

CURRICULUM VITAE

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AOS Asian Philosophy (esp. Buddhism)
Philosophy of Science (esp. Explanation & Systems Sciences)
AOC Cross-Cultural Ethics
Metaphysics
Philosophy of Technology (esp. Design Ethics)

EDUCATION

Ph.D. The Ohio State University (Columbus, OH), Philosophy, December 2006
Dissertation: *Ineliminable Idealizations, Phase Transitions, and Irreversibility*.
Committee: Bob Batterman, Neil Tennant, Stewart Shapiro, Robert J. Perry (Physics)
M.A. The Ohio State University (Columbus, OH), Philosophy, June 2004
B.A. Saint Francis College (Loretto, PA), Philosophy, June 2000

EMPLOYMENT

The University of Alabama in Huntsville

Professor, Department of Philosophy, 2017 – present
Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, 2013 – 2017
Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, 2007 – 2013

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

The University of Alabama in Huntsville

Director, Humanities Center, August 2021 – August 2025
Chair, Department of Philosophy and Political Science, January 2020 – August 2026
Chair, Department of Philosophy, June 2017 – December 2019
Chair, Institutional Review Board, 2008 – 2012

PUBLICATIONS

Asian Philosophy

Book

2025 *Metaphors for Interdependence: Fazang's Buddhist Metaphysics*. Oxford University Press.
<https://doi.org/10.1093/9780197807224.001.0001>
Reviewed by Qin Feng, *Religious Studies Review* (2026). <https://doi.org/10.1111/rsr.70183>

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

2025 Prolegomenon for Fazang's *Essay on the Golden Lion*. *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, 33.1, 48-63.

- 2024 A Buddhist Approach to Moral Knowledge without God. *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion*, 95.3, 257-272.
- Dependent Arising and Mutual Identity in Fazang's Huayan Thought. 2023 華嚴專宗國際學術研討會論文集 [*Proceedings of the 2023 International Symposium on Hua-yen Buddhism*], 173-205. Invited.
- 2023 Metaphysical Foundationalism, Heterarchical Structure, and Huayan Interdependence. *Asian Journal of Philosophy*, 2, article 65.
- Soteriological Mereology in the Pāli Discourses, Buddhaghosa, and Huayan Buddhism. *Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy*, 22.1, 117-143.
- Holistic Cognitive Style, Chinese Culture, and the Sinification of Buddhism. With Ryan Nichols. *Res Philosophica*, 100.1, 93-120. Invited.
- 2022 Interpreting Interdependence in Fazang's Metaphysics. *Journal of East Asian Philosophy*, 2.1, 35-52.
- 2021 Mereological Composition in Analytic and Buddhist Perspective. *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*, 7.2, 173-194.
- 2020 An Account of Generous Action and Esteem in Pāli Buddhism. *International Journal of Buddhist Thought & Culture*, 30.2, 195-225.
- A Russellian Analysis of the Buddhist *Catuṣkoṭi*. *Comparative Philosophy*, 11.2, 63-89.
- 2019 The Architecture of Fazang's Six Characteristics. *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, 27.3, 468-491. Winner, John Rogers Prize.
- Huayan Buddhism. *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, November. With Bryan Van Norden. Invited. At plato.stanford.edu/
- 2018 Huayan Numismatics as Metaphysics: Explicating Fazang's Coin-Counting Metaphor. *Philosophy East and West*, 68.4, 1155-1177.
- 2016 Correlative Reasoning about Water in *Mengzi* 6A2. *Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy*, 15.2, 193-207.
- 法藏：阐释、因果与分体关系 [Fazang: Hermeneutics, Causation, and Mereology]. 世界宗教文化 [*Religious Cultures of the World*], 2, 122-132. Translated into Chinese by HE Yaqin 何亚琴. Published under the (phonetic) name 尼古拉斯-琼斯.
- 2015 An Atheist Argument from Ugliness. *European Journal for Philosophy of Religion*, 7.1, 209-217. Second author, with Scott F. Aikin.
- 2010 Mereological Heuristics for Huayan Buddhism. *Philosophy East and West*, 60.3, 355-368.
- Nyāya-Vaiśeṣika Inherence, Buddhist Reduction, and Huayan Total Power. *Journal of Chinese Philosophy*, 37.s1, 215-230.

- 2009 Fazang's Total Power Mereology: An Interpretive Analytic Reconstruction. *Asian Philosophy*, 19.3, 199-211.
- 2004 The Logic of *Soku* in the Kyoto School. *Philosophy East and West*, 54.3, 302-321.

Chapters in Edited Volumes

- 2025 Emptiness in Chinese Buddhism. In *Routledge Companion to Chinese Philosophy*, eds. Brook A. Ziporyn and Stephen C. Walker (Routledge). Invited.
- Harmonizing Chinese Buddhist Ethics. In *Oxford Handbook of Chinese Philosophy*, ed. Justin Tiwald (Oxford University Press), 162-185. Invited.
- 2023 Energy Bending, Strength, and the Power of Aang's Spirit in Buddhist Perspective. In *Avatar: The Last Airbender and Philosophy*, eds. Helen De Cruz and Johan De Smedt (Blackwell), 225-234.
- 2018 Metaphysics of Identity in Fazang's *Huayan Wujiao Zhang*: The Inexhaustible Freedom of Dependent Origination. In *Dao Companion to Chinese Buddhist Philosophy*, eds. Sandra A. Wawrytko and Youru Wang (Springer), 295-323. Invited.
- Partial Chinese translation (by HE Yaqin 何亚琴) as 法藏“因缘相即”思想考释——以《华严五教章》为中心 [Philological Studies on Fazang's Thoughts on Dependent Origination and Mutual Identity—with a Focus on the *Treatise on Five Teachings of Huayan*]. 法音论坛 [*The Voice of Dharma*], 12.4, 50-53.
- 2017 Fourth Industrial *Dukkha*: A Buddhist Case for Techno-Pessimism. *Encounter of Buddhism & 4th Industrial Revolution* (Korean Association of Buddhist Studies), 595-625. Invited.
- 2015 Buddhist Reductionism and Emptiness in Huayan Perspective. In *The Moon Points Back*, eds. Koji Tanaka, Yasuo Deguchi, Jay L. Garfield, and Graham Priest (Oxford University Press), 128-149. Invited.

Philosophy of Science

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- 2026 A Probabilistic Semantics for Defeasible Argumentation in Systems Validation. With Daniel Shapiro, Bryan Mesmer, and Jennifer Stevens. *IEEE Open Journal of Systems Engineering* 4, 1-16.
- 2018 Critical Epistemology for Analysis of Competing Hypotheses. *Intelligence and National Security*, 33.2, 273-289.
- Strategies of Explanatory Abstraction in Molecular Systems Biology. *Philosophy of Science*, 85.5, 955-968.
- Inference to the More Robust Explanation. *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*, 69.1, 75-102.

- Network Analyses in Systems Biology: New Strategies for Dealing with Biological Complexity. *Synthese*, 195.4, 1751-1777. Fourth author, with Sara Green, Maria Serban, Raphael Scholl, Ingo Brigandt, and William Bechtel.
- 2017 Race as Technology: From Posthuman Cyborg to Human Industry. *Ilha do Desterro*, 70.2, 39-51. Second author, with Holly Jones.
- 2016 Constraint-Based Reasoning for Search and Explanation: Strategies for Understanding Patterns and Variation in Biology. *dialectica*, 70.3, 343-374. Second author, with Sara Green.
- A Principles-based Model of Ethical Considerations in Military Decision-Making. *Journal of Defense Modeling and Simulation*, 13.2, 195-211. Third author, with Gregory S. Reed, Mikel D. Petty, Anthony W. Morris, John P. Ballenger, and Harry S. Delugach.
- 2014 Bowtie Structures, Pathway Diagrams, and Topological Explanation. *Erkenntnis*, 79.5, 1135-1555.
- 2013 Don't Blame the Idealizations. *Journal for the General Philosophy of Science*, 44.1, 85-100.
- Toward Modeling and Automating Ethical Decision-Making: Design, Implementation, Limitations, and Responsibilities. *Topoi*, 32.2, 237-250. Second author, with Gregory S. Reed.
- 2012 Diagrams as Locality Aids for Explanation and Model Construction in Cell Biology. *Biology and Philosophy*, 27.5, 705-721. First author, with Olaf Wolkenhauer.
- An Arrovian Impossibility Theorem for the Epistemology of Disagreement. *Logos & Episteme*, 3.1, 97-115.
- Secondary Confessions, Expert Testimony, and Unreliable Testimony. *Journal of Police and Criminal Psychology*, 27.2, 179-192. Sixth author, with Jeffrey S. Neuschatz, Miranda L. Wilkinson, Charles A. Goodsell, Stacy A. Wetmore, and Deah S. Quinlivan.
- 2010 Idealizing, Abstraction, and Semantic Dispositionalism. *European Journal of Philosophy*, 20.1, 166-178. Second author, with Adam Podlaskowski.
- 2009 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, 124-132.
- 2008 Is Theology Respectable as Metaphysics? *Zygon: Journal of Religion & Science*, 43.3, 579-592.
- Evidence and Falsification: Challenges to Gregory Peterson. *Zygon: Journal of Religion & Science*, 43.3, 599-604. Invited.
- Is All Abstraction Idealization? *The Reasoner*, 2.4, 4-5.

Chapters in Edited Volumes

- 2023 Inference. In *The SAGE Encyclopedia of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics*, ed. James Mattingly (SAGE Publications), 375-380. Invited.
- 2020 Race, Technology, and Posthumanism. In *Bloomsbury Handbook of Posthumanism*, eds. Mads Rosendahl Thomsen and Jacob Wamberg (Bloomsbury), 161-170. Second author, with Holly Jones. Invited.

- 2017 Extracting Phenomena, Integrating Explanations, and Styling Representations: Some Frontiers for Philosophizing about Biology. In *Philosophy of Systems Biology: Perspectives from Scientists and Philosophers*, ed. Sara Green (Springer), 147-156. Invited.
- 2012 Unreliable Informant Testimony. In *Conviction of the Innocent: Lessons from Psychological Research*, ed. Brian Cutler (APA Press), 213-238. Second author, with Jeffrey S. Neuschatz, Stacy A. Wetmore, and Joy McClung.

Public Venue Publications

- 2025 Chinese Philosophy's Attack on Reality's Foundations. *IAI News* (Institute of Art and Ideas), 20 May. Invited. At iai.tv/articles/chinese-philosophys-attack-on-realities-foundations-auid-3173?_auid=2020
- 2021 Hesiod and Anaximander in Comparison. *Classical Wisdom*, 26 March. At classicalwisdom.com/people/philosophers/hesiod-and-anaximander-in-comparison/
- 2020 At times of suffering, the greatest gift is accompaniment by another. *Aeon*, 17 April. At aeon.co/ideas/at-times-of-suffering-the-greatest-gift-is-accompaniment-by-another
- 2018 *Dharma* in Abhidharma Buddhism. *1000-Word Philosophy: An Introductory Anthology*, June. At 1000wordphilosophy.com/
- 2011 Civility, Sincerity, and Ambiguity. *Alabama Humanities Review*, March.

HONORS & AWARDS

- 2020 John Rogers Prize. British Society for the History of Philosophy. Best Article of 2019 in *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*.
- 2017 Outstanding Faculty Member. College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences. UAH.
- 2014 Visiting Fellowship. Center for Philosophy of Science. University of Pittsburgh.
- 2011 Whetstone-Seaman Faculty Development Award. Alabama Humanities Foundation. Best Essay Competition (Topic: Civility in Public Life).

EXTERNAL FUNDING

- 2023 What Makes Johnny 5 Come Alive? Using Diverse Perspectives to Drive Requirements for Human-Robot Teams. Consortium for Robotics and Unmanned Systems Education and Research Seed Research Program, Naval Postgraduate School. Co-PI (Ethics Expert), with Kristin Weger, Bryan Mesmer, and Amy Guerin. \$80,000.
- 2022 Diversity in Forming Requirements for Autonomous Systems. Consortium for Robotics and Unmanned Systems Education and Research Seed Research Program, Naval Postgraduate School. Co-PI (Ethics Expert), with Douglas Van Bossuyt, Kristen Fletcher, Kristin Weger, Bryan Mesmer, and Nathan Tenhundfeld. \$300,000.

- 2021 Formation, Implementation, and Verification Requirements for Human-Autonomy Teaming. Consortium for Robotics and Unmanned Systems Education and Research Seed Research Program, Naval Postgraduate School. Co-I (Logic Expert), with Kristin Weger (PI), Bryan Mesmer, and Nathan Tenhundfeld. \$140,000.
- 2020 WRT-1028: Validation Framework for Assuring Adaptive and Learning-Enabled Systems. Strategic Technology Protection and Exploitation, Office of the Undersecretary of Defense (Research and Engineering) – Subcontract through Systems Engineering Research Center. Researcher (Logic Expert), with Bryan Mesmer (PI), Paul Collopy (Co-PI), and Daniel Shapiro. \$238,677.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2023 Workshop for Philosophy Department Chairs. American Philosophical Association. Zoom, September.
- IC CAE Professional Development Panel: Intelligence Studies Journal Editors. Zoom, August.
- 2021 Strategies for Recruiting Students to the Humanities: Fostering Humanities Identity and Community. National Humanities Alliance. Webinar, July 29.
- Strategies for Recruiting Students to the Humanities: Curricular Innovations. National Humanities Alliance. Webinar, June 22.
- Strategies for Recruiting Students to the Humanities: Articulating Career Pathways. National Humanities Alliance. Webinar, June 8.
- Intelligence Teaching. University of Central Florida Intelligence Community Center for Academic Excellence. Virtual Workshop, May 14-16.
- 2015 Quality Educational Practices Online. Certification.

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS (since 2017)

- 2026 Relating the Sarvāstivāda Theory of Non-Obstructing Causation to Fazang's Doctrine of Mutual Inclusion. 2nd Huayan/Hwaōm/Kegon Buddhism Conference, American University, October. Invited.
- IBE as Pursuit-Oriented. Inference to the Best Explanation Workshop, University of Alabama, September. Invited.
- Interpreting Interdependence in Huayan Metaphysics. Alabama Philosophical Society, September.
- Analyzing the Doctrine of Mutual Inclusion in Fazang's *Wujiao zhang*. Center for Buddhist Studies, National Chengchi University (Taiwan), April. Invited.
- Modern Interpretations of Indra's Net. 14th International Conference on Hua-yen Buddhism, Hua-yen Buddhist College (Taiwan), April. Invited.
- Interdependence as Non-Obstruction. University of Maine, March. Invited.

- Truth Anti-Realism for Mind-Only Metaphysics. APA Panel: Buddhist Metaphysics. American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting (Baltimore), January. Invited.
- 2025 Author Meets Critics: *Metaphors for Interdependence*. Alabama Philosophical Society, September. Invited.
- Intra-Theoretic Juggling and Explanatory Networks. Logic, Inference, and Rationality: A Conference in Honor of Neil Tennant. The Ohio State University (Columbus), June. Invited.
- Fazang's Buddhist Metaphysics of Interdependence. University of Tennessee, Knoxville, April. Invited.
- Leadership as a Culinary Art. University of Tennessee, Knoxville, April. Invited.
- The Uniqueness of AI-Enabled Systems. Panel with Bryan Mesmer, Nicholas Loyd, and Kristin Weger. 2025 AI Symposium: Autonomous vs. Human-in-the-Loop (Huntsville), January. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GbMSt88tonY>
- Requirement Preferences for Humanoid Robotics by Expert Discipline. With Luke Symasek (presenter), Kristin Weger, Amy Guerin, and Bryan Mesmer. 2025 AIAA SciTech Forum, Human-Automation Interaction Session (Orlando), January. (Published in Conference Proceedings.)
- A Logic of Emptiness for Mahāyāna Buddhism. APA Symposium: Logic and Reason in Asian Philosophy. American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting (New York City), January. Invited.
- 2024 Causal Dispositionalism and Emptiness in Huayan Buddhism. Columbia Society for Comparative Philosophy (New York City), September. Invited.
- A Logic of Emptiness for Mahāyāna Buddhism. Alabama Philosophical Society, September.
- Fazang on Architecture and Sustaining Harmony. 10th Nishan Forum of World Civilization. In association with Confucius-Aristotle Symposium on Ancient Wisdom for Modern Challenges and United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network (Qufu, China), July. Invited.
- Kant and Fazang on the Principle of Sufficient Reason. The Chinese and Greek Civilizations from a Global Perspective. Southwest University (Chongqing, China), July. Invited.
- Is Mutual Inclusion a Huayan Principle of Sufficient Reason? Selfridge Workshop on Big Picture Metaphysics. Lehigh University, March. Invited.
- Indra's Net, Interdependence, and Heterarchical Structure in Huayan Buddhism. APA Committee Session: Metaphysics in Buddhist and Indian Philosophy. American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting (New York City), January. Invited.
- 2023 A Buddhist Approach to Moral Knowledge without God. Alabama Philosophical Society, September.
- Dependent Arising and Mutual Identity in Fazang's Huayan Thought. 11th International Conference on Hua-yen Buddhism, Hua-yen Buddhist College (Taiwan), April. Invited.

- Interdependence as Heterarchy in Huayan Buddhism. University of Kansas Philosophy Lecture Series, March. Invited.
- Contemplating Indra's Net: Metaphors for Interdependence in Huayan Buddhism. Cosmopolitan Philosophy at University of Berkeley (virtual), March. Invited.
- 2022 Heterarchical Interdependence in Huayan Buddhism. University of Maine Workshop on Chinese Philosophy (virtual), August. Invited.
- 2021 Cognitive Style and Chinese Buddhism. 2021 *Res Philosophica* Conference: Globalizing Empirically-Informed Philosophy, Saint Louis University (virtual), November. With Ryan Nichols.
- Towards a Tool for Managing Validation Arguments in Systems Engineering. With Daniel Shapiro, Bryan Mesmer, Paul Collopy, and Jennifer Stevens. *13th Annual Systems Engineering Research Center Sponsor Research Review* (virtual), November.
- Towards a Tool for Composing, Evaluating, and Tracking Systems Validation Arguments. With Daniel Shapiro, Bryan Mesmer, Jennifer Stevens, Paul Collopy, and Jacob Smith. AI for SE and SE for AI Workshop, Systems Engineering Research Center (virtual), October.
- Generosity in Buddhist Ethics. Marist College (virtual), October. Invited.
- Cognitive Style and Chinese Buddhism. Midwest Conference on Chinese Thought, Indiana University (virtual), April. With Ryan Nichols.
- 2020 Comments on Jan Westerhoff's *The Golden Age of Indian Buddhist Philosophy*. Author-Meets Critics Session, American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, January. Invited.
- 2019 Mereological Unity as Joint Cooperation. Alabama Philosophical Society, September.
- 2018 Huayan Quorums and Visions of Unity. Alabama Philosophical Society, September.
- Fourth Industrial *Dukkha*: A Buddhist Case for Techno-Pessimism. Texas Christian University, January. Invited.
- The Limits of the Liberal Arts. Texas Christian University, January. Invited.
- 2017 Fourth Industrial *Dukkha*: A Buddhist Case for Techno-Pessimism. Buddhism and the Fourth Industrial Revolution International Conference. Dongguk University (Seoul), December. Invited.
- Grounding for Buddhist Reductionism. Alabama Philosophical Society, September.
- An Axiomatic Approach to the *Analects*. Midwest Conference on Chinese Thought. Indiana University, April.
- Mechanistic Grounds without Mechanistic Explanation. Deep South Philosophy of Biology Workshop. University of Alabama at Birmingham, March. Invited.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Advanced Seminars

Mereology East and West (Research Seminar)

Post-Phenomenology of Technology (Advanced Epistemology)
Care Ethics (Advanced Moral Theory)
Independent Study: *Analects*, Modal Logic, Korean Philosophy
Honors College Seminars: Robot Ethics, Reading Aristotle and Newton
Philosophy Internship (course creator)

Upper-Level Courses

Ancient Philosophy (traditional and online)
Asian Philosophy (course creator, traditional and online)
Modern Philosophy (traditional and online)
Philosophy of Mind
Philosophy of Science
Philosophy of Religion
Symbolic Logic

Lower-Level Courses

Introduction to Philosophy
Introduction to Ethics (cross-cultural focus)
Introduction to Logic
Technology, Science, and Human Values (traditional and online)
Critical Thinking for Intelligence Analysis (course creator, cross-listed with Poli Sci)

MENTORING OF STUDENT RESEARCH

Ph.D. Dissertation Committees

- 2025 Noah Fitzpatrick
In progress, on information-theoretic metric to formalize verification (Industrial and Systems Engineering, The University of Alabama in Huntsville)
- 2022 Jennifer Stevens*
Validation in Systems Engineering (Industrial and Systems Engineering, The University of Alabama in Huntsville) *withdrew prior to Ph.D. defense
- 2020 Kyle Blanchette
Bridging the Gap between Personal Survival and Personal Ontology (Philosophy, University of Rochester)
- 2019 Anthony DeStefano
Ion-Atom Charge-Exchange Collisions and Their Effect on Plasma-Neutral Coupling (Space Science, The University of Alabama in Huntsville)
- 2013 Gregory S. Reed
A Quantitative Model of Relative Ethical Violation for Use in Military Decision-Making (Modeling and Simulation, The University of Alabama in Huntsville)

INCLUDE Projects (at The University of Alabama in Huntsville)

- 2022 Dylan Kirk. *Developing an Autonomous Unmanned Ground Vehicle for Target Recognition and Payload Capture* (Ethics and Ethical Design Issues). Part of an interdisciplinary team project,

awarded 1st Place for 2022 College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Undergraduate Research Horizons Competition

- 2021 Andrew Atchley. *Developing the Conceptualization of a Space Ecosystem* (Ethics, Policy, and Sustainability Issues). Part of an interdisciplinary team project, awarded 1st Place for 2021 College of Engineering Undergraduate Research Horizons Competition

Honors Capstone Projects Director (all at The University of Alabama in Huntsville)

- 2020 Phillip Lane. *Knowledge Blindspots and Gödel's Incompleteness Theorems* (Mathematics and Philosophy)
- 2016 Patrick Monroe. *Peirce-ing the Veil: On the Usefulness of Comparing American Pragmatism and Buddhism* (Philosophy)
- 2015 Young Nicole Westrope. *Classical Indian Thought as Philosophy* (Philosophy)

Student Research Sponsor (UAH Summer Research Experience for Undergraduates)

- 2012 Rachel King. *Refining the Search in Cell Cycle Research: Organization through Cell Cycle Diagrams* (Philosophy)
- 2010 Thomas Watts. *Nāgārjuna: The Original Dialethist or Just Misunderstood?* (Philosophy)
- 2009 Cedona Watts. *Actual vs. Apparent Content: An Analysis of Mendel's Laws of Segregation* (Biology and Philosophy)

SERVICE

The University of Alabama in Huntsville Committees and Roles (since AY 2017-2018)

- 2025-now Steering Committee, UAH-CCC Gulf Scholars Program
- 2024-now Institutional Representative, Board of Directors, Higher Education Partnership
- 2021-now Member, Interdisciplinary Systems Studies Team (with faculty from Computer Science, Psychology, Systems and Industrial Engineering, Theatre)
- Advisor, Dionysian Society (Student Philosophy Club)
- 2013-now Faculty Advisor (and Founder), Phi Sigma Tau Honor Society, Alabama Epsilon Chapter
- 2025-26 Member, Search Committee for Academic Advisor in Humanities
- 2024-25 Member, Search Committee for Director of Intelligence and Security Studies
- External Member, History Department Search Committee
- 2023-24 Equal Opportunity / Affirmative Action Committee, Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- Co-Organizer (with Noelle Hunter), Second Annual Huntsville Human Rights Film Festival

- Internal Reviewer, Department of Communication Arts Decennial Self-Study
- External Reviewer, Reappointment, Department of Curriculum and Instruction
- 2022-23 Organizer, *The Joy of Juneteenth with Dr. Opal Lee*
- Co-Organizer (with Noelle Hunter), Huntsville Human Rights Film Festival
- External Reviewer, Promotion Committee, Department of Sociology
- 2020-21 Inclusivity in the Classroom Initiative, Enhanced Teaching and Learning Group
- 2019-20 College Retention and Graduation Committee
- Lecturer Search Committee, Department of Political Science
- External Reviewer, Reappointment Committee, Department of Psychology
- 2018-19 Chair, Reappointment Committee, Department of Sociology
- College Outreach Committee
- 2017-18 University-Wide Assessment Peer Review Committee
- Search Committee for Dean of College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences
- Chair, Reappointment Committee, Department of Sociology
- College Outreach Committee

Guest Lectures (since 2017)

- 2026 Attending to Interdependence. Humanities Week 2026. February.
- 2025 Introduction to Research Ethics. Research and Creative Experience for Undergraduates (RCEU) Workshop Series. May.
- Models to Support Ethical Decision-Making for Military Applications. Dionysian Society. February.
- 2024 Introduction to Research Ethics. RCEU Workshop Series. June.
- 2023 Introduction to Research Ethics. RCEU Workshop Series. June.
- 2022 Thinking through Ethics (and Career Prospects for Philosophy Majors). First Year Experience Seminar. October.
- Introduction to Research Ethics. RCEU Workshop Series. June.
- 2021 Introduction to Research Ethics. RCEU Workshop Series. June.
- 2020 Introduction to Research Ethics. RCEU Workshop Series. June.

- 2019 How Embracing Vulnerability Can Make You Fearless. Honors College. September.
Research Ethics for Science Careers. Department of Space Science. November.
Introduction to Research Ethics. RCEU Workshop Series. May.
- 2018 Research Ethics for Science Careers. Department of Space Science. October.
Introduction to Research Ethics. RCEU Workshop Series. June.
- 2017 Research Ethics for Science Careers. Department of Space Science. September.
Introduction to Research Ethics. RCEU Workshop Series. June.
Facilitating Online Discussions. College Workshop for Online Teaching. May.

Community Service

- 2026 Vice President of Programs. Highland Elementary School PTA. August through May.
- 2023 Co-Organizer (with faculty from Calhoun Community College & staff from Huntsville-Madison County Public Library), *Common Read 23-24: Building New Lives*. September through November.
- 2022 Elementary School Representative and Secretary. Desegregation Advisory Committee. Huntsville City Schools, reporting to U.S. Department of Justice.

How PTAs Can Partner with Huntsville's Desegregation Advisory Committee. Workshop at Huntsville Council of PTAs Annual Leadership Training. August.
- 2021 Elementary School Representative and Vice Chair. Desegregation Advisory Committee. Huntsville City Schools, reporting to U.S. Department of Justice.
- 2019 Business Ethics across Cultures. Presentation to North Alabama Business Ethics Roundtable. Huntsville, AL. January. Invited.
- 2013 Grants Review Committee, Alabama Humanities Foundation

Selection Committee, Whetstone-Seaman Faculty Development Award
- 2012 Grants Review Committee, Alabama Humanities Foundation

Civility, Sincerity, and Ambiguity. Presentation to Humanists of North Alabama. Huntsville, AL. April. Invited.
- 2011 Grants Review Committee, Alabama Humanities Foundation

Encouraging Civility. Presentation to ONE Huntsville and Interfaith Mission Service. Huntsville, AL. October. Invited.

Explaining Phase Transitions and Irreversibility. Presentation to U.S. Army RDECOM, RDMR-SS. Redstone Arsenal. Huntsville, AL. September. Invited.

Civility, Sincerity, and Ambiguity. Keynote for *Daring to Defend Our Rights: A Discussion on Civility in Alabama Public Life*. Montgomery, AL. March. Invited.

Professional Service

- 2011-now Leaf Editor. "The Huayan School of Chinese Buddhism." philpapers.org
- 2022-23 External Consultant for Philosophy B.A. Program. Nova Southeastern University
- 2015-16 Organizing Committee, Conference on Diagrams as Vehicles of Scientific Reasoning. University of Pittsburgh
- 2010-15 Editorial Board and Reviewer. *Religions* (ISBN 2077-1444)
- 2011-12 Applied Ethics Technology Advisory Board. Wadsworth Publishers
- 2007-10 Officer (in sequence: Secretary-Treasurer, Vice President, President). Alabama Philosophical Society

Peer Reviewer (since 2017)

- 2026 [count = 7] *Academia Sinica, Journal of Buddhist Philosophy, Journal of East Asian Philosophy, Philosophy East and West, Religions, Social Sciences & Humanities Open, Synthese*
- 2025 [count = 5] *Asian Journal of Philosophy; Australasian Journal of Philosophy; Journal of East Asian Philosophy, Limina – The Journal of UAP Studies, Southwest Philosophy Review*
- 2024 [count = 10] *British Journal for the History of Philosophy (x2); Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy; Human Arenas; International Journal of Buddhist Thought & Culture; Journal of East Asian Philosophy; Philosophy East and West; Religions; Synthese; The MIT Press*
- 2023 [count = 9] *Ergo; European Journal for Philosophy of Science; Human Arenas; International Journal of Buddhist Thought & Culture; Journal of East Asian Philosophy; Religions; Studies in History and Philosophy of Modern Science; Oxford University Press; Wisdom Publications*
- 2022 [count = 6] *Ergo; International Journal of Buddhist Thought & Culture; Journal of Chinese Philosophy and Culture; Science & Education; Studies in History and Philosophy of Modern Science; Broadview Press*
- 2021 [count = 11] *Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy; European Journal for Philosophy of Science; International Studies in the Philosophy of Science; Philosophy East and West; Philosophy of Science; Science & Education (x3); Synthese; Edwin Mellon Press; University of Chicago Press*
- 2020 [count = 2] *History and Philosophy of Logic (x2)*
- 2019 [count = 3] *Applied Cognitive Psychology; Filozofia; Studies in History and Philosophy of Science*
- 2018 [count = 11] *Acta Biotheoretica; Applied Cognitive Psychology; Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy (x2); Intelligence and National Security; Journal of the American Philosophical*

Association; Science & Education (x3); *Synthese*; Narodowe Centrum Nauki (Polish National Science Centre)

2017 [count = 5] *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*; *Southwest Philosophy Review*; *Synthese* (x2); The MIT Press

Outside Reviewer for Tenure/Promotion

2023 For Philosophy Faculty at University of Maine

2020 For Philosophy Faculty at Lehigh University