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Ph.D. (Philosophy), Michigan State University, 1982

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M.A. (Philosophy), Michigan State University, 1980

B.A. (Philosophy), State University of New York at Plattsburgh, 1978

Publications:

Books:

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A Brief History of the Paradox (New York: Oxford University Press, 2003).

Vagueness and Contradiction (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 2001)

Pseudo-Problems (London: Routledge, 1993)

Thought Experiments (New York: Oxford University Press, 1992)

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General Media

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Wintergasten (Dutch VPRO television, 90 minute talk show, airs December 27, 2010)

“Paradoxes “Sift” Audio Podcast hosted by Arnon Sands on ” February 21, 2011 at <http://siftpodcast.com/?p=27>

“The Epistemology of Disagreement” with David Christensen, Philosophy TV, November 19, 2010)

“Lying” with Don Fallis, Philosophy TV October 10, 2010

“The Diavlog of Death.” debate with Benjamin Bradley on posthumous harm on bloggingshead.tv Percontations August 9, 2009.

“Paradoxes’ Philosophy Talk 1998

“Great Genius and Profound Stupidity” film by Benita Raphan (I did the commentary on Edwin Land), 2008

Lecture Presentations

“Spectacular Absences” University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, August 28, 2011.

“Could Darkness Have Been Red?” Varieties of Colour Vision Conference August 6, 2011.

“Lying with Conditionals” University of Oslo, April 9, 2011

“Disjunctive Verdictives” Austin Centenary at Lancaster University, April 6, 2011

“Parsimony for Empty Space” University of Parma, March 28, 2011, University of Georgia September 21, 2011.

“A Wff of Deviance” Paradox and Logical Revision Conference, Arche Center at St. Andrews, April 2, 2010.

“Stereotypes about Silhouettes” Conference on Kara Walker’s Art at Merz Foundation, Turin,

Italy March 26, 2011.

“How Vagueness Makes Judges Lie” University of Pennsylvania Institute for Law and Philosophy, Nov. 22, 2010 and Conference on Vagueness, Ontology, and Natural Kinds in Philosophy and Law at Humboldt University, December 12, 2010, CNRS Paris, March 31, 2011

“Knowledge-Lies” Rocky Mountains Ethics Conference, University of Colorado, July 2010.

“Veridical Idealizations” Thought Experiments Workshop Halifax, June 18, 2010, University of Wyoming September 2, 2010, University of Missouri, October 1, 2010, Philosophy Students' Association at the University of Geneva, December 10, 2010, Pacific American Philosophical Association, April 20, 2011

“Infinitely Old Names” New Directions in Metaphysics Conference at University of Nottingham, Dec. 5, 2009.

“Vague Music” University of Edinburgh, Dec. 10, 2009

“Precis and Replies” for Conference on Roy Sorensen’s Seeing Dark Things, University of York, July 7, 2009.

“Concepts of Artistic Knowledge” at Stone Summer Theory Institute, Chicago Art Institute September 23, 2009,.

“Artistic Expertise” School of the Art Institute in Chicago September 23, 2009

“Novice Thought Experiments” Thought Experiments workshop at University of Toronto May 22, 2009, St. Andrews Arche Center, Dec. 8, 2009

“What Lies Behind Misspeaking” Conference on Information and Disinformation at the University of Arizona, April 3, 2009. Nassau Community College September 7, 2009, Workshop on Assertion and Sincerity, University of Sheffield, Dec. 12, 2009

“Visual Paradox” Wayne State University, September 16, 2008

“Deliberate Distortion and the Aim of Science” Idealization Workshop at UNAM, July 2, 2008

“Para-natural kinds” Inland North Pacific Conference, March 16, 2008.

“Interestingly Dull Numbers” CUNY Graduate Center, February 6, 2008, Formal Epistemology Workshop at University of Wisconsin – Madison, May 16, 2008, U.T. at Austin, August 12, 2008, St. Louis University, October 17, 2008

“Mathematical Coincidences” AAP in Armidale, Australia, July 4, 2007, ANU July 23, 2007, Syracuse University, August 31, 2007, University of Miami, October 4, 2007.

“Fugitives from the Law of Averages” ANU-Sydney-Kyoto Probability Workshop in Sydney, Australia, June 30, 2007.

“The Practical Dogmatist” Norms and Analysis Conference, Sydney Australia June 28, 2007, Washington University, September 13, 2007.

“Examples of the Vagueness of ‘Vague’” Arche Vagueness Conference at St. Andrews, Scotland, June 9, 2007.

“Thought experiments and mathematical coincidences” Thought Experiments Workshop, May 10, 2007

“A Constructive Proof of the Vagueness of ‘Vague’” Vagueness conference, Prague, September 5, 2006.

“Knowledge beyond the margin for error” Workshop on Vagueness, Ovronnaz, Switzerland, June 26, 2006.

“Touching Shadows” Duke University, March 31, 2006

“Russian Roulette and the Margin for Safety: Comments on Ray and Simic” American Philosophical Association, December 30, 2005

“Hearing Silence” MacAlaster College November 1, 2005

“A Séance with an Immortal” SUNY at Albany September 16, 2005

“Truthmaker Gaps” University of Pamplona, May 27, 2005

“Sharp Edges for Hedges” University of Barcelona, May 25, 2005
“That is not there!” Glasgow University, November 23, 2004
“Sharp edges from hedges” St. Andrews University Arche Centre, November 17, 2004
“Spinning Shadows” Edinburgh Philosophy Society, September 30, 2004, Bristol University
November 5, 2004, University of Leeds November 13, 2004, University of British Columbia,
February 24, 2005
“Embeds” Thought Experiments Rethought, Ghent University, September 25, 2004
“The Vanishing Point: The self as an absence” University of California at Northridge March 10,
2004, Dartmouth-UVM conference June 18, 2004 Minor Entities Conference, Geneva,
University, July 8, 2004, Oxford Philosophical Society November 12, 2004, University of
Edinburgh November 26, 2004
“Was Russell a logical dogmatist?” Association for Informal Logic, December 28, 2003
“Everybody! A psychoanalytic reply to Ken Akiba” American Philosophical Association,
December 29, 2003
“Future Law” University of Alabama, Dec. 6, 2003, U.T. at Austin Oct. 6, 2003, Syracuse
Workshop in Metaphysics August 16, 2003, Virginia Commonwealth University, March 20,
2003, York University (UK) November 11, 2004
"Paradoxes without absurd conclusions" Union College, January 31, 2003
"A definite no-no" Liars and Heaps Conference at the University of Connecticut, Oct. 13, 2002
"Antinomies with Infinitely Many Arms" Meeting in Philosophical Logic and Applications,
CUNY Graduate Center, September 27, 2002.
"Seeing in Black and White" Rutgers University, March 14, 2002.
"Commercial Applications of Skepticism" Conference on Pyrrhonism in Honor of Robert
Fogelin, October 7, 2001.
"We see in the dark" University of New England at Armidale, July 26, 2001, Australian National
University August 7, 2001, Macquarie University August 21, 2001, Brown University September
21, 2001, University of Wisconsin at Madison, February 4, 2002.
"Vagueness without Borderline Cases" Logic Thursday Conference, Melbourne University, July
12, 2001.
"Goethe's Colored Shadows" Syracuse University April 2001, Australian National University
July 19, 2001, Hendrix College Oct. 25, 2001.
"Vagueness and Scruffy Knowledge" Knowability Conference at Waterloo, May 2001
"Truthmaker gaps and the no-no paradox" University of Edinburgh, October 27, 2000.
"The Sorites Meta-paradox" University of Glasgow, October 29, 2000
"Varieties of epistemicism" Jowett Society at Oxford University October 11, 2000.
"Higher Order Vagueness and Scruffy Knowledge" St. Andrews, September 27, 2000.
"Mirror Imagery and Biological Selection" Syracuse University August 14, 2000. University of
Sheffield, September 29, 2000, "Australasian Association of Philosophy, in Hobart, Tasmania,
July 3, 2001.
“Charity implies Meta-Charity” York University, October 22, 1999.
“Vagueness has no function in law” Conference on Vagueness and the Law at Columbia
University, September 25, 1999 and at the Dartmouth/Vermont Law School Meeting on March
21, 2000.
“Semantic Indeterminism” Mighty Midwestern Metaphysics Conference at Notre Dame, August
10, 1999.
“A slip of the forked tongue” CUNY Logic Seminar, April 22, 1999.
“The Art of the Impossible” University of Saskatchewan, January 15, 1999.
"Optical Illusions and Hidden Boundaries" College of William and Mary, October 22, 1998.

"Purely Contrastive Seeing" University of Delaware, October 9, 1998.

"Silhouettes and the Causal Theory of Perception" University of Connecticut at Storrs, September 11, 1998.

"Seeing Intersecting Eclipses" Dartmouth College, July 29, 1998.

"Direct Reference and Vague Identity" Mighty Midwestern Metaphysics Conference at Notre Dame, July 3, 1998.

"The Sorites and the Cheshire Cat" Temple University, April 3, 1998.

"The Sorites and Inconsistent Apriorities" Princeton University, October 10, 1997.

"Reflections on Mirrors" City College Colloquium, April 17, 1997.

"Comments on Eric Barnes" for the Eastern APA, December 20, 1996.

"Comments on Walter Sinnott-Armstrong's 'Begging the Question'" Association for Informal Logic and Critical Thinking, December 28, 1996.

"Reason demands belief in infinitely many inconsistencies" Stockholm University, December 20, 1996, Society for Exact Philosophy, May 17, 1997.

"Rewarding Regret" Philosophical Society, Lund, Sweden, December 18, 1996

"Circularity and the Empty Premise Set" University of Lund, December 18, 1996

"Evolution and Simulation Theory: Implications for Psychology and Philosophy" University of Canterbury September 2, 1996.

"Ernst Mach: Inventor of 'Gedankenexperimente'" University of Canterbury July 24, 1996.

"Extroverted Epistemic Paradox" University of Queensland June 28, 1996

"Ducking harm and the ethics of queues" University of Queensland June 26, 1996.

"Nagelian Sex Naturalized" University of Queensland June 24, 1996.

"Empathy and the fate of the human mind" University of Queensland June 20, 1996.

"Discretion and Ambiguity" University of Queensland June 18, 1996.

"The sorites does not equivocate" University of Queensland June 17, 1996.

"Logical Luck" University of Adelaide July 21, 1996, University of Queensland June 14, 1996, University of Canterbury July 16, 1996, Australasian Association Philosophy at Massey University, New Zealand Division, August 28, 1996 Palmerston-North, New Zealand, and Uppsala University, Sweden December 17, 1996

"Sharp Boundaries for Blobs" at Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, April 5, 1996 and the Columbia University workshop on "Shadows, Holes, Blobs, Surfaces, and other Entia Minora" May 19, 1996. Australasian Association for Philosophy July 9, 1996 in Brisbane, Australia.

"Unknowable Obligations" Greensboro Conference on Obligation, April 8, 1995.

"The Metaphysics of Words" Pacific APA Session on Vagueness, March 31, 1995.

"Modal Bloopers" CUNY Seminar in Philosophy of Logic on October 21, 1994 and University of Rochester on November 4, 1994, Australasian Association for Philosophy July 9, 1996 in Brisbane, Australia.

"An Epistemicist Reply to Crispin Wright" Spindel Conference on Vagueness, October 8, 1994

"A Thousand Clones" Rutgers University, September 30, 1993, and the Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, March 31, 1994.

Précis of Thought Experiments and reply to critics for the Association for Informal Logic and Critical Thinking, December 29, 1993.

"How Vagueness Guides Science" Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, March 25, 1993.

"Maximizing and Mimicking: A Reply to Professor Richardson" Woodrow Wilson International Center, Washington D. C., May 22, 1992

"Thought Experiments: How they Increase Precision" Du Pont Dacron Research Laboratory in Kinston, North Carolina, October 14, 1991, University of Canterbury August 14, 1996.

"What makes a problem deep?" 9th International Congress of Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science in Uppsala, Sweden, August 12, 1991.

"Moral Dilemmas, Thought Experiments, and Conflict Vagueness" Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, April 27, 1991.

"Thought Experiment and the Epistemology of Laws" Inter-University Conference for the Philosophy of Science at Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia, April 9, 1990.

"Mach's Theory of Thought Experiment" Philosophy Department Colloquium, Virginia Polytechnic and State University, March 22, 1990.

"Thought Experiments and Laws" Philosophy Department Colloquium, Columbia University, March 15, 1990.

"P, therefore, P' without Circularity" Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, December 29, 1989.

"Vagueness within the Language of Thought" Society for Philosophy and Psychology, April 15, 1989.

"Experiment and Thought Experiment" Philosophy Department Colloquium, SUNY at Stony Brook, February 2, 1989.

"Thought Experiments" Philosophy Department Colloquium, Dartmouth College, January 13, 1989.

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"The Evolution of Thought Experiment" Philosophy Department Colloquium, Rutgers University, October 13, 1988.

"Vagueness implies Cognitivism" Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, December 29, 1987.

"Thought Experiment, Kuhn, and Conflict Vagueness" Philosophy Department Colloquium, CUNY Graduate Center, November 18, 1987.

"Vague Entailment and Nonstandard Sorites Arguments" Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, May 1, 1987.

"Fictional Incompleteness as Vagueness" Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, December 30, 1986.

"Epistemic Limits" Philosophy Department Colloquium, Syracuse University, February 1984.

"The Role of Paradox in Philosophy" Philosophy Department Colloquium, University of Delaware, January 1984.

"The Iterated Prisoner's Dilemma" Philosophy Department Colloquium, Michigan State University, November 29, 1983.

"Self-Deception and Scattered Events" Philosophy Department Colloquium, University of Wisconsin/La Crosse, May 11, 1983.

"Expert Advice and Voting Theory" Philosophy Department Colloquium, University of Oklahoma/Norman, December 10, 1982.

"Irresolvable Disagreement and Reason's Role in Morality" Philosophy and Religion Department Colloquium, Florida International University, May 17, 1982.

"Expecting the Unexpected" Philosophy Department Colloquium, Michigan State University, February 19, 1982.

Academic Positions

Full Professor at Washington University in St. Louis, 7/08 - current

Full Professor at Dartmouth College 7/99 – 7/08
Visiting Professor at MIT department of linguistics and philosophy, 1/03 – 5/03
ANU Fellow 6/01 -8/01
Full Professor at New York University 9/95 - 8/99
Visiting Erskine Fellow at the University of Canterbury, New Zealand 7/10/96-9/5/96
Visiting Distinguished Professor, University of Queensland, Australia 6/5/96-7/5/96
Associate Professor at New York University 9/90 - 8/95
Assistant Professor at New York University 9/87 - 8/90
Assistant Professor at University of Delaware 9/84 - 8/87
Assistant Professor at Illinois State University 1/84 - 8/84

Services

Nominating Board for The Philosophers Annual 1998 - current
Chairman of the NYU philosophy department 9/1/91 - 8/31/94
Director of Graduate Studies for NYU philosophy department 1/91 - 8/1/91
Member of the Editorial Board of the American Philosophical Quarterly 1991-1993, 2003-current