

Curriculum Vita
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Current Position: Associate Professor of Philosophy

Education

Ph. D. December '90, Syracuse University (Philosophy)
"Nihilism, Thought and Personhood," Peter van Inwagen, Director
M.A. '89, Syracuse University (Philosophy)
B. A. '83, Vanderbilt University (Philosophy)

Areas of Specialization

Analytic Metaphysics, Ontology, Early Modern Philosophy

Areas of Competence

Reasoning	Modern Philosophy	Logic
Ethics	Epistemology	Philosophy of Religion
Business Ethics	History of Philosophy	

Teaching Experience

2003-present Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of Montevallo

1996-2003 Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of Montevallo

1993-1996 Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Felician College

1992-1993 Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of Hawaii at Hilo

1990-1992 Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of Tulsa

1986-1990 Graduate Teaching (Full Responsibility)

1985 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Syracuse University

Languages

French (Reading Knowledge), Latin (Reading Knowledge)

Current Projects

I am the Editor of the *Southwest Philosophy Review*.
I am currently writing an original monograph entitled *Hume and the End of Design*.
I am also nearing completion of a first draft of a critical reasoning text.

Publications

Hume and the End of Design

1650-1850: Ideas, Aesthetics, and Inquiries in the Early Modern Era,
forthcoming.

Game Preserve Ethics—The Case for Hunting the Poor

Southwest Philosophical Review, 21:2 (Winter 2005)

Can Bad Men Make Good Brains Do Bad Things? was anthologized in *What If... Collected Thought Experiments in Philosophy* by Peg Tittle (Longman, 2004)

Os Homens Maus Poderão Levar Cérebros Bons a Fazer Coisas Más?

Trólei: Revista de Filosofia Moral et Política, 1. (2003)

Personal Identity, Autonomy and Advance Directives

Southwest Philosophical Review, 18:2 (Winter 2002)

Probabilities and Temporal Parts

Acta Analytica, 17:28 (Winter 2002)

The Officeholder view of Personal Identity

The Personalist Forum, 15:2 (Fall 1999).

Multicultural Education and the Future of Democracy (with Keith Burkum),
Proceedings of the 1995 Annual Conference of the Institute for the Study of
Postsecondary Pedagogy at SUNY New Paltz (Topic: American Pragmatism,
John Dewey, and Teaching and Learning in a Multicultural Society)

Full-Time Objections to Part-Time Objects

Philosophical Papers, Volume XX, Number 1, December 1991.

Teaching Graduate Students to Teach--An Approach

Teaching Philosophy, 15:3, September 1992.

Can Bad Men Make Good Brains Do Bad Things?

Proceedings and Addresses of the American Philosophical Association, 61.3,
1988

Reviews (invited)

Review of Donskis, Leonidas. *The End of Ideology and Utopia? Moral
Imagination and Cultural Criticism in the Twentieth Century*.
Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies, XIV, 189-90, 2002.

Review of *Metaphysics: Classic and Contemporary Readings*"
Teaching Philosophy, 15:2, June 1992.

Invited Lectures

Patriotism, Free Speech and Academia

New Horizons, University of Alabama at Birmingham, March 22, 2005

Issues Concerning the Lives of Women in Egypt

AAUW Presentation, University of Montevallo Chapter, November 15, 2001.

Persons as Offices

Southern Methodist University, November 2, 2001

There is Nothing Big Enough to See

Keynote Address

Southwest Conference for Undergraduate Philosophers at University of Central Oklahoma, February 17, 2001.

Why I am Not a Theist

Sigma Iota Rho Presentation, November 6, 2001.

Probability and Metaphysics

Georgetown University Students' Speaker Series, November 12, 2000.

Killing you for your own good: The case for active euthanasia

Georgetown University Students' Speaker Series, October 22, 1999.

The Failure of Temporal Parts Theory

Philosophy Faculty Colloquium, Texas Tech University on September 24, 1999.

I Do Not Exist

Philosophy Club Colloquium, Texas Tech University, September 23, 1999.

The Officeholder View of Personal Identity

University of Mississippi's Philosophy Forum, September 10, 1998.

Why we don't exist

Phi Sigma Tau Philosophy Honors Society Initiation Ceremony, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, December, 12 1997.

Why should we study Philosophical Ethics?

The Webb School's Curriculum Development Day, Bell Buckle, TN, February 1, 1997.

Conference Presentations

It Don't Come Easy—Towards a Utilitarian Account of Aesthetics

Presidential Address, Alabama Philosophical Society, October 21-22, 2005

Teaching New Dogs Some Old Tricks: Hume Account of Animal Reasoning

South Central Society for 18th Century Studies, February 23-26, 2005.

Hume v. ID, or, Night of the Living Dead Explanations
Mid-South Philosophy Conference, February 18-19, 2005.

Game Preserve Ethics, the Case for Hunting the Poor
Southwest Philosophy Conference, November 12-14, 2004

Hume On Irreducible Complexity
South Central Society for 18th Century Studies, February 26-29, 2004.

Game Preserve Ethics–The Case for Hunting the Poor (as Harrett Gardin)
Mid-South Philosophy Conference, February 20-21, 2004.

Perceptions and Dimensionality: Hume's Metaphysics of Externality
South Central Society for 18th Century Studies, March 6-9, 2003.

(Almost) All Medical Practice and Research is Immoral
Mid-South Philosophy Conference, February 21-22, 2003.

(Almost) All Medical Research and Practice is Immoral
Alabama Philosophical Society Annual Meeting, October 24-25, 2003.

Killing You for Your Own Good–The Case for Active Euthanasia
Southwest Philosophical Society, November 3, 2001

Autonomy and Advance Directives
Midsouth Philosophy Conference, February 23-15, 2001.

Personal Identity, Autonomy and Advance Directives
Alabama Philosophical Society Annual Meeting, October 27-28, 2000.

Euthanasia and Occurrent Desires
Mid-South Philosophy Conference, March 4-7, 1999.

The Officeholder View Of Personal Identity
10th Annual Conference on Persons
St. John's University (Santa Fe), August 8-10, 1999.

Strict Personal Identity and Its Discontents
Mid-South Philosophy Conference, March 4-7, 1999.

Can an Object Survive the Loss of a Part?
Alabama Philosophical Society Annual Meeting, November 6-7, 1998

Personal Identity, Autonomy and Advance Directives
20th World Congress of Philosophy, August 10-16, 1998.

Everest and Egomania: Krakauer's Indictment of Mountaineering
15th Annual Sports Literature Conference, July 26th, 1998, University of
Montevallo, Montevallo, AL.

Comments on "*Mathematical Fictionalism in Context*"

Mid-South Philosophy Conference, February 28-March 1, 1997.

Paradoxes of Diachronic Identity

Tennessee Philosophical Association Meeting in Nashville in November, 1997.

Who are Philosophers that CEOs Should be Mindful of Them?

25th Conference on Value Inquiry, April 18, 1997.

A Problem for Temporal Parts Theory

Mid-South Philosophy Conference, February 28-March 1, 1997.

Probabilities and Temporal Parts

New Jersey Philosophical Association, November 18, 1996.

Euthanasia and the Plasticity of Intrinsic Values

24th Conference on Value Inquiry, April 19, 1996.

Contingent Validity: Divine Omnipotence and the Laws of Logic

New Jersey Philosophical Association, November 18, 1995.

Humanist in a Box: A Course in Artificial Intelligence for Arts and Sciences Majors with Marc LaBella

Computers on Campus National Conference, November 12-15, 1995.

Multicultural Education and the Future of Democracy with Keith Burkum

Institute for the Study of Postsecondary Pedagogy's Fifth Annual Conference: *American Pragmatism, John Dewey, and Teaching and Learning in a Multicultural Society*, November 12-15, 1995.

Truth and Consequences: A Utilitarian Evaluation of Truth

23rd Conference on Value Inquiry, April 7, 1995.

Comments on "*Freedom and Constraint*," APA Pacific Division Meeting, 1993.

Other Conference Participation

I attended the University of Mississippi Symposium on Psychoneural Reduction, February 26-28th, 1999.

Participant, AAC&U Conference: Liberal Education: *Confronting Questions of Quality*, January 28-30, 1999, San Francisco, CA.

Conference on Technology and Teaching at Auburn

Participant, AAC&U Conference: *The Politics of Curriculum Change*, November 4-5 1994, Washington, DC

Participant, NSF Workshop on Professional and Ethical Issues in Computing, June, 1994. Deborah G. Johnson, Director

Participant, NEH Summer Institute on Naturalism, Lincoln, NE, Summer 1993.
Robert Audi, Director.

Related Activities

I am the Editor of the *Southwest Philosophy Review*.

I am the president of the Alabama Philosophical Society 2005-2006

I am a reviewer for *The Journal of Value Inquiry*.

I am a paid text reviewer for Pearson Longman Press.

I was paid to assess textbook needs for Prentice Hall Publishing Company.

I was a paid Philosophy text reviewer for McGraw Hill..

Papers Under Review

"What Cartesian arguments could not show"

"Can an object survive the loss of a part--A defense of ontological nihilism"

"Van Inwagen on life and lives"

"Causation, Perceptions, and Externality: Hume's Metaphysic of Objects"

Honors and Awards

Syracuse University Teaching Fellow--1989-1990, 1990-1991

Outstanding University Teaching Assistant Award 1989-1990

Syracuse University Graduate Scholarship--1985 through 1990

Teaching Coordinator for Philosophy 187--1988-1990

Philosophy Department Summer Fellowship--1986, 1989

Letters of reference available upon request.

Courses Taught

1996-present *University of Montevallo*

HNRS 307 The First Atomic Bomb (1 credit)

HNRS 309 Aristotelian Plays and Politics (3 credit)

HNRS 307 Animal Rights (1 credit)

HNRS 309 Philosophy of the Cosmos (3 credit)

HNRS 307 Honors Astronomy (1 credit)

HNRS 308 Scientific Revolutions (1 credit)

LS 301 Ancient Culture (with Tom Woods)

LS 302 Medieval Culture (with Tom Woods)

LS 303 Early Modern Culture (with Tom Woods)

LS 304 Late Modern Culture (with Tom Woods)

PHIL 110 Introduction to Philosophy

PHIL 180 Critical Reasoning
 PHIL 220 Ethics
 PHIL 230 Science, Technology and Value
 PHIL 250 Symbolic Logic
 PHIL 280 Ancient and Medieval Philosophy
 PHIL 290 Modern Philosophy
 PHIL 300 Special Topics (3 credit)
 Feminist Philosophy
 Wittgenstein
 Philosophy of the Cosmos
 Philosophy of Science
 Nietzsche
 Creationism, Evolution and Rationality
 Philosophy of Dissent
 Hume
 Corporations and Culpability
 PHIL 330 Philosophy of Science
 PHIL 350 Existentialism
 PHIL 360 Philosophical Analysis
 PHIL 370 Epistemology
 PHIL 380 Metaphysics

1993-1996

Felician College

PH 100 Critical Reasoning
 PH 101 Introduction to Philosophy
 PH 200 Foundations of the Philosophy of Education
 PH 201 Symbolic Logic
 PH 202 Logic and Computing
 PH 205 Business Ethics
 PH 207 Modern Philosophy
 PH 209 Contemporary Existentialism
 PH 301 General Ethics
 PH 302 Metaphysics
 CO 330 Invitation to Philosophize--Our Search for Wholeness
 CO 330 Honors Invitation to Philosophize--Our Search for Wholeness
 ID 350 Teleology, Evolution and Human Community

1992-1993

University of Hawaii at Hilo

PH 100 Introduction to Western Philosophy
 PH 200 Reasoning
 PH 210 Belief, Truth and Knowledge
 PH 300 Metaphysics

1990-1992

University of Tulsa

First Seminar 33 Philosophy and Human Nature
 PH 1003 Socrates to Sartre
 PH 1063 Ethics & the Problems of Society
 PH 1653 Reasoning
 PH 3973 Free Will

1985-1990

Syracuse University

PH 187 Theories of Knowledge and Reality (Taught and Administered)
PH 197 Philosophy of Human Nature