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Editor *Issues in Interdisciplinary Studies* | Founded 1982 | Texas Tech University Press

AREAS OF RESEARCH

Attention and Consciousness, Interdisciplinary Research Methodology, Phenomenology and Cognitive Science, Gurwitsch, Husserl, Reverence, Liberal Arts Pedagogy, Aesthetics

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Monograph

Arvidson, P. S. (2006). *The sphere of attention: Context and margin*, Springer

Integrates insights from experimental psychology and phenomenological philosophy to advance a more comprehensive understanding of attention. The thesis is that attention is always the center of a *sphere* of attention, which consists in contextual and marginal processing. This new metaphor of a sphere allows better accounts of attentional shifting, self-awareness, reflection, and moral moments. The book argues that a human being is best thought of as a sphere of attention – a dynamic, embodied attending in the world

Practitioner-based book

Arvidson, P. S. (2008). *Teaching nonmajors: Advice for liberal arts professors*, SUNY Press

Describes valuable techniques for lectures, discussions, assignments, and successful strategies for engaging nonmajors and problem students

Edited Interdisciplinary book

Davis-Floyd, R. & Arvidson, P. S. (1997). *Intuition: The inside story, interdisciplinary perspectives*, Routledge

Scholars from diverse disciplines – psychology, anthropology, philosophy, engineering, and health sciences – explore the nature of intuition and its practical place in social, behavioral, physical sciences

JOURNAL EDITORSHIP

Editor (2017-). *Issues in Interdisciplinary Studies*, 2017, Vol 35, 261 pp; 2018, Vol 36(1), 151 pp; 2018 Vol 36(2), 219 pp; 2019, Vol 37(1), 142 pp; 2019, Vol 37(2), 196 pp; 2020, Vol 38(1-2), 134pp; 2021 Vol 39(1-2), 154pp; 2022 Vol 40(1), 119pp; 2022 Vol 40(2), 117pp; 2023 Vol 41(1), 104pp; 2023 Vol 41(2) 126pp; 2024 Vol 42(1-2) 306pp; 2025 Vol 43(1) 112pp.

Special Editor (2023). Special Section, *Issues in Interdisciplinary Studies*, 41(1), Julie Thompson Klein—Beyond appreciation (39 pages)

Special Editor (2018). Special Volume, *Issues in Interdisciplinary Studies*, 36(2), William H. Newell Festschrift (219 pages). Editor's Introduction, pp. 7-13

ARTICLES OR CHAPTERS

Bombaerts, G., Hannes, T., Adam, M. , Aloisi, A. , Anderson, J., Arvidson, P. S., et al. (2025). Beyond the attention economy, towards an ecology of attending: A manifesto. *AI & Society*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00146-025-02405-8>

Arvidson, P. S. (2024). Challenges in teaching interdisciplinary research. In R. Szostak (Ed.), *Handbook of Interdisciplinary Teaching and Administration*. Edward Elgar Publishers, pp. 194-208.

Arvidson, P. S. (2023). Editor's Introduction to the Special Section: Julie Thompson Klein (1944–2023)—Beyond Appreciation. *Issues in Interdisciplinary Studies*, 41(1), pp. 5-10

Arvidson, P. S. (2022). Reverent awe and the field of consciousness. *Human Studies: A Journal for Philosophy and the Social Sciences*, 45(3), 397-416.

Arvidson, P. S. (2019). How can Sartrean consciousness be reverent? *Sartre Studies International: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Existentialism and Contemporary Culture*, 25(2), 18-36

Arvidson, P. S. (2018). The field of consciousness and extended cognition. *Human Studies: A Journal for Philosophy and the Social Sciences*, 41(1), 21-40

Newell, W. H., & Arvidson, P. S. (2018). Integrity in education: William H. Newell in conversation with P. Sven Arvidson. *Issues in Interdisciplinary Studies*, 36(2), [Special Volume], pp. 14-44

Arvidson, P. S. (2016). Interdisciplinary research and phenomenology as parallel processes of consciousness. *Issues in Interdisciplinary Studies*, 34, 30-52

Arvidson, P. S. (2015). The virtue of reverence in interdisciplinary studies. *Issues in Interdisciplinary Studies*, 33, 117-143

Arvidson, P. S. (2015). Cultivating integrity: Balancing autonomy and discipline in integrative programs. In P. Hughes, J. Muñoz, & M. N. Tanner (Eds.), *Perspectives in interdisciplinary and integrative studies*, Texas Tech University Press, 95-116

- Arvidson, P. S. (2015). Gurwitsch, Aron. In D. Zahavi (Subject editor) & E. Craig (General editor), *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, Routledge Press, 1500 words
<https://www.rep.routledge.com/articles/gurwitsch-aron-1901-73>
- Arvidson, P. S. (2014). Interdisciplinary common ground: Techniques and attentional processes. *Issues in Interdisciplinary Studies*, 32, 170-196
- Arvidson, P. S. (2014). Between phenomenology and psychology: The interdisciplinarity of Aron Gurwitsch. *Journal of Phenomenological Psychology*, 45(2), 146-167
- Arvidson, P. S. (2013). Restructuring attentionality and intentionality. *Human Studies: A Journal for Philosophy and the Social Sciences*, 36(2), 199-216
- Arvidson, P. S. (2012). Artistic reverence. In S. C. Bingham (Ed.), *The art of social critique: Painting mirrors of social life*, Lexington Books, 531-557
- Arvidson, P. S. (2012). Eportfolios in a liberal studies program: An experiment in sustainability. In K. Bartels & K. Parker (Eds.), *Teaching sustainability/Teaching sustainably*, Stylus Publications, 161-177
- Arvidson, P. S. (2010). Attention in context. In D. Schmicking & S. Gallagher (Eds.), *Handbook of phenomenology and cognitive science*, Springer, 99-121
- Arvidson, P. S. (2008). Attentional capture and attentional character. *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences*, 7(4), 539-562
- Arvidson, P. S. & Huston, T. (2008). Transparent teaching. *Currents in Teaching and Learning*, 1(1), 4-16
- Arvidson, P. S. (2004). Experimental evidence for three dimensions of attention. In Embree, L. (Ed.), *Gurwitsch's relevancy for cognitive science*, Springer, 151-168
- Arvidson, P. S. (2003). A lexicon of attention: From cognitive science to phenomenology. *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences*, 2(2), 99-131
- Arvidson, P. S. (2003). Moral attention in encountering you: Gurwitsch and Buber. *Husserl Studies*, 19(1), 71-91
- Arvidson, P. S. (2000). Transformations in consciousness: Continuity, the self, and marginal consciousness. *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, 7(3), 3-26
- Arvidson, P. S. (1998). Bringing context into focus: Parallels in the psychology of attention and the philosophy of science. *The Journal of Phenomenological Psychology*, 29(1), 50-91
- Arvidson, P. S. (1997). Looking intuit: A phenomenological investigation of intuition and attention. In R. Davis-Floyd & P. S. Arvidson (Eds.), *Intuition: The inside story*, Routledge, 39-56
- Arvidson, P. S. (1997). Relevance and aesthetic perception. In C. Evans, & A. Shufflebeam (Eds.), *To work at the foundations: Essays in memory of Aron Gurwitsch*, Kluwer, 131-140

Arvidson, P. S. (1996). Toward a phenomenology of attention. *Human Studies: A Journal for Philosophy and the Social Sciences*, 19(1), 71-84

Arvidson, P. S. (1993). Stability and achievement in Richard Lind's aesthetic theory. *Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism*, 51(4), 619-622

Arvidson, P. S. (1992). The field of consciousness: James and Gurwitsch. *Transactions of the C. S. Peirce Society: A Quarterly Journal in American Philosophy*, 28(4), 833-856

Arvidson, P. S. (1992). On the origin of organization in consciousness. *Journal of the British Society for Phenomenology*, 23(1), 53-65

Arvidson, P. S. (1986). Hegel on the nature and status of the concept in Kant's critical philosophy. *Kinesis*, 15(2), 88-106

OTHER ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Arvidson, P. S. (2008). Students 101. *Chronicle of Higher Education*, 55(6), Oct. 3, p. A120 (back cover). 1660 words

Arvidson, P. S. (2008). Teaching nonmajors. *Inside Higher Education* (insidehighered.com), published interview with Editor-in-Chief, July 25, about *Teaching nonmajors* book

PRESENTATIONS

Arvidson, P. S. & Szostak, R. (2023, October). *How to talk about interdisciplinary journal publications for hiring, review, and promotion*. Paper presented at the Association for Interdisciplinary Studies

Arvidson, P. S. & Arvidson, T. (2019, October). *Globally extended cognition: Philosophy of mind meets remote earth sensing*. Paper presented at the Association for Interdisciplinary Studies

Arvidson, P. S. (2018, October). *Administering interdisciplinary programs*. Presented at the Association for Interdisciplinary Studies

Arvidson, P. S. (2017, October). *What could a senior capstone project be?* Paper presented at the Association for Interdisciplinary Studies

Barclift, P. & Arvidson, P. S. (2017, August). *How does one measure the Jesuit ethos in a student's life?* Paper presented at the Conference on the Commitment to Justice in Jesuit Higher Education

Arvidson, P. S. (2016, November). *Where is mind?* Paper presented at the Works in Progress Series, College of Arts and Sciences, Seattle University

Arvidson, P. S. (2016, October). *Reverence and the field of consciousness*. Paper presented at the Society for Phenomenology and the Human Sciences

- Arvidson, P. S. (2013, November). *Cultivating integrity: Virtue in integrative education*. Paper presented at the Association for Interdisciplinary Studies
- Arvidson, P. S. (2013, January). *Opening philosophy to psychology: The challenge of interdisciplinarity*. Paper presented at annual conference of HUIC Arts and Humanities
- Arvidson, P. S. (2012, January). *Moral artistry*. Paper presented at annual conference of HUIC Arts and Humanities
- Arvidson, P. S. (2010, October). *Eportfolios in a liberal studies program: An experiment in sustainability*. Paper presented at the Association for Interdisciplinary Studies
- Arvidson, P. S. (2010, June). *Education and vocation: Teacher of the year keynote address*. Presented at annual College of Arts and Sciences Awards ceremony, Seattle University
- Arvidson, P. S. (2010, February). *One person, one job: A modern view of vocation and justice in Plato's Republic*. Paper presented at the Southern Humanities Council
- Arvidson, P. S. (2008, March). *A gestalt-phenomenology of attention. Phenomenology and the science of consciousness*. Paper presented at the University of Central Florida
- Arvidson, P. S. (2008, February). *The riddle of Socrates in the Apology: At home between the human and divine*. Paper presented at the Southern Humanities Council
- Arvidson, P. S. (2006, April). *Philosophy and the double matrix*. Paper presented at Center for Talented Youth Odyssey Program, sponsored by Johns Hopkins and Seattle University
- Arvidson, P. S. (2006, January). *Authentic reflection and personal identity*. Paper presented at the Southern Humanities Council
- Arvidson, P. S. (2002, October). *Experimental evidence for three dimensions in attention*. Paper presented at Florida Atlantic University
- Arvidson, P. S. (2002, March). *Moral attention and compassion*. Paper presented at the American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division
- Arvidson, P. S. (2001, April). *Gurwitsch's phenomenology of attention*. Paper presented at Southern Illinois University
- Arvidson, P. S. (1996, April). *Is attention like a spotlight, a window or something else?* Paper presented at the Southern Society of Philosophy and Psychology

EDUCATION

Georgetown University	PhD in Philosophy
Georgetown University	MA in Philosophy
Duquesne University	MA in Phenomenological Psychology
St. Mary's College of Maryland	BA in Human Development

TEACHING

MAJOR AND ADVANCED ELECTIVES

Senior Synthesis	Philosophy of Art
Methods of Interdisciplinary Research	Philosophy of Love and Friendship
Personal Identity and Being Authentic	Aesthetics and Value Theory
Interdisciplinary Inquiry and Liberal Studies	Philosophy of Consciousness
Philosophical Approaches to Self	(above four at Mt. St. Joseph University)

SEATTLE UNIVERSITY CORE

Introduction to Philosophy	Philosophy of the Human Person
Ethics	Core Interdisciplinary Topics

Teacher of the Year Award, 2010, Student Executive Council, College of Arts and Sciences

Annual Teaching Award, 2004, awarded by Faculty, College of Arts and Sciences

SELECTED SERVICE

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Editor, *Issues in Interdisciplinary Studies*, 2017-present

Editor, *Issues in Interdisciplinary Studies* (2023 Special Section for Julie Thompson Klein)

Editor, *Issues in Interdisciplinary Studies* (2018 Festschrift for William H. Newell)

Board Member, *Association for Interdisciplinary Studies*, 2017-present

Chair, *Colloquium on Moral Responsibility*. American Philosophical Association, 2012

Referee, *Various journals in philosophy and interdisciplinary studies*

UNIVERSITY

Coordinator Strategic Directions, IDLS Reimagine and Reinvent Curriculum 2023-present

Senior Faculty Fellow, Center for Faculty Development, 2008-2023

Member, Advisory Board of Center for Faculty Development, 2006-2023

Founding Coordinator, Consortium of Interdisciplinary Scholars, 2009-2020
Founding Member, Year of the Teacher – grass-roots celebration of teaching, 2015-2016
Peer Coach of Teaching, Center for Faculty Development, 2005-2008
Referee, Scholarship Grant Proposals, Center for Faculty Development, annually 2007-2013

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Director, Interdisciplinary Liberal Studies, 2010-2025
Member, Executive Committee, 2010-2025
Member, College Term Promotion Policy Committee, 2023-2024
Member, Senior Instructor Promotion Committee, 2021-2023
Member, Philosophy Department Promotion and Tenure Committee, 2023
Member, Kinesiology Department Promotion and Tenure Committee, 2022
Interim Chair, Department of Kinesiology, 2017-2018
Acting Director, Liberal Studies, 2008-2009

POSITIONS

SEATTLE UNIVERSITY Seattle, WA

Professor Emeritus of Interdisciplinary Liberal Studies and Philosophy	Emeritus 2025
Director of Interdisciplinary Liberal Studies	2010-2025
Full Professor of Interdisciplinary Liberal Studies	2020-2025
Associate Professor of Interdisciplinary Liberal Studies (tenured 2018)	2012-2020
Associate Appointment in Philosophy	2010-2025
Visiting Associate Professor of Philosophy	1999-2012
Founding Coordinator Consortium of Interdisciplinary Scholars	2009-2020
Senior Faculty Fellow Center for Faculty Development	2008-2023

MOUNT ST. JOSEPH UNIVERSITY Cincinnati, OH

Associate Professor of Philosophy Department of Humanities (tenured 1999)	1999
Assistant Professor of Philosophy Department of Humanities	1993-1999

ST. MARY'S COLLEGE OF MARYLAND St. Mary's City, MD

Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy Department of Humanities	1991-1993
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GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY Washington, D.C.

Lecturer Department of Philosophy	1990-1991
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