

CURRICULUM VITAE  
ROBERT DEAN METCALF

***Education***

- 2000 Ph.D. in Philosophy, The Pennsylvania State University  
Dissertation: "The Fear and Shame of Socratic Dialogue"  
Chair: John Sallis
- 1995 M.A. in Philosophy, Vanderbilt University
- 1992 B.A., *cum laude*, in Philosophy, Brigham Young University

Areas of Specialization

Ancient Philosophy, Hermeneutics, 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> century Continental Philosophy

Areas of Competence

Ethics, Philosophy of Religion

***Professional Experience***

- 2007-present Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of Colorado Denver
- 2010-2013 Department Chair, Philosophy, University of Colorado Denver
- 2000-2007 Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of Colorado Denver

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

- "Cormac McCarthy and the Bioethical," forthcoming in *Philosophy and the Contemporary World*, Special Issue: 'America the Bioethical,' edited by Charles Harvey & Christian Matheis (expected 2016).
- "'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 (expected 2016).
- "Syngrammatology in Plato's *Statesman*," in *Plato's Statesman: Dialectic, Myth and Politics*, edited by John Sallis, forthcoming from SUNY Press (expected 2016).
- "*Physis* in Presocratic Thought: Seeking with Xenophanes," forthcoming in *A Companion to Ancient Philosophy*, edited by Sean Kirkland & Eric Sanday, Northwestern University Press (expected 2016).
- "Philosophy as a Work of Memory," forthcoming in *The Edinburgh Critical History of Greek and Roman Philosophy*, edited by Giuseppe Cambiano & Alexandra Lianeri (expected 2016).
- "The Situation of Epistemology in Plato's *Theaetetus*," *Epoché* 19(2), Spring 2015: 241-260.

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

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

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

“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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

“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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **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**

“Xenophanes and *Physis* in Presocratic Thought,” invited lecture given at the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, November 2015.

“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* II,” presented at the annual meeting of the Ancient Philosophy Society, University 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.

“The New Critique of Religion: Same as the Old Critique?,” presented at the University of Colorado at Denver, February 2007, and at Colorado State University, April, 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, Illinois, 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, Canada, 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 First 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.

### **Book Reviews**

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).

***Courses Taught:***

*Plato Seminar*  
*Aristotle Seminar*  
*Seminar on Heidegger*  
*Seminar on the Philosophy of Religion*  
*Seminar on Pleasure and the Good*  
*Seminar: Eros (Plato, Freud, Foucault)*  
*Nietzsche Seminar*  
*Ancient Greek Philosophy*  
*Seminar on Ancient Political Philosophy*  
*Existentialism and European Philosophy*  
*Metaphysics*  
*Introduction to Philosophy*  
*Introduction to Ethics & Society*  
*Philosophy of Religion*  
*Philosophy and Literature*  
*Logic and Language*

***Service at University of Colorado Denver:***

Department Chair, Philosophy, 2010-2013

Chair of Search Committee, Ethics Position, Dept. of Philosophy

Member of Search Committee, Social-Political Position & Feminism Position, Dept. of Philosophy

Member of Search Committee, Program Assistant for Philosophy & Program Assistant for UHL Program

Member of Curriculum Oversight Committee

Member of UHL Steering Committee

Member of CRISP Grant Proposal Review Committee for CLAS

Member of the University Program Review Committee

Member of the CLAS Budget Priorities Committee

Member of University Budget Priorities Committee

Member of the Post-Tenure Review Committee