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EDUCATION

- 2016 Ph.D. Religion, Claremont Graduate University
1st Concentration: Continental Philosophy
2nd Concentration: Philosophy of Religion and Theology
- 2015 M.A. Philosophy, Claremont Graduate University
- 2012 M.A. Theology, Fuller Theological Seminary
- 2009 B.A. Psychology, University of Central Arkansas

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

19th and 20th century continental philosophy, American religious traditions, philosophy of religion, psychoanalytic theory, rightwing nationalist movements and white evangelicalism, critical theory

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

General Western and Eastern philosophy, ethics, logic, epistemology, comparative/world religions, scriptures and world mythology, theories of gender, religion and politics, postcolonial thought, German Idealism, political philosophy

BOOKS

DeLay, Tad. *Against: What Does the White Evangelical Want?* Eugene: Cascade, 2019.

DeLay, Tad. *The Cynic & the Fool: The Unconscious in Theology & Politics.* Eugene: Cascade, 2017.

DeLay, Tad. *God Is Unconscious: Psychoanalysis & Theology.* Eugene: Wipf & Stock, 2015.

CURRENT APPOINTMENTS

2019 – Present Assistant Professor - Fixed Term, Michigan State University
Department of Religious Studies

2019 – Present Affiliate Faculty of Philosophy, Red Rocks Community College
Department of Philosophy

- 2017 – Present Affiliate Faculty of Philosophy, Metropolitan State University of Denver
Department of Philosophy
- 2017 – Present Affiliate Faculty of Philosophy, Front Range Community College
Department of Creative & Technical Arts, Humanities & Languages
- 2017 – Present Affiliate Faculty of Philosophy, Colorado Community Colleges Online
Department of Arts & Humanities

PUBLICATIONS

EDITED VOLUME CHAPTERS

DeLay, Tad. "Psychoanalysis." In *The Palgrave Handbook of Radical Theology*, edited by Christopher Rodkey and Jordan Miller. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2018.

BOOK CHAPTERS

DeLay, Tad. "Orthodoxy's Anxiety and Ideas that Fail." In *It Spooks*, edited by Erin Schendzielos. Rapid City: Shelter50 Publishing, 2015.

DeLay, Tad. "Text and Taboo." In *Justice Calls*, edited by Phil Snider. Eugene: Cascade, 2016.

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

DeLay, Tad. "How (Not) to Speak of the Other." *Modern Believing* 56.2 (2016).

DeLay, Tad. "Excess: The Obscene Supplement in Slavoj Žižek's Religion and Politics." *International Journal of Žižek Studies* 8.2 (2014).

DeLay, Tad. "Plundering A Theory of Trauma: Confessions of A Novice Author on Lacan and Theology." *Journal of Cultural and Religious Theory* 18.1 (Winter 2018–19).

DeLay, Tad. "They Do Not Realize We Are Bringing Them the Plague." *The Other Journal* 25 (2015).

DeLay, Tad. "This Is Supposed to Happen Here: Gun Culture, Ethics, and the Libidinal Enjoyment of Child Sacrifice." *Review & Expositor* (forthcoming 2019).

BOOK REVIEWS

Robbins, Jeffrey W., ed., and Clayton Crockett, ed. *Doing Theology in the Age of Trump: A Critical Report on Christian Nationalism. AAR Reading Religion* (2019).

MISCELLANEOUS PUBLICATIONS

DeLay, Tad. "Supply Side Economics and American Religion." *SEMI* (2016).

INVITED TALKS

ACADEMIC

2019 Literary Criticism. Lecture at Ouachita Baptist University, February 22.

2018 Lacan and Religion. Lecture at Seattle School of Theology and Psychology, June 11.

- 2016 Imaginary, Symbolic, and Real. Lecture at Fuller Theological Seminary, November 7.
- 2016 Lacan: Relocating to the Desert of the Real. Lecture at the European School of New Monasticism, November 11.
- 2015 God Is Unconscious. Keynote lecture at Taking Lacan Public, University of Denver, April 17.

NONACADEMIC

- 2018 Political Theology and the Capitalist Resonance Machine. Keynote lecture, Basking Ridge, July 14.
- 2018 Archaeology and Origins of Hominid Ritual. Keynote lecture, Basking Ridge, July 13
- 2018 Cataclysm, Climate, and Disaffiliation. Denver, April 28.
- 2018 Ritual and Political Theology. Denver, March 22.
- 2017 The Cynic and the Fool. Denver, November 9.
- 2016 There Is Never a False Alarm: On Nietzsche. Los Angeles, October 2.
- 2016 Religious and Political Cynicism. Glendale, August 7.
- 2014 Social Dynamics in Religious Communities. Palos Verdes, March 14.
- 2013 Death of God Theology and Deconstruction panel. Cheltenham, August 25.

SELECTED CONFERENCE PAPERS _____

- 2019 “The Affiliate and the University: Mental Health, Labor, and Scholarship.” Paper presented at Metropolitan State University of Denver, Denver, CO, May 30.
- 2017 “What Does the Populist Want?: On the Enjoyment of Rhetoric, Ideology, and Political Movement.” Paper presented at LACK, Colorado Springs, CO, October 20.
- 2016 “Populism and the Evangelical-capitalist Resonance Machine.” Paper presented at Recovering the Unconscious, Denver, CO, October 22.
- 2016 “Social Media and the Politics of Populism.” Paper presented at LACK, Colorado Springs, CO, April 23.
- 2015 “Capital, the University, and the Masses.” Paper presented at Subverting the Norm, Springfield, MO, November 2015.
- 2015 “On The Nature of Conspiratorial Thought in Politics.” Paper presented at Religions in Conversation, Claremont, CA, February 19.

- 2014 “Schism and Heterosexism: The Anglican Realignment.” Paper presented at American Academy of Religion, Los Angeles, CA, March 7.
- 2014 “Anxiety and Emptiness: Psychopathology as Expressed in Religion and Art.” Paper presented at Religions in Conversation, Claremont, CA, February 21.
- 2013 “Psychoanalysis & Piety.” Paper presented at Subverting the Norm, Springfield, MO, April 5.

DISSERTATION

Resonance Machines After the Criticism of Heaven: Psychoanalytic Discourse, Political Populism, & Theologies of Anxiety

Full pass of defense with distinction, September 14, 2016

COMMITTEE

Ingolf U. Dalferth, Ph.D. (Chair)
 Philip Clayton, Ph.D.
 Henry Krips, Ph.D.

QUALIFYING EXAMINATIONS

19th Century Philosophical, Religious, & Theological Thought

20th Century Philosophical, Religious, & Theological Thought

Classical Theology (Patristic and Medieval/Reformation)

Dissertation Material: Psychoanalytic Theory, Queer Theory, and Gender

TEACHING HISTORY

2019 – Present Assistant Professor – Fixed Term
 Michigan State University
 REL 413: Jewish Philosophy (scheduled for spring 2020)

2019 – Present Affiliate Faculty
 Red Rocks Community College
 PHI 214: Philosophy of Religion (1 Section)

2017 – Present Affiliate Faculty
 Metropolitan State University of Denver
 PHI 1030: Introduction to Ethics (3 Sections)

PHI 3360: Business Ethics (10 Sections)

2017 – Present Affiliate Faculty
Front Range Community College

PHI 114: Comparative Religions (2 Sections)

PHI 214: Philosophy of Religion (2 Sections)

PHI 111: Introduction to Philosophy (3 Sections)

PHI 112: Ethics (1 Section)

2017 – Present Affiliate Faculty
Colorado Community Colleges Online

PHI 113: Logic (3 Section)

PHI 218: Environmental Ethics (3 Sections)

2015 – 2016 Affiliate Faculty
California Lutheran University

REL 300: Exploring Biblical Traditions (1 Section)

REL 100: Introduction to Christianity (3 Sections)

2015 Teaching Assistant
Azusa Pacific University

THEO 303, Theology and the Christian Life (1 Section)

2014 Teaching Assistant
Crafton Hills College

RELIG 100: Introduction to Religious Studies (1 Section)

2014 Teaching Assistant
Chaffey College

PHI 76: Critical Thinking (1 Section)

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

2012 – 2016 Doctoral Fellowship, Claremont Graduate University

2016 Travel & Material Award

- 2010 – 2012 Dunavant Reeves Scholarship, Fuller Theological Seminary
2004 – 2009 Presidential Scholarship, University of Central Arkansas
2004 Daniel Woods Memorial Award for community service

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- American Academy of Religion
American Philosophical Association

SERVICE

- 2019 – Present Curriculum development and assessment committee member. Front Range Community College
2017 – 2018 Program coordinator. Created forums for community discussion of philosophy, literature, immigration, politics in collaboration with Denver faculty colleagues. CRI
2016 – 2017 Workshop and curriculum design. Coordinated and implemented multi-departmental writing workshops. California Lutheran University
2013 – 2014 Executive board member. Society for Philosophy of Religion, Claremont Graduate University

FIELD WORK

- 2015 Tel Akko archaeological excavation, Akko, Israel

RESEARCH LANGUAGES

- German
French
Greek
Hebrew
Spanish

OUTREACH AND MEDIA COVERAGE

- 2019 “Against with Tad DeLay.” *The Magnificast*, July 25
2019 “Tad DeLay.” *(E)strange(D)*, July 24

- 2019 “God After Sovereignty.” *Everyone Is Talking About God*, March 31
- 2019 “Special Edition with Tad DeLay.” *Central Avenue*, February 7
- 2019 Research consultant for Levin, Dan. “Everyone Was Taught to Be Accepting.” *The New York Times*, January 29, 2019. <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/01/29/us/christian-schools-students.htm>.
- 2018 “Tad DeLay on Psychoanalysis, Religion, and Politics.” *Poststructuralist Tent Revival*, November 26
- 2018 “An Interview with Tad DeLay, Ph.D.” *Dissertating*, November 8
- 2018 “Robyn Henderson-Espinoza and Tad DeLay.” *Catacombic Machine*, July 13
- 2018 “Tad DeLay.” *Everyone is Talking about God*, July 2
- 2018 “Unconscious Theology in Political Tension, Part II.” *Brew Theology*, April 9
- 2018 “Unconscious Theology in Political Tension, Part I.” *Brew Theology*, April 2
- 2018 “The Cynic and the Fool.” *Deconstructionists*, February 20
- 2017 “The Cynic and the Fool.” *Catacombic Machine*, June 28
- 2016 “Anxiety At the Base of Belief.” *Spark My Muse*, August 12
- 2016 “Faith Fetish, and the Unconscious God.” *Deconstructionists*, May 4
- 2015 “Interview with Tad DeLay.” *Life After God*, December 2
- 2015 “God Is Unconscious.” *Catacombic Machine*, June 17
- 2015 “God Is Unconscious with Tad DeLay.” *Homebrewed Christianity*, April 23

REFERENCES

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