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FORMAL EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of Kansas, 1976.
M.Phil. in Philosophy, University of Kansas, 1973.
Thirty graduate hours in History, University of Tulsa, 1965-69.
Additional Undergraduate work in History and Education, 1959-1965.
B.A. in Philosophy, University of Tulsa, 1959.
NEH Seminar, Washington University, 1977.
NEH Seminar, University of Maryland, 1980.
Nine extension credit hours in the Russian Language.
Two semesters of Mandarin Chinese

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Professor of Philosophy, University of Central Arkansas, 1987-present.
Associate Professor of Philosophy, UCA, 1977-86.
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, UCA, 1972-76.
Instructor at Moscow State Pedagogical University, Russia, Fall, 1989.
Part-time Instructor, Maple Woods Community College, 1971.
Three years Graduate Assistant, University of Kansas, 1969-72.
Eight years Social Studies Instructor, Alma High School, AR , 1961-69.
Off-campus Summer teaching:
 University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, 1978.
 University of Arkansas at Little Rock, 1981.
 Arkansas Governor's School, 1981-84.

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Chair of the Department of Philosophy, University of Central Arkansas, 1986-2001.
Interim Director of the Office for International Programs, UCA, 1994.
Director of Russian Exchange Program, UCA, 1991-99.
Interim Chair of the Department of Philosophy, UCA, 1983-86.
Chief Editor and Manager of the Southwest Philosophy Review, 1987-94.
Director and creator of two AEGIS programs for high school gifted and talented (with budgets of over \$40,000 each), 1985 and 1986.
University Governance Activities:
 Faculty Senate member, 1985.
 Faculty Council member, 1976-81.
 Several Academic committees including College Curriculum Committee, College Five-Year Plan Committee, University Sabbatical Leave Review Committee, Economics and Social Sciences Re-organization Committee, Committee on Committees, and various scholarship committees, search and screen committees and advisory committees.

Recipient of grant from The Center for Religion and Natural Science to create and teach course in science and religion.

Director and creator of the UCA Humanities Fair, 2001.

Chair of the Social Studies Division for Alma Public Schools, Alma, AR., 1964-69.

PUBLICATIONS

Composed scripts and designed visuals for a series of Film strips for use in instruction, published by McIntyre Publications, Kansas City, Missouri.

- a. "What Philosophy Is"
- b. "The Mind and the Body"
- c. "Free Choice and Responsibility"
- d. "The Concepts of God"
- e. "The Problems of Morality"
- f. "The Problems of Knowledge"
- g. "ESP and Philosophy"

Books

Philosophical Questions (Instructor-published by Thomson, 2007).

Basic Logic (Instructor-published by Thomson, 2006).

Articles and Chapters in books

"Contextualism: A Right Answer to the Wrong Question," Southwest Philosophical Studies, 1984.

"The Role of Observation and Simplicity in Einstein's Epistemology," Studies in History and Philosophy of Science, 1988.

"Schlick and Husserl on the Foundations of Phenomenology," Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, 1988.

"Responsibility and Freedom: A Revision of Schlick's Soft Determinism," Dialogos, 1989.

"Schlick's Theory of Knowledge," Synthese, 1989.

"Husserl's Phenomenology and the Ontology of the Natural Sciences" (co-authored with Charles Harvey), in Phenomenology of Natural Science, ed. by L. Hardy and L. Embree, Kluwer Academic Publishers, 1992.

"Up From Poverty," Chapter in Falling In Love with Wisdom ed. by David Karnos and Robert Shoemaker, Oxford University Press, 1993.

"Seeing and Paradigms in the Chemical Revolution," Philosophy in Science, 1994.

Review of McAllister, Beauty and Revolution in Science, in Southwest Philosophy Review 15, No. 2, July, 1999.

Review of William Dembski, Intelligent Design: the Bridge Between Science and Theology, in Southwest Philosophy Review 19, No. 2, July, 2003.

"Feminist Epistemology," Academic Questions, 2002.

"Beauty, Play and the Meaning of Life," Philo, Summer, 2009.

"The Subversive Nature of Liberal Education," Philosophy in the Contemporary World, Forthcoming, 2011.

PROFESSIONAL PAPERS

"Emergentisms," Arkansas Philosophical Association (APA below), 1973.

"Determinism and Responsibility," APA, 1975.

"Teleology and Self-Regulative Systems," APA, 1976.

"Verifiability," APA, 1977.

"Theory-Laden Observation and Russell's Theory of Perception," APA, 1978.

"Moral Experience and the Existence of God in the Thought of C. S. Lewis," APA, 1979.
 "On Keeping Passion in the Passions," Mid-South Philosophy Conference, 1979.
 "Paradigms and Their Acceptance in the Thought of T.S. Kuhn," APA, 1980.
 "Karl Popper's Critique of the Identity Theory," Mid-South Philosophy Conference, 1980.
 "Toward a Foundation of Rights," APA, 1981.
 "Contextualism: A right Answer to the Wrong Question," Mid-South Philosophy Conference, 1981.
 "The Psycho-Physical Identity Theory of Moritz Schlick," APA, 1982.
 "Darwin's Creationism: The Culmination of Two Centuries of Creationist Research," Mid-South Philosophy Conference, 1982.
 "Quarks and Philosophy," Mid-South Philosophy Conference, 1983.
 "Observation and Verifiability," APA, 1984.
 "Reference and Causal Realism," APA, 1984.
 "Supervenient Dualism and Epiphenomenalism," Mid-South Philosophy Conference, 1984.
 "Prigogine and the 'Open' Universe," APA, 1985.
 "Causality and Responsibility in the Philosophy of Moritz Schlick," Mid-South Philosophy Conference, 1985.
 "Laws of Logic" (in Russian), Moscow State Pedagogical University colloquium, 1989.
 "How We Now Know Everything," MSPC, 1990.
 "Beauty, Play and the Meaning of Life," Conway Philosophical Circle, 1990.
 "Mathematical Truths: Discovery or Invention?" Mid-South Philosophy Conference, 1991.
 "Verifiability," MSPC, 1992.
 "Feminist Epistemology: Promise and Failure," APA, 1995.
 "Identity and the Informational Theory of the Mental," Mid-South Philosophy Conference, 1995.
 "The Explanatory Value of the Paradigm Concept in the Chemical Revolution," International Society for the Philosophy of Chemistry, July, 1999.
 "Logical Empiricism and Scientific Realism," APA, 2002.
 "A Descriptive-Referential Theory of Proper Names," Mississippi Society for Philosophy, 2006.
 "Science and the Mind-Brain Identity Theory," Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, 2006.
 "Beauty, Play and the Meaning of Life," Mississippi Society for Philosophy, February, 2008.
 "Knowledge of the Mental and the Physical," Mid-South Philosophy Conference, 2008.
 "William James as Kantian Ethicist," North Texas Philosophical Society, 2008.
 "Comments on 'Platonism and Recent Correspondence Theories of Truth.'" Southwest Philosophical Society, 2009.
 "The Subversive Nature of Liberal Education," Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World (July, 2010)
 [This does not include the dozens of papers presented to student groups over the years at UCA.]

DUPLICATED SELF-PUBLISHED MATERIALS

Basic Logic, a self-instructional manual used in introductory logic classes covering all phases of basic logic. Used in logic classes and in modified version for electronic course.

The World and the Self, an introductory philosophy text critically annotated selections from the major works of philosophy. Used in Philosophy for Living classes.

A Guide To Critical Thinking and Writing, a 25 page booklet on critical thinking.

Pamphlet on Creation and Evolution.

Philosophical Questions, 2010.

ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW

"A Theory of the Meaning of Proper Names." .

Review of Hawking and Mlodinow, The Grand Design.

CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECTS

The Philosophy of Moritz Schlick, a study of the works of one of the key figures in scientific philosophy in the twentieth century. Over 200 pages completed.

Monograph in progress on the philosophy of Language

MISCELLANEOUS

Language proficiency: moderate level of reading in Spanish, German, and Russian; low level of reading in French and Chinese (Pinyin); moderate level of speaking in Russian; low level of speaking in German, Chinese and Spanish.

Some Interests: Reading in science, philosophy and history, Russian and Chinese languages, travel, gardening, classical music, motorcycling.

Advisory editor for two journals: Southwest Philosophy Review and The International Journal of Applied Philosophy.

Occasional reading editor for The Journal of the History of Philosophy.