

Curriculum Vitae 2014

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Education: Ph.D. Philosophy, Washington University, St. Louis, MO, 1974
A.M. Philosophy, Washington University, 1972
A.B. Kenyon College, Gambier, OH, 1968
H.S. Diploma, Millbrook School, Millbrook, NY, 1964

Employment: Professor of Philosophy, Delta College, 1975 - 2010
Assistant Professor, Alma College, Alma, MI, 1974-5
Officer of the Line, U. S. Navy, 1968-1969

Awards and Honors:

Delta College, Barstow-Frevel Award for Scholarly Writing, 2008
American Association of University Professors Award for Service, Delta College, 1998
Delta College, Barstow-Frevel Award for Scholarly Research, Delta College, 1994
Sabbatical Leave Grant, Oxford University, 1992
Listed, 1992 edition of *Who's Who in the Humanities*
Fellowship, National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar at
Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas, 1987
Fellowship, American Philosophical Association Exxon Teaching Workshop,
Houston, Texas, Winter, 1986
Sabbatical Leave Grant, Oxford University, 1983
Fellowship, National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar at U. of Kansas, 1977
University Fellowship and Teaching Assistantship, Washington University, 1971-1973
A. B. *cum laude*, and with High Honors in philosophy at Kenyon, 1968

Books Authored:

Ethics on the Job: Cases and Strategies, co-authored with Ralph P. Forsberg, Cengage
Publishing Co., fourth edition, 2014, 157 pp.
Ethics on the Job: Cases and Strategies, co-authored with Ralph P. Forsberg,
Belmont, CA: Wadsworth Publishing Co., third edition, 2005, 150 pp.
Deciding Ethically in Health Care, co-authored with Ralph P. Forsberg, Custom published
by Thomson Publishing, 2005, 187 pp.
Ethics on the Job: Cases and Strategies, co-authored with Ralph P. Forsberg, Belmont, CA:
Wadsworth Publishing Co., second edition, 2000, 146 pp.
Ethics on the Job: Cases and Strategies, co-authored with Ralph P. Forsberg, Belmont, CA:
Wadsworth Publishing Co., 1995, 154 pp.
Why Blame the Organization? A Pragmatic Analysis of Collective Moral Responsibility,
Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 1995, 177 pp.

Original Research:

- "Detecting Spirituality and Philosophizing About It," *Teaching Philosophy* 31, no. 4: (2008): 375-396.
- "Confronting the Conflict of Cultures in the War on Terror," *Community College Humanities Review* 26, no. 1 (Fall, 2005-6): 1-12.
- "Introduction to Classic American Pragmatism," *Philosophy Now* 43 (Oct/Nov 2003): 6-7.
- "Owing Loyalty to One's Employer," *The Journal of Business Ethics* 11 (1992): 387-396.
- "Teaching Ethical Decision- Making: The Case Study Method and the RESOLVEDD Strategy," *Teaching Philosophy* 15 (1992): 175-184.
- "The Central Distinction in the Theory of Corporate Moral Personhood," *The Journal of Business Ethics* 9 (1990): 473-480.
- "The Meaning and Justification of Collective Moral Responsibility," *Public Affairs Quarterly* 2, no. 3 (1988): 69-83.
- "Is Motivation Management Manipulative?" *Ethical Theory and Business*, third edition, ed. T. L. Beauchamp & N. E. Bowie (Englewood Cliffs NJ: Prentice Hall, 1988), 287-292.
- "Is Motivation Management Manipulative?," *Moral Rights in the Workplace*, ed. Gertrude Ezorsky, (Albany, NY: SUNY Press, 1987), 105-114.
- "Abortion Policy and the Argument from Uncertainty," *Social Theory and Practice* 11 (1985): 371-386.
- "The Responsibility of Men for the Oppression of Women," *Journal of Applied Philosophy* 2 (1985): 217-229.
- "The Concept of Interpersonal Manipulation in Social Critique and Psychological Research," *Philosophy and Social Criticism* 8 (1981): 207-231.
- "The Scientific Concept of Creativity," *Educational Theory* 29 (1979): 129-137.

Manuscripts in Progress:

Naturalistic Spirituality Without Ontology
Let's Make Course Grades Meaningful!

Other Publications:

- "Reply to Prof. Paul Sukys," *Community College Humanities Review* 26, no. 1 (Fall, 2005-6): 28-31.
- "Creativity in Technological Research," *Creativity: From the Inside Out*, ed., John McCormick and Nancy Vader-McCormick, University Center, MI: Delta College, 2001, 58-59.

Other Publications (continued):

- Book Review of *The Reasonableness of Reason* by Bruce Hauptli in *Philosophy Now*, 100 (2014): 40-41.
- Book Review of *An Essay on Moral Responsibility*, by Michael J. Zimmerman in *Canadian Philosophical Reviews*, (1989): 505-507.
- Book Review of *Solving Moral Problems*, by Ronald McLaren, in *Teaching Philosophy* 12 (1989): 411-413.
- Book Review of *A Great Place to Work*, by Robert Levering, in *Workplace Democracy*: 63, winter (1989): 24-25.
- Book Review of *Philosophy: Theory and Practice*, by Jacques Theroux, in *Teaching Philosophy*, 9 (1986): 273-275.
- "Delta's Philosophy of General Education and Intellectual Climate," *Colloquy*, winter, (1986): 2-8.
- "Ethics in a Nursing Curriculum," *In Print*, (1983-1984): 4- 12.
- "Nursing Ethics at Delta College," ERIC document ED 202 562, (1981).

Selected Workshops for Professionals:

- "The Nature and Practice of Science," a one and one-half day workshop on the philosophy and ethics of science and technology research, developed in May, 1994 for the Dow Chemical Company, Michigan Division Research and Development, and taught ten times in 1994 and 1995 to research scientists and managers in MI and Texas.
- "Strategy for Personal Ethical Decision-Making," annual meeting of Medical Ethics Resource Network (MERN) of Michigan, Kalamazoo, MI, May 7, 1993.
- "Professional Confidentiality and the Hospital's New Policy," presentation to hospital department heads, Tawas St. Joseph Hospital, Tawas, MI, March 4, 1991.
- "Ethical Decision-Making in the Practice of Respiratory Therapy," Annual Meeting of Michigan Society for Respiratory Care, Southfield, MI, April 12, 1990.
- "A Model for Moral Reflection About Medical Care," annual meeting of Medical Ethics Resource Network (MERN) of Michigan, Grand Rapids, MI, April 21, 1989.

Addresses to Community and Professional Groups:

- "Scientific Literacy: Who Needs It?," lecture to Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society, at Michigan Molecular Institute, Midland, MI, November 14, 1994
- "Education and Ethical Extremism," Rotary International, Midland, MI, October 28, 1993
- "Ethical Issues in the Medical Treatment of Impaired Newborns," Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Midland, MI, November 10, 1990
- "Analyzing Personal Ethical Conflicts," Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Midland, MI, January 31, 1988
- "The Ethics of Commercial Surrogate-Mother Contracts," Sigma Theta Tau, International Honor Society of Nursing, Saginaw Valley State College, University Center, MI, April 23, 1987

- "Moral Change and Ethics in Government," Leadership Bay County, MI, March 14, 1987
Moderator, debate among Zolton Ferency, John Roy Castillo and Philip Van Dam on
"The Meaning of the U.S. Constitution," Saginaw Valley State College, University
Center, MI, February 11, 1987
"Moral Choices in Business," Saginaw Valley Chapter of American Society for
Personnel Administrators meeting, Saginaw, MI, May 12, 1981

Selected Presentations to College Faculty:

- "A Strategy for Teaching and Assessing Critical Thinking," The Annual Michigan Conference on
Thinking, Saginaw Valley State University, University Center, MI, October 24, 1997
"Thinking Critically with the RESOLVEDD Strategy of Ethical Decision-Making," The 14th
International Conference on Critical Thinking and Educational Reform, Sonoma State
University, CA, August 2, 1994
"Preparing Graduate Students to Teach," (a symposium), American Philosophical Association
Central Division Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 25, 1991
"Religion and Politics", Delta College Faculty Pre-Semester Conference, August 25, 1988
"Teaching Ethical Reasoning in Every Discipline," Community College Humanities
Association Midwestern Regional Meeting, Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn, MI,
October, 1988
"Teaching Ethical Decision-Making in Occupational Studies," Trends in Occupational Studies
Conference, Traverse City, MI, October 21, 1988; repeat performance, as invited, October 12,
1989
"Solving Personal Ethical Conflicts," Annual Conference on Humanities, Science and Technology,
Ferris State University, Big Rapids, MI, March 11, 1988
"Ethics in an A. D. Nursing Program," League for Innovation in the Community
College Conference on Health Careers, Cleveland, OH, March 30, 1981

Selected Presentations of Original Research to Academic Audiences:

- "Should Nurses Know Their Patients Have HIV?," Michigan Academy of Science, Arts
and Letters Centennial Meeting, Michigan State University, March 11, 1994
"Individual and Collective Responsibility and Punishment," American Philosophical
Association Western Division Annual Meetings, Chicago, IL, April, 1995
"Abortion Policy and the Argument from Uncertainty," Michigan Academy of Science,
Arts and Letters Annual Meeting, Ferris State College, Big Rapids, MI, March, 1984
"Ethics in a
Nursing Curriculum: Theory or Practice?," conference of The Society for Applied
Philosophy, Bedford College, London, UK, March 12, 1983
Invited Commentator, American Philosophical Association Western Division Annual Meetings,
Columbus, OH, April 29, 1982
"The Nature of and Responsibility for Interpersonal Manipulation," Eighth Plenary Conference of
the American Section of the International Association for Philosophy of Law and Social
Philosophy, U. of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, Canada, April 10, 1981
"Property, Ownership and Alienation in Marx," Conference on the Current State of Marxism, Ohio
University, Athens, OH, November, 1977.

Consulting:

Wadsworth Publishing, reviewing manuscript, *In Search of God*, 1993
Ethics Consultant, Hospital Ethics Committee, Tawas St. Joseph Hospital, Tawas, MI,
1989-1992 Delmar Publishers, reviewing manuscript of *Biomedical Ethics* by
Raymond Edge, 1992
St. Martin's Press, reviewing second edition of Robert Paul Churchill's text,
Becoming Logical, fall, 1988
Delta College Automotive Technology Program, designing modules for teaching ethics, 1988
Founding Member, MERN (Medical Ethics Resource Network) of Michigan, 1986-1987;
member of MERN Council, 1987-1990; Secretary, 1989-1990; member of Board
of Directors, 1990-1992
Mr. Robert Levering, critiquing his manuscript, *A Great Place to Work*, 1987
League for Innovation in the Community College, as grant proposal writer, 1979
Michigan Council for the Humanities, as grant proposal writer, 1978

Professional Involvement:

U.S. Board of Editors, *Philosophy Now*, 1997-present
Member, Editorial Board, *Teaching Philosophy*, 1987- present; manuscript judge,
1984-1986
Member, Editorial Board, *Community College Humanities Review*, 2006-present
Panel Member of "Developing a Philosophy Magazine for the Educated Public," A Talk with
the APA sponsored by the Board of Officers of the APA at the American
Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meetings, Philadelphia, PA, December
29, 1997
Leader of American Philosophical Association-endorsed project to develop and
promote a philosophical periodical for the educated public, 1997-9:
see website <http://www.delta.edu/~rspfeiff/>
Current member: American Philosophical Association; Michigan Academy of Science,
Arts and Letters; Society for Philosophy and Public Affairs; Society for
Health, Ethics and Life Sciences (Hastings Center); Sigma Xi (The Scientific
Research Society); U. S. and Canadian sections of the International
Association for the Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy
Appointed member: American Philosophical Association Committee on Teaching
Philosophy in Two-Year Colleges, 1989-1992, 1978-1983
Manuscript judge for *Michigan Academician*, 1986-1991
Outside Examiner for doctoral dissertation on scientific discovery, University of
Adelaide, Australia, 1985

Curriculum Development and Grants:

Doubled philosophy course offerings and enrollment at Delta College during first four years
employed; increased philosophy faculty at Delta from partial position in 1975 to five full-time
positions by 2002.

Obtained Pilot Grant from National Endowment for the Humanities to develop a sequence of two courses in bioethics required of all students in R.N. clinical nursing program, 1979, taught successfully to the present.

Obtained consultant grant from National Endowment for the Humanities for a consultant to aid in extending the impact of philosophy on other disciplines, 1977

College Committee Work (a sample):

President, Delta College chapter of the AAUP, 2005-7

Peer Review Committee Chair for colleagues R. Forsberg 2000, L. Plackowski 1999

Delta College Assessment Project leader 1997-2001:

Member College-Wide Council on Assessment, 1997-1999

Chaired Humanities Division Assessment Project 1997-1999

Chaired Critical Thinking Ability Group 1999-2000

Chaired Philosophy Discipline Assessment Project 2000-present

Humanities Division Representative to College Senate regularly over the years

Humanities Division Committees to formulate and recommend division policies

Many Faculty Hiring Committees over the years

Courses Taught:	Philosophy of Science	Social and Political Philosophy
	Health Care Ethics	American Philosophy
	Bioethics	Introduction to Philosophy
	Business Ethics	Rationalism and Empiricism
	Philosophy of Religion	Ancient Philosophy
	Logic and Critical Thinking	

Research Concentration: Moral Philosophy, Applied Ethics and Philosophy of Technology

Doctoral Dissertation: *Pragmatism in the Epistemology of W. V. O. Quine*, 1974

Director: Robert B. Barrett, Washington University

References:

Prof. Richard McGaw, Chair of Delta College Humanities Division

Dr. Ralph Forsberg, Professor of Philosophy at Delta College

Linda Menger, Professor of Art at Delta College

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