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- AOS Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Physics
- AOC Asian Philosophy, Epistemology, Logic
- EDUCATION **The Ohio State University**, Columbus, Ohio USA
Ph.D., Philosophy, December 2006
M.A., Philosophy, June 2004
Saint Francis College, Loretto, Pennsylvania USA
B.A., *magna cum laude*, Philosophy with minors in Math and History, June 2000
- DISSERTATION **Title:** *Ineliminable Idealizations, Phase Transitions, and Irreversibility*
Committee: Robert W. Batterman (advisor), Neil Tennant (co-advisor), Stewart Shapiro, Robert Perry (Physics Department)
- PUBLICATIONS “General Relativity and the Standard Model: Why Evidence for One Does Not Disconfirm the Other,” *Studies in History and Philosophy of Modern Physics*, forthcoming.
“Mereological Heuristics for Huayan Buddhism,” *Philosophy East and West* 60:3 (July 2010), forthcoming.
“Fazang: Hermeneutics, Causation, and Mereology,” in *Dao Companion to Chinese Buddhist Philosophy*, ed. Sandra A. Wawrytko (Springer: 2009), forthcoming.
“Is Theology Respectable as Metaphysics?,” *Zygon: Journal of Religion & Science* 43:3 (September 2008), 579-592. (with a reply by Gregory Peterson)
“Evidence and Falsification: Challenges to Gregory Peterson,” *Zygon: Journal of Religion & Science* 43:3 (September 2008), 599-604.
“Is All Abstracting Idealizing?,” *The Reasoner* 2:4 (April 2008), 4-5.
“The Logic of *Soku* in the Kyoto School,” *Philosophy East and West* 54:3 (July 2004), 302-321.

PRESENTATIONS “Scientific Realism, Approximate Truth, and Some Twists on the Diachronic Conjunction Argument,” Tennessee Philosophical Association Annual Conference, November 2008.

“Against Pluralistic and Inexact Ontologies,” Philosophy of Science Association Biennial Meeting, Pittsburgh, November 2008.

“A Problem with Ontological Pluralism,” Alabama Philosophical Society Annual Conference, September 2008.

“Belief Revision and Coherence without Foundations”, American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Chicago, April 2008.

“Why It Is Impossible to Justify Belief in the Existence of Changeless Duration”, Tennessee Philosophical Association Annual Conference, Vanderbilt University, October 2007.

“Belief Revision and Coherence without Foundations”, Alabama Philosophical Society Annual Conference, September 2007.

“Resolving the Bayesian Problem of Idealization”, American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Chicago, April 2007.

“Resolving the Bayesian Problem of Idealization”, Confirmation, Induction and Science Conference, London School of Economics, March 2007.

“Is ‘Interference’ the Solution to the Knowability Paradox?”, University of Iowa Graduate Philosophical Society’s 2nd Annual Graduate Conference, University of Iowa, April 2006.

“Idealized Explanations as Ontological Guides”, Indiana Philosophical Association Spring Meeting, Marian College, April 2006.

“Interference and the Knowability Principle”, 13th Annual May 4th Philosophy Graduate Student Conference, Kent State University, March 2006.

“Anti-Realism and Epistemic Progress”, Midsouth Philosophy Conference, University of Memphis, February 2006.

“Knowability, Undecidability, and Progressive Epistemic Situations”, Alabama Philosophical Society Annual Conference, University of Montevallo, October 2005.

“Evidentialism and Electromagnetism”, Ohio Philosophical Association, University of Cincinnati, April 2005.

“Constrained Evidentialism”, 12th Annual May 4th Philosophy Graduate Student Conference, Kent State University, March 2005.

“Method for Deriving the Principle Unit Normal Vector for Two-Space Vectors,” Kappa Mu Epsilon Mathematics Honor Society Regional Convention, Muskingum College, March 2000.

“Apologia for Kant’s Transcendental Aesthetic: Kant After Reimann and Einstein,” Greater Philadelphia Philosophy Consortium Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, St. Joseph’s University, February 2000.

Comment on Scott Aiken's "A Self-Defeat Problem for the Rhetorical Theory of Argument," Tennessee Philosophical Association Annual Conference, November 2008.

Comment on Thomas P. Kasulis' *Intimacy or Integrity: Philosophy and Cultural Difference*, Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy annual meeting, Asilomar, CA, June 2008.

Comment on James Bednar's "Fear and Hope in 'The Will to Believe'", Tennessee Philosophical Association Annual Conference, Vanderbilt University, October 2007.

Comment on Charles Hermes' "Breaking the Laws in the Closest Counterfactual Worlds", Midsouth Philosophy Conference, University of Memphis, February 2006.

GRANTS

Alabama Humanities Foundation Small Grant, \$2000, for UAHuntsville Philosophy Forum Speaker Series, August 2008

Humanities Center Library Enhancement Grant, \$2829, The University of Alabama in Huntsville, December 2007

MEMBERSHIPS

American Philosophical Association, 1998 - present

Alabama Philosophical Society, 2007 - present

Ohio Philosophical Association, 2005 - present

Philosophy of Science Association, 2005 - present

Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy, 2007 - present

SERVICE

University-Level

Chair, Institutional Review Board, UAHuntsville, 2008 - present

STS@UAHuntsville Steering Committee, 2008 - present

RELACS Committee, UAH, 2008 - present

Philosophy Forum Coordinator, UAH, 2008

Graduate Students' Representative, OSU, 2001 - 2002; 2004 - 2005

Graduate Students' Ombudsperson, OSU, 2005 - 2006

"Faculty Friend" to Morrill Tower Floor 4, OSU, 2003 - 2004

Undergraduate Students' Representative, OSU, 2000 - 2001

Profession-Level

Vice President, Alabama Philosophical Society, 2008 - present

Secretary-Treasurer, Alabama Philosophical Society, 2007 - 2008

Reviewer, *Erkenntnis*, 2008

Reviewer, *Contemporary Philosophy*, 2007 - present

Technical Engineer, *Contemporary Philosophy*, Autumn 2000 - Spring 2005

HONORS AND
AWARDS

Graduate Student Travel Stipend Award, Central Division APA, 2007
Nominee, Graduate Associate Teaching Award, Ohio State University, 2004 - 2005;
2005 - 2006; 2006 - 2007
William H. Fink Prize, Best Philosophy Graduate Student Paper, OSU, 2002
Delta Epsilon Sigma (National Catholic Honor Society) Fellowship, 2000 - 2001
University Fellowship, Ohio State University, 2000 - 2001
Delta Epsilon Sigma, National Catholic Honor Society, Chi Chapter, 2000
Kappa Mu Epsilon, Mathematics Honor Society, Pennsylvania Mu Chapter, 2000
Phi Alpha Theta, Honor Society in History, Alpha Alpha Beta Chapter, 2000
Outstanding Student Award, Department of Philosophy, 1998 - 1999; 1999 - 2000
President's Scholarship, Saint Francis College, 1995 - 1999

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

University of Alabama in Huntsville, Huntsville, Alabama, USA
Assistant Professor, 2007 - present

Philosophy 101: Introduction to Philosophy
Philosophy 201: Introduction to Logic
Philosophy 202: Introduction to Ethics
Philosophy 302: Modern Philosophy
Philosophy 311: Philosophy of Science

The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio USA

Lecturer, 2007

Philosophy 150: Introduction to Logic and Critical Thinking
Philosophy 215: Asian Philosophy

Instructor, 2004 - 2006

Philosophy 101: Introduction to Philosophy
Philosophy 150: Introduction to Logic and Critical Thinking
Philosophy 215: Asian Philosophy
Philosophy 367: Contemporary Social and Moral Problems in the United States

Facilitator for University-Wide Teaching Assistant Orientation, 2005, 2006

Facilitating Classroom Discussion
Preparing for the First Day
Teaching in the Independent Course

REFERENCES

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