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Education

Doctor of Philosophy – The History and Philosophy of Science

2015

Oregon State University, Corvallis, USA

Thesis: *Exploring the Structural Dynamics of Human Understanding: An Historico-Philosophical Analysis of the Problem of Meaning in Heidegger and Bohr.*

2015 – Council of Graduate Schools/ProQuest Distinguished Dissertation Award (Humanities/Fine Arts) – Oregon State University Internal Competition

Supervisor: Dr. David Luft (Department of History)

Committee: Dr. Gary Ferngren, Dr. Anita Guerrini, Dr. David Luft,

Dr. Philip McFadden, Dr. Robert Nye, Dr. Kara Ritzheimer

Fields: European Intellectual History, The History and Philosophy of Science, Austrian History

Master of Arts – History

2008

University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada

Thesis: “The Concept of Authenticity in Heidegger’s *Being and Time*: Thoughts and Revisions on a Critical Theme”

Supervisor: Dr. Allan Smith (Department of History)

Committee: Dr. Robert Brain, Dr. Allan Smith

Fields: European Intellectual History; Existential Philosophy, Hermeneutics, and Phenomenology; History of Science

Bachelor of Arts (Honours) – History

2005

University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada

Thesis: “Encountering Historiography: The Possibility of a Heidegger-Friendly Historiography”

Supervisor: Dr. Allan Smith (Department of History)

Committee: Dr. Robert Brain, Dr. Allan Smith, Dr. Steven Taubeneck

Fields: Historiography and Historiographical Theory; European Intellectual History; History of Science

Publications**Book Chapters:**

Tattersall, Mason, “Thermal Degeneration: Thermodynamics & The Heat-Death of the Universe in Science, Philosophy, Culture, and the Arts.” In Härmänmaa, Marja, & Nissen, Christopher. *Decadence, Degeneration and the End: Studies in the European Fin de Siècle*. (Palgrave: 2014)

Articles:

Tattersall, Mason, “Faust’s Dog, From Reflection to Despair: Kierkegaard’s Faust and the Chimera of Meaning,” *Eras* . Vol. 16, No. 2 (2015), pp. 1-18.

Tattersall, Mason, “Hermeneutics During the Dark Night of the World: An Exploration of the Hermeneutic Corpus of St. John of the Cross,” *Existentia – Meletai Sophias*, Vol. XIX (2009), pp. 289-308.

Book Reviews:

Tattersall, Mason, Review of Danielson, Dennis, *Paradise Lost & the Cosmological Revolution* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2014) for *British Journal for the History of Science*. [Forthcoming]

Tattersall, Mason, Review of Bortolotti, Lisa, *Irrationality*, (Cambridge: Polity Press, 2015) for *Metapsychology* Vol. 19, No. 32 (2015)

Tattersall, Mason, Review of Kosman, Aryeh, *The Activity of Being: An Essay on Aristotle’s Ontology* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2013) for *Metapsychology* Vol. 17, No. 50 (2013)

Tattersall, Mason, Review of Hanson, Jeffrey, *Kierkegaard as Phenomenologist: An Experiment* (Evanston: Northwestern University Press, 2010) for *Metapsychology* Vol. 17, No. 33 (2013)

Tattersall, Mason, Review of Illy, József, *The Practical Einstein: Experiments, Patents, Inventions* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins, 2012) for *Physics in Perspective*. Vol. 15 No. 1 (2013), pp. 123-5

Tattersall, Mason, Review of Strange, S. & Zupko, J. (Eds.) *Stoicism: Traditions and Transformations* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2012) for *Metapsychology* Vol. 17, No. 16 (2013)

Tattersall, Mason, Review of Klein, Kerwin, *From History to Theory* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2011) for *The Journal of World History*. Vol. 23 No. 4 (2012), pp. 947-50

Encyclopaedia Articles:

Tattersall, Mason, “Motion Pictures,” “Quantum Mechanics,” “Relativity, Theories of,” and “Scientific Method,” in *Discovery and Invention: An Encyclopaedia of Science, Technology and Society*, (New York: M. E. Sharpe, Forthcoming)

Indexes:

Luft, David (Trans. & Ed.), *Hugo von Hofmannsthal and the Austrian Idea: Essays and Addresses, 1906-1927*, (Lafayette: Purdue University Press, 2011)

Conference Papers

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| “Why History? A Report on an Experiment”
42 nd IUC Annual Philosophy of Science Conference; Inter-University Centre; Dubrovnik | 2015 |
| “Situating the Young Heidegger Historically: Intellectual History and the Search for Understanding”
New Frontiers Conference; York University, Toronto Canada | 2012 |
| “Weird Tales! Science, Philosophy, Archaeology, and the Occult – H.P. Lovecraft: Man of His Times”
New Frontiers Conference; York University, Toronto Canada | 2011 |
| “And so in the Heavens as on Earth: Relativity in Einsteinian and Newtonian Mechanics – The Temporal Divide”
New Frontiers Conference; York University, Toronto Canada | 2010 |
| “Salvation through Paradox: The Copenhagen Interpretation of Quantum Mechanics”
New Frontiers Conference; York University, Toronto Canada | 2009 |
| “Enframing the Work of Art in the Age of Electronic Reproduction: Heidegger, Benjamin, and MP3 Technology”
New Frontiers Conference; York University, Toronto, Canada | 2008 |
| “Movie Projectors and Machine Guns: Rapid-Fire Art Education and the Essence of the | 2007 |

Modern”

Second International Conference on the Arts in Society; Held in conjunction with Documenta 12; Kassel, Germany

“Joan Scott, History, and Lying” 2007
Qualicum Conference; Qualicum Beach, British Columbia, Canada

“Benjamin’s Discussion of the Work of Art in the Age of Mechanical Reproduction, Film, and Authenticity” 2007
New Frontiers Conference; York University, Toronto, Canada

“The Consensus of Communities and the ‘Objective World’” 2006
UBC Anthropology/Sociology Graduate Conference; University of British Columbia, British Columbia, Canada

“The Imperialism of Science” 2006
Qualicum Conference; Qualicum Beach, British Columbia, Canada

“Art, Science, History, Psychology” 2005
Qualicum Conference; Qualicum Beach, British Columbia, Canada

Employment

Instructor, Department of History, Oregon State University,
September 2015 – Present

Instructor, Department of History, Oregon State University,
September 2009 – March 2015

Research Assistant, Department of History, Oregon State University,
September 2008 – December 2014

Teaching Assistant, Department of History, Oregon State University,
September 2008 – May 2009

Teaching Assistant, Department of History, University of British Columbia,
September 2005 – April 2007

Partsman, Carter Honda Shop,
January 1995 – September 2005

Shop Assistant, Carter Honda Shop,
February 1994 – December 1995

Teaching Competencies

- Modern European history
- Intellectual history
- The history and philosophy of science
- Historiography
- Ancient and Medieval history
- World history

Teaching Experience

As Instructor at Oregon State University:

History 310	“The Historian’s Craft” (Theory & Methods Course for Majors) 4 credits; 30 Students	Winter 2016
History 105	“World History II: Middle & Early Modern Ages” (Survey) 4 Credits; 30 Students	Fall 2015
History & Philosophy of Science 422	“Historical Studies of Science & Politics” (Writing intensive Seminar) 4 Credits; 25 Students	Winter 2015
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History & Philosophy of Science 422	“Historical Studies of Science & Politics” (Writing intensive Seminar) 4 Credits; 25 Students	Winter 2014
History & Philosophy of Science 422	“Historical Studies of Science & Politics” (Writing intensive Seminar) 4 Credits; 25 Students	Fall 2013

History & Philosophy of Science 419	“Studies in Scientific Controversy” (Writing intensive Seminar) 4 Credits; 25 Students	Winter 2012
History 103	“History of Western Civilization: 1789 to the Present” (Survey) 4 Credits; 50 Students	Fall 2011
History 101	“History of Western Civilization: Beginnings to 1000 AD” (Survey) 4 Credits; 50 Students	Spring 2011
History 102	“History of Western Civilization: 1000 AD to 1789” (Survey) 4 Credits; 50 Students	Winter 2011
History 102	“History of Western Civilization: 1000 AD to 1789” (Survey) 4 Credits; 50 Students	Fall 2009

As Teaching Assistant at Oregon State University:

History 103	“History of Western Civilization: 1789 to the Present” (Survey) 4 Credits; 50 Students	Spring 2010
History 415	“Austrian Intellectual History” (Seminar) 4 Credits; 10 Students	Spring 2009
History 430	“Twentieth Century Intellectual History” (Seminar) 4 Credits; 12 Students	Winter 2009
History 120	“History of Western Civilization: 1000 AD to 1789” (Survey) 4 Credits; 50 Students	Winter 2009
History 429	“Nineteenth Century Intellectual History” (Seminar) 4 Credits; 12 Students	Fall 2008

As Teaching Assistant at the University of British Columbia:

History 102	“World History from 1500 to the Present” (Survey) 6 Credits; 61 Students (Course Total: 210 Students)	Fall 2006 to Summer 2007
History 120	“European History from the Renaissance to the Present” (Survey) 6 Credits; 54 Students (Course Total: 120 Students)	Fall 2005 to Summer 2006

Research Interests

- Modern European history – particularly modern Germany and Victorian Britain
- Intellectual history – particularly the history of systems of understanding (philosophies, scientific, thought, religious thought), modern art, logic, hermeneutics, and phenomenology
- The history and philosophy of science – particularly physics, mathematics, cosmology, and the philosophy of science
- Structural analysis
- Systems theory

Research Assistant and Editorial Work

Assistant to Dr. David Luft, Horning Endowed Chair in Humanities Sept 2008 to
Dec 2014

- Editing and research assistance for:

Luft, David, *The Austrian Tradition in German Intellectual History: 1740-1938/39*.
[Forthcoming]
- Editing of and research for translations of Hugo von Hofmannsthal’s Essays (including translation of Petrarch) for:

Luft, David (Trans. & Ed.), *Hugo von Hofmannsthal and the Austrian Idea: Essays and Addresses, 1906-1927*, (Lafayette: Purdue University Press, 2011).
- General assistance with Horning events and programmes including the lecture series:

“Translation: Crossing Borders, Crossing Cultures”
(See: <http://www.masonattersall.org/translation> for more information)

Professional Affiliations

Peer reviewer for *Edge: A Graduate Journal for German and Scandinavian Studies*

Member of SPEP (The Society for Phenomenological & Existential Philosophy)

Member of the History of Science Society

Member of the Philosophy of Science Association

Member of the German Studies Association

Graduate Committees

Graduate Representative at department meetings: Representing the history graduate students at department meetings and reporting back to the graduate student body. 2005 to 2007

Conference Organisation Committee: Planning and organising a history graduate student conference for summer 2008 2006 to 2007

Conference Committee: Organising fundraising, travel and accommodations for UBC graduate students to the Qualicum History Conference 2006 to 2007

Assessment/Review Activities

History Department External Review: Representative for graduate students at the Dean's Departmental Review (University of British Columbia) Jan 2006

Additional Information

For additional information, an introduction to my doctoral dissertation (and a link to download it as a .pdf from OSU's Library), updates, and teaching dossier please visit my homepage @:

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References

Dr. David Luft, Professor, Horning Endowed Chair in Humanities, School of History, Philosophy, and Religion, Oregon State University, Corvallis, USA

Dr. Anita Guerrini, Professor, Horning Endowed Chair in Humanities, School of History, Philosophy, and Religion, Oregon State University, Corvallis, USA

Dr. Gary Ferngren, Professor, School of History, Philosophy, and Religion, Oregon State University, Corvallis, USA

Dr. Philip McFadden, Associate Professor, Department of Biochemistry & Biophysics, Oregon State University, Corvallis, USA

Dr. Allan Smith, Associate Professor (Emeritus), Department of History, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada

Dr. Robert Brain, Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada

Dr. Chris Friedrichs, Professor, Department of History, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada