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## Steven DeLay

### *Curriculum Vitae*

#### Employment

- 2022- Research Fellow, Global Centre for Advanced Studies College Dublin
- 2019- Tutorial Fellow, Ambrose College, Woolf University
- 2018-2019 Thomas Jack Lynch Teacher-Scholar Postdoctoral Fellow, Wake Forest University

#### Areas of Specialization

Phenomenology and Christian Existentialism

#### Areas of Competence

Post-Kantian Philosophy, Philosophy of Art, Film Studies

#### Education

- 2013-2017 University of Oxford, DPhil in philosophy, May 2017
- 2010-2013 Rice University, M.A. in philosophy, May 2013
- 2005-2010 Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, B.A in philosophy & political science, June 2010

#### Research

##### Books

- 2023 *Finding Meaning: Essays on Philosophy, Nihilism, and the Death of God*, edited, Wipf & Stock
- 2023 *Life Above the Clouds: Philosophy in the Films of Terrence Malick*, edited, SUNY Press
- Reviewed by M. Sellers Johnson in *The Philosophical Quarterly* January 24, 2023  
<https://academic.oup.com/pq/advance-article-abstract/doi/10.1093/pq/pqad004/7000203?redirectedFrom=fulltext&login=false>
- 2022 *Elijah Newman Died Today: A Novella*, Wipf & Stock
- 2022 *Everything*, Wipf & Stock
- 2022 *Faint Not: Twelve Brief Meditations on the Word of God*, Wipf & Stock
- 2022 *In the Spirit: A Phenomenology of Faith*, John Hunt Publishing
- Reviewed by *Publishers Weekly* February 28, 2022  
<https://www.publishersweekly.com/9781789047530>
- Reviewed by Felipe Vargas Sotela in *Journal for Continental Philosophy of Religion* 4(2), 232-233
- Reviewed by Sarah Pawlett-Jackson in *Phenomenological Reviews*, 2022

2020 *Before God: Exercises in Subjectivity*, Rowman & Littlefield International

Reviewed by John O'Connor in *New Blackfriars* 103 (1105), 411-413  
Reviewed by Walter D. Hopp in *Phenomenological Reviews*, 2020

2019 *Phenomenology in France: A Philosophical and Theological Introduction*, Routledge

Reviewed by William L. Connelly in *Journal for Continental Philosophy of Religion* 1(1), 127-128  
Reviewed by Claudio Tarditi in *Phenomenological Reviews*, 2019

In preparation

*Hymns to Life: Michel Henry and Christian Theologians in Dialogue* (edited with Steven Nemes)

*The Imitation of Christ in Film Noir*

*Conscience: A Philosophical History*

*Synergy: A Deconstruction of the Myth of Original Sin*

## Articles

2022 "Methodological Atheism Considered," *Journal for Continental Philosophy of Religion*, 4 (2), 133-165

2021 "Being True," special issue edited by Neal DeRoo "Phenomenology, Spirituality, and Religion," *Religions* 12 (4), 262-268

2021 "The Vanity of Authenticity," *Sophia: International Journal of Philosophy and Traditions*, 60 (1), 19-65

2021 "The Heart Senses," Turkish translation, "Kalp Duyulari," *Sabah Ülkesi*, Sayı 66 (1), 104-110

2020 "Being Oneself: Self-Consciousness in Husserl and Henry," In *La presenza impossibile Husserl e le sintesi passive*, special issue of *Philosophy Kitchen* edited by Claudio Tarditi and Alberto Giustiniano, *Rivista di filosofia contemporanea*, #12, 77-83

Turkish translation, "Kendi Olmak: Husserl ve Henry'de Öz-Bilinç," *Sabah Ülkesi*, Sayı 63 (2), 106-111

2017 "Disclosing Worldhood or Expressing Life? Heidegger and Henry on the Origin of the Work of Art," *Journal of Aesthetics and Phenomenology*, 4 (2), 155-171

2016 "The Toiling Lily: Narrative Life, Responsibility and the Ontological Ground of Self-Deception," *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences*, 15 (1), 103-116

2014 "God and Givenness: Toward a Phenomenology of Mysticism," *Continental Philosophy Review*, 47 (1), 87-106

## Book Chapters

2023 "Philosophy in an Age of Nihilism: An Introduction," *Finding Meaning: Essays on Philosophy, Nihilism, and the Death of God*, (ed.) Steven DeLay, Wipf & Stock

2023 "'Jesus Christ the Same Yesterday, Today, and Forever': Philosophy, History, and the Philosophy of History," *Finding Meaning: Essays on Philosophy, Nihilism, and the Death of God*, (ed.) Steven DeLay, Wipf & Stock

- 2023 “Hearing the Word of God: A Kierkegaardian Phenomenology of Conscience,” Kierkegaard,” *Kierkegaardian Phenomenologies*, (eds.) J. Aaron Simmons, Wojciech Kaftanski, and Jeffrey Hanson, Lexington Books
- 2023 “Philosophy, Art, and Science in an Age of Nihilism: An Introduction,” In *Finding Meaning: Philosophy in Crisis*, (ed.) Steven DeLay, Wipf & Stock
- 2023 “Lacoste on Appearing and Reduction,” In *God and Phenomenology: Thinking with Jean-Yves Lacoste*, (eds.) Joeri Schrijvers and Martin Kočí, Wipf & Stock
- 2023 “Waiting on Love,” *Phenomenologies of Love*, (eds.) Iulian Apostolescu and Veronica Cibotaru, Brill
- 2023 “The Word’s Inexhaustibility: Jean-Louis Chrétien’s *De La Fatigue*,” In *Finitude’s Wounded Praise: Responses to Jean-Louis Chrétien*, (eds.) Philip Gonzalez and Joseph McMeans, Wipf & Stock
- 2023 “Malickian Cinema at the Intersection of Art and Philosophy: An Introduction,” In *Life above the Clouds: Philosophy in the Films of Terrence Malick*, (ed.) Steven DeLay, Albany, SUNY Press
- 2020 “The Power at Work within Us,” In *Transforming the Theological Turn: Phenomenology with Emmanuel Falque* (eds.) Martin Kočí and Jason Alvis, New York and London: Rowman and Littlefield, 187-202
- 2017 “Against Onto-theology: Will and Love in the Mystical Tradition,” In *Commitments to Medieval Mysticism within Contemporary Contexts*. Leuven—Paris—Bristol, CT: Peeters, 95-110

### Journal Editions and Series

- 2020 *Finding Meaning*, art curated by Richard Marshall and essays edited by Steven DeLay, 3:16 AM, October 2020
- 2019 *Existential and Phenomenological Conceptions of the Relationship between Philosophy and Theology*, edited with Nikolaas Deketelaere and Elizabeth Li, special issue of *Open Theology*, 5 (1), July 2019

### Reviews and Replies

- 2023 (Invited) Jean-Luc Marion, *A Brief Apology for a Catholic Moment*, *The Journal of Religion*
- 2023 Anthony Rudd, *Painting and Presence: Why Paintings Matter*
- 2022 (Invited) Adam J. Graves, *The Phenomenology of Revelation in Heidegger, Marion, and Ricoeur*, *Phenomenological Reviews*
- 2022 (Invited) Wojciech Kaftanski, *Kierkegaard, Mimesis, and Modernity: A Study of Imitation, Existence, and Affect*, *Phenomenological Reviews*
- 2020 K.E. Løgstrup, *Kierkegaard's and Heidegger's Analysis of Existence and its Relation to Proclamation*, *The Review of Metaphysics*
- 2020 Paul Downes, *Concentric Space as a Life Principle Beyond Schopenhauer, Nietzsche and Ricoeur*, *Phenomenological Reviews*

- 2020 Emmanuel Housset, *Le don des mains: Phénoménologie de l'incorporation*, *Phenomenological Reviews*
- 2019 Matthew Burch, Jack Marsh, Irene McMullin (eds.) *Normativity, Meaning, and the Promise of Phenomenology*, *Phenomenological Reviews*
- 2019 *Phenomenology in France: A Reply to Claudio Tarditi*, *Phenomenological Debates*
- 2019 (Invited) Dan Zahavi (ed.), *The Oxford Handbook of the History of Phenomenology*, *Metascience*, 28 (2) 335-340
- 2016 (Invited) John Davenport, *Narrative, Autonomy, and Mortality: From Frankfurt and MacIntyre to Kierkegaard*, *European Journal of Philosophy*, 24 (1) 289-298
- 2016 Joseph Rivera, *The Contemplative Self after Michel Henry*, *Symposium: Canadian Society for Continental Philosophy*
- 2015 J.R. Hustwit, *Interreligious Hermeneutics and the Pursuit of Truth*, *Review of Metaphysics*, 69 (3) 141-143

### Translations

- 2024 Jean-Louis Chrétien, *Catching and Losing One's Breath: Ten Brief Meditations*, Wipf & Stock
- 2023 Emmanuel Falque, "Kant's Cinnabar: A Paradigm of Extra-Phenomenality," Woolf Post-Kantian Philosophy Seminar, January

### Talks

- 2023 Title TBD, Fourth International Jean-Luc Marion Conference, Buenos Aires, September
- 2023 "The Word's Inexhaustibility: Jean-Louis Chrétien's *De la fatigue*," Woolf Public Seminar, September
- 2023 Hearing the Word of God: A Kierkegaardian Phenomenology of Conscience," Lyceum Institute Colloquium, February
- 2022 "Freedom and Expression: A Fichtean Reflection on the Work of Richard Marshall," *Fichtean Landscapes*, London, November
- 2020 "Film as Art and Philosophy? An Introduction to the Films of Terrence Malick," Oxford University Philosophy Society, Oxford, November
- 2019 "Divine Things and the Fluidity of Thought," Dublin City University, Ireland
- 2019 "Either/Or: God in Phenomenology," Università degli Studi di Parma
- 2019 "Suffering and Salvation: A Note on Art," Oxford University Philosophy Society, Oxford
- 2019 "Forgiveness," Institut Catholique de Paris, Séminaire international (INPR)
- 2019 "Forgiveness," Ninth Annual Southwest Seminar in Continental Philosophy, University of Utah, Salt Lake City
- 2019 "Forgiveness," University of South Carolina, 19<sup>th</sup> Annual South Carolina Society for Philosophy, Columbia, South Carolina
- 2019 "The Power at Work within Us," Institute Catholique de Paris, International Network in the

- Philosophy of Religion, Séminaire de recherche Philosophie de la religion, Paris
- 2018 “Making Peace,” Rice University, Department of Religion Colloquium, Houston
- 2018 “Jean-Yves Lacoste: From Being-in-the-world to Living-before-God”  
University of Saint Thomas, Department of Philosophy, Houston
- 2018 “Jean-Louis Chrétien: the call and the response,” Eighth Annual Southwest Seminar in  
Continental Philosophy, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, Arizona
- 2015 “Life, Art, and Painting the Invisible: Michel Henry on Kandinsky”  
The Work of Phenomenology and the Work of Art, Sixth Annual University of Sussex  
Graduate Conference in Phenomenology, Brighton, United Kingdom
- 2015 “The Phenomenological Argument for Immortality” The Philosophy and Theology of  
Immortality, University of Hull, a Templeton Foundation “Immortality Project” conference,  
Hull, United Kingdom
- 2015 “The Black Sun of Vanity and the Erotic Reduction in Jean-Luc Marion”  
Breached Horizons: The Work of Jean-Luc Marion, Center for Advanced Research in  
European Philosophy, Kings University College, London, Canada
- 2015 “The Vanity of Authenticity,” Post-Kantian European Philosophy Seminar, Faculty of  
Philosophy, Oxford
- 2014 “What is Truth? A Theological, Phenomenological Perspective”  
Christian Philosophy Conference, 54th annual meeting, St John’s Seminary, Womersley, United  
Kingdom
- 2013 “What is Truth?” Truth and Phenomenology, Second Annual New York Phenomenology  
Research Group Conference, New School for Social Research, New York City
- 2012 “The Toiling Lily: Narrative Life, Responsibility, and the Ontological Ground of Self-  
Deception” Narrativity, Interpretation, and Responsibility, International School for  
Philosophy, Leusden, Netherlands
- 2012 “Resignation, Appropriation, and Onto-Theology: The Place of Will in Eckhart and  
Kierkegaard” Commitments to Medieval Mystical Texts within Contemporary Contexts,  
Catholic University of Leuven, Leuven, Belgium
- 2012 “Yachts and Chains: Alienation in an Age of Technology”  
Society for European Philosophy, Manchester, United Kingdom
- 2012 “Phenomenology as Transcendental Existentialism”  
Speaking the Phenomenon: Third Annual University of Sussex Graduate Conference in  
Phenomenology, Brighton, United Kingdom
- 2011 “Narrativity and Heideggerian Authenticity”  
44<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the North Texas Philosophical Association, University of North Texas
- 2009 “Investigating the First-Person Perspective,” Philosophy Department Spring Colloquium,  
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo

### **Digital Media**

- 2023 “Steven DeLay Goes Above the Clouds,” Writers on Film, Hosted by John Bleasdale  
<https://shows.acast.com/writers-on-film/episodes/steven-delay-goes-above-the-clouds>
- 2023 “Literature as Philosophy by Other Means,” *TIMELINE: Theology, Faith, and Philosophy*,

<https://www.youtube.com/@StJohnsNottingham/videos>

- 2023 “Kierkegaard, Phenomenology, and the Relationship between Philosophy and Theology (and fiction),” *The Theology Mill*  
<https://wipfandstock.com/blog/2023/02/07/standalone-episode-stein-delay-kierkegaard-phenomenology-and-the-relationship-between-philosophy-and-theology-and-fiction/>
- 2022 “The Feud,” *Stories of our times*, narrated by Andrew Billen  
[https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/the-feud/id1648685726?ign-itscg=30200&ign-itsct=podtail\\_podcasts](https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/the-feud/id1648685726?ign-itscg=30200&ign-itsct=podtail_podcasts)
- 2022 “Phenomenology and the Theological Turn: Part Two,” *TIMELINE: Faith and Philosophy*,  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JUuPYgELNp8&t=120s>
- 2021 “Phenomenology and the Theological Turn: Part One,” *TIMELINE: Faith and Philosophy*,  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FLdPDOAByhs&t=534s>
- 2021 “Michel Henry,” *TIMELINE: Faith and Philosophy*,  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1P9gxpsdGH4>
- 2021 “Part II: Phenomenology and the Theological Turn,” Philosophy for the People Channel,  
<https://www.youtube.com/user/supmuhhumbruh/videos>
- 2021 “Part I: Phenomenology for Dummies (and Analytic Philosophers),” Pat Flynn Channel,  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bxWTsh4kUCQ&t=124s>
- 2021 “My Conversation with Dr. Steven DeLay—Part I,” The Jeffrey Epstein Show,  
<https://www.spreaker.com/user/leehonish/icymi-my-conversation-with-dr-steven-del>
- 2021 “My Conversation with Dr. Steven DeLay—Part II,” The Jeffrey Epstein Show,  
[https://www.spreaker.com/user/leehonish/icymi-my-conversation-with-dr-steven-del\\_1](https://www.spreaker.com/user/leehonish/icymi-my-conversation-with-dr-steven-del_1)
- 2020 “Interview with Dr. Steven DeLay,” The Jeffrey Epstein Show,  
<https://www.spreaker.com/user/leehonish/interview-with-dr-steven-delay>
- 2019 “Is Phenomenology in France Theology or Philosophy?” Richard Marshall’s 3:16 AM  
<https://316am.site123.me/articles/is-phenomenology-in-france-theology-or-philosophy?c=end-times-series>

## Teaching

### Global Center for Advanced Studies

- 2022 Hegel  
Kierkegaard  
Phenomenology

### Ambrose

- 2020 Nihilism and the Death of God: Dostoevsky, Nietzsche, and Freud
- 2019 Modern European Philosophy: Phenomenology (Husserl and Heidegger)

### Wake Forest University

- 2019 Basic Problems of Philosophy (x2)  
Seminar in Phenomenology

2018 Introduction to Philosophy of Religion

### **Oxford**

2021 Existentialism (Arendt, Heidegger, Jaspers, Sartre, Camus)

2016 Phenomenology and Aesthetics

2015 Husserl and Merleau-Ponty  
Husserl and Sartre  
Phenomenology and the Theological Turn

2014 General Philosophy (co-convened with Dr. Michelle Liu)  
Nietzsche  
Husserl and Heidegger  
Dostoevsky, Nietzsche, and Freud  
Kierkegaard  
Sartre and Merleau-Ponty  
Schopenhauer

### **Theses**

Felipe Vargas (in progress), *The problem of givenness as essence of phenomenality and its relation to revelation: A critique of the revealed phenomenon in givenness* (lector with Dr. Juan Diego Moya and Dr. Manuel Triana, Universidad de Costa Rica, MA Thesis)

### **Service and Professional Activities**

2022- Convenor, Woolf Post-Kantian Philosophy Seminar  
<https://lu.ma/Woolf>

2021- Academic Board, Ambrose College, Woolf University

2021 Certificate of Completion, *The International, Interfaith, Interdisciplinary Symposium: Faith and Flourishing: Strategies for Preventing and Healing Child Sexual Abuse*, The Human Flourishing Program at Harvard's Institute for Quantitative Social Science

2018- Member, International Network in Philosophy of Religion

2016 Instructor, CBL International Oxford & Cambridge Summer Academy

2015 College Invigilator, Christ Church, Oxford

2015 Co-organizer, Oxford Faculty of Philosophy DPhil Speakers Seminar, Oxford

2014 Undergraduate Admissions Interviews, New College PPE Programme, Oxford

### **Referee**

National Science Foundation Poland, Strasbourg Institute for Advanced Study, Oxford University Press, SUNY Press, Bloomsbury, Lexington Books, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences*, *Husserl Studies*, *Sophia*, *Philosophical Forum*, *Soundings: An Interdisciplinary Journal*, *Philosophy Today*, *Open Theology*, *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy*, *Christian Bioethics*, *Journal of Religious Ethics*, *ARGUMENT: Biannual Philosophical Journal*

2015 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Oxford Philosophy Graduate Student Conference

<http://users.ox.ac.uk/~gradconf/2015/programme.shtml>

- 2014 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Oxford Philosophy Graduate Student Conference  
Art, Language, Poetry: From Kant to Heidegger, University of Kent
- 2013 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Oxford Philosophy Graduate Student Conference, November 2013
- 2011 Academic Assistant, “Consciousness, Intentionality, and Phenomenality” conference, Rice University, October 2011  
<https://web.archive.org/web/20120314210547/http://hrc.rice.edu/consciousness>

### **Awards**

- 2015 American Friends of Christ Church Scholarship, Oxford
- 2014 American Friends of Christ Church Scholarship, Oxford
- 2009 Best Student Essay for “Investigating Conscious Experience from the First-Person Perspective,” Cal Poly (SLO) Philosophy Department

### **Languages**

French (reading)  
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### **References**

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