, June 18-21, 2017.

"TBA," Invited Lecture, Department of Comparative Literature, University of Buffalo, March 9, 2017.

- Invited Public Plenary Lecture and Panel Contribution, Preparatory Conference on “Luther, Barth, and Movements of Theological Renewal (1918-1933)” Alfried Krupp Wissenschaftskolleg, Greifswald, March 2 and 3, 2017.
- “Vernacular Theologies,” Invited Contribution to Workshop, Public Theologies Project, sponsored by Luce Foundation, Department of German and Program in Religious Studies, University of California, Berkeley, February 16-17, 2017.
- “Phenomenology and Psychoanalysis,” Invited lecture, the Richardson Seminar in the History of Psychiatry, Weill Cornell Medical School, New York City, February 1, 2017.
- “After and Beyond Structuralism: The Humanities Center at Johns Hopkins, Then and Now,” Conference on The Making of the Humanities, Johns Hopkins University, October 5-6, 2016.
- “Spiritual Experience,” Invited Key-Note, Graduate Institute of Christian Philosophy, St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Baltimore, July 30, 2016.
- “Spiritual Experience,” Plenary Lecture, School of Criticism and Theory (SCT), Cornell University, June 22, 2016.
- “Word of Welcome,” 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference of the School of Criticism and Theory (SCT), Criticism and Theory in an Age of Populism, Mahindra Humanities Center, Harvard University, April 28-29, 2016.
- “L’après du structuralisme,” International Colloquium on Roland Barthes: “To Write: An Intransitive Verb?,” organized by the Centre Louis Marin, Johns Hopkins University, April 8, 2016.
- “Opening,” 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference of the Humanities Center, Johns Hopkins University, March 24-25, 2016.
- “Spiritual Experience,” Invited Lecture, Department of German, New York University, February 22, 2016.
- “The Coherence of Heidegger’s Thought,” Workshop on *Poetics and Politics: With Philippe Lacoue-Labarthe*, Humanities Center, Johns Hopkins University, February 19, 2016.
- “Jacques Derrida and the Theodor W. Adorno Prize of the City of Frankfurt,” Panel with Avital Ronell, Christopher S. Wood, Dominik Zechner, and Paul North, on “What is a Prize?,” Annual Conference of the German Studies Association, Washington, October 4, 2015.
- Invited Contribution to Faculty Workshop on “Religion and World Order,” Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs, Georgetown University, September 18, 2015.
- “Out of the Ordinary: Revisiting the Everyday,” Plenary Lecture, School of Criticism and Theory (SCT), Cornell University, July 20, 2015.

Invited Lecture, Conference “Post-Phonements: Avital Ronell, *The Telephone Book*—Twenty-fifth Anniversary,” Harvard University, April 23, 2015.

“‘*Toute vue des choses qui n’est pas étrange est fausse.*’ Fact and Wonder in the Global University,” Lecture series ‘Think! Humanities,’ Het Maagdenhuis, University of Amsterdam, March 19, 2015.

“Zijn wonderen actueel?,” Debate with Rens Bod, Burcht Pranger, and Birgit Meyer, SPUI25, Amsterdam, March 17, 2015.

“The Passionate Utterance of Love: Apophatic, Phenomenological, and Pragmatic Perspectives,” Public lecture at the School of Philosophy and Religions, School of Philosophy and Religions, Hebrew University, January 4, 2015.

“Translating God: Jacques Derrida and the Phenomenology of Religion,” Key-note address with a response by Michal Ben-Naftali, Faculty of Humanities, Tel Aviv University, December 30, 2014.

“Must We Mean What We Say? Sincerity and Seriousness in Ancient and Modern Tragedy and Philosophy,” Yearly intensive seminar as Distinguished Visiting Professor, Faculty of Humanities, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, December 21, 2014 - January 7, 2015.

Lecture “Spiritual Exercises: the Very Concept,” Workshop on Spiritual Exercises, Humanities Center, Johns Hopkins University, December 4, 2014.

“Theology Revisited,” Keynote address, Graduate Student Conference on “Leaps of Faith: Figurations of Belief in Literature and Critical Thought,” Department of Comparative Literature, University of California, Berkeley, November 21-22, 2014.

“*Invocatio Dei*: Religion and the European Constitution,” Workshop on invited pre-circulated paper, Department of German, University of California, Berkeley, November 19, 2014.

“Un pragmatisme profond,” Conference *Jacques Derrida et la philosophie à venir* (in commemoration of the tenth anniversary of his death), Fondation Maison des Sciences de l’Homme (FMSH), Paris, November 6-8, 2014.

“Monothéisme et violence,” Invited lecture in the context of a seminar by Philippe Capelle-Dumont on “Dieu, un seul. La question du monothéisme,” Université Marc Bloch Strasbourg, November 5, 2014.

Invited Lecture, Conference celebrating a work by Avital Ronell, *The Telephone Book*, Deutsches Haus & Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality, New York University, October 30, 2014.

“Spiritual Exercises: The Very Concept,” public lecture at the School of Criticism and Theory (SCT), July 1, 2014.

“Reverse Breakthrough: The Dutch Connection,” Invited Lecture, Workshop on The Future of the Religious Party, Luce Global Politics and Religion Initiative, Johns Hopkins School for Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Washington, May 9, 2014.

Invited Lecture, Conference on Crossing Worlds: Translation, Eventfulness, and the Political, organized by the Barnard Center for Translation Studies and the Institute for Comparative Literature and Society at Columbia University, to be held at Barnard College, May 3, 2014.

“*Invocatio Dei* and the Discipline of Tolerance,” Ninian Smart Memorial Lecture,” Department of Religion, University of Santa Barbara, May 1, 2014.

Invited Commentator on the Tanner Lectures on Human Values by Eric L. Santner, University of California, Berkeley, April 15-17, 2014.

“*Invocatio Dei*: Religion and the European Constitution,” Conference on “Theorizing Religion in Modern Europe,” organized by the Harvard Colloquium for Intellectual History, Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies at Harvard University, March 7-8, 2014.

“Static and Dynamic: Old and New Archives of Culture and More,” invited panelist, workshop on “How to Define Cultural Dynamics,” Grand Opening of the DAAD-funded Thematic Network *Principles of Cultural Dynamics*, Freie Universität, Berlin, January 24, 2014.

“What is Global About Global Humanities?,” Invited panelist at the opening plenary event during the Grand Opening of the DAAD-funded Thematic Network *Principles of Cultural Dynamics*, Freie Universität, Berlin, January 23, 2014.

“*Invocatio Dei*: Religion and the European Constitution,” Annual Sternberg Lecture, Department of Comparative Religion, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, December 30, 2013.

Distinguished Visiting Professor, Faculty of Humanities, School of Theology and Philosophy, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, December 15, 2013 - January 3, 2014.

“*Invocatio Dei* and the European Constitution,” Invited Presentation, Luce Global Politics and Religion Initiative, School for Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Washington, December 4, 2013.

“The Events of the Arab Spring and the Dual Optics of Political Vision,” Keynote Address, Conference on Islamic Media: The Sense and Sensation of Religion, Duke University, October 4, 2013.

“The Kierkegaardian Moment: Dialectical Theology and its Aftermath,” International Conference Celebrating the Bicentenary of Søren Kierkegaard’s Birth, Humanities Center, Johns Hopkins University, September 20, 2013.

“A 'New Way of Conceiving Miracles': Sari Nusseibeh, al-Ghazali, Avicenna, and the Politics of Secular Faith,” Masterclass, Conference on Religion and Representation, Zentrum für Literaturforschung, Berlin, September 17, 2013.



- “Theology Now,” Keynote Address, Conference on Religion and Representation, Zentrum für Literatur- und Kulturforschung, Berlin, September 16, 2013.
- “*Total Recall: Reflections on the Religious Archive in an Age of New Media*,” Keynote Address, Conference on History, Memory, and Representation, co-organized by the Nordic Network in the Philosophy of Religion, University of Södertörn, Stockholm, June 16-18, 2013.
- “A Religious Canon for Europe?,” Workshop on pre-circulated essay, Forum on Religion, London School of Economics, Department of Anthropology, June 14, 2013.
- “Of Miracles, Events, and Special Effects,” Invited Lecture, Forum on Religion, London School of Economics, Department of Anthropology, June 13, 2013.
- “*Invocatio Dei* and the European Constitution,” Invited paper (in absentia, delivered by Dana Hollander), Zentrum für Literatur- und Kulturforschung, Berlin, May 29, 2013.
- “Benjamin on Miracles,” Invited Seminar, Response by Michael W. Jennings, Program in European Cultural Studies, Princeton University, April 17, 2013.
- “Jacob Taubes and Karl Barth,” Invited Lecture, Conference on “Jacob and Susan Taubes and Their Circles,” organized in partnership with the *Zentrum für Literatur- und Kulturforschung* (Berlin), University of California at Los Angeles, March 18, 2013.
- “Theology Now,” Invited Lecture, Conference and Board Meeting of the School for Criticism and Theory (SCT), Stanford University, March 8, 2013.
- Distinguished Visiting Fellow, Cogut Center for the Humanities, Brown University, Providence, February 4-8, 2013.
- Invited Lecture on “Theology Now,” University of Chicago Divinity School, January 28, 2013.
- Seminar on “Miracle Workers of the Eleventh Hour: The Need for Exemplary Figures,” Department of Comparative Religion, Hebrew University, December 31, 2012.
- Book panel with responses by Yitzhak Benyamini, Michal Ben Naftali, Pini Ifergan, and Eli Friedlander to celebrate the publication of *Dat Ve'Alimout: Derrida Ve'ha Teologi Politi [Religion and Violence: Derrida and the Theologico-Political]*, Hebrew translation, Minerva Institute and Department of Philosophy, Tel Aviv University, December 30, 2012.
- Seminar on “New Transformations of the Public Sphere: Europe’s Post-Secular Challenge and the Case for Deep Pragmatism,” European Form, Hebrew University, December 25, 2012.
- Seminar on “The World as Absolute Miracle: Ludwig Wittgenstein’s ‘Lecture on Ethics,’” School of Philosophy and Religion, Hebrew University, December 24, 2012.

Public lecture “Of Miracles, Events, and Special Effects: Global Religion in an Age of New Media,” Van Leer Jerusalem Institute for Advanced Studies, December 23, 2012.

“Of Miracles,” Invited Lecture, Department of German, Princeton University, November 27, 2012.

“Philosophical Fieldwork,” Invited Presentation, Department of Philosophy, National University of Singapore, November 20, 2012.

“Wittgenstein on Miracles,” Invited Lecture, Department of Philosophy, National University of Singapore, November 19, 2012.

Skype Keynote Address on “Education as a Creative Production of Culture,” Third Annual International Philosophy Conference and the Twenty-First Undergraduate Philosophical Conference held by Salt Lake Community College, November 9, 2012.

Visiting Professor in the Council of the Humanities and Stewart Fellow in the German Department, Princeton University, September 1, 2012 – January 31, 2013.

Visiting Faculty Member in the School of Criticism and Theory at Cornell University, Seminar on “Miracles, Events, Effects,” June 17 – July 27, 2012.

Master-class on “Miracles, Events, Effects,” Department of Philosophy and Amsterdam School for Cultural Analysis, University of Amsterdam, May 31, 2012.

Invited Discussant, Leslie Center for the Humanities, Dartmouth College, May 25, 2012.

“Le miracle au centre de l’ordinaire,” Intensive Seminar, Collège International de Philosophie, Paris, May 7, 9, 11, 2012.

“Le miracle des miracles”: théologie, ontologie, éthique (de Martin Heidegger et Ludwig Wittgenstein à Stanley Cavell et Hilary Putnam),” Invited Lecture at the Husserl Archives, École Normale Supérieure, Paris, May 5, 2012.

Invited Lecture at the International Workshop on “Demonic Technologies: Walter Benjamin and the Return of Religion in the Study of Technology,” Mahindra Humanities Center, Harvard University, April 27 -28, 2012.

“Of Old and New Archives: Sites for Philosophical Fieldwork,” Conference on “Rethinking the Human Sciences,” Institute for Comparative Literature and Society, Columbia University, New York, March 30, 2012.

“Comments on Religious Freedom,” Invited panel contribution to the Religious Freedom Project, The Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs, Georgetown University, February 10, 2012.

“Miracles, Events, Effects,” Department of Philosophy, Tel Aviv University, December 26, 2011.

Co-Chair of the panel on “Benjamin and Religion” at the conference of the International Walter Benjamin Society, Princeton University, November 3-6, 2011.

“Ereignis und Wunder,” Invited lecture at the conference on “Erfahrung und Ereignis: Neue Perspektiven der Religionsphilosophie,” organized by the Romano Guardini Lehrstuhl, Theological Faculty, Humboldt University, Berlin, October 20-21, 2011.

“Opening Remarks,” Concluding Symposium “The Future of the Religious Past,” Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO), Beurs van Berlage, Amsterdam, June 16-18, 2011.

Masterclass on “Philosophy and the Event,” Department of Philosophy and Amsterdam School of Analysis, June 15, 2011.

“A Comment of Holiness,” Concluding Panel, International Philosophy Festival, Mishkenot Sha’ananim, Jerusalem, May 20, 2011.

“‘The Return of God’ – Revival of Religion in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century,” International Philosophy Festival, Mishkenot Sha’ananim, Jerusalem, May 18-20, 2011.

“Of Miracles and Special Effects,” Lecture at the invitation of the Scholion Center for Interdisciplinary Research of Jewish Studies and its Workshop on “The Exegetical Imagination in Religion and the Arts,” Hebrew University, Jerusalem, May 16-17, 2011.

“Le miracle au centre de l’ordinaire: meditations philosophiques et politiques,” four invited lectures to be given as the holder of the “Chaire de sciences des religions,” École des sciences philosophiques et religieuses, Université Saint Louis, Brussels, May 2-3, 2011.

“Inverse versus Dialectical Theology (Adorno, Horkheimer, Barth),” Eberhart L. Faber Lecture, in the context of the Conference on the “Rhetorics of Religion in Germany, 1900-1950,” Departments of German and of Religion, Princeton University, March 31- April 2, 2011.

“Response to Fred Dallmayr,” Symposium on Pluralism and Post-Secularity, Catholic University, Washington, February 17, 2011.

“A Religious Canon for Europe? Policy, Education, and the Post-Secular Challenge,” Piet Akkermans Lecture 2010, College of Europe, Bruges, Belgium, December 7, 2010.

“Sovereignty Contested,” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, October 30, 2010.

“Opening Remarks,” Conference on “Religion in the Public Domain,” Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO), University of Amsterdam, September 24, 2010.

“Of Miracles and Special Effects: Global Religion in the Age of New Media,” keynote address, Conference on “Wissen von Religion,” University of Erfurt, September 23, 2010.

- “A New Conception of Miracles: Sari Nusseibeh’s Secular Faith,” Department of Comparative Literature, University at Buffalo, April 29, 2010.
- “World Religions and Global Religions,” Center for the Study of World Religions, Harvard Divinity School, April 15-16, 2010.
- “*et iterum de Deo*: Jacques Derrida and the Tradition of Divine Names,” keynote address, Conference on “Derrida and Religion,” organized by the Humanities Center and the Center for European Studies, Harvard University, March 26, 2010.
- “New Perspectives on Miracles,” Humanities Institute, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, March 20, 2010.
- “Philosophy and World Religion,” Humanities Institute, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, January 22, 2010.
- “Global Religion and the Post-Secular Challenge: American and European Perspectives,” Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, November 4, 2009.
- “Global Religion and the Post-Secular Challenge: Towards a Deep Pragmatism,” workshop with Jürgen Habermas on “Religion, the Public Sphere, and World Society,” Social Science Research Council and the New York University Institute for Public Knowledge, New York, October 23-25, 2009.
- “Towards a New Conception of Miracles: Sari Nusseibeh’s Secular Faith,” John Hope Franklin Center for the Interdisciplinary and International Studies, Duke University, September 9, 2009.
- “The Deep Pragmatism of Obama’s Political Theology,” guest lecture in the seminar “American Gods,” Department of Religion at Duke University (Profs. David Morgan and Ibrahim Moosa), September 14, 2009.
- “Henri Bergson’s *Les deux sources de la morale et de la religion*,” intensive Seminar in the Research Master Program of the Department of Philosophy, University of Amsterdam, June 22-26, 2009.
- “The Miracle of Love,” Center for Advanced Studies, University of Helsinki, June 12-13, 2009.
- “The Disorientation and the De-Europeanization of the West,” International Research Symposium on The Kyoto School and *Overcoming Modernity*, International Research Center for Japanese Studies Nichibunken, Kyoto, May 25, 2009.
- “Response to Harry Harootunian and Naoki Sakai” and “Response to Gauri Viswanathan,” International Research Symposium on The Kyoto School and *Overcoming Modernity*, International Research Center for Japanese Studies Nichibunken, Kyoto, May 22 and 23, 2009.
- “A ‘New Way Of Conceiving Miracles’: Philosophy, Theology, Politics,” University of Chicago Divinity School, May 1, 2009.

- “‘Permanence of the Theologico-Political’? Claude Lefort and Jules Michelet,” keynote address, Department of Political Science, Northwestern University, April 30, 2009.
- “The Miracle of Love,” Conference on “The Politics of Love,” Syracuse University, April 16-18, 2009.
- “Conversations in the Humanities,” Center for the Humanities, City University of New York, April 9, 2009.
- “Obama’s Deep Pragmatism,” Conference on “Exploring the Post-Secular,” Yale University, April 2-4, 2009.
- “Introductory Remarks,” Chair of the Presidential Panel on “Political Theologies,” Annual Convention of the American Historical Association,” New York, January 5, 2009.
- “Adorno on Immortality,” Mellon Lecture Series on “Thinking Religion,” UCLA, December 1, 2008.
- Panel contribution to “A Quarter Century of Interrogating ‘Religion’: From *Imagining Religion* (1982) to *Religion Beyond a Concept* (2008),” Annual Convention of NAASR/SBL, Boston, November 22, 2008.
- “Cavell on Religion,” Panel on and with Stanley Cavell, American Academy of Religion, Chicago, November 2, 2008.
- “Adorno and the Future of Immortality,” Distinguished Lecture series “The Humanities Without Boundaries” and keynote lecture at the conference “The Weimar Moment: Liberalism, Political Theology, and Law,” University of Wisconsin, Madison, October 23, 2008.
- “The Future of Political Theologies,” Conference organized by the Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs, Georgetown University, Washington, October 16, 2008.
- “The Permanence of the Theologico-Political,” plenary lecture, International Sociology Institute, Central European University, Budapest, June 27, 2008.
- “Spinoza’s *Ethics*,” intensive seminar in the Research Master Program of the Department of Philosophy, University of Amsterdam, June 16, 18, 23, and 25, 2008.
- “Religious Life,” workshop on Veena Das’s *Words and Life*, Humanities Center, Johns Hopkins University, April 4, 2008.
- “Le miracle au centre de l’ordinaire: le théologique-politique dans le “moral perfectionism” nord-américain,” Conference on “Le statut contemporain du théologico-politique,” Institut Catholique de Paris, March 14, 2008.
- “The Very Idea of a Religion Beyond a Concept,” Book Launch of *Religion Beyond a Concept*, Barnes and Noble Greenwich Village, New York City, February 22, 2008.

- “Political Theologies in the Modern World,” Book Launch of *Political Theologies: Abridged Edition*, Social Science Press and Orient Longman, New Dehli, India, January 5, 2008.
- “The Theologico-Political Reconsidered,” Conference on “Cosmopolis and Ghettos,” Wheaton College, October 26, 2007.
- “The Theologico-Political Reconsidered,” keynote lecture, Conference on “The Politics of Religion-Making,” Hofstra University, October 5, 2007.
- “The Passionate Utterance of Love,” Conference on “Narcissus & Eros,” New York University, September 25, 2007.
- “Seriousness and Sincerity in J. L. Austin and Stanley Cavell,” Conference on “Happy Days,” Department of Philosophy, University of Potsdam, Germany, July 5-7, 2007.
- “Concluding Remarks,” Conference on “Things: Material Religion and the Divine Topography of Spaces,” Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research, Amsterdam, June 12-13, 2007.
- Invited discussant, workshop on “Varieties of Secularism,” Social Science Research Council, New York, May 10, 2007.
- “Political Theologies Today,” workshop on “Religion, Law, and the Public Sphere,” University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, February 17, 2007.
- “The Theologico-Political,” Centennial Authors’ Conference on “Living Together: Love, Religion, and Politics for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century,” Fordham University, February 2, 2007.
- “The Political Paul,” Colloquium in Medieval Studies “Political Theologies: The Present of the Religious Past,” Stanford University, January 18-20, 2007.
- “Levinas, Spinoza et le sens théologico-politique de l’Écriture,” Colloquium “Un Siècle avec Levinas: Levinas en héritage,” sous le haut patronage du Ministre de l’Éducation Nationale et de l’Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie, Centre de Conférences Internationales de Cluny-ENSAM, July 19-25, 2006.
- “The Aporia of Sincerity: Cavell and Austin,” Conference on “The Rhetoric of Sincerity,” University of Leiden, June 28-30, 2006.
- “Opening” and “Response to Elisabeth Castelli,” NWO Conference on “Powers,” organized by the national research program on “The Future of the Religious Past,” University of Amsterdam, June 25-26, 2006.
- “The Two Ordinaries: Myth and Counter-Myth of the Everyday,” Conference on “The Everyday,” Humanities Center, Johns Hopkins University, April 24-25, 2006.

- “Seriousness and Sincerity in J. L. Austin and Stanley Cavell,” Conference on “Living Theory,” School of Criticism, Johns Hopkins University, April 14-15, 2006.
- “Spinoza, Levinas et le sens théologico-politique de l’Écriture,” Conference on “Levinas et les théologies,” *Collège des Études Juives de l’Alliance Israélite Universelle*, Paris, January 21 – 22, 2006.
- “Spinoza, Levinas and the theologico-political meaning of Scripture,” Conference on “A Century with Emmanuel Levinas: Perspectives on his Philosophy,” Institute of Advanced Studies, Hebrew University Jerusalem, January 16 – 20, 2006.
- “Levinas on Sociality and Money,” Center for Literature and Society, Columbia University, November 30, 2005.
- “Cavell on Benjamin, Adorno, and Derrida,” Deutsches Haus, New York University, November 29, 2005.
- Response to a book panel on “Philosophy’s Turn to Religion,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, November 19-22, 2005.
- “Religion, Violence, and the Special Effect,” Contribution to panel with Slavoj Žižek, John Milbank, and Ward Blanton, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting , Philadelphia, November 19-22, 2005.
- “Levinas on Sociality and Money,” Department of Religion, University of Virginia, November 2, 2005.
- “Before and Beyond Political Theology,” Conference on Political Theologies, The Center for Comparative Literature and Society, Columbia University, October 25, 2005.
- “The Two Sources of the Theological Machine (Bergson, Derrida),” Hannah Arendt & Rainer Schürmann Memorial Symposium in Political Philosophy, New School University Graduate Faculty, New York, October 14-15, 2005.
- “Religion and Violence,” Violence and Civil Society Seminar, The Centre for the Study of Global Governance at the London School of Economics and Political Science and the Centre for Political Research and Studies at Cairo University, Cairo, September 23-25, 2005.
- “Introduction and Opening Remarks,” Second International NWO conference on “The Future of the Religious Past,” Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research, Amsterdam June 2-4, 2005.
- Lecture at the Conference on “Theology, Faith, and Politics,” Alice Berline Kaplan Center for the Humanities, Northwestern University, May 13-14, 2005.
- “Levinas on Sociality and Money,” lecture at the invitation of the graduate students of the Department of Philosophy, University of Chicago, May 11, 2005.

“From Ghost in the Machine to Spiritual Automaton: Philosophical Meditation in Wittgenstein, Cavell, and Levinas,” Program in Women, Gender and Sexuality, Johns Hopkins University, April 12, 2005.

Keynote Address at the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual DePaul Philosophy Graduate Student Association Conference, DePaul University, Chicago, April 1, 2005.

Contribution to a book panel on *Political Theologies*, Fordham University Press, Labyrinth Bookstore, New York, March 11, 2005.

“From Ghost in the Machine to Spiritual Automaton: Philosophical Meditation in Wittgenstein, Cavell, and Levinas,” Berry Lecture in the Department of Philosophy, Vanderbilt University, March 4, 2005.

“From Ghost in the Machine to Spiritual Automaton: Philosophical Meditation in Wittgenstein, Cavell, and Levinas,” Conference on “Meditations,” Johns Hopkins University, October 15, 2004.

“Minimale Theologie,” Discipline Overleg Godgeleerdheid, “De toekomst van de theologie: verkerkelijking versus verwetenschappelijking?,” Universiteit voor Humanistiek, December 13, 2003.

“Minimal Theologies: Derrida and Bergson,” Conference on “Derrida and the Question of Religion,” Department of German and Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara, October 25, 2003.

“Formalizing and Deformalizing Religion: General and Divine Economy in Emmanuel Levinas’ Critique of Capitalism, Colonialism, and Money,” Conference on “Religion as Colonial Commodity: The Emergence of “Religion” and the Colonial Project,” Department of Religious Studies, Yale University, September 18-21, 2003.

“Introductory Remarks,” Conference on “Globalization and Political Theologies,” Center for the Study of World Religions, Harvard University, May 3-5, 2003.

“Global Religion,” keynote address at the conference “(De)Colonizing Religion,” Religion and Culture Research Cluster and the History of Consciousness Department, University of California, Santa Cruz, April 5, 2003.

“Instances: Levinas on Art and Truth,” Department of Comparative Literature, University at Buffalo, March 25, 2003.

Two Panel Contributions to “Jacques Derrida: Cruelty, Death Penalty, and the Return of the Religious,” Stanford University, April 26-27, 2002.

“Horror Religiosus,” Center for the Humanities Symposium on “Modernity and the Problem of Evil,” Grinnell College, April 17-19, 2002.

“The Other Theology: Remarks on Conceptual Idolatry,” Conference on “Philosophy of Religion at the Turn of the Twenty-First Century,” University of South Carolina, Columbia, April 5-6, 2002.



- “The Other Theology: Remarks on Conceptual Idolatry,” Castelli Colloquium, University of Rome *La Sapienza*, January 4 – January 7, 2002.
- “Instances,” Department of Philosophy, Tilburg University, December 20, 2001.
- Book panel on *Religion and Media*, European Centre for Arts, Culture and Science Felix Meritis, Amsterdam, November 29, 2001.
- “Lyotard as a Reader of Augustine,” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Denver, November 20, 2001.
- “Instances: Temporal Modes From Augustine to Derrida and Lyotard,” Humanities Center, Johns Hopkins University, November 15, 2001.
- “Instances: Temporal Modes From Augustine to Derrida and Lyotard,” Villanova University, September 29, 2001.
- “Dekonstruktion als Philosophie: Antwort auf Bernard Waldenfels,” Fakultät Philosophie, Potsdam University, July 4, 2001.
- “Die andere Theologie: Benjamin und Kafka’s Gesetz,” Rosenzweig Center, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, May 29, 2001.
- “Autour du théologico-politique”, International Conference “Judéités – Questions pour Jacques Derrida, Centre Communautaire Juif de Paris, December 3-5, 2000.
- “Life or Death,” International Conference on “Quel Corps? – Leib und Leben, Körper und Tod,” Einstein Forum, Potsdam, November 16-18, 2000.
- “Response to Nicholas Wolterstorff and Casey Haskins,” Book Panel on *Philosophy and the Turn to Religion*, Annual Convention of the American Society for Aesthetics, Reno, October 25-27, 2000.
- “Levinas – die jüdisch-christliche Lesart,” Sonderforschungsbereich Judentum und Christentum, Bonn University, June 19-21, 2000.
- “War and Social Theory: The Return of the Theologico-Political,” Workshop on “War and Social Theory: Reflections after Kosovo,” European University Institute, Florence, March 10, 2000.
- “Of Miracles,” Conference on “Special Effects,” Presidential Lecture Series, Stanford University, February 11, 2000.
- “Of Miracles: Kant’s Political Theology,” Department of German Languages and Literatures, New York University, January 4, 2000.
- “Instances: Levinas on Art and Truth,” Graduiertenkolleg “Zeiterfahrung und ästhetische Wahrnehmung,” Johann Wolfgang Goethe Universität Frankfurt, January 27-28, 2000.

- “Philosophy and the Turn to Religion,” UCLA Paris Program in Critical Theory, December 8, 1999.
- “Of Miracles,” Conference on “Setzung,” Europa Universität Viadrina, Frankfurt/ Oder, November 26, 1999.
- “Levinas on Art and Truth,” Department of Philosophy, Freie Universität Berlin, June 12, 1999.
- “Transnihilistic Propositions: A Debate with Thierry de Duve,” Galerie D’Eendt, De Roode Hoed, November 29, 1998.
- “Kierkegaard on Martyrdom,” Workshop on martyrdom at the Graduiertenkolleg Repräsentation – Rhetorik – Wissen, Europa Universität Viadrina, Frankfurt/Oder, November 5-7, 1998.
- “Religion and Media,” Center for the Study of World Religions, Harvard University, May 13, 1998.
- “Instances,” three invited lectures in the Department of Comparative Literature, SUNY Buffalo, March 24 –26, 1998.
- “Introduction,” Workshop on “Religion and Media,” Institut Néerlandais, Paris, December 15, 1997.
- “The Return to Religion,” Opening Conference of the Heinrich von Kleist Institut für Literatur und Politik and the Graduiertenkolleg “Repräsentation – Rhetorik – Wissen,” Europa Universität Viadrina, Frankfurt/Oder, June 20-22, 1996.
- “The ‘Generous Repetition,’” “Horror Religiosus,” “Every Other Other,” Program in Comparative Literature, SUNY Buffalo, March 5-7, 1996.
- “*Sauf le nom*. Derrida on Angelus Silesius,” Mini-Seminar, Department of German, Johns Hopkins University, February, 1996.
- “The Kenosis of Discourse,” 22nd Annual Alabama Symposium on English and American Literature, University of Alabama, September 28-30, 1995.
- “The Promise of Deconstruction. Derrida and Negative Theology,” Seminar on “Das Versprechen” (Prof. Klaus Held), Graduiertenkolleg Phänomenologie und Hermeneutik, Bergische Universität, Gesamthochschule Wuppertal, April 21, 1995.
- “Revealing Revelations,” Comparative Literature's Sixth Annual Colloquium in Critical Theory, SUNY Buffalo, April 8, 1995.
- “State, Academy, Censorship: Kant and the Conflict of the Faculties,” Two-part lecture, Department of German, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, March 9-10, 1995.
- “State, Academy, Censorship: Kant and the Conflict of the Faculties,” Center for Literary and Cultural Studies, Harvard University, February 23, 1995.

- “The Institution of Philosophy: the Conflict of Faculties Overseas,” International Conference “France-US, a Transatlantic Exchange of Ideas,” Department of European Studies and the Department of French, Free University Amsterdam, December 15, 1994.
- “Messianicities,” Conference on “Deconstruction and Politics,” Centre for Theoretical Studies in the Humanities and the Social Sciences, University of Essex, October, 28, 1994.
- “Poetics and Politics of Temporality,” Conference “Hermeneutik im Europäischen Kontext,” Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg, September 23, 1994.
- “A DIEU,” Graduiertenkolleg Prof. Bernhard Waldenfels, Institut für Philosophie, *Ruhr-Universität Bochum*, June 17, 1994.
- “A DIEU,” Collège International de Philosophie, Ecole Normale Supérieure, Rue d’Ulm, May 28-30, 1994.
- Graduate seminar on “Just Places - Nancy, Heidegger, Hölderlin,” Department of German, Johns Hopkins University, March 28-30, 1994.
- “Theotopographies,” Annual Meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, New Orleans, October 21, 1993.
- “A DIEU - Retracing a Figure in the Work of Levinas,” International Levinas Conference, Loyola University of Chicago, May 23, 1993.
- “The Law of Obligation in the Work of J. F. Lyotard,” Annual Meeting of the International Association for Philosophy and Literature, Duquesne University, May 13, 1993.
- “A DIEU,” Department of German, Johns Hopkins University, April 15, 1993.
- “The Politics of the Institution in Derrida's *Du droit à la philosophie*,” Symposium on “Passions, Persons and Powers,” Department of Comparative Literature, University of California, Berkeley, April 30, 1992.
- “The Poetics of Temporality in the Late Work of Paul Ricoeur,” Annual Meeting of the American Comparative Literature Association, Columbia University, April 4, 1992.
- “Politik der Zeitlichkeit. Zu Ricoeur's *Soi-même comme un autre*,” Ricoeur Symposium, Institut Catholique, Paris, January 29, 1992.
- “The Communication of Communication. Between Formal Pragmatics and Pragmatology,” Symposium “A New, Very New Idea of *Aufklärung*? The Debate Between Critical Theory and Recent French Thought,” University for Humanist Studies Utrecht, December 19, 1991.
- “Derrida and Celan,” “Theory Series” of the English Department, Loyola University of Chicago, November 13, 1991.

- “Derrida and Celan,” Departments of German and Comparative Literature, University of Maryland at College Park, May 13, 1991.
- “Derrida and Kant,” Department of Philosophy, Loyola University of Chicago, January 28, 1991.
- “LETHE, Time and Narration in Thomas Mann's *Der Zauberberg*,” Departments of Comparative Literature and of German, University of California, Los Angeles, January 12, 1991.
- “Images of an Other. ‘Philosophemes’ in Paul Celan,” Annual Convention of the Modern Language Association, Chicago, December 28, 1990.
- “Le Schibboleth de l'éthique: Derrida et Celan,” Colloquium “L'éthique du don: Rencontre en hommage à Jacques Derrida,” Royaumont, December 7, 1990.
- “De grondslag van de ethiek” (“Foundations of Ethics”), Department of Philosophy, University of Leiden, March 23, 1990.
- “Un-Modern Turns: Levinas, Heidegger and the Politics of Patience,” Symposium “The Culture of Jewish Modernity and the Post-Modern Turn,” Baltimore Hebrew University, March 18, 1990.
- “The Ellipsis of Enlightenment II. Derrida and Kant,” Departments of History and of Literature and Philosophy workshop, University of California at Berkeley, November 30, 1989.
- “Levinas and Postmodern Ethics,” Media Program, New School for Social Research, November 8, 1989.
- “Heidegger and Levinas on *Gelassenheit*, Patience and the Question of Modern Technology,” Philosophy and Technology Studies Center, Polytechnic University, Brooklyn, November 7, 1989.
- “The Ellipsis of Enlightenment I. Some Remarks on Derrida’s Reading of Kafka,” Program in Comparative Literature, SUNY Buffalo, October 26, 1989.
- “Zum Begriff der Allegorie in Schopenhauers Religionsphilosophie,” Convention of the Internationale Schopenhauer Vereinigung, University of Hamburg, March 1989.
- “Moralität und Sittlichkeit: Zu Adornos Hegelkritik,” Convention of the Internationale Hegel Gesellschaft, University of Zürich, April 1987.

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