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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Theory and Criticism ----- 2020–2026 (October Convocation)

Centre for the Study of Theory and Criticism @ [University of Western Ontario]

“Neuronal Discharge and Celestial Flows: Energetic Materialism in Sigmund Freud and Georges Bataille”

Advisor: Dr. Antonio Calcagno

M.A. Philosophy ----- 2018–2020

Duquesne University

B.A. Philosophy ----- 2014–2018

Denison University

“Creatures Galore: A Fictional Argument for Mythical and Imaginative Realism”

Advisor: Dr. Sam Cowling

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Continental Philosophy—Especially History of Materialism (and New Materialism), Speculative Realism; Key Thinkers—Freud, Bataille, Deleuze & Guattari

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Twentieth- and Twenty-First-Century Continental Philosophy, Philosophy of Technology (and Transhumanism), Cyberfeminism

PUBLICATIONS

Heft, P. “Sino(phobia)(futurism).” In *Accelerated Ad(E)vent: Subjectivity and Aesthetics Approaching the Singularity*. Edited by Peter Heft and Vinay Sharma, 34–40. London: Miskatonic Virtual University Press & The Centre for the Study of Theory and Criticism, 2026.

Heft, P. “The Geocosmic Unconscious: Metapsychological Speculations on Geotrauma and Dissolution.” *Symposium: Canadian Journal of Continental Philosophy* Volume 30, No. 1 (2026): 152–165. [10.5840/symposium202630110](https://doi.org/10.5840/symposium202630110)

Heft, P. “On Peripheral Philosophy: A Para-Academic Polemic.” *Pli: The Warwick Journal of Philosophy* Volume 35, No. 1 (2024): 99–123.

Heft, P. “Libidinal Materialism: Speculative Realism’s Chthonic Dizygote.” *Das Questões* Volume 18, No. 1 (2023): 187–227.

Heft, P. “Virtual Embodiment, Or: When I Enter Cyberspace, What Body Will I Inhabit?” *Cosmos and History: The Journal of Natural and Social Philosophy* Volume 19, No. 1 (2023): 193–211.

Heft, P. “Xenofeminism: A Framework to Hack the Human.” *New Proposals: Journal of Marxism and Interdisciplinary Inquiry* Volume 12, No. 1 (2021): 121–139.

Heft, P. “Betwixt and Between: Zones as Liminal and Deterritorialized Spaces.” *Pulse: The Journal of Science and Culture* Volume 8, No. 2 (2021): 1–20. [10.5281/zenodo.10576341](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.10576341)

- Arenson, H. and P. Heft.** “Nocliping Reality: A Journey to the Backrooms.” *Parasol: Journal of the Centre For Experimental Ontology* Volume 5 (2021): xxxi–xxxii, 85–97.
- Heft, P.** “When Language Breaks: A Heideggerian Analysis of Grice’s ‘Cooperative Principle.’” *Stance* Volume 11 (2018): 22–33. [10.5840/stance2018112](https://doi.org/10.5840/stance2018112)
- Heft, P.** “Smoothing the High Seas: A Deleuzoguattarian Analysis of the Somali Pirates.” *Journal 360°* Volume 12, No. 2 (2017): 29–39. [10.3224/360grad.v12i2.03](https://doi.org/10.3224/360grad.v12i2.03)

IN PREPARATION

- Heft, P.** “Biopolitical Anticipations in Freud’s Speculative Biologies: Primeval Protista, Primal Humans, and Population Politics.”
- Heft, P.** “Outside of $\frac{\text{Space}}{\text{Time}}$: Immanuel Kant, Transcendental Idealism, and the Interdimensional Hypothesis.” For *Aliens in Theory*, edited by Joshua Schuster and Brad Tabas.
- Heft, P.** “The Archimedean Point and the “New Science”: Cosmology and Alienation in Georges Bataille and Hannah Arendt.”

PRESENTATIONS

- Heft, P.** “Turntablism and Time Travel Technics.” *Occultural Accelerationism, AI, and the Destruction of Everything*, Copenhagen, DK. August 6, 2026.
- Heft, P.** “Exploring the Geologic Unconscious: A Stratoanalytical Case Report.” *Centre for the Study of Theory and Criticism at Western University with Radboud University’s Center for Contemporary European Philosophy: A Two-Day Workshop on “Affects and Worlds,”* London, CA. May 26, 2025 – May 27, 2025.
- Heft, P.** “The Geocosmic Unconscious and Anorganic Subjectivity.” *Amor Mundi & Ecological Cosmopolitanism*, Nijmegen, NL. October 14, 2024 – October 15, 2024.
- Heft, P.** ““Aural Cameras’ and Temporal Slippage: Sampling and *Détourned* Time.” 62nd Annual Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP) Conference, Rochester, NY. September 26, 2024 – September 28, 2024.
- Heft, P.** “Sino-ph(obia)(uturism).” *Accelerated Ad(E)vent: Subjectivity and Aesthetics Approaching the Singularity*, London, CA. May 24, 2024 – May 25, 2024.
- Heft, P.** “Close Encounters of the Kantian Kind: Transcendental Idealism and the Interdimensional Hypothesis.” 36th Annual Conference of Society for Literature, Science, and the Arts (Alien 2023), Tempe, AZ. October 26, 2023 – October 29, 2023.
- Heft, P.** “When Freud Met Foucault, Or: Freud as A Theorist of Population Politics.” 61st Annual Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP) Conference, Toronto, CA. October 12, 2023 – October 14, 2023.
- Heft, P.** “Transhumanism and the Alien-to-Come.” *International Conference on Radical Humanism (Conferencia Internacional Sobre Humanismo Radical)*, Santa Fe, NM. September 8, 2023 – September 9, 2023.
- Heft, P.** “Back to the Future: F. T. Marinetti and Valentine de Saint-Point’s Gender Nihilism.” *Unlearning Nihilism*, London, UK. June 23, 2022 – June 26, 2022.
- Heft, P.** “Tall Waves and Smooth Seas: The Somali Pirates as the War Machinic Rejoinder to the Global State.” *Deleuze & Guattari Studies Camp and Conference 2021*, Prague, CZ. July 5, 2021 – July 7, 2021.
- Heft, P.** “On Peripheral Philosophy: Para-Academia and the Call of the Outside.” *Binghamton University Philosophy Graduate Student Conference*, Binghamton, NY. November 2, 2019.
- Heft, P.** “Black Death and White Civil Society: Foucault, Wilderson, and the Necessity of Necropolitics.”

DePaul University Philosophy Graduate Student Conference, Chicago, IL. September 27, 2019 – September 28, 2019.

- Heft, P.** [“Nuclear Aesthetics: Technology, Corporeality, and the Politics of Nuclear Weapons Testing.”](#) 22nd Annual Pacific University Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, Forest Grove OR. April 20, 2018 – April 21, 2018.
- Heft, P.** [“When Language Breaks: A Heideggerian Analysis of Grice’s ‘Cooperative Principle.’”](#) 2017 Steven Humphrey Colloquium, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY. November 3, 2017.
- Heft, P.** [“Taking Things Seriously Again – An Introduction to Object-Oriented Ontology.”](#) 21st Annual Pacific University Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, Forest Grove, OR. April 21, 2017 – April 22, 2017.

OTHER WORKS

- Heft, P.** [Interview]: [“the backrooms: a blurry photo that changed the internet.”](#) On *Sixteenth Minute (Of Fame)*. Last modified February 10, 2025.
- Heft, P.** [Interview]: [“Liminal Spaces: A Psychological and Social Deep Dive – Double Talk Asks with Hannah and Cailin Loesch.”](#) On *Loesch Twins*. Last modified August 5, 2023.
- Heft, P.** [“Tic-Xenotation as a Solution to Problems of Context: Barker, Derrida, and ETI.”](#) *Plutonics: A Journal of Non-Standard Theory*, Volume 16 (2023): 70–78.
- Heft, P.** [“Stellar Bile, Terrestrial Extraction & Carrie Blast Furnaces.”](#) *Triple Ampersand Journal* (&&&). Last modified July 25, 2022.
- Heft, P.** [“we finally took indigenous knowledge squid-fungi hybrid seriously.”](#) *Possible Utopias: The Wordsfest Eco Zine*, issue 6 (2020): 21–22.
- Heft, P.** [“Notes on Retrocausal AI.”](#) *Plutonics: A Journal of Non-Standard Theory*, Volume 13 (2020): 154–159.
- Heft, P.** “Stuck Inside the Vampire Castle.” On *The Mantle*. Last modified April 23, 2019. [[archived](#)]
- Heft, P.** “On Peripheral Philosophy.” On *The Mantle*. Last modified January 25, 2019. [[archived](#)]
- Heft, P.** “Gender hacking an Alien Future: On Helen Hester’s *Xenofeminism*.” On *The Mantle*. Last modified July 23, 2018. [[archived](#)]
- Heft, P.** “‘The Rhizome’ – An American Translation: Gilles Deleuze and Felix Guattari’s *The Rhizome*, translated from English to American.” On *The Mantle*. Last modified June 26, 2017. [[archived](#)]

TRANSLATIONS

- Helleu, G. and A. Masure.** “Total Record: The Blockchain Protocol Towards Post-Capitalism.” Translated by **P. Heft**. *Multitudes* Volume 71, No. 2 (2018): 70–79. [10.3917/mult.071.0070](#)

SELECTED WORKS EDITED

- Chiasma: A Site for Thought* Volume 9 (2025) – **Heft, P.** “Introduction: Modalities of Fascism.” [10.5206/ch.2025.1.22306](#)
- Plutonics: A Journal of Non-Standard Theory* Volumes 13–17 (2020–2024)
- Heft, P. and V. Sharma (eds.).** *Accelerated Ad(E)vent: Subjectivity and Aesthetics Approaching the Singularity*. London: Miskatonic Virtual University Press & The Centre for the Study of Theory and Criticism, 2026.
- Land, N., S. Livingston, and A. Greenspan.** *Visions of Futures Past: Templexity and Future Mutation*. Arkham/London: Miskatonic Virtual University Press, 2024. [ISBN: 9781778154935](#)

CCRU. *Abstract Culture (Swarms 1–3) + Selections from Digital Hyperstition*. Arkham/London: Miskatonic Virtual University Press, 2024. [ISBN: 9781778154911](#)

Greenspan, A. *Capitalism’s Transcendental Time Machine*. Arkham/London: Miskatonic Virtual University Press, 2023. [ISBN: 9781778154904](#)

Episteme: An International Journal of Undergraduate Philosophy Volume 29 (2018)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

Associate Member at the [Posthumanism Research Institute](#) (Brock University) ----- 2023–present

Co-Organizer of [Accelerated Ad\(E\)vent: Subjectivity and Aesthetics Approaching the Singularity](#), a trans-disciplinary workshop at Western University ----- May 24, 2024 – May 25, 2024

Co-Organizer of [Human Considerations: Speculations on Lunar Habitation](#), an online roundtable at the Venice Biennale–CityxVenice ----- July 8, 2021

Member of New School Policy and Design for Outer Space (The New School) ----- 2021

EDITORIAL POSITIONS

Deputy Chief Editor for [Chiasma: A Site for Thought](#) ----- 2024–2026

Chief Editor for [Chiasma: A Site for Thought](#) ----- 2023–2024

Editor for [Chiasma: A Site for Thought](#) ----- 2020–2023

Editor in Chief for [Miskatonic Virtual University Press](#) ----- 2019–2024

Managing Editor for [Plutonics: A Journal of Non-Standard Theory](#) ----- 2019–2024

Philosophy Editor for *The Mantle* ----- 2018–2021

Head Editor for [Episteme](#) ----- 2017–2018

Co-Editor/Web Editor for [Episteme](#) ----- 2014–2017

GUEST LECTURES

“Afrofuturism: Kodwo Eshun” in Dr. Helen Fielding, *Continental Philosophy* (University of Western Ontario) [Invited] ----- Fall 2023

“Nocliping Reality: A Journey to the Backrooms” in William Jones-Kline, *Philosophy and Video Games* (The Ohio State University) [Invited] ----- Winter 2023

TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS

Disney Dream Factory (Film 2159B), Dr. Janelle Blankenship ----- Winter 2024

Continental Philosophy (Phil 3555F), Dr. Helen Fielding ----- Fall 2023

Continental Philosophy (Phil 3555G), Dr. Helen Fielding ----- Winter 2023

Existentialism (Phil 2557F), Dr. Dean Proessel ----- Fall 2022

Science Fiction Cinema (Film 3357G), Dr. Tobias Nagl ----- Winter 2022

Sex Education, Its History and Controversies (GSWS 2163A), Dr. Nichole Edwards ----- Fall 2021

Introduction to Film (Film 1022), Dr. Tobias Nagl ----- 2020–2021

CERTIFICATIONS

Centre for Teaching and Learning, Teaching Assistant Training Program (Western) ----- 2020

GRADUATE COURSEWORK

Duquesne University

- Deleuze and Guattari's *A Thousand Plateaus*, Dr. Jay Lampert
- Michel Foucault, Dr. Fred Evans
- G.W.F. Hegel's *Phenomenology of Spirit*, Dr. Jennifer Bates
- Jacques Lacan, Dr. Tom Evers
- Gothic Philosophy, Dr. Larry Michael Harrington
- Merleau-Ponty's *Phenomenology of Perception*, Dr. Fred Evans
- Sartre's *Critique of Dialectical Reason*, Dr. Jay Lampert
- Plato's *Phaedrus* & *Symposium*, Dr. Kelly Arenson
- French for Research I & II, Dr. Richard Shane Agin
- Graduate Teaching Seminar, Dr. Kelly Arenson
- Derrida's *Of Grammatology*, Dr. Jay Lampert
- Contemporary Social and Political Philosophy, Dr. Fred Evans

Western University

- The Philosophy of Hannah Arendt: Rethinking the Social and the Political, Dr. Antonio Calcagno
- Theorizing Environmental Subjectivity, Dr. David Janzen
- The Internet is Down: Network Collapse, Dr. Nick Dyer-Witheford
- The Art and Politics of the Situationist International (1957–1972), Dr. Edward Matthews
- “Anti-Psychoanalyses”: A (Short and Incomplete) History of Confluences and Conflicts, Dr. Cristina Ionica
- Biopolitics and the Unconscious, Dr. Matthew Rowlinson
- Species-Beings: Young Marx in the Post-Anthropocene, Dr. Nick Dyer-Witheford (sat in)

Western University's Centre for Teaching and Learning

- The Theory & Practice of University Teaching, Dr. Lisa Aikman and Dr. Ken Meadows

REFERENCES

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