

**Lucas Scott Wright**  
**Curriculum Vitae**  
**The University of California, Irvine**  
**The Department of European Languages and Studies**  
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### **Education**

University of California at Irvine, United States, Current  
Ph.D. German, Department of European Languages and Studies  
Dissertation (Tentative): Wahrheit, Sprache, Ungrund: A Reappraisal of Franz Rosenzweig's *der Stern der Erlösung* in Relation to German Mysticism and Apophatic Thinking

University of California at Santa Barbara, United States, 2019  
M.A. Religious Studies, Department of Religious Studies  
Fields of Study: Jewish Studies; Philosophy and Religion

The University of Nottingham, United Kingdom, 2014  
M.A. Theology, Philosophy and Literature  
Department of Theology and Religious Studies

California Baptist University, United States, 2010  
B.A. Christian Studies  
Concentration: Theology and Philosophy

### **Book Chapters**

“Broken Mirrors, Distorted Reflections: Anthropomorphism and the Recovery of the *Concrétude* of the Human Being in Rosenzweig, Heidegger, and Adorno” in *Humanity: An Endangered Idea?* Series: Claremont Studies in the Philosophy of Religion. Ed. Ingolf U. Dalferth, Marlene A. Block. (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck). Forthcoming.

“Difference Through the Prism of the Same: Apophasis and Negative Dialectic in Rosenzweig and Adorno” in *The Meaning and Power of Negativity*. Series: Claremont Studies in the Philosophy of Religion. Ed. Ingolf U. Dalferth, Marlene A. Block. (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck). Forthcoming.

“*Negative Dialektik* as Immanent Critique, and the Question Concerning the Construction of the Self and the Object – A Response to Matthew Baldwin” in *The Architecture of the Academy: Processes, Institutions, and Power in the Academic Study of Religion*. (Sheffield: Equinox Publishing). Forthcoming.

### **Book Reviews**

Review of *Religious Affects: Animality, Evolution, and Power* in *Critical Research on Religion*. Volume 5:2. May 11, 2017.

### **Works in Progress**

Narrating Essence: Toward an Understanding of Narrativity and Apophaticism in Eckhart and Schelling (Article in preparation for submission)

*Noch die Alten Götter Leben: Towards a Theory of Paganism in Franz Rosenzweig's Thought*  
(Article in preparation for submission)

*“Wenn es liegt...aber es liegt nicht: Understanding the Aspect of True-Fiction in Rosenzweig's Concept of Redemption.* (Article in preparation for submission)

### **Awards and Grants**

Nevin Graduate Endowment Fellowship – The University of California, Irvine, 2020  
Regents Fellowship – School of Humanities, The University of California, Irvine, 2019-2020  
Minority Serving Institutions Fellowship – The University of California, Irvine, 2019-2020  
Summer Stipend – School of Humanities, The University of California, Irvine, 2020  
UCI Diversity Recruitment Fellowship – The University of California, Irvine, 2019  
Max Kade Foundation Travel Grant – Department of Germanic and Slavic Studies,  
The University of California, Santa Barbara, 2019  
J.F. Rowny Endowment Fellowship - Funded in part by Jewish Studies and the Department  
of Religious Studies at the University of California, Santa Barbara, 2015-2019  
Udo Keller Stiftung Forum Humanum Claremont Conference Grant, 2019  
Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD) Intensive Language Course Grant (Hamburg), 2017  
Udo Keller Stiftung Forum Humanum Claremont Conference Grant, 2017  
Hillcrest Transdisciplinary Research Award – Claremont Graduate University, 2015 (Declined)

### **Research and Teaching Interests**

Modern and Contemporary Jewish Thought, Culture, and History (17<sup>th</sup> Century to Present)  
Interwar Apocalyptic and Utopian Thought and Aesthetics  
History of Judaism in Europe  
Rhineland Mysticism  
Jewish and Christian Theologies in Europe  
Jewish and Christian Thought After the Shoah  
Jewish and Christian Mysticism in Europe  
Holocaust Education  
Mysticism, Theology, and Literature  
German Romanticism and Idealism  
Political Theologies  
Theology and Religion in Germany: Medieval to Present  
Weimar Thought and Culture

### **Teaching Experience and Academic Employment**

The University of California, Irvine, Current  
Teaching Assistant Language Instructor  
Department of European Languages and Studies  
Irvine, CA 92697

Fall Quarter 2020: GER 1A  
Winter Quarter 2021: GER 1B  
Spring Quarter 2021: GER 1C

The University of California, Santa Barbara, 2015-2018  
Teaching Assistant and Course Reader  
Departments of Germanic and Slavic Studies and Religious Studies  
Santa Barbara, CA 93106

Fall Quarter 2018: TA for RGST 27: Mystical Experience

*Two full lectures given: Maimonides and Abulafia; Neoplatonism, Eckhart, and Julien of Norwich*

Fall Quarter 2018: Course Reader for RGST 130: Judaism

Winter Quarter 2018: Course Reader for RGST 131F: The History of Antisemitism

Fall Quarter 2017: TA for RGST 26: Introduction to Jewish Mysticism

Fall Quarter 2016: TA for RGST 35: Introduction to Religion and Politics

*One full lecture given: Barbarism, Othering, and the Figure of the Jew and Race in American Immigration Policy*

Spring Quarter 2016: Course Reader for German 116A: Representations of the Holocaust

California State University, Bakersfield, 2015

Adjunct Instructor of Philosophy

Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies

Bakersfield, CA 93311

Winter Quarter 2015: Philosophy 100 - Introduction to Philosophy

Spring Quarter 2015: Philosophy 100 - Introduction to Philosophy

Spring Quarter 2015: Philosophy 102 - Logical Reasoning

## Papers and Symposia

“At Home Out of Time, In Time Never Home: On Rosenzweig’s Critique of Mysticism and the State, and the Political-Theological Question of Supersessionism.” LEST XII: Political Theology as Discernment – Theos and Polis. Katholieke Universiteit Leuven. Leuven, Belgium. October 23-26, 2019.

“Broken Mirrors, Distorted Reflections: Anthropomorphism, the Recovery of the *Concrétude* of the Human in 20<sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy, and the Challenge to Post-Humanist Affect Theory.” 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Claremont Philosophy of Religion Conference, Forum Humanum Seminar. “Humanity: An Endangered Idea?” February 21-23. 2019.

“*Wenn es liegt...aber es liegt nicht*: Understanding the Aspect of True-Fiction in Rosenzweig’s Concept of Redemption.” 2019 Internationale Rosenzweig Gesellschaft Conference. Jerusalem, Israel. February 17-20, 2019.

Panelist on “Reframing Continental Philosophy of Religion?” Roundtable Discussion. Theology and Continental Philosophy Unit. 2017 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. Boston, MA, November 17-18, 2017.

“Criticism and the Identification of Power and Knowledge in the Study of Religion: On Whether the *Dialectic of Enlightenment* (1944) is Possible Today.” Presenting on the panel ‘Critique and Religious Studies: Assessing the Import of the *Dialectic of Enlightenment* (1944) Today after 70 Years.’ Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Unit. 2017 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. Boston, MA. November 17-18, 2017.

“Critical Philosophy and the Debate Over Objects in Religious Studies.” Responding to Matthew Baldwin. 2017 Annual Meeting of the North American Association for the Study of Religion (NAASR). Boston, MA, November 17-18, 2017.

“Between Philosophy and Theology: Rosenzweig’s *Das neue Denken*, Language, and the Problem of Theology.” Faith in the Academy – Theology Among the Disciplines, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven. Leuven, Belgium. August 28-30, 2017.

“Difference Through the Prism of the Same: Apophasis and Negative Dialectic in Rosenzweig and Adorno.” 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Claremont Philosophy of Religion Conference, Forum Humanum Seminar. “The Meaning and Power of Negativity.” Claremont, CA. February 17-18, 2017.

“Sublation Without an End: The Status of Religion in *The Dialectic of Enlightenment*.” Sociology of Religion Group. “2016 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion.” San Antonio, TX. November 19-22, 2016.

“*Jetztzeit* and the Impurity of Assimilation: Reading Kafka’s ‘A Report to an Academy’ with Walter Benjamin.” Presented on the panel “Between Hope and Pessimism: A Comparative Analysis of Hope and Pessimism in Black Studies and Modern Jewish Philosophy.” Philosophy of Religion Group. “2016 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion.” San Antonio, TX. November 19-22, 2016.

“The Negative Way of Messianism and the Project of Decolonialism.” Presented at “The American Academy of Religion, Western Region 2016 Annual Conference.” University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ. April 1-3, 2016.

“Hope and the Sublation of the Sacred/Secular Divide.” Presented on the panel, “Utopia: Religion and Secularism,” at the “Ninth Annual Religions in Conversation Conference.” Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA. February 26-27, 2016.

“Constitutional Democracy: Pluralism, Enlightenment and the Problem of the Pre-Political.” Presented at the, “Eight Annual Religions in Conversation Conference.” Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA. February 27-28, 2015.

“Suffering as the Source: Philosophy of Religion Beyond Genealogies of the Secular and the Sacred.” Co-authored with Ian Bacher. Paper presented by Bacher at the “Oxford Symposium on Religious Studies.” Oxford University, UK. December 8-10, 2014.

“The Tragic Constitution of Nature: Ernst Bloch’s Subversive Politics, Job and the Fall Narrative.” Presented at the “Religion and the Natural Elements” conference. Northwestern University, Evanston, IL. October 31-November 2, 2014.

“Self-Possession’s Dis-onto-logic: The Epochē of Occupation in *The Undercommons*.” Presented at the “Revolting Peripheries Conference 2014,” University of Bielsko-Biala, Poland. June 25-27, 2014.

## Service

Peer Reviewer: *Critical Research on Religion*. 2019.

Peer Reviewer: *Constellations: An International Journal of Critical and Democratic Theory*. 2017-2018.

## **Languages**

German – Advanced Reading, Writing, Speaking Knowledge

French – Intermediate Reading Knowledge, Studying for Speaking and Writing

Latin – Studying Now

## **Professional References**

Elliot Wolfson – Marsha and Jay Glazer Endowed Chair in Jewish Studies, The University of California, Santa Barbara.

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