

WILLIAM C. DUDLEY

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Claremont McKenna College

President 2026-present

Washington and Lee University

President, 2017-2026

Williams College

Provost, 2011-16

Professor of Philosophy, 1998-2016

AES Corporation

Project Finance Manager, 1991-93

Strategic Planning Analyst, 1990-91

GOVERNANCE

The Annapolis Group of Liberal Arts Colleges

Chair of the Board, 2026-present

Trustee, 2022-present

Associated Colleges of the South (ACS)

Chair of the Board, 2020-2021

Trustee, 2017-2026

Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges (VFIC)

Executive Committee, 2022-2026

Trustee, 2017-2026

Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts (MCLA)

Vice-Chair of the Board, 2015-16

Trustee, 2010-16

Williamstown Community Chest

President, 2007-2009

Board Member, 2005-2011

Hegel Society of America

Vice-President, 2004-06

Board Member, 2000-06

EDUCATION

Northwestern University

Ph.D. in Philosophy, 1998

M.A. in Philosophy, 1995

Cambridge University

Herchel Smith Scholar in Philosophy, 1989-90

Williams College

B.A., in Mathematics and Philosophy, *magna cum laude*, 1989

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Understanding German Idealism (Acumen Publishing, 2007)

Hegel, Nietzsche and Philosophy: Thinking Freedom (Cambridge U.P., 2002)

Edited Volumes

Immanuel Kant: Key Concepts, with Kristina Engelhard (Acumen Publishing, 2011)

Hegel and History (SUNY Press, 2009)

Articles

"Ethical Life, Morality, and the Role of Spirit in the *Phenomenology of Spirit*," in *Hegel's Phenomenology of Spirit: A Critical Guide*, ed. Dean Moyar and Michael Quante (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2008): 130-149.

"Telling the Truth: Systematic Philosophy and the *Aufhebung* of Poetic and Religious Language," in *Hegel and Language*, ed. Jere Surber (Albany: SUNY Press, 2006): 127-141.

"Freedom in and through Nietzsche's Tragic Genealogy," *International Studies in Philosophy* 37:3 (Summer 2005): 81-102.

"Fruchtbare Ästhetik? Fragen an die Grundlagen und die Reichweite der *Ästhetik* Franz von Kutschera's," with David P. Schweikard and Martin Richter, in *Franz von Kutschera: Analytische Philosophie jenseits des Materialismus*, ed. Christoph Halbig and Christian Weidemann (Münster: LIT Verlag, 2005): 95-103.

"The Systematic Context and Structure of Hegel's Social Theory: A Response to Frederick Neuhauser," *The Owl of Minerva* 36:1 (Fall/Winter 2004-05): 3-14.

- “Impure Reason: Hegel on the Irrationality of the Rational,” *The Owl of Minerva* 35:1 (Fall/Winter 2003-04): 25-48.
- “Systematic Philosophy and Idealism,” *The Owl of Minerva* 34:1 (Fall/Winter 2002-03): 91-105.
- “Ancient Skepticism and Systematic Philosophy,” in *Hegel’s History of Philosophy: New Interpretations*, ed. David Duquette (Albany: SUNY Press, 2002): 87-105.
- “Freedom in and through Hegel’s Philosophy,” *Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review* XXXIX (2000): 683-703.
- “A Limited Kind of Freedom: Hegel’s Logical Analysis of the Finitude of the Will,” *The Owl of Minerva* 31:2 (Spring 2000): 173-198.
- “A Case of Bad Judgment: The Logical Failure of the Moral Will,” *The Review of Metaphysics* 51 (December 1997): 379-404.
- “Freedom and the Need for Protection from Myself,” *The Owl of Minerva* 29:1 (Fall 1997): 39-67.

Book Reviews

- Review of Thomas A. Lewis’s Religion, Modernity, and Politics in Hegel, *Hegel Bulletin* 35:2 (October 2014): 313-318.
- Review of Paul W. Franks’ All or Nothing: Systematicity, Transcendental Arguments, and Skepticism in German Idealism, *Mind* 118 (January 2009): 167-170.
- Review of Catherine Malabou’s The Future of Hegel: Plasticity, Temporality and Dialectic, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (October 2006).
- Review of Jason M. Wirth’s, The Conspiracy of Life: Meditations on Schelling and His Time, *The Review of Metaphysics* 59.1 (September 2005): 209-10.
- Book Note on Catherine Chalier’s What Ought I to Do?, tr. Jane Marie Todd, *Ethics* (April 2005): 645.
- Review of Frederick Neuhouser’s Foundations of Hegel’s Social Theory: Actualizing Freedom, *The Philosophical Quarterly* 52 (October 2002): 646-649.
- Review of Hegel and the Tradition: Essays in Honour of H.S. Harris, eds. M. Bauer and J. Russon, *Bulletin of the Hegel Society of Great Britain* 43/44 (2001): 72-79.
- Book Note on Friedrich Nietzsche’s Untimely Meditations, tr. R. J. Hollingdale, ed. Daniel Breazeale, *Ethics* (January 2000): 463.
- Review Essay of Clark Butler’s Hegel’s Logic, *The Owl of Minerva* 31:1 (Fall 1999): 59-66.
- “Should Nietzsche Have Been a Democrat?” a review of Lawrence Hatab’s A Nietzschean Defense of Democracy, *Philosophy and Social Criticism* 24:4 (July 1998): 113-119.

AWARDS AND HONORS

Williams College

Honorary Degree, 2017

Gaudino Scholar, 2010-2011

Oakley Center Lehman Fellow, for excellence of research, 2010, 2002-03

Herchel Smith Scholarship, Cambridge University, 1989-90

Humboldt Foundation

Humboldt Research Fellowship, University of Münster, Germany, 2003

American Council of Learned Societies

ACLS Fellowship, 2002-03

Northwestern University

Dissertation Year Fellow, 1997-98

Graduate Affiliate, Humanities Center, 1996-97

Outstanding Teaching Assistant, 1995-96

DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service)

Stipend for study in Germany, 1996

TEACHING

(selected courses)

Philosophy and Economics of Higher Education, with Morton Schapiro

Virtue Ethics and Liberal Arts Education

Philosophy of Education: Why Are We Here?

Big Games: The Spiritual Significance of Sports

Kant

Hegel

Truth and Rationality

Logic and Language

Introduction to Moral and Political Philosophy

Introduction to Metaphysics and Epistemology

COMMUNITY SERVICE

North Adams YMCA

Volunteer Swim Coach, 2007-2010

Taconic Golf Club

Board Member, 2008-2011