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EDUCATION

- 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

19th and 20th 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 EMPLOYMENT

- 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

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

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

- 2017 “What Does the Populist Want?: On the Enjoyment of Rhetoric, Ideology, and Political Movement.” Paper presented at LACK, Colorado Springs, CO, October 2017.
- 2016 “Populism and the Evangelical-capitalist Resonance Machine.” Paper presented at Recovering the Unconscious, Denver, CO, October 2016.
- 2016 “Social Media and the Politics of Populism.” Paper presented at LACK, Colorado Springs, CO, April 2016.
- 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 2015.
- 2015 “Anxiety and Emptiness: Psychopathology as Expressed in Religion and Art.” Paper presented at Religions in Conversation, Claremont, CA, February 2015.
- 2014 “Schism and Heterosexism: The Anglican Realignment.” Paper presented at American Academy of Religion, Los Angeles, CA, March 2014.

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

2017 – Present	Affiliate Faculty Metropolitan State University of Denver PHI 1030: Introduction to Ethics (2 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 (2 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
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

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 Greek (Koine)

French Hebrew

Spanish

Media Interviews

- 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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