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Special Fields: *Research:* F. W. J. Schelling, J. G. Fichte, G. W. F. Hegel, Buddhist Philosophy.

Degrees: A.B., Marquette University, *summa cum laude*, 1966
M.A., Marquette University, 1968
Ph.D., Yale University, 1971

Academic Experience:

Assistant Professor, Marquette University, 1971-1978.
Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Summer 1974.
Associate Professor, Marquette University, 1978-2006.
Associate Professor, Retired, Marquette University, 2006-present.
Lecturer, Marquette University Honors Program, 2006-2008, 2013.
Lecturer, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, College of Health Sciences,
Department of Sports and Recreation Outreach, 2006-2010.

PUBLICATIONS

Books, Monographs and Translations (in Print).

The Philosophical Rupture between Fichte and Schelling: Selected Texts and Correspondence, 1800-1802, edited and translated by David W. Wood and Michael Vater. Albany: SUNY Press, 2012.
Paperback edition, 2013.

Hegel's Phenomenology of Spirit: New Critical Essays, edited by Alfred Denker and Michael Vater. Amherst, N.Y.: Humanity Books, 2003. Pp. 359.

Translations, with scholarly annotation: F. W. J. Schelling, *Presentation of My System of Philosophy (1801)* and *Further Presentations from the System of Philosophy (1802)*, In *Philosophical Forum*, XXXI No. 4, Winter 2001, pp. 339-397.

Schelling: Zwischen Fichte und Hegel, edited by Christoph Asmuth, Alfred Denker & Michael Vater. Amsterdam and Philadelphia, Grüner/ Benjamin, 2000. 426 + ix.

F. W. J. Schelling, *Bruno, or On the Natural and the Divine Principle of Things*, edited, translated with introduction and notes by Michael G. Vater. Albany: State University of New York Press, 1984.

Book Chapters (in Print).

“Kant after Kant: the Indispensable Philosopher.” In *the Palgrave Kant Handbook*. Ed. Matthew C. Altman. London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2017. 731-60.

“Ultimate Concern and Finitude: Schelling’s Philosophy of Religion and Paul Tillich’s *Systematic Theology*.” *Philosophy & Theology* 29, 2 (2017): 381-395.

“‘In and of itself, nothing is finite’: Schelling’s Nature- or So-Called Identity- Philosophy.” In *Kant, Fichte, and the Legacy of Transcendental Idealism*, ed. Halle Kim & Steven Hoeltzl . Lanham,MD: Lexington Books, 2015, pp. 191-212.

“Did Schelling Misunderstand Fichte’s Transcendental Method?” In *Fichte and Transcendental Philosophy*, ed. Tom Rockmore & Daniel Breazeale. Hampshire, New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2014, pp. 257-272.

“Religion beyond the Limits of Criticism,” in *The Palgrave Encyclopedia of German Idealism*, edited by Matthew C. Altman. Chapter 24. New York: Palgrave-Macmillan, 2014, pp. 499-517.

“Friedrich Wilhelm Joseph von Schelling,” In *Encyclopedia of Aesthetics*, ed., Michael Kelly. New York, Oxford University Press, 1998, Vol. 4, 220-24. 2nd edition, 2014.

“Bringing Nature to Light: Schelling’s *Naturphilosophie* in the Early System of Identity,” in *Analecta Hermetica*, ed. Bruce Matthews. Vol. 5 (Autumn, 2014). 1- 15.

“*Erkenntnis* and *Interesse*: Schelling’s *System of Transcendental Idealism* and Fichte’s *Vocation of Man*, in *Essays on Fichte’s Vocation of Man*, eds. D. Breazeale & Tom Rockmore. Albany: SUNY Press, 2013, pp. 255-72.

“Schelling’s Philosophy of Identity and Spinoza’s *Ethica more geometrico*,” in *Spinoza and German Idealism*, eds. Eckart Förster & Yitzak Malamed. Cambridge & New York: Cambridge University Press, 2012, pp. 156-74.

“Philosophy on the Track of Freedom or “*Systematizing Systemlessness*”: Novalis’s Reflections on the *Wissenschaftslehre*, 1795-1796,” in *Fichte, German Idealism, and Early Romanticism*, eds. Daniel Breazeale & Tom Rockmore. Fichte Studien Supplementa, Bd. 24. Amsterdam & New York: Rodopi, 2010, pp. 287-299.

“Friedrich Schelling,” *The History of Western Philosophy of Religion*, ed., Grahm Oppy and Nick Trakakis, Vo. 4, *Nineteenth Century Philosophy of Religion*, Chapter 5. New York: Oxford University Press, 2009, pp. 61-79.

“Schelling’s Aphorisms on Natural Right (1796/97): a Comparison with Fichte’s *Grundlage des Naturrechts*,” in *Justice, Embodiment, Punishment, and Sex: New Essays on Fichte’s Foundations of Natural Rights*, ed. T. Rockmore and D. Breazeale . London: Ashgate, 2006, pp. 195-211.

“The ‘Night Absolute’, Emptiness, and *Ungrund*: Schelling and Nagarjuna” In *The New Schelling*, ed. Judith Norman and Alistair Welchman. New York and London: Continuum, April, 2004, pp. 190-209.

"Introduction," *Hegel’s Phenomenology of Spirit: New Critical Essays*, ed. Alfred Denker and Michael Vater. Amherst, N. Y.: Humanity Books, 2003, pp. 7-20.

“Schelling in Hegel’s *Phenomenology: Verstand, Vernunft, Wissen*,” in *Hegel’s Phenomenology of Spirit: New Critical Essays*, ed. Alfred Denker and Michael Vater. Amherst, N.Y.: Humanity Books, 2003, pp. 139-168.

“Schelling’s *Vom Ich* as a Reading of Fichte’s *Grundlage des gesamten Wissenschaftslehre*” In *New Studies in the Foundations of Transcendental Philosophy*, ed. Tom Rockmore & Daniel Breazeale. Amherst, N.Y.: Humanity Books, 2001, 183-96.

“Intellectual Intuition in Schelling (1804),” in *Schelling Zwischen Fichte und Hegel*, hsg. Christoph Asmuth, Alfred Denker & Michael Vater. Amsterdam & Philadelphia, Grüner/Benjamin, 2000, 213-34.

“Friedrich Wilhelm Joseph von Schelling,” In *Encyclopedia of Aesthetics*, ed., Michael Kelly. New York: Oxford University Press, 1998, Vol. 4, 220-24.

“Thought and Being: the Beginnings of Wissenschaft {slehre} in Hegel and Fichte, 1812,” in *Fichte: New Perspectives*, ed. T. Rockmore and D. Breazeale. New Jersey: Humanities, 1996, 107-126.

“The *Wissenschaftslehre* of 1801-02,” In *Fichte: Historical Contexts/Contemporary Problem*, ed. D. Breazeale and T. Rockmore. Atlantic Highlands, N.J.: Humanities Press, 1994, 191-210.

“Religion, Worldliness and *Sittlichkeit*,” In *New Perspectives in Hegel’s Philosophy of Religion*,” ed. D. Kolb. Albany, State University of New York Press, 1992, 201-216.

“Introduction,” F. W. J. Schelling, *System of Transcendental Idealism*, tr. P. Heath. (Charlottesville, University Press of Virginia, 1978) xi-xxxvi. Paper edition, 1993.

“Schelling’s Neoplatonic System Notion,” in *The Significance of Neoplatonism*, ed. R. Harris. Norfolk: International Society for Neoplatonic Studies, 1976, 275-99.

Book Chapters (in Press).

“Fichte and Schelling,” in *Essays on Fichte’s Lectures on the Vocation of the Scholar*, eds. H. Zabarowski, A. Denker, & J. Kinlaw. Hamburg: Felix Meiner, *forthcoming*.

“Reason and Agency in Kant and Fichte,” in *Revista de Estudios sobre Fichte*, volume 16 or 17, eds. Tom Rockmore and Halla Kim., *forthcoming*.

“Freedom’s Body: Fichte’s Account of Nature,” in *The Bloomsbury Companion to Fichte*. Ed. Marina F. Bykova. London: Bloomsbury, *forthcoming*.

“Schelling and Sprnoza,” in *Palgrave Schelling Handbook*, eds. Sean McGrath & Kyla Bruff. London: Palgrave, *forthcoming*.

“Plato’s Cave or Escher’s Staircase: Fichte’s *Instruction for the Blissful Life* (1806),” in *Logologia: Fichte’s Philosophy of Religion*, eds. David W. Wood and Yolanda Estes. London: Routledge, *forthcoming*.

F.W.J. Schelling, "Creation" (13) and "Revelation" (23) chapters from *Philosophy of Revelation 1841/42*, tr. Joseph Carew and Michael Vater, in *The Bloomsbury Schelling Reader*, ed. Daniel Whistler and Benjamin Berger. London Bloomsbury, *forthcoming*.

Articles (in Print).

"Reconfiguring Identity in Schelling's *Würzburg System*, in *Schelling Studien*, Vol. 2 (Autumn, 2014), pp. 127-144.

Critical review of Günter Zöllner, *Transcendental Philosophy: the Original Duplicity of Intelligence and Will*, in *Fichte Studien*, Bd. 25 (November, 2005), 216-228.

"The Construction of Nature 'Through a Dark, Unreflected Intuition,'" In *Fichte Studien*, edited by Wolfgang Schrader, Vol. 11 (October 1997) 1-11.

"Report on the Fourth Biennial Meeting of the North American Fichte Society," In *Owl of Minerva*, Vol. 28, No. 2 (Spring 1997) 227-232.

"Hymns to the Night: A Reply to H.S. Harris's 'Cows in the Night,'" *Dialogue (Canada)* XXVI (1987) 645-652.

"Reply to Prof. Marti's 'The Last Objectivism Adds an Actor to a Given Act,'" *Owl of Minerva* 15 (1984), 153-57.

"The Human Mind as 'Idea' in the Platonic Tradition and in Spinoza," *Diotima*, Vol. 8 (1980), 134-43.

"Heidegger and Schelling: The Finitude of Being," *Idealistic Studies*, Vol. V, No. 1 (Jan. 1975) 20-58.

Book Reviews (in Print).

John Russon, *Infinite Phenomenology: the Lessons of Hegel's Science of Experience*, Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews, June 10, 2016.

Tom Rockmore and Daniel Breazeale, eds., *New Essays on Fichte's Later Jena Wissenschaftslehre*, In *Notre Dame Philosophical Review*, April 2004.

Theis Schoeder, *Natur als Idee: Begründung und Aktualität des Naturbegriffs unter kritischer Berücksichtigung der Naturphilosophie Schellings*, in *Bulletin of the Hegel Society of Great Britain*, No. 43/44, 2001, 99-104,

Paola Mayer, *Jena Romanticism and the Appropriation of Jakob Böhme*, for *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, April 2001, XXX: no. 2, 307-08.

Edward Allen Beach, *The Potencies of God(s): Schelling's Philosophy of Mythology*, in *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, 35, No. 3 (July 1997), 474-76.

Keith May, *Nietzsche on Knowledge and Wisdom*. In *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 33, No. 2 (April 1995) 354-56.

Bernhard Barth, *Schelling's Philosophie der Kunst*. In *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 31:4 (October 1993) 628-29.

Schopenhauer: Essays in Honor of His 200th Birthday, ed. Eric von der Luft. In *Philosophy of Religion* 29 (1991) 53-54.

Martin Heidegger, *Schelling's Treatise on the Essence of Human Freedom*, tr. Joan Stambaugh. In *The Philosophical Review*, Vol. XCVII, No. 2 (April 1989) 260-62.

Hegel's Recollection: A Study of Images in Hegel's Phenomenology, by Donald Verene. In *Modern Schoolman* LXVII (Nov. 1989) 73-75.

Werner Marx, *The Philosophy of F. W. J. Schelling: History, System, and Freedom* and Alan White, *Schelling: An Introduction to the System of Freedom*. In *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, Vol. XXV, No. 2 (April 1987) 302-04.

Stuart Brown, *Leibniz*. In *Modern Schoolman*, Vol. 65 (Nov. 1987) 63-4.

Alan White, *Absolute Knowledge: Hegel and the Problem of Metaphysics*. In *Modern Schoolman*, LXIV (Nov. 1986), 70-72.

Henry Harris, *Hegel's Development: Night Thoughts (Jena 1801-1806)*. In *Owl of Minerva*, Vol. 17, No. 1 (Fall 1985), 59-63.

Schelling: Seine Bedeutung für eine Philosophie der Natur und der Geschichte, ed. Ludwig Hasler. In *Owl of Minerva* (Spring 1984).

Frederick Copleston, *On the History of Philosophy*. In *Review of Metaphysics* XXXVI, No. 3 (March 1982) 700-01.

Robert Brown, *The Later Philosophy of Schelling*. In *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, Vol. 18, No. 4 (1981) 483-85. Also reviewed the same in *International Journal for the Philosophy of Religion*, Vol. 11 (1980) 249-250.

F. W. J. Schelling, *The Unconditional in Human Knowledge*, tr. Fritz Marti. In *The Thomist*, Vol. 45, No. 2 (Sept. 1981) 326-29.

Werner Marx, *Schelling: System, Geschichte, Freiheit*. In *Owl of Minerva*, Vol. 11, No. 1 (Sept. 1979), 6-10.

F. G. Nauen, *Revolution, Idealism and Human Freedom*. In *Owl of Minerva*, Vol. 5, No.3, 6-7.

Joseph Bracken, *Freiheit und Kausalität*. In *Modern Schoolman* (Nov. 1975), 59-60.

Paul Tillich, *The Construction of the History of Religion in Schelling's Positive Philosophy, and Mysticism and Guilt-Consciousness*. In *Owl of Minerva*, December, 975.

CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECTS

Oxford Bibliographies: Schelling. (2018).

Edition and translation, along with Joseph Carew of F.W.J. Schelling's *Philosophie der Offenbarung (1841/42)*.

OTHER SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES (Selected).

Presented "Reason and Agency in Kant and Fichte," at the Thirteenth Biennial Meeting of the North American Fichte Society, Sogang University, Seoul, Korea, May24-27. 2017

Presented "Kant after Kant: the Indispensable Philosophy," at Marquette University Philosophy Colloquium, October 30, 2015.

Presented "Decisiveness or Extinction: Can Schelling Offer Resources for Averting the 'Sixth Extinction,'" at the 3rd annual meeting of the Schelling Society of North America, Bard College, New York City, August 2014.

Presented "Ultimate Concern and Finitude: Schelling's Philosophy of Religion and Paul Tillich's Systematic Theology," at the 2nd annual meeting of the Schelling Society of North America, Western Ontario University, August 2013.

Presented "Time as Metric and Experience: the Construction of Time in Kant, Fichte and Husserl," at 7th Biennial Meeting of the North American Fichte Society, Vienna, Austria, March 2006.

Presented "Philosophy and Poesy: Schelling's Flirtation with an Aesthetic Metaphysics" at *Literature and Philosophy after Kant* Conference, George Mason University, June 2004.

Presented "Philosophy on the Track of Freedom: Systematizing Systemlessness: Novalis's Reflections on the *Wissenschaftslehre*" at 6th biennial meeting of the North American Fichte Society, St. Joseph University, Philadelphia, April 2004.

Presented "Throwing Acid on the Absolute: Logic and Allegory as Reagent for the Experiment of Philosophy in Schelling and Friedrich Schegel, 1800" in the Group Session: *Romanticism and Intermediality*. 26th Conference of the International Association for Philosophy and Literature . Erasmus University of Rotterdam, June 2002.

Presented "The Birthpangs of Humankind: Schelling's Philosophy of Religion," Mississippi State University series on philosophy of religion. March, 2002.

Participant in NEH Institute: "Reevaluating German Romanticism: Nature, Art and Politics after Kant," directed by Karl Ameriks & Jane Kneller, Colorado State University, June-July 2001.

Presented "Schelling in Hegel's Phenomenology: *Gewissheit, Gewissen, Wissen*" at conference on Hegel's Phenomenology, Pont de Cirou, France, Sept. 11, 1998.

Presented "Agility and Action: the Construction of the I in Fichte's *Wissenschaftslehre nova methodo* and

Nagarjuna's *Seventy Stanzas on Emptiness*" at North American Fichte Society, Marquette University, March 1997.

Presented "Intellectual Intuition in Schelling (1804)," Pont de Cirou Schelling Conference, November 1, 1996.

Presented "The Construction of Nature through a Dark, Unreflected Intuition," at *Die Philosophie Johann Gottlieb Fichte: 200 Jahre Wissenschaftslehre*, Jena, Germany, 28 September 1994.

Presented "Thought and Being: the Beginning of Wissenschaft[slehre] in Hegel and Fichte, 1812," at North American Fichte Society, University of Denver, Denver, CO, March 1993.

"The *Wissenschaftslehre* of 1801-02," read at the first biennial meeting of the Fichte Society of North America, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh PA, March 1991.

"Religion, Worldliness, and Sittlichkeit," read at the Eleventh Biennial Meeting of the Hegel Society of America, McGill University, Montreal, Canada, October 12 1990.

"Hymns to the Night," read in a symposium on Hegel and Schelling in Jena at the 30th Annual Congress of the Canadian Philosophical Association, Winnipeg, Manitoba, 26-28 May 1986.

"The Human Mind as 'Idea' in the Platonic Tradition and in Spinoza," presented at International Conference on Greek Philosophy and Culture, Chios, Greece, September 1977.

"Schelling's Neoplatonic System-Notion," read at the Conference on Neoplatonism and Contemporary Philosophy, Eastern Kentucky University, 17-19 May, 1973.

TEACHING

Graduate Courses Taught.

Phil 201: Plato

Phil 202: Aristotle

Phil 209: Text-Seminar in Ancient Philosophy: Plato's *Parmenides*

Phil 227: Post-Cartesian Rationalism

Phil 232: Kant

Phil 233: Hegel

Phil 254: Text-Seminar on Nineteenth Century Philosophy: Fichte and Schelling

Phil 254: Text-Seminar on Nineteenth Century Philosophy: Schelling

Phil 254: Text-Seminar on Nineteenth Century Philosophy, "Schopenhauer and Nietzsche"

Phil 254: Text-Seminar on Nineteenth Century Philosophy, "Hegel's *Logic*"

Phil 280: Problems in Metaphysics

Phil 289: German Phenomenology and Existentialism

Phil 291: Text-Seminar in Twentieth-Century Philosophy: Foucault

Phil 295: Independent Study, "Nineteenth Century German Idealism"

Phil 301: Seminar, "Environmental Philosophy"

Phil 301: Seminar, "Buddhist Philosophy"

Phil 301: Seminar, "Kant's Practical Philosophy"

Phil 301: Seminar, "Political Philosophy"

Undergraduate Courses Taught.

Phil 001: Logic
Phil 050: Philosophy of Human Nature
Phil 099: Symbolic Logic
Phil 102: Metaphysics
Phil 104: Theory of Ethics
Phil 105: Contemporary Ethical Problems
Phil 112: Ancient Philosophy
Phil 114: Modern Philosophy
Phil 117: Nineteenth Century German Philosophy
Phil 132: Environmental Philosophy
Phil 142: Philosophy of Knowledge
Phil 150: Marx and Marxism
Phil 160: Existentialism
Phil 188: Eastern Philosophies
Phil 190: Special Questions in Philosophy, "Environmental Philosophy"
Phil 190: Special Questions in Philosophy, "Philosophy East and West"
Phil 190: Special Questions in Philosophy, "Environmental Ethics in Argument and Literature"
Phil 190: Special Questions in Philosophy, "German Romanticism" (team taught)
Phil 190: Special Questions in Philosophy, "Crisis and the Formation of Values"
Phil 190: Special Questions in Philosophy, "The God of Philosophers"
Phil 190: Special Questions in Philosophy, "Philosophy and Literature"
Phil 196: Undergraduate Seminar, "Rebuilding Plato's Republic"
Phil 196: Undergraduate Seminar, "A Normative Foundation for Human Equality?"
Phil 196: Undergraduate Seminar, "Buddhist Metaphysics and Morals"
Phil 196: Undergraduate Seminar, "Emotion, Thought, Awareness: Buddhist Philosophy of Mind"
Phil 196: Undergraduate Seminar, "Freedom, Addiction, and Recovery"
ARSC 120: The Environment and the City
HOPR 020: Interdependence: Exploring Buddhist Meditation
HOPR 020: Taoist Meditation and Yoga

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

American Philosophical Association, Central Division
Hegel Society of America
Hegel Society of Great Britain
International Society for Neoplatonic Studies
North American Fichte Society
International Society for Environmental Ethics
International Association for Philosophy and Literature

HONORS, AWARDS, GRANTS

Membership in Alpha Sigma Nu, Jesuit Honorary, 1965
Outstanding Scholar, Arts and Sciences, 1966
Woodrow Wilson Graduate Fellowship, 1966-1967
Danforth Graduate Fellowship, 1966-1971
Summer Faculty Fellowships, Marquette, 1983, 1976

Membership in Delta Phi Alpha, German Honorary, 1987
Travel Grant for Conference on Hegel's *Phenomenology*, ACLS September 1997