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### **Education**

Vanderbilt University, M.A., 1983, Ph.D., 1987.  
University of Missouri—Columbia, A.B. *magna cum laude*, 1979.

### **Areas of Specialization**

Epistemology  
Philosophy of Mind  
Modern Philosophy

### **Areas of Competence**

Philosophy of Science  
Logic  
Ethics  
Philosophy of Psychology

### **Experience**

University of Alabama in Huntsville, Chair, 2003-present; Associate Professor, 1994-present;  
Assistant Professor, 1988-1994.  
Texas A&M University, Visiting Assistant Professor, 1986-1988.  
The College of William and Mary in Virginia, Instructor, 1985-1986.  
University of Alabama at Birmingham, Instructor, 1984-1985.  
Vanderbilt University, Teaching Fellow, Fall 1982-Spring 1984.  
Western Carolina University, Instructor, Spring 1982.  
Vanderbilt University, Teaching Assistant, Fall 1980.

### **Publications and Professional Research**

#### ***PHILOSOPHY***

##### ***Book***

*Touchstones of Truth: The Epistemic Regress Problem and the Problem of the Criterion* (in preparation).

### Articles

- “The Epistemic Regress Problem and the Problem of the Criterion,” (in preparation).  
“Is Inferential Justification Transitive?” (draft).  
“Self-Support and the Problems of Induction and Deduction,” (draft).  
“The Epistemic Regress Problem,” (under editorial review at *Philosophical Studies*).  
“Intentionality,” in John Lachs (ed.) *The Encyclopedia of American Philosophy* (New York: Routledge, forthcoming).  
“The Trouble with Infinitism,” *Synthese* 138 (2004), pp. 101-123.  
“Self-Supporting Arguments,” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 66 (2003), pp. 279-303.  
“Justification-Affording Circular Arguments,” *Philosophical Studies* 111 (2002), pp. 251-275.  
“Love’s Logic Lost: The Couplet of Shakespeare’s Sonnet 116” (with Jeffrey Nelson, UAH English Department) *ANQ (American Notes and Queries)* 13 (2000), pp. 14-19.  
“Epistemic Levels and the Problem of the Criterion” *Philosophical Studies* 88 (1997), pp. 109-140.  
“Posing the Problem of the Criterion,” *Philosophical Studies* 75 (1994), pp. 261-292.  
“The Empirical Virtues of Beliefs,” *Philosophical Psychology* 4 (1991), pp. 303-323.  
“Disappearance and Knowledge,” *Philosophy of Science* 57 (1990), pp. 226-247.  
“Eliminative Materialism and Self-Referential Inconsistency,” *Philosophical Studies*, 56 (1989), pp. 53-75.  
“Foundationalism and Permanence in Descartes’ Epistemology,” *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*, 23 (1985), pp. 145-156.

### Book Reviews

- Of Robert Almeder, *Harmless Naturalism: the Limits of Science and the Nature of Philosophy*. *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 62 (2001), pp. 493-495.  
Of Neil Rossman, *Consciousness*. *APA Newsletter on Teaching*, 96 (1997).  
Of William G. Lycan (ed.), *Mind and Cognition: A Reader*, *Teaching Philosophy*, 15 (1992), pp. 196-198.  
Of Paul K. Moser, *Empirical Justification*, *The Modern Schoolman* 67 (1989), pp. 71-73.  
“Rules, Models, and Inferences: A Review of *Induction: Processes of Inference, Learning, and Discovery*” by John H. Holland, Keith J. Holyoak, Richard E. Nisbett, and Paul R. Thagard. *Behaviorism* 16 (1988), pp. 181-184.  
Of D.C. Stove, *The Rationality of Induction*, *The Modern Schoolman* 65 (1988), pp. 292-294.  
Of Donald Davidson, *Inquiries Into Truth and Interpretation*, *The Modern Schoolman*, 65, (1988), pp. 207-209.

### ***Professional Presentations***

Lawson, D.S., Swanner, J.K., Neuschatz, J.S., Cling, A., Lawson, M., Culpepper, R., Chaffin, A., Pitts, W. N. (2007). The effects of accomplice witnesses and jailhouse informants on jury verdicts. Paper Presented at the Munsterburg Psychology Conference, New York, New York.

“Epistemology and the Meaning of Life,” invited paper given at Mississippi State University, October 5, 2006.

Comments on Warren Schrader’s “Virtue Reliablism, Proper Function, and Knowledge” presented (*in absentia* due to illness) at the annual meeting of the Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association, March 29, 2003.

“What is the Epistemic Regress Problem?” presented at the annual meeting of the Tennessee State Philosophical Association, November 2, 2001.

“Is Inferential Justification Transitive?” presented at the annual meeting of the Alabama Philosophical Society, November 15, 1997 and at the annual meeting of the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, April 9-11, 1998.

Comments on Tomoji Shogenji’s “Non-Circular Justification of Perceptual Beliefs by Naturalized Epistemology” presented at the 1996 annual meeting of the Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association, December 30, 1997.

“Epistemology and the Meaning of Life,” Presidential Address to the Alabama Philosophical Society, November, 1995.

“Circularity, Epistemic Circularity, and Vicious Circularity,” presented at the annual meeting of the Alabama Philosophical Society, November 11, 1994; the annual meeting of the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, April, 1995; the annual meeting of the Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association, December, 1995.

Comments on James G. Edwards’ “A Discussion of the Comparative Feasibility of the Foundational and Coherence Theories of Knowledge,” presented to the joint annual meetings of the Central States Philosophical Association and the Tennessee Philosophical Association, October 29, 1994.

“Hegel Slaps Back: Comments on Crispin Sartwell’s ‘Shock and Realism in Santayana and Emerson,’” presented at the annual meeting of the Alabama Philosophical Society, November 13, 1993.

Comments on Robert Wilson’s “Individualism in Psychology, Causal Depth, and Theoretical Appropriateness,” presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, April 16, 1992.

Comments on Steven Yates’ “Eliminative Materialism and the Self-Referential Criticism” presented at the annual meeting of the Alabama Philosophical Society, November 1, 1991.

“How Not to Escape Codependency: Particularism and the Problem of the Criterion” presented at the annual meeting of the Alabama Philosophical Society, November 2, 1991.

Comments on Kirk Ludwig’s “How Can Reasons Be Causally Relevant to What We Do?” presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, March 28, 1991.

***Professional Presentations (continued)***

Comments on Fritz Warfield's "Eliminative Materialism, Intertheoretic Reduction, and Scientific Realism" presented at the annual meeting of the Central States Philosophical Association, November 10, 1990.

Comments on John F. Post's "Supervenience, Reduction and Intentionality" presented at the annual meeting of the Alabama Philosophical Society, October 27, 1990.

Comments on Edward S. Shirley's "A Defense of Nozick's Portrayal of Skepticism" presented at the 1990 annual meeting of the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, April 12, 1990.

"Progressive Skepticism and the Problem of the Criterion" presented (in different versions) to the Alabama Philosophical Association, November 5, 1988; to the Tennessee Philosophical Association (David Hiley, commentator), November 12, 1988; and to the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology (Robert Lehe, commentator), March 23, 1989.

"Why Beliefs Exist" presented at *Shared Connections and New Directions: 25th Anniversary Symposium*, Vanderbilt University, October 8, 1988.

Comments on James S. Kelly's "On Neutralizing Introspection" presented at the Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, December 1986.

"Eliminative Materialism and the Topic Problem" presented to the Alabama Philosophical Society, November 8, 1985.

"Churchland's Materialism and Epistemology" presented to the Alabama Philosophical Society, November 3, 1984, and at the annual meeting of the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, April 4, 1985.

"Mind and Knowledge" presented to the Vanderbilt Philosophy Colloquium, September 9, 1983.

"Wittgenstein's Account of Inquiry and the Problem of Skepticism" presented at the annual meeting of the Tennessee Philosophical Association, November 6, 1982, and to the Vanderbilt Philosophy Colloquium, October 12, 1982.

**Teaching (at UAH unless otherwise indicated)**

Being, Knowledge, and Value (Introduction to Philosophy)

Introduction to Logic

Introduction to Ethics

Engineering Ethics and Professional Behavior

Contemporary Moral Issues (UAB)

Technology and Human Values (Texas A&M)

Theories of the Self (UAB)

Philosophy of Mind (Texas A&M)

Philosophy of Science (William and Mary and UAH)

The Presocratics (Independent Study)

Ancient Philosophy

Modern Philosophy

American Philosophy

Contemporary Philosophy

Introduction to Logic

## Teaching (continued)

Symbolic Logic

Advanced Symbolic Logic/Metalogic. Covered: Computability, Recursive Functions, Turing Machines, Undecidability, Completeness, Indefinability of Arithmetic Truth, Gödel's First Incompleteness Theorem, Philosophy of Logic. (Independent Study)

Epistemology

Biomedical Ethics

Research Seminar: Philosophy of Mind

Research Seminar: Induction (Old and New Riddles)

Research Seminar: Truth, Justice, and Rationality

Research Seminar: Rawls' *A Theory of Justice*

Research Seminar: Justice and Equality

Research Seminar: Skepticism: Ancient, Modern, and Contemporary.

Honors Thesis Advisor: Confirmation Theory (Curtis Bridgeman, 199?)

Honors Thesis Advisor: Philosophy of Social Science (Michael Provanca, ????)

Honors Thesis Co-Advisor (with Dr. Claudio Morales, UAH Department of Mathematics):  
Certainty and the Foundations of Mathematics (Natalia Baeza, 200?)

## Honors and Awards

NEH Summer Stipend, 1995.

UAH Foundation Distinguished Teaching Award, 1993.

Phi Kappa Phi, elected 1994.

Franklin J. Matchette Teaching Award, Philosophy Department, Vanderbilt University, 1984.

Harold Stirling Vanderbilt Graduate Scholar, Vanderbilt University, 1979-1984.

Phi Beta Kappa, elected 1979.

## Service

### *University Service*

Outside observer at numerous Ph.D. and M.A. defenses, 2004-present.

UAH Pre-Law Advisor (2000-2003; 2006-present).

MS Committee member for Ms. Judy Cooper (BYS) "Pachycephalosaur Cranial Morphology and Species Definition," defended Spring 2004.

Hosted visit of Distinguished Visiting Professor Catherine Elgin (Harvard), Spring 2001.

Principal Investigator, \$1,992 grant from the Alabama Humanities Foundation for lecture series entitled "What Do You Know? Responding to the Challenge of Skepticism?" (2000)

UAH Foundation Research Awards Committee (2000, 2004).

University Judicial Board (1999-2001; Chair (1999-2001)).

Women's Studies Review Team, Chair (1999).

Curriculum Committee, College of Liberal Arts (1998-2001; Chair (1999-2001)).

Academic Adviser to 6 students majoring in philosophy.

***University Service (continued)***

UAH Humanities Center Library Enhancement Grant: \$2995 to purchase *The Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (1998).  
Faculty Appeals Committee (1997-1998 (alternate); 1998-2000; 2000-2002).  
University Minigrant Committee (2004-2005; 2003-2004; 2002-2003; 2001-2002; 2000-2001; 1999-2000; 1998-1999; 1997-1998; 1996-1997).  
Project Fast Start Development Committee (a College of Liberal Arts Committee to write an NEH grant proposal to develop an effective remedial course with challenging humanities content) (1997-1999).  
Liberal Arts Orientation Committee (1997-1998).  
College of Liberal Arts Mentoring Program (1996-1997).  
College of Liberal Arts Promotion and Tenure Advisory Committee (PTAC) (2002; 2001; 1999; 1998; 1997 (coordinator); 1996; 1995 (chair); 1994).  
Principal Investigator, \$2,395 grant from the Alabama Humanities Foundation for lecture series entitled "Philosophy's Wrong Turn: Overcoming Descartes' Legacy" presented at UAH in February, 1995.  
Dean's Advisory Committee on Teaching and Student Life (1993-1995; Chairman).  
SACS Self-Study Committee on Library and Computer Resources (1993-1994).  
University Library Committee (1992/93-93/94; Chairman 92/93 and 93/94).  
Philosophy Department Library Representative (1988-1993).  
UAH Cognitive Science Working Group to develop a graduate program in cognitive science (1991-1993).  
Committee to develop and administer UAH Liberal Arts Faculty Colloquium (RELACS) (1989-present).  
Faculty Adviser, Society for Ancient Languages (Winter-Spring 1993).  
College of Liberal Arts Recruitment and Retention Committee (1992-93).  
Planning committee for proposed Center for the Study of Public Policy and Space (1990-1992).  
UAH Faculty Senate (1990/91-1991/92).  
Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Committee (1991-92).  
Faculty Senate Faculty Resources Committee (1990-91).  
Principal Investigator, \$4000 grant from GTE Foundation and \$600 grant from the Alabama Humanities Foundation for lecture series entitled "Ethical Dimensions of Space Science and Space Technology" presented at UAH in spring 1990.  
Mentor for Students Over Traditional Age (SOTA) program (1989).

***Public Lectures***

"Ethics and Sam Harris' *The End of Belief*," invited lecture at The Church of the Nativity Episcopal Church, Huntsville, November 12, 2006.  
Comments on Russ Shafer-Landau's "Contra Moral Relativism," UAH, September 29, 2006.  
"The Ethics of Transplantation," invited lecture presented to NUR 390 Issues in Transplantation, February 28, 2006.

***Public Lectures (continued)***

- “Pathologies of Reason: Three Arguments for Skepticism,” course taught to UAH Academy for Lifetime Learning, September-November 2005.
- Comments on Dr. Don Gregory’s “Teaching at a Research University,” UAH Foundation Teaching Award Lecture Series, September 30, 2005.
- “Nozick on Rational Decision Theory,” invited lecture presented to PHL 395 Junior Research Seminar: Theories of Rationality (Dr. Deborah Heikes, instructor), September 14, 2005.
- “Love and Autonomy,” invited lecture presented to UAH Society for Ancient Languages, April 14, 2005.
- “Knowledge and the Meaning of Life,” course taught to UAH Academy for Lifetime Learning, January-March 2005.
- “Autonomy, Authenticity, and Responsible Belief,” invited lecture, Emory and Henry College 2003.
- “Why take Skepticism Seriously?” presentation to the UAH Student Philosophical Society, November 4, 2002.
- “Roger Bacon’s *Scientia Experimentalis*,” presentation to the UAH Society for Ancient Languages, March 21, 2002.
- “How to Write a Research Paper,” talk and panel discussion sponsored by the UAH Writing Center, March 3, 1999.
- “The Problem of the Criterion and Its Significance for Epistemology” and “How to Test Ethical Theories,” invited lectures at Western Carolina University, February 18, 1999.
- “Knowledge, the Meaning of Life, and Everything,” invited lecture at Emory and Henry College, Emory, Virginia, April, 1997.
- “Non-Vicious Circularity” invited lecture to UAH Student Philosophical Society, October 12, 1994.
- “Philosophical Dimensions of Nursing” invited lecture to Nursing 601: Theoretical Perspectives for Advanced Nursing Practice, UAH, September 7, 1994; April 5, 1994.
- “Is the Mind Just the Brain?” sample class taught at UAH Days of Discovery, October 30 and November 20, 1993.
- “Philosophical Dimensions of Nursing” invited lecture to Nursing 601: Development of Nursing Theory, UAH, September 28, 1993.
- “Is the Mind Just the Brain?” sample class taught at UAH High School Visit Day, November 21, 1992.
- Appearance on “Community Scholar” talk show on WLRH public radio, April 15, 1992.
- “Pilate’s Question: What is Truth?” presented to the Unitarian Universalist Church of Huntsville, March 1, 1992.
- “What is Philosophy?” sample class taught at UAH High School Visit Day, November 16, 1991.
- “Engineering and the Good,” lecture given to participants in UAH College of Engineering’s IMET program, July 9, 1991.
- “Honor” presented to the UAH Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa, May 31, 1991.

***Public Lectures (continued)***

- “Creation and Evolution” presented in conjunction with a presentation of “Inherit the Wind” at the *Alabama Shakespeare Festival*, Montgomery, Alabama, April 20, 1991.
- “The Battle Over Abortion” two-part seminar conducted for the National Issues Forum at the Hoover Public Library, Hoover, Alabama, February 19 and 26, 1991.
- “Ethics, Medical Technology, and Mental Retardation” presented to the Southeast Regional Meeting of the American Association on Mental Retardation, Huntsville, Alabama, November 15, 1990.
- “How Do We Know the Truth?” sample class taught at UAH High School Visit Day, October 20, 1990.
- “Values in Philosophy and Literature: Is it Possible to Make Rational Decisions About Right and Wrong, Good and Bad?” seminar conducted with Dr. John Hafner of Spring Hill College at the annual retreat for the Executive Committee of the Alabama Humanities Foundation, Cheaha State Park, August 18-19, 1990.
- “Ethical Dimensions of Space Exploration and Development” presented for Teaching the Future program of UAH Division of Continuing Education, July 26, 1990.
- “Engineering Ethics,” lecture given to participants in UAH College of Engineering’s Minority Enrichment Program, July 9, 1990.
- “Ethics and Space Technology” presented to the Board of Trustees of the University of Alabama meeting at UAH, May 3, 1990.
- “The Place of Philosophy in a University Curriculum” presented at the University of North Alabama, Florence, Alabama on April 3, 1990.
- “The Morality of Abortion” presented at a symposium sponsored by the League of Women Voters of the Muscle Shoals Area in Florence, Alabama on November 20, 1989.
- “What is Philosophy?” sample class taught at UAH High School Visit Day, November 11, 1989.
- “The Problem of the Criterion in Epistemology or Will the Circle be Unbroken?” presented to UAH RELACS (Liberal Arts Colloquium), January 12, 1990.
- “Creation and Evolution” presented under the auspices of the Alabama Humanities Foundation Speakers Bureau to various groups in Alabama in 1989-90. Lecture presented at Sheffield Public Library on October 17, 1989 and at a meeting of the Cooperative Campus Ministry at the University of North Alabama on April 3, 1990 (not supported by AHF).

***Professional Service***

*Ad hoc* referee: *Behaviorism, Erkenntnis, Noûs, Philosophical Studies, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, Synthese*, Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, University of California Press, Holt/Rinehart/Winston, Greenwood Publishing Group.

President, Alabama Philosophical Society, 1994-1995.

Chaired a Session at the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association, New York City, December 27-30, 1991.

Chaired a Session at the 1991 Annual Meeting of the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Atlanta, Georgia, March 29, 1991.

*Professional Service (continued)*

Secretary/Treasurer, Alabama Philosophical Society, 1989-1990.

*Professional Organizations*

The American Philosophical Association