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## Curriculum Vitae

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**Areas of Specialization and Competency:**

AOS: Phenomenology (especially Merleau-Ponty), Ethics (especially Animal Ethics).  
AOC: 20<sup>th</sup> Century Continental Philosophy, Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Mind.

**Education:**

Ph.D. (with distinction) - DePaul University, Philosophy. GPA: 4.0.

Dissertation: *Sharing 'the Flesh of the World': Alterity, Animality, and Radical Community in Merleau-Ponty's Philosophy.*

H. Peter Steeves (director), Michael Naas (reader), Sean Kirkland (reader), Leonard Lawlor (outside reader).

Defense date: May 28, 2020.

M.A. DePaul University, Philosophy (October 2010). GPA: 4.0.

B.A. (with honors) - Muhlenberg College, Philosophy (May 2008). Magna Cum Laude.  
Phi Beta Kappa. GPA: 3.84/4.0.

Honors Thesis: *Beyond "Being and Nothingness": Merleau-Ponty on the Problem of Free Will.* Director: Lawrence Hass.

**Publications—Books:**

*Sharing the "Flesh of the World": Merleau-Ponty's Phenomenology and the Problem of Animal Minds.* (under consideration at SUNY Press)

*Merleau-Ponty's Philosophy of Radical Community: Ontology and Ethics for a More-than-Human World.* (in progress)

### **Publications—Book Chapters and Journal Articles:**

“‘A Kinship of Finitudes’: Why Rejecting Ableism Entails Rejecting Anthropocentrism.” (in progress)

“Ethics and Lived Experience: Phenomenological Critique as Resistance to Gaslighting.” (in progress)

“Normativity in the Flesh: Phenomenology and the Collapse of the Fact/Value Dichotomy.” (in progress)

“Is Merleau-Ponty a Panpsychist (and If He’s Not, Should He Be)?” (in progress)

“‘Quasi-Companions’ and ‘Strange Kin’: Merleau-Ponty on the Problem of Animal Minds.” (in progress)

“‘In This Town, Don’t We Love It Now?’: Community, Otherness, and the Limits of Classical Liberalism in *The Nightmare Before Christmas*.” (under consideration)

“‘We Are What We (Do Not) Eat’: The Vegetarian Message in *The Texas Chainsaw Massacre*.” (under consideration)

“‘Menaced Rationality’: Husserl and Merleau-Ponty on the Crisis and Promise of Science.” *Progress in Biophysics and Molecular Biology, Special Issue on Integral Biomathics: Life Sciences, Mathematics, and Phenomenological Philosophy*, Volume 119, Issue 3, December 2015, pp. 245-256.

“‘The Flesh of My Flesh’: Animality, Difference, and ‘Radical Community’ in Merleau-Ponty’s Philosophy,” in *Animal Ethics and Philosophy: Questioning the Orthodoxy*, eds. Elisa Aaltola and John Hadley (NY: Rowman and Littlefield, 2015), pp. 99-116.

“All Too Human: ‘Animal Wisdom’ in Nietzsche’s Account of the Good Life.” *Between the Species*, Volume 14, Issue 1, August 2011.

“From ‘A History of Being’ to ‘A History of the Present’: Radical Possibility in Heidegger and Foucault.” *Pli: The Warwick Journal of Philosophy*, Volume 22, February 2011, pp. 138-173.

### **Conference Presentations:**

“‘In This Town, Don’t We Love It Now?’: Community, Otherness, and the Limits of Classical Liberalism in *The Nightmare Before Christmas*,” presented at the DePaul Pop Culture Conference (“A Celebration of Disney”), hosted by the College of Communication, Chicago, IL. May 4, 2019.

“‘We Are What We (Do Not) Eat’: The Vegetarian Message in *The Texas Chainsaw Massacre*,” presented at the DePaul Pop Culture Conference (“A Celebration of Slashers”), hosted by the College of Communication, Chicago, IL. April 28, 2018.

“‘The Flesh of My Flesh’: Animality, Difference, and Radical Community in Merleau-Ponty’s Late Philosophy,” presented at:

“A Matter of Life/Death” conference, hosted by *Mosaic* and the University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB, Canada. October 1-4, 2014.

The University of Toronto Center for Ethics conference, Toronto, ON, Canada. April 25-26, 2014.

“Psychology and The Other” conference, Lesley University, Boston, MA. October 4-6, 2013.

Graduate Student Colloquium, DePaul University, Chicago, IL. March 1, 2013. (Invited).

“Animal Representation,” The University of Michigan Graduate Conference, hosted by the Rackham Interdisciplinary Animal Studies Workshop, Ann Arbor, MI. February 8-9, 2013.

“Merleau-Ponty and the Problem of Animal Minds,” The Metaphysical Society of America, Emory University, Atlanta, GA. March 11-12, 2011. Recipient of the Aristotle Award for Best Graduate Student Submission.

“‘All Too Human’: ‘Animal Wisdom’ in Nietzsche’s Account of the Good Life,” “Dangerous Crossings: Politics at the Limits of the Human,” Graduate conference in Political Science, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD. October 1-2, 2010.

“Merleau-Ponty and the Problem of Animal Minds,” “Social Bonds: From Self to Polis,” 10<sup>th</sup> Annual graduate conference at the University of Toronto, Toronto, ON, Canada. May-14-15, 2010.

“Merleau-Ponty and the Problem of Animal Minds,” 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Interdisciplinary Conference on Consciousness, Boston University, Boston, MA. April 30 – May 1, 2010.

“Sharing the ‘Flesh of the World’: Intercorporeity and Non-Human Alterity in Merleau-Ponty’s Philosophy,” presented at:

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign graduate conference. Champaign, IL. April 9-10, 2010

Kent State University 17<sup>th</sup> Annual May 4<sup>th</sup> Graduate conference. Kent, OH. March 19-20, 2010

Louisiana State University 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Graduate conference. Baton Rouge, LA. February 19-20, 2010.

“Lawrence Hass on Merleau-Ponty’s Concept of Expression,” panel discussion on Lawrence Hass’s *Merleau-Ponty’s Philosophy*, 34<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting of the International Merleau-Ponty Circle, Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS. September 10-12, 2009 (Invited).

“The Force of Responsibility: Reading Derrida’s *The Gift of Death* with *Force of Law*,” Louisiana State University 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Graduate conference, Baton Rouge, LA. April 18-19, 2009.

### **Awards, Grants, and Fellowships:**

Fall 2015: “The Michael Mezey Excellence in Teaching Award.” DePaul University.

Spring 2014: Graduate Research Funding Award (Office of the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, DePaul University), to present “‘The Flesh of My Flesh’: Animality, Difference, and ‘Radical Community’ in Merleau-Ponty’s Late Philosophy” at the University of Toronto, Toronto, ON, Canada.

Fall 2014: Graduate Research Funding Award (Office of the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, DePaul University), to present “‘The Flesh of My Flesh’: Animality, Difference, and ‘Radical Community’ in Merleau-Ponty’s Late Philosophy” at the University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB, Canada.

March 2011: “Aristotle Award” for best work of metaphysics by a junior scholar for “Merleau-Ponty and the Problem of Animal Minds,” presented at the Metaphysical Society of America, Emory University, Atlanta GA, March 11-12, 2011.

Summer 2010: DePaul University Richardson Fellowship for study-abroad in Paris, France.

May 2008: The Noel R. and Edith J. Moyer Award for Achievement in Philosophy. Muhlenberg College.

May 2008: The Dr. Robert E. Shoemaker Graduate Fellowship for outstanding academic achievement and promise for postgraduate work. Muhlenberg College.

May 2008: Elected to Phi Beta Kappa. Muhlenberg College.

Spring 2005: Elected to the Phi Sigma Tau honor society for Philosophy. Muhlenberg College.

**Employment and Courses Taught:**

Loyola University, Chicago, IL (fall 2021 – Spring 2022):

PHL 181: Ethics (one section).

PHL 130: Philosophy and Persons (two sections).

DePaul University, Chicago, IL (September 2010 – March 2020):

PHL 100: Philosophy and Its Issues (eight sections).

Themes taught: “What Makes Life Worth Living?”: Investigating Happiness and the “Meaning of Life.”

“What Do You Know?”: An Introduction to Philosophy through Epistemology.

“How Should I/We Live?”: An Introduction to Philosophy through Ethics.

PHL 200: Ethical Theories (seven sections).

PHL 248: Business Ethics (ten sections).

PHL 280: Critical Thinking (twelve sections).

**Languages:**

Reading competency in French and German.

**Service:**

2014/2015: Mentored undergraduate DUOS (Doctoral & Undergraduate Opportunities for Scholarship) project on “Merleau-Ponty and the Question of Anthropocentrism.” DePaul University.

2013/2014: Mentored undergraduate DUOS project on “Merleau-Ponty on the Human/Animal Relationship.” DePaul University.

2010/2011: Served on the Graduate Student Conference committee. DePaul University.

2009/2010: Mentored undergraduate DUOS project on “Heidegger and the Question of the Animal.” DePaul University.

**Journal Peer Reviewer:**

*Between the Species*. 2015-present.

*Purlieu: A Philosophical Journal*. 2011.

**Professional Organizations:**

The American Philosophical Association (Central Division).

The International Merleau-Ponty Circle.

**References:**

H. Peter Steeves, Professor of Philosophy and Director of DePaul Humanities Center, DePaul University. [Psteeves@depaul.edu](mailto:Psteeves@depaul.edu)

Michael Naas, Professor of Philosophy, DePaul University. [Mnaas@depaul.edu](mailto:Mnaas@depaul.edu)

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