

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

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### **EDUCATION**

The University of Chicago, 1982-1990  
Ph.D. December, 1990  
M.A.: October, 1984  
Southern Methodist University  
B.A.: May, 1979 (with honors)  
The University of Dayton  
M.B.A. (in progress)

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

The University of Dayton  
Fall 1992—present  
The University of Nanjing (People's Republic of China)  
Fall 2007—American Political Theory  
The Ohio State University  
Fall 1990—Summer 1992  
Loyola University of Chicago  
Fall 1985—Summer 1990  
Elmhurst College  
Spring 1985

### **AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION**

Kant  
Metaphysics, Epistemology; History of Modern Philosophy; Nietzsche

### **AREAS OF COMPETENCE**

Logic; German Idealism; neo-Kantianism; Wittgenstein; Philosophy of Language;  
Political Philosophy

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Necessity and Possibility: The Logical Strategy of Kant's Critique of Pure Reason  
(Catholic University Press of America; September 2008)

### **Philosophy**

"From the Town of Bedrock: Naturalism and Necessity," Metaphilosophy  
(forthcoming)

"The Philosophical Sins of Stephen Pinker" Contemporary Philosophy,  
(forthcoming)

"Kant and Wittgenstein: Common Sense, Therapy, and the Critical  
Philosophy," Philosophia 37 (2009), pp. 1–20; on-line May 2008).

"Kant's Logic(s) and the Logic of Aristotle," Southwest Philosophy Review  
23.1, pp. 125-135 (2007).

"The Grammatical Background of Kant's General Logic," Kantian Review  
13.1, pp. 116-140 (2007).

"Kant and the Logic of Aristotle," Proceedings of the Ohio Philosophical  
Association, 3 (2006).

"Kant and the Logic of Aristotle," Proceedings of the Second International  
Conference on the Arts and Humanities, January 2004.

"Comments on Robinson, Langton and Traditionalism on Things in  
Themselves," Southwest Philosophy Review vol. 18 (2002), pp. 147-151.

"The Limits of Gendered Reason," Grazer Philosophische Studien vol 57 (1999),  
pp. 237-273.

"Why Doesn't Kant Care About Natural Language?," Dialogue vol XL (2001),  
ppg. 25-51.

Klaus Reich, "Kant und Rousseau," Graduate Faculty Philosophy Journal  
(Translation with Introduction; vol. 23 no. 2).

"BonJour, Kant, and the A Priori," Disputatio no. 7 (Nov. 1999), pp. 40-53.

"Kant and Feminism," Kant-Studien vol 90 no. 3 (1999), pp. 322-353.

"Should the Skeptic Live His Skepticism? Nietzsche and Classical Skepticism,"  
Manuscripto vol. XXI no. 1 (1998), pp. 47-84.

"Kant's Dialectical Subject and the Bias Paradox," Contemporary Philosophy, vol. XIX, no. 1 & 2 (1997), pp. 15-21.

"Kant's Critical Model of the Experiencing Subject," Idealistic Studies vol. 25, no. 1 (Winter 1995), pp. 1-24.

"Was Wittgenstein a neo-Kantian? A Response to Professor Haller," Grazer Philosophische Studien vol. 45 (1993), pp. 187-202.

"Stoff and Nonsense in Kant's First Critique," History of Philosophy Quarterly, vol. 10, no. 1 (Jan. 1993), pp. 21-36.

"Nietzsche, Kant, and the Thing in Itself," International Studies in Philosophy, vol. XXV/2 (1993), pp. 66-77.

### **Music**

"Cover Songs": Ambiguity, Multivalence, Polysemy," Popular Musicology OnLine (<http://www.popular-musicology-online.com/issues/02/mosser.html>)

"Fred Bartenstein—The Right Place at the Right Time," Bluegrass Unlimited vol. 33 no. 11 (May 1999), pp. 26-34.

### **Pedagogy**

"Teaching the Bill of Rights in China," The History Teacher (forthcoming).

"Looking For A Fight: An Agonistic Strategy for Teaching," Teaching Philosophy Vol 29 no. 4 (2006).

"Looking for a Fight: An Agonistic Strategy for Teaching," International Journal of Case Method Research & Application (shorter version of above; forthcoming).

"The Noise of Battle: Talking Philosophy on the Internet." accepted at The Journal of the World Universities Forum (declined).

"Teaching Kant to Undergraduates: Some Notes," APA Newsletter on Teaching Philosophy, vol. 92, no. 3 (Fall 1993), pp.89-93.

### **Fiction**

"Wisteria." Winner of *Oakwood Register* Centennial Short Story Contest.

Everybody Wins (Book manuscript, under consideration.)

### **INVITED PAPERS**

"Individual and Society"; Nanjing [China] University of Finance and Economics, October 2007.

Comments on A.L. Morton's "Is Stretching 'Inference' A Stretch?,"  
Ohio Philosophical Association Meetings, April 2001.

Comments on Jeffrey Tiel's "The Dogma Of Kornblith's Naturalism," Ohio  
Philosophical Association Meetings, April 1999.

"Kant's Dialectical Subject and the Bias Paradox," Igleheart Lecture, University  
of Evansville, March, 1997.

"The Freedom of the Turnspit: Kant on Language, Spontaneity, and Freedom"  
Kentucky Foreign Language Conference, University of Kentucky, April 1996

Comments on Robert Levy's "Verificationism and Private Language," Ohio  
Philosophical Association Meetings, April 1996

## **REVIEWS**

Longuenesse, Beatrice. Kant and the Capacity to Judge: Sensibility and Discursivity in the Transcendental Analytic of the Critique of Pure Reason. Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie vol. XXXVI, No. 1 (January 1998).

Poellner, Peter. Nietzsche and Metaphysics. Journal of the History of Philosophy vol. XXXV no. 2 (April 1997).

Lehman, David. Signs of the Times. The Montana Professor, vol. I, no.3

## **PAPERS PRESENTED**

"The Carole King Paradox," part of "Allusion, Influence and the Ambiguity of Cover Songs in Popular Music" panel; American Musicological Society Meetings, Nashville, November 2008

"Kant's General Logic and Aristotle"

World Congress of Philosophy, Seoul, South Korea, July 2008 [declined]

"The Noise of Battle: Interactive Learning and the Internet"

World Congress of Philosophy, Seoul, South Korea, July 2008 [declined]

"Kant and the Logic of Aristotle"

Southwestern Philosophical Association Meetings, December 2006

Ohio Philosophical Association Meetings April 2006

Second International Conference on the Arts and the Humanities

Honolulu December 2003

"Looking for A Fight: An Agonistic Strategy for Teaching"

World Universities Forum Davos 2008 [virtual presentation]

23rd International Conference on Case Method Research and Application  
Melbourne 2005 [declined]

International Conference on Arts and Humanities April 2004[ declined]

"Can't Stop Me From Dreamin': Bluegrass and the Appalachian Migration,"

Southern Historical Association Meetings, November 2002

"On Knowing What is True"

University of Dayton Humanities Symposium, February 1998  
 "Kant's Dialectical Subject and the Bias Paradox"  
 REALIA Summer Conference, August 1997  
 Ohio Philosophical Association Meetings, April, 1997  
 University of Dayton Richard Baker Philosophy Colloquium, April, 1997  
 "Philosophy and the Prevention of Boredom"  
 University of Dayton Philosophy Honors Society, April 1997  
 "Should the Skeptic Live Her Skepticism? Nietzsche and Classical Skepticism"  
 Ohio Philosophical Association Meetings, April, 1995  
 University of Dayton, October, 1993  
 "Nietzsche, Kant, and the Thing in Itself"  
 North American Nietzsche Society, 1992 Central Division meetings of the  
 American Philosophical Association.  
 The University of Dayton, Feb. 1992.  
 "Stoff and Nonsense in Kant's First Critique" Ohio State University, April 1991.  
 Informal talk on Kant's Transcendental Logic; Western Michigan Univ., April  
 1990.

## **PAPERS SUBMITTED**

"You Can't Stop Me From Dreamin': Bluegrass and the Appalachian Migration" (submitted to The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society)

"Kant, Rousseau, and the 'Red Thread' of Autonomy (submitted to the International Kant-Gesellschaft meetings, Pisa, Italy)

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

|                                    |                                  |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Introduction to Philosophy         | Introduction to Ethics           |
| History of Modern Philosophy       | Informal Logic                   |
| Kant (seminar)                     | Symbolic Logic                   |
| Contemporary Metaphysics (seminar) | Epistemology                     |
| Business Ethics                    | Social and Political Philosophy  |
| Metaphysics                        | Philosophy of Language           |
| Science, Objectivity and Values    | Marxism                          |
| MBA Humanities Seminar             | Kant and 19th-Century Philosophy |
| Radical Philosophy                 | Philosophy of Film               |
| Philosophy of Music                | Existentialism                   |
| Philosophy of Religion             | Political Philosophy             |
| The A Priori (seminar)             | American Political Theory        |
| Philosophy of Human Nature         | [Nanjing University, PRC]        |
| Values and Economics               | Atheism (seminar)                |
| Twentieth Century Philosophy       |                                  |

### Directed Readings:

|                         |                                  |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Kant and Heidegger      | Logic, Rationality, and Feminism |
| The Theory of Reference | Nietzsche and His Critics        |

**SERVICE**

University of Dayton Research Council Seed Grant Committee (2009-2012)  
 Guest Lecturer, International Baccalaureate Program, Fairmont High School,  
 (September 2009)  
 Referee for Hypatia, Journal of the History of Philosophy, Inquiry, Canadian  
 Journal of Philosophy, University of Chicago Press  
 Faculty Hearing Committee on Grievances (2004-2008)  
 Summer Study Abroad Advisory Committee (2008)  
 Judge, Alumni Chair Award for Student Writing (2004-2008)  
 Panelist for film course, presenting on Godard's A Bout de Souffle  
 Coordinator, Social Justice Cluster (2000-2001)  
 Coordinator, Humanities Base Assessment (1999-2001)  
 Humanities Representative, Humanities Assessment committee (1999-2002)  
 Member, Philosophy Department Advisory Committee (1999-2000)  
 Humanities Representative, Faculty Board (1998-2001)  
 Participant in "Meeting of the Minds" as Kant; Humanities Symposium (2000)  
 Philosophy and Religious Studies Representative, Social Justice  
 Cluster Coordinating Committee (1998-1999)  
 Mini-courses: "Food and Film" Spring 2006  
                   "Bluegrass" Spring 2005  
                   "Culture in Crisis: the Problem of Relativism" Spring 1998  
 Participant, "Urban Plunge," March, 1998  
 Member: Advisory Committee Alumni Chair Humanities Symposium (1996-  
 1998)  
 Chair, Richard A. Baker Colloquium session (1995; 1997)  
 Advisor, Amnesty International (1995-2001)  
 Member: Values, Technology, & Society Cluster (1996-1998)  
 Host Family, Childrens International Summer Village (1997)  
 Advisor, Philosophy Club (1992-2000)  
 Member, Philosophy Department Advisory Committee (1994-1995)  
 Co-Coordinator, Humanities Reading Group (1994-1996)  
 Advisor for Undeclared First Year Students (1994-1995; 1997-1998)  
 Instructor, ASI 150 (First Year Experience) (1994; 1997)  
 Co-developer of Film and Humanities Program (1994-1995)  
 Presenter, Faculty Discussion Group  
                   Topic: "The Merits of Student Evaluations" (2000)  
                   Topic: "Is Nietzsche Worth Reading?" (1994)  
 Director of Honors Thesis for Andrew Graf (1994): "A Framework for  
 Contemporary Epistemology: Kant, Sellars, and the Myth of the Given"

**LANGUAGES**

German; French; some Latin

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Philosophical Association  
 Hume Society  
 North American Kant Society  
 North American Nietzsche Society  
 Radical Philosophy Association  
 Society for Analytic Feminism

### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

University of Dayton Course Development Grant (2009)  
 University of Dayton Research Grant-in-Aid (2007)  
 Cluster Coordinating Committee Grant (2003)  
 University of Dayton Summer Research Fellowship (2003)  
 University of Dayton Research Grant-in-Aid (2003)  
 Grant for the Study of Vocation (2003)  
 University of Dayton Summer Research Fellowship (1999)  
 University of Dayton Research Grant-in-Aid (1999)  
 University of Dayton Summer Research Fellowship (1997)  
 University of Dayton Research Grant-in-Aid (1997)  
 University of Dayton Summer Research Fellowship (1995)  
 University of Dayton Research Grant-in-Aid (1995)  
 NEH Summer Stipend (1994)  
 NEH Summer Study Grant (1994; declined)  
 University of Dayton Summer Research Fellowship (1994)  
 University of Dayton Research Grant-in-Aid (1994)  
 NEH Grant; Summer Seminar on Nietzsche (University of Illinois) (1991)  
 University of Chicago  
     University Fellowship 1983; University Grant 1984-1990  
 Southern Methodist University "M" Award  
     (outstanding contribution to University) (1979)

### **DISSERTATION**

The University of Chicago, accepted 1990  
 Title: Kant and Epistemology  
 Advisor: Manley Thompson  
 First Reader: Michael Forster  
 Second Reader: Christine Korsgaard