

DAMON STEFANO BORIA

Curriculum Vitae

CONTACT INFORMATION

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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Fall 2024 – present	Professor of Philosophy Liberal Arts and Social Sciences Department Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University, Baton Rouge, LA
Fall 2017 – Spring 2024	Associate Professor of Philosophy Liberal Arts and Social Sciences Department Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University ¹ , Baton Rouge, LA
Fall 2013 – Spring 2017	Assistant Professor of Philosophy Liberal Arts and Social Sciences Department Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University, Baton Rouge, LA
Spring 2007 – Spring 2013:	Adjunct Instructor Department of History and Philosophy Indiana University Northwest; Gary, IN
Fall 2007 – Spring 2008	Graduate Teaching Assistant Department of Philosophy Purdue University; West Lafayette, IN

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION AND COMPETENCE

AOS: Existentialism, Environmental Philosophy, Philosophy of Literature

AOC: Ethics (especially Healthcare), Social and Political Philosophy, Logic

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Philosophy, Philosophy and Literature Program, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN.
December 2011

Dissertation: *Against Powerlessness: Means-End Challenges for the Sartrean Humanist*
Committee: William McBride (chair), Daniel Smith, Arkady Plotnitsky, Patrocinio Schweickart

M.A. in Philosophy, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN. 2006

B.A. in Philosophy, Wabash College, Crawfordsville, IN. 2003

¹ In 2017 Our Lady of the Lake College changed its name to Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University.

COURSES TAUGHT

As Assistant, Associate, or Full Professor at Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University:

GRBO 3331: Great Books Seminar VI – The Natural World

GRBO 3350: Great Books Seminar IX – Health and Disease

GRBO 4330: Great Books Internship I

GRBO 4331: Great Books Internship II

PHIL 1310 (original version): Introduction to Philosophy

PHIL 1310 (revised version): Ways of Living: An Introduction to Philosophy

PHIL 1320: Reality, Knowledge, and Value: Philosophical Explorations

PHIL 2310: Logic and Critical Thinking

PHIL 2315: Current Moral Problems

PHIL 2320: Ethical Issues in Health Care

PHIL 3340: Freedom, Death, and Meaningful Living: Existentialism

As Adjunct Instructor at Indiana University Northwest:

PHIL 100: Introduction to Philosophy

PHIL 140: Introduction to Ethics

PHIL 150: Elementary Logic

PHIL 306: Business Ethics

As Graduate Teaching Assistant at Purdue University:

PHIL 240 Social and Political Philosophy (Professor William McBride)

PHIL 225 Philosophy of Woman (Professor Charlene Seigfried)

PUBLICATIONS: EDITED BOOK

Earthly Engagements: Reading Sartre After the Holocene. eds. Matthew C. Ally and Damon Boria. (Lexington Books, 2023)

PUBLICATIONS: JOURNAL ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

“Toward Ecologically-Oriented Political Projects: Reimagining Existentialism at Algren’s Cabin.” In *Earthly Engagements: Reading Sartre After the Holocene*. eds. Matthew Ally and Damon Boria. (Lexington Books, 2023)

“Reading Nietzsche and Sartre Toward an Eco-Existentialism.” In *Nietzsche und der Französische Existenzialismus*, eds. Alfred Betschart, Andreas Urs Sommer, and Paul Stephan. Boston: Walter de Gruyter (2022)

“Walker Percy’s *The Moviegoer*, a Signpost for Existentialism’s Reception in the American South.” In *Sartre and the International Impact of Existentialism*, eds. Alfred Betschart and Juliane Werner. Palgrave MacMillan (2019)

“Creating the Anthropocene: Existentialist Ethics and Our Bleak Future.” In *An Anthology of Philosophical Studies: Volume 10*, ed. Patricia Hanna. Athens Institute for Education and Research (2016)

“Guerrilla Gardening as Nonviolent Praxis: Existentialist Ethics in Food Deserts.” In *The Peace of Nature and the Nature of Peace: Essays on Ecology, Nature, Nonviolence, and Peace*, ed. Andrew Fiala. Brill Rodopi (2015)

“Interdependent Freedom: Sartrean Collectivism as (Good) Bad News for an Iconic American Myth.” *Sartre Studies International*, Volume 20, Issue 2, Winter 2014

“Pricking Us Into Revolt: Vonnegut, DeLillo and Sartre’s Hope for Literature.” *Sartre Studies International*, Volume 19, Issue 2, Winter 2013

“Sartre on Moral and Political Authority.” In *Severally Seeking Sartre*, ed. Benedict O’Donohoe. Cambridge Scholars Publishing (2013)

PUBLICATIONS: BOOK REVIEWS

Book Reviewed: *Ecology and Existence: Bringing Sartre to the Water’s Edge* by Matthew C. Ally (Lexington Books, 2017), *Sartre Studies International*, Volume 24, Issue 2, December 2018

Book Reviewed: *Brave Genius: A Scientist, a Philosopher, and Their Daring Adventures from the French Resistance to the Nobel Prize* by Sean B. Carroll (Crown Publishers, 2013), *Sartre Studies International*, Volume 20, Issue 2, Winter 2014

PRESENTATIONS

“Wilderness Therapy for Existentialists.” 29th Conference of the North American Sartre Society, Molloy University, Rockville Centre, New York, 26 October 2024

“Ambiguous Phenomena, or, Ecology for Existentialists.” XXV World Congress of Philosophy, University of Sapienza, Rome, Italy, 6 August 2024

“Book Session on *Earthly Engagements*.” Moderator. 28th Conference of the North American Sartre Society, University of North Carolina Wilmington, Wilmington, North Carolina, 4 November 2023

“Nature-Talk in Existentialism: Three Disentanglements.” 28th Conference of the North American Sartre Society, University of North Carolina Wilmington, Wilmington, North Carolina, 4 November 2023

“Liberation Ecologies: A Sartrean Project?” 27th Conference of the North American Sartre Society, American University, Washington, DC, 4 November 2022

“Becoming Alert: Ortega y Gasset’s *Meditations on Hunting* and the Possibilities for Eco-Existentialism.” Spring 2022 International Association for Environmental Philosophy Online Workshop, 22 June 2022; also presented at Fall 2022 International Association for Environmental Philosophy session on 14 October 2022, as part of the meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy hosted by Texas A&M University

“Seeing Green in the Rust Belt with Beauvoir: On Perception and Imagination Amidst Ecological Ruin.” Rereading Beauvoir in the 21st Century, 27th International Conference of the Simone de Beauvoir Society, John Carroll University, 2 June – 4 June 2022 (presented online)

“Reading Nietzsche and Sartre Toward an Eco-Existentialism.” Between Life and Existence: Nietzsche and French Existentialism. International Symposium. Nietzsche-Dokumentationszentrum. Naumburg, Germany, 31 July – 2 August 2020 (presented online)

“Running Dead: Sartre, Literature, and Eco-Existentialist Imagination.” 25th Conference of the North American Sartre Society in conjunction with Diverse Lineages of Existentialism II Conference, George Washington University, Washington, DC, 3-5 June 2019

“Imagining Sartre at Algren’s Cabin, or, Thinking Sartrean Politics at the Birthplace of American Ecology.” 24th Conference of the North American Sartre Society, University of Mary Washington, Fredericksburg, Virginia, 27 October 2018

“Literary Existentialism in the United States: The Case of Walker Percy.” The International Reception of Existentialism, Universität Wien, Vienna, Austria, 29 September 2018

“Five Theses on Seriality.” 23rd Conference of the North American Sartre Society, University of La Verne, La Verne, California, 3 November 2017

“The Serialized Individual in the Anthropocene, or, Lessons from and for Sartre’s Social Theory in a Time of Ecological Ruin.” 22nd Conference of the North American Sartre Society, University of North Carolina Wilmington, Wilmington, North Carolina, 4 November 2016

Poster: “Stand Your Moral Ground: The Ethical Terrain of the Gun Rights Debate.” Our Lady of the Lake College Research and Scholarship Showcase, 15 March 2016

“Serialization as a Political Weapon.” 21st Annual Meeting of the North American Sartre Society, East Stroudsburg University, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, 13 November 2015

“Creating the Anthropocene: Existentialist Ethics and Our Bleak Future.” 10th Annual International Conference on Philosophy, Athens Institute for Education and Research (ATINER), Athens, Greece, 25 May 2015

“Neither Silence nor Speech: Kierkegaard’s Communication Problem and the Space of Literature.” Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture, Baylor University, Waco, Texas, 2 November 2013

“Guerrilla Gardening for Peace: Existentialist Ethics in Food Deserts.” Concerned Philosophers for Peace Annual Conference 2013, Yosemite National Park, 25 October 2013

“Interdependent Freedom: Sartrean Collectivism as (Good) Bad News for an Iconic American Myth.” 20th Biennial Conference of the North American Sartre Society, University of Windsor, Windsor, Canada, 4 October 2013

“The Oppressive Monotony of Boredom: A Sartrean Case for Humane Treatment of Animals.” Sartre Circle at the American Philosophical Association, Atlanta, Georgia, 29 December 2012

“Pricking Us into Revolt? Assessing Sartre’s Hope for Literature in Consideration of Vonnegut and DeLillo.” 19th Biennial Conference of the North American Sartre Society, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, 29 November 2012

“Sartre on Moral and Political Authority.” 18th Biennial Conference of the North American Sartre Society, TÉLUQ, Montréal, Canada, 28 April 2011

“Human Freedom and Animal Liberation: A Sartrean Perspective,” Department of Philosophy, Purdue University Northwest, Spring Colloquium Series, 2 March 2011

“Ethical Responsibility and Political Action: Thoughts on Sartre’s *Dirty Hands* and *The Condemned of Altona*,” Philosophy and Literature Program, Purdue University, Illuminations Lecture Series, 16 February 2010

STUDENT COMMITTEES

Joshua Burgos, Ph.D student in Music Education, Louisiana State University, (member)

GRANTS AND ENDOWMENTS

Mother Gertrude Hennessey Prof I Endowment: “Great Books Enhancement and Conference Travel.”
Fall 2024 – Spring 2025

Sr Magdalen O’Donovan Prof Endowment: “Conference Paper Presentation Travel.” Fall 2022 – Spring 2023

Mother Gertrude Hennessey Prof I Endowment: “Curriculum Development – QEP (co-chair).” Fall 2017 – Spring 2019

Mother Gertrude Hennessey Prof III Endowment: “Faculty Development & Training.” Fall 2017 – Spring 2018

Martha O’Callaghan Prof Endowment: “Faculty Development – Center for Teaching and Learning.” Fall 2016 – Spring 2018

Sr M. Edana Corcoran Prof II Endowment: “Curriculum Development – Health Humanities.” Fall 2016 – Spring 2017

NETVUE Vocation Grant: “Deepening Intellectual and Theological Exploration of Vocation by Undergraduate Students.” Fall 2014 – Spring 2015

SERVICE TO THE INSTITUTION

Liberal Arts and Social Sciences Department
Chair, July 2016 – present

Bachelor of Arts in Great Books Program
Director, Fall 2023 – present

Justice for the Communities We Serve Committee
Chair, Fall 2023 – present

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee
Member, Fall 2021 – present

Educating Character Initiative Grant Committee
Member, Spring 2024 – present

Promotion in Rank Committee
Member, Fall 2021 – Spring 2023

Sabbatical Review Committee
Member, Fall 2022 – Spring 2023

Audit Policy Revision Ad Hoc Committee

Coauthor, Fall 20222

Simulated Environment Teaching Hospital's Learning Community
Member, Fall 2021 – Spring 2022

Full-Time Faculty Search Committee for Anatomy and Physiology
Member, Spring – Summer 2021

Sabbatical Policy Ad Hoc Committee
Coauthor, Fall 2020 – Spring 2021

Age Friendly University Workgroup
Member, Spring 2021

Development of New Program Workgroup: Bachelor of Arts in Great Books
Member, August 2018 – May 2021

Full-Time Faculty Search Committee for Writing
Member, Spring 2019

Institutional Review Board
Vice-Chair, September 2014 – May 2019
Member, Spring 2014 – May 2019

Development of New Minors: Philosophy, Ethics
Author/coauthor, Spring 2017

Faculty Senate Executive Board
Representative for Liberal Arts and Social Sciences Department, Fall 2015 – Spring 2017

Quality Enhancement Plan Steering Committee
Director, Spring 2017 – Spring 2020
Authored chosen proposal

Center for Innovative Teaching and Engagement Development Team
Member, Fall 2016 – present
Authored initial proposal

Institutional Effectiveness Workgroup
Member, Spring 2016 – Spring 2017

Core Competency Workgroup
Member, Fall 2016

Faculty Professional Development Group: Ethics Across the Curriculum
Facilitator, Fall 2015 – Spring 2016

Program Assessment Committee, Liberal Arts and Social Sciences Department
Member, Fall 2013 – Fall 2021

Development and Revision of New Courses:
Fall 2013 – Fall 2022

- Great Books: GRBO 2100 (Vocations After Great Books), GRBO 3310 (Great Books Seminar I – The Classical World), GRBO 3311 (Great Books Seminar II – Autobiography and Confession),

GRBO 3320 (Great Books Seminar III – The Good Life), GRBO 3321 (Great Books Seminar IV – Economics and Work), GRBO 3330 (Great Books Seminar V – Beauty), GRBO 3331 (Great Books Seminar VI – The Natural World), GRBO 3340 (Great Books Seminar VII – The Good Community), GRBO 3341 (Great Books Seminar VIII – Southern Literature), GRBO 3350 (Great Books Seminar IX – Health and Disease), GRBO 4330 (Great Books Internship I), GRBO 4331 (Great Books Internship II)

- Philosophy: PHIL 1310 (original creation of Introduction to Philosophy), PHIL 1310 (revision to Ways of Living: An Introduction to Philosophy), PHIL 1320 (Reality, Knowledge, and Value: Philosophical Explorations), PHIL 3320 (Business Ethics Seminar I – Corporate Social Responsibility), PHIL 3330 (Philosophy of Science and Medicine), PHIL 3340 (Freedom, Death, and Meaningful Living: Existentialism), PHIL 4320 (Business Ethics Seminar II – Environmentally Responsible Business)

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Executive Committee of the North American Sartre Society
Member-at-large, June 2023 – present
Immediate Past President, June 2021 – June 2023
President, July 2019 – June 2021
Co-President, November 2017 – July 2019
Member-at-large, invited, March 2016 – November 2017

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Faculty Learning Community: Teaching with Your Mouth Shut
Facilitator, Spring 2024

Faculty Learning Community: Inclusive Teaching
Participant, Spring 2023

CITI (Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative at the University of Miami) Program’s “Essentials for IACUC Members” Course
Completed 2023

Faculty Learning Community: Bioethics for Nurses
Participant, Fall 2022 – Spring 2023

Faculty Learning Community: Reading for Understanding
Participant, Fall 2019 – Spring 2020

Mellon Philosophy as a Way of Life Network: Summer Workshop. University of Notre Dame. South Bend, IN
Participant, 17-20 June 2019

Faculty Professional Development Group: Catholic Bioethics for Practitioners
Participant, Fall 2016

LiveText Regional Assessment Workshop: A Personal Approach to Solving Your Assessment Needs.
Marriott at the Convention Center, New Orleans, LA
Participant, 2 March 2015

Faculty Professional Development Group: Quality Writing Experiences

Participant, Fall 2014

Faculty Professional Development Group: NETVUE Vocation
Participant, Fall 2014

Office for Human Research Protections' Quality Assessment Workshop on Informed Consent
Participant, 29 May 2014

CITI (Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative at the University of Miami) Program's "Human Subjects Research" Course
Completed Spring 2014

Introduction to Moodle Tutorial
Completed Spring 2014, Updated Fall 2016

Faculty Professional Development Group: Service-Learning
Participant, Fall 2013

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

International Association for Environmental Philosophy

North American Sartre Society

ACADEMIC REFERENCES

William McBride, Ph.D.
Arthur G. Hansen Distinguished Professor of Philosophy
Purdue University, West Lafayette
765-494-4285
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David Whidden III, Ph.D.
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