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EDUCATION:

1992- 1997	Ph.D., August 1997, Purdue University.
1986-1990	B.A., Willamette University, <i>Magna cum Laude</i> .

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:

20th Century Continental Philosophy and Political Philosophy
Feminist Philosophy and Gay/Lesbian Philosophy

AREAS OF COMPETENCE:

History of Modern Philosophy
Philosophy of Mind
Critical Social Theory
Biomedical Ethics

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS:

Liberal Arts Research Incentive Grant, 2006
UAH Foundation Distinguished Teaching Award, 2003.
Student Government Assoc. Outstanding Liberal Arts Faculty Award, 1999-2000.
NEH Summer Seminar Participant, St. Louis, Summer 1999. Seminar topic: Folk Psychology and Simulation. Director: Robert Gordon.
UAH Mini-Grant for Research, Summer 1998. Topic: Developing a Concept of Mind from a Concept of Intention.
Andrews Fellowship, Purdue University, 1992-94

APPOINTMENTS:

2003 - present	Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of Alabama in Huntsville
2001 - 2005	Clinical Assistant Professor, University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine, Huntsville Campus.
1997 - present	Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of Alabama in Huntsville
1997 (summer)	Adjunct Faculty, University of Indiana at Kokomo
1995-97	Teaching Assistant, Purdue University

Courses Taught:

Ethics; Engineering Ethics; Biomedical Ethics; Introduction to Philosophy; Contemporary philosophy: Consciousness, Embodiment, World; Contemporary Philosophy: Modernism and Postmodernism; Contemporary Philosophy: Temporality, Subjectivity and Freedom in the Existentialist Tradition; Junior Research Seminar; Feminist Philosophy; Advanced Moral Philosophy: Marxism, Anarchy, Utopia; Honors Seminar: Biology and Culture: Shaping Persons and Personality (with Dr. William Garstka, Biology Dept.), Ancient Philosophy, Modern Philosophy, Contemporary Political Philosophy

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY:**Dissertation:**

Committee: Calvin O. Schrag (chair), Lilly-Marlene Russow, Dorothy Leland, Rod Bertolet
Title: *The Ends of Behavior: Contemporary Cognitive Science, Merleau-Ponty, and the Interpretation of Behavior.*

Abstract: Through an analysis of developmental psychology, phenomenology and contemporary cognitive science, I argue that the most basic figure of the perception of another person's bodily behavior is an intention to bring about a specific state of affairs, rather than a pure, non-psychological bodily movement.

Publications:

Books: *Ambiguity and Sexuality: A Theory of Sexual Identity.* Palgrave-Macmillan, May 2007

New Critical Theory: Essays on Liberation, co-editor with Jeffrey Paris, September 2001. Rowman and Littlefield Publishers.

Articles:

"In the World but not of the World: The Relation of Freedom to Time in Kant and Sartre," forthcoming in *Epoche*.

"Religious Identity in the Realist Classroom" Forthcoming in *Identity in Education*, edited by Susan Sanchez-Cassal and Amie McDonald, contracted with Palgrave-Macmillan

"Inhabiting Hope: Contributions to a New Materialist Phenomenology" in *New Critical Theory: Essays on Liberation*, September 2001.

"Introduction: Why a New Critical Theory?" with Jeffrey Paris in *New Critical Theory: Essays on Liberation*, September 2001.

"Simulation, Theory, and the Frame Problem: The Interpretive Moment." *Philosophical Psychology*, June 2001.

"Is There Something You Need to Tell Me? Coming Out and the Ambiguity of Experience" in *Reclaiming Identity: Realist Theory and the Predicament of Postmodernism*, Paula Moya and Michael Hames-Garcia, eds. University of California Press, 2000.

"Knowledge of Self, Knowledge of Others, Error, and the Place of Consciousness." *Continental Philosophy Review*, January 2000.

"From Bodily Motions to Bodily Intentions: The Perception of Bodily Activity" *Philosophical Psychology*, March 1999.

"Real Patterns and Real Problems: Making Dennett Respectable on Patterns and Beliefs" *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*, December 1997.

Reviews:

"Michelle Darnell's *The Self in the Theoretical Writings of Kant and Sartre*" forthcoming in *Sartre Studies*.

"The Quest for Objectivity in Husserl," review of Jan Potacka's *An Introduction to Husserl's Phenomenology*, *Human Studies*, 23, March 2000.

Jan Potacka's *Body, Community, Language, World*, booknote for Ethics.

Jan Potacka's *Heretical Essays in the History of Philosophy*, booknote for Ethics.

"Communism and Homosexuality," literature review for the *Reader's Guide to Gay and Lesbian Studies*, Fitzroy Dearborn Press.

Papers Presented:

Invited:

"Choosing desire, choosing identity: Freedom, Determinism and Sexual Orientation," Invited Symposia on Queer Issues and Philosophy. Pacific Division APA, March 2007

"Kant and Sartre," book session on Michelle Darnell's *Self in the Theoretical Writings of Sartre and Kant: A Revisionist Study*, North American Sartre Society, October 2006.

"What Will Ethics Teach Me," University of Alabama in Birmingham, School of Optometry, November 2004

"Between Two Columns: Erotic Freedom and Truth in *The Motion of Light in Water*," Future of Minority Studies Conference, Cornell University, June 2004

Reviewed:

"Choosing Desire, Choosing Identity" Eastern Division APA, December 2005

"Locating Sexual Liberation," Radical Philosophy Association North American Conference, Howard University, November 2004.

"Beauvoir's Sexual Attitudes," North American Sartre Society Conference, Purdue, Indiana, September 2003.

Commentary, Pacific Division APA, San Francisco, March 2003.

Panelist: "New Critical Theory," Pacific Division APA, March 2002.

Respondent, Society for Lesbian and Gay Philosophy meeting, Eastern Division APA, December 2001.

"Coming Out and the Ambiguity of Experience." Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy Conference, Eugene, October 1999.

"Knowledge of Self, Knowledge of Others, Error, and the Place of Consciousness." Mid-South Philosophy Conference, Memphis, March 1999.

Respondent, "The Tension Between Self-Identity, Renewal and Critique in Husserl's Phenomenology," Mid-South Philosophy Conference, Memphis, March 1999.

"Self-knowledge, Other-Knowledge, Error, and the Place of Consciousness." Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Denver, October 1998.

"How Do We Know What We Know? Coming Out and Problems of Self-Knowledge and Knowledge of Others." SLGP Group Session, Central APA, May 1998.

"Functionalist Consciousness From the First Person Point of View" at "Toward a Science of Consciousness (Tucson III)," Tucson, April 1998.

"From Bodily Motions to Intentions," Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, New Orleans, April 1998.

"From Bodily Motions to Intentions," Alabama Philosophical Society, Auburn University, November 1997.

"A Phenomenology of Another's Intentions," Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy Conference, October 1997.

"A Phenomenology of Another's Intentions," Mid-South Philosophy Conference, University of Memphis, March 1997.

Respondent, "Minds, Machines, and Gödel" by Randall Ridenour, Mid-South Philosophy Conference, University of Memphis, March 1997.

"Bodily Socialization and the Limits of Habermasian Theory," Radical Philosophers Association International Conference, Purdue, November 1996.

"The Limits of the Theory-Theory," Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology Annual Conference, Nashville, April 1996.

"How to Generate a Pattern: Dennett on Patterns and Beliefs," Society for Philosophy and Psychology, SUNY Stony Brook, June 1995.

"Habermas and Feminism," Purdue Women's Studies Symposium, April 1995.

"Why Be Moral? Kant on the Fact of Reason," Graduate Student Colloquium, Purdue, February 1995.

"Levinas's Phenomenology of Eros," Sixth Annual North American Gay and Lesbian Studies Conference, University of Iowa, November 1994.

"Real Patterns and Real Problems: Dennett on Beliefs," Indiana Philosophical Association, Butler University, October 1994.

"Can Dasein Watch TV? Heidegger and Television," Purdue University Cultural Studies Collective, March 1993.

Work in progress:

"Is it a Choice? Sexual Orientation as Interpretation" under review at *Journal of Social Philosophy*

"Social Constructionism and Essentialism" contribution to special issue of the *Journal Metaphilosophy* on Gay and Lesbian Philosophy. (Invited, publication under peer review.)

"Time and Ambiguity: Reassessing Merleau-Ponty's Criticism of Sartrean Freedom" under review at *Journal of the History of Philosophy*.

SERVICE:

University:

Search Committee, Department of Music, Piano Instructor, Fall 2007

Search Committee, Department of Music, Choral Conductor, Fall 2007

RELACS, Spring 2007

Foundation Teaching Awards Distinguished Teaching Lecture, Fall 2006

Foundation Teaching Awards Committee, 2006, 2007

Faculty Appeals Committee, 2006-2007

Promotion and Tenure Advisory Committee for Liberal Arts, Fall 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007

Liberal Arts Graduation Auditor, Fall 2004.

Chair, University Human Subjects Committee, Spring 2004-present.

Faculty Advisor, UAH PRISM (Student GLB Group), Spring 2004-Spring 2005.

Coordinator, Visiting Eminent Professor Program, Spring 2004. (Visiting Scholar: Charles Mills)

Humanities Center Steering Committee Member, Fall 2003-present.

University Ombudsperson, Fall 2003 – Spring 2004.

Faculty Senate, Fall 1999 – 2001, Fall 2002-present.

Governance and Operations Committee, Fall 1999 – 2001, Fall 2002-Spring 2003.

Day of Discovery Sample College Course, November 2000, April 2001

Women’s Studies Program Advisory Committee, Spring 1999 – Spring 2001.

Coordinator, Philosophy Forum, Fall 2001.

Honors Program Council, Fall 1998-Spring 2002.

Faculty Advisor, UAH-HOPE (Student Lesbian and Gay group), Fall 1998-Fall 2000.

“Feminist Epistemology” guest lecture for WS 200 (repeated occasions).

“What is Ethics?” Lecture for Nur. 500, Issues In Organ Transplantation, June, 1998.

Member, Cultural Events Committee, Spring 1998-Spring 2000.

Faculty Representative, SGA Elections Board, Spring 1998-Spring 1999.

“What Makes Feminist Philosophy Feminist and Philosophy?” Talk for UAH Women’s Studies Colloquium, March 1998.

“Consciousness From the Inside-Out and Outside-In” RELACS Presentation for UAH, March 1998.

Co-coordinator (with Dr. Hanks) or the Philosophy Forum for Fall 1998.

Hiring Committee, Philosophy Department, Fall 1997.

Director of Library Acquisitions for Philosophy Department at UAH, Fall 1997-Spring 2001.

Professional:

Chair, SLGP Group session at Pacific Division APA, Portland, 2006

Judge, Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry Student Award in Clinical Ethics (a national essay contest for optometry students) Spring 2005

Reviewer, *Radical Philosophy Review*

Program Committee, Radical Philosophy Association, Fall 2002-present.

Panel Moderator for "Critical Theory and Technology," Third Radical Philosophy Conference, Loyola University, November 2000.

Reviewer, *Philosophical Psychology*.

"I'm Gay and I Got a Job" published in the Society for Lesbian and Gay Philosophy Newsletter, Fall 1997.

Panel Moderator for "Understanding Latina Identity," conference on U.S. Latina Feminism, Cornell University, October 1995. Panel Participants: Paula L. Moya, Linda Martin-Alcoff.

Community:

"Ethics for Lawyers," talk for Alabama Bar Association: Consumer Law and Insolvency Issues Seminar, December 2006

President of the Board of Directors of the Aids Action Coalition, Huntsville, AL, 2001-2003.
Board Member from 2000.-2005.

Ethics Consultant, Ethics Committee of the Columbia Medical Center of Huntsville, 1997-present.