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EMPLOYMENT:

Professor, Western Illinois University, 2009-present
Philosophy Coordinator, Western Illinois University, 2016-present
Chair, Philosophy & Religious Studies Department, Western Illinois University, 2014-2016
Interim Chair, Philosophy & Religious Studies Department, Western Illinois University, 2013-2014
Associate Professor, Western Illinois University 2004-2009
Assistant Professor, Western Illinois University 2000-2004
Instructor, Indiana University, South Bend, 1999

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:

Philosophy of Religion, Metaphysics

AREAS OF COMPETENCE:

Ethics, Ancient Philosophy

COURSES TAUGHT:

Philosophy of Religion, Metaphysics, Ancient Philosophy [face to face (F2F) and online], Moral Philosophy, Freedom and Responsibility (Honors course), Medieval Philosophy, Introduction to Philosophy (F2F and online), Logic and Reasoning (F2F, on-line, and Honors sections), Contemporary Moral Problems (F2F and online)

EDUCATION:

Ph.D. (Philosophy), University of Notre Dame, May, 2000. (Peter van Inwagen and Ted Warfield, dissertation co-directors)

M.A. (Philosophy), Texas A&M University, May, 1994. (Jonathan Kvanvig, thesis director)

M.Div.BI. (Theology), Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, December, 1991.

B.S.N. (Nursing), University of Iowa, May, 1986.

RESEARCH

PUBLICATIONS:

"Moral Objectivity, Simplicity and the Identity View of God," *Philosophia Christi*, Vol. 11, No.1 (2009), pp. 126-144.

"Mundane or Incredible!? Identifying When an Explanation is Required," *American Philosophical Quarterly*, Vol. 45, No. 2 (April, 2008), pp. 199-204.

"Moral Responsibility and the Ability to Do Otherwise," *Journal of Philosophical Research*, Vol. 30 (2005), pp. 303-319.

"Are We Rarely Free? A Response to Restrictivism," *Philosophical Studies*, Vol. 107, No. 3 (February 2002), pp. 219-237.

"Interview with Alvin Plantinga," *Kinesis*, Vol. 25, No. 1, (1998), pp. 3-14.

Review of *Anger and Forgiveness* by Martha Nussbaum, *International Journal for the Philosophy of Religion* (2018).

Review of *Living Without Free Will* by Derk Pereboom, *Faith and Philosophy* Volume 19, No. 3 (July, 2002), pp. 368-371.

PAPERS PRESENTED (PEER REVIEWED):

"Defending Drug Criminalization," Illinois Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, Northern Illinois University, October 21, 2017.

"Coolness and the Gospels: Jesus is Cool," Midwestern Evangelical Philosophical Society Annual Meeting, Grand Rapids, MI, March 28, 2014

"Self-Referential Musings on Humor and Philosophy," Lighthearted Philosophers' Society Annual Meeting, Tampa Bay, FL, October 15, 2011.

"Mundane or Incredible!?" American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, Los Angeles, CA, March 20, 2008.

"Merely Random or Not? A Helpful but Imprecise Guide," Iowa Philosophical Association, Cedar Rapids, IA, October 20, 2007.

"The Coherency Dilemma and the Identity View: Responding to a Contemporary Euthyphro Problem," Pacific Society of Christian Philosophers Conference, Santa Barbara, CA, February 23, 2007.

"Moral Objectivity and Theism: Defending Kretzmann's Response to the Euthyphro Question," American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 24, 2004.

“Euthyphro and Simplified Simplicity,” Evangelical Philosophical Society Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, November 21, 2003.

“Restrictions on Incompatibilist Freedom” Society of Christian Philosophers Midwest Regional Meeting, Bloomington, IN, September 14, 2002.

“Moral Responsibility and the Ability to Do Otherwise,” Illinois Philosophical Association, Bloomington, IL, November 3, 2001.

“Defending a Flicker of Freedom Response to Frankfurt-Style Examples,” American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, May 4, 2001.

“Are We Rarely Free? A Response to Restrictivism,” Pacific Division Meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers, Santa Barbara, CA, April 7, 2001.

“The Frequency of Freedom: A Response to Restrictivism,” American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, Albuquerque, NM, April 8, 2000.

“An Incompatibilist Response to Frankfurt-style Examples: A Flicker is All I Need,” Pacific Division Meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers, Pasadena, CA, March 25, 2000.

“Moral Responsibility,” Invited paper, Westmont College, February 10, 2000.

“A Response to Restrictivism,” Midwest Regional Meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers, Milwaukee, WI, March 26, 1999.

COMMENTS GIVEN:

Commentator for “Responsibility of the Psychopathic Offender” by Christopher Ciochetti, Central States Philosophical Association Meeting, University of Missouri-Columbia, October 11, 2002.

Commentator for “What the Hell Does God Know?” by Todd Furman, Central States Philosophical Association Meeting, St. Louis, MO, October 12, 2001.

Commentator for “Determinism and Moral Responsibility Are Incompatible,” by Ted Warfield, MMMM II Conference, University of Notre Dame, August, 1997.

REVIEW/REFEREE WORK:

Review work for Oxford Press, Broadview Press, and Blackwell Publishing.
Referee for *Journal of Philosophical Research* and *Philosophical Studies*

SERVICE:

University:

Member of the General Education Review Committee (Chair of Humanities Sub-Committee), 2016-2018

Panelist, Minority Health Month Discussion on Spiritual Health, April, 2015, Western Illinois University.

Secretary, Faculty Senate, 2008-2009

Member of the Council on Provost and Presidential Performance, 2007-2009

Member, Faculty Senate, 2006-2008

Faculty representative on the Student Government Association Council on Student Information and Technology, 2003-2005

College:

Member, Kline Professorship Committee, 2014

Member, College of Arts & Sciences Curriculum Committee, 2004-2005 and 2011-2013

Member, College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Council, 2003-2005 and 2011-2013

Member of the College Personnel Committee, 2007-2008; 2009-2010 and 2011-2012

Chair, College of Arts & Sciences Curriculum Committee, 2005-2006

Member of the Bachelors in Liberal Arts and Sciences (B.L.A.S.) degree review committee, 2006

College of Arts and Sciences Technology Representative for Philosophy and Religious Studies Department, 2003-2005

New faculty mentor, 2003-2005

Department:

Philosophy Coordinator, Mathematics and Philosophy Department, 2016-present

Member, Advisory Council, Mathematics and Philosophy Department, 2016-present

Chair of Philosophy and Religious Studies Department 2014-2016

Interim Chair of Philosophy and Religious Studies Department, 2013-2014

Chair of Philosophy Program Review Committee, 2012-2013

Chair of Department Personnel Committee, 2007-2008; 2009-2010 and 2011-2012

Chair of Department Chair Search Committee, 2005

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

American Philosophical Association, since 1993

Central States Philosophical Association, since 2001

Society of Christian Philosophers, since 1993

Evangelical Philosophical Society, since 2001