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Education:

Ph.D. Philosophy Emory University (1996)
M.A. Philosophy Emory University (1991)
B.A. Philosophy Middle Tennessee State University (1987), *summa cum laude*

Academic Positions:

Associate Professor Eastern Kentucky University 2004-present
Assistant Professor Eastern Kentucky University 1999-2004
Lecturer Georgia State University 1997-1999
Adjunct Professor Georgia State University 1991-1997
Adjunct Professor Clayton State University 1995-1997
Adjunct Professor Emory University 1991-1992
Teaching Assistant Emory University 1987-1991

I. Teaching:

Courses Taught at EKU

HON 102: Honors Rhetoric (co-taught)
HON 205: Honors Humanities I (co-taught)
HON 306: Honors Humanities II (co-taught)
HON 308W: Honors Humanity Seminar: God, Pleasure, and The Devil: Roads to Happiness in Medieval
Philosophy and Literature (co-taught)
PHI 100: Practical Reasoning
PHI 101 and 101R: Logic and Critical Reasoning
PHI 110: Beginning Philosophy
PHI 130: Beginning Ethics
PHI 310: Medieval Philosophy
PHI 320: Modern Philosophy
PHI 330: 20th Century Philosophy
PHI 371: Symbolic Logic
PHI 400: Metaphysics
PHI 490: Independent Study: Kant's First Critique
PHI 490: Independent Study: Locke on Reason and Authority
PHI 490: Independent Study: Philosophy and the Meaning of Life
PHI 490: Independent Study: Aquinas' Ethics
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PHI 490: Independent Study: Augustine's Theodicy
PHI 490: Independent Study: Augustine's Theodicy
PHI 490: Independent Study: Hegel's Philosophy of History
PHI 490: Independent Study: Heidegger and Existentialist Literature
PHI 490: Independent Study: Hellenistic Philosophy and Happiness
PHI 490: Independent Study: Philosophy of Mind
PHI 490: Independent Study: Schopenhauer's *World as Will and Representation*
PHI 490: Independent Study: The Ontological Argument
PHI 490: Independent Study: The Philosophy of Time
PHI 499: Senior Thesis: Aristotle on Becoming
PHI 499: Senior Thesis: Descartes and the Skeptics

PHI 499: Senior Thesis: Liberation in Spinoza and Krishnamurti
 PHI 499: Senior Thesis: Anselm's Proof
 PHI 499: Senior Thesis: Bayle and Leibniz on Faith and Reason
 PHI 499: Senior Thesis: Causality and the Uniformity of Nature
 PHI 499: Senior Thesis: Evil and the Orthodox Concept of God
 PHI 499: Senior Thesis: Freud and Theism
 PHI 499: Senior Thesis: Hobbes and Rousseau on Democracy
 PHI 499: Senior Thesis: Love
 PHI 499: Senior Thesis: Mill on Liberty
 PHI 499: Senior Thesis: Moral Particularism
 PHI 499: Senior Thesis: Moral Realism
 PHI 499: Senior Thesis: Omniscience and Freewill
 PHI 499: Senior Thesis: Philosophy and Sodomasochism
 PHI 499: Senior Thesis: Philosophy of Mind
 PHI 499: Senior Thesis: Reason and the Fear of Death
 PHI 499: Senior Thesis: Sartre and Hume on the Imagination
 PHI 499: Senior Thesis: Schopenhauer and the Mind/Body Problem
 PHI 499: Senior Thesis: The Divine Command Theory
 PHI 499: Senior Thesis: The Ethics of Germline Gene Therapy
 PHI 499: Senior Thesis: The Philosophical Anthropology of Classical Liberalism
 PHI 499: Senior Thesis: The Principle of Sufficient Reason
 PHI 499: Senior Thesis: Theism and Moral Realism
 PHI 499: Senior Thesis: Zombies and the Unicity of Form

Other Activities Related to Teaching:

Attended "Student Learning Objectives and Assessment" workshop (2005)
 Attended "Disruptive/Unethical Behavior: A Coordinated University Response" workshop (2004)
 Participated in the PT3 Grant : Preparing Technologically Skilled Novice Teachers (2002-3)

- Worked with Profs. Jose Varela and Manuel Cortes-Castaneda to design a technologically enhanced version of FCC 226 (Hispanic Culture and Civilization)
- Participated in PhotoShop, Beginning Blackboard, Powerpoint, Frontpage, MovieMaker II, Inspiration workshops

 Attended "Using Outcomes and Criteria in Course/Program Assessment" workshop (2002)
 Nominated for Critical Thinking Teacher of the Year 2015-2016

II. Service

Departmental:

- Philosophy General Education "Czar" (2019 – present)
- Philosophy Program Review Coordinator (2020- present)
- History, Philosophy and Religious Studies Departmental Curriculum Committee (2017 – present)
- Philosophy Department Academic Practices Committee (1999-2003; 2016-2017)
- Representative at Spotlight and the Majors Fair (1999-2017)
- Philosophy Department Chair (2005-2010)
- Organized meetings of the student Philosophy Club (2001-2005)
- Organized Faculty Reading Group (2001-2005)

College:

- College of Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences Curriculum Committee (2020-2021)
- College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee (2006- 2009; 2010-2013)
- College of Arts and Sciences Promotion and Tenure Committee (2010; 2017)
- Chair of Assistant Dean of Arts and Sciences Search Committee (2009)

- Dean of Arts and Sciences Search Committee (2007)
- Faculty Development Committee (2005-2006)
- Student Merit Award Committee (2005-2006)
- Sabbatical Review Committee (2000-2004)
- Arts and Humanities Research Award Committee (1999-2003)

University:

- Juror for Academic Practices Cases (2010-2012)
- Academic Technology Advisory (2006)
- Computer Communications Ethics Committee (2002-2005)

Professional:

- Professional, Kentucky Philosophical Association, Ad Hoc Reviewer/Referee. (2016-2018)
- Professional, Cogent Arts and Humanities Online Journal, Ad Hoc Reviewer/Referee. (2015).

Other Activities Related to Service:

Workshops:

- Orientation/Academic Advising (2005)
- Banner 101; Banner 104; Banner FO4 (2005)
- TracDat Workshop (2005)
- Macromedia Dreamweaver MX 2004 Extended Version workshop (2005)
- Chairs/Deans Workshop (2005)

L.S.A.T. logic coach (2004)

EKU Quick-Recall Tournament Judge (2001, 2002)

G.R.E logic coach with Ron Messerich (2000, 2001)

“Thoreau Reader” for ECU Dance Theatre Spring Concert (2001)

Faculty mentor for Boone’s Legacy online journal (2000-2002)

III. Scholarship

Dissertation:

"Spinoza's Doctrine of Immortality". Committee: Donald Rutherford (director), Thomas Flynn, Steven Strange, David Blumenfeld

Presentations:

"The God/Attribute Distinction in Spinoza's Metaphysics: A Defense of Causal Objectivism," (1) American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting, San Francisco, CA, April 1995. (2) Mid-South Philosophy Conference, Memphis, TN, February 1995.

Commentator on Norman Lillegard's "Leibnizian and Spinozistic Necessity," Mid-South Philosophy Conference, Memphis, TN, February 1995.

"The Mind's Eternity in Spinoza's Ethics," The Southeastern Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Spring Meeting, North Carolina State University, April 1996.

“Rationalism, Necessity, and the Principle of Sufficient Reason,” Jean Beer Blumenfeld Center for Ethics, Georgia State University, April 1998.

“Two Fundamental Principles in Spinoza’s Metaphysics,” Kentucky Philosophical Association, Bellarmine College, November 1999.

“Proving God with a Paper Clip: Rationalism and the Cosmological Argument,” Presentation, Adams Room, Eastern Kentucky University, November 1999.

“Capital Punishment Should be Abolished,” Debate, Adams Room, Eastern Kentucky University, February 2000.

“Romantic Love is Bad for Everybody,” Debate, Adams Room, Eastern Kentucky University, October 2002.

“Freedom of Speech is Neither of Intrinsic nor of any General Instrumental Value,” Debate, Adams Room, Eastern Kentucky University, March 2004

“Dawkin’s *God Delusion*: Chapter Three: The Arguments for God’s Existence”, ECU Book Club (February 2009)

"Comments on Williams and Aquinas on Immortality", Kentucky Philosophical Association, ECU Library. (April 2017).

“Lust and Sin in Abelard’s *Ethics*”, Philosophy and Religious Studies Roundtable Series (Oct. 2020)

Publications:

“The God/Attribute Distinction in Spinoza’s Metaphysics: A Defense of Causal Objectivism” in *History of Philosophy Quarterly*, vol. 13, January 1996, pp. 55-72.

“The Mind’s Eternity in Spinoza’s Ethics” published in *the Journal of the History of Philosophy*, vol. 38, July 2000, pp. 349-382.

Review of *The Role of God in Spinoza’s Metaphysics* by Sherry Deveaux in *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, vol. 46, July 2008, pp. 486-7.