

## Ed Pluth

### Curriculum Vitae Spring 2007

Associate Professor  
Department of Philosophy  
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#### EDUCATION

PhD in Philosophy, Duquesne University, 2002, with honors.  
(with one year of research funded at the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium)

MA in Philosophy, Duquesne University, 1996

BA in Philosophy and Art History, St. Cloud State University, 1993, summa cum laude

#### RESEARCH AND TEACHING AREAS

Contemporary Continental Philosophy, Psychoanalytic Theory, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy

#### PUBLICATIONS

##### Books

1. Signifiers and Acts: Freedom in Lacan's Theory of the Subject. Albany: SUNY Press, 2007.
2. Alain Badiou: An Introduction. Polity Press, Forthcoming.

##### Journal Articles

1. "On Sexual Difference and Sexuality 'As Such': Lacan on the Case of Little Hans". Angelaki. Forthcoming, Summer 2007.
2. "Against Spontaneity: Badiou, Lacan, and Žižek on the Act". International Journal of Žižek Studies. 1:2. (2007). <http://zizekstudies.org/index.php/ijzs/issue/current>
3. "Lacan's Subversion of the Subject". Continental Philosophy Review. 39: 3. July 2006. 293-312.
4. "How Acts Use Signifiers". Journal for Lacanian Studies. 2:1. 2004. 18-33.
5. "Working Through as a Truth Procedure" Communication and Cognition. 37:4. 2004. 279-292. Co-authored with Dominiek Hoens.
6. "A Che Vuoi? Stage: Lacan's Theory of Subject Formation" ERR. 1:2: 2002. 25-32.

##### Articles in Edited Volumes

1. "What If the Other Is Stupid? Badiou and Lacan on the Act" in Think Again: Alain Badiou and the Future of Philosophy. Co-authored with Dominiek Hoens. Ed. Peter Hallward. London: Continuum, 2004. 182-190.

- 1a. Translated into Slovene as "Kaj pa, če je Drugi neumen? Badiou in Lacano 'Logičnem času" Problemi. 1-2: 2006.
2. "Sinthome: A New Way of Writing an Old Problem?" Re-Inventing the Symptom: Essays on the Final Lacan. Co-authored with Dominiek Hoens. Ed. Luke Thurston. New York: The Other Press. 2002. 1-18.
3. "Kristeva's Subject als 'révolte'." Terugkeer van het subject? Recente ontwikkelingen binnen de filosofie. (English Title: "Kristeva's Subject as Revolt." Return of the Subject? Recent Developments in Philosophy) Leuven: Universitaire Pers Leuven. 2002. 73-80.

### **Encyclopedia Essays**

1. "Freud, Sigmund". In Alan Soble, Ed. Sex from Plato to Paglia: A Philosophical Encyclopedia. 2 vols. Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, 2006. 370-381.
2. "Lacan, Jacques". In Alan Soble, Ed. Sex from Plato to Paglia: A Philosophical Encyclopedia. 2 vols. Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, 2006. 567-573.

### **Essays for Textbooks**

1. "Deleuze and Badiou" in Philosophy: The Power of Ideas. Ed. Brooke Moore and Ken Bruder. Mountain View, CA: Mayfield. 2004.

### **Book Reviews**

1. Review of Time Driven by Adrian Johnston. South Atlantic Review. Summer 2007.
2. "The Pauline Event?" Review of Saint Paul: La fondation de l'universalisme, by Alain Badiou. Theory and Event. 3.3 (1999): 11 pars. [http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/theory\\_&\\_event/v003/3.3r\\_pluth.html](http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/theory_&_event/v003/3.3r_pluth.html)

### **Works in Progress**

A Reader's Guide to the Seminar of Jacques Lacan. Book-length manuscript in preparation.

Misology and Other Delights: A Critique of the Philosophical Hatred of Language. Book-length manuscript in preparation.

### **CONFERENCE PAPERS AND OTHER PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

1. "Lacanian Anti-Humanism and Freedom". Invited presentation for the "Phantom of Liberty" conference at the Jan Van Eyck Academie, Maastricht, The Netherlands. May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007.
2. "Alain Badiou's Ontology". Presentation for Phi Sigma Tau at CSU Chico. April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2007.
3. "Lacan on the Drive". Invited presentation at UC Berkeley. March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2007.
4. Response to Rudolf Bernet: "Drives: Psychological or Metaphysical" at SPEP, Villanova University, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2006.
5. Discussant, "Repetition in Kierkegaard and Lacan" by Michael Miller. APW conference, University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA. March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2006.
6. "The Act in Duchamp and Elsewhere". Invited international speaker for the Doctoral Research Training in Psychoanalytic Theory Program at Brunel University, Uxbridge, UK, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2006.
7. "Butler and Kristeva on the Subject and Identification". SPEP Conference, October 20-22<sup>nd</sup>, 2005, Salt Lake City.

8. "Symptom and Act," APW conference, Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska. September 24-26<sup>th</sup>, 2004.
9. "Foucault: Pro and Contra" (Debate with Prof. Laird Easton, History), Humanities Center, CSU Chico. April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2003.
10. "From Frustration to Fantasy: or, How to Disappear Completely," APW conference, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh PA. May 16-18<sup>th</sup> 2003.
11. "Why Sexuality As Such is Traumatic," Association for the Psychoanalysis of Culture and Society. University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, October 25<sup>th</sup>–October 27<sup>th</sup> 2002.
12. "What if the Other is Stupid: On Badiou's Critique of Lacan's 'Logical Time,'" Ethics and Politics: The Work of Alain Badiou. Cardiff, Wales, May 25<sup>th</sup>–May 26<sup>th</sup> 2002.
13. "Kristeva's subject als Révolte," (Kristeva's Subject as Revolt). 23<sup>e</sup> Vlaams-Nederlandse Filosofiedag (Flemish-Dutch Philosophy Day). Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Campus Kortrijk, Belgium. October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2001.
14. "Lacan's Subversion of the Subject," Expeausition. Ghent, Belgium. January 21, 2000.
15. "Žižek on Hegel: Reflection Reconsidered," International Graduate Student Conference. Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium. November 26-27 1999.
16. "The Thing: The Lacanian Object," Graduate Student Colloquium. Duquesne University. March, 1996
17. "The Lacanian Subject and Identification," Philosophy, Interpretation, Culture. SUNY Binghamton. May, 1995.

**Lectures for *Cesuur: Study Center for Social Criticism, Ghent, Belgium***

<http://users.pandora.be/laurent.s/cesuur>

"An Ethic of the Event: Alain Badiou," January-February, 2001

"Clinical and Ethical Aspects of Lacanian Psychoanalysis," October 1998-January 1999

**ACADEMIC SERVICE**

Editorial Board, *S: Journal of the Jan van Eyck Circle for Lacanian Ideology Critique.*

Undergraduate Advisor, Philosophy Department, CSU Chico, 2007-.

Manuscript Review, Northwestern University Press, 2006.

Special Majors Committee, CSU Chico, 2004 to present.

Department Chair Search Committee, Philosophy Department, CSU Chico, 2006.

Reviewer, *Journal for Lacanian Studies.* 2005.

Academic Senate, CSU Chico, 2004-2007.

Educational Policy and Procedures Committee (EPPC), CSU Chico, 2004-2007.

Assessment Committee, Philosophy Department, CSU Chico, 2002 to present.

Academic Advisor, Philosophy Department, CSU Chico, 2006 to present.

Faculty Representative, Phi Sigma Tau (Philosophy Honors Society), CSU Chico, 2004-2006.

Chair, subcommittee for EPPC on Special Majors, 2005 .

Chair Search Committee, Department of Philosophy, 2005.

Member, Student Grievance Hearing Pool, 2004.

Faculty Representative, CSU Chico Ethics Bowl team, National Tournament, Cincinnati Ohio, 2004.

Honors Thesis Director, Brett Smith, 2005.

Honors Thesis Committee, Susanna Boxall, 2004.

Honors Thesis Committee, Ivan Gossage, 2004.

Chair, Curriculum Committee, Department of Philosophy, CSU Chico, 2003-2005.

Constitutional Committee, Department of Philosophy, CSU Chico, 2002-2003.

## **EMPLOYMENT**

### **CSU Chico, Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Fall 2002 – present**

Courses Taught:

Human Existence

Structuralism and Post-Structuralism

Nineteenth and Twentieth Century Philosophy

Logic and Critical Thinking

Phenomenology

Existentialism

Ethics and Human Happiness

## **LANGUAGES**

English, French, Dutch, and German