

# Tad DeLay

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## EDUCATION

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- 2016 Ph.D. Religion, Claremont Graduate University  
Concentration A: Continental Philosophy  
Concentration B: 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

19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century continental philosophy, American religious traditions, philosophy of religion, psychoanalytic theory, 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

## CURRENT APPOINTMENTS

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- 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

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### MONOGRAPHS

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.

### MONOGRAPHS IN PRESS

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

## **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* (forthcoming 2019).

## **MISCELLANEOUS PUBLICATIONS**

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

## **INVITED TALKS**

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### **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 Archaeology and Origins of Hominid Ritual, Political Theology and the Capitalist Resonance Machine. Keynote lectures, Basking Ridge, July 12–15.
- 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**

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- 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.

## DISSERTATION

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*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

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19<sup>th</sup> Century Philosophical, Religious, & Theological Thought

20<sup>th</sup> Century Philosophical, Religious, & Theological Thought

Classical Theology (Patristic and Medieval/Reformation)

Dissertation Material: Psychoanalytic Theory, Queer Theory, and Gender

## TEACHING HISTORY

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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 214: Philosophy of Religion (1 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**

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2012 – 2016 Doctoral Fellowship, Claremont Graduate University

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**

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American Academy of Religion

American Philosophical Association

## **SERVICE**

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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**

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2015 Tel Akko archaeological excavation, Akko, Israel

## RESEARCH LANGUAGES

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German

French

Greek

Hebrew

Spanish

## Media Interviews

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- 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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