

Lucas Scott Wright
Curriculum Vitae
The University of California, Irvine
The Department of European Languages and Studies
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Education

University of California at Irvine, United States, Current
Ph.D. German, Department of European Languages and Studies
Research: Critical Theory, Modern Jewish Thought, Romanticism and Idealism

University of California at Santa Barbara, United States, 2019
M.A. Religious Studies, Department of Religious Studies
Fields of Study: Jewish Studies; Philosophy and Religion

The University of Nottingham, United Kingdom, 2014
M.A. Theology, Philosophy and Literature
Department of Theology and Religious Studies

California Baptist University, United States, 2010
B.A. Christian Studies
Concentration: Theology and Philosophy

Book Chapters

“Broken Mirrors, Distorted Reflections: Anthropomorphism and the Recovery of the *Concrétude* of the Human Being in Rosenzweig, Heidegger, and Adorno” in *Humanity: An Endangered Idea?* Series: Claremont Studies in the Philosophy of Religion. Ed. Ingolf U. Dalferth, Marlene A. Block. (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck). Forthcoming.

“Difference Through the Prism of the Same: Apophasis and Negative Dialectic in Rosenzweig and Adorno” in *The Meaning and Power of Negativity*. Series: Claremont Studies in the Philosophy of Religion. Ed. Ingolf U. Dalferth, Marlene A. Block. (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck). Forthcoming.

“*Negative Dialektik* as Immanent Critique, and the Question Concerning the Construction of the Self and the Object – A Response to Matthew Baldwin” in *The Architecture of the Academy: Processes, Institutions, and Power in the Academic Study of Religion*. (Sheffield: Equinox Publishing). Forthcoming.

Book Reviews

Review of *Religious Affects: Animality, Evolution, and Power* in *Critical Research on Religion*. Volume 5:2. May 11, 2017.

Works in Progress/ Future Research

Das All ist nur virtuelle: A Reading of Paganism and the Disjuncture Between the Concepts of Redemption, Truth, and God in *Der Stern der Erlösung* (Article in preparation for submission)

Narrating das Nichts: Reading Eckhart and Schelling with Rosenzweig (Article in preparation for submission)

Die Sehnsucht und der verborgene Gott: On the Relation between Desire, Revelation, and Truth in Schelling's Theogony and Cosmogony (Future Research/ Article in preparation for submission)

Noch die Alten Götter Leben: Romantic Conceptions of Paganism and the Truth of the Pagan in Rosenzweig's Thought (Future Research/ Article in preparation for submission)

Awards and Grants

Nevin Graduate Endowment Fellowship – The University of California, Irvine, 2020

Regents Fellowship – School of Humanities, The University of California, Irvine, 2019-2020

Minority Serving Institutions Fellowship – The University of California, Irvine, 2019-2020

Summer Stipend – School of Humanities, The University of California, Irvine, 2020

UCI Diversity Recruitment Fellowship – The University of California, Irvine, 2019

Max Kade Foundation Travel Grant – Department of Germanic and Slavic Studies, The University of California, Santa Barbara, 2019

J.F. Rowny Endowment Fellowship - Funded in part by Jewish Studies and the Department of Religious Studies at the University of California, Santa Barbara, 2015-2019

Udo Keller Stiftung Forum Humanum Claremont Conference Grant, 2019

Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD) Intensive Language Course Grant (Hamburg), 2017

Udo Keller Stiftung Forum Humanum Claremont Conference Grant, 2017

Hillcrest Transdisciplinary Research Award – Claremont Graduate University, 2015 (Declined)

Research and Teaching Interests

Modern and Contemporary Jewish Thought, Culture, and History (17th Century to Present)

Interwar Apocalyptic and Utopian Thought and Aesthetics

History of Judaism in Europe

Rhineland Mysticism

Jewish and Christian Theologies in Europe

Jewish and Christian Thought After the Shoah

Jewish and Christian Mysticism in Europe

Holocaust Education

Mysticism, Theology, and Literature

German Romanticism and Idealism

Political Theologies

Theology and Religion in Germany: Medieval to Present

Weimar Thought and Culture

Teaching Experience and Academic Employment

The University of California, Irvine, Current

Teaching Assistant Language Instructor

Department of European Languages and Studies

Irvine, CA 92697

Fall Quarter 2020: GER 1A

Winter Quarter 2021: GER 1B

Spring Quarter 2021: GER 1C

The University of California, Santa Barbara, 2015-2018
Teaching Assistant and Course Reader
Departments of Germanic and Slavic Studies and Religious Studies
Santa Barbara, CA 93106

Fall Quarter 2018: TA for RGST 27: Mystical Experience

Two full lectures given: Maimonides and Abulafia; Neoplatonism, Eckhart, and Julien of Norwich

Fall Quarter 2018: Course Reader for RGST 130: Judaism

Winter Quarter 2018: Course Reader for RGST 131F: The History of Antisemitism

Fall Quarter 2017: TA for RGST 26: Introduction to Jewish Mysticism

Fall Quarter 2016: TA for RGST 35: Introduction to Religion and Politics

One full lecture given: Barbarism, Othering, and the Figure of the Jew and Race in American Immigration Policy

Spring Quarter 2016: Course Reader for German 116A: Representations of the Holocaust

California State University, Bakersfield, 2015
Adjunct Instructor of Philosophy
Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies
Bakersfield, CA 93311

Winter Quarter 2015: Philosophy 100 - Introduction to Philosophy

Spring Quarter 2015: Philosophy 100 - Introduction to Philosophy

Spring Quarter 2015: Philosophy 102 - Logical Reasoning

Papers and Symposia

“At Home Out of Time, In Time Never Home: On Rosenzweig’s Critique of Mysticism and the State, and the Political-Theological Question of Supersessionism.” LEST XII: Political Theology as Discernment – Theos and Polis. Katholieke Universiteit Leuven. Leuven, Belgium. October 23-26, 2019.

“Broken Mirrors, Distorted Reflections: Anthropomorphism, the Recovery of the *Concrétude* of the Human in 20th Century Philosophy, and the Challenge to Post-Humanist Affect Theory.” 40th Annual Claremont Philosophy of Religion Conference, Forum Humanum Seminar. “Humanity: An Endangered Idea?” February 21-23. 2019.

“*Wenn es liegt...aber es liegt nicht*: Understanding the Aspect of True-Fiction in Rosenzweig’s Concept of Redemption.” 2019 Internationale Rosenzweig Gesellschaft Conference. Jerusalem, Israel. February 17-20, 2019.

Panelist on “Reframing Continental Philosophy of Religion?” Roundtable Discussion. Theology and Continental Philosophy Unit. 2017 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. Boston, MA, November 17-18, 2017.

“Criticism and the Identification of Power and Knowledge in the Study of Religion: On Whether the *Dialectic of Enlightenment* (1944) is Possible Today.” Presenting on the panel ‘Critique and Religious Studies: Assessing the Import of the *Dialectic of Enlightenment* (1944) Today after 70 Years.’ Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Unit. 2017 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. Boston, MA. November 17-18, 2017.

“Critical Philosophy and the Debate Over Objects in Religious Studies.” Responding to Matthew Baldwin. 2017 Annual Meeting of the North American Association for the Study of Religion (NAASR). Boston, MA, November 17-18, 2017.

“Between Philosophy and Theology: Rosenzweig’s *Das neue Denken*, Language, and the Problem of Theology.” Faith in the Academy – Theology Among the Disciplines, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven. Leuven, Belgium. August 28-30, 2017.

“Difference Through the Prism of the Same: Apophasis and Negative Dialectic in Rosenzweig and Adorno.” 38th Annual Claremont Philosophy of Religion Conference, Forum Humanum Seminar. “The Meaning and Power of Negativity.” Claremont, CA. February 17-18, 2017.

“Sublation Without an End: The Status of Religion in *The Dialectic of Enlightenment*.” Sociology of Religion Group. “2016 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion.” San Antonio, TX. November 19-22, 2016.

“*Jetztzeit* and the Impurity of Assimilation: Reading Kafka’s ‘A Report to an Academy’ with Walter Benjamin.” Presented on the panel “Between Hope and Pessimism: A Comparative Analysis of Hope and Pessimism in Black Studies and Modern Jewish Philosophy.” Philosophy of Religion Group. “2016 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion.” San Antonio, TX. November 19-22, 2016.

“The Negative Way of Messianism and the Project of Decolonialism.” Presented at “The American Academy of Religion, Western Region 2016 Annual Conference.” University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ. April 1-3, 2016.

“Hope and the Sublation of the Sacred/Secular Divide.” Presented on the panel, “Utopia: Religion and Secularism,” at the “Ninth Annual Religions in Conversation Conference.” Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA. February 26-27, 2016.

“Constitutional Democracy: Pluralism, Enlightenment and the Problem of the Pre-Political.” Presented at the, “Eight Annual Religions in Conversation Conference.” Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA. February 27-28, 2015.

“Suffering as the Source: Philosophy of Religion Beyond Genealogies of the Secular and the Sacred.” Co-authored with Ian Bacher. Paper presented by Bacher at the “Oxford Symposium on Religious Studies.” Oxford University, UK. December 8-10, 2014.

“The Tragic Constitution of Nature: Ernst Bloch’s Subversive Politics, Job and the Fall Narrative.” Presented at the “Religion and the Natural Elements” conference. Northwestern University, Evanston, IL. October 31-November 2, 2014.

“Self-Possession’s Dis-onto-logic: The Epochē of Occupation in *The Undercommons*.” Presented at the “Revolting Peripheries Conference 2014,” University of Bielsko-Biala, Poland. June 25-27, 2014.

Service

Peer Reviewer: *Critical Research on Religion*. 2019.

Peer Reviewer: *Constellations: An International Journal of Critical and Democratic Theory*. 2017-2018.

Languages

German – Advanced Reading, Writing, Speaking Knowledge

French – Intermediate Reading Knowledge, Studying for Speaking and Writing

Hebrew – Studying Now

Professional References

Elliot Wolfson – Marsha and Jay Glazer Endowed Chair in Jewish Studies, The University of California, Santa Barbara.

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