

**CURRICULUM VITAE**  
**Noel S. Adams**  
**Associate Professor**  
**Department of Philosophy**  
**Marquette University**

**Special Fields:**

Philosophy of Religion, Kierkegaard, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Century Continental Philosophy

**Education:**

University of Minnesota, 1983-1985, 1988-1991

University of Copenhagen, Visiting Graduate Student, 1995-1996

University of Wisconsin, Madison, 1992-2000

**Degrees:**

B.A., University of Minnesota, Philosophy, 1991

Ph.D., University of Wisconsin, Philosophy, 2000

**Academic Experience:**

University of Wisconsin, Madison: Reader 1994; Teaching Assistant 1996-99; Lecturer 1999

“The Significance of the Eternal in *Philosophical Fragments* in Terms of the Absolute Paradox,” *Kierkegaard Studies: Yearbook 1997* (Berlin: de Gruyter, 1997), pp. 144-168.

#### **Article In Press:**

"Søren Kierkegaard and Carl Ullmann: Two Allies in the War Against Mediation and Speculative Philosophy," forthcoming in *The British Journal for the History of Philosophy*. (Accepted February, 2008)

#### **Book Reviews In Print**

*Kierkegaard: A Biography* (by Alastair Hannay. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2001). *The Review of Metaphysics*, vol. LVI, no. 2 (Dec. 2002), pp. 423-424.

*Kierkegaard: The Self in Society* (Eds. George Pattison and Steven Shakespeare. New York: St. Martin's Press, 1998). *Søren Kierkegaard Newsletter*, no. 40 (August 2000), pp. 7-8.

*Nietzsche and Schiller: Untimely Aesthetics* (By Nicholas Martin. New York: Oxford University Press, 1996.) *Monatshefte* 91.3 (Summer, 1999), pp. 275-277.

#### **Translations In Print**

“The Relation Between Part One and Part Two of *The Sickness Unto Death*,” by Arne Grøn, *Kierkegaard Studies: Yearbook 1997* (Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 1997), pp. 35-50.

“On the Contents, Structure, and Functions of *Søren Kierkegaards Skrifter*,” by Finn Hauberg Mortensen, *Kierkegaard Studies: Yearbook 1996* (Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 1996), pp. 527-545.

### **OTHER SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES**

#### **Editorial Work:**

Member of editorial board of *Kierkegaard Research, Sources, Reception and Resources*, (2006).

“Kierkegaard in America: An Interview With Howard and Edna Hong,” With Bo Elbrønd-Bek, *Scandinavian Studies* 68 (1996), pp. 76-97. (Translated, transcribed, edited the interview.)

#### **Presentations at Conferences and Academic Institutions:**

"Towards a Muslim Conception of Authenticity: Some Kierkegaardian Reflections on Contemporary Islam's Confrontation with Modernity," Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, New York, New York, 28 December 2009.

“Religious, Moral, and Existential Outrage in the Voices of Islam: Some Kierkegaardian Reflections on Facing the Values of (Western) Modernity.” Conference Title, "Mirror Images: Challenges for Arab and Islamic Studies," Villanova University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 3 April 2009.

"Comments on Papers by Knappe, Aumann, Nason, and Matthis," Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Chicago, Illinois, 18 April 2008

"Reply to Manis: Kierkegaard on the Problem of Abraham," Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Chicago, Illinois, 18 April 2008

"Reply to Manis: Why Kierkegaard is Not a Divine Command Theorist," Central Division

Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Chicago, Illinois, 19 April 2007

"Kierkegaard and a Long Forgotten German Theologian," Upper Midwest Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (St. Paul, Minnesota), 14 April 2007

"Some German Theologians and Kierkegaard's Early Work," Kierkegaard's Scholars Roundtable, Kierkegaard Library, Northfield, Minnesota, July 2006

"Reply to Evans: The Impossibility of a Kierkegaardian Christian Philosophy," American Academy of Religion Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 18 November 2005

"Whence a Leap?," a philosophy lecture presented at Marquette University, sponsored by the Philosophy Club of Marquette University and Phi Sigma Tau, September 2005

"Reply to Cain: Some Questions About the Dialectic of Ethical and Religious Communication," International Kierkegaard Conference, St. Olaf College, Northfield Minnesota, 11-15 June 2005

"Kierkegaard's Conception of Indirect Communication in 'The Dialectic of Ethical and Religious Communication' of 1847." International Kierkegaard Conference, St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota on 11-15 June 2005

"Some Varieties of Interest, Task and Thinking in *Philosophical Fragments*," Research Seminar on Søren Kierkegaard's *Philosophical Fragments*, Søren Kierkegaard Research Centre, Copenhagen, Denmark, August 2003

"Response to Furtak, Rudd and Dalton," Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Chicago Illinois, April 2002

"Kierkegaard's Argument Against Hereditary Sin in *The Concept of Anxiety*," Philosophy of Religion Conference sponsored by the Society of Christian Philosophers, St. Paul, Minnesota, March 2002

"How is an Existence-Communication Possible?" International Kierkegaard Conference, St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota, June 2001

"Reply to Beabout: Further Considerations Regarding 'Personlighed,'" International Kierkegaard Conference, St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota, June 2001

"What is an Existence-Communication?" Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 2000

"Postscript or Rejoinder? Reconsidering the Relationship Between *Philosophical Fragments* and *Concluding Unscientific Postscript*," Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Washington D.C., December 1998

"Literary Confusion or Philosophical Error? Kierkegaard's Reading of Hegel's *Philosophy of Right* in *Fear and Trembling*," International Kierkegaard Conference, St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota, June 1997

“The Significance of the Eternal in *Philosophical Fragments*,” Research Seminar on Søren Kierkegaard, Søren Kierkegaard Research Centre, University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen Denmark, August 1996

**Other Scholarly Activities:**

Contributor to, and participant in, an ongoing exploratory group (comprised of members of Marquette University's Philosophy and Theology Departments) that would broaden relations between Marquette University and Goethe University Frankfurt am Main. The exploratory group aims to negotiate a framework in order to establish a joint MA-degree in Philosophy of Religion between these two Universities. This joint degree would work within, and perhaps expand upon, the existing framework of Marquette University's Philosophy Department and Theology Department.

**TEACHING**

**Marquette University**

**Undergraduate Courses Taught**

First Year Seminar: Klingler College of Arts and Sciences  
Philosophy of Human Nature  
Philosophy of God  
Theory of Ethics  
Existentialism  
Special Questions in Philosophy: Chaos Theory

**Graduate Courses Taught**

Text/Seminar on Nineteenth-Century Philosophy: Kierkegaard's Postscript  
Recent Christian Metaphysics  
Seminar: The Problem of Evil

**Olympic College**

Introduction to Philosophy  
Introduction to Logic  
Introduction to Ethics  
Kierkegaard and Existentialism

**University of Wisconsin, Madison**

Introductory Ethics

**University of Wisconsin Colleges Baraboo/Sauk County; Richland Center**

Introduction to Philosophy  
Elementary Logic  
Existentialism  
Introductory Ethics  
Human Nature, Religion and Society

**SERVICE**

**University**

Philosophy Department Representative, Marquette Discovery Days, Nov. 2002, Nov. 2005, Nov. 2006, Nov. 2007, Oct. 2008, Sept. 2009, Oct. 2009.

**College**

Philosophy Department Representative, Majors Fair, March 2004, March 2005  
Academic Advising for undergraduate non-philosophy majors in the College of Arts and Sciences, 2003-present

**Department**

Faculty leader of the "Graduate Teaching Assistant Seminar," Summer 2009, Fall 2009  
Faculty Adviser to the PGSA (Philosophy Graduate Student Association), 2008-present  
Academic Advising for philosophy graduate students, 2003-present  
Academic Advising for undergraduate philosophy majors 2003- present  
Philosophy Club faculty adviser, 2003-2004  
Phi Sigma Tau, faculty adviser, 2003-2004  
Philosophy Department colloquium series coordinator, 2004-2006  
Undergraduate Committee, 2005-2007, 2009-present  
Graduate Committee, 2007-2009  
Member of several dissertation committees for Ph.D. students, 2005-present

**Community**

Volunteer, Cathedral Open Door Ministry, 2002  
Volunteer, Holy Family Parish School (Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin), 2003-present  
Assistant volleyball coach, 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls, Holy Family Parish School 2009  
Irish Fest, August 2006, August 2007, August 2008, August 2009

**Professional**

Assistant organizer of the Wisconsin Philosophical Association's conference at Marquette University in April, 2004

Assistant organizer and chair of the group meeting of the Søren Kierkegaard Society at the Pacific Division meeting of the American Philosophical Association, 5 April 2007. Topic: "Furtak and Others on Kierkegaard, Wisdom, and Love."

Assistant organizer of the group meeting of Søren Kierkegaard Society at the Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Chicago, Illinois, 18 April 2008. Topic: "Kierkegaard and German Idealism."

Meritorious Teaching Rating, University of Wisconsin Colleges-Richard Center.

Olympic College Foundation Award for Excellence, (For acceptance of paper at the Fourth International Kierkegaard Conference held at St. Olaf College, Northfield Minnesota in June 2001). Amount of award: \$250.00.

Olympic College Foundation Award for Excellence (For invitation to conduct research at the Søren Kierkegaard Research Centre in Copenhagen, Denmark for the summer of 2001). Amount of award: \$500.00.

American Scandinavian Foundation Grant, Hans K. Lorentzen Fund (For research conducted at the Søren Kierkegaard Research Centre in Copenhagen, Denmark during the summer of 2001. Research focused on philosophical and historical development of Kierkegaard's conception of an existence-communication). Amount of award: \$3,000.00

Marquette University, Summer Faculty Fellowship. Title of project: "The Underlying Theory of Communication in Kierkegaard's Existence-Communication." Received summer of 2003. Amount of award: \$4,500.00.

Marquette University, Faculty Development Grant. Title of project: "The Underlying Theory of Communication in Kierkegaard's Existence-Communication." Received summer of 2003. Amount of award: \$4,500.00.

Marquette University, Mellon Grant. Worked on the development of a senior experience course on the epistemological and metaphysical commitments of chaos theory. Received summer of 2004 Amount of award: \$4,500.00

Nominated for the "Excellence in Advising Award," 2005 and 2006.

Summer Fellow, Hong-Kierkegaard Library, St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota, Summer 2006.

Teaching reduction on the basis of merit in publishing, Marquette University philosophy department, fall 2006.

Promoted to associate professor with tenure, Marquette University, August 2009.