

TAREK R. DIKA

Assistant Professor, Program of Liberal Studies
Concurrent Assistant Professor, Program in History and Philosophy of Science
Concurrent Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy
Fellow, Medieval Institute
University of Notre Dame
215 O'Shaughnessy Hall
Notre Dame, IN 46556

+1 574 631 2794
tdika@nd.edu

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2018– Assistant Professor, Program of Liberal Studies
Concurrent Assistant Professor, Program in History and Philosophy of Science
Concurrent Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy
Fellow, Medieval Institute

2017– Assistant Professor, Program of Liberal Studies
Concurrent Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy
Fellow, Medieval Institute
University of Notre Dame

2016– Assistant Professor, Program of Liberal Studies, University of Notre Dame

2013–2016 Postdoctoral Fellow, Michigan Society of Fellows, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

2013–2016 Assistant Professor, Department of Comparative Literature, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Summer 2012 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Al-Quds University, Abu Dis, West Bank, Palestine

2010–2011 Visiting Researcher, Archives Husserl de Paris, École Normale Supérieure, Paris, France

EDUCATION

2013 Ph.D., Intellectual History
Johns Hopkins University, Humanities Center

2010–2011 École Normale Supérieure
Département de Philosophie

2010 M.A., Philosophy
Johns Hopkins University, Department of Philosophy

2005 B.A., Comparative Literature, *summa cum laude*,
University of Michigan Ann Arbor, Department of Comparative Literature

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Early modern philosophy
Descartes
Kant
German and French phenomenology

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Ancient philosophy
Medieval (Christian and Islamic) philosophy

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Quiet Powers of the Possible: Interviews in Contemporary French Phenomenology, with W. Chris Hackett. Foreword by Richard Kearney. Fordham: Fordham University Press, 2016.
Reviewed in [*Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*](#)
[*French Studies*](#)

Books in Progress

Descartes' Method: Vis, Habitus, Scientia. Near completion.

Edited volume on Hent de Vries' *oeuvre*, with Martin Shuster

Peer-Reviewed Articles

"Phenomenology and the 'Finitude' of Sense." Forthcoming, *Phenomenology to the Letter*, ed. Rochelle Tobias, Kristina Mendicino, and Philippe Haensler (Berlin: De Gruyter).

"Extrinsic Denomination and the Origins of Modern Metaphysics: The Scholastic Context of Descartes' *Regulae*." Forthcoming, *The Ontology and Deontology of Habits in Medieval Philosophy*, ed. Magali Roques and Nicolas Faucher. *Historical-Analytical Studies on Nature, Mind and Action*, ed. Gyula Klima (Berlin: Springer).

"Finitude, Phenomenology, and Theology in Heidegger's *Sein und Zeit*." *Harvard Theological Review* 110 (4) 2017: 476–494.

"Givenness and the Basic Problems of Phenomenology," *Words: Religious Language Matters*, ed. Asja Szafraniec, Ernst van den Hemel, and Jan Bremmer. Fordham: Fordham University Press: 2016: 284–315.

"Method, Practice, and the Unity of *Scientia* in Descartes's *Regulae*," *Journal of Early Modern Studies* 4 (2) 2015: 93–110.

"Wittgenstein, the Criticism of Philosophy, and Self-Knowledge," *European Journal of Pragmatism and American Philosophy* 2 (2) 2010: 35–40.

Articles Under Review

“The Origins of Cartesian Mind-Body Dualism in *Rules for the Direction of the Mind*,” *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*.

Interviews

“Les concepts fondamentaux de la phénoménologie. Entretien avec Claude Romano,” with W. Chris Hackett, *Journal of French and Francophone Philosophy* 20 (2) 2012: 173–202.

“La phénoménologie et le concept de vie: Un entretien avec Renaud Barbaras,” with W. Chris Hackett, *Journal of French and Francophone Philosophy* 19 (2) 2012: 153–179.

Reviews

Jeremy Biles and Kent L. Brintnall, eds., *Negative Ecstasies: Georges Bataille and the Study of Religion*. Fordham: Fordham University Press: 2015. *SCTIW Review*, September 1, 2016.

Ahmed El Shamsy, *The Canonization of Islamic Law: A Social and Intellectual History*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press: 2015. *SCTIW Review*, August 9, 2016.

Rico Vitz, *Reforming the Art of Living: Nature, Virtue, and Religion in Descartes' Epistemology*. Dordrecht: Springer, 2015. *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, June 23, 2015.

Martin Heidegger, *Logic: The Question of Truth*. Trans. Thomas Sheehan. *Modern Language Notes*, vol. 125, no. 5, 2010: 1155–1158.

Jacques Derrida, *Psyche: Inventions of the Other, Volume II*. Ed. Peggy Kamuf and Elizabeth Rottenberg. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2008. *Modern Language Notes*, vol. 123, no. 5, 2008: 1201–1204.

Jacques Derrida, *Psyche: Inventions of the Other, Volume I*. Ed. Peggy Kamuf and Elizabeth Rottenberg. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2007. *Modern Language Notes*, vol. 122, no. 5, 2007: 1194–1198.

Translations

Jean-Luc Marion, “Kenosis, but starting from the Trinity,” *Agus & Agus: Theological and Philosophical Essays in Honor of Cyrial J. O'Regan*, ed. Jennifer Newsome Martin and Anthony C. Sciglitano, Jr. New York: Crossroads Publishing Company, 2018.

Françoise Dastur, “Phenomenology and Finitude,” *Quiet Powers of the Possible: Interviews in Contemporary French Phenomenology*, ed. Tarek R. Dika and W. Chris Hackett. Fordham: Fordham University Press, 2016: 176–188.

INVITED TALKS, SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS, ETC.

Early Modern Philosophy

Participant in closed seminar on the “Cambridge manuscript” of Descartes’ *Rules for the Direction of the Mind*, Institut d’études avancées de Paris, April 19–20, 2018.

“Descartes’s Habitual Theory of the Faculties,” International Conference on Early Modern Philosophy and Science, Princeton University, May 20–21, 2016.

“Descartes and the Practical Subject of Science,” University of Memphis, Department of Philosophy, February 12, 2016.

“Descartes et le sujet pratique de la science,” Université du Québec à Montréal, Département de Philosophie, February 3, 2016.

“Descartes and the Practical Subject of Science,” University of Notre Dame, Program of Liberal Studies, January 27, 2016.

“Descartes’s Concept of *Habitus*,” International Conference on Early Modern Philosophy and Science, “Séminaire Descartes,” University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, May 20–24, 2015.

Phenomenology

“Heidegger on the ‘Finitude’ of Being,” International Conference on Phenomenology, “Immanence and Transcendence,” Institut Catholique de Paris, June 21–25, 2017.

“Finitude in *Sein und Zeit*,” International Conference on Phenomenology, “Décrire et réduire: en quête des phénomènes,” Institut Catholique de Paris, June 8–10, 2015.

Other

“It’s All in the Game,” International Conference on “Perception des valeurs,” Université de Picardie, Amiens, May 22, 2009.

“Wittgenstein, the Criticism of Philosophy, and Self-Knowledge,” International Conference on “Perfectionnisme morale et souci de soi,” Université de Picardie Jules Verne, Amiens, May 19, 2009.

CONFERENCE TALKS, SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS, ETC.Early Modern Philosophy

“Descartes’ Early Dualism in *Regulae ad directionem ingenii*,” Descartes Society, American Philosophical Association, Central Division, February 21–25, 2018.

“Descartes’ Early Dualism in *Regulae ad directionem ingenii*,” South Central Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Hendrix College, November 17–18, 2017.

“Method, Habit, and the Unity of *Scientia* in Descartes’s *Regulae*,” American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, March 30–April 3, 2016.

“Descartes’s Concept of Method in *Regulae ad directionem ingenii*,” Interdisciplinary Premodern Colloquium, University of Michigan, December 13, 2015.

“Descartes and the Habitual Unity of Science,” International Conference on “*Habitus* in Latin Medieval Philosophy,” École Pratique des Hautes Études, Paris, October 14–16, 2015.

“Descartes’s Theory of *Habitus*,” Philosophy Department Colloquium, Department of Philosophy, University of Michigan, April 10, 2015.

“Descartes’s Theory of *Habitus*,” Dinner Talk, University of Michigan Society of Fellows, January 13, 2015.

“The Methodological Foundations of Kantian Idealism,” Lunch Colloquium, University of Michigan Society of Fellows, January 13, 2014.

Phenomenology

“Phenomenology and the ‘Finitude’ of Sense,” Seminar on “Phenomenology to the Letter: Husserl and Literature,” German Studies Association, October 5–8, 2017.

“Heidegger on Ontological Difference: The Incompletion of *Being and Time*,” Brown Bag Lecture, Department of Comparative Literature, University of Michigan, March 28, 2014.

“Elements of Finitude: Foucault, Kant, Heidegger,” Graduate Colloquium, Johns Hopkins University Humanities Center, December 5, 2011.

“Remarks on the Phenomenology of Philosophical Reflection,” Graduate Colloquium, Johns Hopkins University Humanities Center April 23, 2010.

“Revelation, Forms of Life, and Historicity,” Graduate Conference, “Divining the Message, Mediating the Divine,” Department of Religion, Columbia University April 2, 2010.

“Response to François Sebbah: On Lévinas,” Conference on “Religion and Sexuality,” Center for Women, Gender, and Sexuality, Johns Hopkins University, September 19–20, 2009.

“General Introduction to Heidegger’s Concept of the World,” Prometheus Lectures (for Undergraduate Philosophy Majors), Johns Hopkins University, April 22, 2009.

“On Jean–Luc Marion,” Workshop on “Lebensformen und Lebenswissen,” Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft–Graduiertenkolleg (DFG) and Johns Hopkins University Humanities Center, February 28–29, 2008.

“Heidegger on the ‘Fundamental Question of Metaphysics,’” Graduate Conference, “The Limits

of Intelligibility,” Johns Hopkins University Humanities Center, March 9–10, 2007.

“Husserl and the Vienna Lecture,” Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Annual Meeting, Memphis, October 28–30, 2004.

FELLOWSHIPS

2013–2016	Postdoctoral Fellowship, Michigan Society of Fellows, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
2011–2013	Leonard and Helen R. Stultman Fellowship in the Humanities, Johns Hopkins University
2012	Dean’s Teaching Fellowship, Johns Hopkins University

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Referee, *Journal of French and Francophone Philosophy*, *Modern Language Notes*

SERVICE AT NOTRE DAME

University of Notre Dame

2016–	Faculty Senate; Academic Affairs Committee
-------	---

Program of Liberal Studies

2016–2017	Politics Tutorial Committee
2016–2017	Intellectual and Social Life Committee

COURSES TAUGHT

University of Notre Dame

Winter 2018	Metaphysics & Epistemology
Winter 2018	Seminar IV
Winter 2018	Senior Thesis Tutorial
Fall 2017	Metaphysics & Epistemology
Fall 2017	Seminar IV
Fall 2017	Senior Thesis Tutorial
Winter 2017	Philosophical Inquiry
Winter 2017	Seminar IV
Winter 2017	Senior Thesis Tutorial
Fall 2016	Senior Thesis Tutorial
Fall 2016	Philosophical Inquiry

University of Michigan

Winter 2016	Phenomenology and Existentialism (Department of Philosophy)
Fall 2015	Translating World Literatures (Department of Comparative Literature)

Fall 2014 Kant (Graduate Seminar, Department of Philosophy and Department of Comparative Literature)

Johns Hopkins University

Fall 2012 Skepticism, Theology, and Human Finitude
Fall 2010 Modern Skepticism
Fall 2010 Human Freedom
Fall 2008 Ludwig Feuerbach's *The Essence of Christianity*

Al-Quds University

Summer 2012 Greek Political Philosophy

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Philosophical Association
Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy
American Academy of Religion
International Network in Philosophy of Religion
German Studies Association

LANGUAGES

English
Arabic
French
German
Latin
Greek rudiments