

BOB SANDMEYER
Assistant Professor
Department of Philosophy
University of Kentucky

Research Specialty: Phenomenology, esp. Husserl
Philosophy of Ecology
Pedagogy Specialty: Interdisciplinary Education
Sustainability

I. EDUCATION

Ph.D. 2007	University of Kentucky	Philosophy
M.A. 2005	University of Kentucky	Philosophy
1995	Colorado State University	Philosophy
B.A. 1987	George Washington University	Philosophy/ Political Science

II. EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

University of Kentucky		
Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy		2014 – present
Environmental and Sustainability Studies Program		
Program Faculty		2013 – present
Director of Undergraduate Studies		2017-18
Senior Lecturer, University of Kentucky, Department of Philosophy		2012 – 2014
Lecturer		2007 – 2012
Mesa State College (Colorado Mesa College), Grand Junction & Montrose Campuses		
Adjunct Faculty, Philosophy		1995 – 1998

III. AWARDS

"Workshop Series Grant," Cooperative for the Humanities and the Social Sciences, S2022 (\$1,500)
"Environmental Humanities – Undergraduate Engagement," Gaines Center for the Humanities, 2021-22.
(\$500)
"Teaching Sustainability + Teaching Sustainably" University of Kentucky Sustainability Challenge
Grant Recipient, with Helen Turner (College of Design), 2017-2018. (\$47,085)

IV. TEACHING

University of Kentucky Courses Taught since fall 2017

Graduate Coursework

PHI 680	Graduate Seminar: Time and Time-Consciousness	F17
PHI 755	Independent Study: Husserl	S21
PHI 755	Independent Study: Environmental Ethics	F19

Undergraduate Coursework

PHI 516	Phenomenological Directions	S22
ENS 400	ENS Senior Capstone	S18
HON 398	Capstone: Metaphysical Approach to Conservation	S19
PHI 395	Independent Study: Aldo Leopold's Conservation Philosophy	F18
ENS 395	Independent Study: Environmental Psychology	S20

PHI 336	Environmental Ethics	standard fall offering
PHI 300	History and Philosophy of Ecology (cross-listed ENS 300)	S14, S17, S21
PHI 205	Food Ethics (also UKC 180)	standard spring offering
UKC 110	Introduction to the Environmental Humanities	F22
PHI 100	Intro to Philosophy: Epistemology & Metaphysics	standard offering

University of Kentucky Courses Taught – fall 2007 to spring 2017

Graduate Seminars

PHI 755	Environmental Philosophy (Independent Study)	S17
PHI 715	Husserl's <i>Logical Investigations</i>	F15

Undergraduate Coursework

PHI 561	Problems in Natural Sciences: Mechanism/Teleology	S15
PHI 531	Advance Ethics: Aldo Leopold's Land Ethic	F16
PHI 531	Advance Ethics: Questions Concerning Technology	S16
PHI 516	Phenomenological Directions	F08, S17
PHI 395	Independent Study: The Phenomenology of Nature	F12
PHI 380	Death, Dying, and the Quality-of-Life	F07, S12, S13, F13
PHI 361	Biology and Society	S08–12, S14
PHI 335	The Individual & Society	S07, F11
PHI 310	The Philosophy of Human Nature	F13
PHI 120	Introductory Logic (traditional)	> 10 semesters

Online Coursework

PHI120	Introductory Logic (Designer and Administrator)	6 summers
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International Teaching

"Teaching Methods for Interdisciplinary Courses – A Course for Faculty." Summer 2018.

Qingdao University of Technology: Qingdao, China – in association with the UK Confucius Institute.

"American Conservation Philosophy & Its Critique – A Course for Undergraduates." Summer 2017.

Jilin University: Changchun, China – in association with the UK Confucius Institute.

Thesis Committee Work

Undergraduate Level

Committee Chair. "Radical Environmentalism in the Age of the Anthropocene." Senior Thesis Project.

Josh Ehl, University Gaines Center Scholar, 2020-21.

Committee Member. "Decolonizing Ayahuasca: An Examination of Western Interactions with

Entheogenic Plants." Senior Thesis Project. Claire Hilbrecht, University Gaines Center Scholar, 2020-21.

Faculty Advisor. "Conservation: Philosophy and Policy." Senior Honors Capstone. Anne Howard, University of Kentucky, 2019

Committee Member. "Exploring Animal Sentience." Senior Thesis Project. Autumn Murphy, University of Kentucky Gaines Center Scholar, 2014-15.

Committee Chair. "Heaven on Earth: Ecotheologies and Environmentalism." Senior Thesis Project. Sam Beavin, University of Kentucky Gaines Center Scholar, 2013-14.

Committee Member. "The Impact of Aesthetic Design on Bus Shelter Usability." Senior Thesis Project. James Crouch, University of Kentucky Gaines Center Scholar, 2012-13.

Graduate Level

Co-Chair, Ph.D. Dissertation Committee. Lila Wakeman. 2021S
Co-Chair, Ph.D. Dissertation Committee. Steven Winterfeldt, 2021S
Member, Ph.D. Dissertation Committee. Ryan McCoy. 2021S
Expert Reader. "Good Farming as an Ecopsychosocial Practice." Amy Preece, submitted for Master's Thesis. Naropa University, 2011.

V. SERVICE

Academic

Steering Committee Member, UK Sustainable Agriculture Program, 2011-present
Faculty Sponsor. Philosophy Club, University of Kentucky (2012-Spring 2022)
Faculty Sponsor. Philosophy Graduate Student Association, University of Kentucky (2012-2022)
UK Faculty Sustainability Council, 2016-2020
Teaching and Learning Advisory Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, UK (Fall 2014 to 2020)
Graduate Applications Committee, UK Department of Philosophy (2018-Chair, 2019)
Judge. Dimensions of Political Ecology Working Group Graduate Student Paper Contest (2013, 2019)
UK Senate, A&S Humanities Representative, 2015-2018
Academic Planning and Priorities Subcommittee, 2015-18
Co-coordinator, Speakers Series. Environmental and Sustainability Studies Major. University of Kentucky (Fall 2013 to 2018)
Committee to Form New A&S Interdisciplinary Graduate Certificate: Environmental Studies (2015-2017)
Literary Group Leader. *The Stranger*. Henry Clay High School, Lexington, KY (Feb. 2013)
Advisory Board, Environmental and Sustainability Studies (ENS) B.A. Degree. College of Arts and Sciences, University of Kentucky (2010 – 2013)
Evaluator. GenEd Quantitative Foundations Outcomes. University of Kentucky (2012)
Environmental Degree Programs Committee, Faculty of the Environment, College of Arts & Sciences, University of Kentucky (2009 – 2010)
Education Committee, Tracy Farmer for Sustainability and the Environment, University of Kentucky (2008-2010)
In-Service Instructor, "Teaching Environmental Ethics," UK Dept. of Philosophy (Fall 2009)

Professional Development

Director

Environmental Humanities Initiative. College of Arts and Sciences, UK. (F2021 – present)
"Sustain-able Pedagogies Workshop for UK Faculty." Co-director with Helen Turner, College of Design. (Summer-Fall 2018).
"Pedagogy Workshop" Panel Organizer, Kentucky Philosophical Association, (March 2019)

Participant

Kentucky Campus Compact Service-Learning Educator Learning Community, 2021-22. (This ELC is designed to prepare individuals to teach with service learning, sessions online.)
Colby Summer Institute in Environmental Humanities 2020. Colby College (postponed due to COVID-19, August 2021)
Teaching Team Member, Philosophers for Sustainability. (Spring 2020 – *ongoing*)
"American Association of Philosophy Teacher's Workshop on Teaching and Learning" at UNC Chapel Hill (February 2019)
"Extending the Land Ethic: Current Humanities Voices and Sustainability," NEH Summer Institute for College and University Faculty. (June-July 2016)

Mentoring

Sustainability Mentor. Mentee: Eric Hemphill, University of Central Oklahoma. Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education. (2018-2019)

Professional Conferences

Organizer

Panel Organizer and Discussant, "Philosophy in an Interdisciplinary Key"
Kentucky Philosophical Association Panel (March 2019)

Session Organizer, International Association of Environmental Philosophy Panel. Dimensions of Political Philosophy Conference (February 2018)

Organizer & Moderator, "International Association for Environmental Philosophy Panel,
Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference (February 2018)

Participant

Moderator, "Animal Phenomenology." International Association for Environmental Philosophy
(October 2018)

Moderator. "Husserl: Difference, Ecology, and Community." Society for Phenomenology and
Existential Philosophy (October 2017)

Invited Participant. "University of Kentucky Food Systems Summit." The University of Kentucky (April
2016)

Invited Participant. "Education for Homecoming: A Sustainable Agriculture Program Convening." The
Berry Center, New Castle, KY (May 2015)

Moderator. "Time, Consciousness, and Self-Consciousness." Society for Phenomenology and Existential
Philosophy (October 2014)

Moderator. "Husserl on Fact, Intentionality, and Emotions." Society for Phenomenology and Existential
Philosophy. (November 2012)

Moderator, "Governing Nature." Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference on Nature/Society. (April
2012)

Host. Kentucky Philosophical Association Meeting. (April 2011)

Moderator. "Studies in Husserl's Phenomenology." 49th Annual Meeting of the Society for
Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy. (November 2010)

Moderator. "Heidegger and Psychoanalysis." 43rd Annual Meeting of the Heidegger Circle. (May 2009)

Professional Publications

Editorial Role

Editorial Board Member. *Phenomenological Investigations. Journal of the North American Society for
Early Phenomenology.* (2021 – present)

Secretary. North American Society for Early Phenomenology (Secretary: 2015-2018)

Editorial Board Member. *Cogent OA* (2014 – present)

President. Kentucky Philosophical Association (AY 2012-2013)

Vice President. Kentucky Philosophical Association, (AY 2010-2011)

Referee

Environmental Philosophy

Environmental Humanities

Husserl Studies

International Journal of Philosophical Studies

Journal of the History of Philosophy

Columbia University Press
MIT Press
Ohio University Press
Pearson Publishing
Routledge
Studia Phaenomenologica
Wiley-Blackwell

VI. RESEARCH

Current Projects

Invited article: "Hans Jonas" (for Encyclopedia of Phenomenology, 2022)

"[Developing and Establishing an Environmental Humanities in the University of Kentucky](#)" Draft Proposal 2021, UK.

Books

Husserl's Constitutive Phenomenology: its Problem and Promise. (Routledge, 2009).

Articles

"The Idea of an Existential Ecology" (*Phenomenology and Place*, Rowman & Littlefield International, 2017).

"Life and Spirit in Max Scheler's Philosophy." *Philosophy Compass.* (Vol. 7, No. 1. Jan 2012)

Book Reviews

Adam Konopka. *Ecological Investigations: A Phenomenology of Habitats.* In *Husserl Studies* (2020)

Andrea Staiti. *Husserl's Transcendental Phenomenology: Nature, Spirit, and Life.* In *Journal of the History of Philosophy* (2016)

Leopold, Aldo. *A Sand County Almanac and Other Writings on Ecology and Conservation.* By Aldo Leopold. Edited by Curt Meine. – In *Environmental Philosophy* (Spring 2014)

Mohanty, J.N. *The Philosophy of Edmund Husserl. The Freiburg Years (1916-1938).* In *Husserl Studies* (July 2013)

Hickerson, Ryan. *The History of Intentionality.* – In *Philosophy in Review.* Volume XXIX, No. 2 (2009): 112-114.

Husserl, Edmund. *The Basic Problems of Phenomenology. From the Lectures, Winter Semester, 1910-11.* – In *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 45, no. 2 (2007): 338-339.

Tuttle, Howard N. *Human Life is Radical Reality: An Idea Developed from the Conceptions of Dilthey, Heidegger, and Ortega y Gasset.* – In *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 44 (2006): 128-29.

Welton, Donn, editor. *The New Husserl: A Critical Reader.* – In *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 43 (2005): 122-23.

Web Publication

The Husserl Page (<http://www.husserlpage.com/>)

Presentations

"A Contemporaneous Critique of Husserl's 1928 Time Lectures." Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy. *2020 meeting postponed*, October 2021.

"Oskar Kraus' Criticism of Husserl's *Vorlesungen zur Phänomenologie des inneren Zeitbewußtseins*." North American Society for Early Phenomenology (May 2019)

"Philosophy in an Interdisciplinary Key." Kentucky Philosophical Association (March 2019)

"The Animal in the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals." Living with Animals (March 2019)

"The UK Sustain-able Pedagogies Faculty Workshop – An Overview." Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (October 2018)

"Sustainability & Philosophy." Invited Speaker, Symposium on Emerging Technologies and Sustainability: Interactions Between Science and Society. University of Kentucky. (Dec 2017)

"An Ecological Understanding of Transcendental Subjectivity." International Association for Environmental Philosophy (October 2017)

"What in the World Does Coexistence with the Animal Mean?" Living with Animals 3: Co-Existence (March 2017)

"Aldo Leopold's Political Ecology." 7th Annual Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference (February 2017)

"Aldo Leopold and Wendell Berry on the Farm." University of Kentucky Food Systems Forum (December 2016)

"Jan Patočka's Conception of an Asubjective Phenomenology" Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (October 2016)

"The Way of the Machine: Wendell Berry and Martin Heidegger on the Essence of Technology." Interdisciplinary Coalition of North American Phenomenologists (May 2016)

"The Value of the Least in Aldo Leopold's Ethics." Kentucky Philosophical Association Meeting (April 2016)

"Wendell Berry's Critique of Technology in Modern Agriculture." Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference (February 2016)

"Is Hans Jonas an Ecological Thinker?" International Association for Environmental Philosophy (October 2015)

"Philosophy as Rigorous Science? Scheler contra Husserl." North American Society for Early Phenomenology (June 2015)

"Environment in Scheler and Heidegger." Interdisciplinary Coalition of North American Phenomenologists (May 2015)

"The Value of a Varmint." Living with Animals Conference (March 2015)

"An Existential Ecology: A Proposal." International Association for Environmental Philosophy (October 2014)

"Aldo Leopold's Wilderness Idea." Presented as part of the Environmental & Sustainability Studies Program Speakers Series. Film Presentation and Discussion of *Green Fire: Aldo Leopold's a Land Ethic for our Time*. University of Kentucky (October 2014)

"A Study of Life and Land and How this Relates to our Home." University of Kentucky (March 2014)

"The Philosophy of Life: Hans Jonas and Max Scheler." Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (October 2013)

"The Meaning of Ecology: A Study of Homer's *Odyssey* in Leopold and Berry." International Association for Environmental Philosophy (October 2013)

"Ecology: Study of the Natural Household." Talk before the University of Kentucky EcoLab. (September 2013)

"On the Possibility of Creating Non-Human Spaces." Living with Animals (March 2013)

"The Importance of the Phenomenological Reduction to Max Scheler's Personalism." Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (November 2012)

"The 1930 'System of Phenomenological Philosophy.'" Husserl Circle (April 2011)

Précis of *Husserl's Constitutive Phenomenology*. Kentucky Philosophical Association. (April 2010)

- "An Existential Interpretation of Aldo Leopold's Concept of Land." International Society for Environmental Ethics. (March 2010)
- "Husserl's Zigzag Method and the Problem of a Phenomenological Language." Kentucky Philosophical Association. (May 2009)
- "Our Kinship with the World." International Association for Environmental Philosophy. (October 2008)
- "The Rediscovery of Life within Phenomenology: Hans Jonas and his Relation to Max Scheler." Institute for the Study of Nature at M.I.T. (June 2008)

Commentaries

- "Commentary on James Hart's 'Some Moments of Wonder Emergent Within Transcendental Phenomenological Analyses.'" Husserl Circle (May/June 2022)
- "Commentary on Simon Gurofsky's 'Kant's Principle of Significance.'" Kentucky Philosophical Association (April 2018)
- "Commentary on Matt Pianalto's 'Why Patience is Always a Virtue.'" Kentucky Philosophical Association (April 2014)
- Participant. Kentucky Philosophical Association Two-Day Paper Workshop. (July 2013)
- "Commentary on Ben Dixon's 'A Decision Procedure for Sustainable Development.'" Kentucky Philosophical Association (April 2012)
- "Commentary on Ronald Bruzina's 'Points for a Phenomenology Antecedent to the Dichotomizing of Natur and Geist.'" Husserl Circle (April 2011)
- "Commentary on John Anders' 'An Aporetic Approach to Husserl's Reflections on Time.'" The Husserl Circle (June 2008)
- "Commentary on Sebastian Luft's paper, 'Abnormality and the Counter-Normal of the Phenomenological Reduction.'" The Husserl Circle (February 1999)

VII. LANGUAGES

German: proficient reading level
 Ancient Greek: basic reading level
 Modern Hebrew: basic reading and writing level

VIII. MEMBERSHIPS

American Association of Philosophy Teachers
 Husserl Circle
 International Association for Environmental Philosophy
 North American Society for Early Phenomenology
 Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy