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Education: Ph.D. Philosophy, University of Illinois @ Urbana-Champaign 1998
M.A. Philosophy, Baylor University 1992
B.A. Philosophy, with Highest Distinction, University of Kansas 1991

Academic Positions: University of Alabama in Huntsville, Professor, 2012-present
University of Alabama in Huntsville, Assoc. Professor, 2005-2012
University of Alabama in Huntsville, Asst. Professor, 1998-2005
Illinois State University, Lecturer, 1995-1998

Administrative Positions: University of Alabama in Huntsville, Chair, Philosophy, 2014-present

Areas of Specialization: Feminist Epistemology and Philosophy of Mind, Kant, Wittgenstein

Areas of Competence: Modern Philosophy, 20th Century Analytic

Research

Books:

The Virtue of Feminist Rationality, Continuum Press 2012
Rationality and Feminist Philosophy, Continuum Press 2010 (paperback 2012)

Articles:

- "Can Mind Be a Virtue?" *Southwest Philosophy Review*, January 2014 (31.1): forthcoming.
"Being Reasonable," *Southwest Philosophy Review*, January 2012 (28.1): 187-196.
"Out of the Cave: Understanding Rationality," *Journal of Mind and Behavior*, Autumn 2010 (31.2): 237-252.
"Let's Be Reasonable: Feminism and Rationality," *Southwest Philosophy Review*, January 2009 (25.1): 127-134.
"Wittgenstein and the Private Language of Ethics," *Southwest Philosophy Review*, July 2004 (20.2): 27-38.
"The Bias Paradox: Why It's Not Just for Feminists Anymore," *Synthese*, March 2004 (138.3): 315-335.
"In Situ Rationality: A Defense of Realism," *Metaphysica*, October 2003 (4.2): 123-136.
"Schema, Language, and Two Problems of Content," *The Journal of Mind and Behavior*, Spring 2003 (24.2): 155-168.
"A Feminist Theory of Consciousness" in *Passion for Freedom*, ed. Fina Birulés, et. al. Barcelona: University of Barcelona Press, 2004.
"Rationality and Subjectivity: Some Thoughts on the Bias Paradox" in *Wissen Macht Geschlecht/Knowledge Power Gender*, ed. Birgit Christensen, et. al. Zürich: Chronos Verlag Zürich, 2002.
"Can Kant's Dialectical Subject Solve the Bias Paradox?" *Contemporary Philosophy* 2001 (23.1&2): 16-22.
"The Realism in Quasi-Realism" *Southwest Philosophy Review*, January 1996 (12.1): 75-83.

Miscellaneous Publications:

Comments on Archie Field's "The Many Meanings of Success and the Failures of Fictions," *Southwest Philosophy Review*, July 2014 (30.2).

Comments on Anna Anna Bergqvist's "Thick Concepts and Context Dependence," *Southwest Philosophy Review*, July 2013 (29.2).

"What Was I Thinking? The Need for Transcendental Consciousness" in *Proceedings Metaphysics 2006 3rd World Conference*. Madrid, Spain: Fundación Fernando Rielo, 2012.

"The Bias Paradox" in *Just the Arguments: 100 of the Most Important Arguments in Western Philosophy*, ed. Michael Bruce and Steve Barbone (Wiley-Blackwell, 2011)

"Consciousness and Moral Objectivity: Why Morality Requires Apriori Consciousness" (Abstract) *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, April 2002

"Empirical Consciousness and Epistemic Objectivity" (Abstract) *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, Aug. 2001

"Teaching the Veil of Ignorance" *The APA Newsletter on Teaching Philosophy*, Spring 2000

Review of *John Dewey: Religious Faith and Democratic Humanism* by Steven C. Rockefeller (New York: Columbia University Press, 1991) *Auslegung*, Spring 1993.

"The Role of Law in the Statesman," *Premise*, Spring 1991.

Work in Progress:

Postmodern Virtue
 Philosophy's Outward Turn
 Kant's Hermetic Philosophy

Presentations:

"Can Mind Be a Virtue?"
 Southwestern Philosophical Society, November 2014
 XV Symposium of the International Association of Women Philosophers, Madrid, Spain, June 2014

Comments on Archie Field's "The Many Meanings of Success and the Failures of Fictions,"
 Southwestern Philosophical Society, November 2013

"Philosophy's Ambivalent Future," XXIII World Congress of Philosophy, Athens, Greece, August 2013

"Philosophy's Outward Turn," University of Kansas, April 2013

Comments on Anna Bergqvist's "Thick Concepts and Context Dependence," Southwestern Philosophical Society, November 2012

"Being Reasonable," Southwestern Philosophical Society, November 2011

Comments on William Roche's "Coherentism and Inconsistency," Southwestern Philosophical Society, November 2010

Comments on Barrett Emerick's "Privileging the Experience of Victims: A New Feminist Critique of Traditional and Poststructuralist Epistemology," Society for Analytic Feminism, February 2010

"Let's Be Reasonable: Feminism and Rationality," Southwestern Philosophical Society, November 2008

Comments on Mark Brown's "The Problem of Free Will in Heaven," Southwestern Philosophical Society, November 2007

"What Was I Thinking: The Limits of Phenomenal Consciousness,"
 Metaphysics 2006, Rome, July 2006
 Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World, Santa Fe, July 2003

Comments on Devora Shapiro, "Knowledge of 'What it's like': Introducing non-propositional, x-experiential, knowledge," Society for Analytical Feminism, Chicago, April 2006

"A Feminist Theory of Consciousness," X Symposium of the International Association of Women Philosophers, Barcelona, October 2002

"Consciousness and Moral Objectivity," Towards a Science of Consciousness, Tucson, April 2002

"Empirical Consciousness and Epistemic Objectivity," Towards a Science of Consciousness, Skovde Sweden, August 2001

"Rationality and Subjectivity: Some Thoughts on the Bias Paradox," 9th Symposium of the International Association of Women Philosophers, Zurich, Switzerland, October 2000

"Qualia v. Psychological Quality Space" comments on Peter Ross' "Qualia and the Senses," American Philosophical Association, Central Division, April 2000

"Feminist Empiricism and Kantian Rationality: Dissolving the Bias Paradox," Mid-South Philosophy Conference, February 2000

"Realization and Occam's Razor" comments on Chang-Seong Hong's "Mental Causation and the Realized Mind," Mid-South Philosophy Conference, February 2000
 "Cognitive Synthesis and Empirical Content: A Wittgensteinian Re-Interpretation of Kant" North Texas Philosophical Association, March 1999
 Mid-South Philosophy Conference, March 1999
 "The Re-Emergence of Monism" comments on Mostyn Jones' "Consciousness as Electromagnetism," Mid-South Philosophy Conference, March 1999
 "Children Don't Drink Twater," comments on Reese M. Heitner's "Solving Putnam's False Belief Task," University of Illinois Graduate Student Conference, March 1998
 "Kant, Rationality, and Hope: Why Hope Cannot be 'Rational'," comments on Robert Arp's "Rational Hope: An Investigation of Kant's Morality and its Relation to Religion," University of Illinois Graduate Philosophy Conference, April 1997
 "The Realism in Quasi-Realism"
 American Philosophical Association, Central Division, April 1996
 Southwestern Philosophical Society, November 1995
 Illinois Philosophical Society, November 1995
 New Mexico and West Texas Philosophical Society, April 1995
 "Can Feminist Empiricism Have a Radical Future?" comments on Jessica L. Pratt's "Does Feminist Empiricism Have a Radical Future?" University of Illinois Graduate Student Conference, April 1995
 "The Reality of Past Time," Mid-South Philosophy Conference, February 1995
 "Dewey's Post-Modern Copernican Revolution"
 St. Louis University Graduate Student Conference, April 1993
 North Texas Philosophical Association, October 1992
 "Kant's Theoretical God"
 Inter-Mountain Regional Meeting of Christian Philosophers, March 1993
 Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference, October 1992
 North Texas Philosophical Association, April 1992

Teaching

Assistant/Associate/Professor, University of Alabama in Huntsville, 1998-present
 Introduction to Philosophy (also called Being, Knowledge, and Value)
 Introduction to Logic
 Introduction to Ethics
 Modern Philosophy
 Contemporary Philosophy
 American Philosophy
 Biomedical Ethics
 Philosophy of Art
 Feminist Philosophy
 Engineering Ethics
 Selected Topics in the History of Philosophy
 Fall 2012, The Copernican Revolution
 Spring 2007, Kant
 Junior Research Seminar
 Fall 2000, The Crisis of Objectivity
 Fall 2005, Understanding Reason
 Fall 2010, Rationality
 Fall 2014, Sources of the Self
 Metaphysics
 Epistemology
 Honors Seminar: Ethics and the Internet
 Honors Seminar: How to Think About Weird Things:
 The Philosophy of Science and Pseudoscience
 Independent Study: Kant
 Independent Study: Freedom and Responsibility
 Instructor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1993-1998
 Ethics
 Introduction to Ethics

Logic and Reasoning
Introduction to Philosophy
Lecturer, Illinois State University, 1995-1996; 1997-1998
History of Modern Philosophy
Twentieth Century Philosophy
Basic Issues of Philosophy
Thinking Critically
Teaching Assistant, University of Kansas, 1992-1993
Introduction to Philosophy
Graduate Assistant, Baylor University, 1991-1992

Service

Professional

Secretary/Treasurer, Southwestern Philosophical Society, 2010-current
Reviewer for: Routledge Publishing
Prentice Hall
Thomson Publishing
Blackwell Publishing
Wadsworth Publishing
Harcourt Brace College Publishers
Longman Publishers
Handbook for Information Security (John Wiley), 2004

University

Vice President for Student Affairs Search Committee, 2014
Faculty Senate, 2011-15, 2005-10, Spring 2005, Spring 2002
Parliamentarian, 2014-15
Ombudsperson, 2013-14
Undergraduate Scholastic Affairs Committee, 2005-10, Fall 2014
Undergraduate Scholastic Affairs, Chair 2006-09, 2011-13
Governance and Operations, Spring 2002
Student Conduct Board 2013-15
Honors Dean Search Committee, 2013-14
Signage Committee, 2013-15
College of Liberal Arts Promotion and Tenure Advisory Committee 2012-2013
College of Liberal Arts, Curriculum Committee, 2011-14, Chair 2011-14
Animal Care and Use Committee, Spring 2000-present
Intercollegiate Athletic Committee, 2012-2014
Office of the Vice-President of Research, Ad Hoc Committee on Plagiarism, 2009-2010
ADA Advisory Committee, 2009-14
Honors Council, 2006-12 (Honors Faculty 2012-13)
Campus Priorities and Research Committee, 2006-08
Educational Technology Committee, 2002-04
Publications Board, Chair, 2002-04
Financial Aid Committee, 2013-15, 2001-05
Patents and Copyrights Committee, 2000-10

Department

UAH Humanities Center Eminent Scholar, Cheryl Goldsleger, Fall 2014
UAH Philosophy Forum, "American Philosophy," Spring 2014
Distinguished Speaker Series at UAH, Philosophy Lecture (Alastair Norcross), October 2013
Philosopher's Guild, faculty advisor 2012-15
Distinguished Speaker Series at UAH, Philosophy Lecture (Richard Aquila), March 2007
UAH Philosophy Forum, "Morality: Why it Matters," Fall 2006
Distinguished Speaker Series at UAH, Philosophy Lecture (Louise Antony), April 2004
Philosophy Forum, "Philosophy and Mysticism: Influences and Interactions," The Univ. of Alabama in Huntsville, Fall 2003
UAH Philosophy Forum, "Consciousness: What IS It?," 1999

History of Philosophy, talk for gifted students at Sunflower Elementary School, Fall 2005
Philosophy Department Webmaster, 2004-2012
Curator and Director, "Structure and Perception: Three Voices of Contemporary Minimalism"
(exhibition and lecture series in conjunction with PHL 310, Fall 2002)
Alabama Humanities Foundation Speakers Bureau, 2002-2004 (Is Ethical Objectivity Possible?)
UAH Educational Mini-Grant: Enhancing Computer Technology in Philosophy, Summer 2003
Honors Thesis Advisor for William Bolden, 2002-2003
Philosophy Department Library Representative, Spring 2002-present
Philosophy Department Search Committee, 2000-01; 2006-07; 2013-2014; 2014; 2014-2015

Miscellaneous

UAH Honors Forum Presentation, "The Birth and Death of the Scientific Revolution," January 2013
UAH Honors Forum Presentation, "Science and It's Pretenders," March 2009
UAH Honors Forum Presentation, "The Rationality of Darth Vader," February 2006
UAH Honors Forum Presentation, "The Problem with Objectivity", September 2001
Faculty Advisor for *The Project* (a UAH student literary and arts magazine), 2006-08
UAH Humanities Center Library Enhancement Grant, Spring 2006
Co-Advisor for UAH Alabama Students for Constitutional Reform, 2004-06
UNV 101 Guest Lecturer, Creative Ability and Analytic Reasoning: Necessary Tools for All Majors, Fall 2002
Organizer of panel discussion for HOPE (campus student group), November 1999
"Better Bias" presentation to HY 605: Recent Interpretations of Modern History, Spring 2000
"Feminist Empiricism and the Bias Paradox," RELACS presentation to College of Liberal Arts faculty, September, 1999
"The Ethical Basis for Remembering," *Resiliency and the Human Spirit*, Panel discussion in conjunction with *Witness and Legacy: Contemporary Art about the Holocaust*, Huntsville Museum of Art, June 2000

Awards and Honors

Outstanding Faculty Member, College of Liberal Arts, UAH, 2011-12
Study Sphere Award of Excellence (Website content award)
Lightspan Study Web Academic Excellence Award (Website content award)
American Philosophical Association, Central Division, Graduate Student Travel Stipend, 1996
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Fellowship, 1995-1996
Clifford P. Osborne Fellowship, University of Kansas, 1993
Phi Kappa Phi
Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools Award for Distinguished Scholarship and Research at the Master's Level (nominee) 1992
Edward S. Robinson Essay Contest winner, University of Kansas, 1991

Professional Memberships

American Philosophical Association
Southwestern Philosophical Society
Society for Women in Philosophy
Society for Analytic Feminism
International Association of Women Philosophers