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### **AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION**

Legal and Political Philosophy, 19th Century German Philosophy, Marx and Marxism

### **AREAS OF COMPETENCE**

Medieval Philosophy, Applied Ethics, 20th Century French Philosophy, Philosophy and Literature, Philosophy of Art

### **EDUCATION**

- ♦ Ph.D., Philosophy, Marquette University (Fall 2005)
- ♦ M.A., Philosophy, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee (Spring 2000)
- ♦ B.S., Philosophy, University of Wisconsin – Madison (Spring 1998)

### **ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

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- ♦ Director of the UCA Core, University of Central Arkansas, 2014 – Present
- ♦ Associate Professor, University of Central Arkansas, 2012 – Present
- ♦ Assistant Professor, University of Central Arkansas, 2006 – 2012
- ♦ Lecturer, Marquette University, 2004 – 2006
- ♦ Part-Time Adjunct Faculty, Mount Mary College (Milwaukee, WI), 2005
- ♦ Part-Time Adjunct Faculty, Carroll University (Waukesha, WI), 2005
- ♦ Teaching Assistant, Marquette University, 2001 – 2004

### **ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS**

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#### **Textbooks**

- 1) *The Philosophy of Sex*, 7<sup>th</sup> edition, edited by Alan Soble, Raja Halwani, Jacob M. Held, and Sarah Hoffman, Rowman and Littlefield (Forthcoming)

#### **Edited Books**

- 1) *More Dr. Seuss and Philosophy: Additional Hunches in Bunches*, edited by Jacob M. Held, Rowman and Littlefield (Under Contract)
- 2) *Wonder Woman and Philosophy: The Amazonian Mystique*, edited by Jacob M. Held, Wiley-Blackwell (2017)
- 3) *Stephen King and Philosophy*, edited by Jacob M. Held, Rowman and Littlefield (2016)
- 4) *Philosophy and Terry Pratchett*, edited by Jacob M. Held and James B. South, Palgrave Macmillan (2014)
- 5) *The Philosophy of Pornography: Contemporary Perspectives*, edited by Lindsay Coleman and Jacob M. Held, Rowman and Littlefield (2014)
- 6) *Roald Dahl and Philosophy: A Little Nonsense Now and Then...*, edited by Jacob M. Held, Rowman and Littlefield (2014)

- 7) *Dr. Seuss and Philosophy: Oh, the Thinks You Can Think!*, edited by Jacob M. Held, Rowman and Littlefield (2011)
- 8) *James Bond and Philosophy: Questions Are Forever*, edited by James B. South and Jacob M. Held, Open Court Press (2006)

### **Articles, Essays, and Contributions to Books**

- 1) "Wonder Woman, Worship, and Gods Almighty: Purpose in Submission to Loving Authority," in *Wonder Woman and Philosophy: The Amazonian Mystique*, edited by Jacob M. Held, Wiley-Blackwell (2017), pp. 143-150.
- 2) "On Writing Popular Philosophy," in *Stephen King and Philosophy*, edited by Jacob M. Held, Rowman and Littlefield (2016), pp. 1-11.
- 3) "From Desperation to Haven: Horror, Compassion, and Schopenhauer," in *Stephen King and Philosophy*, edited by Jacob M. Held, Rowman and Littlefield (2016), pp. 277-297.
- 4) with C. Taylor Sutton, "There is no God in Desperation: Tak and the Problem of Evil," in *Stephen King and Philosophy*, edited by Jacob M. Held, Rowman and Littlefield (2016), pp. 13-34.
- 5) "What is and is not Porn: Sex, Narrative, and *Baise-Moi*," in *Sex and Storytelling in Modern Cinema: Explicit Sex, Performance, and Cinematic Technique*, edited by Lindsay Coleman, I. B. Tauris (2016), pp. 25-48.
- 6) "A Golem Is Not Born, but Rather Becomes a Woman: Gender on the Disc," in *Philosophy and Terry Pratchett*, edited by Jacob M. Held and James B. South, Palgrave Macmillan (2014), pp. 3-24.
- 7) with Lindsay Coleman, "Why Pornography?" in *The Philosophy of Pornography: Contemporary Perspectives*, edited by Lindsay Coleman and Jacob M. Held, Rowman and Littlefield (2014), pp. xi-xvi.
- 8) with Nina Hartley, "Porn, Sex, and Liberty: A Dialogue," in *The Philosophy of Pornography: Contemporary Perspectives*, edited by Lindsay Coleman and Jacob M. Held, Rowman and Littlefield (2014), pp. 179-198.
- 9) "Roald Dahl and Absurdity: Children's Literature and the Divorce between the Mind that Desires and the World that Disappoints" in *Roald Dahl and Philosophy: A Little Nonsense Now and Then...*, edited by Jacob M. Held, Rowman and Littlefield (2014), pp. 1-6.
- 10) "On Getting Our Just Desserts: Willy Wonka, Kant, and the *Summum Bonum*," in *Roald Dahl and Philosophy: A Little Nonsense Now and Then...*, edited by Jacob M. Held, Rowman and Littlefield (2014), pp. 19-32.
- 11) "The Fantastically Just Mr. Fox: Property Rights and Distributive Justice According to Foxes and Other Diggers," in *Roald Dahl and Philosophy: A Little Nonsense Now and Then...*, edited by Jacob M. Held, Rowman and Littlefield (2014), pp. 121-136.
- 12) "Pornography as Symptom: Refocusing the Anti-Pornography Debate on Pornification and Sexualization," *Philosophy in the Contemporary World*, Vol. 20, No. 1 (Spring 2013), pp. 15-27.
  - ♦ An expanded, revised version appears as "The Problem with the Problem of Pornography: Subordination, Sexualization, and Speech," in *The Philosophy of Pornography: Contemporary Perspectives*, edited by Lindsay Coleman and Jacob M. Held, Rowman and Littlefield (2014), pp. 73-88.
- 13) "As the War Machine Keeps Turning: Just War Theory, Pacifism, and the War on Terror," in *Black Sabbath and Philosophy*, edited by William Irwin, Wiley-Blackwell (2012), pp. 171-181.

- 14) "Porn Lovers – A Dialogue," in *What Philosophy Can Tell You about Your Lover*, edited by Sharon M. Kaye, Wiley-Blackwell (2012), pp. 55-65.
- 15) "Unsettled Meddling: An introduction in verse," in *Dr. Seuss and Philosophy: Oh, the Thinks You Can Think!*, edited by Jacob M. Held, Rowman and Littlefield (2011), pp. xix-xxii.
- 16) "My Troubles are Going to Have Troubles with Me: Schopenhauer, Pessimism, and Nietzsche," in *Dr. Seuss and Philosophy: Oh, the Thinks You Can Think!*, edited by Jacob M. Held, Rowman and Littlefield (2011), pp. 15-27.
- 17) "Gertrude McFuzz Should've Read Marx, Or Sneetches of the World Unite," in *Dr. Seuss and Philosophy: Oh, the Thinks You Can Think!*, edited by Jacob M. Held, Rowman and Littlefield (2011), pp. 29-40.
- 18) "On Beyond Modernity, Or Conrad and a Postmodern Alphabet," in *Dr. Seuss and Philosophy: Oh, the Thinks You Can Think!*, edited by Jacob M. Held, Rowman and Littlefield (2011), pp. 79-91.
- 19) with Eric Wilson, "What Would You Do if Your Mother Asked You? A Brief Introduction to Ethics," in *Dr. Seuss and Philosophy: Oh, the Thinks You Can Think!*, edited by Jacob M. Held, Rowman and Littlefield (2011), pp. 103-117.
- 20) "Honor, Dignity, and the *Summum Bonum*: Kant's Retributivism in Context," *Vera Lex: Journal of the International Natural Law Society*, New Series: Vol. 11, Nos. 1-2 (Winter 2010), pp. 75-100.
- 21) "One Man's Trash is Another Man's Pleasure: Obscenity, Pornography, and the Law," in *Porn – Philosophy for Everyone: How to Think with Kink*, edited by Dave Monroe, Wiley-Blackwell (2010), pp. 119-129.
- 22) "Marx via Feuerbach: Species-Being Revisited," *Idealistic Studies*, Vol. 39, Issues 1-3 (Spring – Summer – Fall 2009), pp. 137-148.
- 23) "Can We Steer this Rudderless World?: Kant, Rorschach, Retributivism, and Honor," in *Watchmen and Philosophy: A Rorschach Test*, edited by Mark D. White, Wiley-Blackwell (2009), pp. 19-31.
  - ♦ Reprinted in *Superheroes: The Best of Philosophy and Pop Culture*, edited by William Irwin, Wiley-Blackwell (2011)
- 24) "Axel Honneth and the Future of Critical Theory: A Survey Concerning Critical Theory's Continued Dialogue with Liberalism," *Radical Philosophy Review*, Vol. 11, No. 2 (2008), pp. 175-186.
- 25) "'The Rules of Acquisition Can't Help You Now,' What Can the Ferengi Teach Us About Business Ethics?" in *Star Trek and Philosophy: The Wrath of Kant*, edited by Jason T. Eberl and Kevin S. Decker, Open Court Press (2008), pp. 117-128.
- 26) "'Til Things Get Better: Hope and Redemption in Black," in *Johnny Cash and Philosophy: The Burning Ring of Truth*, edited by John Huss and David Werther, Open Court Press (2008), pp. 127-138.
- 27) "The Morality of the Eighth Amendment: Cruelty, Dignity, and Natural Rights," *Vera Lex: Journal of the International Natural Law Society*, New Series: Vol. 8, Nos. 1-2 (Winter 2007), pp. 1-26.
- 28) "Gay Marriage, Liberalism, and Recognition: The Case for Equal Treatment," *Public Affairs Quarterly*, Vol. 21, No. 3 (July 2007), pp. 221-233.
  - ♦ Reprinted as "Gay Marriage: The Case for Equal Treatment," in *Social and Personal Ethics*, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Editions, edited by William H. Shaw, Wadsworth, Cengage Learning (2007, 2010, 2014)

- 29) "All You Need is Love,' Hegel, Love, and Community" in *The Beatles and Philosophy: Nothing You Can Think that Can't Be Thunk*, edited by Michael Baur and Steven Baur, Open Court Press (2006), pp. 27-36.
- 30) "Don't You Men Know Any Other Way?' Punishment Beyond Retributivism and Deterrence," in *James Bond and Philosophy: Questions Are Forever*, edited by James B. South and Jacob M. Held, Open Court Press (2006), pp. 139-153.
- 31) "Tell me, Commander, how far does your expertise extend into the field of philosophy? Introduction," with James B. South in *James Bond and Philosophy: Questions Are Forever*, edited by James B. South and Jacob M. Held, Open Court Press (2006), pp. xiii-xv.
- 32) "You Can't Get Married, You're Faggots,' Mrs. Garrison and the Gay Marriage Debate," in *South Park and Philosophy: You Know, I Learned Something Today*, edited by Robert Arp, Blackwell Publishers (2006), pp. 141-153.
  - ♦ Revised version is reprinted as "You (Still) Can't Get Married, You're Faggots: Mrs. Garrison and the Gay Marriage Debate," in *The Ultimate South Park and Philosophy: Respect My Philosophah!*, edited by Robert Arp and Kevin S. Decker, Wiley-Blackwell (2014), pp. 223-235.
- 33) "Expressing the Inexpressible: Lyotard and the Differend," *The Journal of the British Society for Phenomenology*, Vol. 36, No. 1 (January 2005), pp. 76-89.
- 34) "Justifying the Means: Punishment in the Buffyverse," in *Buffy the Vampire Slayer and Philosophy: Fear and Trembling in Sunnydale*, edited by James B. South, Open Court Press (2003), pp. 227-238.
- 35) "Assisted Suicide and Problems of Natural Law in Light of Political Liberalism and Pluralism," *Vera Lex: Journal of the International Natural Law Society*, New Series: Vol. 3, Nos. 1-2 (Winter 2002), pp. 91-104.

### **Book Reviews**

- 1) "John Marenbon – Abelard in Four Dimensions: A Twelfth-Century Philosopher in His Context and Ours," *Philosophy in Review*, Vol. 34, No. 5 (2014), pp. 243-245.
- 2) with Dakotah Thompson, "Jason Brennan – The Ethics of Voting," *Philosophy in Review*, Vol. 33, No. 3 (2013), pp. 179-181.
- 3) "Michael L. Gross – Moral Dilemmas of Modern War: Torture, Assassination, and Blackmail in an Age of Asymmetric Conflict," *Philosophy in Review*, Vol. 32, No. 1 (February 2012), pp. 24-26.
- 4) "Larry Alexander and Emily Sherman – Demystifying Legal Reasoning," *Philosophy in Review*, Vol. 30, No.2 (April 2010), pp. 74-76.
- 5) "John K. Wilson – Patriotic Correctness: Academic Freedom and Its Enemies," *Teaching Philosophy*, Vol. 32, No. 3 (September 2009), pp. 322-325.
- 6) with Nathan McCune, "Jean Baudrillard – Forget Foucault," *Philosophy in Review*, Vol. 28, No.5 (October 2008), pp. 315-317.
- 7) "William Ian Miller – Eye for an Eye," *Philosophy in Review*, Vol. 28, No. 4 (August 2008), pp. 289-291.
- 8) "Frederic R. Kellogg – Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr., Legal Theory, and Judicial Restraint," *Philosophy in Review*, Vol. 28, No. 1 (February 2008), pp. 33-34.
- 9) "Raymond Geuss – Outside Ethics," *Philosophy in Review*, Vol. 27, No. 1 (February 2007), pp. 32-34.
- 10) "Shane Gunster – Capitalizing on Culture: Critical Theory for Cultural Studies," *Philosophy in Review*, Vol. 26, No. 2 (April 2006), pp. 34-36.

## Editorial Work

- 1) Series Editor, *Great Authors and Philosophy* (Rowman and Littlefield)
  - i. Volume 1: *Stephen King and Philosophy*, edited by Jacob M. Held (2016)
  - ii. Volume 2: *Jane Austen and Philosophy*, edited by Mimi Marinucci (2016)
  - iii. Volume 3: *Mark Twain and Philosophy*, edited by Alan H. Goldman (Forthcoming)

## Miscellanea

- 1) "Core Assessment Helped Me Become a Better Teacher: Confessions of an Assessment Skeptic," for *Teaching Matters @ UCA* (November 09, 2016)
- 2) "Plato and the Core," for *Teaching Matters @ UCA* (February 27, 2015)  
<https://teachingmattersatuca.wordpress.com/category/fys/>
- 3) "Reading: Risk and Reward," for the Southeast Wisconsin Festival of Books (October 24, 2014) <http://sewibookfest.com/held-2104/>
- 4) "*Wheel of Time* and Philosophy: How I Learned to Stop Worrying About Originality and Love Robert Jordan," (July 09, 2014) <http://andphilosophy.com/2014/07/09/wheel-of-time-and-philosophy/>
- 5) 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* (June 20, 2014)  
<http://rowmanblog.typepad.com/>
- 6) "Philosophy and 007," Opinion/Editorial Page, *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* (May 28th, 2007)

## **ACADEMIC LECTURES, PRESENTATIONS, and CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION**

- 1) Invited Presentation, "Rebel Stories and Glittering Eyes: One Hundred Years with Roald Dahl," Bologna Children's Book Fair, an event by Bologna Fiere (Bologna, Italy; April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016)
- 2) Invited Panelist, Roundtable with Donald Sturrock (Roald Dahl's Official Biographer), Susan Rennie (University of Glasgow), William Grandi (Università di Bologna) Moderator: Maria Russo (Children's Book Editor for the New York Times), Bologna Children's Book Fair, an event by Bologna Fiere (Bologna, Italy; April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016)
- 3) Presentation, "Stephen King, Horror, and Compassion: Finding Schopenhauer in Haven," the 37<sup>th</sup> annual Southwest Popular/American Culture Association (SWPACA) conference (Albuquerque, NM; February 10-13, 2016)
- 4) Panelist, Roundtable "*Carrie* at Forty: Revisiting a Classic," the 37<sup>th</sup> annual Southwest Popular/American Culture Association (SWPACA) conference (Albuquerque, NM; February 10-13, 2016)
- 5) Keynote Address, "We've Always been at War with Eastasia: Perpetual War in an Age of Terror," 2015 Humanities Fair, sponsored by the Humanities and World Cultures Institute at the University of Central Arkansas (Conway, AR; November 12, 2015)
- 6) Invited Lecture Series (Two Parts), "Images of Hope and Faith in Literature and Philosophy," Sponsored by St. Peter's Episcopal Church (Conway, AR; April 12 and 19, 2015)
- 7) Chair, Colloquium Session, Theodore Bach, "Children and Added Sugar: The Case for Restriction," the American Philosophical Association's Central Division Meeting (St. Louis, MO; February 18-21, 2015)
- 8) Session Chair and Critic, "Author Meets Critics: Anthony Cunningham – *Modern Honor: A Philosophical Defense*," sponsored by the North American Society for Social Philosophy,

- the American Philosophical Association's Central Division Meeting (St. Louis, MO; February 18-21, 2015)
- 9) Panelist, "Philosophy for Everyone: Jacob Held, Joseph Foy, and Tim Dale," Southeast Wisconsin Festival of Books (Waukesha, WI; November 8, 2014)
  - 10) Invited Lecture, "Roald Dahl and Absurdity," sponsored by the University of Wisconsin – Waukesha (Waukesha, WI; November 6, 2014)
  - 11) Presentation and Panelist, "Roald Dahl and Philosophy: Existentialism and Children's Literature," sponsored by the Faulkner County Public Library (Conway, AR; October 16, 2014)
  - 12) Keynote Address, "Building a More Perfect Union: From James Madison to Today," 2013 Humanities Fair, sponsored by the Humanities and World Cultures Institute at the University of Central Arkansas (Conway, AR; November 14, 2013)
  - 13) Invited Lecture Series (Three Parts), "The Medieval Mind: God, Freedom, and Ethics," Sponsored by St. Peter's Episcopal Church (Conway, AR; October 27, November 3, and 10, 2013)
  - 14) Chair, Colloquium on the Philosophy of Crime, Jill Delston "The Criminalization of Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing in Global Contexts: A Hybrid Solution," the American Philosophical Association's Central Division Meeting (New Orleans, LA; February 20-23, 2013)
  - 15) Session Chair and Critic, "Author Meets Critics: Jeffrey Reiman – *As Free and as Just as Possible: The Theory of Marxian Liberalism*," sponsored by the North American Society for Social Philosophy, the American Philosophical Association's Central Division Meeting (New Orleans, LA; February 20-23, 2013)
  - 16) Invited Presentation, "Un-Patriotic 'Bullsh!t,' Political Discourse and the Duty to be Reasonable," 2012 Humanities Fair, sponsored by the Humanities and World Cultures Institute at the University of Central Arkansas (Conway, AR; November 8, 2012)
  - 17) Lecture, with Taine Duncan and Ronald Novy, "Women in the World: Pornography, Abuse, and the Sexualization of Young Girls," Exploring Our World Series, Sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts, University of Central Arkansas (Conway, AR; May 1, 2012)
  - 18) Invited Presentation, "Defending the Liberal Arts Against the Over-Professionalization of Education," for the University of Central Arkansas Occupy Colleges March on Education, University of Central Arkansas (Conway, AR; March 1, 2012)
  - 19) Presentation, "Shifting the Anti-Pornography Debate: Porn as Symptom," the Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World's session, the American Philosophical Association's Central Division Meeting (Chicago, IL; February 15-18, 2012)
  - 20) Session Chair, "Author Meets Critics: Michael L. Gross – *Moral Dilemmas of Modern War: Torture Assassination, Blackmail in an Age of Asymmetric Conflict*," Sponsored by the North American Society for Social Philosophy, the American Philosophical Association's Central Division Meeting (Chicago, IL; February 15-18, 2012)
  - 21) Lecture, "Dr. Seuss and Philosophy: An Introduction to Philosophical Themes through Popular Culture," Sponsored by the Faulkner County Public Library (Conway, AR; December 8, 2011)
  - 22) Invited Lecture, "PhiloSeussical Investigations: Teaching Philosophy through the Work of Dr. Seuss," Sponsored by Torreyson Library, University of Central Arkansas (November 15, 2011)
  - 23) Invited Lecture Series (Five Parts), "Contemporary Moral Dilemmas: Philosophical and Theological Perspectives," Sponsored by St. Peter's Episcopal Church (Conway, AR; October 2, 9, 23, 30, and November 13, 2011)

- 24) Invited Lecture, "Eudaimonia in Popular Culture: Images of Happiness in Dr. Seuss," Sponsored by the Westport Happiness Club (November 6, 2011)
- 25) Invited Lecture, "Changing the Pornography Debate: Pornography as Symptom," Sponsored by PRISM: Gay/Straight Alliance, University of Central Arkansas (Conway, AR; April 19, 2011)
- 26) Presentation, "Welcome to Pornland, or the Shifting Focus of the Anti-Pornography Debate," the Radical Philosophy Association's session "The Problem of Pornography," the American Philosophical Association's Central Division Meeting (Minneapolis, MN; March 30-April 2, 2011)
- 27) Session Chair, "A Dialogue on Race and Culture," Sponsored by the North American Society for Social Philosophy, the American Philosophical Association's Central Division Meeting (Minneapolis, MN; March 30-April 2, 2011)
- 28) Presentation, "Revisiting MacKinnon via Rae Langton: Pornography as Illocutionary Disablement, and Civil Suits as a Means to Enfranchise the Silent Majority," Ninth Biennial Radical Philosophy Association Conference, "Violence: Systemic, Symbolic, and Foundational" (Eugene, OR; November 11-14, 2010)
- 29) Session Chair, "Same-Sex Marriage: The Borromean Knot of Gender, Love, and the Law," Ninth Biennial Radical Philosophy Association Conference, "Violence: Systemic, Symbolic, and Foundational" (Eugene, OR; November 11-14, 2010)
- 30) Presentation, "Fair Notice: The Inherent Flaw in Obscenity and Anti-Pornography Laws" 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Mid-South Philosophy Conference (Memphis, TN; March 5-6, 2010)
- 31) Commentator, Jason Hanna, "Revisiting the Child-Selling Objection to Commercial Surrogacy," 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Mid-South Philosophy Conference (Memphis, TN; March 5-6, 2010)
- 32) Commentator, Peter Brian Barry, "Beyond Neutrality: The Liberal Case Against Same-Sex Marriage Prohibitions," the American Philosophical Association's Central Division Meeting (Chicago, IL; February 18-20, 2010)
- 33) Invited Presentation, "Fade to Black and Back: Hope, Redemption, and the Wisdom of Metallica (and Other Philosophers)" 2009 Humanities Fair, sponsored by the Humanities and World Cultures Institute at the University of Central Arkansas (Conway, AR; November 12, 2009)
- 34) Presentation, "Honor, Respect, and Recognition: The Role of Honor in Ethical Social Relationships," 26<sup>th</sup> International Social Philosophy Conference, "The Public and the Private in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" sponsored by the North American Society for Social Philosophy (Philadelphia, PA; July 30-August 1, 2009)
- 35) Presentation, "An Overview of the Honneth/Fraser Dialogue, Or Recognition or Redistribution?" 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Mid-South Philosophy Conference (Memphis, TN; April 17-18, 2009)
- 36) Commentator, Mark Navin, "Bridging the Divide between Luck Neutralization and Democracy" 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Mid-South Philosophy Conference (Memphis, TN; April 17-18, 2009)
- 37) Plenary Address, "Need There Be Blood?: Greed, Need, and Distributive Justice," 2008 Humanities Fair, sponsored by the Humanities and World Cultures Institute at the University of Central Arkansas (Conway, AR; November 6, 2008)
- 38) Invited Presentation, "Philosophy – It's Not All Greek to Me: How Metallica, Batman, Dr. Seuss, and Popular Culture Address the Meaning of Life," 2008 Humanities Fair, sponsored by the Humanities and World Cultures Institute at the University of Central Arkansas (Conway, AR; November 6, 2008)

- 39) Commentator, Mark Piper, "On Respect for Personal Autonomy and the Value Instantiated in Autonomous Choice," Central States Philosophical Association Conference (St. Paul, MN; September 26-27, 2008)
- 40) Session Chair, "The Propositional Account of Reasons and Compatibilism about Normative and Motivating Reason," Central States Philosophical Association Conference (St. Paul, MN; September 26-27, 2008)
- 41) Invited Lecture, "Retributivism Contextualized: The Role of Honor in Kant's Theory of Punishment," Department of Philosophy, College of St. Benedict/St. John's University (Collegeville, MN; September 26, 2008)
- 42) Invited Presentation, "Philosophy and Popular Culture: Wisdom by Any Other Name..." Arkansas Governor's School, Hendrix College (Conway, AR; July 22, 2008)
- 43) Presentation, "The Problems of an Exchange Model of Wrongs and Punishments: Retaliation, Desert, Evenness, and the Fungibility of Moral Value," 25<sup>th</sup> International Social Philosophy Conference, "Gender, Inequality, and Social Justice" sponsored by the North American Society for Social Philosophy (Portland, OR; July 17-19, 2008)
- 44) Session Chair, "Accountability and Moral Responsibility," 25<sup>th</sup> International Social Philosophy Conference, "Gender, Inequality, and Social Justice" Sponsored by the North American Society for Social Philosophy (Portland, OR; July 17-19, 2008)
- 45) Colloquium Paper Session Chair, Benjamin S. Yost "Kant's Justification of the Death Penalty Reconsidered," the American Philosophical Association's Central Division Meeting (Chicago, IL; April 16-19, 2008)
- 46) Presentation, "The Place of Redemption in Ethical Theory," 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mid-South Philosophy Conference (Memphis, TN; February 22-23, 2008)
- 47) Commentator, Mark Lukas, "On the Value of Getting What We Want," 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mid-South Philosophy Conference (Memphis, TN; February 22-23, 2008)
- 48) Plenary Address, "The Stickiness of the Humanities and the Liberal Arts: *The Tipping Point* and Education," 2007 Humanities Fair, sponsored by the Humanities and World Cultures Institute at the University of Central Arkansas (Conway, AR; November 28, 2007)
- 49) Invited Presentation, "Philosophy and South Park: You Can't Get Married, You're Faggots: The Gay Marriage Debate," The ULF/YDS Third Annual Mid-South Conference of the Left (Conway, AR; October 5-7, 2007)
- 50) Invited Lecture, "Philosophy and Popular Culture," Sponsored by the Philosophy and Religion Club (PhiRe), University of Central Arkansas (Conway, AR; October 4, 2007)
- 51) Invited Presentation, "South Park and Philosophy: What Did You Learn Today?" Arkansas Governor's School, Hendrix College (Conway, AR; July 19, 2007)
- 52) Presentation, "Interpreting 'Cruel' in the Eighth Amendment: The Impact on Punishment," 24<sup>th</sup> International Social Philosophy Conference, "Race and Diversity in a Global Context" sponsored by the North American Society for Social Philosophy (Millersville, PA; July 12-14, 2007)
- 53) Invited Presentation, "Philosophy through Popular Culture: How Vampires and Secret Agents Address the Fundamental Questions of Life," Arkansas Governor's School, Hendrix College (Conway, AR; July 7, 2007)
- 54) Invited Lecture, "Nor Cruel and Unusual Punishments Inflicted: The Normative Foundation of the Eighth Amendment," The Socratic Society/Department of Philosophy, University of Arkansas – Fayetteville (Fayetteville, AR; April 13, 2007)
- 55) Commentator, George J. Backen, "Victim Impact Statements and Mind Reading," 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Mid-South Philosophy Conference (Memphis, TN; February 23-24, 2007)



- 56) Invited Presentation, "Ethical Marxism: The Roots and Legacy of Marxist Humanism," The ULF/YDS Second Annual Mid-South Conference of the Left (Conway, AR; October 27-28, 2006)
- 57) Presentation, "Rethinking Marxism: The Universal Class and Misrecognition," the Radical Philosophy Association's evening session, the American Philosophical Association's Central Division Meeting (Chicago, IL; April 26-29, 2006)
- 58) Presentation, "Recognition and the Foundation of Marx's Social Philosophy," 21<sup>st</sup> International Social Philosophy Conference, "Democracy, Human Rights, and Religion" sponsored by the North American Society for Social Philosophy (Omaha, NE; July 29-31, 2004)
- 59) Session Chair, "Punishment and Forgiveness," 21<sup>st</sup> International Social Philosophy Conference, "Democracy, Human Rights, and Religion" sponsored by the North American Society for Social Philosophy (Omaha, NE; July 29-31, 2004)
- 60) Presentation, "The Stuff We're Made of: Levinas, Lacan, and Subjectivity in *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*," *Slayage* Conference on *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* (Nashville, TN; May 28-30, 2004)
- 61) Session Chair, "Violence," *Slayage* Conference on *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* (Nashville, TN; May 28-30, 2004)
- 62) Presentation, "Hegel's Critique of Political Atomism," 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Marquette University Philosophy Graduate Student Association Conference (Milwaukee, WI; April 17-18, 2004)

### **Miscellanea**

- 1) Interview in *The Guardian*, "Terry Pratchett Rethought as a Philosopher in New Study," with Alison Flood, (<http://www.theguardian.com/books/2014/nov/28/terry-pratchett-philosopher-study-discworld>) (November 28, 2014)
- 2) Panel Discussant, "Does the internet need a red light district? The creation of the .XXX domain," "Culture Shock" on *Newstalk*, Ireland's National Independent Talk Radio Broadcaster (July 8, 2010)
- 3) "Interview with a Philosopher: A Class on Porn," Interview with Tom Morris, *The Huffington Post* ([http://www.huffingtonpost.com/tom-morris/interview-with-a-philosop\\_b\\_629140.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/tom-morris/interview-with-a-philosop_b_629140.html)) (June 29, 2010)

### **PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION and DEVELOPMENTAL ACTIVITIES**

- 1) 60-minute interactive presentation, with Brandon Combs, "Developing a Comprehensive, Assessable General Education Program," AALHE Annual Conference, sponsored by The Association for the Assessment of Learning in Higher Education (AALHE) (Louisville, KY; June 12-14, 2017)
- 2) "2017 General Education and Assessment: Design Thinking for Student Learning," sponsored by the Association of American Colleges & Universities (AAC&U), (Phoenix, AZ; February 23-25, 2017)
- 3) Panel Discussant, "Empowering Students: A Faculty Panel Sharing Best Advising Practices," sponsored by the Academic Advising Center, University of Central Arkansas (Conway, AR; August 16, 2016)
- 4) Poster Session, with Dr. Kurt Boniecki, "General Education Revision: Improving Student Learning in a Time of Change," Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Assessment Academy (Oak Brook, IL; June 8, 2016)
- 5) Team Member, Higher Learning Commission: Assessment Academy - Results Forum (Oak Brook, IL; June 8-10, 2016)

- 6) Team Leader, Higher Learning Commission: Assessment Academy – Midpoint (St. Charles, IL; June 3-5, 2015)

## **TEACHING**

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### **University of Central Arkansas**

#### *Undergraduate Courses*

- ♦ PHIL 1301: Philosophy for Living
- ♦ PHIL 2325: Contemporary Moral Problems
- ♦ PHIL 2360: Gender, Race, and Class
- ♦ PHIL 3301: Medieval Philosophy
- ♦ PHIL 3303: Nineteenth Century Philosophy
- ♦ PHIL 3320: Ethics
- ♦ PHIL 3325: Political Philosophy
- ♦ PHIL 3330: Philosophy of Law
- ♦ PHIL 3360: Philosophy of Art
- ♦ PHIL 3390: Internship in Philosophy
- ♦ PHIL 3395: Topics in Philosophy – Contemporary French Philosophy
- ♦ PHIL 3395: Topics in Philosophy – Legal and Political Philosophy
- ♦ PHIL 3395: Topics in Philosophy – Nietzsche's Zarathustra
- ♦ PHIL 4300: Readings in Philosophy – Continental Feminist Thought
- ♦ PHIL 4300: Readings in Philosophy – Intensive Study in Modern Philosophy
- ♦ PHIL 4300: Readings in Philosophy – Michel Foucault
- ♦ PHIL 4300: Readings in Philosophy – Pornography: Normative Issues
- ♦ PHIL 4301: Philosophy for Honors Tutorial
- ♦ PHIL 4310: Senior Thesis in Philosophy
- ♦ PHIL 4310: Great Works in Philosophy: John Rawls's *A Theory of Justice*
- ♦ PHIL 4320: Applied Ethics – Business Ethics
- ♦ HONC 3310: Honors Seminar – Pornography, Morality, and Law

#### *Graduate Courses*

- ♦ PHIL 5350: Health Care Ethics (with a focus on Physical Therapy Ethics for the Doctor of Physical Therapy program)
- ♦ LEAD 7302: Leadership and Philosophy (with a focus on leadership ethics for the PhD in Leadership Studies program)

#### *Dissertation Supervision*

- ♦ Co-Chair, Dissertation Committee – Cicily Tubb-Warbington, Ph.D. in Leadership Studies, 2014 – Present

#### *Undergraduate Thesis Supervision*

- ♦ Honors Thesis Advisor, Courtney Kordsmeier, "Applied Ethics and Physical Therapy," 2016.
- ♦ Honors Tutorial Advisor, Courtney Kordsmeier, 2014
- ♦ Director, Philosophy Honors Thesis – Jonathan McDougal, "Suspectedly Gay: Scrutinizing Sexual Orientation in America's Courts," 2013
- ♦ Honors Thesis Advisor, C. Taylor Sutton, "Homo Corporatus: A Kantian Business Ethic Rooted in Corporate Personhood," 2013
- ♦ Director, Senior Thesis (Philosophy) – Dakotah Thompson, 2012

- ♦ Reader, Philosophy Honors Thesis – Gregory Sketas, 2012
- ♦ Honors Tutorial Advisor, Michael Murphy, 2012
- ♦ Honors Thesis Advisor, Jennyfer Delvasto, "Confessions: From Priests and Penance to FMyLife and PostSecret," 2009 – 2011
- ♦ Honors Thesis Advisor, Catherine Brown, "The Silence of Objects: Connecting Language, Violence, and Women's Legal Status," 2010
- ♦ Director, Philosophy Honors Thesis – Eric Wilson, 2010
- ♦ Director, Senior Thesis (Philosophy) – Ashlea Clark, 2010
- ♦ Honors Thesis Advisor, Wayne Hartlerode, "Free PJ: Proposing a Climbing Management Plan to Allow Rock Climbing at Petit Jean State Park," 2010
- ♦ Honors Thesis Advisor, Matthew Ford, "Is God a Scientist or is Science God?: An Analysis of the Cosmological Argument for the Existence of God," 2009 – 2010
- ♦ Honors Thesis Advisor, Kristen D. Fox-Eason, "The Roles of Fundamentalist Christianity, Hyper-Nationalism, and Rights Movements' Methods in the Fight for GLBT Equality: A Comparison of Germany and the United States," 2008

### **Marquette University**

- ♦ Philosophy 001: Logic
- ♦ Philosophy 050: Philosophy of Human Nature
- ♦ Philosophy 104: Theory of Ethics
- ♦ Philosophy 105: Contemporary Ethical Problems
- ♦ Philosophy 108: Business Ethics
- ♦ Philosophy 151: History and Philosophy of Crime and Punishment

### **Mount Mary College**

- ♦ Synoptics 101: Search for Meaning

### **Carroll University**

- ♦ Philosophy 105: Introduction to Logic

### **Miscellanea**

- ♦ "Philosophy for Children": A course developed to introduce young children (Grades 4-8) to basic philosophical reasoning and issues through the use of children's literature. The course ran during the fall of 2013 at Homegrown Kids of Conway, a local homeschool cooperative.

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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- ♦ Editorial Board Member, *International Journal of James Bond Studies*, 2017 – Present
- ♦ Co-Chair, Central Division Programming Committee for The American Philosophical Association's Committee on the Status of Indigenous Philosophers, 2016 – 2017
- ♦ Member, The American Philosophical Association's Committee on the Status of Indigenous Philosophers, 2010 – 2013, 2014 – 2017
- ♦ Referee, *Social Philosophy Today*, edited by Jeffrey Gauthier, 2016
- ♦ Central Division Co-Chair, North American Society for Social Philosophy (NASSP), 2010 – 2015
- ♦ Referee, *Social Philosophy Today: The Public and the Private in the Twenty-First Century*, Volume 26, edited by John R. Rowan and Nancy E. Snow, 2010

- ♦ Referee, *Social Philosophy Today: Race and Diversity in the Global Context*, Volume 24, edited by John R. Rowan, 2008
- ♦ Member, Editorial Board, *Watcher Junior: The Undergraduate Journal of Buffy Studies*, 2005 – 2007
- ♦ Reviewer, McGraw-Hill Companies
- ♦ Reviewer, Rowman and Littlefield
- ♦ Reviewer, Oxford University Press
- ♦ Reviewer, Palgrave Macmillan
- ♦ Reviewer, University Press of Kentucky
- ♦ Reviewer, Wadsworth, Cengage Learning
- ♦ Referee, *Journal of the History of Philosophy*
- ♦ Referee, *Porn Studies*
- ♦ Referee, *Human Rights Review*
- ♦ Referee, *African Journal of Political Science and International Relations*
- ♦ Referee, *Gastronomica: The Journal of Food and Culture*
- ♦ Referee, *Journal of Global Ethics*
- ♦ Referee, *The Journal of Value Inquiry*
- ♦ Referee, *Radical Philosophy Review: Journal of the Radical Philosophy Association*

## **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

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### **University**

- ♦ Vice-Chair, Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity Award Committee, 2016 – Present
- ♦ RFP (Research Funding Proposal) Sub-Committee, Academic Assessment Committee, 2016 – Present
- ♦ Chair, First Year Seminar (FYS) Sub-Committee, UCA Core Council, 2016 – Present
- ♦ Chair, Assessment Sub-Committee, UCA Core Council, 2016 – Present
- ♦ Deputy Title IX Coordinator, 2014 – Present
- ♦ Academic Assessment Committee, 2014 – Present
- ♦ Student Success and Retention Council, 2014 – Present
- ♦ Chair, UCA Core Council, 2014 – Present
- ♦ Higher Learning Commission Assurance Steering Committee, 2014 – Present
- ♦ Co-Chair, Higher Learning Commission Assurance Steering Committee: Sub-Committee on Integrity – Ethical and Responsible Conduct, 2014 – Present
- ♦ Faculty Advisor, PRISM: Gay-Straight Student Alliance, 2012 – Present
- ♦ Chair, Search Committee, Director of Assessment (Office of Academic Affairs) 2016
- ♦ Chair, Search Committee, Director of Assessment (Office of Academic Affairs), 2015 - 2016
- ♦ College of Liberal Arts representative, Strategic Planning Task Force, 2015 – 2016
- ♦ Strategic Planning Task Force: Sub-Committee on UCA's Obligation to Students – Retention, Graduation, and Common Experience, 2015 – 2016
- ♦ Concurrent Credit Enrollment Planning Committee, 2015 – 2016
- ♦ Secretary/Treasurer, Faculty Senate, 2014 – 2015
- ♦ Search Committee, Associate Director for the Office of Diversity and Community, 2013
- ♦ Faculty Senate, College of Liberal Arts Representative, 2012 – 2015
- ♦ Faculty Senate Committee on Academic Affairs, 2012 – 2013
- ♦ College of Liberal Arts representative, University Academic Planning and Assessment Committee (APAC), 2009 – 2011

### **College of Liberal Arts**

- ♦ Pre-Law Advising Committee, 2016 – Present
- ♦ Faculty Leader, College of Liberal Arts Study Abroad Program, "A Moveable Feast": Liberal Arts in Paris, 2010, 2011, 2014
- ♦ Chair, Curriculum and Assessment Committee, College of Liberal Arts, 2009 – 2011
- ♦ Curriculum and Assessment Committee, College of Liberal Arts, 2007 – 2009
- ♦ Coordination Committee, University of Central Arkansas Humanities Fair in coordination with the Humanities and World Cultures Institute at the University of Central Arkansas, 2006 – 2009

### **Department of Philosophy and Religion**

- ♦ Ad Hoc Student Award Committee, 2016 – Present
- ♦ Concurrent Enrollment Departmental Liaison, 2015 – Present
- ♦ Tenure and Promotion Committee, 2012 – Present
- ♦ Curriculum and Assessment Committee, Department of Philosophy and Religion, 2012 – Present
- ♦ Search/Selection Committee, Assistant Professor of Philosophy in the History of Modern Philosophy, Department of Philosophy and Religion, 2016 – 2017
- ♦ Search/Selection Committee, Assistant Professor of Philosophy in the History of Modern Philosophy, Department of Philosophy and Religion, 2014 – 2015
- ♦ Department Graduate Faculty Chair, 2011 – 2015
- ♦ Philosophy Internship Coordinator, Department of Philosophy and Religion, 2008 – 2015
- ♦ Chair, Mid-Tenure Probationary Review Committee for Dr. Taine Duncan, Department of Philosophy and Religion, 2013
- ♦ Chair, Department Endowment Foundation Fund Committee, Department of Philosophy and Religion, 2010 – 2011
- ♦ Chair, Curriculum and Assessment Committee, Department of Philosophy and Religion, 2008 – 2011
- ♦ Search/Selection Committee, Assistant Professor of Philosophy in Feminism/Critical Race Theory, Department of Philosophy and Religion, 2009 – 2010
- ♦ Department Endowment Foundation Fund Committee, Department of Philosophy and Religion, 2008 – 2010
- ♦ Departmental By-Laws Committee, Department of Philosophy and Religion, 2008 – 2009
- ♦ Faculty Advisor, Phi Sigma Tau: International Honor Society in Philosophy (Arkansas Gamma Chapter), 2006 – 2009
- ♦ Search/Selection Committee, Assistant Professor of Philosophy in Ancient Philosophy, Department of Philosophy and Religion, 2008
- ♦ Curriculum and Assessment Committee, Department of Philosophy and Religion, 2006 – 2008
- ♦ Search/Selection Committee, Assistant Professor of Philosophy in Analytic/Modern Philosophy, Department of Philosophy and Religion, 2007
- ♦ Search/Selection Committee, Lecturer I Position in Logic/Critical Thinking, Department of Philosophy and Religion, 2006 – 2007

### **MEMBERSHIPS IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

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- ♦ American Catholic Philosophical Association
- ♦ American Philosophical Association (Central Division)

- ♦ American Society for Political and Legal Philosophy
- ♦ North American Society for Social Philosophy
- ♦ Society for the Philosophy of Sex and Love

### **HONORS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS**

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- ♦ Recipient, Outstanding Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity Award, University of Central Arkansas, 2016
- ♦ Finalist, Outstanding Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity Award, University of Central Arkansas, 2015
- ♦ Recipient, Sabbatical Leave; University of Central Arkansas, Fall 2013
- ♦ Recipient, "Outstanding Faculty Award 2010 – 2011," College of Liberal Arts, University of Central Arkansas
- ♦ University Research Council Faculty Enhancement Grant; University of Central Arkansas, 2010
- ♦ University Research Council Summer Stipend; University of Central Arkansas, 2010
- ♦ University Research Council Faculty Enhancement Grant; University of Central Arkansas, 2008
- ♦ Arthur J. Schmitt Fellowship; Marquette University, 2003

### **REFERENCES**

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Available upon Request