

CURRICULUM VITAE

ROBERT J. DOSTAL

Emeritus Rufus M. Jones Research Professor of Philosophy

Bryn Mawr College

email: rdostal@brynmawr.edu

EDUCATION

- 1977 Ph.D., Philosophy, Pennsylvania State University
- 1974-76 University of Cologne, West Germany (DAAD Fellow)
- 1971 M.A., The Catholic University of America
- 1969 B.A., The Catholic University of America, *summa cum laude*

ACADEMIC and ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- 2022 -McBride Professor of Philosophy & Acting Chair of the Department
- 2021-- -Rufus M. Jones Emeritus Research Professor of Philosophy
- 2017 (fall) - Acting Provost, Bryn Mawr College
- 2013-19 - Chair, Philosophy Department
- 2010-13 - Chair, East Asian Studies, Bryn Mawr College
- 2007-09 -Acting Chair, Philosophy Department, Bryn Mawr College
- 2005 - Visiting Professor, Villanova University (spring semester)
- 1994-2002 - Provost (Academic Vice-President), Bryn Mawr College
- 1992-2020 - The Rufus M. Jones Professor of Philosophy, Bryn Mawr College
- 1988-93 - Department Chair, Philosophy, Bryn Mawr College
- 1986-92 - Associate Professor, Bryn Mawr College
- 1980-86 - Assistant Professor, Bryn Mawr College
- 1976-80 - Assistant Professor, Memphis State University
Assistant Editor, *Southern Journal of Philosophy*

POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS

- DAAD Fellow:
 - Freiburg, Germany; Summer 1994
 - Freiburg, Germany; Fall 2010
- Humboldt Fellow:
 - Cologne 1981-82
 - Freiburg 1987 (1 semester)
 - Freiburg 1989 (summer)
 - Freiburg 2010 (summer)
 - Freiburg 2017 (spring semester)
- NEH Summer Research Fellow 1986
- NEH Summer Seminar, Berkeley 1979

EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBER

Editorial Board, *Journal of Philosophical Investigations*, University of Tabriz, Iran
Editorial Board, Book Series for Springer Press: Contributions to Hermeneutics

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Gadamer's Hermeneutics: Between Phenomenology and Dialectic. Evanston: Northwestern University Press, 2022. 297 pp.

Edited Books

The Cambridge Companion to Gadamer. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2002. 317 pp; 2nd and revised edition, 2020. 445 pp.

Phenomenology on Kant, German Idealism, Hermeneutics, and Logic, edited by O. K. Wiegand, R. J. Dostal, L. Embree, J. Kockelmans, J. Mohanty. Boston: Kluwer Academic, 2000. 351 pp.

Edited Article

"Phenomenology and German Idealism," by Thomas Seebohm, edited by Robert Dostal, in *The Routledge Handbook of Phenomenology and Phenomenological Philosophy* (New York: Routledge, 2020), pp. 87-97.

Articles and Book Chapters

"The Flowers of *Being and Time*: Nature and Heidegger's Abandonment of His Early Project," *The Review of Metaphysics*, LXXIX (September 2025), pp. 119-150.

"Gadamer's Socratic Plato," *Filozofia*, 80, No. 4 (2025), pp. 515-529.

"Gadamer on Humanism, Solidarity, *Phronesis*, and Phenomenology," *Existenz* 18, No. 2 (Fall 2023), pp. 1-7.

"Gadamer's Kant," *The Gadamerian Mind*, edited by Theodore George and Gert-Jan van der Heiden (New York: Routledge, 2021), pp. 221-231.

"Seebohm's Hermeneutics," book chapter, in *Thomas Seebohm*, edited by Thomas Nenon, (Springer Press, 2021).

"Gadamer, Kant, and the Enlightenment," *Research in Phenomenology* 46 (2016), pp. 337-348.

“Authority,” *The Blackwell Companion to Hermeneutics*, Niall Keane and Chris Lawn (Wiley-Blackwell, 2016), pp. 197-204.

“August Boeckh,” *The Blackwell Companion to Hermeneutics*, Niall Keane and Chris Lawn (Wiley-Blackwell, 2016), pp. 342-347.

“E. D. Hirsch Jr.,” *The Blackwell Companion to Hermeneutics*, ed. Niall Keane and Chris Lawn (Wiley-Blackwell, 2016), pp. 417-422.

“Heidegger’s Hermeneutics, Gadamer’s Hermeneutics,” *The Hermeneutical Heidegger*, edited by Michael Bowler and Ingo Farin (Northwestern University Press, 2016), pp. 285-303.

“Hermeneutics and Phenomenology,” *Routledge Companion to Hermeneutics*, ed. Jeff Malpas & Hans-Helmuth Gander (New York: Routledge, 2015), pp. 575-587.

“Hans-Georg Gadamer,” *Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception*, vol. 6, ed. Sebastian Fuhrman (Berlin: DeGruyter Press, 2014).

“Gadamer’s Ambivalence toward the Enlightenment Project,” *Journal of Philosophical Investigations*, vol. 6, No. 11 (Autumn and Winter 2012), pp. 54-80.

“In Gadamer’s Neighborhood,” *Dialogues with Davidson: Acting, Interpreting, Understanding*, ed. Jeff Malpas (MIT Press, 2011), pp. 167-190.

“The Science of Philology and the Discipline of Hermeneutics: Gadamer’s Understanding,” *Internationales Jahrbuch für Hermeneutik* 9 (2010), pp. 53-62.

“Gadamer’s Recovery of *Mimesis* and *Anamnesis*,” *Consequences of Hermeneutics: Fifty Years after Gadamer’s Truth and Method*, edited by Santiago Zabala and Jeff Malpas (Evanston: Northwestern University Press, 2010), pp.45-65. [revised English version of French essay, see below]

“Gadamer’s Platonism and the *Philebus*: The Significance of the *Philebus* for Gadamer’s Thought,” *Hermeneutic Philosophy and Plato: Gadamer’s Response to the Philebus*, edited by Christopher Gill and Francois Renaud (St. Augustin: Academia Verlag, 2010), pp. 1-17.

“Seeböhm’s Hermeneutics and Gadamer,” *International Journal of Philosophical Studies* 16 (December 2008), pp. 719-729.

“Gadamerian Hermeneutics and Irony: Between Strauss and Derrida,” *Research in Phenomenology*, vol. 38, no. 2 (2008), pp. 247-269.

“La Redécouverte Gadamerienne de la *Mimèsis* et de L’*Anamnèsis*” (Gadamer’s Recovery of *Mimesis* and *Anamnesis*, translated by Pierre Rodrigo) *Gadamer et les Grecs*, edited by J.C. Gens, P. Kontos, and P. Rodrigo (Paris: Vrin, 2005), pp. 31-52.

"The Development of Gadamer's Thought," *The Journal of the British Society for Phenomenology* 34 (October 2003), pp. 247-264.

"Introduction," *The Cambridge Companion to Gadamer* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2002), pp. 1-12; revised for the 2nd edition (2021).

"Gadamer: The Man and His Work," *The Cambridge Companion to Gadamer*, pp. 13-35; revised for the 2nd edition (2021).

"Gadamer's Relation to Heidegger and Phenomenology," *The Cambridge Companion to Gadamer* (2002), pp. 247-266; revised for the 2nd edition (2021).

"Judging Human Acting: Arendt's Appropriation of Kant," REPRINT (see below 1984) in *Judgment, Imagination and Politics*, edited by Ronald Beiner and Jennifer Nedelsky (Lanham, Md.: Rowman and Littlefield, 2001), pp. 139-164.

"Subjectivism, Philosophical Reflection and the Husserlian Phenomenological Account of Time," in *Phenomenology on Kant, German Idealism, Hermeneutics, and Logic*, edited by O.K. Wiegand, R.J. Dostal, L. Embree, J. Kockelmans, and J.N. Mohanty. Boston: Kluwer Academic Publishers, 2000, p. 53-65.

"Gadamer, Hans-Georg," *Encyclopedia of Phenomenology*, ed. Lester Embree, J.N. Mohanty, Thomas Seebohm et alia (Boston: Kluwer Academic, 1997), pp. 258-261.

"The End of Metaphysics and the Possibility of non-Hegelian Speculative Thought," in *Hegel, History and Interpretation*, ed. Shaun Gallagher (Albany: SUNY Press, 1997), pp. 33-42.

"Gadamer's Continuous Challenge: Heidegger's Plato Interpretation," *The Philosophy of Hans-Georg Gadamer*, The Library of Living Philosophers, vol. XXIV, ed. L. E. Hahn (LaSalle, Illinois: Open Court, 1997), pp. 289-307.

"The Experience of Truth for Gadamer and Heidegger: Taking Time and Sudden Lightning" *Hermeneutics and Truth*, ed. Brice Wachterhauser (Evanston, Illinois: Northwestern University Press, 1994). pp. 47-67.

"The Public and the People: Heidegger's Illiberal Politics," *The Review of Metaphysics* XLVII (March 1994), pp. 517-555.

Hungarian TRANSLATION of "Eros, Freundschaft und Politik: Heideggers Versagen" *Athenaeum* II/2, ed. Bacsó Bela (Budapest, 1994), pp. 40-54.

"Das Übersetzen Kants ins Englische," [The Translation of Kant into English] *Übersetzen, verstehen, Brücken bauen, Göttinger Beiträge zur Internationalen Übersetzungsforschung*, vol. 8, ed. A. Frank, K. Maaß, F. Paul, and H. Turk (Berlin: Erich Schmidt, 1993), pp. 256-268.

"Time and Phenomenology in Husserl and Heidegger," *The Cambridge Companion to Heidegger*, ed. Charles Guignon (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1992), pp. 141-169.

"Friendship and Politics: Heidegger's Failing," *Political Theory* XX (August 1992), pp. 399-423.

"Beyond Being: Heidegger's Plato," REPRINT (see below, 1985), in vol. 2, *Martin Heidegger: Critical Assessments*, 4 vols., ed. Christopher Macann (London: Routledge & Kegan Paul, 1992), pp. 61-89.

"The Sublime and the Project of a Critique of Judgment," *VII. Internationalen Kant-Kongress* (Bonn: Bouvier, 1991), pp. 846-857.

"Eros, Freundschaft und Politik: Heideggers Versagen" in *Zur philosophischen Aktualität Heideggers*, vol. I: *Philosophie und Politik*, ed. Dietrich Papenfuss and Otto Pöggeler (Frankfurt: Klostermann, 1991), pp. 131-143.

"Philosophical Discourse and the Ethics of Hermeneutics," *Festivals of Interpretation*, ed. Kathleen Wright (Albany: SUNY Press, 1990), pp. 63-88.

"The World Never Lost: The Hermeneutics of Trust," *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, XLVIII (March 1987), 413-434.

"Beyond Being: Heidegger's Plato," *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, XXIII (January 1985), 71-98.

"Judging Human Action: Arendt's Appropriation of Kant," *The Review of Metaphysics*, XXXVIII (June 1984), 725-755.

"The Problem of 'Indifferenz' in *Sein und Zeit*," *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, XLIII (September 1982), 43-58.

"Kant's Refutation of Idealism: Transcendental Idealism and Phenomenalism," *V. Internationalen Kant-Kongress* (1981), pp. 407-416.

"Kant and Rhetoric," *Philosophy and Rhetoric*, 13 (Fall 1980), 223-244.

"Kantian Aesthetics and E.D. Hirsch," *Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism*, XXXVIII (1980), 299-305.

"The A Priori of Experience in Kant and Hegel," *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*, XV (1977), 267-275.

Bibliographies

“Hans-Georg Gadamer,” *Oxford Bibliographies in Philosophy* (annotated, online, revised 2023)

Bibliography of primary and secondary literature on the philosophy of Hans-Georg Gadamer in English, *The Cambridge Companion to Gadamer* (2002), pp. 283-312; revised and updated for the 2nd edition (2021).

Translations

Translation of Guenther Figal’s “The Doing of the Thing Itself: Gadamer’s Hermeneutic Ontology of Language,” *The Cambridge Companion to Gadamer* (2002), pp. 102-25.

Book Reviews

Review of Metaphysics, 68, (Dec 2014), 436-438.

Irene McMullin, *Time and the Shared World: Heidegger on Social Relations* (Northwestern University Press, 2013)

Review of Metaphysics (vol. 66, Sept 2012)

Stefano Marino. *Gadamer and the Limits of the Modern Techno-Scientific Civilization* (Peter Lang, 2011)

Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews [electronic] (May 2010)

Kristin Gjesdal, *Gadamer and the Legacy of German Idealism* (Cambridge University Press, 2008)

Review of Metaphysics, 63 (March 2010), 701-703.

David Hoy, *The Time of Our Lives: A Critical History of Temporality* (MIT Press, 2009)

Bryn Mawr Comparative Literature Review [electronic], vol. 8, No. 1 (Fall 2009/Spring 2010) Amanda Anderson, *The Way We Argue* (Princeton University Press, 2006)

Review of Metaphysics, 62 (December 2008), 176-178.

Anthony Steinbock, *Phenomenology and Mysticism* (Indiana University Press, 2007)

Husserl Studies 24, No. 1 (April 2008), 59-63.

Dermot Moran, *An Introduction to Husserl* (Polity Press, 2005)

Review of Metaphysics, 61 (March 2008), 637-639.

Heidegger and the Greeks, ed. Drew Hyland (Indiana University Press, 2006)

- Continental Philosophy Journal** 40 (December 2007), 455-458.
 Alan Paskow, *The Paradoxes of Art* (Cambridge University Press, 2004)
- Bryn Mawr Classical Review** [electronic] (Fall 2007)
 Pierre Hadot, *The Veil of Isis: An Essay on the History of the Idea of Nature*
 (Belknap Press, 2006)
- Rhetorica**, 25 (Spring 2007), 209-215
 D. Gross and A. Kemmann, ed. *Heidegger and Rhetoric* (SUNY Press, 2005)
- Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews**, June 2005 [electronic]
 C. Lawn, *Wittgenstein and Gadamer*
- Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews**, October 2003 [electronic]
 L. Code, editor, *Feminist Interpretations of Hans-Georg Gadamer*
- Journal of the American Academy of Religion**, 71/2 (Summer 2003)
 S. Watson's *Tradition(s)II*
- Review of Metaphysics** XLVI (March 1993)
 H.G. Gadamer's *Plato's Dialectical Ethics*
- Husserl Studies** IX/1 (1991)
 R. Klockenbusch's *Husserl und Cohn*
- Review of Metaphysics** XLV (September 1991)
 H. Cloeren's *Language and Thought*
- International Philosophical Studies**, XXI/3 (1989)
 F. Schalow's *Imagination and Existence*
- Husserl Studies**, III (1985)
Zeit und Zeitlichkeit bei Husserl und Heidegger, ed. E. Orth
- Man and World**, 15 (1982)
 B. Dauenhauer's *Silence: The Phenomenon and Its Ontological Significance*
- Kant-Studien**, 70 (1980)
 D. Crawford's *Kant's Aesthetic Theory*
- Kant-Studien**, 70 (1980)
 F. Coleman's *The Harmony of Reason*
- Journal of Thought**, (Fall 1977)
 H. Kainz's *Hegel's Phenomenology I*
- Kant-Studien**, 67 (1976)
 H. Reiner's *Die Grundlagen der Sittlichkeit*

Publications—Miscellaneous

History of the Bryn Mawr College Department of Philosophy, departmental website (fall 2008, revised 2015)

"The Exemplary Case of Hazardous Waste" *Bryn Mawr Alumnae Bulletin* (Summer 1988), pp. 7-8.

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND LECTURES (selected)

"A Book and Its Critics," Karl Jaspers Society annual meeting at the Central APA, February 2023, Denver, CO

"Philology and Gadamer's Hermeneutic Ontology," North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics (NASPH), Annual Conference, Dallas, TX, September 2022

"Hermeneutics and Enlightenment: Tradition and Authority," Opening Remarks for the Winter School (a conference) at Sharif University of Technology, Teheran, Iran (delivered *in absentia*), March 2019

"Gadamer's Hermeneutics and Solidarity," ACPA, San Francisco, November 2016

"Seebohm's Hermeneutics," Husserl Circle, Chicago, June 2016

"Seebohm's Hermeneutics," Symposium on the Philosophical Legacy of Thomas Seebohm, Memphis, TN, March 2016

"Gadamer, Kant, and the Enlightenment," Invited Presentation, annual conference of the North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics, Philadelphia, September 2015

"Davidson: In Gadamer's Neighborhood," Center for Theoretical Studies at Charles University, Prague, November 27, 2008

"The Knowledge of Science of Interpretation, the Discipline of Philology, and the Hermeneutics of the Understanding," International Conference on Hermeneutics, Prague, November 24-25, 2008

"Gadamerian Hermeneutics and Irony," Invited Presentation, annual conference of the North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics, Villanova University, September 29, 2007

"Seebohm's Hermeneutics and Gadamer," Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP), Salt Lake City. October 22, 2005.

"Hegel's Treatment of Reason in the Phenomenology of Spirit," Villanova University April 7, 2004.

Book panel at SPEP—Lawrence Hatab's Ethics and Finitude. Boston, November 2003.

Book panel at SPEP—Stephen Watson's Tradition(s). Loyola, Chicago. October 2002.

"Gadamer's Relation to Heidegger," International Conference, Gadamer at 100, University of Budapest, Hungary, October 2000.

"Nature and History, Science and *Weltanschauung*" International Conference, Instituto Piaget: History and Time, Viseu, Portugal, November 4-8, 1997

"The Public and the People: Heidegger's Illiberal Politics," International Conference: Heidegger and Artificial Intelligence, Central European University, Prague, May 26-29, 1994

Professional Memberships:

American Philosophical Association
Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy
Husserl Circle
North American Kant Society
Hegel Society
North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics

COURSES TAUGHT (at Bryn Mawr College)

Emily Balch Seminar: Philosophy and its Beginnings
Historical Introduction to Philosophy: Classical Greek Philosophy
Happiness and Reality in Ancient Philosophy
Historical Introduction to Philosophy: Modern Philosophy
Science and Morality in Modernity
History of 20th Century Continental Philosophy
Science, Technology and the Good Life (also as part of a '360')
Ethics
Environmental Ethics (also as part of a '360')
Interpretation: Texts and Society
The Play of Interpretation
Theory in Practice
Plato: Early and Middle Dialogues
Plato: Late Dialogues
Kant: The Critique of Pure Reason
Kant: The Critique of Practical Reason and the Critique of Judgment
Hegel: The Phenomenology of Spirit
Phenomenology: Husserl and Heidegger
Hermeneutics
Senior Seminar
College Seminar: Concepts of Time
Graduate Seminars
 At Bryn Mawr (3): Kant, Hermeneutics, Heidegger's *Being and Time*
 At Villanova: Hegel's Phenomenology of Spirit