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#### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2013 -	Department of Philosophy, University of Texas, El Paso. Associate Professor
2013 - 2018	Department of Philosophy, University of Texas, El Paso. Department Chair
2009 - 2013	Department of Philosophy, University of Wyoming. Associate Professor
2003 - 2009	Department of Philosophy, University of Wyoming. Assistant Professor

#### EDUCATION

2003	Ph.D., University of Colorado, Ph.D. (Philosophy).
	Dissertation: Communication, Meaning and the Attitudes: Toward a General Theory of Content.
	Advisor: George Bealer. Committee: Michael Tooley, Graeme Oddie, Christopher Shields, Laura Michaelis (Linguistics), Kent Bach (outside reader).
2002	University of Colorado, M.A. (Philosophy).
1993	New Mexico State University, B.A. (Philosophy, Psychology; minor Mathematics).

#### AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Epistemology, metaphysics, philosophy of language, philosophy of mind

#### **AREAS OF COMPETENCE**

Philosophical logic, mathematical logic, 20th Century analytic, philosophy of science (esp. biology)

#### **RESEARCH IN PROGRESS**

# Books

- 1. *The Indispensability of Intuition*. Cambridge Elements in Epistemology. New York: Cambridge (under contract)
- 2. A Unified Theory of Basic Evidence. In process

#### PUBLICATIONS

#### Books

1. *Knowing How: Essays on Knowledge, Mind and Action*. Co-edited with John Bengson. New York: Oxford (2011).

#### Articles

- 1. "Action-theoretic foundations for epistemology" Southwest Philosophical Review (forthcoming); Glenn Joy Award
- "Intuitions as evidence" In Lasonen-Aarnio & Littlejohn (Eds.), *Routledge Handbook of the Philosophy of Evidence*, Routledge (forthcoming 2023)
- "Non-propositional intellectualism" (w/ John Bengson) In Bengson & Moffett (Eds.), *Knowing How: Essays on Knowledge Mind and Action*, Oxford (2011)
- "Introduction: Two conceptions of mind and action" (w/ John Bengson) In Bengson & Moffett (Eds.), *Knowing How: Essays on Knowledge Mind and Action*, Oxford (2011)
- 5. "Against a posteriori functionalism" *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, **40** (2010): 83–106.
- 6. "The folk on knowing how" (w/ John Bengson & Jen Wright) *Philosophical Studies*, **142** (2009): 387–401.
- 7. "Reasonable disagreement and rational group inquiry" *Episteme: A Journal of Social Epistemology*, **4** (2007): 352–367.
- 8. "Know-how and concept possession" (w/ John Bengson) *Philosophical Studies*, **136** (2007): 31–57.
- "Constructing attitudes" *Protosociology*, **21** (2005): 105–128.
- "Language, communication, and the paradox of analysis: Some philosophical remarks on Plato's Cratylus" Logical Analysis and History of Philosophy: Epistemology, 8 (2005): 58–67.
- 11. "Knowing facts and believing propositions: A solution to the Problem of Doxastic Shift" *Philosophical Studies*, **115** (2003): 81–97.
- 12. "A note on the relationship between Mates' Puzzle and Frege's Puzzle" *Journal of Semantics*, **19** (2002): 159–166.

#### **Minor Publications**

- 1. "Review: Norms and Necessity by Amie L. Thomasson. Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews (2023)
- "Addendum to Synonymity" In D. Borchert (Ed.), *The Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (Supplement), 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. New York: Macmillan (2006).
- 3. "Generalized quantifiers and NP conjunction in intensional algebraic logic (Abstract)" *Bulletin of Symbolic Logic*, **10** (2003).

#### **PAPERS PRESENTED** (excluding job talks)

Mar 2024	TBD University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV (Invited)
Apr 2023	"Action theory as epistemology" 73 <sup>rd</sup> Annual New Mexico-Texas Philosophical Society, UTEP (Refereed)
Mar 2023	"Action theory as epistemology" Meeting of the North Carolina Philosophical Society, Duke University (Refereed)
Feb 2023	"Action theory as epistemology" 76 <sup>th</sup> Annual Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference, Online (Refereed)
Mar 2019	"A unified theory of basic evidence" New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM (Invited)
Feb 2015	"The unity of understanding" New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM (Invited)
Nov 2014	"Intentionality – Propositional and objectual" Workshop on Propositions, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX (Invited)
Aug 2014	"Understanding, wisdom, & intellectual progress" Southwest Epistemology Conference, Albuquerque, NM (Invited)
Nov 2013	"The dilemma of fair chase" — public lecture Boise State University, Boise ID (Invited)
Nov 2013	"Understanding, wisdom, & intellectual progress" Boise State University, Boise, ID (Invited)
June 2011	"A theory of wisdom" Bled Epistemology Conference, Bled, Slovenia (Invited)
May 2011	"Conceptions" Society for Exact Philosophy, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg (Refereed)

April 2011	"Intelligent action" New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM (Invited)
March 2011	"Radical intellectualism" University of Colorado, Boulder, CO (Invited)
Aug 2008	Symposium on epistemic conservatism and metaepistemology UT Austin Methodology Workshop, University of Texas, Austin (Invited)
Sept 2007	"Valuing the wasteland" — public lecture Red Desert Symposium, University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY (Invited)
Sept 2007	"Conservatism, stability, and the metaphysics of belief" Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, CO (Invited)
July 2007	"Conservatism, stability, and self-trust" Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, Western Washington University (Refereed)
June 2007	"A paradox of ideal rational inquiry" Episteme Conference 2007: Testimony, Rutgers University (Refereed)
May 2007	"Conservatism, stability, and self-trust" Society for Exact Philosophy: Time, Logic and Exact Philosophy, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC (Refereed)
May 2007	"Stability as an irreducible component of knowledge" International Conference on Linguistics and Epistemology, University of Aberdeen (Refereed)
Apr. 2007	"Know-how and concept possession" (with John Bengson) Symposium, <i>Pacific Division APA</i> , San Francisco, CA (Refereed)
Sept. 2006	"Domain-specific epistemic conservatism" <i>Rationality in Contemporary Epistemology.</i> Canadian Society for Epistemology, Université de Sherbrooke, Sherbrooke, QC (Refereed)
Sept. 2006	"Know-how and concept possession" (with John Bengson) Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference, Washburn University, Topeka, KS (Refereed)
Dec. 2003	"A semantic analysis of the Gettier Problem" Colloquium, <i>Eastern Division APA</i> , Washington, D.C (Refereed)
July 2003	"Outline of a nonDavidsonian semantics for events" It's About Time: Theoretical and Experimental Perspectives on Tense, Aspect, Modality and Events, Michigan State University (Refereed)

June 2003	"Knowledge attributions as generic sentences" <i>Third Barcelona Workshop on Issues in the Theory of Reference</i> : General Terms (Refereed)
Mar. 2003	"A solution to the problem of doxastic shift" Colloquium, <i>Pacific Division APA</i> , San Francisco, CA (Refereed)
Dec. 2002	"Are 'that'-clauses really singular terms?" Colloquium, <i>Eastern Division APA</i> , Philadelphia (Refereed)
Nov. 2002	"Knowing facts and believing propositions: A solution to the problem of doxastic shift" <i>Illinois Philosophical Association</i> , Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville (Refereed)
Oct. 2002	"Knowing facts and believing propositions: A solution to the problem of doxastic shift" <i>The Creighton Club (New York Philosophical Association)</i> , Cornell University (Refereed)
Oct. 2001	"That-clauses, syntax and singular terms" Northwest Conference on Philosophy, Washington State University (Refereed)

# **PRESENTED COMMENTARIES**

April 2013	Comments on Daniel Immerman, "A New Solution to the Surprise Test Paradox" Colloquium, <i>Pacific Division APA</i> , San Francisco, CA
April 2009	Comments on Kevan Edwards, "Keeping Reference in Mind" Colloquium, <i>Pacific Division APA</i> , Vancouver, BC
April 2008	Comments on Don Fallis, "What is Lying?" Colloquium, <i>Pacific Division APA</i> , Pasadena, CA
May 2004	Comments on Richard Feldman, "Reasonable Disagreement" Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference, University of Idaho.
Sept. 2003	Comments on Daniel Korman, "On the modal flexibility of causal laws" <i>Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference</i> , University of Wyoming.
Oct. 2002	Comments on James Sage, "Two senses of 'reliability' in evolutionary epistemology" Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference, University of Nevada, Las Vegas.
Oct. 2001	Comments on Franz-Peter Griesmaier, "On explaining phenomenal consciousness" <i>Northwest Conference on Philosophy</i> , Washington State University.

#### **GRANTS, AWARDS & HONORS**

#### Grants

External

• John Templeton Foundation (subaward), *The Unity of Practical and Theoretical Understanding*, (co-PI, with John Bengson), 2014, \$98,989.00.

Internal

• Basic Research Grant, University of Wyoming, College of Arts & Sciences, 2003, \$2,500.00.

#### Awards

- First Place, Glenn Joy Award. New Mexico-Texas Philosophical Society. 2023
- Extraordinary Merit in Research Award, College of Arts & Sciences, University of Wyoming, 2007
- Graduate Student Presentation Award, the Creighton Club, 2002.

#### SERVICE TO PROFESSION

- Conference Committee, 65<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the New Mexico/Texas Philosophical Society, El Paso, TX
- Local Organizer & Program Chair, 36<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the *Society for Exact Philosophy*, Laramie, WY
- Refereeing: Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, Mind, Noûs, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Canadian Journal of Philosophy, Philosophical Studies, Philosophical Quarterly, Synthèse, Erkenntnis, Philosophical Papers, Dialogue, Journal of Philosophical Research, Philosophy Compass, Topoi, Ratio, Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, American Philosophical Quarterly, Analysis, MIT Press, Oxford University Press
- Session Chair: *Pacific Division APA*, 2004; *Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference*, Western Washington University, August 2006, *Eastern Division APA*, 2011.
- Conference Refereeing: Society for Exact Philosophy; Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference; Canadian Philosophical Association, New Mexico/Texas Philosophy Conference

#### TEACHING

#### Graduate

Great Philosophers: The Philosophy of W. V. O. Quine Great Philosophers: The Philosophy of Ludwig Wittgenstein Great Philosophers: Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason* Great Philosophers: Plato's *Republic* Theories of Knowledge: Modal Epistemology Theories of Knowledge: Contextualism Theories of Knowledge: Knowledge How Theories of Knowledge: Basic Evidence Theories of Knowledge: Indispensability of Intuition Philosophy in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century: Foundations of Analytic Philosophy (Frege, Russel, Moore, Wittgenstein) Philosophy of Language & Formal Semantics Philosophy of Language: Problems of Intensionality Advanced Logic: Introduction to Mathematical Logic Metaphysics: Time, Identity & Persistence

# **Upper Division**

Philosophy of Language

Philosophy of Mind

Metaphysics

Epistemology

Introduction to Metaphysics & Epistemology.

- Philosophy of Hunting/Fishing [animal rights, environmental ethics and aesthetics]
- Philosophy of Biology

Environmental Ethics

Political Philosophy

Formal Syntax

Native American Philosophy

# Lower Division

Introduction to Philosophy Introductory Logic (quantified logic w/identity) Introduction to Ethics Philosophy & Society [introduction to social and political thought] Critical Thinking: Puzzles & Paradoxes

# **Master's Thesis Committees**

# Chair

<u>UTEP</u> 2014, Ramon Alvarado, *Moral Supervenience* (Co-Chair, Caroline Arruda) <u>Wyoming</u> 2013, John Poland, *Understanding Nature* 2012, Glen Nesse, *Arbitrary Things* 2012, Casey Hart, *Truth and Abstracta* 2010, Joe Mayes, *Reference and Stuff* 2010, Ian Harmon, *Specificity and Know-how Attribution* 2008, Erik Hoversten, *Disagreement in Context* eader

# Reader

<u>UTEP</u> 2023, Aimee Santallin

- 2022, Pablo Olivas, Traveling Epistemology
- 2019, Julisa Fernandez-Rivera, The Latinx, Anti-Black Racism, and Forward-Looking Collective Moral Responsibility
- 2014, Juan Torres, The Problem of Using Evil Against the Possible Existence of God

#### Wyoming

- 2008, Thomas S. Dixon, Problems for Presentism
- 2007, Robert Jason Williams, Spinoza on the Relation between Substance and Attribute
- 2007, Adam Ross Thompson, Groundwork for a Concept-based Theory of Confirmation
- 2007, Michael Farnsworth, Improving Improvability
- 2005, Chris Gaffney, The Problem of Prior Probabilities in Bayesian Confirmation Theory
- 2004, John Bengson, From Inner Perception to Direct Attention

#### DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

#### University of Wyoming

- 2003–2013 Philosophy Club Faculty Mentor, University of Wyoming.
- 2003–2013 Director, Philosophy Colloquium Series
- 2003–2013 Graduate Admissions Committee
- 2004–2013 Graduate Program Assessment Committee, Philosophy M.A.
- 2005–2013 Undergraduate Advisor
- 2007–2013 Junior Faculty Mentoring Committee
- 2006–2007 Co-chair, Ancient Philosophy Search Committee
- 2005–2006 Ancient Philosophy Search Committee

#### University of Texas, El Paso

2022-2023	Ethics Search Committee
2021	Member, Philosophy Chair Search Committee
2020	Chair, Tenure and Promotion Committee for Professor Dasgupta
2020	Member, Graduate and Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
2019–2020	Faculty Senate
2019	Member, Philosophy Lecturer Search Committee
2019	Member, Third Year Review Committee for Professor Dasgupta
2019	Member, Post Tenure Review Committee for Professor Best
2019-	Member, Professional Achievement Report Departmental Committee
2016-2017	Liberal Arts Committee on the Transition to Graduate School
2016-2017	Liberal Arts Committee on Stackable Degrees
2014-2015	Liberal Arts Faculty Leave Committee

2015	Chair, Administrative Assistant Search Committee
2014-2015	Chair, Philosophy of Mind/Philosophy of Science Search Committee
2013-2015	Undergraduate Advisor, minor in Feminist Philosophy
2014	Reviewer, UTEP Arts & Humanities Career Enhancement Awards
2013-2014	Chair, Latin American Search Committee
2013	Graduate Program Assessment, Philosophy M.A.
EXTERNAL SERVICE	
2022 -	Board Member, Las Cruces Symphony Association
2024 -	Vice-President, Las Cruces Symphony Association
2021 -	Treasurer, Borderlands Ballet Company

- 2017-2020 President, Borderlands Ballet Company
- 2016-2017 Vice-President, Borderlands Ballet Company

# References

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