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Curriculum Vitae

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS:

Professor of Philosophy, **Western Illinois University**, (Fall 2014 – present)
Associate Professor of Philosophy (tenured), **Western Illinois University**, (Fall 2009 – Spring 2014)
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, **Western Illinois University**, (Fall 2005 – Spring 2009)
Co-Director, Program for the Study of Ethics at **WIU**, (Spring 2006 – 2015)
Course Director, Tennessee Governor's School for the Sciences @ **UTK**, (Summers: 2005 – 2011)
Lecturer of Philosophy, **University of Tennessee, Knoxville**, (Fall 2003 – Summer 2005)

EDUCATION:

Ph.D., Philosophy, **Florida State University**, Tallahassee, FL, 2003
M.A., Philosophy, **San Diego State University**, San Diego, CA, 1998
B.A., Philosophy, **University of California, Santa Barbara**, Santa Barbara, CA, 1996
A.A., Political Science and Philosophy, **Santa Barbara City College**, Santa Barbara, CA, 1994

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION: Ethics, Logic, & Philosophy of Science

AREAS OF COMPETENCE: Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Language, & Philosophy of Law

PUBLICATIONS:

Books

- *The Stem Cell Controversy*, revised/2nd edition, co-edited with Michael Ruse (Prometheus), 2006.
- *The Stem Cell Controversy*, co-edited with Michael Ruse (Amherst, NY: Prometheus), 2003.

Articles

- “Seven Arguments Against Extra Credit,” *Teaching Philosophy* 37.2 (June, 2014): 191-214.
- “If Monty Hall Falls or Crawls,” *European Journal of Analytic Philosophy* 9.2 (2013): 33-47.
- “Ad Hominem Arguments and Intelligent Design,” *Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science* 47.2 (June, 2012): 289-297.
- “A Modern Analytic Socrates and Meno's Paradox: A Dialogue,” *Inquiry: Critical Thinking Across the Disciplines* 21.3 (2003): 23-25.
- “Validity, Schema, and a *Modus Tollens* Paradox,” *Southwest Philosophy Review* 18.1 (2002): 53-63.
- “Plato's *Republic*: A Tale of Two Cities” (with Donald C. Hodges), *Telos* 123 (2002): 175-182.

Book Chapter

- “Why Is There A Stem Cell Debate? And How to Depoliticize It” in *Philosophy of Biology*, edited by Michael Ruse, Prometheus, (2007): 425-433.

Encyclopedia Entries

- “Bioethics of Cloning” in *Encyclopedia of Life Sciences*, John Wiley & Sons: Chichester. <http://www.els.net/> [DOI: 10.1002/9780470015902.a0003475], (September, 2010).

- “*In vitro* Fertilization Regulations” in *Encyclopedia of Life Sciences*, John Wiley & Sons: Chichester. <http://www.els.net/> [DOI: 10.1002/9780470015902.a0005185.pub2], (September, 2010).
- “Human Cloning: Legal Aspects” in *Encyclopedia of Life Sciences*, John Wiley & Sons: Chichester. <http://www.els.net/> [DOI: 10.1002/9780470015902.a0005200.pub2], (December, 2009).

Book Reviews

- *Potentiality: Metaphysical and Bioethical Dimensions*, ed. John P. Lizza in *The Quarterly Review of Biology* 91.3 (September, 2016): 352.
- *Abortion and the Moral Significance of Merely Possible Persons*, by Melinda A. Roberts in *Philosophy in Review* 32.3 (2012): 225-227.
- *Arguments and Analysis in Bioethics*, ed. Matti Häyry, Tuija Takala, and Peter Herissone-Kelly in *Philosophy in Review* 31.3 (2011): 209-212.
- *Animals and the Moral Community: Mental Life, Moral Status, and Kinship* by Gary Steiner in *The Quarterly Review of Biology* 84.4 (December, 2009): 400-1.
- *Animals as Persons: Essays on the Abolition of Animal Exploitation* by Gary L. Francione in *The Quarterly Review of Biology* 84.3 (September, 2009): 283.
- *Representing Electrons* by Theodore Arabatzis in *Journal of Chemical Education* 84 (2007): 1927.

PAPER PRESENTATIONS:

Refereed

“Events, Mass Terms, and *Modus Tollens*”

- Illinois Philosophical Association, Illinois State University, Bloomington, IL, November 2014.

“XKCD’s Blue Eyes Puzzle: Backwards Induction and Collective Knowledge”

- Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Rhodes College, Memphis, TN, February 2013.
- Illinois Philosophical Association, Univ. of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL, November 2012.

“If Monty Hall Falls or Crawls”

- Society for Exact Philosophy, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, October 2012.

“The ‘Potentiality Problem’ Redux”

- Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Rhodes College, Memphis, TN, February 2012.
- Illinois Philosophical Association, Northern Illinois University, IL, November 2011.
- Florida Philosophical Association, 57th Annual Meeting, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, November 2011.
- Indiana Philosophical Association Meeting at Butler University, Indianapolis, IN, April 2008.

“The Mistake in Monty’s Fall”

- Illinois Philosophical Association, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL, October 2009.
- Florida Philosophical Association, 55th Annual Meeting, Gainesville, FL, November 2009.

“General Propositions and Triviality” (with Kenneth A. Presting)

- Logic and the Foundations of Game and Decision Theory (LOFT 06), 7th Annual Meeting, Liverpool, England, July 2006.

“Events, Mass Terms, and Logical Form”

- American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, San Francisco, CA, March 2005.
- Tennessee Philosophical Association, 35th Annual Meeting, Nashville, TN, October 2003.

“Calling Carr’s Bluff or A New Model for Ethical Business Bluffing”

- Assn. for Practical & Professional Ethics, 14th Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, Feb. 2005.
- Tennessee Philosophical Association, 36th Annual Meeting, Nashville, TN, November 2004.

- “The Logical Structure and Constitutional Function of the ‘Comity Clause’: A Dilemma”
 - Florida Philosophical Association, 48th Annual Meeting, Gainesville, FL, November 2002.
- “Validity, Schema, and a *Modus Tollens* Paradox”
 - Southwestern Philosophical Society, 63rd Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX, November 2001.
- “Kant’s Second Proposition to the Categorical Imperative”
 - Florida Philosophical Association, 47th Annual Meeting, DeLand, FL, November 2001.

Invited Talks and Commentaries

- Comments on Landon D. C. Elkind’s “For Inclusive Logic”
 - Illinois Philosophical Association Meeting, ICC, Peoria, IL, November 2016.
- Comments on Jason Hanna’s “Enabling Harm: A Challenge to the Doctrine of Doing and Allowing”
 - Illinois Philosophical Association Meeting, SIUE, Edwardsville, IL, November 2013.
- Comments on James Montmarquet’s “Ethics as Epistemology”
 - Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Rhodes College, Memphis, TN, February 2012.
- “The End of Ethics Education: Theory or Action?”
 - WIU Annual Ethics Day sponsored by the Program for the Study of Ethics. Oct 2010.
- “Evolution Is More Than *Just A Theory*”
 - Evolution Series at Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL, February 2008.
- “Making Meat and Global Warming”
 - Focus on the Nation Teach In at Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL, January 2008.
- “Taking Future People’s Rights Seriously: Solving Non-Identity Problems”
 - Sacramento State University, Sacramento, CA, February 2008
- Comments on Christopher King’s “What Can Be Said for Democratic Obedience?”
 - American Philosophical Association, Central Division, Chicago, IL, April 2007.
- Comments on Chris Tennberg’s “Personal Identity and DNA”
 - Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World at the Pacific APA, San Francisco, CA, March 2005.
- Comments on Sarah Miller’s “Rationality, Dignity, and Care”
 - Tennessee Philosophical Association, 36th Annual Meeting, Nashville, TN, November 2004.
- Comments on Ken Presting’s “Conditional Probability: The Next Generation”
 - Tennessee Philosophical Association, 35th Annual Meeting, Nashville, TN, October 2003.
- “Calling Carr’s Bluff or A New Model for Ethical Business Bluffing”
 - Missouri Western State College, St. Joseph, MO, February 2005.
 - Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL, February, 2005.
- “Harming People Into Existence: Do Future People Have Present Rights?”
 - Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK, January 2005.
 - Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Terre Haute, IN, January 2004.
 - University of Tennessee, Chattanooga, TN, February 2004.
- “From Frege to Scalia: A Legal Logicism for Judicial Review”
 - The Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida, February 2003.
 - The University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV, March 2003.
 - Kent State University, Kent, OH, May 2003.
 - Southern Connecticut State University, New Haven, CT, May 2003.

AWARDS, GRANTS & HONORS:

WIU, Professional Achievement Award (PAA)	AY 14-15
Centennial Honors College Award of Excellence in Mentoring	Spring 2014
WIU, Professional Achievement Award (PAA)	AY 12-13
HOPE (Honoring Our Professor's Excellence) Teaching Award	Spring 2012
WIU, Professional Achievement Award (PAA)	AY 10-11
WIU, Professional Achievement Award (PAA)	AY 09-10
WIU College of Arts and Science Outstanding Teaching Award	Spring 2010
HOPE (Honoring Our Professor's Excellence) Teaching Award	Spring 2010
Phi Eta Sigma, Honorary Member (Student Nomination)	Fall 2009
University of Tennessee Research Grant – "Responsible Conduct of Research"	Spring & Summer 2004
The Florida State University Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award	April 2001

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS (PARTIAL LIST):

Florida Philosophical Association	Fall 1998 to present
American Philosophical Association	Fall 1999 to present
Illinois Philosophical Association	Spring 2008 to present

SERVICE ACTIVITIES: (PARTIAL LISTS)

Department

Chair, Department Personnel Committee (2x)	AY 2014-15
7 Year Program Review Committee	Fall 2013 to Spring 2014
Chair, PRS Department Chair Search	AY 2013-14
Chair Department Recruitment Committee	Fall 2011 to present
Chair, Philosophy Major Assessment	Fall 2008 to Spring 2013
Department Personnel Committee	AY 2009-10
Philosophy and Religious Studies Department Tech Rep	Fall 2005 to present
WIU PRS Department Hiring Committee	(five times)
Philosophy and Religious Studies Web Design and Maintenance	Fall 2005 to present

College and University

Chair, WIU Faculty Senate (2x)	AY 2015-16 & 2016-17
Chair, WIU Provost Search Committee	Spring 2015-Fall 2015
University Personnel Committee	Fall 2014 to Spring 2015
CAS Dean Search Committee	AY 2009-10
Internet Technology Advisory Committee, iTac	Fall 2008 to Spring 2010
Chair, President and Provost Performance Committee (2x)	Fall 2008 to Spring 2010
WIU Faculty Senate (three year terms)	Fall 2008-Spring 2011
WIU Faculty Senate (sabbatical replacement)	Spring 2008
WIU Honorary Doctoral Degree Committee	Spring 2007 to Spring 2010
College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee	Spring 2007 to Spring 2009
University Sanctions Committee	Fall 2006

Professional, Student, and Community Organizations

President, Illinois Philosophical Association	Fall 2015 to Fall 2017
Vice President, Illinois Philosophical Association	Fall 2012 to Fall 2014
Member, APA, Status and Future of the Profession Committee	Fall 2012 to Spring 2015
McDonough District Hospital Ethics Committee	Spring 2007 to present
Faculty Advisor, Student Philosophical Association	Fall 2005 to present

Faculty Advisor, Secular Student Alliance
Faculty Advisor, WIU Bowling Team
Homeowners and Neighborhood Development Strategies (HANDS)

Fall 2013 to present
Fall 2012 to present
Fall 2005 to Spring 2009