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**Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter School of Public Policy**  
**Georgia Institute of Technology**

## Degrees

Ph.D. Philosophy  
Stony Brook University, 2008

B.A. Philosophy and Psychology (double major)  
Pennsylvania State University, 2000

## Employment History

Georgia Institute of Technology, Fall 2009- Present, Professor  
(Promoted to Full, Spring 2024; Promoted to Associate, Spring 2017)  
McGill University, Adjunct Lecturer, Spring 2008-2009  
CUNY York College, Adjunct Lecturer Fall 2005-Summer 2007  
CUNY LaGuardia Community College, Adjunct Lecturer, Fall 2005  
Stony Brook University, Instructor and TA, Fall 2001-Spring 2005

## Awards

2025. The Dorothy Lee Award for Outstanding Scholarship in the Ecology of Culture, awarded by the Media Ecology Association, for my book *Distracted: A Philosophy of Cars and Phones*.

2024. The 2023-2024 Ivan Allen College Faculty Excellence in Research Award.

2023. Don Ihde Distinguished Alumni Award, Stony Brook University.

## A SELECTION OF MY PUBLICATIONS:

### Monographs

2026. *Against Frog Dissection: The Materiality Argument*. Cham: Palgrave Macmillan.

2024. *Distracted: A Philosophy of Cars and Phones*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press.

2017. *Callous Objects: Designs Against the Homeless*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press.

### Edited Volumes

2023. Editor. *The Critical Ihde*. SUNY Press.

2021. Co-editor with Samantha J. Fried. *Postphenomenology & Imaging: How To Read Technology*. Lexington Books/Rowman Littlefield Press.

2015. Co-Editor with Peter-Paul Verbeek. *Postphenomenological Investigations: Essays on Human-Technology Relations*. Lexington Books/Rowman Littlefield Press.

2010. Editor. *Philosophy of Science: 5 Questions*. Automatic/VIP Press.

### **Articles and Book Chapters**

2025. "Experience Without Essentialism: On 'Posting' Phenomenology." Jesper Aagaard & Robert Rosenberger. *Qualitative Research in Psychology*. 22(3): 213-231.

2025. "Canopy Inequity and 'Hostile' Public-Space Design." *Space and Polity*. 29(1): 64-68.

2025. "A Note on the Materiality of Frog Dissection." In M. Bohlmann & P. Breil (Eds.), *Postphenomenology and Technologies within Educational Settings*. Lanham: Lexington Books, pp. 33-50.

2025. "The Communication of Values Through Hostile Design." In S. L. Connaughton & Stefanie Pakallus (Eds.), *The Routledge Handbook of Conflict and Peace Communication*. New York: Routledge, pp. 190-199.

2024. "Hostile Design." Entry in the *Oxford Bibliographies in Urban Studies*, ed. R. Dilworth. [www.oxfordbibliographies.com/display/document/obo-9780190922481/obo-9780190922481-0079.xml](http://www.oxfordbibliographies.com/display/document/obo-9780190922481/obo-9780190922481-0079.xml)

2024. "The Activist Potential of Postmodern Phenomenology of Technology." In B. de Boer & J. Zwier (Eds.), *Phenomenology and the Philosophy of Technology*. Cambridge: Open Book Publishers, pp. 97-120.

2023. "A Classification Scheme for Hostile Design." *Philosophy of the City Journal*. 1(1): 49-70.

2022. "Technological Multistability and the Trouble with the Things Themselves." In S. Vallor (Ed.), *Oxford Handbook of Philosophy of Technology*. Oxford University Press, pp. 374-391.

2022. "Stop Saying that Automated Cars Will Eliminate Driver Distraction." In D. Michelfelder (Ed.), *Test-Driving the Future: Autonomous Vehicles and the Ethics of Technological Change*. Rowman Littlefield International, pp. 77-95.

2021. "Against Spectatorial Utopianism." *AI & Society*, Curmudgeon's Corner. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00146-021-01254-5>

2021. "The Politics of the Passive Subject." *Social Epistemology Review and Reply Collective*. 10(9): 29-35.

2021. "A Primer on Postphenomenology and Image Reading." In S. J. Fried & R. Rosenberger (Eds.), *Postphenomenology and Imaging*. Lanham: Lexington Books, pp. 3-95.

2021. "Sartre's Keyhole and the Politics of Multistable Space." In I. B. Hyams, & L. Botin (eds.), *Postphenomenology & Architecture*. Lanham: Lexington Books, pp. 73-104.

2020. "On Variational Cross-Examination: A Method for Postphenomenological Multistability." *AI & Society*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00146-020-01050-7>

2020. "Backing Up Into Advocacy: The Case of Smartphone Driver Distraction." *The Journal of Sociotechnical Critique*. 1(1): article 3, 1-16.

2020. "'But That's Not Phenomenology!': A Phenomenology of Discriminatory Technologies." *Techné: Research in Philosophy and Technology*. 24(1/2): 83-113.

2020. "On Hostile Design: Theoretical and Empirical Prospects." *Urban Studies*. 57(4): 883-893.

2020. "A Preliminary Inventory of the Transformations of Scientific Imaging." *Acta Baltica Historiae et Philosophiae Scientiarum*. 8(2): 21-37.

2020. "Hostile Design and the Materiality of Surveillance." In H. Wiltse (Ed.), *Relating To Things: Technology and the Artificial*. Bloomsbury, pp. 135-150.

2019. "The Experiential Niche: Or, On the Difference Between Smartphone and Passenger Driver Distraction." *Philosophy & Technology*. 32(2): 303-320.

2018. "Why It Takes Both Postphenomenology and STS to Account for Technological Mediation: The Case of LOVE Park." In J. Aagaard, J. K. B. Friis, J. Sorenson, O. Tafdrup, & C. Hasse (Eds.), *Postphenomenological Methodologies: New Ways in Mediating Techno-Human Relationships*. Lanham: Lexington Books, pp. 171-198.

2017. "Notes on a Nonfoundational Phenomenology of Technology." *Foundations of Science*. 22: 471-494.

2017. "On the Hermeneutics of Everyday Things: Or, The Philosophy of Fire Hydrants." *AI & Society*. 32: 233-241.

2017. "On the Immersion of E-Reading (Or Lack Thereof)." In Y. Van Den Eede, S. O. Irwin, and G. Wellner (eds.), *Postphenomenology and Media: Essays on Human-Media-World Relations*. Lanham: Lexington Books, pp. 145-163.

2017. "The Organization of User Experience." In A. Shew & J. Pitt (eds.), *Spaces for the Future: A Companion to the Philosophy of Technology*. New York: Routledge. pp. 185-195.

2017. "The ICT Educator's Fallacy." *Foundations of Science*. 22: 395-399.

2017. "Phenomenological Approaches to Technological Ethics." In S. O. Hansson (ed.), *The Ethics of Technology: Methods and Approaches*. London: Rowman Littlefield, pp. 67-82.

2015. "Driver Distraction from Mobile and Wearable Computer Interface." *IEEE Technology & Society Magazine*. 34(4): 88-99.

2015. "An Experiential Account of Phantom Vibration Syndrome." *Computers in Human Behavior*. 52: 124-131.

2015. "Postphenomenology: What's New? What's Next?" In J. K. B. O. Friis & R. P. Crease (eds.), *Technoscience & Postphenomenology: The Manhattan Papers*. Lexington Books/Rowman Littlefield Press, pp. 129-148.

2015. "A Field Guide for Postphenomenology." Co-Authored with Peter-Paul Verbeek. In R. Rosenberger & P-P. Verbeek (eds.), *Postphenomenological Investigations: Essays on Human-Technology Relations*. Lexington Books/Rowman Littlefield Press, pp. 9-41.

2014. "Multistability and the Agency of Mundane Artifacts: From Speed Bumps to Subway Benches." *Human Studies*. 37: 369-392.

2014. "The Phenomenological Case for Stricter Regulation of Cell Phones and Driving." *Techné: Research in Philosophy & Technology*. 18(1-2): 20-47.

2013. "The Problem with Hands-Free Dashboard Cell Phones." *Communications of the ACM*. 56(4): 38-40.

2013. "Mediating Mars: Perceptual Experience and Scientific Imaging Technologies." *Foundations of Science*. 18: 75-91.

2013. "How Simulations Fail." Patrick Grim, Robert Rosenberger, Adam Rosenfeld, Brian Anderson, and Robb E. Eason. *Synthese*. 190: 2367-2390.

2012. "Embodied Technology and the Problem of Using the Phone While Driving." *Phenomenology & the Cognitive Sciences*. 11(1): 79-94.

2011. "A Phenomenological Defense of Computer-Simulated Frog Dissection." *Techné: Research in Philosophy and Technology*. 15(3): 215-228.

2011. "A Case Study in the Applied Philosophy of Imaging: The Synaptic Vesicle Debate." *Science, Technology, & Human Values*. 36(6): 6-32.

2011. "A Phenomenology of Image Use in Science: Multistability and the Debate over Martian Gully Deposits." *Techné: Research in Philosophy and Technology*. 15(2): 156-169.

2009. "The Sudden Experience of the Computer." *AI & Society*. 24: 173-180.

2008. "Perceiving Other Planets: Bodily Experience, Interpretation, and The Mars Orbiter Camera." *Human Studies*. 31(1): 63-75.

2008. Patrick Grim, Randy Au, Nancy Louie, Will Braynen, Evan Selinger, Robert Rosenberger, and Robb E. Eason "A Graphic Measure for Game-Theoretic Robustness." *Synthese*. 163(2): 273-297.

2005. Patrick Grim, Evan Selinger, William Braynen, Robert Rosenberger, Randy Au, Nancy Louie, and John Connolly. "Modeling Prejudice Reduction: Spatialized Game Theory and the Contact Hypothesis." *Public Affairs Quarterly*. 19(2): 95-125.

## Book Reviews

2024. "The Problem of Technology and Disability." Review of *Against Technoableism: Rethinking Who Needs Improvement*, by Ashley Shew. *Journal of Human-Technology Relations*. 2(1).

2015. Review of *A Deadly Wandering*, by Matt Richtel. *Rain Taxi*. 20(1): 44-45.

2013. "Technologies of Education: Classrooms and Chat Rooms, Scalpels and Screens." Review of Norm Friesen's *The Place of the Classroom and the Space of the Screen*. *Human Studies*. 36: 307-313.

2010. "Deflating the Overblown Accounts of Technology: A review of Ihde's *Ironic Technics*." *AI & Society*. 133-136.

2010. "Questioning Philosophers of Technology." Review of *Philosophy of Technology: 5 Questions*, edited by Jan Kyre-Berg Olsen and Evan Selinger. *Science, Technology, & Human Values*. 35(1): 140-143.

2009. Review of *Science: Key Concepts in Philosophy*, by Steven French. *Quarterly Review of Biology*. 84(3): 278-279.

2008. "An Ambivalent, Postphenomenological Philosophy of Technology." Review of *What Things Do*, by Peter-Paul Verbeek. *Janus Head*. 10(2): 640-646.

2008. Review of *Objectivity*, by Lorraine Daston and Peter Galison. *Quarterly Review of Biology*. 83(3): 292-293.

2008. "Seeing the World Through Technology and Art." Review of *Mediated Vision*, edited by Petran Kockelkoren. *Techné: Research in Philosophy and Technology*. 12(1): 90-97.

2006. "Catching Up With Technoscience Studies." Review of *Chasing Technoscience: Matrix for Materiality*, edited by Don Ihde and Evan Selinger. *Human Studies*. 29: 399-403.

2006. Review of *Science in Society*, by Matthew David. *Quarterly Review of Biology*. 81(3): 267-268.

2004. Review of *Politics of Nature: How To Bring The Sciences Into Democracy*, by Bruno Latour. *Quarterly Review of Biology*. 79(4), 404-405.

2004. Review of *Investigative Pathways: Patterns and Stages in the Careers of Experimental Scientists* by Frederic Lawrence Holmes. *Quarterly Review of Biology*. 79(4), 405-406.