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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

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.