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### **Education**

PhD Northwestern University  
Concentrations in religion and philosophy

MDiv Yale University  
Contemporary theology and philosophy

BA Westfield State College  
Liberal Studies major with a Philosophy minor  
Concentrations: philosophy, literature, and women's studies

### **Dissertation**

Nietzsche's Critique of Christianity, Judaism, and Antisemitism  
Professor Rosemary Radford Ruether, Director

### **Areas of Specialization**

Ethics  
Nietzsche  
Philosophical theology  
Existentialism

### **Teaching Experience**

Professor of Philosophy, Penn State Berks, 1996-present

Instructor, American International College, 1995—1996

Instructor, Westfield State College, 1994-1995

Teaching Assistant, Garrett Theological Seminary, 1991

Teaching Assistant, Southern Connecticut State University, 1988-1989

**COURSES TAUGHT:** Professional Ethics  
Moral Value  
Meaning of Human Existence  
Critical Thinking and Argumentation  
Philosophy, Media, Society  
Construction of Scientific Concepts (co-taught)  
Ethics and Social Issues  
Religion and American Culture  
Introduction to Ethics  
Ethics (honors)  
Great Philosophical Issues  
Introduction to Social and Political Philosophy  
Women and Religion in America  
Dimensions of Human Existence

## Publications

### Books and Editions

- Santaniello, Weaver. *Zarathustra's Last Supper*. Aldershot, UK: Ashgate, 2005.
- Santaniello, Weaver. *Nietzsche and the Gods*, editor. Albany: State University of New York Press, 2001.
- Rector, Lallene, Weaver Santaniello, editors. *Psychological Perspectives and the Religious Quest: Essays in Honor of Orlo Strunk, Jr.* Lanham: University Press of America, 1999.
- Golomb, Jacob, Weaver Santaniello, Ronald Lehrer, eds. *Nietzsche and Depth Psychology*. Albany: State University of New York Press, 1999.
- Santaniello, Weaver. *Nietzsche, God, and the Jews: His Critique of Judeo-Christianity in Relation to the Nazi Myth*. Albany: State University of New York Press, 1994.

### Referred Articles in Academic Journals and Books

- "Nietzsche," in *Icons of Unbelief* (Greenwood Press, forthcoming, 2009).
- "Bitches Gone Wild: The Ethics of Freedom Through Constraint," in *What Philosophy Can Tell You About Your Dog* (Open Court Press, forthcoming 2009).
- "Socrates as the Ugliest Murderer of God," in *Nietzsche and the Gods* (2001): 73-83.
- "Preface," in *Nietzsche and the Gods* (2001): xiii-xviii.
- "Nietzsche's Hierarchy of Gods in the *Antichrist*. *The Journal of Nietzsche Studies* 19 Spring 2000: 89-102.
- "Nietzsche's Psychogenealogy of Religion and Racism," in *Nietzsche and Depth Psychology* (Albany: State University of New York Press, 1999): 91-109.
- "New Perspectives on the Holocaust: A Guide for Teachers and Scholars." *Modern Judaism* 19(3) 1999: 321-30.
- "Nietzsche and the Jews: Christianity and Nazism," in *Nietzsche and Jewish Culture*, ed. Jacob Golomb (London & New York: Routledge, 1997): 21-54. Reprinted in German, "Nietzsche and die Juden im Hinblick auf Christentum und Nazismus—nach dem Holocaust," in *Nietzsche und die jüdische Kultur*, trans. H. Dahmer (Vienna: University of Vienna Press, 1998): 31-66.
- "Nietzsche's *Antichrist*: 19<sup>th</sup> Century Christian-Jews and the Real 'Big Lie'." *Modern Judaism* 17(2) 1997: 163-77.

### Editorials and Newsletters

- "Millennium Prophecies," in *Artists look at Y2K*. Freyberger Gallery newsletter, Penn State Berks, Fall 1999: 2-3.
- "The Cross and Suffering." *Daughters of Sarah* 18(3) 1992: 36.

## Referred Presentations and Conferences

- Presenter. "Nietzsche and Religion." Religious and Philosophical Forum (Penn State, Schuylkill) May 2008.
- Presenter. "Nineteenth Century Nietzsche." Hawaii International Humanities Conference (Honolulu, HI) January 2008.
- Presenter. "Nietzsche and the Politics of Religion." Friedrich Nietzsche Society of Great Britain and Ireland (University of Leiden, Netherlands) March 2007.
- Presenter. "Perspectives on Zarathustra." Simon Fraser University (Vancouver, Canada) October 2006.
- Presenter. "Jesus as Nietzsche's Voluntary Beggar." Hawaii International Humanities Conference (Honolulu, HI) January 2004.
- Plenary speaker. "Nietzsche's Genealogy of Gods in the *Antichrist*." Friedrich Nietzsche Society of Great Britain (University of Greenwich, London, England) September 1998.
- Presenter. "Nietzsche's *Genealogy*: A Polemic Against the Philosophic Roots of Genocide." American Philosophical Association (Pacific Division Meeting, Los Angeles, CA) March 1998.
- Presenter. "Nietzsche's Genealogy and the Noble Jews." Association for Jewish Studies (Boston, MA) December 1997.
- Presenter. "Standing Between Two Millennia." Author Meets Critics (State College, PA) October 1997. An invited response to Daniel W. Conway's book, *Nietzsche's Dangerous Game* (Cambridge University Press, 1997).
- Presenter. "Nietzsche's *Antichrist*." Association for Jewish Studies (Boston, MA) December 1996.
- Presenter. "Nietzsche's Psychogenealogy of Religion and Racism." American Academy of Religion (New Orleans, LA) November 1996.
- Presenter. "Nietzsche and Religion." Friedrich Nietzsche Society of Great Britain (Manchester University, Manchester, England) September 1996.

## Workshops and Seminars

- Participant. Religion, Citizenship Study Group, Simon Fraser University (Vancouver, Canada) October 2006.
- Participant. "Nietzsche and Zarathustra." Society for Philosophy, Existentialism, and Phenomenology (Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL) October 2002.
- Chair. "Nietzsche and the Philosophy of Science." Friedrich Nietzsche Society of Great Britain (Cambridge University, Cambridge England) September 2001.
- Participant. "Paul Tillich's Existentialism." American Academy of Religion (Annual Meeting, Boston, MA) November 1999.
- Chair. "Dimensions of the Holocaust." Association for Jewish Studies (Boston, MA) December 1998.

Participant. Yad Vashem International Conference on Holocaust Education (Jerusalem, Israel) October 14-17, 1996. Served on discussion panels and workshops devoted to teaching the Holocaust in higher education.

Presenter. "Religion in America." American International College (Springfield, MA) December 1996.

Panelist. Making the Grade. Faculty Development Workshop (Berks campus) April 1999.

Presenter. First Inaugural Teacher's Colloquium (Lehigh-Valley campus) May 2001.

## **Other Evidence of Research or Creative Accomplishments**

### **Book reviews of *Zarathustra's Last Supper***

*Zarathustra's Last Supper*, reviewed by Julian Young. *Ars Disputandi: Online Journal for Philosophy and Religion* (June 2007). <http://www.arsdisputandi.org/>

### **Book reviews of *Nietzsche, God, and the Jews***

*Nietzsche, God, and the Jews*, reviewed by Tim Murphy. *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, LXV.1 (Spring 1997): 210-12.

*Nietzsche, God, and the Jews*, reviewed by Rochelle L. Millen. *Modern Judaism* 17.1 (1997): 97-104.

"Nietzsche and the Nazi spin doctors," reviewed by Jacob Golomb. *Patterns of Prejudice* 30.3 (1996): 87.

*Nietzsche, God, and the Jews*, reviewed by Michael Berenbaum. *Journal of Ecumenical Studies* 33.2 (Spring 1996): 257.

*Nietzsche, God, and the Jews*, reviewed by Brian Clack. *Religious Studies: An International Journal for the Philosophy of Religion* 31.3 (1995): 415.

### **Book reviews of *Nietzsche and Depth Psychology***

*Nietzsche and Depth Psychology*, review by B. Buchanan. *Theory and Psychology* 1.2 (April 2001): 283-86.

*Nietzsche and Depth Psychology*, review by C. Crockett. *Journal of Religion and Health* 38.4 (Winter 1999): 357-59.

*Nietzsche and Depth Psychology*, review by R. F. Krummel. *Germanic Notes and Review* 30.2 (Fall 1999): 202.

## **Grants and Awards**

2008 President's Merit Excellence Fund, Berks \$684.00

2008 Chancellor's Excellence Fund, Berks, \$504.00

2007 President's Merit Excellence Fund, Berks \$330.00

2007 Chancellor's Excellence Fund, Berks, \$513.00

2006 President's Merit Excellence Fund, Berks \$600.00.

2006 Pennsylvania State University Research Development Grant, Berks \$595.22.

2006 Nominee, Research Award, Berks.

2005 President's Merit Excellence Fund, Berks \$500.00.

2005 Pennsylvania State University Research Development Grant, Berks \$1,800.

2004 Pennsylvania State University Research Development Grant, Berks \$1,275.

2004 President's Merit Excellence Fund, Berks \$500.00.

2003 Sabbatical leave, Berks, fall semester.

2002 President's Merit Excellence Fund, Berks \$500.00.

2001 Pennsylvania State University Research Development Grant, Berks \$2,000.

2001 Nominee. Teaching Award, Berks.

1998 President's Merit Excellence Fund, Berks \$500.00.

1998 Pennsylvania State University Research Development Grant, Berks \$1,800.

1997 Pennsylvania State University Global Fund, State College \$500.00.

1997 Fund for Excellence in Learning and Teaching (FELT), State College \$4,800.

1997 Pennsylvania State University Research Development Grant, Berks \$1,800.

1996 Pennsylvania State University Global Fund, Berks \$500.00.

### **Honors and Awards for Scholarship and Professional Activity**

Referee. *Emil L. Fackenheim: The Jewish Philosopher's Jewish Response to the Holocaust*. Roman Littlefield, 2006.

Referee. *Friedrich Nietzsche and the Philosophy of Right and the State*. State University of New York Press, 2003.

Referee. *Laughing at Nothing: Responses to Nihilism*. State University of New York Press, 2002.

Master's Thesis Committee. "Nietzsche and the Will to Power." University of Winnipeg, Canada, 2002.

Referee. "Feminism, Racism, and Social Identity." *North American Society for Social Philosophy*, 2000.

Referee. *Nietzsche, Metaphor, Religion*. State University of New York Press, 1999.

Referee. *Eros and Ethics*. New England University Press, 1998.

Referee. "Nietzsche and Christianity." *Canadian Journal for Philosophy*, 1997.

Manuscript editor. *Nietzsche and the Jews: Exaltation and Denigration*. State University of New York Press, 1995-1997.

## **Service to the University, the Public, and the Profession**

### **Committee Work**

- Chair. Special Promotion Review Committee, 2007-2008.
- Member. HASS Promotion and Tenure Committee, 2006-2008.
- Member. Theater Search Committee, 2006-2007
- Member. Speech Communication Search Committee, 2005-2007.
- Member. Faculty Affairs Committee, 2005-2007
- Member. Women's Book Commission Committee, 2005-2006.
- Member. Uniform Course Abbreviation Committee, 2005-2006.
- Member. Diversity Committee, 2004-2006.
- Member. Sabbatical Committee, 2004-2006.
- Member. HASS Research Committee, 2002-present.
- Member. Organizational Leadership Committee, 2002-2004.
- Chair. Student Life Committee, 2001 to 2002.
- Member. Culture Studies Committee, 2001-2002.
- Member. Art History Search Committee, 2000.
- Member. Student Life Committee, Spring 1999 to 2002.
- Member. Speech Communication Search Committee, 1998.

### **Participation in campus and/or university-wide governance bodies and related activities**

- Participant. "Gay? Fine by Me," sponsored by the Rainbow Alliance, 2006.
- Faculty Advisor. Berks Student Frisbee Club, 2004-2005.
- Speaker. "Gibson's Passion of the Christ: Jewish-Christian Relations and antisemitism," sponsored by Student Affairs, April 2004.
- Speaker. "First anniversary of September 11<sup>th</sup>," sponsored by RAs, September 2002.
- Faculty Advisor. Philosophy-Religion Club, 1997-2002.
- Presenter. The First Inaugural Teacher's Colloquium (Lehigh-Valley campus), May 2001.
- Web Page designer. Berks Campus Commission for Women, Fall 1999-2000.

Participant. Seminar on "Affirmative Action Guidelines for Faculty Searches to Achieve Diversity," May 1998.

Faculty Representative. "Dossier Writing Workshop," Residence Halls, October 1998.

Speaker. First "Academic Awards Night," April 1998.

Lecturer. "Last Lecture Series," Residence Halls, October 1997.

### **Service to the Public**

Assistant to Master Gardeners, Reading Public Museum, July 2002-2006.

Fund raiser for Hurricane Katrina, 2005.

Member: Task Force for the Albright-Berks Alliance, 1996-2000.

Panelist. "Bio-Ethics," BCTV, January 1998.

Member. Committee for the campus project "Jewish Experience in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century," in conjunction with the Jewish Community Center of Reading, 1997-1998.

### **Other Service**

Member. The Candace Spigelman Memorial Committee, 2005-2006.

Peer review evaluator, 2002-present.

Co-chairperson. United Way Fund Campaign, Fall 1998.

Penn State Sponsor. Two visiting academics from Israel, Summer 1997-Summer 1998.

Speaker. Berks Campus Open House for potential students and their Parents, July 1997 and October 1997.

Participant. Faculty Workshop for the School of Business, July 1997.

### **Professional Memberships**

American Philosophical Association  
American Academy of Religion  
Association for Jewish Studies  
Friedrich Nietzsche Society of Great Britain  
North American Nietzsche Society