

Curriculum Vitae

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Dr. Ross Channing Reed received his B.A. in Philosophy, magna cum laude, from Millersville University of Pennsylvania, his M.A. in Philosophy from Baylor University, and his Ph.D. in Philosophy from Loyola University Chicago. Reed also plays jazz trombone and composes, and holds a M.Mus. in Jazz and Studio Music from the University of Memphis. In addition to Philosophy and Music, Reed has done graduate work in the fields of Psychology, Sociology, Physiology, and History.

Since 1986, Dr. Reed has taught courses in Philosophy, Literature, English, and Music at Loyola University Chicago, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Columbia College Chicago, The American Conservatory of Music, the University of Memphis, Christian Brothers University, Rhodes College, Drury University and Columbia College, Missouri. He currently teaches philosophy at Missouri University of Science and Technology. His areas of concentration in philosophy include ethics, existentialism and phenomenology, philosophy of religion, philosophical psychology, philosophy of education and philosophy in literature. His doctoral dissertation, *“Love” and Addiction: The Phenomenological Ontologies of Kierkegaard and Sartre* develops an existential theory of addiction. This work, with additional essays, was published by Xlibris Press in 2009. His book *A Philosopher Reports to Planet Earth* was published by Ozark Mountain Writers Guild in 2013. He has also published a trilogy of philosophical novels titled *The Terror of the Simulacra*, and a philosophical work, *The Liberating Art of Philosophy* (Cognella Academic Press, 2021). *Mindscales* (Kendall-Hunt, 2024) and *Prearity and Trauma: Philosophical Counseling in the*

***Late Anthropocene* (Rowman and Littlefield: Lexington Books, 2025) are forthcoming.**

Dr. Reed has worked in the field of mental health in both inpatient and residential settings, and has experience working with children, adolescents, and adults. He is a philosophical counselor specializing in addictions, cult deprogramming, theological and ethical issues, and other existential issues. He is a member of the American Philosophical Association and The National Philosophical Counseling Association. He is fully certified by the American Philosophical Practitioner's Association and is currently in private practice. He can be reached by email at doctorreed@yahoo.com

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

- 1994 Ph. D., Philosophy, Loyola University Chicago
 Major Fields of Concentration: Philosophical
 Psychology (Addiction), Phenomenology,
 Existentialism, Ethics, Philosophy of Religion,
 Interdisciplinary Humanities**
- 1986 M. A., Philosophy, Baylor University**
- 2000 M. Mus., Jazz and Studio Music, University of
 Memphis**
- 1983 B. A., magna cum laude, Millersville University of
 Pennsylvania
 Major: Philosophy
 Minor: Music**

CERTIFICATION

Certification in Client Counseling, American Philosophical Practitioners Association, October 1999. Certification No. CC00029

DISSERTATION

***Love and Addiction: The Phenomenological Ontologies of Kierkegaard and Sartre.* The dissertation develops an existential theory of addiction and shows that Sartre's theory of love as expressed in *Being and Nothingness* and other texts can be interpreted as a theory of addiction.**

Dissertation director: Richard J. Westley

ACADEMIC HONORS

**1988-1990 Teaching fellowships, Loyola University Chicago
2000 Pi Kappa Lambda, National Music Honor Society**

HONORS

Eagle Scout Award. Awarded by the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 268, Millersville, PA February 1977.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

**1985-86 Methodist Children Psychiatric Hospital, Waco, TX,
Psychiatric Tech**

**1988-90, Outreach, Inc. Residential Treatment Center
1992-93 Lancaster, PA - Caseworker**

**1998- present Reed's Philosophical Counseling International
Private Practice Philosophical Counseling**

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**2016 – present Missouri University of Science and Technology,
Courses taught: Introduction to Philosophy,
Philosophy of Religion: Diverse Perspectives on
God, Ethics, Early Modern Philosophy,
Engineering Ethics**

**2009- Present Columbia College, Missouri
Courses taught: Ethics, Environmental Ethics,
Music Appreciation**

**2009-2020 Drury University
Courses taught: Introduction to Philosophy,
Logic & Critical Thinking, Contemporary Moral
Issues, Senior Seminar: Ethical Issues in a
Global Society, Introduction to Music**

**2000-2008 Rhodes College
Courses taught:
Interdisciplinary humanities, philosophy track,
Junior Research Seminar
Environmental Ethics, Asian Philosophies,
Existentialism, Kierkegaard, Repetition
Compulsion: Alice Miller**

**2003-2005 Christian Brothers University
Courses taught: Contemporary Moral Issues:
Health Care Ethics, Business Ethics, Social and
Political Philosophy, Perspectives on
Public Life**

- 1997-2000 The University of Memphis**
Course taught: Music Appreciation
- 1994-97 The American Conservatory of Music**
Courses taught: Applied Trombone, Brass Methods
- 1994-97 Columbia College Chicago**
Courses taught: Interdisciplinary Humanities Track, including Philosophy, Music and Literature
- 1994-97 The School of the Art Institute of Chicago**
Courses taught: Introduction to Philosophy, Ethics: Poisonous Pedagogy, Philosophies of Love, Philosophy of Religion, Philosophy of Religion: Fanaticism and Cults, Native American Philosophies, Albert Camus
- 1986-97 Loyola University Chicago**
Courses taught: Philosophy of Human Nature, General Ethics, Applied Ethics: Health Care Ethics, Philosophy of Religion, Ethics: Poisonous Pedagogy, Metaphysics

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Philosophical Psychology (Addiction, Psychopathy, Relationships), Philosophical Counseling, Philosophy of Sport, Ethics: Business Ethics, Health Care Ethics, Environmental Ethics, Interdisciplinary Humanities, Social and Political Philosophy, Phenomenology, Existentialism, Philosophy in Literature, Philosophy of Religion, Philosophy of Music, Philosophy of Education, Asian Philosophy, Philosophy of Love, Native American Philosophy

PAPERS PRESENTED

“Existential Philosophical Counseling: Principles and Practices.” Paper presented at the 5th International Conference on Philosophical Counseling and Practice, 17 February 2023.

“Technology, Dehumanization, Anxiety, and Philosophical Counseling: Is Systemic Monetization a Sufficient Condition to Induce C-PTSD?” Paper presented at the National Philosophical Counseling Association at the American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Chicago, IL, 24 February 2022.

“A Psychotherapist Seeks Philosophical Counseling: Susan Kam Mah and Ross Channing Reed in Dialogue.” Paper presented at the 4th International Conference on Philosophical Counseling and Practice, 12 February 2022.

“Irreducible Cognitive Dissonance, Anomie, and Belief in Unlimited Individual Possibility as a Function of Systemic Dehumanization in the Age of Pandemic Terrorism.” Paper presented at the 3rd International Conference on Philosophical Counseling and Practice, 16 January 2021.

“Depression, Anxiety, Powerlessness and Irrational Belief in Unlimited Individual Possibility as a Consequence of Ubiquitous Systemic Terror.” Paper presented to the National Philosophical Counseling Association at the American Philosophical Association Eastern Division meeting, Savannah, Georgia, 3 January 2018.

“Medieval Philosophy: A Brief Introduction to Anselm, Aquinas and Giovanni Pico Della Mirandola.” Paper

presented to the Rhodes College Search faculty for the 2006 Douglass Seminar, Rhodes College, 10 May 2006.

“Anatta, or Soullessness in Buddhism.” Paper presented for the philosopher’s panel at the dedication of the Paul Barrett Jr. library, Rhodes College, 7 October 2005.

“Machiavelli’s The Prince.” Paper presented to the Rhodes College Search faculty at the 2005 Douglass Seminar, Rhodes College, 12 May 2005.

“Is Belief in God Better Than Drugs?” or “Could it be Unethical to Believe in God” or “What’s So Great About Believing Anyway?” Paper presented to the Rhodes Atheist Fellowship, Rhodes College, 13 April 2005.

“Philosophical Counseling: Case Study on Doxophilia.” Paper presented to the American Philosophical Practitioners Association at the American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, Atlanta, December 2001.

“Philosophical Counseling and Addiction: An Existential Approach.” Paper presented to the American Philosophical Practitioners Association at the American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, San Francisco, 2001.

“An Existential Theory of Addiction, Part I.” Paper presented to the Tennessee Association of Certified Drug and Alcohol Abuse Counselors, Methodist Hospital, Memphis, TN, 25 January 2000.

“An Existential Theory of Addiction, Part II.” Paper presented to the Tennessee Association of Certified Drug and Alcohol Abuse Counselors, Methodist Hospital, Memphis, TN, 28 March 2000.

“The God-Project, Bad Faith, and Religious Belief in Sartre and Kierkegaard.” Paper presented to the Sartre Circle at the American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, New Orleans, 1999.

“The Attenuation of Freedom in Sartre.” Paper presented to the Sartre Circle at the American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Chicago, 1998.

“Instrumentality and the Swivel of Consciousness in Sartre’s Philosophy: A Response to Roger White.” Paper presented to the Sartre Circle at the American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Pittsburgh, 1997.

NONFICTION/FICTION/POETRY PRESENTED

“Dark Matter.” ArtsRolla. PoetSpeak, Rolla, MO April 2019. Poetry.

“Sun, Burning Blue Orb” and “The Accidental Selfie.” Arts Rolla. PoetSpeak, Rolla, MO. 21 April 2018. Poetry.

“Vestibule.” Arts Rolla. Writing Competition, Rolla, MO, 28 October 2017.

“Asian Buffet.” ArtsRolla. PoetSpeak, Rolla, MO, 22 April 2017. Poetry.

“Augenblick I & II. ArtsRolla. Writing Competition, Rolla, MO, 16 October 2016.

“Great Horned Owl.” ArtsRolla. Writing Competition, Rolla, MO, 16 October 2016. First place, nonfiction.

**“Retakes.” ArtsRolla, PoetSpeak, Rolla, MO, 17 April 2015.
Poetry.**

PUBLICATIONS

Articles and Book Chapters

“I’ll Sleep When I’m Dead: Warren Zevon and the Sonic Death Punch.” Book chapter in *Warren Zevon and Philosophy: Beyond Reptile Wisdom*. Edited by John E. MacKinnon. (Popular Culture and Philosophy Series, Open Universe, Release Date 7 November 2023).

“Existential Philosophical Counseling: Principles and Practices.” *International Journal of Philosophical Practice*, Vol. 9. No. 1 (forthcoming).

“A Psychotherapist Seeks Philosophical Counseling: Susan Kam Mah and Ross Channing Reed in Dialogue.” *International Journal of Philosophical Practice*, Vol. 8, No. 1 (Spring 2022).

“Systemic Dehumanization in the Age of Pandemic Terrorism.” *International Journal of Philosophical Practice*, Vol. 7, No. 1 (Spring 2021).

“Depression, Anxiety, Powerlessness and Irrational Belief in Unlimited Individual Possibility as a Consequence of Ubiquitous Systemic Terror.” *International Journal of Philosophical Practice*, Vol. 4, No. 1 (Spring 2018).

“Big Pharma.” *Southwinds*, the Creative Arts Magazine of Missouri University of Science and Technology (Spring 2017), 46 – 47. Winner of the annual short story competition.

“Augenblick I & II.” *Southwinds*, the Creative Arts Magazine of Missouri University of Science and Technology (Spring 2017), 20-25.

“Waiting for Godot?” *Among Friends* (Spring 2014). Aurora, IL: Illinois Yearly Meeting.

“Existentialism, Running and Play: If There Were No Suffering, Would Running (and Existentialism) Cease to Exist?” Book chapter in *Running and Philosophy: A Marathon for the Mind*. Ed. Mike Austin. Oxford: Blackwell Publishing, 2007.

“A Philosophical Counselor’s Approach to Forgiveness and Reconciliation.” *Perspectives on Evil and Human Wickedness*, Vol. 1, No. 4 (April 2004).

“Existentialism, Eastern Mentality, and the Modern Western Mind.” *Phoenix*. Ed. Linda Hicks. Waco, TX: Baylor University Press, 1984.

Books

***Precurity and Trauma: Philosophical Counseling in the Late Anthropocene*
(Lexington Books, 2025).**

***Mindscales: A Short and Readable Introduction to Philosophy*
(Kendall-Hunt, 2024)**

***The Liberating Art of Philosophy: An Introduction*
(Cognella Academic Press, 2021).**

A Philosopher Reports to Planet Earth. Volume One.
(Ozark Mountain Writers Guild, 2013).

The Terror of the Simulacra:
Volume One: *Vituperous Cleavage*
Volume Two: *Bulbous Chunks*
Volume Three: *Evisceration*
(Ozark Mountain Writers Guild, 2013).

Love and Death: An Existential Theory of Addiction
(Xlibris, 2009).

MEMBERSHIPS

American Philosophical Association
National Philosophical Counseling Association
American Philosophical Practitioners Association
Association of Writers and Writing Programs
Academy of American Poets

INTERVIEWS

National Public Radio, WKNO 91.1 FM, Memphis TN, 6
December 1998.

Interviewed by James Lamar

“Know Thyself,” Memphis Magazine, March 1999

Interviewed by Marilyn Sadler

“Philosophical Counselor Helps Clients with ‘Problems of
Living,” The Memphis Flyer, 22-28 July 1999

Interviewed by Daniel Connolly

**BBC Public Radio International: "The World" 7 September
1999 Broadcast in the United States of America and
the United Kingdom
Interviewed by Boris Maksimov**

**990 AM Greenville – Providence, interview by Lori
Puterbaugh for "The Balanced Life", 28 August 2001**