

Iaan Reynolds

Curriculum Vitae

Utah Valley University, Department of Philosophy and Humanities
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Areas of Specialization: Continental Philosophy (esp. Critical Theory and Phenomenology), Social and Political Philosophy

Areas of Competence: Anti-Colonial Philosophy, Early Modern Philosophy, Philosophy of the Social Sciences

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor of Philosophy (2022-present)

Utah Valley University, Department of Philosophy & Humanities

- Affiliated Faculty, Peace and Justice Studies Program

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Philosophy, Villanova University (2021)

Thesis: "Ideology, Critique, and Political Education"

Committee: Yannik Thiem (Columbia University, Director), Julie Klein, Georg Theiner, Robin Celikates (Freie Universität Berlin)

M.A., Philosophy, Villanova University (2016)

B.A., Philosophy (*summa cum laude*), George Washington University (2013)

PUBLICATIONS

Book

Education for Political Life: Critique, Theory and Practice in Karl Mannheim's Sociology of Knowledge.
Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2023.

- Reviewed by Cara S. Greene in the *Marx & Philosophy Review of Books* (April 2025)

Edited Journal Issues

[in progress] Iaan Reynolds, Christian Lotz, and Marco Cavallaro (eds.), "Ideology and Materialism in Critical and Political Phenomenology," Special Issue of *Puncta: Journal of Critical Phenomenology*, expected 2027.

[2] Iaan Reynolds, Sarah LaChance Adams, and Nic Cottone (eds.), "Solidarity," Conference Special Issue of *Radical Philosophy Review* 29(1), 2026. (248 pp.)

[1] Delia Popa and Iaan Reynolds (eds.), "Critical Phenomenology?" Special Issue of *Studia UBB. Philosophia* 66(1), 2021. (132 pp.)

Journal Articles

[forthcoming] "Breaking the Spell: Husserl and Adorno on the Historical Sense of Experience," final version accepted by *Continental Philosophy Review*

- [forthcoming] “The Infinite Task and the Unhappened Past. The Critique of Tradition in Benjamin and Husserl,” final version accepted by *Phänomenologische Forschungen*
- [9] “Method and its Other: Adorno’s Challenge to Phenomenology,” *Philosophy & Social Criticism* (online first: <https://doi.org/10.1177/01914537251349112>), 2025.
- [8] “Climate Change and the Irrational Society” (with Larry Busk), *Theory & Event* 26(3): 559-575, 2023.
- [7] “Violence, Education, and the Tradition of the Oppressed in Benjamin and Du Bois,” *Radical Philosophy Review* 26(1): 41-65, 2023.
- [6] “The Critique of Social Reason in the Popper-Adorno Debate,” *History of the Human Sciences* 36(3-4): 260-282, 2023.
- [5] “The Sociologist of Knowledge in the Positivism Dispute,” *Distinktion: Journal of Social Theory* 24(1): 133-155, 2023.
- [4] “Ambivalent Identifications: Narcissism, Melancholia, and Sublimation” (with Delia Popa), *Consecutio Rerum: Rivista critica della Postmodernità* 11(6): 161-186, 2022.
- [3] “Immediacy and Experience in Lukács’ Theory of Reification,” *Metodo: International Studies in Phenomenology and Philosophy* 9(2): 89-119, 2021.
- [2] “The Dialectic of Progress and the Cultivation of Resistance in Critical Social Theory,” *Social Epistemology: A Journal of Knowledge, Culture, and Policy* 40(4): 428-439, 2026 (published online in 2021).
- [1] “Critical Phenomenology and Phenomenological Critique” (with Delia Popa), *Studia UBB. Philosophia* 66(1): 7-20, 2021.

Book Chapters

- [forthcoming] “Ontology, Need, and the Negative *Lebenswelt*,” final version accepted for an edited volume on the philosophy of Enzo Paci
- [3] “Reification, Labor, and Dialectic: Adorno’s Social Critique of Husserlian Phenomenology,” in *Doing a Phenomenology of Political Life: Social Critique, Sense-Institution, and Political Emancipation*, edited by Andreea Smaranda Aldea and Delia Popa (Cham: Springer, 2025): 361-379.
- [2] “Beyond the Death-Drive: Psychoanalysis and Social Critique” (with Delia Popa), in *Sigmund Freud as a Critical Social Theorist: Psychoanalysis and the Neurotic in Contemporary Society*, edited by Dustin J. Byrd and Seyed Javad Miri (Leiden: Brill, 2024): 269-295.
- [1] “Abstraction and Self-Alienation in Mannheim and Husserl,” in *Thinking Togetherness. Phenomenology and Sociality*, edited by Andrej Božič (Ljubljana: Institute Nova Revija for the Humanities, 2023): 31-44.

Translation

- [forthcoming] “The Revolutionary Aporia,” translation of Marc Richir’s “L’aporie révolutionnaire,” final version accepted by *Parrhesia: A Journal of Critical Philosophy*

Book Reviews

- [7] “The Wrong of Law and Marx’s Second Secret,” in *Critical Legal Thinking*, Symposium on Valerie Kerruish’s *The Wrong of Law*, 2026.
- [6] “Review of Banu Bargu, *Disembodiment: Corporeal Politics of Radical Refusal*,” in *Symposium: Canadian Journal of Continental Philosophy*, 2025.

- [5] “Revisiting the Frankfurt School’s Engagements with Phenomenology,” review essay on Christian Ferencz-Flatz, *Critical Theory and Phenomenology: Polemics, Appropriations, Perspectives, Puncta: Journal of Critical Phenomenology* 7(3): 35-42, 2024.
- [4] “Review of Duy Lap Nguyen, *Walter Benjamin and the Critique of Political Economy: A New Historical Materialism*,” *Marx & Philosophy Review of Books*, 2023.
 - Spanish translation published in: *Constelaciones: Revista de Teoría Crítica* 15: 683-687, 2023.
- [3] “Love, Mourning, and the Speculative Philosophy of Praxis,” review of Daniel Andrés López, *Lukács: Praxis and the Absolute*, *Radical Philosophy Review* 26(1): 169-173, 2023.
- [2] “Review of Sebastian Truskolaski, *Adorno and the Ban on Images*,” *Marx & Philosophy Review of Books*, 2021.
- [1] “Review of Charles A. Prusik, *Adorno and Neoliberalism: The Critique of Exchange Society*,” *Marx & Philosophy Review of Books*, 2021.

Other Publications

- [4] “Writing and Reading Philosophy,” featured Syllabus Showcase post, *Blog of the APA*, July 2026.
- [3] “Guest Editor’s Introduction” (with Sarah LaChance Adams and Nic Cottone), *Radical Philosophy Review* 29(1): iii-v, 2026.
- [2] “Interview with Banu Bargu on: *Disembodiment: Corporeal Politics of Radical Refusal*” (with Banu Bargu, Mclain Connors, Rowan Hadlock, Clayton Hooper, Chance Martin, Ethan Montano, Alaina Sapp). *Radical Philosophy Review* 29(1): 223-248, 2026.
- [1] “Critique Without Normative Foundations: Response to Vogelmann and Prusik,” *Social Epistemology Review and Reply Collective* 11(8): 8-17, 2022.

In Progress

“Phenomenology and Politics,” translation of Marc Richir’s “Phénoménologie et politique”

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks

- “La crise et les besoins précatégoriaux chez Paci, Heller et Adorno,” invited talk at *Deuxième Colloque du Groupement de Recherche en Théorie Critique*, Université de Reims Champagne-Ardenne, France, May 2026.
- “Breaking the Spell: Husserl and Adorno on the Historical Sense of Experience,” invited talk at the *Intercontinental Phenomenology Research Seminar*, Online, October 2025.
- “‘Education, Tradition, and Habit’: Ideology and Culture in Adorno’s Critique of Phenomenology,” invited talk at *To the Things Themselves – Critical Phenomenology and Culture*, Universidade de Lisboa, Portugal, May 2023.
- “The Social Dimension of Critical Phenomenology,” invited talk at Leiden Center for Continental Philosophy, Leiden University, Netherlands, March 2023.
- “La dimension sociale de la phénoménologie critique,” invited talk at Collège Thomas More, UC Louvain, Belgium. March 2023.

Book Presentations and Commentaries

- “Education and Second-Order Domination,” invited commentary on Massimiliano Tomba, *Revolution and Restoration: The Politics of Anachronism*, at the Western Political Science Association, San Diego, CA, April 2026.
- “Response to Critics,” at an author-meets-critics panel on *Education for Political Life*, at the 16th biennial Conference of the Radical Philosophy Association (RPA), Salt Lake City, UT, October 2024.
- “Essence and Appearance in the Critique of Political Economy,” commentary at an author-meets-critics panel on Jeanne Schuler and Patrick Murray’s *Philosophical and Political Consequences of the Critique of Political Economy* (Springer, 2023), at the 16th biennial Conference of the Radical Philosophy Association (RPA), Salt Lake City, UT, October 2024.
- “Karl Mannheim’s Sociology of Knowledge,” invited book presentation, Utah Valley University Faculty Book Panel, March 2024.
- “The Role of Race in the Path to a Nonracist Society,” invited commentary on Lorenzo Simpson, *Hermeneutics as Critique: Science, Politics, Race, and Culture*, at the North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics (NASPH) Conference, Online, October 2021.

Selected Conference Presentations

- “Capital’s Logic of Appearance,” at the 17th biennial Conference of the Radical Philosophy Association (RPA), Claremont, California, October 2026.
- “Breaking the Spell: Husserl and Adorno on the Sense of History,” at *The International Symposium in Phenomenology*, Perugia, Italy, July 2025.
- “Rationality and Teleology in Enzo Paci’s Concept of Society,” at 8th Annual Conference of the Society for Italian Philosophy (SIP), SUNY Stony Brook, Stony Brook, NY, March 2025.
- “‘To Liberate the Future from Its Deformed Existence in the Womb of the Present’: Political Education in Kant and Benjamin”
 - at *The Future: Meeting of the History of Philosophy Society*, Seattle, Washington, April 2024.
 - at the *Intermountain Philosophy Conference*, Provo, Utah, April 2024.
- “The Secret Agreement between Generations: Thinking with Benjamin and Kant on History,” talk at *The International Symposium in Phenomenology*, Perugia, Italy, July 2023.
- “Ideology, Sensibility, and Social Critique in Adorno and Merleau-Ponty,” at the *Intermountain Philosophy Conference*, Ogden, UT, March 2023.
- “Structure and Sense: Reflections on Social Critique in Adorno and Merleau-Ponty,”
 - at the 15th biennial Conference of the Radical Philosophy Association (RPA), Jacksonville, Florida, November 2022.
 - at *Merleau-Ponty: Institution—Ontology—Politics*, Universidade de Lisboa, Lisbon, September 2022.
- “The Formative Role of the Party in Lukács’ Philosophy of Praxis,” at *Radical Philosophy Association’s Radical Philosophy Hour*, Online, May 2022.
- “Distance and Detachment in Phenomenology and the Sociology of Intellectuals,” at the 6th Conference of the Central and East European Society for Phenomenology (CEESP), Online, December 2021.
- “Education, Violence, and the Lure of Crisis,” at the *Radical Philosophy Association (RPA) Conference*, Online, November 2021.
- “Critical Political Education as the Practice of Freedom,” at *Prague Philosophy and Social Sciences Colloquium*, Online, May 2021.

- “‘Struggle is a School’: Ideology Critique as Political Education,” at the *60th Annual Meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP)*, Online, September 2021.
- “Three Modes of Social Critique: Popper, Adorno, Mannheim,”
- at the *American Philosophical Association (APA) Eastern Division Meeting*, Philadelphia, PA, January 2020.
 - at the *58th Annual Meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP)*, Pittsburgh, PA, November 2019.
 - at *Challenging Injustice: The Temple University Minorities and Philosophy (MAP) Conference*, Philadelphia, PA, March 2019.
- “Drone Warfare: States, War Machines, Speed and Terror,” at the *10th Annual Deleuze Studies Conference*, Ryerson University, Toronto, June 2017.
- “*Dasein* Between Performance and Method,”
- at *Reading Heidegger for the Sake of Peace and Justice: The 49th Annual Meeting of the Heidegger Circle*, Loyola University Maryland, May 2015.
 - at *Identity and Difference: The Third Annual Meeting of the Center for Phenomenology in South Africa*, The University of Johannesburg, March 2015.

Workshops and Summer Schools

Collegium Phaenomenologicum (Città di Castello, Italy), July 2026 (seminar leader)
International Symposium in Phenomenology (Perugia, Italy), 2022-2026 (each year)
4^{ème} École d’été Marc Richir, Marc-Richir-Archiv (Dixmont, France), July 2025
Critical Theory in Berlin (KTB) Summer School, “Foundations of Solidarity” (Virtual), July 2021
Prague Philosophy and Social Sciences Colloquium (Virtual), May 2021
Critical Theory Workshop/Atelier de Théorie Critique (Paris, France), July 2017

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Utah Valley University (Assistant Professor)

Advanced Courses

Social and Political Philosophy (x4)
Philosophy Research Capstone (x3)
Critical Theory (x2)
History of Continental Philosophy
Anti-Colonial Philosophy
Adorno’s *Negative Dialectics*
Kant’s *Critique of Pure Reason*
Humanism and Posthumanism
Ethics of War and Peace
Independent Study: Critical Theories of Embodiment

Lower Division and General Education Courses

Introduction to Philosophy (x11)
Logic and Critical Thinking (x3)
Early Modern Philosophy (x2)
Reading and Writing Philosophy (x2)
Ethics and Values (x2)

Honors Seminar: Ancient Legacies
Honors Seminar: Modern Legacies

Student Advising

[in progress] Ryker Sorensen, Philosophy Capstone Thesis, Advisor: “On Kant’s Theory of Education”
[in progress] Sebastian Trias, Honors Capstone Thesis, Co-director: “On Escape: Or, Towards a Critical Consciousness”
Chance Martin, Philosophy Capstone Thesis, Advisor: “Marcuse and Adorno on Need: How to Stay True to the Promises of Critical Theory” (graduated: Spring 2026)
McLain Connors, Philosophy Capstone Thesis, Advisor: “Use and Recognition” (graduated: Fall 2025, pursuing an M.A. in philosophy at Georgia State University)
Alaina Sapp, Philosophy Capstone Thesis, Advisor: “Relevance and Responsibility: Conceiving our Responsibilities to Distant Others Under Conditions of Global Structural Injustice” (graduated: Spring 2025, pursuing an M.A. in philosophy at the University of Utah)
Annamarie Hyink, Humanities Capstone Thesis, Committee Member: “Subversion of Colonial Legacy and Reclamation of Female Autonomy in Rosario Ferré’s ‘The Youngest Doll’” (graduated: Fall 2024)
David Blanchard, Honors Capstone Thesis, Committee Member: “Surrealism and Anti-Capitalism” (graduated: Fall 2024)
David Shelley, Integrated Studies Capstone Project, Committee Member: “Interdisciplinary Technology Course” (graduated: Spring 2024)
Josh Waters, Philosophy Capstone Thesis, Advisor: “The Objects of the New Faith: Mass Society and Religion” (graduated: Fall 2023; pursuing a Ph.D. in religious studies at Claremont Graduate University)
Madeline Branchley, Philosophy Capstone Thesis, Advisor: “Walter Benjamin’s Method of ‘Presentation as Indirection’ in Plato’s *Symposium*” (graduated: Spring 2023; pursuing a Ph.D. in philosophy at Boston College)

Certifications and Professional Development

Recipient, Foundations of Inclusion Certificate, UVU Office of Equity, Inclusion and Diversity – certificate involves attending 10 workshops on best inclusion practices in various areas.

- Workshops attended: Gender, Accessibility and ADA, Refugees, Dialogue, Intersectionality, Mental Health, Class and Socioeconomic Status, The Interpretation of Equity, Inclusion and Diversity Data, Inclusive Language and Accessibility, Autism in College

Graduate, Anti-Racist Pedagogy Course (25 hours), UVU Office of Teaching and Learning (OTL) – identifying and combating racism in pedagogy, building an inclusive classroom (Fall 2023)

Graduate, Online Teaching Academy (25 hours), UVU OTL – course design and accessibility, social engagement, enhancing courses through technology (June 2023)

Curriculum and Course Development

Asynchronous Course Design (Summer 2024, PHIL 1250 – Introduction to Logic and Critical Thinking).
Curriculum Process Lead (Spring 2023, PHIL 4540 – Topics in Social and Political Philosophy).

Villanova University (Adjunct Instructor)

Introduction to Philosophy: Knowledge, Reality, Self (PHI 1000, 2017-2022)
The Good Life: Ethics and Contemporary Moral Problems (ETH 2050, 2019-2021)
Logic and Critical Thinking (PHI 1010, Spring 2021)
Augustine and Culture Seminar: Moderns (ACS 1001, Spring 2021)

AWARDS AND GRANTS

- Civic Teaching and Learning Grant (\$1,500, 2026), to support the G. Lawrence Anderson Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, Utah Valley University Center for the Study of Ethics
- ELLA Student Engagement Grant (\$1,000, 2025), to support Philosophy and Humanities Roundtable: “Reality, Fantasy, and Utopia,” Utah Valley College of Humanities and Social Sciences
- Dean’s One-Time Funding Award (\$1,500, 2025), to support Philosophy and Humanities Roundtable: “Reality, Fantasy and Utopia,” Utah Valley College of Humanities and Social Sciences
- Civic Teaching and Learning Grant (\$2,500, 2025), to support the G. Lawrence Anderson Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, Utah Valley University Center for the Study of Ethics
- ELLA Student Engagement Grant (\$500, 2025), to support the History of Philosophy Society (HOPS) Conference, Utah Valley University College of Humanities and Social Sciences
- ELLA Student Engagement Grant (\$1,500, 2024), to support undergraduate volunteers at the Radical Philosophy Association Conference, Utah Valley University College of Humanities and Social Sciences
- Graduate Editorial Assistantship (\$24,000, 2018-2019), Villanova University Graduate College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- Thacher-Reynolds Memorial Fellowship for Undergraduate Research (\$2,000, 2012-2013), GWU Department of Philosophy
- Special Departmental Honors (2013), GWU Department of Philosophy
- Gauss Prize for Excellence in Philosophy (2013), GWU Department of Philosophy
- Dean’s List (2011, 2012, 2013), GWU Columbian College of Arts and Sciences
- Phi Sigma Tau Philosophy Honor Society (2013)
- Phi Beta Kappa (2013)

SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIPS

Conferences and Workshops Organized

[in progress] Organizer, 29th International Symposium in Phenomenology: *Embodiment*, Perugia, Italy, July 2027

- [in progress] Program Chair, 17th biennial Conference of the Radical Philosophy Association: *Life after Capitalism?* Claremont, CA, October 2026
- [7] Organizer, UVU G. Lawrence Anderson Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, Orem, UT (16 presenters), February 2026
- [6] Organizer, UVU Philosophy and Humanities Department Workshop: *Reality, Fantasy, and Utopia*, Orem, UT (3 presenters), October 2025
- [5] Organizer and Panel Leader, Peace and Justice Studies Panel at the Center for the Study of Ethics' Ethics Awareness Week: *AI and Autonomous Weapons*, Orem, UT, October 2025
- [4] Organizer, UVU G. Lawrence Anderson Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, Orem, UT (20 presenters), April 2025
- [3] Local Host, Annual Conference of the History of Philosophy Society (HOPS): *Beauty*, Salt Lake City, UT (15 presenters, ~45 student participants), March 2025
- [2] Local Host, 16th biennial Conference of the Radical Philosophy Association: *Solidarity and Class Struggle*, Salt Lake City, UT (100 presenters, 15 student volunteers), October 2024
- [2] Organization Team Member, UVU Peace and Justice Studies J. Bonner Ritchie Peace and Justice Studies Conference, March 2023
- [1] Organizer, Villanova Undergraduate Philosophy Conference: *Political Epistemologies* (20 presenters), March 2019

Utah Valley University (Assistant Professor)

Peace and Justice Studies (PJST) Program

- Member, Executive Committee (Recruitment and Curriculum)
- Co-Organizer, Annual Healing Conversations Workshop (March 2023)
- Organizer, PJST Movie Night Series (Spring 2023—)

Department of Philosophy & Humanities

- Member, Hiring Committee: Instructor (Fall 2025)
- Faculty Advisor, *Sophia: Undergraduate Journal of Philosophy* (2024—)
- Faculty Advisor, Philosophy Club (2023—)
- Member, Major Recruitment Committee (2024—)
- Member, Invited Speakers Series (2023—)
- Co-Organizer, Workshop Series: Applying to Graduate School (Spring 2023—)
- Peer Class Observations (x9, 2022—)
- Member, Committee on Updating the Major (Fall 2023)
- Member, Staff Hiring Committee (Fall 2023)

Refereeing

Presses

- Routledge/Taylor & Francis (book proposal), Palgrave Macmillan (full book)

Journals

- Social Sciences, Science and Society, British Journal of Sociology, Journal of Social Philosophy, Philosophy of the Social Sciences, Radical Philosophy Review, Symposium: Canadian Journal of Continental Philosophy, Social Epistemology: A Journal of Knowledge, Culture and Politics*

Funding Agencies

- European Science Foundation (ESF) (postdoctoral grant application)

Professional Memberships

American Philosophical Association (APA)
Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP)
Radical Philosophy Association (RPA)
Association Internationale de Phénoménologie

LANGUAGES

French – advanced reading, intermediate speaking
German – intermediate reading, basic speaking
Afrikaans – basic reading and speaking

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

References available on request