

CURRICULUM VITAE
Michael G. Vater
Associate Professor of Philosophy
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Special Fields: *Research:* F. W. J. Schelling, J. G. Fichte, G. W. F. Hegel, Buddhist Philosophy.
Teaching: History of Philosophy: Ancient Philosophy, Modern European Philosophy, German Philosophy (17th-20th Centuries). Environmental Philosophy. Asian Philosophy: Buddhist Philosophy, Taoism.

Degrees: A.B., Marquette University, *summa cum laude*, 1966
M.A., Marquette University, 1968
Ph.D., Yale University, 1971

Academic Experience:

Assistant Professor, Marquette University, 1971-1978.
Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Summer 1974.
Associate Professor, Marquette University, 1978-present.

PUBLICATIONS

Books, Monographs and Translations (in Print)

F. W. J. Schelling, *Bruno, or On the Natural and the Divine Principle of Things*, edited, translated with introduction and notes by Michael G. Vater. Albany, State University of New York Press, 1984.

Schelling: Zwischen Fichte und Hegel, edited by Christoph Asmuth, Alfred Denker & Michael Vater. Amsterdam and Philadelphia, Grüner/ Benjamin, 2000. 426 + ix.

Translations, with scholarly annotation: F. W. J. Schelling, *Presentation of My System of Philosophy (1801)* and *Further Presentations from the System of Philosophy (1802)*, In *Philosophical Forum*, XXXI No. 4, Winter 2001, pp. 339-397.

Hegel's Phenomenology of Spirit: New Critical Essays, edited by Alfred Denker and Michael Vater. Amherst, N.Y.: Humanity Books, 2003. Pp. 359.

Edited Book(in Progress)

Reading Schelling, edited by Alfred Denker and Michael Vater. Special number of *Fichte Studien*, to appear in 2007.

Book Chapters (in Print)

"Schelling's Neoplatonic System Notion," in *The Significance of Neoplatonism*, ed. R. Harris. Norfolk: International Society for Neoplatonic Studies, 1976, 275-99.

"Religion, Worldliness and *Sittlichkeit*," In *New Perspectives in Hegel's Philosophy of Religion*, ed. D. Kolb. Albany, State University of New York Press, 1992, 201-216.

"The *Wissenschaftslehre* of 1801-02," In *Fichte: Historical Contexts/Contemporary Problem*, ed. D. Breazeale and T. Rockmore. Atlantic Highlands, N.J.: Humanities Press, 1994, 191-210.

"Thought and Being: the Beginnings of *Wissenschaft* {slehre} in Hegel and Fichte, 1812," in *Fichte: New Perspectives*, ed. T. Rockmore and D. Breazeale. New Jersey: Humanities, 1996, 107-126.

“Friedrich Wilhelm Joseph von Schelling,” In *Encyclopedia of Aesthetics*, ed., Michael Kelly. New York: Oxford University Press, 1998. Vol. 4, 220-24.

“Intellectual Intuition in Schelling (1804),” in *Schelling Zwischen Fichte und Hegel*, hsg. Christoph Asmuth, Alfred Denker & Michael Vater. Amsterdam & Philadelphia, Grüner/Benjamin, 2000, 213-34.

“Schelling’s *Vom Ich* as a Reading of Fichte’s *Grundlage des gesamten Wissenschaftslehre*” In *New Studies in the Foundations of Transcendental Philosophy*, ed. Tom Rockmore & Daniel Breazeale. Amherst, N.Y.: Humanity Books, 2001, 183-96.

“Schelling in Hegel’s *Phenomenology: Verstand, Vernunft, Wissen*,” in *Hegel’s Phenomenology of Spirit: New Critical Essays*, ed. Alfred Denker and Michael Vater. Amherst, N.Y.: Humanity Books, 2003, pp. 139-168.

"Introduction," *Hegel’s Phenomenology of Spirit: New Critical Essays*, ed. Alfred Denker and Michael Vater. Amherst, N. Y.: Humanity Books, 2003, pp. 7-20.

“The ‘Night Absolute’, Emptiness, and *Ungrund*: Schelling and Nietzsche” In *The New Schelling*, ed. Judith Norman and Alistair Welchman. New York and London: Continuum, April, 2004, pp. 190-209.

Book Chapters (in Press)

“Schelling’s Aphorisms on Natural Right (1796/97): a Comparison with Fichte’s *Grundlage des Naturrechts*,” in *Justice, Embodiment, Punishment, and Sex: New Essays on Fichte’s Foundations of Natural Rights*, ed. T. Rockmore and D. Breazeale (London,: Ashgate, 2006)

Book Chapters (in Progress)

“Schelling’s Philosophy of Art” for *Reading Schelling*, edited by Alfred Denker and Michael Vater. Special number of *Fichte Studien*, to appear in 2007.

“Philosophy on the Track of Freedom or “*Systematizing Systemlessness*”: Novalis’s Reflections on the *Wissenschaftslehre*, 1795-1796,” for Fichte volume under negotiation..

“Time as Metric and Experience: the Construction of Time in Kant, Fichte and Husserl,” for future compiled Fichte volume.

“Schelling’s Philosophy of Religion,” for History of the Philosophy of Religion, Volume 1, eds. Nick Trakakis & Graham Oppy, Acumen Press, 1907.

“The Birthpangs of Humankind: Schelling’s Philosophy of Religion” for volume on German Idealism and Philosophy of Religion, edited by Yolanda Estes.

“The Unanswered Question: Schelling’s Identity Philosophy” for volume celebrating the 150th anniversary of Schelling’ death, edited by Fiona Steinkamp.

Articles (in Print)

“Heidegger and Schelling: The Finitude of Being,” *Idealistic Studies*, Vol. V, No. 1 (Jan. 1975) 20-58.

“Introduction,” F. W. J. Schelling, *System of Transcendental Idealism*, tr. P. Heath. (Charlottesville, University Press of Virginia, 1978) xi-xxxvi. Paper edition, 1993.

“The Human Mind as ‘Idea’ in the Platonic Tradition and in Spinoza,” *Diotima*, Vol. 8 (1980), 134-43.

“Reply to Prof. Marti's ‘The Last Objectivism Adds an Actor to a Given Act’,” *Owl of Minerva* 15 (1984), 153-57.

“Hymns to the Night: A Reply to H.S. Harris's ‘Cows in the Night,’” *Dialogue* (Canada) XXVI (1987) 645-652.

“Report on the Fourth Biennial Meeting of the North American Fichte Society,” In *Owl of Minerva*, Vol. 28, No. 2 (Spring 1997) 227-232.

“The Construction of Nature ‘Through a Dark, Unreflected Intuition,’” In *Fichte Studien*, edited by Wolfgang Schrader, Vol. 11 (October 1997) 1-11.

Critical Review (in Print):

Critical review of Günter Zöllner, *Transcendental Philosophy: the Original Duplicity of Intelligence and Will*, in *Fichte Studien*, Bd. 25 (November, 2005), 216-228.

Book Reviews (in Print)

The Construction of the History of Religion in Schelling's Positive Philosophy, and *Mysticism and Guilt-Consciousness*, by Paul Tillich. In *Owl of Minerva*, December, 1975.

Freiheit und Kausalität, by Joseph Bracken. In *Modern Schoolman* (Nov. 1975), 59-60.

Revolution, Idealism and Human Freedom, by F. G. Nauen. In *Owl of Minerva*, Vol. 5, No.3, 6-7.

Schelling: System, Geschichte, Freiheit, by Werner Marx. In *Owl of Minerva*, Vol. 11, No. 1 (Sept. 1979), 6-10.

The Unconditional in Human Knowledge, by F. W. J. Schelling. In *The Thomist*, Vol. 45, No. 2 (Sept. 1981), 326-29.

The Later Philosophy of Schelling, by Robert Brown. In *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, Vol. 18, No. 4 (1981), 483-85. Also reviewed the same in *International Journal for the Philosophy of Religion*, Vol. 11 (1980), 249-250.

On the History of Philosophy, by Frederick Copleston. In *Review of Metaphysics* XXXVI, No. 3 (March 1982), 700-01

Schelling: Seine Bedeutung für eine Philosophie der Natur und der Geschichte, ed. Ludwig Hasler. In *Owl of Minerva* (Spring 1984)

Hegel's Development: Night Thoughts (Jena 1801-1806) by Henry S. Harris. In *Owl of Minerva*, Vol. 17, No. 1 (Fall 1985), 59-63.

Absolute Knowledge: Hegel and the Problem of Metaphysics by Alan White. In *Modern Schoolman*, LXIV (Nov. 1986), 70-72.

Leibniz, by Stuart Brown. In *Modern Schoolman*, Vol. 65 (Nov. 1987), 63-4.

Werner Marx, *The Philosophy of F. W. J. Schelling: History, System, and Freedom* and Alan White, *Schelling: An Introduction to the System of Freedom*. In *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, Vol. XXV,

No. 2 (April 1987) 302-04.

Hegel's Recollection: A Study of Images in Hegel's Phenomenology, by Donald Verene. In *Modern Schoolman* LXVII (Nov. 1989) 73-75.

Schelling's Treatise on the Essence of Human Freedom, by Martin Heidegger, tr. Joan Stambaugh. In *The Philosophical Review*, Vol. XCVII, No. 2 (April 1989), 260-62.

Schopenhauer: Essays in Honor of His 200th Birthday, ed. Eric von der Luft. In *Philosophy of Religion* 29 (1991) 53-54.

Bernhard Barth, *Schelling's Philosophie der Kunst*. In *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 31:4 (October 1993) 628-29.

Keith May, *Nietzsche on Knowledge and Wisdom*. In *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 33, No. 2 (April 1995) 354-56.

Edward Allen Beach, *The Potencies of God(s): Schelling's Philosophy of Mythology*, in *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, 35, No. 3 (July 1997), 474-76.

Paola Mayer, *Jena Romanticism and the Appropriation of Jakob Böhme*, for *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, April 2001, XXX: no. 2, 307-08.

Theis Schoeder, *Natur als Idee: Begründung und Aktualität des Naturbegriffs unter kritischer Berücksichtigung der Naturphilosophie Schellings*, in *Bulletin of the Hegel Society of Great Britain*, No. 43/44, 2001, 99-104

Tom Rockmore and Daniel Breazeale, eds., *New Essays on Fichte's Later Jena Wissenschaftslehre*, In *Notre Dame Philosophical Review*, April 2004.

OTHER SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

"Is the Past as Unreal as the Future?," presented to Phi Sigma Tau, 14 March, 1972.

"Schelling's Neoplatonic System-Notion," read at the Conference on Neoplatonism and Contemporary Philosophy, Eastern Kentucky University, 17-19 May, 1973.

"Freud," presented to Phi Sigma Tau, February 1975.

"The Human Mind as 'Idea' in the Platonic Tradition and in Spinoza," presented at International Conference on Greek Philosophy and Culture, Chios, Greece, September 1977.

Major role in M.U. Theatre Workshop production of Plato's *Symposium*, Helfaer Theater, 28 Feb- 1 March 1981

"Redundancy in the Moral Life: The Rationality of Doing the Right Thing for the Wrong Reason," presented to the M.U. Philosophy Graduate Student Association, 10 December 1981.

"Is Idealism Philosophically Respectable?," presented to Phi Sigma Tau, 20 September, 1983.

"A Sketch of a Naturalistic Cosmology," Philosophy Department Colloquium, 4 November 1983.

“Hegel's Development, 1801-1806,” presented to the Mellon-funded interdisciplinary German Romanticism working group, 20 February 1985.

“Hymns to the Night,” read in a symposium on Hegel and Schelling in Jena at the 30th Annual Congress of the Canadian Philosophical Association, Winnipeg, Manitoba, 26-28 May 1986.

Delegate to the 3rd Annual Institute of Jesuit Higher Education, St. Peter's College, Jersey City, NJ, June 1989.

“Rights and the Emancipation of the Individual,” read at Wisconsin State Political Science Association annual meeting, Madison WI, October 1989.

“Religion, Worldliness, and Sittlichkeit,” read at the Eleventh Biennial Meeting of the Hegel Society of America, McGill University, Montreal, Canada, October 12 1990.

“The *Wissenschaftslehre* of 1801-02,” read at the first biennial meeting of the Fichte Society of North America, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh PA, March 1991.

“Thought and Being: the Beginning of Wissenschaft[slehre] in Hegel and Fichte, 1812,” at North American Fichte Society, University of Denver, Denver, CO, March 1993.

“The Construction of Nature through a Dark, Unreflected Intuition,” at Die Philosophie Johann Gottlieb Fichte: 200 Jahre Wissenschaftslehre, Jena, Germany, 28 September 1994.

Chief presenter and discussion leader on texts from Schelling's Identity Philosophy at small international conference: *Schelling: Between Fichte and Hegel*, Pont de Cirou, France 27 October - 2 November, 1996.

Presented “Intellectual Intuition in Schelling (1804)” as supplementary contribution, Pont de Cirou Schelling Conference, November 1, 1996.

Presented “Agility and Action: the Construction of the I in Fichte's *Wissenschaftslehre nova methodo* and Nagarjuna's *Seventy Stanzas on Emptiness*” at North American Fichte Society, Marquette University, March 1997.

Chaired session on “Kindred Spirits? The Catholic Worker and Engaged Buddhism, Liberation Theology, and the Shaker,” *Dorothy Day and The Catholic Worker*, October, 1997, Marquette University.

Talk: “Environmental Decisions for the Long Run” for Marquette University Student Government E.A.R.T.H.-fest, March 22, 1998.

Participant in panel discussion: “Faculty Experiences with Service Learning,” 1998 Faculty Workshop on Service Learning, 14 May, 1998.

Presented “Schelling in Hegel's Phenomenology: *Gewissheit, Gewissen, Wissen*” at conference on Hegel's Phenomenology, Pont de Cirou, France, Sept. 11, 1998.

Steering Committee, Gamaliel Chair in Peace and Justice Studies, Lutheran Campus Ministry, 1999-2000.

Talk: “Seeing, Suffering, Meditation,” 25 April 2000, Milwaukee Shambhala Center .

Courses Taught at Shambhala Center of Milwaukee (college-level instruction):

- “Teaching from the Sutras, I: 1999 Seminary Transcripts.” Bsix weeks, May- June, 2000.
- “Becoming Bodhisattvas: the Six Paramitas.” Bfour weeks, August, 2000.
- “Buddhist Ethics.” Bfour weeks, October-November, 2000.
- “Complete Teachings of the Mahayana.” Bsix weeks, March-April, 2001.
- “Life of Milarepa.” B four weeks, August, 2001.
- “Karma: Do You Need To Play It Again, Sam?” B four weeks. October, 2001.
- “The Sun of Wisdom: Nagarjuna’s *Fundamental Wisdom of the Middle Way* – five weeks, August-September, 2003
- “Abhidharma: The Five Skandhas – five weeks, January 2005.

Participant in NEH Institute: “Reevaluating German Romanticism: Nature, Art and Politics after Kant,” directed by Karl Ameriks & Jane Kneller, Colorado State University, June-July 2001..

“The Birthpangs of Humankind: Schelling’s Philosophy of Religion,” Mississippi State University series on philosophy of religion. March, 2002. (Invited Presentation)

“Throwing Acid on the Absolute: Logic and Allegory as Reagent for the Experiment of Philosophy in Schelling and Friedrich Schegel, 1800” in the Group Session: *Romanticism and Intermediality*. 26th Conference of the International Association for Philosophy and Literature . Erasmus University of Rotterdam, June 2002.

Presented “Philosophy on the Track of Freedom: Systematizing Systemlessness: Novalis’s Reflections on the *Wissenschaftslehre*” at 6th biennial meeting of the North American Fichte Society, St. Joseph University, Philadelphia, April 2004.

Presented “Philosophy and Poesy: Schelling’s Flirtation with an Aesthetic Metaphysics” at ‘Literature and Philosophy after Kant’ Conference, George Mason University, June 2004.

Presented “Time as Metric and Experience: the Construction of Time in Kant, Fichte and Husserl,” at 7th Biennial Meeting of the North American Fichte Society, Vienna, Austria, March 2006.

TEACHING

Graduate Courses Taught

- Phil 201: Plato
- Phil 202: Aristotle
- Phil 209: Text-Seminar in Ancient Philosophy: Plato’s *Parmenides*
- Phil 227: Post-Cartesian Rationalism
- Phil 232: Kant
- Phil 233: Hegel
- Phil 254: Text-Seminar on Nineteenth Century Philosophy: Fichte and Schelling
- Phil 254: Text-Seminar on Nineteenth Century Philosophy: Schelling
- Phil 254: Text-Seminar on Nineteenth Century Philosophy, “Schopenhauer and Nietzsche”
- Phil 254: Text-Seminar on Nineteenth Century Philosophy, “Hegel’s Logic”
- Phil 280: Problems in Metaphysics
- Phil 289: German Phenomenology and Existentialism
- Phil 291: Text-Seminar in Twentieth-Century Philosophy: Foucault
- Phil 295: Independent Study, “Nineteenth Century German Idealism”

Phil 301: Seminar, “Environmental Philosophy”
Phil 301: Seminar, “Buddhist Philosophy”
Phil 301: Seminar, “Kant’s Practical Philosophy”
Phil 301: Seminar, “Political Philosophy”

Undergraduate Courses Taught

Phil 001: Logic
Phil 050: Philosophy of Human Nature
Phil 099: Symbolic Logic
Phil 102: Metaphysics
Phil 104: Theory of Ethics
Phil 105: Contemporary Ethical Problems
Phil 112: Ancient Philosophy
Phil 114: Modern Philosophy
Phil 117: Nineteenth Century German Philosophy
Phil 132: Environmental Philosophy
Phil 142: Philosophy of Knowledge
Phil 150: Marx and Marxism
Phil 160: Existentialism
Phil 188: Eastern Philosophies
Phil 190: Special Questions in Philosophy, “Environmental Philosophy”
Phil 190: Special Questions in Philosophy, “Philosophy East and West”
Phil 190: Special Questions in Philosophy, “Environmental Ethics in Argument and Literature”
Phil 190: Special Questions in Philosophy, “German Romanticism” (team taught)
Phil 190: Special Questions in Philosophy, “Crisis and the Formation of Values”
Phil 190: Special Questions in Philosophy, “The God of Philosophers”
Phil 190: Special Questions in Philosophy, “Philosophy and Literature”
Phil 196: Undergraduate Seminar, “Rebuilding Plato's Republic”
Phil 196: Undergraduate Seminar, “A Normative Foundation for Human Equality?”
Phil 196: Undergraduate Seminar, “Buddhist Metaphysics and Morals”
Phil 196: Undergraduate Seminar, “Emotion, Thought, Awareness: Buddhist Philosophy of Mind”
Phil 196: Undergraduate Seminar, “Freedom, Addiction, and Recovery”
ARSC 120: The Environment and the City
HOPR 020: Interdependence: Exploring Buddhist Meditation
HOPR 020: Taoist Meditation and Yoga

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