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Degrees:

Ph.D., University at Albany, State University of New York, December 1987.
Dissertation: "A Defense of Donald Davidson's Theory of Events."
B.A., Houghton College, May 1976 (Philosophy, Religion).

Areas of Specialization: Environmental Ethics, Ethical Theory, Social and Political Philosophy

Areas Of Competence: History of Modern Philosophy, Metaphysics

Positions:

Austin Peay State University; Department of History and Philosophy, Assistant Professor Fall 1995-2000; Associate Professor, Fall 2000-2005; Professor Fall 2005-.

University of Nevada, Las Vegas; Department of Philosophy, Lecturer, Fall 1990-Spring 1995.

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; Department of Philosophy, Visiting Instructor, Fall 1987-Spring 1990.

Siena College; Department of Philosophy, Adjunct Faculty, Fall 1989-Spring 1990.

University at Albany, State University of New York; Department of Philosophy, Graduate Lecturer, Spring 1980-Spring 1983, Adjunct Faculty, Fall 1983-Spring 1990.

Russell Sage College; Department of Philosophy, Adjunct Faculty, Fall 1986-Spring 1988.

Junior College of Albany; Associate Degree Program for inmates in New York State Correctional Facilities, Fall 1981-Spring 1990.

Books:

Preserving Wildlife: An International Perspective (Amherst NY: Prometheus Press, 2000), ed.

Articles:

"Environmental Pragmatism, Community Values, and the Problem of Reprehensible Implications," *Environmental Ethics* 38 (Fall 2016), 347-366.

"The Problem with Methodological Pragmatism," *Environmental Ethics* 34 (Summer 2012), 135-157.

"Utilitarianism, Obligation, and Significant Sacrifice," in *An Anthology of Philosophical Studies*, Patricia Hanna, ed., (Athens, Greece: ATINER, 2008): 281-290.

"Is It Natural To Drive Species To Extinction?" *Ethics and the Environment* 10 (2005), 49-66.

"What's In a Name? Pragmatism, Essentialism, and Environmental Ethics," *Environmental Values* 12 (2003): 361-379.

"Locke, Religious Toleration, and the Limits of Social Contract Theory," *History of Philosophy Quarterly* 20 (2003), 21-40.

"Why Not Interfere With Nature?" *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, 5 (2002), 89-112.

"How to Interfere with Nature," *Environmental Ethics*, 23 (2001), 135-154.

"Liberalism, Environmentalism, and the Principle of Neutrality," *Public Affairs Quarterly*, 14 (2000), 39-56

"Locke's *Second Treatise* and the Literature of Colonization," *Interpretation*, 25 (Spring 1998), 407-427.

"Environmental Egalitarianism and 'Who Do You Save?' Dilemmas," *Environmental Values*, 6 (August 1997), 307-326.

"Redistributive Taxation, Self-Ownership, and the Fruit of Labor," *Journal of Applied Philosophy*, 14 (1997), 137-146.

"To Swat or Not to Swat: Pesky Flies, Environmental Ethics, and the Supererogatory," *Environmental Ethics*, 18 (Summer 1996), 165-180.

"International Justice and Wilderness Preservation," *Social Theory and Practice*, 21 (Summer 1995), 149-176;
Reprinted in *The Ecological Community: Environmental Challenges for Philosophy, Politics, and Morality*, Roger Gottlieb, ed. (NY: Routledge Press, 1997).

"Is there a Duty to Accept Punishment?" *Journal of Social Philosophy*, 26 (Fall 1993), 200-223.

"Retributivism and Utilitarianism: What's the Difference?" *American Philosophical Quarterly*, 29 (April 1992), 173-182.

"An Alternative to the Common Heritage Principle," *Environmental Ethics*, 9 (Winter 1987), 351-371

"Patent Rights and Better Mousetraps," *Business and Professional Ethics*, 3 (Fall 1983), 13-24.

Book Reviews and Published Comments:

Review of *Pragmatism and Environmentalism*, Hugh P. McDonald, ed., *Environmental Ethics*, 37 (Spring 2015), 119-120.

Comments on 'Two Concepts of Environmental Instrumentalism: John Dewey and Aldo Leopold in Conversation,'" *Southwest Philosophy Review*, 27 (July 2011), 99-102.

Review of *How Much Should a Person Consume?: Environmentalism in India and the United States*

by Ramachandra Guha, *Environmental Ethics*, 30 (Spring 2008), 97-100.

Review of *Metaphysical Delusion*, by Frazer Cowley, *Canadian Philosophical Reviews*, 12 (June 1992), 174-176.

Review of *Moral Realities*, by Mark Platts, *Mind*, 101 (April 1992), 383-386.

Presentations and Comments:

“Will the Lion Lie Down With the Lamb in Utopia?” International Conference of the Utopian Studies Society, July 2016.

“Is Environmentalism Anti-Democratic? Pragmatism and Non-anthropocentrism in Environmental Thought,” Tennessee Philosophical Association, October 2015.

Commentator on “The Problem of Truth: Expressivism, Pragmatism, and Moral Disagreement,” by Scott Aiken and Michael Hodges, Tennessee Philosophical Association, October 2015.

Author Meets Critics session: “How Should We Value Nature?” Tennessee Philosophical Association, October 2014

Commentator on “Against Popularization,” by Noel Boyle, Tennessee Philosophical Association, October 2013.

Commentator on “Liberalism, Stability and Fairness,” by John Garthoff, Tennessee Philosophical Association, October 2013.

Commentator on, “On Two Concepts of Environmental Instrumentalism: John Dewey and Aldo Leopold in Conversation,” by Shane Ralston, Southwestern Philosophical Society, November 2010.

“Methodological Pragmatism and Environmental Ethics: A Way Out of the Swamp?” Tennessee Philosophical Association, November 2009.

Commentator on “A Focus on Process: Defining the Clinical Pragmatist Method of Moral Problem Solving,” by Meghan Bungo, Tennessee Philosophical Association, November 2009.

Commentator on “A Human Right to Keep and Bear Arms, by Matt Deaton, Tennessee Philosophical Association, November 2008.

“Collective Action and Significant Sacrifice- How Much is Enough?” Midsouth Philosophy Conference, February 2008.

Commentator on ‘Metacompatibilism,’ by Jim Montmarquet, Midsouth Philosophy Conference March 2008

Commentator on “Does Pluralism Entail Liberalism,” by Rob Talisse, Tennessee Philosophical Association, November 2007

"Utilitarianism, Obligation, and Significant Sacrifice," ATINER Philosophy Conference, Athens, Greece, June 2007

Commentator on "Two Dogmas of Environmentalism," by Scott Aiken, Tennessee Philosophical Association, November 2006.

Commentator on "Morality Is a Dangerous Tool and Philosophers Are So Naïve," by David Howell, Tennessee Philosophical Association, November 2005.

"Values and Reasons in Callicott's Environmental Ethic," Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Feb. 2005.

Commentator on "Desired Desires," by James Hudson, Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Feb. 2005.

"Ecotourism, Interests, Stakeholders, and Pragmatism," North American Interdisciplinary Conference: Environment and Community, February 2004.

Commentator on "Ethical Internalism and Cognitive Theories of Motivation," by Allen B. Coates, Tennessee Philosophical Association, November 2003.

Commentator on "Locke on Land and Labor," by Daniel C. Russell, APA Pacific Division Meeting, March 2003.

"What Counts as a Resource? Dworkin's Auction and Environmental Concerns," Midsouth Philosophy Conference, February 2003.

Commentator on "Selecting the Best Children: Do We Have a Moral Obligation," by I. Melo-Martin, Midsouth Philosophy Conference, February 2003.

"When Is a Resource Not a Resource? Liberalism Auctions, and Votes," Tennessee Philosophical Association, November 2002.

Commentator on "What's the Matter With Political Liberalism," by Rob Talisse, Tennessee Philosophical Association, November 2002

"Pragmatism, Essentialism, and Environmental Ethics," Midsouth Philosophy Conference, February 2002."

"What's So Bad About Interfering With Nature?" International Society for Environmental Ethics, April 2000.

"Tolerance, Agnosticism and Neutrality in Locke's *Letter Concerning Toleration*," Western Society for Eighteenth Century Studies, February 2000.

"How to Interfere with Nature," International Society for Environmental Ethics, April 1999.

Commentator on "Kant's Non-Prudential Duty of Beneficence," by Joshua Glasgow, Tennessee Philosophical Association, November 1998.

"Environmentalism with a Liberal Face," International Society for Environmental Ethics, May 1998.

"So Hum(e)an an Animal: Hume on Animals, Minds, and Morals," Western Society for Eighteenth Century Studies, February 1998.

Commentator on "Is Justice Compatible with Care," by William Garland, Tennessee Philosophical Association, November, 1997.

"British Empiricism and the Ascendancy of Sensibility in the Eighteenth Century," Western Society for Eighteenth Century Studies, February 1997.

Commentator on "Reasonable Doubt and Jury Discretion," by Jim Montmarquet, Tennessee Philosophical Association, November 1996.

"Environmental Egalitarianism and 'Who Do You Save?' Dilemmas," International Society for Environmental Ethics, April 1996.

"Cultivated Lands and Wild Woods: England and America in Locke's *Second Treatise*," The South Central Society for Eighteenth Century Studies, February 1996.

Commentator on "Liberal Autonomy and the Principle of Equal Respect," by David McCabe, Tennessee Philosophical Association, November 1995.

Commentator on "How Deep is Transpersonal Ecology?" by Harold Glasser, International Society for Environmental Ethics, March 1995.

"Biocentrism, Environmental Ethics, and the Supererogatory," UNLV Philosophy Department Colloquium, November 1994.

"Ecocentrism and the Fairness of Wilderness Preservation," APA Central Division Meeting, May 1994.

Commentator on "Compensating for Nagel" by Saul Smilansky, APA Central Division Meeting, May 1994.

"Marx, Nozick, and Unpaid Labor," APA Central Division Meeting, April 1993.

"Property Rights and Unpaid Labor," APA Pacific Division Meeting, March 1993.

"Marx and Unpaid Labor," UNLV Philosophy Department Colloquium, November 1992

"Is There a Duty to Accept Punishment?" APA Pacific Division Meeting, March 1992.

"Retributivism and Utilitarianism: What's the Difference?" APA Pacific Division Meeting, March 1991.

"Event Individuation and the By-Relation," University at Albany, SUNY, Philosophy Department Colloquium, May 1988.

Commentator on "Moral Relativism" by James Bayley, SUNY/CUNY Conference on Relativism, April 1988.

"Cambridge Events," Capital Area Philosophy Society, College of Saint Rose, March 1988.

Courses Taught:

Lower Division

Introduction to Philosophy
Reason and Critical Thinking
Logic
Introduction to Ethics
Environmental Ethics
Business Ethics
Medical Ethics
Ethics of Punishment
Comparative World Religions
Perspectives on the Western Experience

Upper Division

Epistemology
Philosophy of Religion
Metaphysics
Contemporary Ethical Theory
Political Theory
Modern Philosophy (16th-18th c.)