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Curriculum Vitae

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Employment:

Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, 2003 – present.

Education:

Ph.D. in Philosophy University of Utah, 2003.
M.S. in Philosophy University of Utah, 2002.
B.L.A. in Liberal Arts Washington State University, 1995.

Areas of Specialization:

Philosophy of Science (Philosophy of Biology/Ecology, Evolutionary Psychology).
Epistemology (Analytic, Naturalized, Feminist).

Areas of Competence:

Ethics (Applied Ethics, Science, Technology & Values, Environmental Philosophy).
Mind (Cognitive Science, Psychopathology, Critical Thinking).
Scholarship of Teaching & Learning, Civic Engagement and Service-Learning.

Faculty Service:

Environmental Ethics Program Coordinator (2004-2006)
Department Honors Advisor
Department By-Laws Committee
Campus Compact Service-Learning Faculty Liaison
Faculty Associate, Center for Academic Excellence and Student Engagement (CAESE)
Chair, Service-Learning Steering Committee
Member, Higher Learning Commission Assessment Academy Team
Faculty Advisor for: Students for Freethought
Marathon Club of UWSP
Any Swing Goes

Grants Received & Events Planned:

Undergraduate Enhancement Initiative Grant, College of Letters & Science, \$1500 (student collaboration)
UPDC Curriculum Development Grant, \$4176.
OPID UW-System Grant, \$1000.
Office of the Provost & Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs (UWSP), \$1000.

Organized Service-Learning Teaching Colloquium, a campus-wide event held on February 16, 2007, which included 58 Faculty Participants, 12 Break-out Sessions, 19 Community Agencies, and Keynote Speaker.
Organized Service-Learning Teaching Colloquium, a campus-wide event focused on developing community-campus partnerships, held on April 18, 2008.

Publications, Submissions, & Scholarly Projects:

“Truth-Reliability and the Evolution of Human Cognitive Faculties” *Philosophical Studies*, Volume 117, Issues 1-2 (2004), pp. 95-106.
“V for Vendetta and Political Philosophy: A Critique of Thomas Hobbes” *under review*.
“Evolution, Reliability, and Self-Deception” *under review*.

- “Does Rational Scrutiny Cause Violent Harm to Religious Belief?” *under review*.
- “The Circularity of Evolutionary Reliabilism” *under review*.
- “In Search of Human Uniqueness: A Critical Review” critical commentary for *Philosophical Psychology*, in preparation.
- “Science and Values: Holism and Radical Environmental Activism” *in preparation*.
- “Can Evolution Explain Rationality?” *in preparation*.

Scholarly Presentations / Moderated Sessions:

- “Evolution & Intelligent Design: Philosophy of Science in a Popular Mode” Presented at the Oceanic Popular Culture Association (May 2008, Honolulu, HI). Organized and moderated a session entitled, “Film, Philosophy, and Popular Culture.”
- “Contemporary Philosophy of Science: Evolution & Creationism” Presented at the UWSP College of Letters and Science Humanities Forum (May 2008, Stevens Point, WI).
- “Once Around The Sun With Aldo Leopold” Co-Coordinated (with Ken Blomberg: Leopold Education Project & Pheasants Forever) a public reading of Leopold’s *A Sand County Almanac* (March 2008, Stevens Point, WI).
- “Does Rational Scrutiny Cause Violent Harm to Religious Belief?” Presented at the Northwest Philosophy Conference (October 2007, Portland, OR).
- “Politics, Empowerment, and *V for Vendetta*” Presented at the Oceanic Popular Culture Association (May 2007, Honolulu, HI). Organized and moderated a session entitled, “Film, Philosophy, and Popular Culture.”
- “Once Around The Sun With Aldo Leopold” Participated in a public reading of Leopold’s *A Sand County Almanac*, sponsored by the Leopold Education Project (March 2007, Mead Wildlife Refuge, WI).
- “Evolution, Cognition, and Self Deception” Interdisciplinary paper presentation, University of Idaho (January 2006, Moscow, ID).
- “Science and Religion” Presented to the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (January 2006, Stevens Point, WI).
- “The History and Logic of Science” Presented to the LIFE Program (November 2005, Stevens Point, WI).
- “A Brief History of Gaia” Presented at the Gaia Symposium: Women Leaders in Environmental Issues, (October 2005, UWSP, Stevens Point, WI).
- “Understanding Leopold’s Philosophy: Teaching the Land Ethic” Presented at the Leopold Education Project Facilitator Workshop, at the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station (April 2005, Amherst Junction, WI).
- “Gardening and the Cultivation of an Ecological Conscience” Presented at the March 2005 National Garden Club’s Environmental Ethics Symposium, Sentry Sports Complex (March 2005, Stevens Point, WI).
- “Once Around The Sun With Aldo Leopold: Point Reads Leopold” Participated in a public reading of Leopold’s *A Sand County Almanac*, sponsored by the Leopold Education Project (March 2005, Stevens Point, WI).
- “Science and Values: Holism and Radical Environmental Activism” Presented at the 1st Midwest Environmental Ethics Conference, Rock Valley College / Severson Dells Nature Center (November 2004, Rockford, IL).
- “Extending the Land Ethic: Ethics on Land and Water” Symposium co-organizer (with Michael Nelson) and moderator (two-day interdisciplinary symposium), American Fisheries Society (August 2004, Madison, WI).
- “Evolution, Reliability, and Self-Deception” Presented at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, Department of Philosophy (January 2003, Stevens Point, WI).
- “Truth-Reliability and the Evolution of Human Cognitive Faculties” Presented at the 2003 American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division (March 2003, San Francisco, CA).
- Winner of a Graduate Student “Outstanding Paper” Award.
- “Two Senses of ‘Reliability’ in Evolutionary Epistemology” Presented at the:
- 2002 Mountain-Plains Conference (October 2002, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, NV),
 - 54th Northwest Conference on Philosophy (October 2002, Lewis and Clark College, Portland, OR),
 - University of Utah Rosenblatt Jr. Philosophy Club (October 2002, Univ. of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT).

“The Evolutionary Basis of Self-Deception” Presented at the 53rd Northwest Conference on Philosophy (October 2001, Washington State University, Pullman, WA).

“Evolutionary Reliabilism: What’s Truth Gotta Do With It?” Presented at the 2001 American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division (March 2001, San Francisco, CA).

Book Reviews:

Review of *Neuroscience and Philosophy: Brain, Mind, and Language* (by Maxwell Bennett, Peter Hacker, Daniel Dennett, and John Searle), for *Metapsychology Online Review* (September 2007).

Review of *The God Gene: How Faith is Hardwired into Our Genes* (by Dean Hamer), for *Metapsychology Online Review* (July 2007).

Review of *Wrestling with Behavioral Genetics: Science, Ethics, and Public Conversation* (by Erik Parens, Audrey R. Chapman and Nancy Press, eds), for *Metapsychology Online Review* (August 2006).

Review of *Masters of the Mind: Exploring the Story of Mental Illness from Ancient Times to the New Millennium* (by T. Millon), for *Metapsychology Online Review* (January 2005).

Review of *Theory and Reality: An Introduction to the Philosophy of Science* (by Peter Godfrey-Smith), for *Metapsychology Online Review* (January 2004).

Review of *The Empirical Stance* (by Bas van Fraassen), for *Metapsychology Online Review* (January 2003).

Review of *Love’s Executioner and Other Tales of Psychotherapy* (by Irvin Yalom), for *Metapsychology Online Review* (May 2002).

Review of *Mozart’s Brain and the Fighter Pilot: Unleashing Your Brain’s Potential* (by Richard Restak), for *Metapsychology Online Review* (March 2002).

Review of *The Age of Insanity: Modernity and Mental Health* (by John Schumaker), for *Metapsychology Online Review* (January 2002).

Review of *Evolution and the Human Mind: Modularity, Language, and Meta-Cognition* (by Peter Carruthers & Andrew Chamberlain, eds.), for *Metapsychology Online Review* (October 2001).

Paper Commentaries:

Comment on “Time Over Identity: Aristotle on the Problem of Identity over Time” (by Tony Roark) at the 2005 Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference (April 2005, Moscow, ID).

Comment on “Can Cumulative Selection Explain Adaptation?” (by Bence Nanay) at the 2004 Central American Philosophical Association (April 2004, Chicago, IL).

Comment on “Temporal Externalism and Epistemic Theories of Vagueness” (by Henry Jackman) at the 2002 Mountain-Plains Conference, University of Nevada, Las Vegas (October 2002, Las Vegas, NV).

Comment on “Many Explanatory Gaps, One Solution” (by Liam Dempsey) at the 54th Northwest Conference on Philosophy, Lewis and Clark College (October 2002, Portland, OR).

Comment on “Almeder’s Implicit Scientism” (by J.M. Fritzman) at the 53rd Northwest Conference on Philosophy (October 2001, Washington State University, Pullman, WA).

Comment on “Natural Selection and Analogical Reasoning” (by Selman Halabi) at the Graduate Student Philosophy of Science Conference (October 2001, University of Washington, Seattle, WA).

Teaching & Learning Presentations:

“Effective Assessment and Reflection” Break-out session presented at the Service-Learning Teaching Colloquium (February 2007, UWSP, Stevens Point, WI).

“What is Service-Learning?” Brown bag presentation on behalf of the Center for Academic Excellence and Student Engagement (October 2006, UWSP, Stevens Point, WI).

“Integrating Learning Objects with Instruction” Presented at the Instructional Technology Center’s Brown Bag Lunch Series (November 2003, UWSP, Stevens Point, WI).

“Reasoning Tutor: An Overview” Co-presented with Lex Newman at the Dee Council Reception (October 2002, Salt Lake City, UT).

“Teaching With Technology” Co-presented with Lex Newman at TACC and CTLE’s ‘Technology Week’ (Spring 2002, Salt Lake City, UT).

Course Preparations:

Philosophy 100, Introduction to Philosophy

Philosophy 301, Philosophy in a Popular Mode: Utopia/Dystopia through Fiction, Film, and Philosophy

Philosophy 306, Philosophy of Science

Philosophy 307, Science and Values

Philosophy 312, Epistemology

Philosophy 380, Environmental Ethics

Philosophy 395, Special Topics: Early Modern Epistemology

Philosophy 490, Senior Seminar: Evolution of Cognition

Philosophy 490, Senior Seminar: American Philosophy: Pragmatism