

## Curriculum Vitae

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### EDUCATION

- 2009            Ph.D., Philosophy  
                 Philosophy, Southern Illinois University Carbondale  
                 *Morris Doctoral Fellow*, G.P.A. 4.0  
  
                 Dissertation: “Rethinking Legal Pragmatism:  
                                         A Philosophical Approach”  
                                         (Randall Auxier, director)  
                 Defense: October 28, 2009
- 2005            Exeter College, Oxford University, British Politics  
                 *English Speaking Union Oxford University Fellow*
- 2002            Masters of Liberal Arts, Philosophy, Oklahoma City University,  
                 G.P.A. 4.0
- 2001            Goethe Institute, Freiberg, German Language
- 1995            B.A., History, Colorado College, G.P.A. 3.4

### AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Philosophy of Law  
American Pragmatism

### AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Phenomenology  
History of Philosophy  
Political Philosophy  
Ethics

### AREAS OF INTEREST

Process Philosophy  
American Idealism  
Philosophy of Sport  
Religious Studies

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **BOOK CHAPTERS**

“The Humanity of Medicine: William Osler and Ralph Waldo Emerson,” in *Osler’s Bedside Library*, Co-author Jerry Vannatta, Ed. Michael A. LaCombe and David J. Elpern, (Philadelphia: American College of Physicians Press, 2009). (Forthcoming).

“Reason and Revelation: Rational Idealism and the Sufism of Ibn ‘Arabi” in *Some Perspectives on from Islamic Philosophy and Theology Today*, Ed. Nazif Muhtarodlu, (Springer). (Forthcoming).

“The Player Prophet and the Phenomenology of Reading the Ref,” in *Soccer and Philosophy*, Ed. Ted Richards, (Open Court, 2010) (Forthcoming).

### **ARTICLES**

“Formalism, Scientism, and Historicism: Law as a Synthesis of Social Time in Legal Pragmatism,” The ECCCS Issue 1.2 at the-ecccs.org, March, 2009, pp. 1-22.

“A Phenomenology of Sport: *Playing* and Passive Synthesis,” *Journal of the Philosophy of Sport*, Vol. 35, Issue 1, May, 2008, pp. 63-72.

“Radical Empiricism and Husserlian Metaphysics.” *The Pluralist*. University of Illinois Press. Vol. 2, No. 3, 2007, pp. 17-36.

“Education and Irony: Teaching Critical Thinking within a Tradition of Commitment.” *Independent School* National Association of Independent Schools, Spring 2005, pp. 14-16.

### **BOOK REVIEWS**

*The Dynamic Individualism of William James*. Pawelski, James O. State University of New York Press. 2007. (Review). *Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy*. Newsletter No. 107. 20th Annual Book Review Issue. Nov., 2008, pp. 18-21.

*Modernism and Time: The Logic of Abundance in Literature, Science, and Culture 1880-1930*. Schleifer, Ronald. The University Press, Cambridge, 2000. (Review) *Kinesis*. 2007.

*Transforming Process Theism*. Ford, Lewis. SUNY Press, Albany, 2000. (Review) *Journal of Speculative Philosophy* Pennsylvania State Press. Vol. 15, No. 4, 2001, pp. 329-331.

## PRESENTATIONS

“History and Normativity,” *Illinois Philosophical Association*, University of Illinois, Champaign, IL, October 23, 2009.

“Reading the Ref: A Phenomenology of Playing to the Whistle,” *International Association for the Philosophy of Sport*, Seattle, Washington, August 30, 2009.

“The Aesthetic Dimensions of Moral Experience: Continuity as an Index to a Pragmatic Ethics,” *Midsouth Philosophy Conference*, University of Memphis, April 17, 2009.

“Formalism, Scientism, and Historicism: Law as a Synthesis of Social Time in Legal Pragmatism,” *Fourth Annual Atlantic Coast Pragmatist Meeting*, University of South Carolina, March 28, 2009.

“Reflections on Evil in Schelling’s *The Essence of Human Freedom*,” *Philosophical Collaborations*, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, March 19, 2009.

“The Logic of Legal Pragmatism in the *Common Law*,” *Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy*, College Station, TX, March 12, 2009.

“The Future of the Law and the Specter of Scientism,” *Battleground States: The Future*, Bowling Green University, Ohio, February 27, 2009.

“Philosophical Foundations of the External Standard in the *Common Law*,” *American Philosophical Association Central Division*, Chicago, IL, February 20, 2009.

“Anonymity and Inauthenticity: Kierkegaard and Heidegger on Recovering Ourselves,” *Annual Hawaii International Conference on Arts & Humanities*, January 9, 2009.

“The American Nietzsche? Fate and Power in Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.’s Pragmatism,” *American Philosophical Association Eastern Division. Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy*, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, December 30, 2008.

“The Import of Transcendental Science: Husserl’s Pre-Crisis Resolution,” *Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy*, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, October 18, 2008.

“The Mode of Presentation and Husserl’s Early Resolution of the Crisis of the Sciences,” *International Conference of the International Society for the Study of European Ideas (ISSEI)*, University of Helsinki, July 29, 2008.

“British Conservatism in O.W. Holmes’s Legal Pragmatism,” *Third Annual Atlantic Coast Pragmatist Meeting* at UNC-Asheville, April 5, 2008.

“Self Discovery and Calling in Emerson’s Philosophy of Education.” *Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy*, East Lansing, Michigan, March 15, 2008.

“Problems in a Phenomenology of Sport: The Lived Body and the Question of Instant Replay,” *Battleground States: The Body and Culture*, Bowling Green University, Ohio, February 23, 2008.

“History, Art, and Political Theory: The Failure of Enlightenment Dogmatism in a Postmodern World.” *Annual Hawaii International Conference on Arts & Humanities*, January 12, 2008.

“Reason and Revelation: Rational Idealism and the Sufism of Ibn ‘Arabi.” *Islamic Philosophy and Theology Today: International Graduate Conference*, University of Kentucky, September 30, 2007.

“Radical Empiricism and Husserlian Metaphysics: Brightman’s Personalism and Husserl’s Phenomenology.” *APA Pacific Division*. April 7, 2007.

“The Role of Sex in Freedom and Oppression,” *Battleground States: Intersections of Poetics and Politics*, Bowling Green University, March 30, 2007.

“Humanism or Anti-Humanism? The Historical and Social Individual in Marx’s *Grundrisse*.” *Brennan Graduate Conference*, Loyola University, March 16, 2007.

## **COMMENTARIES**

“Reading the *Republic*: A Commentary on Anthony Giambusso’s Mimetic Poetry and the *Ergon* of the *Republic*,” *Illinois Philosophical Association*, University of Illinois, Champaign, IL, October 23, 2009.

“Was Hume an Internalist?” Commentary on Daniel Hartner’s, “Kant and Hume on Moral Motivation,” *Midsouth Philosophy Conference*, University of Memphis, April 17, 2009.

“Was Husserl a Cartesian? Commentary on Christina Gould’s “Husserl’s Fifth Meditation: Genesis and Uniqueness as Foundational for Stasis and Similarity,” *Southern Illinois University Carbondale Agora*, October 3, 2008.

“Human Nature, History, and Revolution: A Commentary on Jessica Soester’s ‘Marx’s Conception of Relational Freedom.’” *Southern Illinois University Carbondale Agora*, November 2, 2007.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

	<b>Southern Illinois University Carbondale</b>
2010	<i>The American Mind</i> PHIL 210
2009	<i>Law, Politics, and Justice</i> PHIL 309i
	<b>Oklahoma City University</b>
2005	<i>Ethics for Business and Professionals</i> MLAP 5563
	<b>Casady School</b> (Oklahoma City, OK)
2004- 2006	<i>British History</i> <i>World History</i>
1996- 2006	<i>United States History</i>
2001- 2003	<i>English</i>
2000- 2003	<i>United States Government</i>
1998- 1999	<i>World Cultures</i>
1996- 1998	<i>Religion</i>

## HONORS AND AWARDS

2006-2010	Delyte and Dorothy Morris Doctoral Fellowship
2008	High Pass, Preliminary Examinations <i>Phi Kappa Phi</i> Honor Society
2007	National Scholars Honor Society Golden Key International Honor Society
2005	English Speaking Union Oxford University Fellow
2002	Casady School Young Alumni Achievement Award Oklahoma City University, High Honors
1995	<i>Phi Gamma Mu</i> , Social Science Honor Society
1994	<i>Order of Omega</i> , Social Science Honor Society Deans List, Academic Honor Roll

## TEACHING MATERIALS DEVELOPED

2009	Syllabus: Philosophy and Literature Syllabus: Politics, Law, and Justice Syllabus: The American Mind Syllabus: Introduction to Philosophy
2007	Document Based Question: "The Puritans and the Enlightenment"
2005	Syllabus: Ethics for Business and Professionals "Comment Writing Guide: A Handbook for Casady Faculty" Document Based Question: "The Balfour Declaration" Document Based Question: "The End of the British Mandate of Palestine and the Creation of the State of Israel"
2004	Curriculum Development in British and U.S. History
2000	Curriculum Development in American Government

- 1998 Document Based Question: “Gilded Age Problems and Progressive Era Solutions”  
 1997 Curriculum Development in Religion.

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND SERVICE

- Southern Illinois University**  
 2009 Editorial Board, *Kinesis*  
 Continental Reading Group, *Gadamer*  
 2007-2008 Graduate Philosophy Union, *President*  
 2007-2008 Phenomenology Study Group, *Phenomenology of Guilt*  
 2007 Continental Reading Group, *Arendt*  
 2006 Continental Reading Group, *Husserl*  
 2006-2007 Phenomenology Study Group, *Phenomenology of Repentance*
- Casady School**  
 2004-2006 *Chair* of the History Department  
 History Department Learning Team, *Chair*  
 2003 Comment Writing Committee  
 Curriculum Mapping Steering Committee  
 CORE Faculty  
 1998-2004 Casady Alumni Board of Directors  
 1996-2007 Annual Fund Class Representative  
 2004-2006 Teacher, Nichols Hills United Methodist Church  
 2000 Oklahoma Humanities Council, *Let’s Talk About It*

## LANGUAGE SKILLS

- Competence in French  
 Competence in German  
 Familiarity in Latin  
 Familiarity in Greek

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Philosophical Association  
 Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy  
 Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy  
 International Process Network  
 Southwest Philosophical Society

## REFERENCES

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## GRADUATE COURSE WORK BY CATEGORY

### AMERICAN PHILOSOPHY

- 2009- *C. S. Peirce* (audited) (Dr. Doug Anderson)
- 2008- *History of Analytic Philosophy* (Dr. Pat Manfredi)  
*Whitehead's Process and Reality* (audited) (Dr. Randall Auxier)  
*William James* (audited) (Dr. Kenneth Stickers)  
*John Dewey* (audited) (Dr. Tom Alexander)
- 2007- *American Personalism* (Dr. Thomas Buford)(Summer Institute at C.U.)  
*Whitehead and the Problem of Evil* (Dr. Judith Jones) (Summer Institute)  
*Whitehead and Environmental Ethics* (Dr. Peter Gunter) (Summer Institute)  
*Frederick Douglass* (Dr. Frank Kirkland) (Summer Institute)  
*Transcendentalism* (Dr. Doug Anderson)  
*Intellectual Origins of American Government* (Dr. Ken Stickers)
- 1999- *Personalism and Process Philosophy* (Dr. Mark Davies)

### LEGAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY:

- 2008- *Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.* (Dr. Randall Auxier)
- 2007- *Intellectual Origins of American Government* (Dr. Ken Stickers)  
*Legal and Political Philosophy* (Dr. George Schedler)
- 2005- *British Politics 1900-1945* (Exeter College in Oxford)  
*British Empire in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century* (Exeter College in Oxford)
- 2001- *Freedom and Revolution* (Dr. Leo Werneke and Dr. Harbour Winn)

### CONTINENTAL PHILOSOPHY

- 2009- *Nietzsche* (audited) (Dr. Stephen Tyman)  
*Husserl and Derrida* (audited) (Dr. Anthony Steinbock)  
*Foucault* (audited) (Dr. Ken Stickers)  
*Schelling* (audited) (Dr. Stephen Tyman)
- 2008- *Hegel's Phenomenology of Spirit* (audited) (Dr. Sara Beardsworth)
- 2007- *Husserl's Analyses* (Dr. Anthony Steinbock)  
*Heidegger's Being and Time* (Dr. Stephen Tyman)  
*Phenomenology of the Conscious and Unconscious* (Dr. Stephen Tyman)
- 2006- *Kant's Critique of Pure Reason* (Dr. Robert Hahn)  
*Marx* (Dr. Anthony Steinbock)
- 2002- *Husserl's Phenomenology* (Dr. Leo Werneke)  
*Kierkegaard* (Dr. Leo Werneke)
- 2000- *The Cartesian Tradition (Descartes, Locke, Leibniz)* (Dr. Randall Auxier)
- 1999- *Hume and Kant* (Dr. Leo Werneke)
- 1998- *Existentialism* (Dr. Leo Werneke)

### **ANCIENT PHILOSOPHY:**

- 2008- *Plato* (Dr. Tom Alexander)
- 2007- *Aristotle* (Dr. Robert Hahn)
- 2000- *The Greek Mind* (Dr. Peter Denman)
- 1999- *The Roman Mind* (Dr. Michael Masopust)

### **RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

- 2001- *Islamic Philosophy* (Dr. Marvin Sterling)
- 1999- *Mystical Theologies* (Toby Sarrge)
- Sociology of Religion* (Dr. Mark Davies)
- Process and Personalist Theology* (Dr. Mark Davies)
- 1998- *Psychology of Religion* (Dr. Dennis Jowasis)
- 1997- *Biblical Literature*

### **HUMANITIES, LITERATURE, AND EDUCATION**

- 2000- *Philosophy of Education* (Dann May)
- Literary Utopias* (Dr. Michael Masopust)
- 1997- *Humanism in Western Culture* (Dr. Michael Masopust)
- Retrospective in American Literature* (Dr. Michael Masopust)

### **LOGIC AND LANGUAGE**

- 2008- *German Language Research Tool* (Dr. Ann Winston)
- 2006- *Symbolic Logic* (Dr. Pat Manfredi)
- 2001- *German Language* (at Goethe Institute in Freiburg)