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## Education

PhD, Politics, UC Santa Cruz, Spring 2007

Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy & Theology, Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego, CA, Spring 2000

## Areas of Research & Teaching Fields

Political Finance

Ontology of Finance

Deleuze

Speculative Materialism

## Key Courses

*HISCON-139A. Market Crisis & the Future of Capitalism*

*HISCON-139B. Materialism & Financial Markets*

*PLSI-106. Political Economy*

*PLSI-360. From the 2008 Financial Crisis to Political Finance*

*PLSI/FIN-435. From Political Finance to Speculative Materialism*

*PLSI-608. Deleuze as Political Economist*

## Publications

- *Of Synthetic Finance: Three Essays of Speculative Materialism*, Routledge, 2015
- "On Dromocracy: The Model of Economy in *A Thousand Plateaus*", *Speculative Materialism: A Forum for the Study of the Materialism and Ontology of Finance*, May/July, 2014
- "The Ontology of Money", *Radical Philosophy*, Volume No. 188, November/December, 2014
- *Infinite Leverage*, manuscript forthcoming, 2016
- *Deleuze's Guidebook to Synthetic Finance: Volume I*, manuscript forthcoming, 2015
- "Worlds Flickering and Unstable", *Radical Philosophy*, Volume No. 165, January/February, 2011
- "A Contested Revolution: On the Speculative Method", *Cosmos and History: The Journal of Natural and Social Philosophy*, Vol. 6, No. 1, 2010
- "A Special Form of Outer Darkness", *Radical Philosophy*, Volume No. 159, January/February 2010
- "A Limited Constitution: Publius, States of Emergency and 'One Supreme Tribunal'", *Boundary 2*, Volume 37, No. 1, Spring 2010
- "About Time: The Supreme Court's Consideration of the Timeliness of Habeas Corpus and an Exceptional Circumstance in *Boumediene v. Bush* –a Precedent", *University of California Berkeley Electronic Press*, 2009
- "The Exception and the Constitution of Law", *Law, Culture, and Humanities*, Volume 4, No. 3, October 2008
- "The Presence of Absence: On the Concept of 'Lack'", *Theory and Event*, Volume 10, No. 2, 2007

## Translations

- Quentin Meillassoux, "Contingency & the Absolutization of the One", 2011 {*"Contingence et absolutisation de l'un"*, 2009}, *Speculative Heresy: An Exploration of Speculative Realism, Non-Philosophy, and Other Heresies* <http://speculativeheresy.wordpress.com>

## **Fellowships & Awards**

- Spring 2014 Research Award, NSF Council on Professional Development, UCSC
- Spring 2013 Research Award, NSF Council on Professional Development, UCSC
- Spring 2013 Travel Grant, SF State Faculty Travel Funds, SFSU
- Spring 2012 Travel Grant, Bruce Initiative on Rethinking Capitalism, UCSC
- Winter 2010 Research Award, Bruce Initiative on Rethinking Capitalism, UCSC
- Spring 2009 Research Grant, NSF Council on Professional Development, UCSC
- Spring 2006 Travel Grant, Politics Department, UCSC
- Fall 2005 Merrill College Arts & Humanities Funding Grant, UCSC
- Winter 2004 Travel Grant, Politics Department, UCSC
- Fall 2004 Travel Grant, Politics Department, UCSC
- Fall 2004 Graduate Division Sabbatical Fellowship, Politics Department, UCSC

## **Activity**

- Winter 2015 Consulting for Robin Hood Minor Asset Management
- Winter 2015 Graduate reading seminar, “Deleuze, Chaos, Fractals”
- Summer 2014 Presented paper, “The Distribution of Economic Space” at 6<sup>th</sup> Critical Finance Conference, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands
- Spring 2014 Presented paper, “From Ontology to Economy: Synthetic Finance & Securitization”, at *Gifts, Derivatives, and Socialities*, Institute for Humanities Research Cluster meeting, March 28<sup>th</sup> 2014, UC Santa Cruz
- Winter 2013 Moderated round table panel discussion at SF State University, “Is Capitalism Moral?”, organized by the *Political Science Student Association* at SF State University
- Fall 2013 Presented paper, “Genealogy as Engineering: Thinking Finance as Multiplicity, Becoming, Affirmation, Joy”, at UC Berkeley’s *Rethinking Debt* November 8<sup>th</sup> 2013 meeting
- Summer 2013 Taught instructional module, “Deleuze & Synthetic CDOs”, at NYU’s Cultures of Finance Summer Institute, New York
- Summer 2013 Presented paper, “Wagers of the Synthetic: *Difference & Repetition* as Heterodox Political Economy” at 5<sup>th</sup> Critical Finance Conference, Stockholm Business University, Sweden

- Spring 2013 Participated in SF State faculty debate, “US Debt and the Federal Reserve”, organized by San Francisco State University’s Political Science Student Association, San Francisco State University
- Spring 2012 Moderated Panel, “Financial Practices & Interpretations” at Futures of Finance Conference, New York University
- Winter 2010 Coordinated webcast chat room for Rethinking Capitalism conference, April 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> 2010
- Summer 2009 Hired as manuscript submission review editor for *Continuum Books*, Political Economy book series
- Spring 2009 Presented paper, “On the Uses of the Concept of the Exception Today”, MPSA Annual National Conference, Palmer House Hotel, Chicago, Illinois
- Spring 2009 Chaired Panel, “Politics Beyond the Limits of Reason Alone”, MPSA Annual National Conference, Palmer House Hotel, Chicago, Illinois
- Fall 2009 Committee Member, NSF Council for Professional Development, UC Santa Cruz
- Fall 2009 Hired as Curriculum Coordinator, The Bruce Initiative on Rethinking Capitalism, UC Santa Cruz
- Spring 2006 Presented paper, “Carl Schmitt in a Post-9/11 World” at 7<sup>th</sup> Annual International Social Theory Consortium Conference, Roanoke, Virginia
- Winter 2006 Presented paper, “Lenin’s Dentist and the Persistence of a Science of Sociality” at Informal Roundtable, MPSA Annual National Conference, Chicago, Illinois
- Winter 2004 Presented paper, “The Sleeplessness of Vigilance” at The 5<sup>th</sup> Global Conference on Evil and Human Wickedness, Prague, Czech Republic
- Fall 2005 *Institute for Radical Theory* curates 1<sup>st</sup> Film Series: *States of Emergency*, UC Santa Cruz
- Fall 2004 Presented paper, “Human Rights, the War on Terror, and Political Insomnia” at Conference on Psychoanalysis & Democracy, Columbia University, New York
- Fall 2003 Founded the *Institute for Radical Theory* (President and co-founder)
- Spring 1999 Keynote Speaker for Michel Foucault: Politics, Philosophy, and Religion, Literature Department, Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego, California

## Affiliations

- Curriculum Coordinator, Bruce Initiative on Rethinking Capitalism, UC Santa Cruz (2009-current)
- Working group member, NYU's *Cultures of Finance* Working Group (2012-current)
- Adjunct faculty, History of Consciousness Department, UC Santa Cruz (2011-current)
- Adjunct faculty, Political Science Department, San Francisco State University (2012-current)
- Adjunct faculty, Politics & Legal Studies Department, UC Santa Cruz (2007-2012)
- Adjunct faculty, American Studies Department, UC Santa Cruz (2009-2012)
- Committee Member, NSF Council for Professional Development, UC Santa Cruz (2009-current)

## Links

- Speculative Materialism, <http://speculativematerialism.com>
- Bruce Initiative on Rethinking Capitalism, Staff Profile <http://rethinkingcapitalism.ucsc.edu/inspiration-3>
- "The Future of Finance", Interview with *The Santa Cruz Good Times*, August 4<sup>th</sup> 2011, <http://goodtimesantacruz.com/santa-cruz-blogs-commentary/santa-cruz-news-ticker/2826-the-future-of-finance-.html>
- "The Copernican Revolution", *Speculative Heresy: An Exploration of Speculative Realism, Non-Philosophy, and Other Heresies*, December 11<sup>th</sup> 2009 <http://speculativeheresy.wordpress.com/2009/12/11/the-copernican-revolution/>
- MPSA Conference Text, "On the Uses of the Concept of the Exception Today", MPSA Annual National Conference, Palmer House Hotel, Chicago, Illinois [http://www.allacademic.com/meta/p\\_mla\\_apa\\_research\\_citation/3/6/3/0/5/p363052\\_index.html](http://www.allacademic.com/meta/p_mla_apa_research_citation/3/6/3/0/5/p363052_index.html)
- "The Presence of Absence: On the Concept of 'Lack'", *Theory and Event*, Volume 10, Issue 2, 2007 [http://muse.jhu.edu/login?uri=/journals/theory\\_and\\_event/v010/10.2lozano.html](http://muse.jhu.edu/login?uri=/journals/theory_and_event/v010/10.2lozano.html)
- 7<sup>th</sup> Annual International Social Theory Conference: Theorizing Power Post-9/11, Presentation: May 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, 2006, Roanoke Virginia, "Carl Schmitt in a Post-9/11 World" <http://www.aspect.vt.edu/?q=node/97>
- "Ego & the Market" <http://ic.ucsc.edu/~rlipsch/Pol200D/Ego%20and%20the%20Market1.doc>

- Benjamin Lozano, UCSC RateMyProfessor.com rating  
<http://www.ratemyprofessors.com/ShowRatings.jsp?tid=726060>
- Benjamin Lozano, SFSU RateMyProfessor.com rating  
<http://www.ratemyprofessors.com/ShowRatings.jsp?tid=1790192>

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