

## Vita

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#### Education:

University of Illinois @ Urbana-Champaign (1993-1998): Ph.D. Philosophy, 1998.  
Baylor University (1991-1992): M.A. Philosophy, 1992.  
University of Kansas (1988-1991; 1992-1993): B.A. Philosophy, with Highest Distinction, 1991.  
University of Houston (1986-1988).

**Academic Positions:** University of Alabama in Huntsville, Assoc. Professor (2005-present)  
University of Alabama in Huntsville, Asst. Professor (1998-2005)  
Illinois State University, Lecturer (1995-1996; 1997-1998)

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

**Areas of Competence:** Ethics, Epistemology, Philosophy of Language

#### Books:

*The Virtue of Feminist Rationality* (Continuum Publishing, April 2012)  
*Rationality and Feminist Philosophy* (Continuum Publishing, 2010)

#### Articles:

"Being Reasonable," *Southwest Philosophy Review*, January 2012  
"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:

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

Wittgenstein and Watson (for *Journal of Mind and Behavior*)

**Presentations:**

- "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," 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," 9<sup>th</sup> 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

**Awards and Honors:**

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

**Teaching Experience:**

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  
Biomedical Ethics  
Philosophy of Art  
Feminist Philosophy  
Engineering Ethics  
Selected Topics in the History of Philosophy (Kant)  
Junior Research Seminar  
Fall 2000, The Crisis of Objectivity  
Fall 2005, Understanding Reason  
Fall 2010, Rationality  
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: *Southwest Philosophy Review*  
Routledge Publishing  
Thomson Publishing  
Blackwell Publishing  
Wadsworth Publishing  
Harcourt Brace College Publishers  
Longman Publishers  
*Handbook for Information Security* (John Wiley), 2004

#### University Committees:

Faculty Senate, 2011-2012, 2005-2010, Spring 2005, Spring 2002  
Undergraduate Scholastic Affairs Committee, 2011-2012; 2005-10,  
Chair 2011-2012; 2006-09  
Governance and Operations, Spring 2002  
Curriculum Committee, College of Liberal Arts, 2011-2013, Chair 2011-2012  
Animal Care and Use Committee, Spring 2000-present  
Ad Hoc Committee on Plagiarism, Office of the Vice-President of Research, 2009-2010  
ADA Advisory Committee, 2009-10  
Honors Council, 2006-12  
Campus Priorities and Research Committee, 2006-08  
Educational Technology Committee, 2002-04  
Publications Board, Chair, 2002-04  
Financial Aid Committee, 2001-05  
Patents and Copyrights Committee, 2000-10

#### Department:

Distinguished Speaker Series at UAH, Philosophy Lecture (Richard Aquila), March 2007  
UAH Philosophy Forum, "Morality: Why it Matters," 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, 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-present  
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 and 2006-07

#### Miscellaneous:

UAH Honors Forum Presentation, "Can Watson Pass the Turing Test?" September 2011  
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

#### Professional Memberships:

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