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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, 2014-2017

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

Areas of Competence: Philosophy of Race, Modern Philosophy, 20th Century Analytic

Research

Books:

Epistemic Responsibility and Undesirable Beliefs, Palgrave-Macmillan, 2023
Toward a Liberatory Epistemology, Palgrave-Macmillan, 2019
Rationality, Representation, and Race, Palgrave-Macmillan, 2016
The Virtue of Feminist Rationality, Continuum, 2012 (paperback 2014)
Rationality and Feminist Philosophy, Continuum, 2010 (paperback 2012)

Articles:

"Epistemic Involuntarism and Undesirable Beliefs," *Southwest Philosophy Review*, January 2023 (39.1): 225-233.
"On Epistemic Responsibility for Undesirable Beliefs," *Journal of Mind and Behavior*, Spring 2021 (42:2): 198-216.
"Epistemic Ignorance and Moral Responsibility," *Southwest Philosophy Review*, January 2020 (36: 1): 93-100.
"Don't Be Ignorant," *Southwest Philosophy Review*, January 2018 (34: 1): 49-57.
"Rationality as an Epistemic Virtue," *The Bloomsbury Companion to Analytic Feminism*, ed. Pieranna Garavaso, 2018: 260-280.
"On Being Reasonably Different," *Southwest Philosophy Review*, January 2017 (33:1): 53-62.
"Race and the Copernican Turn," *Journal of Mind and Behavior*, Summer and Autumn 2015 (36: 3&4): 137-156.
"Can Mind Be a Virtue," *Southwest Philosophy Review*, January 2015 (31.1):119-128.
"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 Michael Hall's "The Question of Wittgensteinian Thomism: Wittgenstein and Metaphysics." *Southwestern Philosophical Review*, July 2024 (40.2).
- Comments on Josué Piñeiro's "Colorblindness, Hermeneutical Marginalization, and Hermeneutical Injustice." *Southwest Philosophical Review* July 2023 (38.2).
- Comments on Josué Piñeiro's "Epistemic Peerhood and Standpoint Theory: What Knowledge from the Margins tells us about Epistemic Peerhood." *Southwest Philosophy Review* July 2022 (37.2).
- "The Good, The Bad, and The Rational," *Political Anthropologist*, Nov/Dec 2016.
- 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.

Presentations:

- "The Double-Bind of Epistemic Trust." 2024 Midwest Epistemology Workshop. University of Colorado, Boulder, September 2024.
- Comments on Madeline Ward's "Standpoint Theory and Marginalized Practical Intuition." American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting, February 2024.
- Comments on Michael Hall's "The Question of Wittgensteinian Thomism: Wittgenstein and Metaphysics." Southwestern Philosophical Society, November 2023.
- "Are Sexist Beliefs Always Culpable?" International Association of Women Philosophers, University of Buenos Aires, Argentina, July-August 2023.
- "Epistemic Involuntarism and Undesirable Beliefs," Southwestern Philosophical Society, November 2022.
- "Responsibility and Undesirable Beliefs," The Ethics of Argumentation, Speaker Series, September 2022.
- Comments on Josué Piñeiro's "Colorblindness, Hermeneutical Marginalization, and Hermeneutical Injustice." Southwestern Philosophical Society, November 2021.
- Comments on Josué Piñeiro's "Epistemic Peerhood and Standpoint Theory: What Knowledge from the Margins tells us about Epistemic Peerhood." Southwestern Philosophical Society, November 2022.

"Epistemic Ignorance and Moral Responsibility," Southwestern Philosophical Society,
 November 2019
 "Don't Be Ignorant," Southwestern Philosophical Society, November 2017
 "On Being Reasonably Different," Southwestern Philosophical Society, November 2016
 "Rationality as an Epistemic Virtue"
 International Association of Women Philosophers, Melbourne, Australia, July 2016
 Society for Analytical Feminism, Lowell, Massachusetts, Sept. 2016
 "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
 Ancient Philosophy
 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
 Research Seminar
 Fall 2000, The Crisis of Objectivity
 Fall 2005, Understanding Reason
 Fall 2010, Rationality
 Fall 2014, Sources of the Self
 Fall 2019, Virtue Epistemology
 Fall 2022, The Epistemology of Resistance
 Fall 2023, Social Epistemology and Epistemic Responsibility
 Metaphysics
 Epistemology
 Honors Seminar: Bioethics
 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

American Philosophical Association, Central Division Program Committee, 2018
Chair, Epistemology and Value, Central Division APA, Feb 2018
Secretary/Treasurer, Southwestern Philosophical Society, 2010-current
Reviewer for: *International Journal of Children's Rights*
The Journal of Mind and Behavior
Southwest Philosophy Review
Bloomsbury Publishing
Routledge Publishing
Prentice Hall
Thomson Publishing
Blackwell Publishing
Wadsworth Publishing
Harcourt Brace College Publishers
Longman Publishers
Handbook for Information Security (John Wiley), 2004

University/College

SACSCOC QEP Committee, co-chair, 2023-2026
Research Misconduct Committee 2023
SSAFE Fund Committee, 2023-2025
Womens and Gender Studies Advisory Committee, 2023
College of Liberal Arts Promotion and Tenure Advisory Committee 2012-2013, 2019-2023
The Joy of Juneteenth, Dr. Opal Lee, Huntsville, August 2022
Humanities Center Steering Committee 2004-2012; 2017-2025
"Responsibility and Undesirable Beliefs," RELACS presentation, Fall 2022
Faculty and Staff Traffic Appeals 2019-2022
Student Traffic Appeals 2021-23
Faculty Authorship and Textbook Selection Policy Committee 2019
CAHS Student Professional Development Committee 2019
UAH Diversity Committee 2017-24
Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences' Chair Manual Committee, Chair 2016
Vice President for Student Affairs Search Committee, 2014
SACSCOC, Student Services Committee 2014-15
Faculty Senate, 2021-2023, Spring 2018-19, 2011-15, 2005-10, Spring 2005, Spring 2002
Parliamentarian, 2014-15
Ombudsperson, 2013-14
Undergraduate Scholastic Affairs Committee, 2005-10, 2011-13, 2018-19
Undergraduate Scholastic Affairs, Chair 2006-09, 2011-13, 2022-23
Governance and Operations, Spring 2002
Student Conduct Board 2013-21, Chair 2019-20
Honors Dean Search Committee, 2013-14
Signage Committee, 2013-15
College of Liberal Arts, Curriculum Committee, 2011-14, Chair 2011-14
Animal Care and Use Committee, Spring 2000-present
Intercollegiate Athletic Committee, 2012-2014, 2016-18
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, 2016-18
Patents and Copyrights Committee, 2000-10

Department

UAH Humanities Center Speaker, Jose Medina, Fall 2023
Phi Sigma Tau Advisor 2021-present
Development of CLEP-Style Exam for PHL 103: Intro to Logic, Fall 2019
Philosophy Forum, Danielle Wylie and Josh May, October 2017 and February 2018
Philosophy Forum, "Democracy," Scott Aikin, Fall 2016
UAH Distinguished Speaker Series, Phyllis Rooney, Fall 2016
UAH Humanities Center Eminent Scholar, Robert Bernasconi, Spring 2016
UAH Humanities Center Eminent Scholar, Cheryl Goldsleger, Fall 2014
Philosophy Forum, "American Philosophy," Spring 2014
UAH Distinguished Speaker Series, Alastair Norcross, October 2013
Philosopher's Guild, faculty advisor 2012-15
UAH Distinguished Speaker Series, Richard Aquila, March 2007
Philosophy Forum, "Morality: Why it Matters," Fall 2006
UAH Distinguished Speaker Series, Louise Antony, April 2004
Philosophy Forum, "Philosophy and Mysticism: Influences and Interactions," Fall 2003
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

Faculty Advisor for the Quantum Mechanics Club, 2022-24
Pecha Kucha Presentation, "An Age of Inequality," Huntsville, August 2017
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 2001 (Website content award)
Lightspan Study Web Academic Excellence Award 2000 (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