

DR. TODD S. MEI

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS:

Public Philosopher and Consultant at Philosophy2u.com (2020-present).

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS:

University of Kent: Honorary Professor (2020-present), Head of Philosophy, (2016-2020); Associate Professor in Philosophy (2017-2020); Lecturer in Philosophy (2015-2017).

University of Dundee: Assistant Professor in Philosophy (2012-2015). University of Kent (UK): Adjunct Lecturer in Philosophy and Religious Studies (2011-2012); Visiting Lecturer in Philosophy (2008-2011); Adjunct Lecturer in Philosophy and Religious Studies (2006-2008).

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:

Philosophical Hermeneutics, Modern European Philosophy, Philosophy of Economics, Ethics.

AREAS OF COMPETENCE:

Ancient Greek Philosophy, Philosophy of Religion, History of Philosophy, and Political Philosophy.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Aesthetics, Ancient Greek Philosophy, Contemporary Epistemology, Ethics, Existentialism, Hermeneutics, Metaphysics (Descartes to Kant), Phenomenology, Philosophy of Religion, Philosophy of Work, Political Economy.

DEGREES:

University of Kent	PhD (Continental Philosophy)	2004-2008
University of California, Berkeley	BA (English Literature)	1990-1994, <i>Cum Laude</i> (3.73 GPA)

Dissertation Title: *Work and Being: A Hermeneutical Study*

Dissertation Committee: Jeremy Carrette, Philip Goodchild, Iain MacKenzie

PUBLICATIONS:

Books

1. *Land and the Given Economy: An Essay in the Hermeneutics and Phenomenology of Dwelling* (2017), 272 pages. Northwestern University Press.
<http://www.nupress.northwestern.edu/content/land-and-given-economy>
2. *Heidegger, Work, and Being* (2009), 177 pages. London: Continuum. Series in Continental Philosophy. ISBN: 9781847063724. <http://www.bloomsbury.com/uk/heidegger-work-and-being-9781847063724/>

Edited Books

1. *From Ricoeur to Action: The Socio-Political Significance of Ricoeur's Thinking* (2012), 265 pages; co-edited with David Lewin. London: Continuum. Series in Continental Philosophy. ISBN: 978141159731.

Invited Articles and Chapters

1. "The Force of Action in the Technological Polis," in *Interpreting Technology*, Mark Coeckelbergh, Alberto Romele, Wessel Reijers (eds.). Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield (in press).
2. "Cryptocurrency: Kneeling before Speculation," in *Australian Humanities Review* 66, pp. 226–232.
3. "Work and the Meaning of Being," in *Oxford Handbook of Meaningful Work*, Ruth Yeoman (ed.). Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2019, pp. 88–99.
4. "Paul Ricoeur: Building on the Ruins of Atheism," in *Religion and European Philosophy: Key Thinkers from Kant to Žižek*, Philip Goodchild and Hollis Phelps (eds.). Durham: Acumen, 2017, pp. 294–306.

5. "Constructing Ricoeur's Hermeneutical Theory of Truth," in *Hermeneutics and Phenomenology in Paul Ricoeur: Between Text and Phenomenon*, Scott Davison and Marc-Antoine Vallee (eds.). Dordrecht: Springer, 2016, pp. 197–215.
6. "Convictions and Justification," in *Paul Ricoeur in the Age of Hermeneutical Reason: Poetics, Praxis, and Critique*, Roger Savage (ed.). Lanham: Lexington, 2016, pp. 99–124.
7. "Ricoeur and the Symbolism of Sainthood: From Imitation to Innovation," in *Postmodern Saints*, Colby Dickinson (ed.). London: Continuum/T&T Clark, 2013, pp. 139–152.
8. "Introduction," *From Ricoeur to Action: The Socio-Political Significance of Ricoeur's Thinking*, Todd Mei and David Lewin (eds.). London: Continuum, 2012, pp. 1–16.

Articles and Chapters

1. "Incorporating the Virtues: A Speech Act Approach to Understanding how Virtues Can Work in Business," *Philosophy of Management* (2021). DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40926-021-00171-3>.
2. "The Poetics of Meaningful Work: An Analogy to Speech Acts," *Philosophy and Social Criticism*, 45:1 (2019): 50–70.
3. "Heidegger in the Machine: The Difference between *Techne* and *Mechane*," *Continental Philosophy Review*, 49 (2016): 267–292.
4. "The Relevance of an Existential Conception of Nature," *Cosmos and History: The Journal of Natural and Social Philosophy*, 10:2 (2014): 138–157.
5. "Are Reasons Enough? Sen and Ricoeur on the Idea of Impartiality," *Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review*, 53:2 (2014): 243–270.
6. "Ricoeur *Economicus*: Can Market Exchange Involve Mutual Recognition?" in *Paul Ricoeur and the Task of Political Philosophy*, Dan Stiver and Gregory Johnson (eds.). Lanham: Lexington Books (2012), pp. 65–84.
7. "An Economic Turn: A Hermeneutical Reinterpretation of Political Economy with Respect to the Question of Land," *Research in Phenomenology*, 41:3 (2011): 297–326.
8. "The Pre-eminence of Use: Reinterpreting the Relation between Use and Exchange in Aristotle's Economic Thinking," *The Journal of the History of Philosophy*, 47:4 (2009): 523–548.
9. "Heidegger and the Appropriation of Metaphysics," *The Heythrop Journal*, 50:2 (March 2009): 257–270.
10. "Economy of the Gift: Rethinking the Role of Land Enclosure in Political Economy," *Modern Theology*, 25:3 (July 2009): 441–468.
11. "Heidegger and Teilhard de Chardin: The Convergence of History and Future," *Modern Theology*, 24:1 (January 2008): 75–100.
12. "Justice and the Banning of the Poets: The Way of Hermeneutics in Plato's *Republic*," *The Review of Metaphysics*, 60 (June 2007): 755–78.
13. "Insurance in Between: A Critique of Liability Insurance and Its Principles," *Literature and Theology*, 21:1 (March 2007): 82–98.
14. "Form and Figure: Paul Ricoeur and the Rehabilitation of Human Work," *The Journal of French Philosophy*, 16:1 & 2 (Spring and Fall 2006): 57–70.
15. "Commitment and Communication: The Aesthetics of Receptivity and Historicity," *Contemporary Aesthetics*, 4 (2006), online journal at <http://www.contempaesthetics.org/>.

Outreach Publications

1. "Cryptocurrency: Kneeling Before Speculation," *Australian Humanities Review* 66 (2020): 226–232; <http://australianhumanitiesreview.org/2020/05/31/cryptocurrency-kneeling-before-speculation/>
2. "The Housing Market Is Looking Worryingly Like a Pyramid Sales Scam," *The Conversation* (2016); <https://theconversation.com/the-housing-market-is-looking-worryingly-like-a-pyramid-sales-scam-65277>.
3. "The Thoughtlessness and Homelessness of Land Monopoly," *Land and Liberty*, 1232:121 (2014): 15–17.

INVITED TALKS:

2021

"The Significance of Work," *Philosophy* (University of Tilburg, Netherlands).

"Meaningful Work," *Hermeneutics in Real Life* (USA).

Workshop on Ecophilosophy, *Philosophy* (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium).

2020

"Meaningful Work and Hermeneutics," *Centre for Innovation Technology and Organisation* (University College Dublin, Ireland).

2019

"Meaningful Work as a Speech Act," *Philosophy* (University of East Anglia, UK).

2018

"Virtues in the Workplace," *Kent Innovation & Enterprise* (University of Kent, UK).

Respondent to Niall Keane, *British Society for Phenomenology* (UK).

2017

"Land and the Given Economy," *Philosophy* (Kingston University, UK).

2016

Panel on "The Future of Ricoeur Studies," *Society for Ricoeur Studies Annual Meeting* (DePaul University, USA).

"What Does It Mean for a Belief To Be True? Ricoeur's Hermeneutical Theory of Truth," *Philosophy* (Dundee University, UK).

2015

"Ricoeur's Distinction between Belief-In and Belief-That," *International Institute for Hermeneutics* (Krakow, Poland).

"Beyond Engagement? Prospects for Meaningful Work in Twenty First Century Economies," *Saïd Business School* (Oxford, UK).

2014

"Paul Ricoeur's Personalism," *British Personalist Forum* (Oxford, UK).

2013

"The Relation between Continental and Analytic Philosophy," *Philosophy Society* (Glasgow University, UK).

"Oikos and Topos," *Philosophy* (Dundee University, UK).

2012

"Work as Metaphorical," *Management School* (Lancaster University, UK).

2011

Colloquium on "Social and Global Justice," *Economics* (Virginia Tech, USA).

"Economy of Gift and Land," *Economics and International Studies* (University of Buckingham, UK).

"Hermeneutics and Political Economy," *Philosophy and Literature Annual Meeting* (National Cheng Kung University, Taiwan).

2010

"Phenomenology and Economics," *Humanities Sciences Seminars* (Manchester Metropolitan University, UK).

“Mutual Recognition and Its Discontents: A Critical Reading of Sen’s Idea of Justice.” *Reading Ricoeur Again Conference* (Universidade de Lisboa, Portugal).

“Heidegger, Political Economy and Land,” *The Real and Politics Workshop* (University of Kent, UK).
Respondent to Luc Bovens, *Ricoeur: On Memory, Politics and Forgiveness* (Oxford University, UK).

HONOURS AND AWARDS:

Institute for Liberal Arts, Boston College, \$25,000; 2017 conference funding

MIND Association, £1000; 2014-15

Scots Philosophical Association, £1500; 2014-15

Robert Schalkenbach Foundation, \$6000; 2014-15

Nominee for Teaching Award (University of Dundee), 2013-14

Nominee for Best Teaching Award (University of Kent), 2011-12

SECL Overseas Conference Award (University of Kent), £550; 2011-12

Partnering Award (University of Kent), £2000; 2011-12

SECL Conference Grant (University of Kent), £300; 2010-11

SECL Overseas Conference Award (University of Kent), £500; 2010-11

SECL Overseas Conference Award (University of Kent), £500; 2009-10

Robert Schalkenbach Foundation, \$3000; 2007-08

Recipient of the Sir Richard Stapley Trust Grant, £1000; 2006-07

SECL Overseas Conference Award (University of Kent), £450; 2006-07

Headley Pitt Trust Grant, £250 each year; 2005-06, 2006-07

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY:

Conferences Organised

Annual Meeting for the Society for Ricoeur Studies: Oct 2015 (Atlanta, GA); Oct 2016 (Chicago, IL); Oct 2017 (Boston, MA).

Joint Annual Conference for the Society for European Philosophy and the Forum for European Philosophy (Sept 2015), University of Dundee. 109 international delegates.

Hermeneutics of Practice (May 2015), Scottish Centre for Continental Philosophy, Dundee, UK.

“From Ricoeur to Action: An Interdisciplinary Conference” (June 2009), University of Kent. 33 speakers from 17 countries.

Conference Sessions Organised

Three Panels on Critical Theory and Alterity, *International Society for Religion, Literature and Culture* (Sept 2010), co-organized with Dr. Pamela S. Anderson, Oxford University.

Society for Phenomenological and Existential Philosophy (Oct. 2008). Panel on Paul Ricoeur and Recognition, co-organized with the Society for Ricoeur Studies.

Examination and Assessment

External Assessor: PG Certification Programme “Contemporary Philosophy of Religion,” Liverpool Hope University, 2014.

Internal Examiner:

Alexandra Trofimov (Philosophy, Kent, 2016), “Should Have Known Better: Responsibility, Ignorance and Reasons.”

Luke Moffat (Philosophy, Kent, 2016), “Subjects of the unconditioned: Kant’s critical metaphysics and aesthetics and their reconstruction in Schelling’s identity-philosophy.”

Aidan Williams (Architecture, Dundee, 2014), “Architectural Emptiness: On a reinterpretation of the architectural implications of Heidegger’s concept of dwelling.”

PhD First and Co- Supervision

James Hctor, “Towards an Intersubjectivity of Monozygotic Twins,” University of Kent (co-supervisor with David Corfield)(2020).

Eoin Carney, "Reading the Language of the Interface: Paul Ricoeur's Mediation between Technics and Poetics," University of Dundee (2018).

Ryan Lewis, "An Ontology of Images and Painterly Subjectivity: A Bergsonian Philosophy of Art," University of Dundee (2015).

Service to the Profession

President of the Society for Ricoeur Studies, 2016-2018

Board Member of the Royal Institute of Philosophy, 2017-2020

Vice President of the Society for Ricoeur Studies, 2014-2016

Executive Member of the Society for European Philosophy, 2014-2018

Board Member of the European Ricoeur Network, 2014-2018

Member of the Editorial Board for *Philosophical Quarterly*, 2012-2015

Member of the Editorial Board for *Études Ricoeuriennes/Ricoeur Studies*, 2010-present

Board Member of the UK-Ireland Ricoeur Society, 2008-2014

Director of European Relations, the Society for Ricoeur Studies (International), 2007-2014

University of Service

Internal Panel Member for the Scottish Consortium AHRC Block Grants, 2013-2015

University Plagiarism Steering Committee, 2010-2012

School Plagiarism and Discipline Officer, 2010-2012

School Learning and Teaching Planning Committee, 2008-2012

Overseas Postgraduate Student Recruitment, 2008-2012

Strategic Planning for School Concessions Processes, 2008-2012

Departmental Service

Head of Department, 2016-2020

Undergraduate Admissions, 2015-2016

Acting Research Officer, 2014

Postgraduate Officer, 2012-2015

Undergraduate Advisor, 2011-2012

Recruitment Officer, 2008-2011

Academic Advisor, 2008-2010

Consultation and Public Outreach

Meaningful work consultation: base60 (Dec 2017); JDX (Dec 2018); Quorsus (June 2020-present)

Social enterprise consultation: Lily's Bistro, Canterbury, UK (Oct 2018).

Public Philosophy Forum on COVID-19, Canterbury Labour Party, UK (July 2020).

Virtues and Values public talk, Kent Innovation Centre (Oct 2018).

Lectures on Existentialism for U3A (retired community); Herne Bay, UK; 45 attendees (June 2012, July 2019).

Philosophy representative for school visits, Kent, UK; (2008-2010).

OTHER EXPERIENCE:

Private Sector

Various

1994-2004

LANGUAGES:

Native English, French (Intermediate Comprehension and Reading; 3 years university), German (Reading Knowledge)

REFERENCES:

Available on Request