

# MARTIN HÄGGLUND

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## APPOINTMENTS

Birgit Baldwin Professor of Humanities, Yale University, 2021-  
—Primary Appointment in the Department of Comparative Literature  
—Secondary Appointment in the Department of Philosophy  
Invited Professor of Philosophy, Sorbonne University, Paris 1, Spring 2025  
Chair of Comparative Literature, Yale University, 2015-2024  
Invited Professor, School of Criticism and Theory, Cornell University, Summer 2023  
Full Professor of Comparative Literature and Humanities, Yale University, 2014-  
Tenured Professor of Comparative Literature and Humanities, Yale University, 2012-  
Invited Professor of Philosophy, Bonn University, Summer 2012  
Junior Fellow, Society of Fellows, Harvard University, 2009-2012

## DEGREES

Ph.D. Philosophy, Leipzig University, Germany, expected 2026  
Ph.D. Comparative Literature, Cornell University, USA, 2011  
M.A. Cornell University, 2007, and SUNY Buffalo, USA, 2005  
B.A. Philosophy and Literature, Stockholm University, Sweden, 2001

## BOOKS

*In progress*

***Mortality of the Soul: The Organic Solution to the Hard Problem of Consciousness***

***I Care, Therefore I Am: Rewriting Heidegger's Being and Time***

***Life After Capitalism: Rethinking Freedom with Hegel and Marx***

***A New Hegelian Marxism: Debating Martin Hägglund's This Life***, ed. Michael Lazarus, Routledge, forthcoming 2025, hardback and paperback. Estimated length 145,000 words, including 40,000 words response essay by Martin Hägglund.

**Contributors:** J.M. Bernstein (New School); Nathan Brown (Concordia); Conall Cash (Melbourne); Alex Gourevitch (Brown); Gene Flenady (Monash); Sean D. Kelly (Harvard); Rahel Jaeggi (Humboldt); Michael Lazarus (Deakin); Samuel Moyn (Yale); Frederick Neuhouser (Columbia); Karen Ng (Vanderbilt); Robert Pippin (Chicago); William Clare Roberts (McGill); Samuel Scheffler (NYU); Jensen Suther (Harvard); Brandon M. Terry (Harvard); Lea Ypi (LSE); Slavoj Žižek (Birkbeck).

## BOOKS

***This Life: Secular Faith and Spiritual Freedom***, Penguin Random House: Pantheon 2019: 465 pages. UK and Australia edition published by Profile Books.

\*Winner of the René Wellek Prize.

\*Winner of the Hedenius Prize.

\*Winner of the Myrdal Grand Prize.

**Translations of *This Life* (14 languages):** German, Greek, Spanish, Italian, Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Portuguese, Dutch, Macedonian, Swedish, Latvian, Thai, and Turkish.

\*Named a Best Book of the Year by *The Guardian*, *The Millions*, *The Sydney Morning Herald*, *Aftonbladet*, *Dagens Nyheter*, and *NRC*.

\*Selected by *New York Magazine* as one of the essential books to read during the pandemic.

**Reviews:** *The New Yorker*, *The Guardian*, *The New Republic*, *The Boston Globe*, *New Statesman*, *New York Magazine*, *Times Higher Education* (book of the week), *Jacobin* (two reviews), *Die Zeit*, *Die Welt*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Booklist* (starred review), *Berlin Review of Books*, *Los Angeles Review of Books*, *Boston Review*, *Psychology Today*, *Evening Standard*, *Marx & Philosophy Review of Books*, *Dissent*, *USA Today*, *The Believer*, *The Arts Desk*, *Sydney Review of Books*, *The Humanist*, *The Nation*, *New Rambler Review*, *The Point*, *Church Life Journal*, *Kirkus Reviews*, *Public Books*, *Opulens Magasin*, *Humanisten*, *Counterpunch*, *Dagens Nyheter* (two reviews), *Expressen*, *Aftonbladet*, *Dagens Arena* (four reviews), *Arbetaren*, *Vinduet*, *De Groene Amsterdammer* (two reviews), *Leipziger Zeitung*, *Brink*, *Sophia: International Journal of Philosophy*, *Areo Magazine*, *Spiked*, *Review 31*, *Parrhesia: Journal of Critical Philosophy*, *Reason and Meaning*, *The Philosopher*, *boundary 2*, *Historical Materialism*, *Critical Inquiry*, *Radical Philosophy*, *Hegel Bulletin*.

**Journal issues on the book:** *Los Angeles Review of Books* (symposium with 6 essays on the book and a 3-part response by the author). *The Philosopher* (special issue with 4 essays on the book and an interview with the author).

**Conferences on the book:** Full-day conferences at Harvard University (September 20, 2019) and at Yale University (March 29, 2019). **Colloquia:** at Cornell University (November 1, 2019) and at New York University (April 25, 2019). **Panels:** at the Annual Conference of the Australasian Society for Continental Philosophy, University of Melbourne (December 4, 2019) and at the Eighth International Historical Materialism Conference, Melbourne, Australia (December 6, 2019).

**Profiles/ Interviews on the book:** *New Statesman*, *Vox*, *VICE*, *Jacobin*, *Aperture Magazine*, *The Irish Times*, *The Philosopher*, *Wall Street Journal Magazine*, *Vogue* (Italy), *La Vanguardia*, *El Hype Magazine*, *Diario de Sevilla*, *El Huffpost*, *El Diario* (Spain), *Publico* (Portugal), *Weekendavisen*, *Kristeligt Dagblad*, *Berlingske* (Denmark), *Klassekampen* (Norway), *Dagens Nyheter*, *Svenska Dagbladet*, *SvD Perfect Guide*, *Sydsvenskan*, *Tidningen Ångermanland*, *Dagens ETC*, *Aftonbladet Söndag* (Sweden), *HRC Handelsblad* (Netherlands).

**Podcasts on the book:** *Why is this happening?* With MSNBC's Chris Hayes, *The Ezra Klein Show*, *Think Again/ Big Think*, *Life After God*, *Virtual Memories Show*, *The Dig*, *Thales' Well*, *Etthundra döda författare*, *What's Left of Philosophy?*

**Television:** *Malou efter 10* (Sweden), *SVT Kulturnyheter* (Sweden). **Radio shows:** *The Philosopher's Zone* at ABC Radio National (Australia), *Deutschlandfunk* (Germany); *Filosofiska Rummet* (Sweden), *Sommar i P1* (Sweden), twice on CBC Radio's *Ideas* show (Canada).

***Dying for Time: Proust, Woolf, Nabokov***, Harvard University Press 2012: 197pp.

**Reviews:** *Los Angeles Review of Books*, *Modernism/Modernity*, *Journal of Modern Literature*, *Cambridge Quarterly Review*, *Metapsychology*, *MLN: Modern Language Notes*, *Modern Language Studies*, *Modern Philology*, *Choice*, *CR: The New Centennial Review*, *Times Literary Supplement*, *Literature and History*, *Graduate Faculty Philosophy Journal*, *Nexus Review*, *Open Humanities Press*, *Recherche Littéraire/Literary Research*, *Russian Review*, *San Francisco Book Review*, *Dagens Nyheter*, *Samlaren*, *Studies in the Novel*, *Symploke*, *Theory and Event*, *Tidskrift för Litteraturvetenskap*, *Woolf Studies Annual*.

**Journal issue on the book:** *Derrida Today* (special issue, 4 articles on the book).

**Colloquia on the book:** at Harvard University, at Stanford University, and at the New School for Social Research (see “Debates” below).

***Radical Atheism: Derrida and the Time of Life***, Stanford University Press, Meridian: Crossing Aesthetics, 2008: 255 pp. \*Chinese, Japanese, and Korean translations.

**Reviews:** *International Journal of Philosophical Studies*, *Journal of the British Society for Phenomenology*, *Diacritics*, *Radical Philosophy*, *Sophia: International Journal of Philosophy and Traditions*, *Studies in Social and Political Thought*, *Dagens Nyheter*, *Derrida Today*, *Journal for Cultural and Religious Theory*, *Lacuna*, *OEI*, *Parrhesia*, *Site Magazine*, *The Year’s Work in Critical and Cultural Theory*.

**Journal issue on the book:** *CR: The New Centennial Review*, *Living On: Of Martin Hägglund* (special issue with 9 articles and 250 pages devoted to the book).

**Conference on the book:** Full-day conference at Cornell University. **Colloquium:** at Oxford University. **Panel:** at Harvard University (see “Debates” below).

***Kronofobi: Essäer om tid och ändlighet*** (*Chronophobia: Essays on Time and Finitude*), Östlings Bokförlag Symposion, 2002: 242 pp.

\*Reviewed in many Swedish newspapers and journals, details available on request.

\*New expanded edition published by Volante Förlag, 2021: 316 pp.

## DEBATES

*Los Angeles Review of Books*. Symposium on Hägglund’s *This Life*. Contributions by:

Walter Benn Michaels  
Benjamin Kunkel  
Michael W. Clune  
Jodi Dean  
William Clare Roberts  
Brandon M. Terry  
Response by Martin Hägglund

*The Philosopher* Autumn 2019, On Martin Hägglund’s *This Life*

Frederick Neuhouser, “Spirit, Life, and Freedom: A Response to *This Life*.”

Lea Ypi, “The Problem of Agency: A Response to *This Life*.”

Jensen Suther, “The Philosophy of Our Future: A Response to *This Life*.”

Martin Hägglund, “Why Mortality Makes Us Free.”

*The Point*, Summer 2019

Robert Pippin, “Limited Time: On Martin Hägglund’s *This Life*.”

Martin Hägglund, “Being Hegelian Today: A Response to Robert Pippin.”

First featured at the conference on *This Life* at Yale University, March 29, 2019.

*CR: The New Centennial Review* 15.3. 2015

Michael W. Clune, "Can We Imagine Timeless Experience?"

Martin Hägglund, "Beauty That Must Die: A Response to Michael Clune."

Michael W. Clune and Martin Hägglund: "Time in Our Time: Clune and Hägglund Debating at Stanford."

First featured as *Time in Our Time: Michael Clune and Martin Hägglund*, Center for the Study of the Novel, Stanford University, December 5, 2013.

*Derrida Today*, 6.2 2013. Special Issue *On Dying for Time*

Jean-Michel Rabaté, "Dying from Immortality: A Response to Hägglund."

Adrian Johnston, "The true Thing is the (w)hole: Freudian-Lacanian Psychoanalysis and Chronolibidinal Reading—Another Friendly Reply to Martin Hägglund."

Martin Hägglund, "On Chronolibido: A Response to Rabaté and Johnston."

First featured as the symposium *Chronolibido: Psychoanalysis, Literature, and Philosophy*, New School for Social Research, October 20, 2012.

*Journal for Cultural and Religious Theory*, 11.2 2011

John Caputo, "The Return of Anti-Religion: From Radical Atheism to Radical Theology."

Martin Hägglund, "The Radical Evil of Deconstruction: A Reply to John Caputo."

First featured at conference at Harvard University, March 26-27, 2010.

*CR: The New Centennial Review* 9.1 2009 Special Issue, *Living On: Of Martin Hägglund*

Michael Naas, "An Atheism that (*Dieu merci!*) Still Leaves Something to be Desired"

Henry Staten, "Writing: Empirical, Transcendental, Ultratranscendental."

Vicki Kirby, "Tracing Life: 'La Vie La Mort'."

Aaron F. Hodges, "Martin Hägglund's Speculative Materialism."

Samir Haddad, "Language Remains."

Adrian Johnston, "Life Terminable and Interminable: The Undead and the Afterlife of the Afterlife—A Friendly Disagreement with Martin Hägglund."

William Egginton, "On Chronolibidinal Reading and Impossible Desires."

David E. Johnson, "Time: For Borges."

Martin Hägglund, "The Challenge of Radical Atheism: A Response."

Earlier versions of the papers first presented at the conference *The Challenge of Radical Atheism: Critical Responses*, Cornell University, October 4, 2008.

*Derrida Today* 2.2 2009 and 3.2 2010

Derek Attridge, "Martin Hägglund's *Radical Atheism*" reprinted as "Radical Atheism and Unconditional Hospitality" in Attridge's *Reading and Responsibility*.

Martin Hägglund, "The Non-Ethical Opening of Ethics: A Response to Attridge."

First featured as the colloquium *Ethics, Hospitality, and Radical Atheism*, Oxford University, March 4, 2010.

*Diacritics* 38.1-2 2008

Ernesto Laclau, "Is Radical Atheism a Good Name for Deconstruction?"

Martin Hägglund, "Time, Desire, Politics: A Reply to Ernesto Laclau."

*New Literary History* 37.2 2006

Brian Boyd, "Nabokov, Time, and Timelessness: A Reply to Martin Hägglund."

Martin Hägglund, "Nabokov's Afterlife: A Reply to Brian Boyd."

## ARTICLES

- “The Meaning of Mortality: Rethinking The Makropulos Case,” forthcoming in *Time, Meaning, and Value*, ed. Daniela Dover and Niko Kolodny, Oxford UP, 2025.
- “Life After Capitalism: Rethinking Freedom with Hegel and Marx,” forthcoming in *A New Hegelian Marxism: Debating Martin Hägglund’s This Life*, ed. M. Lazarus, Routledge, 2025.
- “What is Hegelian Marxism?” (with Lea Ypi), *The Philosopher*, December 2023.
- “A World Beyond Capitalism” (with Lea Ypi), in *What Matters Most: Conversations on the Art of Living*, London: Agenda, 2023.
- “Why Mortality Makes Us Free,” *Question Everything: A Stone Reader*, ed. P. Catapano and S. Critchley, New York: Liveright, 2022.
- “Marx, Hegel, and the Critique of Religion,” *Los Angeles Review of Books*, March 2021.
- “The World to Come: On Species-Being” *New Statesman*, August 2020.
- “What is Democratic Socialism?” *Los Angeles Review of Books*, July 2020.  
—Part I: Reclaiming Freedom  
—Part II: The Immanent Critique of Capitalism  
—Part III: Life After Capitalism
- “Natural and Spiritual Freedom,” *The Yale Review*, (2019) 117.1: 5-19.
- “Knausgaard’s Secular Confession,” *boundary 2* (2018) 45 (4): 13-40.
- “The Trace of Time: A Critique of Vitalism,” *Derrida Today*, 9.1 (2016): 36-46.  
Slovenian translation in *Filozofski vestnik*.
- “Chronolibido: From Socrates to Lacan and Beyond,” *The Blackwell Companion to Literary Criticism and Psychoanalysis*, ed. A. Mukherjee, Blackwell, 2014: 312-327.
- “The Autoimmunity of Religion,” *Derrida and Religion: Critical Essays*, ed. E. Baring and P. Gordon, New York: Fordham University Press, 2014: 178-198.
- “Derrida’s Radical Atheism,” *The Blackwell Companion to Derrida*, ed. L. Lawlor and Z. Direk, Oxford: Blackwell, 2014: 166-178. Translated into French by A. Wilhelmi in *Les Temps Modernes*, nr. 669/670 (2012). Forthcoming in Portuguese translation.
- “Beyond the Performative and the Constatative,” *Research in Phenomenology*, 43 (2013).
- “La voix poétique de Katarina Frostenson,” trans. J. Mangold, in *La force du nom: Textes par Katarina Frostenson et commentaires sur son oeuvre poétique*, ed. J. Hatem and H. Ruin, Paris: Editions L’Harmattan, 2013.
- “The Arche-Materiality of Time: Evolution and Speculative Materialism,” *Theory After Theory*, ed. D. Attridge and J. Elliott, Routledge, 2011: 265-277.
- “Radical Atheist Materialism: A Critique of Meillassoux,” *The Speculative Turn: Continental Materialism and Realism*, ed. Bryant, Harman, and Srnicek, 2011. Swedish translation by A. Lundberg, *OEI* (2009). Japanese translation forthcoming.
- “Chronolibido and Psychoanalysis,” *CR: The New Centennial Review* 9.1 (Spring 2009).

“Horaces kristaller” (“Horace’s crystals”) *Fragmentmannen: Vänskrift till Horace Engdahl*, Stockholm: Propexus, 2008: 53-57.

“Nabokov and the Time of Desire,” *New Literary History* 37.2 (2006): 447-467.

“The Necessity of Discrimination: Disjoining Derrida and Levinas,” *Diacritics* 34.1 2004

“Förord” (“Preface”), J. Derrida, *Marx Spöken: Skuldstaten, Sorgearbetet, och Den Nya Internationalen*, trans. J. (J) Magnusson, ed. M. Häggglund, Göteborg: Daidalos, 2003.

“Den främmande logikens landskap: Platsen, Minnet, Dikten i Katarina Frostensons Tankarna,” *Artes* 1 (1997): 79-91.

“Ögonblickets fråga: Ursprung och Temporalitet i Edmond Jabès författarskap” (“The Question of the Moment: Origin and Temporality in the Writings of Edmond Jabès”), *Res Publica* 32/33 (1996): 212-227.

More than 60 articles on literature and philosophy in the Swedish daily newspaper *Göteborgs-Posten* 1996-2002.

## TRANSLATIONS

Editor of the Swedish translation of Jacques Derrida’s *Spectres de Marx*, published as *Marx Spöken*, Göteborg: Bokförlaget Daidalos, 2003: 249 pp.

Translator of Edmond Jabès, *Le livre des questions* (excerpts), *Res Publica* 32/33 (1996).

## INTERVIEWS

### *In English*

“The Time of Our Lives: Interview with Martin Häggglund” *The Philosopher*, 2021.

“Breakthroughs,” *Wall Street Journal Magazine*, November 3, 2020.

“Socialism and the Meaning of Life,” *Vox*, March 7, 2020.

“Wolfgang Tillmans and Martin Häggglund in Conversation,” *Aperture Magazine* no. 237 (Winter 2019). Reprinted in *Wolfgang Tillmans: A Reader*, New York: MoMA, 2021.

“Martin Häggglund in London,” *New Statesman*, November 27, 2019.

“True to Life: An Interview with Martin Häggglund” *Jacobin Magazine*, May 28, 2019.

“A New Vision of Socialism,” *VICE*, March 21, 2019

“The Arche-Materiality of Time: An Interview with Martin Häggglund,” *Journal of Philosophy: A Cross-Disciplinary Inquiry* 6.14 (Winter 2011).

### *In other languages*

“Martin Häggglund, *Esta Vida*,” *La Vanguardia* (Spain), August 16, 2022.

“Morir sin dios es vivir de amor: la filosofía de Martin Häggglund,” *El Hype Magazine* (Spain), August 2, 2022.

“Si se aísla igualdad de libertad, la sensación es desoladora,” *Diario de Sevilla* (Spain), July 22, 2022.

“La promesa de libertad nunca se podrá cumplir bajo el capitalismo,” *El Diario* (Spain), June 20, 2022.

“Fe Secular,” *El Huffpost* (Spain), June 19, 2022.

“Quis recuperar Marx como um filósofo da liberdade,” *Publico* (Portugal), June 10, 2022.

“En ny tid för succéfilosofen,” *Dagens Nyheter* (Sweden), November 23, 2021.

“Världen har hamnat i en filosofisk stämning,” *Aftonbladet Söndag*, April 11, 2021.

“Gladelig jul: Svensk stjernefilosof,” *Berlingske* (Denmark), December 26, 2020.

“Menneskets skrobelighed giver livet vaerdi,” *Kristeligt Dagblad* (Denmark), December 10, 2020.

“Med Marx i Vesterled,” *Klassekampen* (Norway), November 29, 2020.

“Att bero på andra är källan till mening,” *Dagens Nyheter Lördag*, October 24, 2020.

“Poängen är inte att vara en guru,” *SvD Perfect Guide*, October 18, 2020.

“Krisen ger oss en chans att ta tillbaka initiativet,” *Dagens ETC*, October 6, 2020.

“Jag var lyckligare före boksuccén,” *Svenska Dagbladet*, October 4, 2020.

“Stjärnfilosofen Martin Hägglund,” *Sydsvenskan*, October 3, 2020.

“Martin Hägglund ger verktyg som kan laga en trasig framtid,” *Tidningen Ångermanland*, October 2, 2020.

“La Nostra Battaglia,” *Vogue Italia* (Italy), April 2020.

“Alles wat je dierbaar is kan kapot gaan. Omarm daarom het leven,” *NRC Handelsblad* (Netherlands), December 15, 2019.

“Vår frihet lever och dör beroende på vad vi gör,” *Dagens Nyheter*, November 23, 2019.

“Den sekulaere tro,” *Weekendavisen* (Denmark), March 15, 2019.

## FELLOWSHIPS

Berlin Prize Fellow, American Academy of Berlin, 2024 (declined for family reasons).

Guggenheim Fellowship, 2018.

Bogliasco Fellowship, 2018.

Junior Fellowship, Harvard Society of Fellows, 2009-2012.

Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, 2008-2009.

Sage Fellowship, Cornell University, 2006-2007, 2007-2008.

Thanks to Scandinavia Fellowship, Cornell University, 2005-2006.

Birgit and Gad Rausing's Fellowship for Research in the Humanities, 2004-2005.

American Scandinavian Foundation Fellowship, 2003-2004.

Fulbright Fellowship, 2002-2003.

## PRIZES

Myrdal Grand Prize, 2024.

René Wellek Prize, awarded by the American Comparative Literature Association, 2020.

The Hedenius Prize, awarded by the Swedish Humanist Association, 2020.

The Schück Prize, awarded by the Swedish Academy, 2014.

The Grez Prize, awarded by the Swedish Academy, 2003.

## INVITED TALKS

“Being a Person: Practical and Existential Identity,” Dept of Philosophy, Durham University, October 29, 2025.

“Learning to Live: Philosophy from Birth to Death,” Dept of Philosophy, Potsdam University, October 23, 2025.

“Rethinking Freedom with Hegel and Marx,” Oxford Critical Theory Seminar, Oxford University, June 18, 2025.

“The Meaning of Mortality: Rethinking The Makropulos Case,” Dept of Philosophy, Warwick University, June 17, 2025.

“Toward a Radical Hylomorphism,” Dept of Philosophy, École Normale Supérieure, May 14, 2025.

“The Organic Unity of Soul and Body: Wittgenstein and Cavell,” Dept of Philosophy, Sorbonne University, May 12, 2025.

“Self-Expression and Self-Predication,” Dept of Philosophy, Sorbonne University, May 10, 2025.

“The Mortality of the Soul: Radicalizing Aristotle,” Dept of Philosophy, École Normale Supérieure, May 7, 2025.

“The Organic Form of Self-Consciousness: A Response to Matthew Boyle,” Symposium on Boyle’s *Transparency and Reflection*, Dept of Philosophy, University of Massachusetts, Boston, December 3, 2024.

“The Desire to Flourish: On Pain of Death,” The Annual McManis Lecture in Philosophy, Wheaton College, April 11, 2024.

“The Mortality of the Soul: On Being Alive and Being Free,” The Annual Lahey Lecture, University of Concordia, March 22, 2024.

“Thinking Ecological Responsibility: Marx and Species-Being,” Louden Family Lecture, Department of Philosophy, University of Southern Maine, October 25, 2023.

Verstehen Colloquium on *This Life*, Dept of Philosophy, Cambridge University, September 27, 2023.

“For Marx: Species-Being and Ecological Responsibility,” SCT Lecture, Cornell



- University, July 17, 2023.
- “Rational Freedom in Hegel and Marx” (Keynote), Higher Institute of Philosophy, KU Leuven, *Marxism and Emancipation(s)* conference, May 12, 2023.
- “The Life and Death of Rational Animals,” Dept of Philosophy, Stanford University, April 11, 2023.
- “The Mortality of the Soul: Toward a Radical Hylomorphism,” O’Neil Memorial Lectures in the History of Philosophy, UNM, April 6-7, 2023.
- “The Material Conditions of Spiritual Freedom” (Keynote), Johns Hopkins University, *The New Politics of Existence* conference, September 23, 2022.
- “Rational Freedom in Hegel and Marx” (Keynote), Duke-Stanford Philosophy and Literature Conference, *The Spirit of Freedom*, Duke University, September 16, 2022.
- “The Makropulos Case,” American Society for Existential Philosophy, Columbia University, July 3, 2022.
- “Freedom,” Panel at Red May, Seattle, with Michael Hardt, Vanessa Wills, and Lea Ypi, May 27, 2022.
- “The Mortality of the Soul: Radicalizing Aristotle” (Keynote), Institute for Philosophy, Leiden University (Netherlands), *Signs of Life* conference, April 28, 2022.
- “Freedom at the End of History,” Dialogue with Lea Ypi, for *The Philosopher*, November 15, 2021.
- “*This Life* and Marx,” Historical Materialism roundtable, October 5, 2021.
- “*Phronesis* and Mortality,” Higher Seminar in Philosophy and Ethics, Linköping University, September 30, 2021.
- “*This Life* and Hegel,” Lehigh University, May 6, 2021.
- “The Mortality of the Soul: From Aristotle to Beckett” (Keynote), Festival of Ideas, Skopje, Macedonia, Jun 8, 2020.
- “Time and Imagination: From Kant to Proust,” Department of Comparative Literature, University of Budapest, June 1, 2020.
- “The Material Conditions of Spiritual Freedom,” Department of English, University of Illinois at Chicago, April 3, 2020.
- “The Life of Dasein: Rethinking Heidegger on Death,” Department of Philosophy, Concordia University, March 27, 2020.
- “Existential Identity: On Beckett’s *Krapp’s Last Tape*,” Pomona College, Feb 6, 2020.
- “Time and Imagination: From Kant to Proust,” Claremont McKenna College, February 5, 2020.
- “Secular Faith and Political Emancipation,” University of California, Santa Barbara, January 23, 2020. Part of a three-day series of events on *This Life* at the Humanities and Social Change Center at UCSB.

“The Material Conditions of Spiritual Freedom” (Keynote), Eighth International Historical Materialism Conference, Melbourne, Australia, December 7, 2019.

“Free Time: The Future of Marx” (Keynote), Annual Conference of the Australasian Society for Continental Philosophy, University of Melbourne, December 6, 2019.

“The Value of Our Finite Time,” Public Humanities Lecture, University of Melbourne, December 3, 2019.

“The Existential Stakes of *This Life*,” Response at colloquium devoted to my book *This Life*, Cornell University, November 1, 2019.

“Why Mortality Makes Us Free,” University of York, October 17, 2019.

“How to Be a Marxist,” London, Conway Hall, October 14, 2019.

“The Finitude of Freedom,” Response at conference devoted to my book *This Life*, Harvard University, September 20, 2019.

“Being Hegelian Today,” Response at colloquium devoted to my book *This Life*, New York University, April 25, 2019.

“The Fragility of the Highest Good,” Response at conference devoted to my book *This Life*, Yale University, March 29, 2019.

“Natural and Spiritual Freedom,” Occidental College, November 20, 2017.

“Spiritual Freedom,” Cornell University, November 6, 2017.

“Burying the Dead in a Secular Age,” Department of Comparative Literature, Harvard University, April 12, 2017.

“The Time of Trauma,” English Department, University of Hartford, February 2, 2016.

“Burying the Dead in a Secular Age” (Keynote), *Phenomenological Crossings*, 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Nordic Society for Phenomenology, April 23, 2015.

“Secular Faith,” Yale Divinity School, April 10, 2015.

“The Search for Immortality,” roundtable at Helix Center in NYC, December 13, 2014.

“This Life: On Secular Faith,” English Department, Dartmouth College, October 9, 2014.

“Burying the Dead in a Secular Age” (Keynote), *Literary Theory at Cornell: A Celebration of Jonathan Culler and his Students*, Cornell University, October 3, 2014.

“T.S. Eliot’s *Four Quartets*,” English Department, University of York, June 23, 2014.

“Love and Mourning,” York Festival of Ideas, England, June 20, 2014.

“Burying the Dead in a Secular Age” (Keynote), 4<sup>th</sup> International Derrida Today Conference, Dept of Philosophy, Fordham University, May 30, 2014.

“Secular Faith,” Legal Theory Workshop, Yale Law School, April 10, 2014.

“On Late Nabokov,” English Department, Yale University, February 28, 2014.

- “The Temporality of Life” (Keynote), *Philosophy of Time*, Duquesne University, Dept of Philosophy, February 22, 2014.
- “Time in Our Time,” Center for the Study of the Novel, Stanford University, December 5, 2013. Event on my book *Dying for Time* and Michael Clune’s *Writing Against Time*, organized by Mark McGurl.
- “Burying the Dead in a Secular Age,” Department of Philosophy, New School for Social Research, October 31, 2013.
- “‘Beauty that Must Die’: A Seminar on Desire in Hägglund’s *Dying for Time*,” Mahindra Humanities Center, Harvard University, May 2, 2013.
- “Dying for Time: T.S. Eliot’s *Four Quartets*,” Center for Research in Modern European Philosophy, Kingston University, October 25, 2012.
- “Dying for Time: T.S. Eliot’s *Four Quartets*,” New College, University of Oxford, October 23, 2012.
- “On Chronolibido: A Response to Rabaté and Johnston,” New School for Social Research, October 20, 2012. Symposium on my book *Dying for Time* with Jean-Michel Rabaté and Adrian Johnston, moderated by Simon Critchley.
- “The Trace of Time,” CUNY Graduate Center, October 19, 2012. Followed by a roundtable with Adrian Johnston and Slavoj Žižek.
- “*Dying for Time* and the Aesthetics of the Moment,” Department of German, Yale University, September 27, 2012.
- “The Death of Life,” Comparative Literature, SUNY, Buffalo, September 14, 2012.
- “The Trace of Time and the Death of Life: Bergson, Heidegger, Derrida” (Keynote), *The Ontological Turn in Contemporary Philosophy*, Universität Bonn, July 5, 2012.
- “Dying for Time: T.S. Eliot’s *Four Quartets*,” (Keynote), *Principles of Uncertainty*, CUNY Graduate Center, Critical Theory Conference, May 4, 2012.
- “Love and Mourning,” Boston College, April 27, 2012.
- “Beyond the Performative and the Constative,” Dept of Philosophy, Fordham University, March 22, 2012.
- “Life Before Death: Heidegger and Derrida,” (Plenary), *Derrida-Konferenz*, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main, Germany, March 15, 2012.
- “Proust and Philosophy,” Peter Szondi-Institut, Freie Universität, Berlin, Germany, March 12, 2012.
- “Dying for Time: From Socrates to Lacan and Beyond,” Department of Philosophy, Northwestern University, November 18, 2011.
- “*Radical Atheism* and its Reception,” Workshop, Department of Philosophy, Northwestern University, November 18, 2011.
- “Chronolibido: From Plato to Derrida,” Department of Comparative Literature, Harvard University, October 5, 2011.

“The Notion of Chronolibido” (Response by Mark Sanders), University Seminar of Literary Theory, Columbia University, September 29, 2011.

“The Trace of Time: A Critique of Vitalism,” Institute of Philosophy, Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Ljubljana, June 20, 2011.

“The Trace of Time and the Death of Life: Bergson, Heidegger, Derrida” (Keynote), MaMa Theory Institute, Zagreb, Croatia, June 18, 2011. Followed by a roundtable with Ray Brassier, Adrian Johnston, and Catherine Malabou.

“Of Chronolibido: Time, Desire, Deconstruction,” Department of English, UC Davis, November 17, 2010. Followed by a roundtable on *Time, Psychoanalysis, Materialism*.

“Plato and Desire,” Dept of Philosophy, University of New Mexico, November 12, 2010.

“Virginia Woolf’s Aesthetics of the Moment,” Columbia University, April 22, 2010.

“Of Chronolibido: The Time of Desire,” Department of Philosophy, American University of Beirut, April 17, 2010.

“The Arche-Materiality of Time,” Humanities Institute, SUNY, Buffalo, April 7, 2010.

“Reading Proust: On Time, Memory, and Desire,” Department of Comparative Literature, SUNY Buffalo, April 6, 2010.

“Love and Mourning” Center for European Studies, Harvard University, March 27, 2010.

“Proust and Philosophy,” Wadham College, Oxford University, March 5, 2010.

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