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Ramsey Eric Ramsey is Professor of Philosophy teaching in the New College and Barrett, the Honors College at Arizona State University. Ramsey holds a Ph.D. from the Joint Program in Philosophy and Communication, Purdue University where his major professor was the renowned hermeneutical philosopher Calvin O. Schrag. He is the author of the books *Leaving Us to Wonder: An Essay on the Questions Science Can't Ask* (co-authored with the biologist Linda Wiener) and *The Long Path to Nearness*, a philosophical contribution to communication theory and ethics. He is also the editor of and contributor to the book *Experiences Between Philosophy and Communication*. He has published numerous essays and book chapters in major journals and in edited collections and lectured throughout the US, Latin America, and Europe.

The manner in which Ramsey approaches the study of hermeneutics as a non-nostalgic contemporary conversation with traditions allows for simultaneously the criticizing and edifying our shared being-together. He has undertaken numerous interpretative projects from aesthetic studies of literature, painting, and poetry to the public understanding of science, all with a special attention to the relation of language to ethical issues.

Embracing the claim of philosophical hermeneutics that interpretation is essential to our being-in-the-world, allows him to think about education in a way furthering both the pedagogical practice of hermeneutics and to make sophisticated contributions to hermeneutic philosophy as a writer. Ramsey further advances the study and practice of hermeneutics and pedagogy as a co-collaborator in the International Institute for Hermeneutics (IIH) Summer School in Krakow and Zakopane, Poland. In this ongoing collaboration with IIH President Wierciński, the IIH Summer School brings together established scholars and students for week-long philosophical conversations, which often lead to new collaborations and academic publications from the participants. With a pedagogical commitment to broadening and advancing hermeneutic understanding, Ramsey lectures to many religious, literary, and fine art groups outside the university. For example, he has taught his “*Hamlet* and Hermeneutics” seminar both to advanced university students and in a separate setting to participants in a life-long learning program.

In recognition of his hermeneutic pedagogy, he is the recipient of the Arizona State University at the West campus Award for Excellence in Teaching, is a Wakonse Teaching Fellow, and multiple-time nominee for the ASU Parents Association Professor of the Year Award. In 2013 he earned the Outstanding Achievement Award from the ASU Council on the Status of Women. In 2017 he was awarded a Special Commendation from the ASU West campus for Outstanding Achievement in Teaching and Mentoring.

Informed by this constellation of hermeneutic understanding and practice, Ramsey undertakes his role as editor of the official IHH journal, *Analecta Hermeneutica*. As editor, he serves the global community of scholars developing the hermeneutic tradition providing an outlet for the writing and thinking that will keep hermeneutics relevant to an array of disciplines taking an interpretive approach to reality. Along with his work with the International Institute for Hermeneutics, he is an invited member of the Forum for the Humanities (FORhUM) at Institute Nova Revja in Ljubljana, Slovenia.