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Professor of Philosophy

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Education

Ph.D. Philosophy, Stony Brook University, 1985. Dissertation: "The Dynamics of Subjectivism: A Philosophy of Modernity," directed by Edward Casey.

B.A. Psychology and Philosophy double major, Clark University, 1976.

Areas of Specialization (research and advanced courses): American Philosophy, Continental Philosophy, Social and Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Culture, Metaphysics and Natural Science, Modernism and Postmodernism

Areas of Competence (introductory/intermediate courses): History of Western Philosophy, Ethics, Logic

Books

1. *The Orders of Nature*. Albany, NY: State University of New York Press, 2013.
2. *Cultural Revolutions: Reason versus Culture in Philosophy, Politics, and Jihad*. State College, PA: The Pennsylvania State University Press, 2005.
3. *From Modernism to Postmodernism: An Anthology*. Expanded Second Edition. Cambridge, MA: Blackwell Publishers, 2003. (First Edition 1996)
4. *Civil Society: The Conservative Meaning of Liberal Politics*. Cambridge, MA: Blackwell Publishers, 2002.
5. *The Ends of Philosophy: Pragmatism, Foundationalism, and Postmodernism*. Cambridge, MA: Blackwell Publishers, 2002. (rpt. of *The Ends of Philosophy*. Albany, NY: State University of New York Press, 1995).
6. *The Dilemma of Modernity: Philosophy, Culture, and Anti-Culture*. Albany: State University of New York Press, 1988. (Chinese translation: Commercial House, Beijing, 2008)

Other Media

1. *Modern Political Tradition: From Hobbes to Habermas*, 36-lecture course on CD and DVD. The Great Courses. June 2014.
2. *Wise Guys. A Philosophical Comedy*. Heartland Plays Inc. 2014. [www.heartlandplays.com](http://www.heartlandplays.com)
3. *Modern Intellectual Tradition: From Descartes to Derrida*, 36-lecture course on CD and DVD. The Great Courses. June 2010.

Published Articles (Essays, Chapters, Reviews)

1. "The Metaphysics of Morris R. Cohen: From Realism to Objective Relativism," *Journal of History of Ideas*, 78.3 July 2017 (449-71).
2. "Is Stellar Nucleosynthesis a Good Thing?" *Environmental Ethics*, 38: winter 2016, (421-39).
3. "American Realism, Objective Relativism, Columbia Naturalism, and Justus Buchler," *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society*, v.52, n.3, Summer 2016: 416-34.
4. Review of Jessica Wahman, *Narrative Naturalism: An Alternative Framework for the Philosophy of Mind*. *Review of Metaphysics* vol.69, no.4 (2016): 838-39.
5. Review of Victorino Tejera, *Two Metaphysical Naturalisms: Aristotle and Buchler*, *Transactions of the Charles Peirce Society*, vol.51, no.4 (2015):539-42
6. "Mead, Joint Attention, and the Human Difference," *The Pluralist* 8.1 (2013): 1-25.
7. "A Kind of Naturalism," *American Journal of Religion and Philosophy*, v.34, n.3, September 2013, pp.214-25.
8. Review of John Ryder's *The Things in Heaven and Earth: An Essay in Pragmatic Naturalism*, *Metaphilosophy*, vol.4, no.5, October 2013, pp.708-13.
9. "Ordinal Pluralism as Metaphysics for Biology," *Beyond Mechanism: Putting Life Back into Biology*, edited by Brian G. Henning and Adam C. Scarfe. Lanham, MI: Lexington Books 2013, pp.133-44.
10. "Biosemiotics, Reduction, and Emergence," *Beyond Mechanism: Putting Life Back into Biology*, edited by Brian G. Henning and Adam C. Scarfe. Lanham, MI: Lexington Books 2013, pp.169-79.
11. "Wild Business – A Philosopher Goes Hunting," *On Second Thought*, North Dakota Humanities Council, June 14, 2010, <<http://www.philosophyinpubliclife.org/Instute/OST.html>>
12. "Local Naturalism," *Contemporary Pragmatism*, 6 (2), December 2009. 1-23
13. "Arguments From Nothing: God and Quantum Cosmology," *Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science*. 44 (4) December 2009, 777-96.
14. "Hunting as a Moral Good," *Environmental Values* 18 (2009): 67-89.
15. "Reduction, Emergence, and Ordinal Physicalism," *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society*, vol.44, no.1, Winter 2008. 40-62.
16. "Conservatism," "Jürgen Habermas," "Pragmatism," "Society," entries in *American Philosophy: An Encyclopedia*, edited by John Lachs and Robert Talisse (New York: Routledge, 2008).

17. "The *Polis* as Place: Toward a Postmodern Localism," *Culture & Politics*, vol.1.1, no.1, December 2006.
18. "Our Recent Rousseau: On Paul Shepard," *Environmental Philosophy*, vol.3, no.1, Spring 2006, pp.13-26.
19. "Postmodern Conservatism: A Definition," *Studies in Practical Philosophy*, vol.4, no.1, 2004. (Chinese translation in Zhihe Wang, *Globalization and Postmodernity*. Gulin: Guangxi Normal University, 2003, pp.302-30.)
20. "Margoline Relativism," *Idealistic Studies*, 32:1, 2002.
21. Response to Alan Wolfe, "Are we Losing our Virtue?: The Case of Civility," in Leroy Rouser, *Civility: Boston University Studies in Philosophy and Religion*, vol. XX. Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame, 2000, pp.142-50.
22. "Civic Meetings, Cultural Meanings," in Leroy Rouser, *Civility: Boston University Studies in Philosophy and Religion*, vol. XX. Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame, 2000, pp.40-64.
23. Response to Timothy Engstrom's review of *The Ends of Philosophy*, *Metaphilosophy* 30, no. 1/2, Jan./Apr. 1999, pp.135-39.
24. "Whose Nature? Which Morality?: On Erazim Kohák's Moral Sense of Nature," in Robert S. Cohen and Alfred Tauber, *Philosophies of Nature: The Human Dimension*. Dordrecht: Kluwer, 1999, pp.19-34.
25. Review of Joseph Margolis, *Historied Thought, Constructed World: A Conceptual Primer for the Turn of the Millenium*, in *Metaphilosophy* v.29, no.1/2, Jan/Apr 1998, pp.107-14.
26. "Being Alone in the Modern *Civitas*," in Leroy Rouser, *On Loneliness: Boston University Studies in Philosophy and Religion*, vol. XVIII. Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame, 1998.
27. Review of Jim Garrison, *The New Scholarship on Dewey*, in *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society*, vol.XXXII, no.3, Summer 1996, pp.467-75.
28. "The Ten Modernisms," reprint, in G.J.Rossouw, *Life in a Postmodern Culture*. Pretoria: HRSC Publications, 1996, pp.1-33.
29. "The Plurality of Philosophical Ends: *Episteme, Praxis, Poiesis*," *Metaphilosophy*, v.26, n.3, July 1995, pp.220-29.
30. Review of Lenore Langsdorf and Andrew Smith, *Recovering Pragmatism's Voice: The Classical Tradition, Rorty, and the Philosophy of Communication*, in *Metaphilosophy*, vol.26, no.4, October 1995, pp.424-31.

31. "The Consolation of Antiphilosophy: Scepticism, Common Sense, Pragmatism, and Rorty," *Philosophy Today*, Spring 1994, v.38, n.4, pp.204-24.
32. "The Ten Modernisms," *Journal of Social Philosophy*, v.24, n.3, winter 1993, pp.194-214.
33. "Limits of the Social and Rational Self," in Leroy Rouner, *On Selfhood: Boston University Studies in Philosophy and Religion*, volume XIII. Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame, 1992. pp.53-72.
34. "Relativism and Metaphysics: On Justus Buchler and Richard Rorty," in Armen Marsoobian et al, *Nature's Perspectives: Prospects for Ordinal Metaphysics*. Albany: State University of New York Press, 1991. pp.235-52.
35. Review of David Kolb, *A Critique of Pure Modernity: Hegel, Heidegger, and After*, in *Human Studies*, v.13, n.3, 1990, pp.285-92.
36. "Buchler On Habermas On Modernity," *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*, v.27, n.4, Winter 1989, pp.461-77.
37. Review of David Weisman, *Intuition and Ideality*, in *The Journal of Speculative Philosophy*, v.3, n.1, 1989, pp.60-64.
38. "Confessions of an Adjunct: A Report From the Basement of the Higher Education Industry," *Journal of Thought*, v.23, n.3-4, Fall/Winter 1989, pp.105-120.
39. "The Interpretation of Galilean Science: Cassirer Contrasted with Husserl and Heidegger," *Studies in the History and Philosophy of Science*, v.17, n.1, 1986, pp.1-21.
40. "The Idea and Problem of Truth in Galileo," translation of Ernst Cassirer's *Wahrheitsbegriff und Wahrheitsproblem bei Galilei*, *Man and World*, v.18, n.4, 1985, pp.353-72.
41. "Cassirer's Interpretation of Galileo," *Journal of the British Society for Phenomenology*, v.16, n.3, October 1985, pp.268-78.
42. "The Sex of the Ego: Narcissism, Gender and the Critique of Enlightenment," *Psychohistory Review*, v.13, n.1, Fall 1984, pp.30-39.
43. "The Question of the Modern," review of Marshall Berman, *All That Is Solid Melts Into Air*, in *Socialist Review*, n.74, March 1984, pp.137-42.
44. "Philosophy and the Mirror of Culture: Subjectivism in the Modern Tradition," *Black On White...*, v.1, n.1, Fall 1982, pp.5-18.
45. "The Possibility of Laws in Behavioral Science," *Discourse: Stony Brook Working Papers*, v.2, n.4, Spring 1978, pp.28-34.

### Works in Progress

1. "Aristotle and Whitehead: Emergence, Process and Irrelevance," forthcoming conference anthology.
2. "Emergence of Animal Mind: Shrinking the Explanatory Gap," forthcoming conference anthology.
3. "The Human Process," book on value theory.
4. "Twentieth Century Philosophy: A Memoire," book on the invention of epistemic and metaphysical realism in 20<sup>th</sup> century philosophy, relating American, analytic and continental developments.
5. "The Drama of Excellence: Football, Philosophy, and the New England Patriots," book with Predrag Cicovacki

### Presented Papers, Responses, Panels, and Workshops

1. "A System in Pieces," J.N. Findlay Lecture, Metaphysical Society of America, Annapolis MD, March 20, 2016.
2. "The Orders of Nature" and "Whatever Happened to the End of History?" Renaissance Weekend, Jackson Lake Lodge, Jackson WY, July 3-5, 2015.
3. "Greek Cosmology, Whitehead, and Emergence" (Track 7, The Heritage of Classical Greece) June 5, and "Emergence and Animal Mind," (Track 4, The Evolution of Living Agents) June 6, at "Seizing the Alternative: Toward an Ecological Civilization," International Whitehead Conference, Claremont University, Claremont CA, 2015.
4. "Self-, Social-, or Neuro-Determination?" Metaphysical Society of America, University of Georgia, Atlanta GA, April 18, 2015.
5. "Before the Two Cultures: American Philosophy and the Sciences," Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids MI, March 7, 2015.
6. "Where Did Buchler's Metaphysics Come From?" Fourth Ecstatic Naturalism Congress, Drew Theological School, Madison, New Jersey, April 12, 2014
7. "Realism and Naturalism: A Century-Long Conversation," Society for the Study of Process Philosophy (Metaphysical Society of America Meeting), Williams College, Williamstown MA April 10, 2014
8. "Naturalism: Fallible, Local, Pluralistic," Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, University of Colorado, Denver CO, March 8, 2014
9. "Little Wing," Frontiers of Philosophy Conference, Stony Brook University, April 27, 2013.
10. Commentary on Brian Martine, "Being, Becoming, and the Good," Metaphysical Society of America, College of the Holy Cross, April 13, 2013.

11. "The Orders of Nature: Metaphysics and the Sciences," Department of Philosophy Colloquium Series, College of the Holy Cross, March 21, 2013.
12. "A Kind of Naturalism," Keynote Address, Highland Institute for American Religion, Philosophy, and Theology, Manitou Springs, CO, June 12, 2012.
13. "The Forgotten Naturalism," Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, Fordham University, New York City, March 15, 2012.
14. "The Cultural Animal in Wild Nature," Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, Spokane, Washington, March 10, 2011.
15. "Biosemiotics, Reduction, and Emergence," and "Ordinal Pluralism as Metaphysics for Biology," two lectures to workshop on "Organisms and the Philosophy of Organism," Center for Process Studies, Claremont Graduate School, Claremont CA, July 19-21, 2010.
16. "Toward a New Metaphysics of Natural Complexes," Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, University of North Carolina, Charlotte NC, March 13, 2010.
17. "The Orders of Nature," keynote address, Metaphysical Society of America, Boston University, March 5, 2010.
18. "Facing our Food: A Defense of Hunting," International Association for Environmental Philosophy, Alexandria, VA, November 1, 2009.
19. "Orders of Nature," Keynote Address, Pragmatism and Science Conference, Center for Inquiry, July 20, 2009, Amherst, NY.
20. Liberty Fund Workshop, Union League of Philadelphia, June 4-7, 2009, hosted by John Kekes.
21. Respondent, Faculty Author Discussion, David Schaefer's *Illiberal Justice: John Rawls and the American Political Tradition* (University of Missouri, 2007), Center for Religion, Ethics, and Culture, College of the Holy Cross, October 20, 2008.
22. "Buchler and Natural Science: Sketch of an Ordinal Physicalism," Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, March 14, 2008.
23. Response to Lisa Gerber, "Wisdom and Predator Restoration," International Society for Environmental Ethics/International Association for Environmental Philosophy Joint Meeting, Allenspark, CO, June 1, 2007.
24. Panel presentation on David Schaefer's *Illiberal Justice: John Rawls and the American Political Tradition*, New England Political Science Association, Newton, MA, April 27, 2007.

25. "Arguments from Nothing: God and the Origin of the Universe," Philosophy Department Colloquium Series, College of the Holy Cross, February 22, 2007.
26. Author's Response to Critic (Jeffrey Bloechl on *Cultural Revolutions*), Center for Religion, Ethics, and Culture, College of the Holy Cross, Sept 29, 2006.
27. "Between Predator and Prey: Hunting's Moral Vision," Clark University, September 20, 2006.
28. Commentary on Ken Stickers, "Logics of Similitude and Logics of Difference in American and Contemporary Continental Philosophy" and Terrance MacMullan, "So Cornel West, Rush Limbaugh, and Jon Stewart Walk into a Bar: Public Intellectuals, SAAP, and the Need for Another Recovery of American Philosophy," Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, San Antonio, March 10, 2006.
29. "Our Recent Rousseau: On Paul Shepard," International Association for Environmental Philosophy, Salt Lake City, October 24, 2005.
30. Keynote Panel member, Kegley Institute of Ethics panel on "Open Conversations or Closed Minds?: Political Diversity and the American College Experience," Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, University of California, Bakersfield, March 2, 2005.
31. "Hunting: Personal Predation in Civilized Society," International Association for Environmental Philosophy, Memphis, October 31, 2004.
32. "Hunting and Environmental Ethics," Life 101 Lecture Series, College of the Holy Cross, September 29, 2004.
33. "Weber's Postmodern Condition," Philosophers for Social Responsibility, Central Division Meeting, American Philosophical Association, Chicago, April 25, 2004.
34. Commentary on David O'Hara, "Peirce, Plato and Miracles: On the Mature Peirce's Re-discovery of Plato and the Overcoming of Nominalistic Prejudice in History," and on Bernardo Cantens, "Peirce's Scientific Spirit and the Highest Maxim of Logic: On the Incompatibility between Philosophy and Christianity," Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, University of Alabama, Birmingham, March 6, 2004.
35. "What I Have Been Doing Since Graduation," Celebrating Stony Brook Philosophy Conference, State University at Stony Brook, Stony Brook, NY, October 10, 2003.
36. Teacher's Academy Presentation, "A Philosopher's Questions About Ethnicity, Identity, and Diversity," Center for the Advancement of Ethics and Character, Coker College, South Carolina, June 17, 2003.
37. "Philosophers' Debate," with Joseph Lawrence, Phi Sigma Tau, College of the Holy Cross, May 1, 2003.

38. "Is the Iraq War Just?" Clark University, April 22, 2003.
39. Panel Presentation, "Just War, Pacifism and the War in Iraq," College of the Holy Cross, March 25, 2003.
40. "Last Lecture," inaugural lecture of series, Center for Religion, Ethics and Culture, College of the Holy Cross, September 30, 2002.
41. Panel presentation, Roundtable on "Reconsidering Rawls," New England Political Science Association, Portland, ME, May 3, 2002.
42. Response to Bhikhu Parekh, "State/Religion Partnership: Boon or Curse?" Boston University Institute for Philosophy and Religion, April 17, 2002.
43. Participant, Roundtable Discussion on the Sources and Nature of Evil, Conference on "The Anatomy of Evil," College of the Holy Cross, April 13, 2002.
44. Response to Matthias Fritsch, "Transcendental Arguments and the Problems of Closure and History," American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meetings, December 29, 2001.
45. "Margoline Relativism," paper delivered to panel on the work of Joseph Margolis, New England Philosophical Association, Clark University, October 20, 2001.
46. Response to James Bernauer, "After Christendom: The Holocaust and Catholicism's Current Search for Forgiveness," Inaugural Conference of the Center for Religion, Ethics, and Culture, College of the Holy Cross, September 15, 2001.
47. "Locale and Progress," American Political Science Association, San Francisco, August 31, 2001.
48. "Religion and Public Discourse," delivered paper and panel participant, College of the Holy Cross, April 24, 2001.
49. Response to Lucius Outlaw, "Courage and Democratic Pluralism," Boston University Institute for Philosophy and Religion, March 28, 2001.
50. Response to Shannon Kincaid, "Democratic Ideals and the Urban Experience," Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, Las Vegas, March 11, 2001.
51. "Thick or Thin: Liberal Culture or Cultured Liberalism?" American Political Science Association, Washington DC, August 31, 2000.
52. Graduation Address, Department of Philosophy, Boston University, May 15, 2000.
53. "Proceduralism Without Foundations: Rawls' Wittgensteinian Liberalism," Southwest Political Science Association, Galveston, Texas, March 16, 2000.



54. Response to John Lachs, "Immortality and Other Unintelligible Hopes," Boston University Institute for Philosophy and Religion, October 20, 1999.
55. "Pragmatism and Postmodernism: Acts, Actors, Artifacts," Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Eugene, Oregon, October 9, 1999.
56. "Pragmatism and the Postmodern Condition," Keynote Address, Sixth Annual Philosophy Graduate Student Conference, Kent State University, April 17, 1999.
57. Response to Alan Wolfe, "Are we Losing our Virtue?: The Case of Civility," Boston University Institute for Philosophy and Religion, February 17, 1999.
58. "Civic Meetings, Cultural Meanings," (panel with Bhikhu Parekh), Boston University Institute for Philosophy and Religion, Jan.26, 1999.
59. Response to Jonathan Dancy, "The Particularist's Progress," International Society for Universalism, Babson College, August 9, 1998.
60. "Pragmatism and Postmodernism: Alternative Critiques of Modernity," University of Hartford, April 21, 1998.
61. "Where is We? Locale, Civility, and Community," International Society for Universalism, American Philosophical Association, Philadelphia, December 29, 1997.
62. Response to Jean Bethke Elshtain, "Is There a Place for Forgiveness in International Politics?" Boston University Institute for Philosophy and Religion, November 5, 1997.
63. "Transcendence in the Liberal-Conservative Debate," Society for Phenomenology and the Human Sciences, Lexington, October 17, 1997.
64. "Aesthetic Validation of Philosophical Perspectives: Peirce, Dewey, Buchler," Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, Albuquerque, March 7, 1997.
65. "Liberty, Membership, and Dignity: Being Alone in the Modern *Civitas*," Boston University Institute for Philosophy and Religion, February 12, 1997.
66. "What is Postmodernism? A Critical Appraisal," Clark University, March 28, 1996.
67. Response to Graham Parkes, "The Place of Nature in Human Nature: Nietzsche on the Task of Renaturalizing Humanity," Boston University Institute for Philosophy and Religion, Nov. 29, 1995.
68. "Whose Nature? Which Morality?: On Erazim Kohák's Moral Sense of Nature," Boston Colloquium in the Philosophy of Science, Nov. 16, 1995.
69. "The Possibility of Phenomenological Naturalism in Merleau-Ponty," Society for Phenomenology and the Human Sciences, Chicago, Oct. 13, 1995.

70. "Postmodernisms and Science," Boston Colloquium for the Philosophy of Science, Boston University, Apr. 28, 1994.
71. "A Source of Philosophical Indeterminacy: *Episteme, Praxis, Poiesis*," Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, Rice University, Mar. 5, 1994.
72. Response to Marx Wartofsky, "Happiness, History, and Social Class," Boston University Institute for Philosophy and Religion, Dec. 16, 1993.
73. "Powerful Conversations: Democracy as Communication," Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, New Orleans, Oct. 22, 1993.
74. "The Ten Modernisms," Conference on Philosophy, Interpretation, and Culture, State University of New York at Binghamton, Apr. 17, 1993.
75. Response to Jürgen Moltmann, "Open Friendship: Aristotelian and Christian Concepts of Friendship," Boston University Institute for Philosophy and Religion, Nov. 11, 1992.
76. "The Ends of Philosophy," Boston University Department of Philosophy, Apr. 22, 1992.
77. "The State of Philosophy," Babson College, Mar. 20, 1991.
78. "(Post)Modern(ism)(ity)(ization)," Clark University, December 5, 1989.
79. "The Cultural Turn in the Critique of Modernity," Sixth East-West Philosophers' Conference, University of Hawaii at Manoa, August 1, 1989.
80. "The Cultural Turn in the Critique of Modernity," Boston University Humanities Foundation, March 28, 1989.
81. "Radical Subjectivism in Husserl and Heidegger," Clark University, Mar. 20, 1989.
82. "Modern, Postmodern, Anti-modern: What Are We Talking About?" Allegheny College, Feb. 21, 1989.
83. Response to Vilmos Sos, "Between Anglo-Saxon and Continental Philosophy: The Problem of Knowledge," Boston Colloquium for the Philosophy of Science, Feb. 14, 1989.
84. "Critical Perspectives on Modernity: Buchler and Habermas," Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, American Philosophical Association, Washington, D.C., Dec. 29, 1988.
85. "The Politics of Anti-Subjectivism," Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Northwestern University, Oct. 14, 1988.

86. "The Position of Remediation in the Curriculum," panel presentation, Mathematics Association of America, Manhattan Community College, May 2, 1987.
87. "The Philosophy of Mathematics and the Development of Modern Science," Mathematics Society, Queensborough Community College, Mar. 4, 1987.
88. "A Cultural Theory of Modernity," Department of Philosophy Colloquium Series, State University of New York at Stony Brook, Apr. 15, 1985

### Events

Moderator, William C. Wimsatt, "Beyond the Meme: The Role of Development, Social Structure, and Technology in Cultural Evolution," Philosophy Colloquium Series, Holy Cross, September 17, 2015.

Organized Conference Session, "New American Naturalisms," Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, University of Colorado, Denver, March 8, 2014.

Organized Conference Session, "Hunting for Dewey and Other Animals," Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, Spokane, Washington, March 10, 2011.

"Philosophy of Hunting," radio interview by Jack Weinstein, *Why? Philosophical Discussions about Everyday Life*, Institute for Philosophy in Public Life, University of North Dakota, March 8, 2009.  
<http://www.philosophyinpubliclife.org/Why/previousshows.html>

Organized Conference Session, "Killing Animals: The Morality and Reality of Hunting," Philosophers for Social Responsibility, American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meetings, Chicago, April 28, 2005.

### Honors

J.N.Findlay Book Award for *The Orders of Nature*, The Metaphysical Society of America, April 19, 2015. (J.N.Findlay Lecture, "A System in Pieces," MSA, March 20, 1916.)

Keynote Address, Highland Institute for American Religion, Philosophy and Theology, Manitou Springs, CO, June 12, 2012.

Keynote Address, Metaphysical Society of America, Boston University, March 5, 2010.

Keynote Speaker, Pragmatism and Science Conference, Center for Inquiry, Amherst NY, July 20, 2009.

Keynote Panel member, Kegley Institute of Ethics panel, Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, University of California, Bakersfield, March 2, 2005.

Keynote Speaker, Annual Philosophy Graduate Student Conference, Kent State University, 1999.

Department of Philosophy Nominee for Gitner-Neu Teaching Awards, Boston University, 1996.

Choice selection of The Ends of Philosophy as an Outstanding Academic Book for 1995.

Undergraduate Philosophy Association Teaching Award, Boston University, 1994, 1991,

Department of Philosophy Nominee for Metcalf Teaching Award, Boston University, 1992.

Advisory Board, Thémata: Revista De Filosofía, Universidad de Sevilla, since 1992.

Eugene M. Kayden National University Press Book Award for The Dilemma of Modernity, 1989.

Junior Fellow, Boston University Society of Fellows, 1988-89.

Graduate Council Fellow, State University of New York at Stony Brook, 1977-80.

Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Sigma Tau, Psi Chi, Clark University, 1976.

Courses Taught (Holy Cross courses in *italics*)

Introductory Level

Basic Problems of Philosophy

Great Philosophers

Introduction to Ethics

Introduction to Humanities

Politics and Philosophy

Politics and Society

Concepts of the Person

Introduction to Logic

Medical Ethics

Death and Dying

Contemporary Morality

Human Values

Professional Ethics for Naval Architects/Marine Engineers

Philosophy of Religion

Ancient Philosophy

Ancient and Medieval Philosophy

Modern Philosophy

*Introduction to Philosophy* (renamed *Philosophical Inquiries*)

*Philosophical Themes: Diversity*

*Philosophical Themes: Moral Choices*

*Nature, Knowledge, God: History* (Montserrat Seminar Fall)

*Nature, Knowledge, God: Today* (Montserrat Seminar Spring)

Intermediate Level

Modern Logic

History of Ethics

Social Philosophy  
 Ancient Philosophy  
 Modern Philosophy (Descartes through Kant)  
 Philosophy of Education  
*Foundations of Ethics*  
*American Philosophy*  
*Existentialism*  
*Philosophers on War and Peace*  
*Philosophical Anthropology*  
 Early Modern Philosophy (Descartes through Hume)  
 Modern Philosophy (Kant and the 19<sup>th</sup> century)  
 Political Philosophy  
 Contemporary Political Philosophy  
 Contemporary Political Philosophy (taught with Denise Schaeffer)  
 Social Philosophy of Modernity  
 Twentieth Century Philosophy  
 Evolution & Philosophy of Mind (Honors Seminar taught with Alo Basu)  
 Process Philosophy

Advanced Undergraduate Seminars

*Problems in Epistemology*  
*Philosophical Naturalism*  
*Metaphysics and Natural Science*  
*The Concept of the Political*  
 Advanced Topics: Nationalism and Cultural Identity (new course)  
 Advanced Topics: Postmodernism (new course)  
 Advanced Topics: Process Philosophy (new course)

Advanced Undergraduate/Masters (Combined)

Ideas and Design (architectural theory, team-taught).

Advanced Undergraduate/Doctoral (Combined)

Nineteenth Century Philosophy  
 American Philosophy  
 Community, Liberty, Morality  
 Nietzsche  
 Contemporary Philosophy  
 Theories of Political Society  
 Action, Interpretation, and Narrative  
 Senior Seminar in Political Philosophy  
 Senior Seminar in Philosophical Explanations

Doctoral Seminars

Political Philosophy  
 Phenomenology I  
 Epistemological Crises

Undergraduate Tutorials*War and Peace**Just War Theory**Environmental Ethics**Philosophy and Cosmology*New courses added to Holy Cross Curriculum*Existentialism**Social Philosophy of Modernity**Twentieth Century Philosophy**Process Philosophy**Philosophical Naturalism**Metaphysics and Natural Science**The Concept of the Political*Undergraduate Theses (Holy Cross)

1. Summer Research, "Alasdair MacIntyre's Critique of Contemporary Morality," 2012

2. reader for multiple Washington Semester theses

PhD/MA Theses (Boston University):

Second Reader, Jack Weinstein, "Adam Smith and the Problem of Neutrality in Contemporary Liberal Theory," PhD, Boston University, 1998

Additional reader on several doctoral and masters theses including:

Philip Cafaro, "Thoreau's Vision of a Good Life in Nature," PhD, Boston University, 1997

Elliot Wreh-Wilson, "Community and Morality in African Thought," PhD, Boston University, 1994

Thomas Thorp, "Politology," PhD, State University of New York at Stony Brook, 1993

Selected Academic Roles (with special activities noted)

Chair of Philosophy Department 2017-

Philosophy Representative, CIS Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Study of Race and Ethnicity, Spring 2017

Reader for Philosophy Prize and Honor submissions, Spring 2017

Member, Interdisciplinary Philosophy Tracks Committee, Spring 2016

Presenter, "Why Can't We Agree on Anything: Philosophical Roots of Contemporary Political Debate," Holy Cross Alumni Association, April 9 2016.

Advisor for Graduate Study in Philosophy, 2000-2014 (inc. annual Graduate Study in Philosophy Night) Mellon Summer Research Workshop, presentation, with Alo Basu, Holy Cross, July 23, 2013.

Fishbowl participant/speaker, "After Sandy Hook," (discussion on gun control) Center for Religion, Ethics, and Culture, Holy Cross, Feb.17, 2013.

Acting Chair, Holy Cross Department of Philosophy, 2010-11 (inc. Philosophy Major Content Assessment Survey)

Member, Faculty Assessment Committee, Teagle Grant, Holy Cross, January 2010-June 2011

Chair, College Curriculum Committee, Holy Cross, 2008-09 (including Chair, Ad-Hoc committee to rewrite Curriculum Committee Statute.)

Member, Hewlett-Mellon Review Committee, Holy Cross 2008-09

Philosophy Department Interview Committee at American Philosophical Association, Holy Cross, Dec.27-30, 2008.

Advisor for Graduate Study in Philosophy, Holy Cross 2000-present (inc. annual Graduate Study in Philosophy Night)

Member, College Curriculum Committee, Holy Cross, 2007-08

Member, Academic Affairs Council, Holy Cross, 2004-06

Advisor for Phi Sigma Tau, Holy Cross, 2003-06

Member, Peace and Conflict Studies Program Advisory Panel, Holy Cross, 2001-2004

Member, College Curriculum Committee, Holy Cross, 2001-03

Philosophy Interview Committee, American Philosophical Association, Holy Cross, Dec.27-30, 2001

Member, Humanities Curriculum Committee, Boston University, 1998-2000

Advisor, Joint Majors in Philosophy and Political Science, Boston University, 1987-2000

Member, Graduate Placement Committee, Dept. of Philosophy, Boston University, 1995-98

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1987-96: Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Boston University (tenure-track)

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