# Curriculum Vitae

# Robert Dean Metcalf

## **Education**

2000 Ph.D. in Philosophy, The Pennsylvania State University

1995 M.A. in Philosophy, Vanderbilt University

###### 1992 B.A., *cum laude*, in Philosophy, Brigham Young University

Professional Experience

2017-present Professor of Philosophy, University of Colorado Denver

2010-2013 Department Chair, Philosophy, University of Colorado Denver

2007-2017 Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of Colorado Denver

2000-2007 Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of Colorado Denver

## **Books Published (Peer-Reviewed)**

## Philosophy as Agôn: A Study of Plato’s Gorgias and Related Texts, Evanston, Illinois: Northwestern University Press, 2018.

## **Articles Forthcoming in Publication**

“Thinking Beyond the ‘Philosophy of Religion’ with James and Heidegger,” in *The Restoration of Latter-day Saint Thought: Essays on Mormon Philosophy, Theology, and Scripture*, edited by Rosalynde Welch, Joseph Spencer & Nathan B. Oman, Urbana-Champaign: Univ. of Illinois Press (expected 2024?). [**34**]

“What Drew Hyland Is Against: A Theory,” in *Festschrift for Drew Hyland*, edited by S. Montgomery Ewegen & Lydia Winn, Leiden: Brill Publishing (expected 2024). [**33**]

## **Articles Published (Peer-Reviewed)**

“What Performative Contradiction Reveals: Plato’s *Theaetetus* and *Gorgias* on Sophistry,” *Humanities* 12(2) [Spring 2023]: 33. Special Issue: Ancient Greek Sophistry and Its Legacy (open access: https://doi.org/10.3390/h12020033) [**32**]

“The Vicissitudes of *Logos*: On Nature, Character and Time-of-Life,” in *Aristotle on Human Nature*: *The Animal with* Logos, edited by Joseph Arel & Gregory Kirk, New York: Bloomsbury Academic, 2023, pp. 149-162 [**31**]

“Tyranny or Fascism?: Questions on Fiala’s *Tyranny from Plato to Trump*,” *Philosophy in the Contemporary World* 28(2) [Winter 2022]: 9-22. [**30**]

“Dunamis in Agôn: Gorgias of Leontini and Plato’s *Gorgias*,” in *Gorgias*/Gorgias: *The Sicilian Orator and the Platonic Dialogue*, eds. S. Montgomery Ewegen and Coleen P. Zoller, Siracusa: Parnassos Press, 2022, pp. 197-215. [**29**]

“Plato’s Discovery in Sicily: Philosophy and Life-Structuring Practices in the *Seventh Letter*,” in *Plato at Syracuse: Essays on Plato in Western Greece with a new translation of the Seventh Letter by Jonah Radding*, edited by Heather Reid & Mark Ralkowski, Sioux City, Iowa: Parnassos Press, 2019, pp. 129-148. [**28**]

“Xenophanes and Pre-Socratic Thought: A Critical Perspective on Hegel’s *Lectures on the History of Philosophy*,” in *Hegel and Ancient Philosophy*, edited by Glenn Magee, Albany, NY: SUNY Press, 2018, 9-24. [**27**]

“*Physis* in Presocratic Thought: Seeking with Xenophanes,” in *A Companion to Ancient Philosophy*, edited by Sean Kirkland & Eric Sanday, Evanston, Illinois: Northwestern University Press, 2018, 5-19. [**26**]

“Religion and the ‘Religious’:  Cormac McCarthy and John Dewey,” in the *Journal of Speculative Philosophy* 31(1), Spring 2017, 135-54. [**25**]

“Syngrammatology in Plato’s *Statesman*,” in *Plato’s* Statesman*: Dialectic, Myth and Politics*, edited by John Sallis, Albany, NY: SUNY Press, 2017, 197-221. [**24**]

“‘The Ruined Shack’: Language and Being-at-Home in McCarthy’s *Outer Dark* and Heidegger,” in *Philosophical Perspectives on Cormac McCarthy: Beyond Reckoning*, edited by Chris Eagle, London: Routledge, 2017, 53-71. [**23**]

“Cormac McCarthy and the Bioethical,” in *Philosophy and the Contemporary World*, Special Issue: ‘America the Bioethical,’ edited by Charles Harvey & Christian Matheis 2016. [**22**]

“The Situation of Epistemology in Plato’s *Theaetetus*,” *Epoché* 19(2), 2015:241-260 [**21**]

“Living with the Matter Itself: The Practice of Philosophy Reexamined,” *Philosophy in the Contemporary World* 21(1), Summer 2014: 41-53. [**20**]

“Religion as Ligature: On the Binding Character of Religious Belief,” *Philosophy in the Contemporary World*, Volume 20, Issue 2 (Fall 2013): 38-54. [**19**]

“The Elemental Sallis: On Wonder and Philosophy’s ‘Beginning’,” *Journal of Speculative Philosophy* 27(2), 2012: 208-215. [**18**]

“On the Human and the Divine: Reading the Prelude in Plato’s *Laws* 5,” in *Plato’s* Laws: *The* *Force and Truth of Politics*, edited by Gregory Recco and Eric Sanday, Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2012. [**17**]

“Rethinking ‘Bodenständigkeit’ in the Technological Age,” *Research in Phenomenology* 42 (2012): 49-66. [**16**]

“Following the Words: Heidegger’s Account of Religion as *Nachfolge*,” *Journal of Cultural and Religious Theory,* Volume 10, Issue 3(Summer 2010): 90-103. [**15**]

“The Trial of Socrates in Plato’s *Symposium*,” *Epoché*, Fall 2009, pp. 39-55. [**14**]

“Socrates and Achilles” in *Reexamining Socrates in the* Apology, edited by John Russon, Northwestern University Press, 2009, pp. 62-84. [**13**]

“Aristoteles und *Sein und Zeit*,” in *Heidegger und Aristoteles*: *Heidegger-Jahrbuch*, III, edit. Alfred Denker et al, Freiburg & München: Verlag Karl Alber, 2007, 156-169. [**12**]

“The True Character of *Elenchos*,” *Internationales Jahrbuch für Hermeneutik*, V (2006), 201-223. [**11**]

“Unrequited Narcissism: On the Origin of Shame,” *Studies in the History of Ethics*, 2006, 1-35. [**10**]

“Editor’s Introduction to the Special Issue on Ancient Philosophy,” *Philosophy in the Contemporary World*, 13(2): 1-3.

“Capturing the Power of Λόγος: Gadamer, McDowell and Moral Argument,” *Philosophy Today*, Volume 49 (SPEP Supplemental Issue 2005), 48-60. [**9**]

“Rethinking the Ad Hominem: A Case-Study of Chomsky,” *Argumentation*, 19 (2005): 29-52. [**8**]

“The Elenctic Speech of the Laws in Plato’s *Crito*,” *Ancient Philosophy*, 24 (2004), 37-65. [**7**]

“The Philosophical Rhetoric of Socrates’ Mission,” *Philosophy and Rhetoric*, 37 (2004), 143-166. [**6**]

“Socratic Silence and Argument: On Nehamas’ Reading of Plato,” *Internationales Jahrbuch für Hermeneutik*, Volume III (2004), 175-202. [**5**]

“Balancing the Senses of Shame and Humor,” *Journal of Social Philosophy*, 35 (2004), 432-447. [**4**]

“The Word of Freud: Our God is Λόγος,” *Journal of Cultural and Religious Theory*, Volume 3, Spring 2002. [**3**]

“The Truth of Shame-Consciousness in Freud and Phenomenology,” in the *Journal of Phenomenological Psychology*, Volume 31(2000). [**2**]

“On the Fatefulness of Vision: Heidegger, Hegel and the Greeks,” *Epoché*, Volume 6 (1998), 55-73. [**1**]

***Translations***

Martin Heidegger, *Basic Concepts of Aristotelian Philosophy* (Volume 18 of the *Gesamtausgabe*), translated with Mark Tanzer, Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2009.

Jürgen Habermas, “On John Dewey’s *The Quest for Certainty*,” in *Habermas and Pragmatism*, edited by Mitchell Aboulafia, Myra Bookman and Cathy Kemp, London: Routledge, 2002.

Günter Figal, “The Region of Being in Word and Concept,” in *Continental Philosophy Review*, Volume 33, No. 3, July 2000.

Martin Heidegger, “Hegel and the Greeks,” in *Pathmarks*, edited by William McNeill, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1998.

***Conference Presentations & Invited Lectures***

“Reading and Being Reminded: On Wisnewki’s *Living with the Dead*,” presented at annual meeting of the Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World, held at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, Massachusetts, July 2024.

“‘You Are Unrevealed’: The Myth of Er and Roth’s *American Pastoral*,” presented at annual meeting of the Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World, held at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, Massachusetts, July 2024.

“Trauma and Tragicomedy: Literary and Philosophical Portraits,” presented at the University of Hawaii-Manoa, for the East-West Philosophers’ Conference, May 2024.

“The Myth of Er and the Meaning of Philosophy,” presented as keynote for the Ancient Philosophy Society meeting in conjunction with SPEP, at Ryerson University, Toronto, Canada, October 2023.

“Tragicomedies of Evil,” presented at annual meeting of the Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World, hosted by CSU Fresno, July 2023 (an earlier version presented at the University of Colorado Denver, as part of Philosophy’s Speaker Series, April 2023).

“What Drew Hyland Is Against: A Theory,” invited presentation at Trinity University, Hartford, Connecticut, October, 2022.

“On ‘Psychological Distress’ as a Crucial Part of Education,” presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World, Estes Park, CO, July 2022.

“On Fiala’s *Tyranny from Plato to Trump*,” presented at the annual meeting of the Pacific division of the American Philosophical Association, Vancouver, B.C., April 2022.

“Dunamis in Agôn: Gorgias of Leontini and Plato’s *Gorgias*,” presented at the *Fonte Aretusa* annual meeting, November 2021.

“Miasmatic Thinking in the *Euthyphro* and Beyond,” presented as invited keynote address at the History of Philosophy Society annual meeting, May 2021 (zoom conference); an earlier version presented at the North American Society for Social Philosophy annual meeting, University of San Francisco, July 2019.

“On Memory, Nature & Philosophical Discourse: John Sallis’ *The Figure of Nature*,” presented at the annual meeting of the Ancient Philosophy Society, Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut, April 2019.

“On Truth, Lies, and Democratic Values: Thinking Politics with Arendt,” presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World, Estes Park, Colorado, July 2017.

“Xenophanes and Pre-Socratic Thought: A Critical Perspective on Hegel’s *Lectures on the History of Philosophy*,” presented at the Hegel Society of America biennial meeting, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, November 2016.

“Aristotle’s *Rhetoric* on Character, Pathos and Time-of-Life,” presented at the Aristotle World Congress, Aristoteles University of Thessaloniki, Greece, May 2016.

“Religion and the ‘Religious’: Cormac McCarthy and John Dewey,” presented at the American Philosophies Forum annual meeting, Key West, Florida, April 2016.

“Xenophanes and *Physis* in Presocratic Thought,” invited lecture given at the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, November 2015; presented also at the second annual Fonte Aretusa conference in Ortigia, Sicily, May 2016.

“Cormac McCarthy and the Bioethical,” presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World, Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, North Carolina, July 2015.

“Plato’s Discovery in Sicily,” presented at the inaugural *Fonte Aretusa* conference, Siracusa, Sicily, May 2015.

“Syngrammatology in Plato’s *Statesman*,” presented at Boston College, conference on Plato’s *Statesman*, November 2014.

“The Practice of Philosophy Re-Examined,” presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World, at San Jose State University, July 2014.

“The Vicissitudes of *Logos*: On Nature, Character and Time-of-Life,” presented at Northern Arizona University, April 2014.

“The Situation of Epistemology in Plato’s *Theaetetus*,” presented at the University of Colorado, Boulder, March 2014; also at the annual meeting of the Ancient Philosophy Society, University of South Florida, April 2014.

“Philosophy as Agōn in Plato’s *Theaetetus*,” invited lecture at Miami University of Ohio, October 2013.

“Religion as Ligature: On the Binding-Character of Religious Belief,” presented at the Pacific Division meeting of the American Philosophical Association, San Francisco, CA, March 2013.

“On Character and Time of Life: Aristotle’s *Rhetoric*,” invited lecture given at the annual meeting of the Ancient Philosophy Society, Univ. of San Francisco, April 2012.

“The Elemental Sallis,” presented at the annual conference of the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, Fordham University—Manhattan, November 2011.

“Xenophanes and the Presocratic Thinking on Nature,” presented at the annual philosophy conference (ATINER), Athens, Greece, June 2011.

“Rethinking ‘Bodenständigkeit’ in the Technological Age,” presented at international conference on the theme, “Heidegger: Nature, Art, Technology,” Messkirch, Germany, May 2011.

“Back to the Texts Themselves: Phenomenology’s Turn to Hermeneutics,” presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World, Oregon State Univ., July 2010.

“Following the Words: Religion as *Nachfolge*,” presented at international conference on “Heidegger and Religion,” Messkirch, Germany, June 2008.

“Philosophical Responses to Religion After 9-11,” presented at conference on *Theology After 9-11* at Colorado State University, February 2008.

“Religion in a Global Context,” presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World, Universidad de Latina America, Morelia, Mexico, July 2007.

“Nietzsche’s Inner Christian,” presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World, at Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, North Carolina, July 2006.

“Shame and its Ideals,” presented at an international conference on The Moral Emotions, Toronto, Ontario, May 2006.

“On Translation and Interpretation: Heidegger’s Aristotle,” presented at the annual meeting of the Ancient Philosophy Society, DePaul University, Chicago, April 2006.

“The Trial of Socrates in Plato’s *Symposium*,” invited paper presented at Skidmore College’s Symposium on Plato’s *Symposium*, Saratoga Springs, New York, April 2006.

“On the Dissolution of the Soul: Plato’s *Republic* VIII,” invited paper presented at the conference, *Rereading Plato*, at the University of Guelph, Ontario, CA, September 2005.

“Psychagogia and the Economy of Pleasures,” presented at the annual meeting of the Ancient Philosophy Society, Eugene, Oregon, April 2005.

“The True Character of *Elenchos*,” paper presented at symposium on *Platon und die Hermeneutic*, at the University of Freiburg, Germany, July 2004; also at Colorado State Univ., February 2005.

“Capturing the Power of Λόγος: Gadamer, McDowell and Moral Argument,” presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Memphis, Tennessee, October 2004.

“Aristotelian Doubts about the Reach of Moral Argument,” paper presented at annual meeting of Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World, at Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, North Carolina, July 2004.

“War and Philosophical Critique: On Baracchi’s *Of Myth, Life and War in Plato’s* Republic” presented at the Eastern Div. Meeting of American Philosophical Assoc., December 2003.

Seminar Leader on Plato’s *Theaetetus* at the Collegium Phaenomenologicum, Città di Castello, Italy, July 2002.

“The Ad Hominem Logic of Socratic *Elenchos*,” presented at the 1st Annual Independent Meeting of the Ancient Philosophy Society, Villanova, Pennsylvania, April 2001.

“The Duality of Soul and Body in Plato’s *Gorgias*,” presented at the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, Binghamton, New York, October 1999.

“The Subject of Shame in Freud and Phenomenology,” presented at the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Denver, Colorado, October 1998.

 “Shame and Images in Plato’s *Republic*,” presented at the International Association for Philosophy and Literature, Irvine, California, May 1998.

“The Socratic Rhetoric of Philosophy,” presented at DePaul University’s “*Sumpleko*: The Interweaving of Philosophy and Rhetoric,” Chicago, Illinois, May 1997.

“The Language of Authenticity,” presented at the International Conference on Heidegger: 50 Years “Brief über den Humanismus,” Amsterdam, April 1997.

“Heidegger, Hegel and the Greeks,” presented at the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Washington, D. C., October 1996.

“Levinas on Knowledge and Praxis,” presented at the Collegium Phaenomenologicum, Perugia, Italy, July 1994.

***Public Lectures***

“Philosophy as Religious Myth-Making: Plato’s Myth of Er,” at the Trinity Academy, Trinity United Methodist Church, Denver, CO, April 21, 2024.

“Philosophy of Religion as Purification,” at the Trinity Academy, Trinity United Methodist Church, Denver, CO, April 14, 2024.

“The New Critique of Religion: Same as the Old Critique?,” presented at the University of Colorado at Denver, February 2007; Colorado State University, April, 2007; Florida Southern College, Lakeland Florida, November 2008.

***Book Reviews***

Review of Gregory Fried, *Towards a Polemical Ethics: Between Heidegger and Plato* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2021), published in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (2021).

Review of Sara Brill, *Plato on the Limits of Human Life* (Indiana Univ. Press, 2013), published in *Research in Phenomenology* 45 (2015): 303-309.

Review of Elisabeth Belfiore, *Socrates’ Daimonic Art* (Cambridge University Press, 2012), published in *Gnomon* Vol. 87 (2015): 360-362.

Review of Melissa Lane, *Eco-Republic: What the Ancients Can Teach Us About Ethics, Virtue and Sustainable Living* (Princeton, 2012), *Environmental Philosophy* Vol. 10, Issue 2 (Fall 2013): 127-30.

Review of Eugene Garver’s *For the Sake of Argument* (Chicago, 2004), *Philosophy and Rhetoric*, Volume 38 (1): 95-97.

Review of Baracchi’s *Of Myth, Life and War in Plato’s* Republic, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, May 2003.

“The Futures of History. Review of *The Ancients and the Moderns*, edited by Reginald Lilly,” in *Research in Phenomenology*, Volume XXVII (1997).