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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

History of Analytic Philosophy, Philosophy of Humor

AREAS OF CONCENTRATION

Logic, Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Science, Modern Philosophy, Critical Social Theory, Feminist Theory

EDUCATION

University of South Florida

Tampa, FL

Ph.D., Philosophy

December 2008

Dissertation: “Three Wittgensteins: Interpreting the *Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus*”

Graduate Certificate, Women’s Studies

May 2005

Concentration: Standpoint Epistemology

M.A., Philosophy

May 2002

Thesis: “Banality and Enownment: Heidegger on Authenticity”

Manhattanville College

Purchase, NY

B.A., Philosophy; Minors: Physics and Religion

May 2000

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Sam Houston State University

2013 – present

Lecturer, Department of Psychology and Philosophy

Courses Taught: PHIL 1301: Intro to Philosophy; PHIL 2303: Critical Thinking; PHIL 2352/3362: Intro to Contemporary Logic; PHIL 3365: Modern Philosophy; PHIL 3372: Philosophy of Science; PHIL 4780: Theories of Knowledge and Reality; PHIL 4385: Historicism and Scientific Rationality; PHIL 4385: Philosophy of Humor

Misericordia University

2011 – 2015

Adjunct Instructor, College of Adult and Continuing Education (online)

Courses Taught: PHL 100: Intro to Philosophy; PHL 102: Intro to Ethics; PHL 200: Ethical Theory

University of West Georgia

2009 – 2013

Limited-Term Assistant Professor, Department of English and Philosophy

Courses Taught: PHIL 2010: Intro to Philosophy; PHIL 2020: Critical Thinking; PHIL 4150: Analytic Philosophy

Denison University

2008 – 2009

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy

Courses Taught: HNRS 175: Honors Seminar (Paradoxes); PHIL 205: Logic; PHIL 126: Social and Political Philosophy; FYS 102: First-Year Seminar (Paradoxes); PHIL 232: Modern Philosophy; PHIL 333: History of Analytic Philosophy; PHIL 361: Directed Study (Descartes’ Ethics)

University of Tampa

2005 – 2008

Adjunct Instructor, Department of Philosophy and Religion

Courses Taught: PHL 201: Logic; ENG/PHL 212: Critical Thinking

University of South Florida

2000 – 2008

Adjunct Instructor, Department of Philosophy

2005 – 2008

Courses Taught: PHM 3100: Social Philosophy; PHM 4700: Philosophy of Marxism

Adjunct Instructor, Honors College

2005 – 2008

Courses Taught: IDH 2010: Acquisition of Knowledge

Graduate Teaching Associate, Department of Philosophy

2002 – 2005

Courses Taught: PHH 2000: Intro to Philosophy; PHI 2101: Intro to Formal Logic

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Philosophy

2000 – 2002

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- “Just Kidding Folks!: An Expressivist Analysis of Offensive Humor”** Winter 2015
Florida Philosophical Review Vol. 15, No. 1 pp. 66 – 77

BOOK CHAPTERS

- “A Philosophical Joke Book?”** Open Court Press, 2010
The Onion and Philosophy pp. 247 – 256
- “The History of Analytic Philosophy: Behind the Oxymoron”** Univ. of New Mexico Press, 2008
Philosophy and Its History: Proceedings of the Sixth Annual Graduate Student Conference pp. 55 – 70

BOOK REVIEWS

- Review of Landini’s *Wittgenstein’s Apprenticeship with Russell*** July 2008
Journal of the History of Philosophy Vol. 46, no. 3 pp. 493 – 494
- Review of Macbeth’s *Frege’s Logic*** July 2007
Philosophical Books Vol. 48, no. 3 pp. 262 – 265

PAPER PRESENTATIONS

- “Lewis Carroll’s Syllogistic Diagrams”** April 2022
American Philosophical Association (Pacific Division) Meeting Vancouver, BC
- “Philosophy of Humor”** October 2014
Sam Houston State CHSS Faculty Colloquia Vancouver, BC
- “An Inferential Analysis of Offensive Humor”** April 2013
Of Mirth and Mind Conference Waterville, ME
- “A Philosophical Joke Book?: Wittgenstein on Humor and the Function of Philosophy”** April 2009
Ohio Philosophical Association Annual Meeting Athens, OH
- “An Essay on Nonsense: Wittgenstein’s *Tractatus* and the Bounds of Meaning”** February 2009
Denison University Department of Philosophy Colloquia Series Granville, OH
- “Wittgenstein on Humor”** October 2008
Second Annual Lighthearted Philosophers’ Society Conference St. Petersburg, FL
- “The History of Analytic Philosophy: Beyond the Oxymoron”** November 2007
Sixth Annual University of New Mexico Philosophy Graduate Student Conference Albuquerque, NM
- “How to Read Wittgenstein as x : An Exercise in Selective Interpretation”** October 2007
First Annual Lighthearted Philosophers’ Conference St. Petersburg, FL
- “Three Wittgensteins”** October 2006
University of South Florida Philosophy Graduate Student Organization Colloquium Tampa, FL
- “Sellars, Derrida, and the Task of Analytic Philosophy”** November 2005
Florida Philosophical Association Cocoa Beach, FL
- “Davidson’s Quine, Kripke’s Wittgenstein and Brandom on Meaning,”** November 2005
Society for Classical Pragmatism Studies Conference, ‘American Philosophy’ Tampa, FL
- “Hegelian Content and Kantian Discontent: C. I. Lewis and Pragmatism”** April 2005
Society for Classical Pragmatism Studies Tampa, FL
- “Problematizing Heidegger on Authenticity: En-ownment and Banality”** August 2004
Society for European Philosophy Conference, ‘Resistance’ London, UK
- “Speaking To/For/Of the Other: Representation and Cultural Imperialism”** August 2004
Expanding Human Consciousness Conference ‘Consequentiality: Human, All Too Human’ San Diego, CA
- “Heidegger, Authenticity, and the Politics of Negation”** May 2003
The International Social Theory Consortium Fourth Annual Conference N. Redington Beach, FL

CONFERENCE COMMENTARY

- On David Hoinski's "Something Better than Comedy"** October 2021
Fifteenth Annual Lighthearted Philosophers' Society Conference San Antonio, TX
- On Frank Boardman's "That's Not Funny: Quietism About Humor"** October 2019
Thirteenth Annual Lighthearted Philosophers' Society Conference San Antonio, TX
- On Alan Roberts' "Humour is a Funny Thing"** October 2018
Twelfth Annual Lighthearted Philosophers' Society Conference Santa Barbara, CA
- On Steve Gimbel's *Isn't that Clever: A Philosophy of Humor and Comedy*** September 2017
Eleventh Annual Lighthearted Philosophers' Society Conference St. Petersburg, FL
- On Kim Maslin's "Plato's Theory of Humor Revisited"** March 2016
Tenth Annual Lighthearted Philosophers' Society Conference St. Augustine, FL
- On Sophia Stone's "The Perfect Joke"** October 2015
Ninth Annual Lighthearted Philosophers' Society Conference Deerfield Beach, FL
- On Jennifer Marra's "Humor as a Symbolic Form"** October 2014
Eighth Annual Lighthearted Philosophers' Society Conference Galveston, TX
- On Hayyim Rothman's "The Laughter of the Multitude"** October 2013
Seventh Annual Lighthearted Philosophers' Society Conference St. Petersburg, FL
- On Richard C. Richards' *A Philosopher Looks at The Sense of Humor*** October 2013
Seventh Annual Lighthearted Philosophers' Society Conference St. Petersburg, FL
- On Robert William Fischer & Eric Gilbertson's "Salvaging Servicability in Metaphysics"** November 2013
Seventy-Fifth Southwest Philosophical Association Conference Fredericksburg, TX
- On Christine James' "Acting 'As-If' for American Buddenbrooks"** October 2011
Fifth Annual Lighthearted Philosophers' Society Conference St. Petersburg, FL
- On Andrew Aberdein's "The Rationale of the Mathematical Joke"** October 2010
Fourth Annual Lighthearted Philosophers' Society Conference St. Petersburg, FL
- On Tom Wilk's "Jokes as Speech Acts"** October 2009
Third Annual Lighthearted Philosophers' Society Conference St. Petersburg, FL
- Commentator, 'Searching for the Missing Bodies' session on Hannah Arendt** April 2003
Society for Women in Philosophy (Eastern Division) Meeting Tampa, FL

PUBLIC TALKS

- "Modal Logic Before Kripke"** October 2021
Sam Houston State University Mathematics Department Logic Group Huntsville, TX
- "Who's a Good Dogma?: Quine's Critique of Analyticity in Context"** September 2019
Sam Houston State University Philosophy Club Huntsville, TX
- "Expecting the Unexpected: The Prediction Paradox Considered"** October 2018
Sam Houston State University Philosophy Club Huntsville, TX
- "Philosophy of Humor"** February 2018
Sam Houston State University Philosophy Club Huntsville, TX
- "Marx Myths"** October 2011
Underground Books Radical Academics lecture series Carrollton, GA

SERVICE

Managing Editor, *Inquiry: Critical Thinking Across the Disciplines*: 2020 – present

Referee:

- *Lighthearted Philosophers' Society*: 2010 – present
- *Routledge*: 2016
- *Synthese*: 2014
- *Florida Philosophical Review*: 2011 – 2013
- *Erkenntnis*: 2008

National/International Organizations

Lighthearted Philosophers' Society

- *Secretary/Web Developer*: 2008 – 2011; 2021 – present
- *Treasurer*: 2013 – 2021
- *President*: 2013 – 2017
- *Conference Organizer*: 2009; 2010; 2014; 2019

Association for Informal Logic and Critical Thinking

- *APA Central Session Chair*: 2020 – present

Institutional

Sam Houston State University

- *Member, Social Media Committee*: 2019 – present
- *Faculty Adviser, Quaere! (Inquiry Club)*: 2019 – present
- *Faculty Adviser, The Best of All Possible Clubs (Philosophy Club)*: 2013 – present
- *Member, School Psychology Search Committee*: 2015 – 2016

University of West Georgia

- *Member, Faculty Senate Technology Committee*: 2012 – 2013
- *Faculty Adviser, Anima Otaku (student organization)*: 2012 – 2013
- *Faculty Adviser, Chi Phi Fraternity-Alpha Zeta Chapter*: 2010 – 2013
- Served on three MA committees (all for Department of Psychology)

Denison University

- *Faculty Adviser, Philosophy Coffee Committee*: 2008-2009
- *Senior Symposium Adviser, Megan Hendricks, "Moral Non-naturalism as an Instance of Grammatical Confusion"*
- *Senior Symposium Adviser, Jessica Einstein, "The Implications of John Stuart Mill's Philosophy on Privacy and Government"*

University of South Florida

- *Co-Coach, USF Ethics Bowl Team*: 2007 – 2008
- *Co-Conference Organizer (with Roger Ariew) "Pascal and Descartes" Conference*: 2006
- *Co-Faculty Adviser, Phi-Org (Philosophy Club)*: 2002 – 2003
- *Executive Officer, Philosophy Graduate Student Organization*
 - *Treasurer*: 2006– 2007
 - *President*: 2005 – 2006
 - *Vice President*: 2004 – 2005
 - *Faculty Liaison*: 2001 – 2004
- *Officer, Graduate Assistants United/United Faculty of Florida*: 2002 – 2003
 - *Senator*: 2002 – 2003
 - *Chief Steward*: 2003

HONORS AND AWARDS

- *Nominated for Excellence in Teaching Award*, Sam Houston State: 2014; 2016; 2019
- *Richard C. Richards Prize*, Lighthearted Philosophers' Society: 2015.
- *Graduate and Professional Student Organization Travel Grant*, University of South Florida: 2005
- *Teaching Assistantship*, University of South Florida: 2000 – 2006
- *Castle Pin Award*, Manhattanville College: 2000
- *Institutional and Departmental Honors*, Manhattanville College: 2000
- *Lemmon Prize for Logic*, Manhattanville College: 2000
- *Community Service Scholarship*, Manhattanville College: 1997 – 2000
- *Presidential Merit Scholarship*, Manhattanville College: 1996 – 2000

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- *Member*, Association for Informal Logic and Critical Thinking: 2019 – present
- *Member*, British Wittgenstein Society: 2009 – present
- *Member*, History of Early Analytic Philosophy Society: 2008 – present
- *Member*, Ohio Philosophical Association: 2008 – 2009
- *Member*, Lighthearted Philosophers' Society: 2007 – present
- *Associate Member*, Florida Philosophical Association: 2003 – 2008
- *Member*, American Philosophical Association: 1997 – present

REFERENCES

Available Upon Request