

Curriculum Vitae

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CURRENT POSITION

Lecturer in Philosophy and the Humanities, University College, University of Central Arkansas, August 2008-present.

EDUCATION

PhD, Philosophy, University of Missouri, Columbia, May 2007.

MA, Philosophy, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, December 1993.

BA, Political Science and International Relations, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, December 1987.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Ethics, Metaphysics, Social and Political Philosophy.

AREAS OF TEACHING COMPETENCE

History of Philosophy, Logic, Nineteenth Century Philosophy, Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Science.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Academic Advisor, College of Liberal Arts, University of Central Arkansas, August 2004-2010.

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy and Religion Department, University of Central Arkansas, 2007-2008.

Instructor, Department of Philosophy and Religion, University of Central Arkansas, 2002-2007.

Associate Instructor, Department of Philosophy, University of Missouri, 1999-2002.

Teaching Assistant, Department of Philosophy, University of Missouri, 1997-1999.

Adjunct Instructor, Department of History, Political Science, and Philosophy, Lincoln University, Spring 1998.

MEMBERSHIPS

American Association of Philosophy Teachers.

American Philosophical Association.

Association for Political Theory.

Institute for Ethics and Emerging Technologies.

International Association for Computing and Philosophy.

International Network for Philosophy and Bioethics.

COURSES TAUGHT

Contemporary Moral Problems, General Introduction to Philosophy, Human Rights: Citizenship and Violence, Introduction to Ethics, Logic and Critical Thinking, Marx, Medical Ethics, Metaphysics, Philosophy for Living, Philosophy of Mind.

PUBLICATIONS

- "Transhumanism: or, Is It Right to Make a Spider-Man?" in *Spider-Man and Philosophy* (ed. Jonathan Sanford) Blackwell, Forthcoming, Summer 2012.
- "McElligot's Pool: Epistemology (With Fish!)" in *Dr. Seuss and Philosophy* (ed. Jacob M. Held) Rowman and Littlefield, Forthcoming, Fall 2011.
- "Rebellion in Sal-ma-Sond: The Social Contract and a Turtle Named 'Mack'" in *Dr. Seuss and Philosophy* (ed. Jacob M. Held) Rowman and Littlefield, Forthcoming, Fall 2011.
- "Hate Crimes and Terror: The Case of Terry Berg" in *Green Lantern and Philosophy* (ed. Jane Dryden and Mark D. White) Blackwell, Forthcoming, Spring 2011.
- "Iron Man in a Chinese Room: Does Living Armor Think?" in *Iron Man and Philosophy: Facing the Stark Reality* (ed. Mark D. White) Blackwell, April, 2010.
- "Fate at the Bottom of a Bottle: Alcohol, Choice, and Tony Stark" in *Iron Man and Philosophy: Facing the Stark Reality* (ed. Mark D. White) Blackwell, April, 2010.
- "Why Good Help is Hard to Find: Henchmen, Friends, and Aristotle" in *Supervillains and Philosophy: Sometimes, Evil is its own Reward* (ed. Ben Dyer) Open Court, September 2009.
- "What is it like to be a Batman?" in *Batman and Philosophy: The Dark Knight of the Soul* (ed. Mark D. White and Robert Arp) Blackwell, June 2008.
- (Reprinted in *The Philosophers' Magazine*, January 2009).
- Contemporary Moral Problems*, (ed. Peter J. Mehl, Ron Novy, and Phillip Spivey) Kendall Hunt, May 2004.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- "Ticking Time Bombs, Knowledge, and What's Wrong with 24," Midsouth Philosophy Conference, University of Memphis, February 2008.
- "Why We Cannot Have Ethical Responsibilities to Texts," Tenth Annual Conference of the English Graduate Student Association: The Cultural Studies vs. Aesthetics Debate. University of Missouri, March 2001.

"On Goffstein's "Reconstructing Habermas, Wittgenstein, and Zen: Toward a Critical Communicative Spirituality," Society for Social and Political Philosophy, University of Missouri, March 1998.

"Denial and Negation: Anti-Semitism in Marx's *On the Jewish Question*," Society for Social and Political Philosophy, Central Methodist College, Fayette, MO, June 1997.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

"Philosophical Reflections on Artificial Intelligence: A Panel Discussion," Philosophy and Religion Lecture Series, University of Central Arkansas, November 2008.

"Ticking Time Bombs and the Use of Torture," Philosophy and Religion Lecture Series, University of Central Arkansas, November 2007.

"What's So Dangerous about Charles Darwin: A Quick Sketch of Some Big Ideas," International Darwin Day Annual Lecture, University of Central Arkansas, February 2007.

"Feminist Epistemology," Seminar in Feminist Philosophy, University of Central Arkansas, November 2006.

"Habeas Corpus and the War on Terror," Mid-South Conference, Young Democratic Socialists of America, University of Central Arkansas, October 2006.

"The Politics of Hurricane Katrina," Mid-South Conference, Young Democratic Socialists of America, University of Central Arkansas, October 2005.

"Is Evolution a Threat to Morality?" Honors College Colloquium, University of Central Arkansas, April 2005.

"Four Traditional Arguments Condemning Homosexuality," Co-presenter, TALK Conference, Regional LGBT College and University Training, University of Central Arkansas, November 2004.

CURRENT RESEARCH

My current research interests are two-fold: first, the political, ethical, and personal identity implications of emerging technologies and the cyborgization of mind and body; second, the relation of popular culture, particularly film and graphic novels, to philosophy.