

Curriculum Vitae

Dr. Leo Stan
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University Degrees

09. 2008 - present: Postdoctoral Fellow of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.
09. 2002 - 07. 2007: PhD, Department of Religious Studies, McMaster University, Canada.
09. 2001 - 09. 2002: MA, Department of Philosophy, Brock University, Canada.
10.1996 - 02. 2001: BA, Department of Philosophy, Bucharest University, Romania.

Books

Either Nothingness or Love. On Alterity in Søren Kierkegaard's Writings, Saarbrücken: VDM Dr. Müller Verlag, 2009.

Filozofie si dualism [Dualism and Philosophy; in Romanian], edited with Vlad Puescu, Bucharest: Zeta Books, 2009.

Articles and Book Chapters in English

Forthcoming

"A Reconsideration of Kierkegaard's Understanding of the Human Other: The Hidden Ethics of Soteriology," forthcoming in *Journal of Religious Ethics*.

"Modernity and Christian Offensiveness. An Ongoing Scandal," in *Acta Kierkegaardiana* 4, 2009.

"The Lilies in the Field," in *Kierkegaard and the Bible*. Tome II: The New Testament, Lee C. Barrett (ed.), Aldershot: Ashgate.

"Michel Henry. The Goodness of Living Affectivity," in *Kierkegaard's Influence on Existentialism*, Jon Stewart (ed.), Aldershot: Ashgate.

"Albert Camus. Walled within God," in *Kierkegaard's Influence on Existentialism*, Jon Stewart (ed.), Aldershot: Ashgate.

"Jean-Luc Marion. The Paradoxical Givenness of Love," *Kierkegaard's Influence on Philosophy*, Tome II: Francophone Philosophy, Jon Stewart (ed.), Aldershot: Ashgate.

"Mircea Eliade. On Religion, Cosmos, and Agony," in *Kierkegaard's Influence on the Social Sciences*, Jon Stewart (ed.), Aldershot: Ashgate.

"Slavoj Žižek. Mirroring the Absent God," in *Kierkegaard's Influence on the Social Sciences*, Jon Stewart (ed.), Aldershot: Ashgate.

"Marcel Blecher," in *Kierkegaard's Influence on Literature and Criticism*, Tome IV: The Romance Languages and Central and Eastern Europe, Jon Stewart (ed.), Aldershot: Ashgate.

Published

"Kierkegaard on Temporality and God Incarnate," in *Philosophical Concepts and Religious Metaphors. New Perspectives on Phenomenology and Theology*, Special issue of *Studia Phaenomenologica* 2009, Cristian Ciocan (ed.), Bucharest: Zetabooks, 2009, pp. 237-254.

"God's Exacting Agape of Singular Individuals: A Kierkegaardian Corrective," *Acta Kierkegardiana* 3, 2008: 142-151.

"On Universality and Christian Particularism in a Postmodern Trio: James K.A. Smith, Jacques Derrida, and Søren Kierkegaard." In *The Logic of Incarnation: James K.A. Smith's Critique of Postmodern Religion*, Neal DeRoo and Brian Lightbody (eds.). Eugene, OR: Pickwick, 2008, 57-70.

"The Angelic Absence of Angels: Reading Kierkegaard with Professor Plesu," in *Memory, Humanity, and Meaning. Essays in Honour of Andrei Pleșu's Sixtieth Anniversary*, Mihail Neamțu and Bogdan Tătaru-Cazaban (eds.), 2009, 297-312.

"Chrysostom: Between the Hermitage and the City," in *Kierkegaard and the Patristic and Medieval Tradition*, Jon Stewart (ed.), Aldershot: Ashgate, 2008, 47-66.

"Prelude to An Enigma: Aristophanes' Account of Eros in Plato's *Symposium*," *The Annals of University Dunarea de Jos*, Fascicle XVII (3), 2004: 3-21.

Articles and Book Chapters in Romanian

Published

"Soteriological Dualism?" in *Filozofie și dualism*, Leo Stan and Vlad Pulescu (eds.), Bucharest: Zeta Books Publishers, 2009.

"A Few (Frightening) Reflections on the 'Pitesti Phenomenon'," *Verso* 50-51 (1-31 Dec. 2008): 36-37.

"Short Foray into Danish Anti-Ecclesiology." *Idei în Dialog*, 5 (44), May 2008: 36-37.

"On Geese, Caricatures, and Martyrs." *Idei în Dialog*, 11 (38), November 2007: 5-6.

"The Unbearable Proteanism of Irony." *Idei în Dialog*, 5 (32), May 2007: 44-45.

"Imago (Movens) Dei: on Film and Phenomenology of Religion." *Adevarul Literar și Artistic*, 14 March 2007, Year XVI, Issue 862.

"The Reversed Theodicy of the Pitesti Phenomenon" *Idei în Dialog*, 9 (24), September 2006: 30.

"Kierkegaard: Writing for the Sake of Existing." *Idei în Dialog*, 7 (22), July 2006: 26-8.

"Kierkegaard on the Couch. A Psychoanalytical Approach of His Life." *Psihanaliza*, Bucharest, VI 4/1999: 7-11.

Translations

Søren Kierkegaard, *Frică și cutremur* [Romanian translation from the Danish original of *Fear and Trembling*], Bucharest: Humanitas, 2002.

Book Reviews

- Karen L. King, *What Is Gnosticism?*, Cambridge/London: The Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2003. *Archaeus* 10 (2006): 204-210.
- Carl B. Smith II, *No Longer Jews: The Search for Gnostic Origins*, Peabody, Massachusetts: Hendrickson Publishers, 2004. *Archaeus* 10 (2006): 184-190.
- Attilio Mastrocinque, *From Jewish Magic to Gnosticism*, Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2005. *Archaeus* 10 (2006): 184-190.
- Gerard P. Luttikhuisen, *Gnostic Revisions of Genesis Stories and Early Jesus Traditions*, Leiden/Boston: Brill, 2006. *Archaeus* 10 (2006): 162-166.
- Einar Thomassen, *The Spiritual Seed: The 'Church' of the Valentinians*, Leiden/Boston: Brill, 2006. *Archaeus* 10 (2006): 157-162.
- Clare Carlisle, *Kierkegaard's Philosophy of Becoming: Movement and Positions*, Albany, NY: State University of New York Press, 2005. *Studies in Religion* 35/3-4 (2006): 581-582.
- Michael Allen Williams, *Rethinking 'Gnosticism': An Argument for Dismantling a Dubious Category*, Princeton/New Jersey: Princeton University Press, 1996. *Archaeus* 8 (2004), 1-4: 446-452.
- Sylvia Walsh, *Living Poetically. Kierkegaard's Existential Aesthetics*, Pennsylvania: The Pennsylvania University Press, 1994. *Archaeus* 8 (2004), 1-4: 254-262.
- George Pattison, *Kierkegaard's Upbuilding Discourses: Philosophy, Theology, Literature*, London/New York: Routledge, 2002. *Archaeus* 8 (2004), 1-4: 247-254.
- Jon Stewart, *Kierkegaard's Relations to Hegel Reconsidered*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2003. *Archaeus* 8 (2004), 1-4: 237-247.
- "Kierkegaard and Chuang Tzu." (co-authored with Dr. Hans-Georg Moeller) Karen L. Carr and Philip J. Ivanhoe, *The Sense of Antirationalism*, New York/London: Seven Bridges Press, 2000. *Philosophy East and West*, 53/1, Jan. 2003: 131-136.
- Conference Talks and Lectures**
- "Kierkegaard's Philosophical Psychology," Guest lecture in the Philosophy Department, Oakland University, 8 October 2009.
- "Divine Gift and Human Freedom. Heidegger, Derrida, Kierkegaard," The Doctor Marko Zlomislac Conference, Brock University, 17 September 2009.
- "Kierkegaard and the (Divine) Time of Self," The Centre for the Study of Theory and Criticism, University of Western Ontario, 9 April 2009.
- "Kierkegaard against Onto-Theology from Within," Trinity College, University of Toronto, 25 November 2008.
- "On the Threefold Structure of Kierkegaard's View of Temporality," American Association of Religion. Eastern Regional Meeting, McGill University, Montreal, 2-3 May 2008.

"The Redemptive Tragedy of Reason: Søren Kierkegaard and the Heterogeneity of Faith," Reason and Faith Colloquium, New Europe College, Bucharest, 7-8 May 2008.

"Introduction to Kierkegaard's Authorship," Lecture series offered at The Romanian Society of Phenomenology, Bucharest, 14-16 February 2008.

"Arguments Pro and Contra Soteriological Dualism. The Case of Kierkegaard," Philosophy and Dualism Colloquium, Bucharest, Romania, 26-28 October 2007.

"Is Kierkegaard an Onto-Theologian?" Religious Metaphors and Philosophical Concepts: New Perspectives on Phenomenology and Theology, Sâmbăta de Sus, 29 August - 5 September 2007.

"On Kierkegaard's View of Christological Temporality," International Colloquium on New Perspectives on Phenomenology and Theology, Sibiu, Romania, 25-26 August 2007.

Four guest lectures on Kierkegaard, Nietzsche, and Emil Cioran given in the Department of Philosophy and the Department of Theology, St. Olaf College, Minnesota, 2005-2006.

Guest scholar at the "Kierkegaard's *Either/Or* Summer Seminar," University of Copenhagen and the Søren Kierkegaard Research Centre, July 2006.

"Is Smith Returning with Kierkegaard to the Incarnational Particularism in Order to Open a Non-Exclusivist Universalism?" The James K.A. Smith Conference, Brock University, Ontario, 23-24 March 2006.

"Beastly Suffering: the Pitesti Phenomenon, and the (Im)possibility of Christian Theodicy," The European Congress for the History of Religions, University of Bucharest, 20-23 September 2006.

"Wagering for/against the Divine: Pascal, Kierkegaard's Abraham, and Cărtărescu's 'The Roulette Player'," Gambling Theory Symposium, The Center for the Study of Theory and Criticism, University of Western Ontario, 13 October 2004.

"On Kierkegaard's View of Love: A Philosophical Approach." Brock University, Department of Philosophy, 20 June 2003.

"Between Philosophy and Theology: Kierkegaard's Notion of Repetition." Kierkegaard Symposium, Bucharest University, 22 April 1999.

Organizational Experience

Staff member of The European Congress for the History of Religions, Bucharest University, 20-23 September 2006.

Teaching Experience

09.2001-09.2002: Teaching assistant in the Department of Philosophy, Brock University, Canada. Courses: Introduction to Philosophy (2001).

09.2002-06.2007: Teaching assistant in the Department of Religious Studies, McMaster University, Canada. Courses: Death and Dying (2002); Health, Healing, and Religion (2003); Introduction to World Religions (2004, 2006).

Institutional Affiliations

2007-present - Member of The American Academy of Religion

2008-present - Member of The Romanian Society for Phenomenology

Grants and Scholarships

The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Postdoctoral Fellowship, Canada, September 2008
- present.

The Ontario Graduate Scholarship, January - December 2006.

The Kierkegaard House Foundation Grant, June 2005 - June 2006.

Prof. Ernest E. Goldsmith Bursary, January 2002.

The Democracy Fund, Denmark, February - June 2000.

Comprehensive Examinations

Major Area - Western Religious Thought; Focus on Kierkegaard's theory of religious subjectivity,
January 2005.

Minor Area - Religion and Politics; Focus on 20th century totalitarian political systems, September 2004.

Languages

Romanian (native language)

English (reading, writing, and speaking knowledge)

Danish (reading knowledge; also the subject of the first language exam in my doctoral program)

French (reading knowledge; also the subject of the second language exam in my doctoral program)