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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Philosophy and Religion, California Institute of Integral Studies, San Francisco, 2012
M.A. Philosophy, Dominican School of Philosophy & Theology, Berkeley, 2005
M.A. Systematic Theology and Philosophy, Graduate Theological Union at the
University of California, Berkeley, 2004
B.A. Comparative Religion, California State University, Chico, 2001

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Current: Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Humanities & Philosophy Dept., Diablo Valley College
2006 – 2016: Lecturer in Philosophy, Humanities & Philosophy Department, Diablo Valley College
2005 – 2016: Lecturer in Philosophy and Religious Studies, Philosophy Department, Ohlone College

ACADEMIC INTERESTS

Jacques Ellul; Philosophy of Technology; Philosophical Theology; Political Theology; Eastern & Western Comparative Philosophy (particularly ethics); Method and Theory in Religious Studies

PUBLICATIONS

Books

1. *Jacques Ellul: Essential Spiritual Writings* (Editor and Introduction), New York: Orbis Books, 2016.
Reviewed in:
 - Peace and Justice Studies, Vol. 26:2, 2016
 - Catholic Books Review, August 2016
 - Catholic Library World, December 2016, Vol. 86:2
 - National Federation of Priests Councils (NFPC Weekly), June, 2016
 - Anglican Church of Canada, Monthly Review, June, 2016
2. *Dialectical Theology and Jacques Ellul: An Introductory Exposition*, Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2014.
Reviewed in:
 - Midwest Book Review, December 2014
 - Journal of Lutheran Ethics, Vol. 15: 6
 - Ellul Forum, Issue 67, Spring 2016
 - Ad Fontes: A Journal of Protestant Resourcement, November 2016
 - Journal of Cultural Politics, Duke University Press, Vol. 11:16
3. *The Western World of Philosophy: Introductory Readings* (Editor), Boston, MA: Pearson, 2013.
4. *Informal Logical Fallacies: A Brief Guide*, Lanham, MD: University Press of America, 2011.

5. *Īśā Upanishad: An Ontotheological Translation* (Booklet), Berkeley, CA: Ataraxia Press, 2011.

Book Chapters

1. "Oui et Non: Jacques Ellul's Dialectical Engagement with Karl Marx." In *Political Illusion and Reality: Engaging the Prophetic Work of Jacques Ellul*. Edited by David W. Gill and David Lovekin. Eugene, OR.: Pickwick Publications, 2018.

2. "A Theoretical Approach to Mass Psychological Manipulation: Jacques Ellul's Analysis of Modern Propaganda." In *Censored 2012: Sourcebook for the Media Revolution*. Edited by A. Roth and M. Huff. New York: Seven Stories Press, 2011.

Book Reviews

1. *Illusions of Freedom: Thomas Merton and Jacques Ellul on Technology & the Human Condition*. By J. Shaw.
The Ellul Forum: Journal of the International Jacques Ellul Society, Issue 58, Fall 2016.

2. *Understanding Jacques Ellul* by Jeffrey P. Greenman, Read Schuchardt, and Noah Toly
The Ellul Forum: Journal of the International Jacques Ellul Society, Issue 53, Fall, 2013.

3. *Green Politics is Utopian* by Paul Gilk.
The Ellul Forum: Journal of the International Jacques Ellul Society, Issue 43, Spring 2009.

4. *Shades of Loneliness: Pathologies of a Technological Society* by Richard Stivers.
The Ellul Forum: Journal of the International Jacques Ellul Society, Issue 41, Spring 2008.

5. *Beyond Paradise: Technology & The Kingdom of God* by J.C. Swarengen
The Ellul Forum: Journal of the International Jacques Ellul Society, Issue 40, Fall 2007.

COURSES TAUGHT

Philosophy

Ethics

Formal Logic

Ancient Greek Philosophy

Philosophy of Religion: Key Figures and Debates

Practical Reasoning in Everyday Life

Critical Thinking and Logic

Introduction to Western Philosophy

History of Philosophy I: Pre-Socratics to Medieval

History of Philosophy II: Descartes to Contemporary

Soren Kierkegaard (*independent study*)

Religious Studies

Comparative Religion

Western Religions: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam

Asian Religions and Philosophy: Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, and Taoism

Judeo-Christian Tradition

Understanding the Hebrew Scriptures

Understanding the New Testament

Bhagavad Gita (*independent study*)

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE

Course development, SLO development, PHILO 145 Asian Philosophy, Fall 2016 and Spring 2017
Advisor, Applied Ethics Club, Ohlone College, 2013-2014
SLO (Student Learning Outcomes) development for PHILO 109A and PHILO 109B (Hebrew Scriptures and New Testament), Ohlone College, 2013-2014
Advisor, Philosophy Club, Diablo Valley College, 2007-2008
Presenter and Panel Discussion Participant, *Reading Across the Curriculum Conference*, Diablo Valley College, 2009
Faculty Moderator, "The Israeli / Palestinian Conflict: A Public Debate," Hosted by the Muslim Student Society and the Student Society for Peace & Justice, Diablo Valley College, 2007
Advisor, Philosophy Club, Ohlone College, 2005-2006

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Organizer (with David Gill), *Politics without Illusion, Revolution without Violence: Re-Viewing the work of Jacques Ellul*, conference at the University of California, Berkeley, Summer, 2016
Editorial Board, *Ellul Forum: The International Journal of Jacques Ellul Studies*, 2015-present
Board of Directors, International Jacques Ellul Society, 2015-present
Conseil Scientifique des Cahiers Jacques Ellul, 2017-present

HONORS AND AWARDS

Outstanding Faculty Recognition Award, presented by the Alpha Gamma Sigma Honors Society, Ohlone College, 2006

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

International Jacques Ellul Society – Board of Directors
American Academy of Religion
Society for Phenomenological and Existential Philosophy
Society for the Philosophy of Technology

INVITED LECTURES, INTERVIEWS, AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"The Lasting Significance of Jacques Ellul," French television/documentary interview with Daniel Cérézuelle (Professor of Philosophy, University of Bordeaux) and Noël Mamère (French Journalist and Green Party Politician), Bordeaux, July 2015
"Respect and the Other," Muslim Student Association Second Annual Conference on Islamophobia, Invited Lecture, Diablo Valley College, May 2013
"Jacques Ellul on Modern Propaganda as Psychological Violence," *Jacques Ellul: Prophet in the Technological Wilderness Conference*, Conference Presentation, Wheaton College (Illinois), July 2012
"Karl Marx on Money, Power, and Alienation," Invited Lecture, Diablo Valley College, Social Science Department, September 2011
"Theorizing Propaganda with Jacques Ellul and Edward Bernays," Invited Presentation, Berkeley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Hall, November 2010
"Teaching Critical Thinking and Logic to Undergraduates," Conference Presentation, Diablo Valley College, Reading across the Curriculum Conference, May 2009
"The Bhagavad-Gita, Kant, and Deontological Ethics," Invited Lecture, California Institute of Integral Studies, February 2007

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

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Dr. David W. Gill
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