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EDUCATION:

Ph.D. in philosophy, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, 1988.
Dissertation: *Names and Beliefs*. Advisor, Albert Casullo.
M.A. in philosophy, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, December 1983.
B.A. in philosophy and education, University of Iceland, 1981.
B.Ed. Icelandic National Teachers' College, June 1979.

EMPLOYMENT:

Iowa State University,
Professor, 2014.
Chair, 2013-present.
Associate Professor, 2004-2014.
Associate Chair, 2004-2006, 2009-2010, 2011-2012.
Assistant Professor, 1999-2004.
Visiting Assistant Professor, 1995-1999.
Grinnell College, Visiting Assistant Professor, 1994-1995.
Wartburg College, Assistant Professor, 1990-1994.
University of Nebraska at Omaha, Visiting Assistant Professor, 1989-1990.
University of Wisconsin, Washington County, Lecturer, 1988-1989.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:

Philosophy of Language and Mind, Epistemology, Metaphysics.

AREAS OF COMPETENCE:

Cognitive Science, Ethics, Applied Ethics, Philosophy of Religion, Logic.

PUBLICATIONS:**Books:**

1. Under contract, *The Routledge Handbook of Linguistic Reference*, co-edited with Stephen Biggs.
2. *Philosophy of Language and Webs of Information*. Routledge, 2013.
Paperback edition in 2017.
Reviewed in Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews, July 2013.
3. *Ethical Theory: A Concise Introduction, 3rd edition*, eds. H. Geirsson and M. Holmgren.
Introductions to the nine sections of the book written by the editors. Broadview Press, 2018.
4. *Ethical Theory: A Concise Introduction, 2nd edition*, eds. H. Geirsson and M. Holmgren.
Introductions to the nine sections of the book written by the editors. Broadview Press, 2010.
(392pp., editors introductions totaling 35pp.).

5. *Ethical Theory: A Concise Introduction* eds. H. Geirsson and M. Holmgren. Introductions to the nine sections of the book written by the editors. Broadview Press, 2000. (392pp., editors introductions totaling 33pp.).
6. *Beginning Metaphysics: A Text with Readings*, H. Geirsson and M. Losonsky. Eight chapters written by the authors, each followed by a selection of readings. Blackwell, 1998. (499pp., coauthored chapters totaling 140pp.).
7. *Readings in Language and Mind*, eds. H. Geirsson and M. Losonsky. Introduction to the book and introductions to the nine sections of the book written by the editors. Blackwell, 1996. (585pp., editors introductions totaling 22pp.).

Papers:

1. "Singular Thoughts, Cognitivism, and Conscious Attention," *Erkenntnis*, Vol. 83 (2018): 613-626.
2. "Moral Twin Earth, Reference and Disagreements," *Proceedings of the XXIII World Congress of Philosophy: Philosophy of Language*, Vol. 53, (2018): 53-57.
3. "Empty Names: An Error Theoretic Account," *Proceedings of the VIII Conference of the Spanish Society for Logic, Methodology, and Philosophy of Science*, Barcelona, 2015: 120-125.
4. "Moral Twin Earth, Intuitions, and Kind Names." *Croatian Journal of Philosophy*, Vol. XIV, 2014: 91-110.
5. "Conceivability and Coherence: A Skeptical View of Zombies." *Erkenntnis*, Vol. 79 (2014): 211-225.
6. "A Tale of Two Marys." *Proceedings of the Fifth Conference of the Spanish Society of Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science*, eds. Concha Martinez Vidal, Jose L. Falguera, Jose M. Saguillo, Victor M. Verdejo, M. Pereira-Farina. Universidade De Santiago De Compostela Publications, (2012): 205-211.
7. "Multiple Realizability, Physical Constraints, and Possibilities: A Response to Bauer." *Southwest Philosophy Review*, Vol. 27, (2011): 53-57.
8. "Reference, Theory of." Oxford Bibliographies in Philosophy. Ed. Duncan Pritchard. New York: Oxford University Press, 2011.
 - Revised 2013.
9. "Towards a Unified Account of Simple Sentences and Belief Reports." *Proceedings of the Fifth Conference of the Spanish Society of Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science* (2006), eds. F. M. Manrique and L. M. Peres, (Granada, 2006): 154-158.
10. "Plantinga and the Problem of Evil." *Proceedings of the XXI World Congress of Philosophy* (2006): 109-113. (Written with Michael Losonsky).
11. "What God Could Have Made." *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*, Vol. XLIII (2005): 355-376. (Written with Michael Losonsky).
12. "Moral Twin-Earth and Semantic Moral Realism." *Erkenntnis* (2005) 62: 253-278.
13. "Conceivability and Defeasible Modal Justification." *Philosophical Studies* (2005): 279-304.
14. "Contra Collective Epistemic Agency," *Southwest Philosophy Review*, Vol. 20, (2004): 163-166.
15. "Moral Twin-Earth: The Intuitive Argument," *Southwest Philosophy Review*, Vol. 19 (2003): 115-124.
16. "Frege and Object Dependent Propositions," *Dialectica*, Vol. 56 (2002): 299-314.
17. "Justification and Ways of Believing," *Disputatio* 12, (2002): 43-53.
18. "Discovering Identity," *Southwest Philosophy Review*, Vol. 17 (2001): 43-57.
 - Published in Hungarian translation, "Az Identitás felfedezése," in a *Helikon* special volume on Frege's philosophy, 2006. Translation by Vecsey Zoltan.
19. "Metaphysics and Practice," *Proceedings of Metaphysics for the Third Millennium* (Rome, Italy: 2001): 439-446. (With Michael Losonsky).
20. "Justification and Relative Apriority," *Ratio* XII (1999): 148-161.
21. "Regresses, Sufficient Reasons, and Cosmological Arguments," *Journal of Philosophical Research* 24 (1999): 285-304. (With Patrick Francken).

22. "True Belief Reports and Sharing of Beliefs," *Journal of Philosophical Research* 23 (1998): 331-342.
23. "Partial Propositions and Cognitive Content," *Journal of Philosophical Research* 21 (1996): 117-128.
24. "Necessity, Apriority, and True Identity Statements," *Erkenntnis* 40 (1994): 227-242.
25. "The Contingent A Priori: Kripke's Two Types of Examples," *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 69 (1991): 195-205.

Book chapters/sections:

1. "The New Realism," selections, introduction to the selections, study questions, and further readings, in *Contemporary Analytic and Linguistic Philosophy*, (second edition), ed., E. D. Klemke, Prometheus Books, 2000.

Book reviews:

1. *Necessary Intentionality: A Study in the Metaphysics of Aboutness*, Ori Simchen, (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012). Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews, 2012.
<http://ndpr.nd.edu/news/31949-necessary-intentionality-a-study-in-the-metaphysics-of-aboutness/>
2. *Beyond Rigidity: The Unfinished Semantic Agenda of Naming and Necessity*, Scott Soames, (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2002). *Disputatio*, 2005: 182-188.
3. *Knowledge and Reference in Empirical Science*, Azzouni, Jody, (New York: Routledge, 2000). *Minds and Machines*, vol. 14 (2004): 258-260.
4. *Electric Words: Dictionaries, Computers, and Meanings*, Y. A. Wilks, B. M. Slator, and L. M. Guthrie (Cambridge: The MIT Press, 1996). *Minds and Machines*, vol. 7 (1997): 312-315.
5. *Liaisons: Philosophy Meets the Cognitive and Social Sciences*, A. Goldman (Cambridge: The MIT Press, 1992), *Philosophical Applications of Cognitive Science*, A. Goldman (Boulder: Westview Press, 1993), *Readings in Philosophy and Cognitive Sciences*, A. Goldman (Cambridge: The MIT Press, 1993). *Minds and Machines*, vol. 7 (1997): 306-312.
6. *Form and Reason: Essays in Metaphysics*, E. Halper (Albany: State University of New York Press, 1993). *Teaching Philosophy* 18 (1995): 185-186.

Other publications:

1. "Nozick vs. Anarchism," *Proceedings of the Society for Social and Political Philosophy*.
2. "The Contingent A Priori," *The Philosopher's Notebook* (1988) (University of Wisconsin Centers interdepartmental publication).
3. "Tenure and Post-Tenure Reviews" *AAUP ISU Chapter Newsletter*, March, 1997.
4. "Is ISU's new Sexual Harassment Policy up to par?" *AAUP ISU Chapter Newsletter*, September 1996.
5. "First-time delegate shares impressions of annual AAUP meeting" *Iowa Academe*, Fall 1996. Reprinted in *Missouri Academe*.

PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS:

1. "Empty Names and Simple Sentences," The XXIV World Congress in Philosophy, Beijing, China, 2018.
2. "Singular Thoughts, Cognitivism, FINSTs, and Conscious Attention," European Congress of Analytic Philosophy, Munich, Germany, 2017.
3. "Singular Thought and Fingers of Instantiation," PhiLang '17, Lodz, Poland, 2017.
4. "Singular Thought, Significance, and Conscious Attention." The Eight Meeting of the Spanish Society for Analytic Philosophy (SEFA), Oviedo, Spain, 2016.
5. "Empty Names: A Millian Error Theoretic Account," XII Conference of the Italian Society of Analytic Philosophy (SIFA), Pistoia, Italy, 2016.

6. "Empty Names: A Millian Error Theoretic Account," IV Colombian Conference on Logic, Epistemology and Philosophy of Science, Bogota, Colombia, 2016.
7. "Empty Names: An Error Theoretic Account," VIII Conference of the Spanish Society for Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science, Barcelona, Spain, 2015.
8. "Empty Names and Error Theory." Philang Conference, Lodz, Poland, 2015.
9. "In The Know and Still Resisting Substitutions." Names, Demonstratives and Expressives, conference organized by University of Milan, Gargnano, Italy, 2014.
10. "Moral Twin-Earth, Reference and Disagreements." World Congress of Philosophy, Athens, Greece, 2013.
11. "In The Know and Still Resisting Substitutions." ENFA5 (The fifth meeting of the Portuguese Society of Analytic Philosophy), Braga, Portugal, 2012.
12. "A Tale of Two Marys." The Seventh Conference of the Spanish Society of Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science, Santiago de Compostela, Spain, 2012.
13. Comments on "Vagueness, Indeterminacy, and Logic." *A.P.A. Central Division Meeting*, Minneapolis, 2011.
14. "Multiple Realizability." *Southwest Philosophical Society*, Memphis, TN, 2010.
15. "Conceivability and Justification: A Look at Zombies." SIFA 9, Ontology, Mind and Language, Padua, Italy, 2010.
16. "Singular Propositions and De Re Beliefs," SIFA 8, Ontology, Mind and Language, Bergamo, Italy, 2008.
17. "In Search of Fools: A Modestly Empirical Account of Conceivability," Presidential Address given at the 2007 *Central States Philosophical Association* meeting. Des Moines, IA.
18. "Acquaintance and De Re Beliefs," *A.P.A. Pacific Division Meeting*, San Francisco, CA, 2007.
19. "Towards a Unified Account of Simple Sentences and Belief Reports." The Fifth Conference of the Spanish Society of Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science, Granada, Spain, 2006.
20. Comments on "Blueberries: Knowledge *A Positio*," by James Swindler, Central States Philosophical Association, Memphis, 2006.
21. "Substitutivity, Simple Sentences, and Belief Reports," *A.P.A. Pacific Division Meeting*, Portland, OR, 2006.
22. "The Role of Scenarios in Modal Justification," ECAP V, Lisbon, Portugal, 2005.
23. "Modal Justification and Defeasibility," The 2004 *Central States Philosophical Association* and *Iowa Philosophical Society*, Iowa City.
24. Comments on "Collective Epistemic Agency," by Deborah Tollefsen, the 2003 meeting of the *Southwestern Philosophical Society*, Memphis, TN
25. "Plantinga and the Problem of Evil." The 21st World Congress of Philosophy, Istanbul, Turkey, 2003.
26. Comments on "Twin Earth, Dry Earth, and the Significance of BIV Skepticism," by William S. Larkin, The 2003 *A.P.A. Central Division Meeting*, Cleveland.
27. "What God Could Have Made," (with Michael Losonsky). Presented by Losonsky at Colorado State University and University of Wyoming, spring 2003.
28. "God's Creation Limits and the Problem of Evil," The 2003 *A.P.A. Pacific Division Meeting*, San Francisco. (Written with Michael Losonsky).
29. "Moral Twin-Earth: The Intuitive Argument." The 2002 meeting of the *Central States Philosophical Association*, Columbus, MO, and the 2002 meeting of the *Southwest Philosophical Society*, Kansas City, KS.
30. "Trouble for Moral Twin-Earth," The 2002 *A.P.A. Central Division Meeting*, Chicago, IL, and ECAP IV, Lund, Sweden, 2002.
31. "Sentence-Like Guises." The 2001 meeting of the *Central States Philosophical Association*, St. Louis, MO.
32. Comments on "Epistemic Deontology Set Aright" by Claudio de Almeida, Universidade Catolica do Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, at the 2000 *Central States Philosophical Association*, Lincoln, NE.

33. "Metaphysics and Practice," *Metaphysics for the Third Millennium*, Rome, Italy, 2000. (With Michael Losonsky).
34. Comments on "Donnellan on Neptune" by Dr. Robin Jeshion, USC, at the 1999 meeting of *Central States Philosophical Association*, Norman, OK.
35. "Regresses, Sufficient Reasons, and Cosmological Arguments." The 1997 *A.P.A. Pacific Division Meeting*, Oakland, California, and the 1996 meeting of the *Central States Philosophical Association*, Kansas City, MO. (Written with Patrick Francken).
36. "Discovering Identity." The 1996 meeting of the *Central States Philosophical Association*, Kansas City, MO.
37. "Justification and Relative Apriority." The 1995 *A.P.A. Eastern Division Meeting*, New York.
38. "Belief Reports and Belief Contents." The 1997 meeting of the *Central States Philosophical Association*, St. Louis, MO. The 1995 *A.P.A. Central Division Meeting*, Chicago, IL.
39. "Truth in Belief Reports." The joint meeting of the *Central States Philosophical Association* and *The Tennessee Philosophical Association*, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, 1994.
40. Commented on "Functionalism Refuted" by Dr. Irvin Goldstein of Davidson College, NC, at the 1993 *Mountain-Plains Conference*, Durango, CO.
41. "Partial Propositions and Cognitive Content." The 1993 *A.P.A. Eastern Division Meeting*, Atlanta and the 1992 meeting of the *Central States Philosophical Association*, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS.
42. "The *What* and the *How* of Belief." The 1991 meeting of the *Iowa Philosophical Association*, Drake University, Des Moines, IA.
43. "Necessity, Apriority, and True Identity Statements." The 1991 *A.P.A. Pacific Division Meeting*, San Francisco and the joint meeting of the *Central States Philosophical Association* and the *Illinois Philosophical Association*, University of Southern Illinois, IL, 1990.
44. "Descriptions, Reference, and Anaphoric Chains." The 1990 *A.P.A. Central Division Meeting*, New Orleans, LA.
45. "How to Believe a Singular Proposition." The 1990 *A.P.A. Pacific Division Meeting*, Los Angeles and the 1988 meeting of the *Minnesota Philosophical Society*, Hamline University, St. Paul, MN.
46. "The Ambiguity of Definite Descriptions." *The Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference*, Western State College of Colorado, Gunnison, CO, 1989.
47. "The Contingent A Priori: Kripke's Two Types of Examples." The 1989 *A.P.A. Central Division Meeting*, Chicago, IL.
48. "The Distinction Between Killing and Letting Die." The seventh annual meeting of the *Society for Social and Political Philosophy*, Tulsa, OK, 1985.
49. "Nozick vs. Anarchism." The sixth annual meeting of the *Society for Social and Political Philosophy*, Iowa State University, Ames, IA, 1984.

OTHER PRESENTATIONS:

1. "AAUP Guidelines on Shared Governance." AAUP forum at ISU, 2011.
2. "Faculty Roles in Academic Program Changes." AAUP forum at ISU, 2010.
3. "Who Knows?" Presented as a Fellow of the Center for Excellence in the Arts and Humanities, ISU, 2004.
4. "Why All Moral Statements are False," presented to the ISU Philosophy Club, 1998.
5. "Discovering Identity" presented to the Philosophy Department at Wichita State University, KS, 1996
6. "The Wabbit Hunt." A guest lecture at the ISU Philosophy Club, Ames, IA, 1996.
7. "Meaning and Reference: Giving Humpty Dumpty his Due." A Linguistics Lecture at Grinnell College, Grinnell, IA, 1994.

8. "What is in a Name?" presented at a meeting of the Literary and Philosophical Society, Wartburg College, Waverly, IA, 1993.
9. "Substitutivity of Names in Belief Context" presented to the Philosophy Department at Towson State University, Towson, MD, 1989

HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS:

- ISU Emerging Leaders Academy, 2012. One of 17 faculty selected.
- President of the Central States Philosophical Association, 2006-2007.
- Vice President of the Central States Philosophical Association, 2005-2006.
- Nominated for an at-large position at the AAUP Assembly of State Conference Executive Board, 2013.
- Nominated to run as a candidate for District IV for AAUP Executive Board, 2006 and 2012.
- President, Iowa Philosophical Society, 1993.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS:

- LAS Research and Travel Grant, 2017.
- LAS Small Grant, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016.
- Foreign travel grant, 2002, 2005, 2008, 2012.
- Fellow of the Center of Excellence in the Arts and Humanities, 2004.
- ISU Summer Salary Grant, 2001.
- Nominated by the Philosophy Department of ISU for a University Teaching Award, 1998, 2002.
- NEH Summer Seminar, "Reference: Language and Reality," directed by Richard L. Mendelsohn, CUNY Graduate School, 1994.
- Finalist (one of three) for the 1994 Student Award for Teaching Excellence at Wartburg College.
- Research grant from the Icelandic Council of Science, 1993, 1991, 1990.
- NEH grant from The Visiting Philosopher Program, 1991.
- Term leave from Wartburg College, May Term 1992.
- Franklin E. and Orinda M. Johnson Fellowship, 1987-1988.
- Franklin E. and Orinda M. Johnson Fellowship, 1986-1987.
- Wolf Fellowship, 1985-1986.
- American-Scandinavian Association: Thor Thor's Fellowship, 1982-1983.

SERVICE:

Department:

- Awards Committee, 2016-present.
- Department Chair, 2013-present.
- Associate Chair, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, 2004-2006, 2009-2010, 2011-2013.
- Chair, Jonathan Tsou's third year review committee, 2011-2012.
- Faculty mentor for Annemarie Butler, David Alexander, Stephen Biggs, Elanor Taylor.
- Chair, Departmental Budget Committee, 2011-2013.
- Ad hoc committee to revise Post Tenure Review requirement for the department, 2011.
- Chair, David Alexander's third year review committee, 2010-2011.
- Chair, language and mind search committee, 2010-2011.
- Chair, Annemarie Butler's tenure committee, 2010-2011.
- Chair, epistemology search committee, 2007-2008.
- Tenure and promotion committee for Nikki Bado-Fralic, 2007-2008.
- Annemarie Butler's third year review committee, 2007-2008.
- Outcomes Assessment Committee, 2007-present.
- Conciliation Committee, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, 2005.
- Chair, Travis Butler's tenure committee, 2005-2006.
- Carla Fehr's tenure and promotion committee, 2004-2005.
- Chair, Mark Wunderlich's third year review committee, 2004-2005.

- Chair Departmental Curricular Committee, 2000-2003.
- Committee on Program Outcomes in Philosophy, 2003-present.
- Computation Committee, 1998-2006, 2007-present.
- Socrates Scholarship Committee, 2002.
- Webmaster for the Iowa State Philosophy Department, 1996-2000
- Bioethics Center Organization Committee, ISU, 1997-98.

College:

- Chair, Chair Search Committee, Department of Music and Theater, 2016.
- PTR Committee, Department of Political Science, 2016.
- Screening committee for Associate Dean, LAS College, 2015.
- Screening committee for three IT staff for the LAS College, 2015.
- Dean's Cabinet, 2013-present.
- Chair, LAS Faculty Development Committee, 2005-2011. Member since 2004.
- LAS Representative Assembly, 2004, 2005-2011 (representing the LAS FDC).
- LAS Representative Assembly, Executive Committee, 2004.
- M.A. Thesis, Eric Wait, Interdisciplinary Graduate Studies, 2012.
- M.A. Thesis, Holly Theresa Bignall, Interdisciplinary Graduate Studies, 2009.

University:

- Ad Hoc Investigative Appeals Committee, 2013.
- Appeals Committee, 2012-2017.
- Advisor to the ISU Scandinavian Club, 2012-2014.
- CEAH Seed Grant Committee. 2010-2011.
- Faculty Development and Administrative Relations Council, (a Faculty Senate council) 2007-2013.
- Chair, Recognition and Development Committee, 2007-2013. Member since 2006.
- Governance and Documents Committee (a Faculty Senate committee), 2004-2007.
- Governance Structure and Documents (a Faculty Senate committee), 2001-2004.
- Conduct Committee, charged with rewriting the ISU Handbook conduct policy, 1997-2001.

Profession:

- Ph.D. Committee, CUNY, Daniel Shabasson. Committee, David Papineau (chair), Barbara Gail Montero, 2017.
- Reviewer for the Erwin Schrodinger Fellowship, Austria, 2017.
- External evaluator for a promotion, University of Liverpool, 2016.
- The American Philosophical Association Committee on Defense of Professional Rights of Philosophers, 2015-present.
- Vice President, ISU AAUP Chapter, 2009-present.
- Chair, ISU Committee A on Academic Freedom and Tenure, 2009-present.
- Chair, Iowa Committee A on Academic Freedom and Tenure, 2004-present, member since 1993.
- Nominated by the national Nominating Committee to run for AAUP Council for District IV, 2007 and 2008.
- Secretary of the ISU AAUP Chapter, 1998-2004.
- Iowa delegate at the 1996 AAUP National Meeting, Washington, DC.
- Iowa AAUP Conference Executive Committee, 1995-present.
- Iowa AAUP Arrangement Committee, Fall 1994, Fall 1996, Fall 2002.
- Treasurer of the Wartburg College AAUP, 1994.

Referee:

- **Books:**
Cambridge University Press, 2016.
Broadview Press, 2016.
W.W. Norton and Company, 2008, 2011

Oxford University Press, 2005, 2007

Wadsworth, 2001

- **Journals:**

American Philosophical Quarterly

Australasian Journal of Philosophy (x4)

Dialectica (x3)

Dialogue (x2)

Canadian Journal of Philosophy

Erkenntnis (x7)

Ethical Theory and Moral Practice (x2)

Journal of Moral Philosophy

Journal of Philosophical Research (x3)

Nous (x4)

Notre Dame Journal of Formal Logic

Philosophia

Philosophia Scientiæ (special volume on modal knowledge)

Philosophical Quarterly

Philosophy and Phenomenological Research (x3)

Ratio (x2)

Semiotica

Synthese (x4)

Topoi

- **Conferences:**

Southwest Philosophical Society

Central States Philosophical Association

Mountain-Plains conference

The INPC conference and subsequent book on reference.

The INPC conference and subsequent book on meaning and truth.

- **Grants:**

Erwin Schrödinger Fellowship (Austria), 2017.

Icelandic Research Council.

Conferences:

- President and local organizer, Central States Philosophical Association, 2006-2007.
- Program Chair and Vice President, Central States Philosophical Association, 2005-2006.
- Webmaster for the Central States Philosophical Association, 1996-2002.
- Session Chair at the Midwest Epistemology Workshop, Iowa City, 2011.
- Session chair at a CSPA meeting in Memphis, TN, 2006.
- Session Chair at a Philosophy of Science and Epistemology session at ECAP5, Lisbon, Portugal, 2005.
- Session Chair at APA meetings:
 - Author meets critic (*Pretense and Pathology: Philosophical Fictionalism and its Applications*, 2017 Pacific Meeting, Seattle, WA.
 - Philosophy of Language and Logic session, 2009 Central Division Meeting, Chicago, IL.
 - Philosophy of Language session, 2008 Central Division Meeting, Chicago, IL.
 - Philosophy of Law session, 2005 Central Division Meeting, Chicago, IL.
 - History of Modern session, 2005 Central Division Meeting, Chicago, IL.
 - Problem of Evil session, 2004 Central Division Meeting, Chicago, IL.
 - Personal Identity session, 2001 Central Division Meeting, Minneapolis, MN.
- Session Chair at the 2004, 2002, 1998, 1997, and 1993 meetings of the Central States Philosophical Association.
- President of the Iowa Philosophical Society, 1993-1994.

Other universities:

- University of Iceland, External Evaluator for MA projects in philosophy, 2017-2020.
- Evaluator for a promotion, University of Liverpool, 2016.
- Chair of a search committee for a tenured position in philosophy at the University of Iceland, 2005.
- Chair of the Faculty Development Committee, 1993-94, Wartburg College.
- Elie Wiesel Paper Selection Committee, 1994, Grinnell College, 1993, Wartburg College.
- Educational Policies Committee, 1991-93, Wartburg College.
- General Education Committee, 1991-93, Wartburg College.
- Multicultural/Global Committee, 1991-93, Wartburg College.
 - A member of the following sub-committees of the Multicultural/Global Committee:
 - The Advisory Committee to the first International Chair, 1992-93.
 - The Multicultural Faculty Development and Program Committee, 1992-93.
 - The International Chair Committee, 1991-92.
- Rhodes Scholarship Campus Committee, 1991-92, Wartburg College.
- Environmental Studies Minor Coordinator, 1991-94, Wartburg College.
- Library Advisory Board, 1990-93, Wartburg College.
- Advisor to the UWVC Philosophy Club, 1988-89.

COURSES TAUGHT:

Human Expression (an interdisciplinary humanities course).
 Introduction to Philosophy.
 Introduction to Logic and Scientific Reasoning.
 Elementary Logic.
 Moral Theory and Practice.
 Introduction to Ethics.
 Metaphysics (upper level).
 Social and Political Philosophy (upper level).
 Philosophy of Language (upper level).
 Philosophy of Science (upper level).
 Analytic Philosophy (upper level).
 Epistemology (upper level).
 Philosophy of Religion (upper level).