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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Philosophy, University of Arkansas, May 2008

M.A., Philosophy, University of Arkansas, May 2004

B.A., English (Creative Writing), University of Arkansas, May 2002

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Professor, Department of History, Philosophy, and Religious Studies, Eastern Kentucky University, August 2018-present

Associate Professor, Philosophy, Department of Philosophy & Religion, Eastern Kentucky University, August 2012-July 2018 (tenure received August 2015)

Assistant Professor, Philosophy, Department of Philosophy & Religion, Eastern Kentucky University, August 2009-July 2012

Temporary Assistant Professor, Philosophy, Department of Philosophy & Religion, Truman State University (Missouri), August 2008-July 2009

Instructor, Philosophy, Division of Social & Behavioral Sciences, Northwest Arkansas Community College, June 2006-July 2008

Lecturer, Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, University of Arkansas, August 2007-May 2008

Teaching Assistant, Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, University of Arkansas, August 2002-May 2008

TEACHING: At EKU, through Fall 2023

<u>Course Prefix</u>	<u>Title and Number</u>	<u>Times Taught</u>
PHI 110	Beginning Philosophy	17
PHI 110W	Beginning Philosophy, Writing Intensive	5
PHI 130	Beginning Ethics	31
PHI 381	Animal Ethics	9
PHI 385	Environmental Ethics	7
PHI 390	Special Topics in Philosophy: Philosophers/Animals	1
PHI 390	Special Topics in Philosophy: Animal Minds	1
PHI 490	Independent Study: Meaning in Life	1
HON 101	The Examined Life	2
HON 102W	Honors Rhetoric*	19
HON 205W	Honors Humanities I, Writing Intensive*	4
HON 306W	Honors Humanities II, Writing Intensive*	4
HON 307W/308W	Arguing with Images (Honors Seminar)*	1
HON 307W/308W	Sound & Sense: How Music Means (Honors Seminar)	3

(Notes: Served as a facilitator for PHI 130 eCampus course in Fall 2022 (1 course equivalent). PHI 110 Fall 2010 & Fall 2011 were large sections; Class enrollment cap: 100. PHI 130 Summer 2012 taught at the Danville extension campus. Courses with an asterisk (*) were co-taught or team-taught.)

Additional courses taught at other institutions: University of Arkansas: Logic; Truman State: History of Western Philosophy II [Descartes-Kant], Philosophy & Public Affairs, Happiness & the Good Life

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Ethical Theory, Virtue Ethics, Environmental Ethics, Animal Ethics, Aesthetics & the Philosophy of Music

PUBLISHED WORKS

Scholarly Books:

With Sarah Schnitker. *The Virtue of Patience*. (Edited volume for The Virtues series edited by Nancy Snow and published by Oxford University Press, by invitation; in progress)

On Patience, Lanham, MD: Lexington Books (2016)

Journal Articles and Book Chapters:

“What’s the Point if We’re All Going to Die? Pessimism, Moderation, and the Reality of the Past,” *Journal of Philosophy of Life* 14(1) (2024): pp. 14-34,
<https://www.philosophyoflife.org/202402.html>

“Imagination, Aspects, and Fellow Creatures: Wittgenstein in Diamond’s Animal Ethic,” In: *Wittgenstein and Contemporary Moral Philosophy*, ed. Richard Rowland and Jonathan Beal, Routledge (forthcoming)

“Moral Courage.” In: *Bioethics in Physical Therapy: A Reader*, ed. Kate Johnson, Cognella (2023)

“Conviction, Contemplation, and ‘Making a Difference,’” In: *Bias, Belief, and Conviction in an Age of Fake Facts*, ed. Manuela Wagner and Anke Finger, Routledge (2022)

“Patience and Practical Wisdom,” In: *The Bright and the Good*, ed. Audrey Anton, Rowman and Littlefield International, pp. 277-291 (2018)

“Nietzschean Patience,” *The Journal of Value Inquiry* 50(1), pp. 141-152 (2016)

“Ethics Beyond Sentience,” *Chautauqua Journal* 1, Article 6:
<http://encompass.eku.edu/tcj/vol1/iss1/6/> (2016)

“The Virtues of the Twelve Steps,” In: *Sobering Wisdom: Philosophical Explorations of Twelve-Step Spirituality*, ed. Jerome Miller and Nicholas Plants, University of Virginia Press (2015)

“Intuitions, Experience, and Moral Concepts: A Critique of Kaspar’s *Intuitionism*,” *Reason Papers* 37(2), pp. 36-46 (2015)

“In Defense of Patience,” In: *Epictetus: His Continuing Influence and Contemporary Relevance*, ed. Dane B. Gordon and David B. Suits, Rochester, NY: RIT Press, pp. 89-104 (2014)

- “Humility and Environmental Ethics,” In: *Virtues in Action: New Essays in Applied Virtue Ethics*, ed. Michael W. Austin, Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 132-150 (2013)
- “Integrity and Struggle,” *Philosophia*, 40 (2), pp. 319-336 (2012)
- “Moral Courage and Facing Others,” *International Journal of Philosophical Studies*, 20(2), pp. 165-184 (2012) (winner of the Robert Papazian Annual Essay Prize on Themes from Ethics and Political Philosophy)
- “Moral Conviction,” *Journal of Applied Philosophy*, 28(4), pp. 381-395 (2011)
- “Comparing Lives: Rush Rhees on Humans and Animals,” *Philosophical Investigations*, 34(3), pp. 287-311 (2011)
- “Speaking for Oneself: Wittgenstein on Ethics,” *Inquiry*, 54(3), pp. 252-276 (2011)
- “Moral Conviction and Disagreement,” In: *Communities of Peace: Confronting Injustice and Creating Justice*, ed. Danielle Poe, Rodopi Press, pp. 43-51 (2011)
- “Against the Intrinsic Value of Pleasure,” *The Journal of Value Inquiry*, 23(1), pp. 33-39 (2009)
- “Moral Realism and Ways of Life,” *Southwest Philosophy Review*, 24(1), pp. 71-78 (2009)
- “Moral Blindness and Moral Progress,” *Review Journal of Political Philosophy*, 5, pp. 99-119 (2007)
- “Moral Conflict and the Indeterminacy of Morality,” *Southwest Philosophy Review*, 23(1), pp. 207-214 (2007)
- “Wittgenstein, Ethics, and Nonsense,” *Analysis and Metaphysics*, 6, pp. 340-347 (2007) (translated into Romanian in *Analele Universității Spiru Haret, Studii de Filosofie*, 10, (2008), pp. 275-281)

Other published works:

Online Essays:

“W.D. Ross’s Ethics of ‘Prima Facie’ Duties.” *1000-Word Philosophy*. Published July 3, 2023: <https://1000wordphilosophy.com/2023/07/03/prima-facie-duties/>

“The Meaning of Life: What’s the Point?” *1000-Word Philosophy*. Published February 6, 2023: <https://1000wordphilosophy.com/2023/02/06/meaning-of-life/>

“Meaning in Life: What Makes Our Lives Meaningful?” *1000-Word Philosophy*. Published October 31, 2022: <https://1000wordphilosophy.com/2022/10/31/meaning-in-life/>

Magazine Articles:

“In Defense of Intolerance,” *Philosophy Now*, 79, pp. 13-15 (2010)

“Happiness, Virtue, and Tyranny,” *Philosophy Now*, 68, pp. 6-9 (2008)

“Contemplating Suicide,” *Clamor*, 25, pp. 33-34 (2004)

Book Reviews:

Review of Emrys Westacott, *The Wisdom of Frugality*, in: *The Philosopher’s Magazine*, 77, pp. 113-115 (2017)

“Happiness, Goodness, and the Best Things in Life: A Review of Some Recent Books.” *Teaching Philosophy* 39(2), pp. 209-220 (2016)

Review of Geoffrey Scarre, *On Courage*, *Philosophy in Review* 32(2), pp. 133-135. (2012)

Review of Kwame Anthony Appiah, *The Honor Code: How Moral Revolutions Happen*, in: *The Philosopher’s Magazine*, 52, pp. 103-104 (2011)

Reviews for *Metapsychology*, ed. Christian Perring, <http://metapsychology.mentalhelp.net>, ISSN 1931-5716):

- Russ Shafer-Landau (ed.), *Ethical Theory*, November 2007
- John F. Schumaker, *In Search of Happiness*, June 2007
- Richard Double, *Metaethical Subjectivism*, June 2006
- Nomy Arpaly, *Unprincipled Virtue: An Inquiry Into Moral Agency*, August 2005
- Barry Rosenfeld, *Assisted Suicide and the Right to Die*, June 2005
- Alan Millar, *Understanding People: Normativity and Rationalizing Explanation*, May 2005
- Thomas Szasz, *Fatal Freedom: The Ethics and Politics of Suicide*, January 2005
- Jonathan Lear, *Therapeutic Action: An Earnest Plea For Irony*, November 2004
- Edwin S. Shneidman, *Autopsy of a Suicidal Mind*, July 2004

ORAL PAPERS PRESENTED/INVITED LECTURES

* = peer-reviewed paper; ^ = paper accepted on basis of peer-reviewed abstract

“Collective Mortality and the Point of Living”

- Fifth International Conference on Philosophy and Meaning in Life, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, June 28-30, 2023 (online)^
- Kentucky Philosophical Association, Brescia University, Owensboro, KY, March 31-April 1, 2023*

“Being (a) Patient,” Patience Workshop, Baylor University, April 22, 2022 (online, invited)

“Modeling Meaninglessness: The Uses and Abuses of Sisyphus”

- Kentucky Philosophical Association, Morehead State University, April 9, 2022*
- Tennessee Philosophical Association (Vanderbilt University), Online, November 20, 2021*

“Imagination, Aspects, and Fellow Creatures: Wittgenstein in Diamond’s Animal Ethic,” Zoom workshops on *Wittgenstein and Contemporary Moral Philosophy*, Hosted by Jonathan Beale (Eton College) and Richard Rowland (University of Leeds), June 10, 2021 (invited)

- “Overcoming Sisyphus,” Kentucky Philosophical Association 2020 meeting (conference canceled: covid-19)*
- “Finding Time for Patience in a Busy World,” ECU Chautauqua Lecture, March 5, 2020
- “Wholeness: Putting the Pieces Together,” Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Madison County, Richmond, KY, April 28, 2019 (invited)
- “Conviction, Contemplation, and ‘Making a Difference,’” The Conviction Workshop, St. Petersburg, FL, February 2019 (Part of the Templeton Foundation funded project Conviction and Humility in Public Life) (invited)
- “A Taoist Critique of Socrates,” Kentucky Philosophical Association, Thomas More College, April 14, 2018*
- “The Emergence of Meaning,” Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Madison County, Richmond, KY, April 8, 2018 (invited)
- “The Consolations of Instrumental Music”:
 - American Society for Aesthetics Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, November 2017*
 - Kentucky Philosophical Association, Eastern Kentucky University, April 1, 2017*
- “The Consolations of Music,” University of Arkansas Department of Philosophy, Fayetteville, Arkansas, March 13, 2017 (invited)
- “The Ancient Art of Stoic Joy,” Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Madison County, Richmond, KY, February 12, 2017 (invited)
- “Against Detachment: The Exploratory and Embodied Value of (Instrumental) Music,” American Society for Aesthetics Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, November 2016*
- “Intuitions, Experience, and Moral Concepts: A Critique of Kaspar’s *Intuitionism*,” Author-Meets-Critics Symposium on David Kaspar’s *Intuitionism*, Jacques Marchais Museum of Tibetan Art, Staten Island, NY, June 2014 (invited)
- “Why Patience is Always a Virtue,” Kentucky Philosophical Association, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY, April 2014*
- “Nietzschean Patience,” Tennessee Philosophical Association, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, October 2013*
- “Patience: How Far Can We Go?” Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Madison County, Richmond, KY, May 26, 2013 (invited)
- “Patience as/and Constancy: How Far Can We Go?”
 - 39th Conference on Value Inquiry, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY, April 2013*
 - Kentucky Philosophical Association, Annual Conference, Transylvania University, Lexington, KY, March 2013*

- “Animals and Moral Agency: Which theory? Whose values?” Animal Ethics Workshop: Beastly Morality, Emory University Center for Ethics, Atlanta, GA, April 2013^A
- “Putting Them Out of Their Misery: A Critique of ‘Knockout Livestock,’” Living with Animals Conference, Eastern Kentucky University, March 2013^A
- “Nursing People Versus Saving Nature?” presentation to senior nursing course NSC 495: Professional Role Transitions, Eastern Kentucky University, November 26, 2012 (invited by student)
- “Beyond Waiting: Patience and Moral Development”:
 - Indiana Philosophical Association, University of Indianapolis, November 2012*
 - Tennessee Philosophical Association, Vanderbilt University, November 2012*
- “In Defense of Patience,” Epictetus and Stoicism: Continuing Influences and Contemporary Relevance, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY, April 2012*
- “Moral Courage and Facing Others,” Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Madison County, Richmond, KY, March 11, 2012 (invited)
- “Environmental Ethics & Animal Ethics: Basic Concepts and Research Principles,” presentation to graduate course EDF 807: Research Ethics for Graduate Students, Eastern Kentucky University, February 1, 2012 (invited)
- “Humility and Moral Disagreement,” Tennessee Philosophical Association, Nashville, TN, November 2011*
- “Integrity & Struggle”:
 - 37th Conference on Value Inquiry, Creighton University, Omaha, NE, April 2011*
 - Kentucky Philosophical Association, Thomas More College, Crestview Hills, KY, November 2010*
- “Standing by One’s Convictions,” Ohio Philosophical Association, Annual Conference, University of Dayton, Dayton, OH, April 2011, Session 7*
- “Must We Always Stand by Our Convictions?” Tennessee Philosophical Association, Nashville, TN, November 2010*
- “Moral Reflection and the Undiscussable,” 36th Annual Conference on Value Inquiry, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL, April 2010, Session: “Torture”^A
- “Understanding without Agreement,” Ohio Philosophical Association, Annual Conference, Northern Ohio University, Ada, OH, April 2010, Session 3*
- “Moral Conviction and Disagreement: Getting Beyond (Negative) Toleration,” Concerned Philosophers for Peace Conference, University of Dayton, Dayton, OH, November 2009, Session 5-A^A
- “Moral Conviction and Character,” Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress II, University of Colorado Boulder, Boulder, CO, August 2009, Session 11^A

“Happiness and the Environment,” Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference: The Environment, University of Idaho and Washington State University, Moscow, ID, May 2009, Session: “Virtue Ethics and the Environment Mini-Conference”*

“Happiness and Sustainability,” Conference on Human Flourishing and Restoration in the Age of Global Warming, Clemson University, Clemson, SC, September 2008, Parallel Session 3: “Flourishing for Tomorrow”^A

“Moral Realism and Ways of Life”:

- American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2008*
- Southwestern Philosophical Society Conference, San Antonio, TX, November 2007, Session III-A*

“A Non-Cognitive Realism? - Hume on Moral Feeling,” Society for Student Philosophers' Group Session at the American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2007, Session GV-5*

“Moral Conflict and the Indeterminacy of Morality,” Southwestern Philosophical Society Conference, Nashville, TN, November 2006, Session VI*

“Feeling and Moral Perception,” Northwest Conference on Philosophy, Seattle University, Seattle, WA, October 2005, Session 2*

“Wittgenstein, Ethics, and Nonsense,” Midsouth Philosophy Conference, University of Memphis, Memphis, TN, February 2005*

“What Do We Need Happiness For?” St. Louis University Department of Philosophy Graduate Student Conference, St. Louis, MO, September 2004*

OTHER PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS/WORKSHOPS

Patience Workshop, Baylor University and the Templeton Religious Trust, Snoqualmie, WA, Oct. 1-3, 2023 (panel participant)

2021 Patience Workshop, Baylor University and the Templeton Religious Trust, San Diego, CA, August 11, 2021 (invited participant/consultant)

“Animal Rights and the Concept of Dignity,” Roundtable on Zoom, Groupe de Recherche en Ethique Environnementale et Animale, University of Montreal, July 6, 2021 (attendee)

“Teaching Controversial Subjects in the Animal Studies Classroom,” Breakout Session Facilitator, Living With Animals Conference, ECU, March 22, 2013

“Epistemic Norms and Values,” March 26, 2011, attendee, University of Tennessee-Knoxville

Presentations for ECU Philosophy and Religious Studies Roundtable Series:

- “Livin’ on the Edge: The Philosophy of Time and Meaning” (Sept. 2023)
- With Laura Newhart and Gene Kleppinger, “Is the College Essay Dead? Teaching, Writing, and Thinking in the Age of ChatGPT” (Jan. 2023)
- “Recent Debates About the Meaning of Life” (March 2022)
- With Laura Newhart, Mike Austin, Todd Gooch, and Gene Kleppinger, “The Journey to Philosophy” (March 2021), online

- With Mike Austin, “Stoic Philosophy and the Covid-19 Pandemic: Thriving in Times of Uncertainty” (Sept. 2020), online
- “Eating Meat and Eating People” (January 2020)
- “The Myth of Sisyphus Revisited” (August 2019)
- “The Paradox of Socrates” (September 2018)

STUDENT SUPERVISION (Scholarly/Creative Activities)

- Jacob Jimenez, Honors Thesis (Spring 2023-Fall 2023)
Topic: Technology and Ethics
- Devin Grimsley, Philosophy Thesis (Fall 2021-Spring 2022)
Topic: Environmental Ethics & Technology
- Aidan Barbour, Philosophy Thesis (Fall 2021-Spring 2022)
Topic: Suicide & Pessimism
- Raven Polk, Philosophy Thesis (Spring 2021)
Topic: Meaning in Life/Susan Wolf
- Raven Polk, Independent Study (PHI 490), Fall 2020
Topic: Meaning in Life
- Lauren Burgel, Philosophy Thesis (Fall 2017)
Topic: Vegetarianism
- Daniel Hassall, Philosophy & Honors Thesis (Fall 2016-Fall 2017)
Topic: Existentialist Responses to Nihilism
- Anthony Jeck, Philosophy Thesis (Fall 2015-Spring 2016)
Title: Conflicts between Parental Rights and Physician Duty to Care in Healthcare Settings
- Jordan Jung, Honors Thesis (Fall 2015-Spring 2016)
Title: Visual Identity: Creating a Visual Identity for Corbin, Kentucky
- Jacob Greer, Philosophy Senior Thesis (Fall 2014-Spring 2015)
Title: On Sapience and *Pan Troglodytes* [Animal Minds & Ethics]
- Sara Berge, Honors Thesis (Fall 2014-Spring 2015)
Title: The Veterinarian's Dilemma: A Feminist Care Ethic Approach to Healthy Animal Euthanasia
- John Charles Leabo, Honors Thesis (Spring 2013-Spring 2014)
Title: The Search for Beauty: A Philosophical Analysis of Beauty and Aesthetics

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

Departmental:

- Third Year Review Committee, Spring 2020-Spring 2021
- Advisory Committee, Fall 2019-Spring 2021, Fall 2022-Spring 2024
- Organizer, Philosophy and Religious Studies Roundtable Series, September 2018-present
- Department Webpage Content Manager, August 2009-present (continuing)
- Faculty Senate, serving as one-year replacement, 2018-2019
- Chair, Department of Philosophy & Religion Promotion and Tenure Committee, 2016-2017
- Faculty Senate, August 2010-May 2016

- Department Representative, EKV Spotlight: Sept. 2009, Dec. 2010, Oct. 2011, Oct. 2012, Oct. 2014

College:

- EKV Arts & Science College Research and Faculty Development Committee, 2015-2016

University:

- Member, Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC), August 2011-present

Other:

- Judge, EKV Bioethics Bowl, October 26, 2019
- Coordinator, EKV Mountain Music Jam (sponsored by EKV Appalachian Studies Program), August 2016-April 2018
- Advisory Board Member, Environmental Sustainability & Stewardship Minor Program, 2012
- Co-organizer and Co-discussant, with Mike Austin, Nancy McKenney, and Mixon Ware, TLC Roundtable, "Teaching Controversial Subjects," February 7, 2011
- Moderator, EKV Library Article Discussion Series:
 - Daniel Bartels and David Pizzaro, "The Mismeasure of Morals," October 2011
 - Jeff McMahan, "The Meat-Eaters," October 2010 (noted in *Eastern Progress* 10/7/2010, A6)
 - Judith Lichtenberg, "Moral Certainty," September 2009

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Leadership:

President, Kentucky Philosophical Association, 2015-2016

Vice President, Kentucky Philosophical Association, 2014-2015

Editorial:

Co-Editor (with Edward Minar), *Philosophical Topics*, Vol. 38(1) (Spring 2010)

Editorial Assistant for *Philosophical Topics*, August 2007-July 2008

Associate Editor, *Chautauqua Journal*, edited by Minh Nguyen, EKV Chautauqua Lecture

Coordinator (2011-2012)

Refereeing and Reviewing:

Journals and Professional Organizations:

- *American Political Science Review*, 2018
- *British Journal of Aesthetics*, 2016
- *Diametros*, 2014
- *Environmental Values*, 2014, 2015 (2), 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021
- *Ethical Theory & Moral Practice*, 2017
- *Ethics, Policy & Environment*, 2013, 2022
- Indiana Philosophical Association, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2018
- *Inquiry*, 2011
- Kentucky Philosophical Association, Spring 2011, Fall 2011, Spring 2012
- *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*, 2019
- *Journal of Happiness Studies*, 2013
- *Journal of Social Philosophy*, 2015
- *The Journal of Value Inquiry*, 2013, 2014, 2021
- *Mosaic: A journal for the interdisciplinary study of literature*, 2011

- *Neuroethics*, 2010
- *Philosophia*, 2009, 2014, 2015
- *Philosophical Papers*, 2020
- *Political Studies*, 2015
- *Ratio*, 2023
- *Society & Animals*, 2013, 2014
- *South African Journal of Philosophy*, 2022, 2023
- *Teaching Philosophy*, 2013, 2015, 2018 (2)

Other review work:

- Manuscript reviewer for Oxford University Press, 2023
- Textbook reviewer for Oxford University Press, 2022
- Scholarly book proposal reviewer for Oxford University Press, 2019
- Manuscript reviewer for Bloomsbury, 2019
- External reviewer of tenure application for Bellarmine University Philosophy Department, 2017
- Scholarly book proposal reviewer for Bloomsbury, 2016
- Textbook reviewer for Oxford University Press, 2016
- Scholarly book proposal reviewer for Routledge, 2016
- Textbook proposal reviewer for Oxford University Press, 2009 & 2015
- Textbook proposal reviewer for Routledge, 2014
- Textbook reviewer for Rowman & Littlefield, 2012

Conference Commentaries:

- Comments on Rickey Ray, "Meaningfulness as *Sub Specie Aeternitatis*: A Wittgensteinian Proposal," Kentucky Philosophical Association, Richmond, KY, April 2017
- Comments on Kiran Bhardwaj, "Hope for the Morally (and Otherwise) Unpleasant," Kentucky Philosophical Association, Louisville, KY, April 2016
- Comments on Jerome Langguth, "The Barbarian and the Nightingale: Aesthetic Disappointment in Danto and Kant," Joint Meeting of the Kentucky Philosophical Association and the Indiana Philosophical Association, Owensboro, KY, April 2015
- Comments on Gregory Bock, "Bioethics and Respect for Tradition," Tennessee Philosophical Association, Nashville, TN, October 2012
- Comments on Jacob Bethem, "Distinguishing Sportsmanship," Tennessee Philosophical Association, Nashville, TN, November 2010

Session Chair:

- Session Chair, "Making Decisions for Animals," Living with Animals Conference, ECU, March 2015
- Session Chair, "Ethics toward Animals," Living With Animals Conference, ECU, March 2013
- Session Chair, "Nietzsche and Pacifism," and "Moral Disagreement and Fairness," Conference on Value Inquiry, Omaha, NE, April 2011
- Session Chair, "War and Genocide," Conference on Value Inquiry, Carbondale, IL, April 2010
- Session Chair, "The Need of Philosophy in Hegel," Southwestern Philosophical Society Conference, November 2006

Other Professional Service:

- Local Coordinator, Kentucky Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, Eastern Kentucky University, April 1, 2017
- Steering Committee, Living With Animals Conference, ECU, March 2013
- Webmaster for Kentucky Philosophical Association, April 2011-present (continuing)

PROFESSIONALLY RELATED COMMUNITY SERVICE

Mentor for Model Lab School Senior Student Project, Alexandra Rininger, Cosmetic Testing on Animals, Spring 2017
Mentor for Model Lab School Senior Student Project, Lydia Coleman, Feminism in Christianity, Spring 2016
Mentor for Model Lab School Senior Student Project, Student: Raymond White, Project: "Westboro Baptist Church," Spring 2013
Mentor for Model Lab School Senior Student Project, Student: Eric Yoder, Project: "The Paradox of the Prisoners' Dilemma," Spring 2012

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Kentucky Philosophical Association, 2011-present
American Society for Aesthetics, 2016-2018
American Philosophical Association, 2007-2010

HONORS AND AWARDS

EKU Critical Thinking Teacher of the Year, 2015 (teaching)
Nominee, Golden Apple Award, ECU Housing, 2014 (teaching)
Nominee, ECU Critical Thinking Teacher of the Year, 2014 (teaching)
Excellence in Research and Creative Activities Award, College of Arts and Sciences, ECU, August 2013 (scholarly)
Nominee, Golden Apple Award, ECU Housing, 2013 (teaching)
Robert Papazian Annual Essay Prize on Themes from Ethics and Political Philosophy for "Moral Courage and Facing Others," January 2102 (scholarly)
Nominee, ECU Critical Thinking Teacher of the Year, 2012 (teaching)
Nominee, ECU Critical Thinking Teacher of the Year, 2011 (teaching)
Junior Faculty Summer Research Award, 2011, College of Arts and Sciences, ECU, Project: "Conviction and Humility" (scholarly)
Junior Faculty Summer Research Award, 2010, College of Arts and Sciences, ECU, Project: "Conviction and Integrity" (scholarly)
Best Proposal by a Graduate Student, Conference on Human Flourishing and Restoration in the Age of Global Warming, September 2008 (scholarly)
Graduate Student Travel Stipend, Central APA Meeting, April 2008
Philip S. Bashor Scholarship, for outstanding graduate work in the University of Arkansas Philosophy Department, April 2006 (scholarly)
Thomas Vernon Award, for outstanding teaching by a graduate assistant in the University of Arkansas Philosophy Department, April 2005 (teaching)
Magna Cum Laude, 2002, University of Arkansas
Chancellor's Scholar, 1998-2002, University of Arkansas

OTHER ACTIVITIES/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Professional Development Activities (as Attendee/Participant):

Workshops and Roundtables at the ECU Teaching and Learning Center, TLI, and/or Noel Studio:

- Fall 2023 Teaching Symposium: “An Introduction to Generative Artificial Intelligence in Education,” FCTL (8/7/23), half-day event
- “ChatGPT & AI Panel Discussion,” TLI (2/8/23)
- “Visual Thinking Through the Use of Mind Maps,” FCT&L, Chad Foster (9/24/21)
- “Ungrading Tests Your Deepest Teaching Convictions (If You Dare),” Noel Studio, Matt Winslow (3/12/21)
- “Using the Zoom Annotate/Whiteboard Features,” Noel Studio, Brad Powell (2/25/21)
- “Critically Reading the Screen” TLI/QEP Workshop, Jill Parrott (9/18/19)
- “Asking the Right Questions to Develop Critical Readers,” TLI/QEP Workshop, Eileen Shanahan and Jill Parrott (2/12/19)
- “Course Preparation Assignments,” TLI Workshop, Jill Parrot (2/5/19)
- “Culturally Responsive Teaching in the Classroom,” Maria del Carmen Salazar (5/18/17)
- “What I Learned at SXSWedu,” Matthew Winslow, Faculty Innovator (4/21/16)
- “Incorporating Metacognition into Your Classroom,” Noel Studio & ECU TLC (2/11/16)
- “Teaching Creatively,” Noel Studio & ECU TLC (3/27/14)
- “Flipping the Classroom 101,” Noel Studio & ECU TLC (2/13/14)
- “Helping Students Become Strategic Readers” (9/20/13)
- “Working with Academic Integrity” (8/25/10)
- “Dealing with students with distress” (10/6/09)
- “Becoming an effective scholar” (9/15/09)
- “Understanding the typical ECU student” (8/25/09)

Webinars and Online Courses:

- “Five Myths About Stoicism,” with Nancy Sherman and Lewis Vaughn, Webinar from Oxford University Press, 10/14/21
- “Animal Behaviour and Welfare,” University of Edinburgh Coursera online course, completed 9/4/14

Honors Faculty Workshop, ECU Honors Program (5/10/21)

Honors Faculty Workshop, ECU Honors Program (5/14/19)

Honors Rhetoric Workshop, ECU Honors Program (5/15/18)

Honors Faculty Workshop, ECU Honors Program (5/16/17)

Honors Faculty Workshop, ECU Honors Program (5/19/15)

Honors Faculty Workshop, ECU Honors Program (5/13/14)

Honors Faculty Workshop, ECU Honors Program (5/14/13)

“Integrating Technology in Teaching,” ECU College of Arts & Sciences (1/10/13)

Honors Faculty Workshop, ECU Honors Program (5/8/12)

ECU QEP workshops:

- “Foundational Workshop on Critical Thinking” (10/20/10)
- “Taking It to the Streets: Critical/Creative Thinking Tips for Your Classroom” (2/24/10)

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