

CURRICULUM VITAE
Noel S. Adams
Associate Professor
Department of Philosophy
Marquette University

Special Fields:

Philosophy of Religion, Kierkegaard, 19th and 20th Century Continental Philosophy

Education:

University of Minnesota, 1983-1985, 1988-1991

University of Copenhagen, Visiting Graduate Student, 1995-1996

University of Wisconsin, Madison, 1992-2000

Degrees:

B.A., University of Minnesota, Philosophy, 1991

Ph.D., University of Wisconsin, Philosophy, 2000

Academic Experience:

University of Wisconsin, Madison: Reader 1994; Teaching Assistant 1996-99; Lecturer 1999

University of Wisconsin Colleges, Richland Center: Lecturer 1999-2000

University of Wisconsin Colleges, Baraboo/Sauk County: Lecturer 1999-2000

Søren Kierkegaard Research Centre, Copenhagen, Denmark: Researcher, September 1995- May 1996,
June-September 2001; Translator Spring 1996, Fall 1996

Olympic College, Bremerton Washington: Assistant Professor, Fall 2000-Spring 2002

Marquette University: Assistant Professor, Fall 2002-Spring 2009

Marquette University: Associate Professor, Fall 2009-Present (tenure awarded on 24 August 2009)

PUBLICATIONS (all are refereed)

Book Chapter In Print

“How is an Existence-Communication Possible?” In *Søren Kierkegaard and the Word(s): Essays on Hermeneutics and Communication* (Copenhagen: C.A. Reitzel, 2003), pp. 160-169.

Articles In Print

“Reconsidering the Relation Between God and Ethics: The Relevance of Kierkegaard for the Contemporary Debate,” *International Philosophical Quarterly*, Vol. 49, No. 2 (June 2009), pp. 247-258.

“Kierkegaard’s Conception of Indirect Communication in ‘The Dialectic of Ethical and Ethical Religious Communication’ of 1847,” *Søren Kierkegaard Newsletter*. No. 50 (August, 2006), pp. 10-15.

“Some Varieties of Interest, Task and Understanding in *Philosophical Fragments*,” *Kierkegaard Studies: Yearbook 2004* (Berlin: de Gruyter), pp. 117-138.

“Reconsidering the Relationship Between *Philosophical Fragments* and *Concluding Unscientific Postscript*,” *Kierkegaardiana*, 23 (2004), pp. 60-75.

“The Early and Recent Reception of *Fear and Trembling* and *Repetition* in the English Language,” *Kierkegaard Studies: Yearbook 2002* (Berlin: de Gruyter, 2002), pp. 277–289.

"The Significance of the Eternal in *Philosophical Fragments* in Terms of the Absolute Paradox," *Kierkegaard Studies: Yearbook 1997* (Berlin: de Gruyter, 1997), pp. 144-168.

Article In Press:

"Søren Kierkegaard and Carl Ullmann: Two Allies in the War Against Mediation and Speculative Philosophy," forthcoming in *The British Journal for the History of Philosophy*. (Accepted February, 2008)

Book Reviews In Print

Kierkegaard: A Biography (by Alastair Hannay. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2001). *The Review of Metaphysics*, vol. LVI, no. 2 (Dec. 2002), pp. 423-424.

Kierkegaard: The Self in Society (Eds. George Pattison and Steven Shakespeare. New York: St. Martin's Press, 1998). *Søren Kierkegaard Newsletter*, no. 40 (August 2000), pp. 7-8.

Nietzsche and Schiller: Untimely Aesthetics (By Nicholas Martin. New York: Oxford University Press, 1996.) *Monatshefte* 91.3 (Summer, 1999), pp. 275-277.

Translations In Print

"The Relation Between Part One and Part Two of *The Sickness Unto Death*," by Arne Grøn, *Kierkegaard Studies: Yearbook 1997* (Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 1997), pp. 35-50.

"On the Contents, Structure, and Functions of *Søren Kierkegaards Skrifter*," by Finn Hauberg Mortensen, *Kierkegaard Studies: Yearbook 1996* (Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 1996), pp. 527-545.

OTHER SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

Editorial Work:

Member of editorial board of *Kierkegaard Research, Sources, Reception and Resources*, (2006).

"Kierkegaard in America: An Interview With Howard and Edna Hong," With Bo Elbrønd-Bek, *Scandinavian Studies* 68 (1996), pp. 76-97. (Translated, transcribed, edited the interview.)

Presentations at Conferences and Academic Institutions:

"Towards a Muslim Conception of Authenticity: Some Kierkegaardian Reflections on Contemporary Islam's Confrontation with Modernity," Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, New York, New York, 28 December 2009.

"Religious, Moral, and Existential Outrage in the Voices of Islam: Some Kierkegaardian Reflections on Facing the Values of (Western) Modernity." Conference Title, "Mirror Images: Challenges for Arab and Islamic Studies," Villanova University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 3 April 2009.

"Comments on Papers by Knappe, Aumann, Nason, and Matthis," Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Chicago, Illinois, 18 April 2008

"Reply to Manis: Kierkegaard on the Problem of Abraham," Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Chicago, Illinois, 18 April 2008

"Reply to Manis: Why Kierkegaard is Not a Divine Command Theorist," Central Division

Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Chicago, Illinois, 19 April 2007

"Kierkegaard and a Long Forgotten German Theologian," Upper Midwest Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (St. Paul, Minnesota), 14 April 2007

"Some German Theologians and Kierkegaard's Early Work," Kierkegaard's Scholars Roundtable, Kierkegaard Library, Northfield, Minnesota, July 2006

"Reply to Evans: The Impossibility of a Kierkegaardian Christian Philosophy," American Academy of Religion Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 18 November 2005

"Whence a Leap?," a philosophy lecture presented at Marquette University, sponsored by the Philosophy Club of Marquette University and Phi Sigma Tau, September 2005

"Reply to Cain: Some Questions About the Dialectic of Ethical and Religious Communication," International Kierkegaard Conference, St. Olaf College, Northfield Minnesota, 11-15 June 2005

"Kierkegaard's Conception of Indirect Communication in 'The Dialectic of Ethical and Religious Communication' of 1847." International Kierkegaard Conference, St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota on 11-15 June 2005

"Some Varieties of Interest, Task and Thinking in *Philosophical Fragments*," Research Seminar on Søren Kierkegaard's *Philosophical Fragments*, Søren Kierkegaard Research Centre, Copenhagen, Denmark, August 2003

"Response to Furtak, Rudd and Dalton," Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Chicago Illinois, April 2002

"Kierkegaard's Argument Against Hereditary Sin in *The Concept of Anxiety*," Philosophy of Religion Conference sponsored by the Society of Christian Philosophers, St. Paul, Minnesota, March 2002

"How is an Existence-Communication Possible?" International Kierkegaard Conference, St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota, June 2001

"Reply to Beabout: Further Considerations Regarding 'Personligned,'" International Kierkegaard Conference, St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota, June 2001

"What is an Existence-Communication?" Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 2000

"Postscript or Rejoinder? Reconsidering the Relationship Between *Philosophical Fragments* and *Concluding Unscientific Postscript*," Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Washington D.C., December 1998

"Literary Confusion or Philosophical Error? Kierkegaard's Reading of Hegel's *Philosophy of Right* in *Fear and Trembling*," International Kierkegaard Conference, St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota, June 1997

“The Significance of the Eternal in *Philosophical Fragments*,” Research Seminar on Søren Kierkegaard, Søren Kierkegaard Research Centre, University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen Denmark, August 1996

Other Scholarly Activities:

Contributor to, and participant in, an ongoing exploratory group (comprised of members of Marquette University's Philosophy and Theology Departments) that would broaden relations between Marquette University and Goethe University Frankfurt am Main. The exploratory group aims to negotiate a framework in order to establish a joint MA-degree in Philosophy of Religion between these two Universities. This joint degree would work within, and perhaps expand upon, the existing framework of Marquette University's Philosophy Department and Theology Department.

TEACHING

Marquette University

Undergraduate Courses Taught

First Year Seminar: Klingler College of Arts and Sciences
Philosophy of Human Nature
Philosophy of God
Theory of Ethics
Existentialism
Special Questions in Philosophy: Chaos Theory

Graduate Courses Taught

Text/Seminar on Nineteenth-Century Philosophy: Kierkegaard's Postscript
Recent Christian Metaphysics
Seminar: The Problem of Evil

Olympic College

Introduction to Philosophy
Introduction to Logic
Introduction to Ethics
Kierkegaard and Existentialism

University of Wisconsin, Madison

Introductory Ethics

University of Wisconsin Colleges Baraboo/Sauk County; Richland Center

Introduction to Philosophy
Elementary Logic
Existentialism
Introductory Ethics
Human Nature, Religion and Society

SERVICE

University

Philosophy Department Representative, Marquette Discovery Days, Nov. 2002, Nov. 2005, Nov. 2006, Nov. 2007, Oct. 2008, Sept. 2009, Oct. 2009.

College

Philosophy Department Representative, Majors Fair, March 2004, March 2005
Academic Advising for undergraduate non-philosophy majors in the College of Arts and Sciences, 2003-present

Department

Faculty leader of the "Graduate Teaching Assistant Seminar," Summer 2009, Fall 2009
Faculty Adviser to the PGSA (Philosophy Graduate Student Association), 2008-present
Academic Advising for philosophy graduate students, 2003-present
Academic Advising for undergraduate philosophy majors 2003- present
Philosophy Club faculty adviser, 2003-2004
Phi Sigma Tau, faculty adviser, 2003-2004
Philosophy Department colloquium series coordinator, 2004-2006
Undergraduate Committee, 2005-2007, 2009-present
Graduate Committee, 2007-2009
Member of several dissertation committees for Ph.D. students, 2005-present

Community

Volunteer, Cathedral Open Door Ministry, 2002
Volunteer, Holy Family Parish School (Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin), 2003-present
Assistant volleyball coach, 7th grade girls, Holy Family Parish School 2009
Irish Fest, August 2006, August 2007, August 2008, August 2009

Professional

Assistant organizer of the Wisconsin Philosophical Association's conference at Marquette University in April, 2004

Assistant organizer and chair of the group meeting of the Søren Kierkegaard Society at the Pacific Division meeting of the American Philosophical Association, 5 April 2007. Topic: "Furtak and Others on Kierkegaard, Wisdom, and Love."

Assistant organizer of the group meeting of Søren Kierkegaard Society at the Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Chicago, Illinois, 18 April 2008. Topic: "Kierkegaard and German Idealism."

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

Søren Kierkegaard Society, since 1994.
American Philosophical Association, since 1998.
Friends of the Kierkegaard Library (Northfield, Minnesota), since 2002.

ACADEMIC HONORS, AWARDS, GRANTS

Woodbridge Scholarship, Philosophy Department, University of Minnesota (For most promising undergraduate philosophy student).

Fulbright Scholarship (Research for Ph.D. dissertation. Host institution: The Søren Kierkegaard Research Centre, Copenhagen, Denmark), 1995-1996.

Teaching Assistant Contract, University of Wisconsin, Madison.

Meritorious Teaching Rating, University of Wisconsin Colleges-Richard Center.

Olympic College Foundation Award for Excellence, (For acceptance of paper at the Fourth International Kierkegaard Conference held at St. Olaf College, Northfield Minnesota in June 2001). Amount of award: \$250.00.

Olympic College Foundation Award for Excellence (For invitation to conduct research at the Søren Kierkegaard Research Centre in Copenhagen, Denmark for the summer of 2001). Amount of award: \$500.00.

American Scandinavian Foundation Grant, Hans K. Lorentzen Fund (For research conducted at the Søren Kierkegaard Research Centre in Copenhagen, Denmark during the summer of 2001. Research focused on philosophical and historical development of Kierkegaard's conception of an existence-communication). Amount of award: \$3,000.00

Marquette University, Summer Faculty Fellowship. Title of project: "The Underlying Theory of Communication in Kierkegaard's Existence-Communication." Received summer of 2003. Amount of award: \$4,500.00.

Marquette University, Faculty Development Grant. Title of project: "The Underlying Theory of Communication in Kierkegaard's Existence-Communication." Received summer of 2003. Amount of award: \$4,500.00.

Marquette University, Mellon Grant. Worked on the development of a senior experience course on the epistemological and metaphysical commitments of chaos theory. Received summer of 2004 Amount of award: \$4,500.00

Nominated for the "Excellence in Advising Award," 2005 and 2006.

Summer Fellow, Hong-Kierkegaard Library, St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota, Summer 2006.

Teaching reduction on the basis of merit in publishing, Marquette University philosophy department, fall 2006.

Promoted to associate professor with tenure, Marquette University, August 2009.