

Acknowledgements

This book would never have been possible without the help and support of many people. I would like to use this space to acknowledge those who have helped me along this journey with their interesting ideas and thoughts, their time, their trust, their friendship, and love.

I would like to thank Professor Rüdiger Kunow for his intellectual support and trust in my work, but first and foremost for the intellectual and academic home he created. Marked by an open door, hours of conversation, and academic debate this intellectual upbringing shaped my thinking beyond the scope of this project. I would also like to thank Professor Marc Priewe for supervising this project and for his attentive and detailed commentary in the editing process, as well as Professor Nicole Waller for providing a stable place for me to finish this project.

Furthermore, I would like to thank Dr. Ariane Schröder for her helpful critique, intellectual and emotional support, and for being the most patient editor, colleague, and friend, without whom this project would never have been completed. I am also thankful to Justine Hancock for her swift and thorough editing support and the time she made for this in her tight schedule.

Last but not least, I would like to thank my family for their love, support, and understanding. I am especially grateful to Ned, Nell and Esther, for their sacrifices and for bearing with me, most of all though, for their love.

