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AOS Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Physics, Asian Philosophy

AOC Epistemology, Logic, Ethics, Modern Philosophy

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

ARTICLES IN JOURNALS

“Secondary Confessions, Expert Testimony, and Unreliable Testimony” (with Jeffrey S. Neuschatz, Miranda L. Wilkinson, Charles A. Goodsell, Stacy A. Wetmore, and Deah S. Quinlivan), *Journal of Police and Criminal Psychology*, *forthcoming*.

“Diagrams as Locality Aids for Explanation and Model Construction in Cell Biology” (with Olaf Wolkenhauer), *Biology and Philosophy*, *forthcoming*.

“Civility, Sincerity, and Ambiguity,” *Alabama Humanities Review* 1:1 (2011), *forthcoming*. (Prize-winning essay for Whetstone-Seaman Faculty Development Award.)

“Idealizing, Abstracting, and Semantic Dispositionalism” (with Adam Podlaskowski), *European Journal of Philosophy*, *forthcoming*.

“Mereological Heuristics for Huayan Buddhism,” *Philosophy East and West* 60:3 (July 2010), 355-368.

“Nyaya-Vaisesika Inherence, Buddhist Reduction, and Huayan Total Power,” *Journal of Chinese Philosophy* special issue on Chinese Buddhist Philosophy: Concepts and Issues 37:s1 (June 2010), 215-230.

“Fazang’s Total Power Mereology: An Interpretive Analytic Reconstruction,” *Asian Philosophy* 19:3 (November 2009), 199-211.

“General Relativity and the Standard Model: Why Evidence for One Does Not Disconfirm the Other,” *Studies in History and Philosophy of Modern Physics* 40:2 (May 2009), 124-132.

“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.

ARTICLES IN  
EDITED  
VOLUMES

“Unreliable Informant Testimony” (with Jeffrey S. Neuschatz, Stacy A. Wetmore, and Joy McClung), in *Conviction of the Innocent: Lessons from Psychological Research*, ed. Brian Cutler (Washington, D.C.: APA Press, 2012): 213-238.

“Fazang: Hermeneutics, Causation, and Mereology,” in *Dao Companion to Chinese Buddhist Philosophy*, ed. Sandra A. Wawrytko (Springer), *forthcoming*.

BOOK  
REVIEWS

Review of *Error and Inference: Recent Exchanges on Experimental Reasoning, Reliability, and the Objectivity and Rationality of Science*, Deborah G. Mayo and Aris Spanos (Cambridge University Press), *Analysis* 71:2 (2011), 406-408.

Review of *Truth: Studies of a Robust Presence*, ed. Kurt Pritzl (Catholic University of America Press), *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 8 April 2010.

TEXTBOOKS

*A Practical Introduction to Ethical Theory*, National Social Science Press, 2011 (124,000 words). ISBN: 978-1-936306-35-0.

PRESENTATIONS

“Diagrams as Locality Aids for Functional Explanation,” Tennessee Philosophical Association, November 2011.

“Encouraging Civility,” ONE Huntsville and Interfaith Mission Service, Huntsville, AL, October 2011.

“Emergence and Causation in the Tissue Organization Field Theory of Cancer,” Alabama Philosophical Society, September 2011.

“Explaining Phase Transitions and Irreversibility,” U.S. Army RDECOM, RDMR-WSS, Redstone Arsenal, September 2011.

“Arrovian Impossibility and the Epistemology of Disagreement,” Omaha Epistemology Workshop, University of Nebraska at Omaha, May 2011.

“Civility, Sincerity, and Ambiguity,” Daring to Defend Our Rights: A Discussion on Civility in Alabama Public Life, Montgomery, March 2011.

“Metaphysical Foundations and Huayan Buddhism,” Association of Chinese Philosophers in America in conjunction with the American Philosophical Association Eastern Division, Boston, December 2010.

“Don’t Blame the Idealizations,” University of Rostock, October 2010.

“Approximate Truth and Self-Inconsistent Theories,” Presidential Address, Alabama Philosophical Society, September 2010.

“What Makes Idealized Hypotheses False, and What Doesn’t,” Models and Simulations 4, University of Toronto, May 2010.

“Fazang’s Total Power Mereology,” International Society for Buddhist Philosophy in conjunction with the American Philosophical Association Eastern Division, New York, December 2009.

“Cartwright’s Capacities, Coulomb’s Law, and Hydrogen Bonds,” Alabama Philosophical Society, October 2009.

“Approximation and Inconsistency,” Society for Exact Philosophy, University of Alberta, May 2009.

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

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

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

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

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

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

“Resolving the Bayesian Problem of Idealization”, American Philosophical Association Central Division, 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, 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 Brian Besong’s “Prudence and a Properly Functioning Conscience,” Tennessee Philosophical Association, November 2011.

Comment on Scott Aikin’s “A Self-Defeat Problem for the Rhetorical Theory of Argument,” Tennessee Philosophical Association, November 2008.

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

Comment on James Bednar’s “Fear and Hope in ‘The Will to Believe’”, Tennessee Philosophical Association, 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

UAHuntsville OVPR Research Travel Grant, \$6000, Summer 2011

UAHuntsville Research Minigrant, \$7547, Summer 2010

Humanities Center Library Enhancement Grant, \$2988, University of Alabama in Huntsville, January 2010

UAHuntsville Research Minigrant, \$6933, Summer 2009

Humanities Center Library Enhancement Grant, \$5260, University of Alabama in Huntsville, January 2009

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

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

#### 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 301: Ancient Philosophy

Philosophy 302: Modern Philosophy

Philosophy 311: Philosophy of Science

Philosophy 314: Asian Philosophies

Philosophy 320: Symbolic Logic

Philosophy 395: Junior Research Seminar  
Honors 399: Reading Aristotle and Newton

**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

## SERVICE

### **University-Level**

Chair, Institutional Review Board, UAH, 2008-present

Arthur C. Clarke Center Proposal Development Committee, UAH, 2011

STS@UAHuntsville Steering Committee, 2008

Liberal Arts Colloquium Committee (RELACS), UAH, 2008-present

CLA Website Redesign Committee, UAH, Summer 2009

Philosophy Forum Coordinator, UAH, 2008: Michael Weisberg, "Deploying Highly Idealized Models" and Derek Turner, "What Is Evolutionary Contingency?"

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**

Leaf Editor, PhilPapers.org, “The Huayan School of Chinese Buddhism,” 2011-present  
Applied Ethics Technology Advisory Board, Wadsworth Publishing, 2011-present  
Editorial Board, *Religions* (ISSN 2077-1444), 2010-present  
Treasurer, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, UAH Chapter, 2010-2012  
President, Alabama Philosophical Society, 2009-2010  
Vice President, Alabama Philosophical Society, 2008-2009  
Secretary-Treasurer, Alabama Philosophical Society, 2007-2008  
Reviewer, *Philosophy East and West*, *Philosophical Psychology*, The MIT Press, Alabama Academy of Science, McGraw Hill, *Erkenntnis*, *Contemporary Philosophy*  
Technical Engineer, *Contemporary Philosophy*, 2000-2005

### **Community-Level**

Grants Review Committee, Alabama Humanities Foundation, 2011-present

### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

Whetstone-Seaman Faculty Development Award, Alabama Humanities Foundation, 2011  
Phi Kappa Phi, University of Alabama in Huntsville Chapter, 2010  
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

### **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

## REFERENCES

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