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EDUCATION

PhD: University of California at San Diego, 2005

BA: Oberlin College, 1996

FIELDS OF STUDY

AOS: Philosophy of Mind
Pragmatism
Continental Philosophy

AOC: Epistemology
Kant and post-Kantian 19th-century Philosophy
Socio-Political Philosophy

EMPLOYMENT

Marymount University	Assistant Professor, 2015 - present
Marymount University	Visiting Assistant Professor, 2014-2015
Georgetown University	Adjunct Instructor, Spring 2014
Georgetown University	Visiting Researcher, 2013-2014
University of Alabama at Birmingham	Visiting Assistant Professor, 2011-2013
University of North Texas	Full-Time Lecturer, 2007-2011
University of Mary Washington	Visiting Assistant Professor, 2006-2007
University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth	Full-Time Lecturer, 2005-2006

RESEARCH

Monograph

Intentionality and the Myths of the Given: Between Pragmatism and Phenomenology. Routledge, 2014, 208 pages.

[Reviews: *International Journal of Philosophical Studies* (Joseph Rouse); *The Philosophical Quarterly* (Steven Levine); *Philosophy in Review* (Phillip Schoenberg); *Graduate Faculty Journal* (Kevin Temple)]

Symposia on *Intentionality and the Myths of the Given*

1. “Response to Critics”. Book Symposium on *Intentionality and the Myths of the Given*. *Syndicate Philosophy*. Edited by Scott Aikin. Forthcoming late 2017.
2. “Precis of *Intentionality and the Myths of the Given*” and “Response to Critics: Sapience and Sentience Reconsidered”. Book Symposium on *Intentionality and the Myths of the Given*. *International Journal of Philosophical Studies* 24(4): 547-551; 575-579 (2016).

Edited Volume

Pragmatism in Transition: Contemporary Perspectives on C. I. Lewis. Co-edited with Pete Olen. Palgrave, 2017 (in press).

Journal Articles (Peer-Reviewed)

1. “Rorty’s Aversion to Normative Violence: The Myth of the Given and the Death of God”. *Contemporary Pragmatism* 14(3): 277-291 (2017).
2. Response to “Somatic Intentionality Bifurcated: A Sellarsian Response to Sachs’s Merleau-Pontyan Account of Intentionality” by Dionysis Christias. *International Journal of Philosophical Studies* 23(4): 562-565 (2015).
3. “The Ideology of Modernity and the Myth of the Given: McDowell’s Equipose and Adorno’s Cognitive Utopia.” *Philosophy and Social Criticism* 41(3): 249–271 (2015).
4. “Discursive and Somatic Intentionality: Merleau-Ponty contra ‘Sellars or McDowell’” *International Journal of Philosophical Studies* 22(2): 199-227 (2014).
5. “Rorty’s Debt to Sellarsian Metaphysics: Naturalism, Secularism, and ‘the Enlightenment’” *Metaphilosophy* 44(5): 682-707 (2013).
6. “Resisting the Disenchantment of Nature: McDowell and the Question of Animal Minds”. *Inquiry* 55(2): 131-147 (2012).
7. “What Is To Be Overcome? Nietzsche, Carnap, and Modernism as the Overcoming of Metaphysics.” *History of Philosophy Quarterly* 28(3): 303-318 (2011).
8. “The Acknowledgment of Transcendence: Anti-Theodicy in Adorno and Levinas.” *Philosophy and Social Criticism* 37(3): 273-294 (2011).
9. “The Shape of a Good Question: McDowell, Evolution, and Transcendental Philosophy.” *The Philosophical Forum* 4(1): 61-78 (2011).
10. “Natural Agents: A Transcendental Argument for Pragmatic Naturalism.” *Contemporary Pragmatism* 6(1): 15-37 (2009).
11. “Nietzsche’s *Daybreak*: Towards a Naturalized Theory of Autonomy.” *Epoche: A Journal of the History of Philosophy* 13(1): 81-100 (2008).

Book Chapters

1. “‘We pragmatists mourn Sellars as a Lost Leader’: Sellars’s Pragmatist Distinction Between Signifying and Picturing” in *Sellars and the History of Philosophy*, ed. Antonio Nunziante. Routledge, 2017 (forthcoming)
2. “Speculative Materialism or Pragmatic Naturalism? Sellars *contra* Meillassoux” in *The Legacy of Kant in Sellars and Meillassoux: Analytic and Continental Kantianism*, ed Fabio Gironi. Routledge, 2017.

3. "A Conceptual Genealogy of the Pittsburgh School: Between Kant and Hegel" in *The Cambridge History of Philosophy, 1945-2010*, ed. Kelly Becker and Iain Thomson. Cambridge, 2018 (forthcoming).
4. "Discursive Practices as Embodied Coping: A Neo-Pragmatist Critique of Existential Phenomenology" in *Pragmatist Perspectives in Phenomenology*, ed. Ondřej Švec and Jakub Čapek. Routledge, 2017.
5. "Sentience and Sapience: The Place of Enactive Cognitive Science in Sellarsian Philosophy of Mind" in *Sellars and Contemporary Philosophy*, ed. Deborah Barnbaum and David Pereplyotchik. Routledge, 2017.

Invited Talks

1. "In Defense of Picturing: Sellars's Philosophy of Mind as the Metascience of Cognitive Science". University of Nevada Las Vegas, September 22 2017
2. "Degrees of Intentionality: Rethinking the Sentience/Sapience Distinction". Wesleyan University, October 13 2016.

Conferences: Invited Papers

1. "Sentience and Sapience: Enactive Cognitive Science and Sellarsian Philosophy of Mind" Sellars' Legacy: Consequences, Ramifications, New Directions Conference, American University of Beirut. May 25-27 2015.
2. "Response to Critics". Author Meets Critics. Society for Realism and Anti-Realism. Eastern Division meeting of the American Philosophical Association, January 9 2016. Critics: Mark Lance, Steve Levine, and Mark Okrent.

Conferences: Peer-Reviewed Submission

1. "The Problem With Privileged Representations: Rorty and Cognitive Science". The Richard Rorty Society. Pacific Division meeting of the American Philosophical Society. March 28, 2018.
2. "Sellars's Anticipation of Predictive Processing". The Wilfrid Sellars Society. Eastern Division meeting of the American Philosophical Association. January 5, 2017.
3. "Rorty's Aversion to Normative Violence: The Death of God and the Myth of the Given." Richard Rorty Society, September 10, 2016. [presented by Dr. Marianne Janack.]
4. "The Pragmatic *A Priori* in Lewis and Sellars". Society for the Study of the History of Analytic Philosophy. Pacific Division meeting of the American Philosophical Association, March 31 2016.
5. "Scientism without Representationalism: Neo-pragmatist Semantics and Neo-positivist Metaphysics". Panel on Neo-pragmatism and Metaphysics. European Pragmatism Conference II, Paris September, 9-11, 2015.

6. "Somatic Impulses in the Space of Reasons: Pragmatist Themes in Adorno's Critical Social Epistemology". Summer Institute in American Philosophy, University College Dublin. June 9-13 2015.
7. "The Place of Enactive Cognitive Science in Sellarsian Philosophy of Mind" Sellars In a New Generation. Kent State University, April 30-May 2, 2015.
8. "Why Lewis is Not a Phenomenalist: The Lewis-Sellars Debate" Panel on C. I. Lewis in Pragmatism, Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, Grand Valley State University. March 5-7, 2015.
9. Discussion of *Intentionality and Myths of the Given* for Books-In-Progress session. Summer Institute in American Philosophy, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR. July 7-12, 2014.
10. "The Demand for Transcendental Friction: Avoiding Idealism in Lewis, Sellars, and McDowell." Wilfrid Sellars Society at the Pacific APA, San Diego CA. April 16-20, 2014.
11. "Representations without Representationalism: Price's Sellarsian Pragmatism". Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy. Denver, CO. March 5-9, 2014.
12. "Is The Given Really a Myth? Analytic Pragmatism in C. I. Lewis and Wilfrid Sellars". Society for the Study of the History of Analytic Philosophy. Symposium on C. I. Lewis and Sellars. Central APA, Chicago IL. February 27, 2014.
13. "Is The Given Really a Myth? Analytic Pragmatism in C. I. Lewis and Wilfrid Sellars". Summer Institute in American Philosophy, University of Oregon, Eugene OR. July 9-13 2013.
14. "The 'Reconciliation' of Reason and Nature in McDowell and Adorno". Southwest Seminar in Continental Philosophy. Texas A&M, College Station, TX. May 18, 2013.
15. "Is The Given Really a Myth? Transcendental Pragmatism in C. I. Lewis and Wilfrid Sellars". North Texas Philosophical Association. University of North Texas, Denton TX. April 4-6, 2013.
16. "Phenomenology and the Myth of the Given: Sellars, Merleau-Ponty, and Some Myths about the Given." Presented at inaugural meeting of the Wilfrid Sellars Society. Eastern Division APA, December 28 2012.
17. "Pragmatism as Quasi-Representationalism: A Neo-Sellarsian Response to Price and Rorty". Sellars Centenary Workshop, June 4th, 2012. University College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland.
18. "The Material *A Priori* Intelligibility of Nature: Kant, Dewey, and Adorno". North Texas Philosophical Association, April 12th, 2012. UNT, Denton, TX.
19. "Intentionality Relational and Non-Relational: Sellars and Merleau-Ponty *contra* McDowell". Normativity of Meaning: Sellarsian Perspectives, May 24th-27th, 2011. Villa Lanna, Prague.

20. "Sellars and Merleau-Ponty the Post-Kantians? Radicalizing Kant's Rejection of the Sensory-Cognitive Continuum." North Texas Philosophical Association (NTPA), April 7th-9th, 2011. UNT, Denton, TX.
21. "Thinking of the Living Body in Hans Jonas and Merleau-Ponty" (co-authored with Shane Epting). 1st Meeting of the Southwest Seminar in Continental Philosophy, May 28th-29th, 2010. University of New Mexico, NM.
22. "What is to Be Overcome? Nietzsche, Carnap, and Modernism as the Overcoming of Metaphysics." North Texas Philosophical Association, April 10th, 2010. UNT, Denton, TX.
23. "The Avoidance of Synoptic Vision in Rorty's Use of Davidson and Sellars", North Texas Philosophical Association, March 26th- 28th, 2009. UNT, Denton TX.
24. "The Idea of a Modern Conception of Nature in Nietzsche and Dewey", North Texas Philosophical Association, April 11^t -12th, 2008. UNT, Denton TX.
25. "Natural Agents: Pragmatic Naturalism as Transcendental Philosophy", Northern New England Philosophical Association, October 19th-20th, 2007. UMass-Dartmouth, Dartmouth MA.

Book Reviews

1. Review of *Autonomy After Auschwitz: Adorno, German Idealism, and Modernity*, Martin Shuster (University of Chicago Press, 2014). *International Journal of Philosophical Studies*.
2. Review of *Contemporary Philosophical Naturalism and Its Implications*, ed. Bana Bashour and Hans D. Muller (Routledge, 2014). Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews, June 6 2014.
3. Review of *Mind, Reason, and Being-in-the-world: the McDowell-Dreyfus Debate*, ed. Joseph Schear (Routledge 2013). *Philosophy in Review*, vol. 34, 3-4 (2014), pp. 167-170.
4. Review of *Adorno: The Recovery of Experience*, Roger Foster (SUNY, 2008). *Journal of Speculative Philosophy* 21 (2007), 330-2.

Encyclopedia Article

1. "Critical Theory/The Frankfurt School". *Blackwell Encyclopedia of Literary and Cultural Theory* (5,394 words)

COURSES TAUGHT

Marymount University, 2014-present

Introduction to Philosophy
 Ethical Theory
 Social and Political Philosophy
 Contemporary Philosophy: Philosophy of Race and Gender (spring 2017)

Courses at Previous Institutions

Lower Level

Introduction to Bioethics (GU)
Contemporary Moral Issues (UNT, UAB)
Critical Thinking (UAB)

Upper Level

American Philosophy (UNT, UAB)
Ancient Philosophy (UNT)
Modern Philosophy (UMD, UMW, UNT, UAB)
Epistemology (UMD, UNT)
Existentialism and Phenomenology (UMD)
Hegel, Marx, and Nietzsche (UMD)
Philosophy of Mind (UNT)
Twentieth Century Philosophy: Analytic and Continental (UMD)

Independent Studies/Special Problems

Wittgenstein
Critical Theory
Honors Thesis Supervision (Wittgenstein and McDowell)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

The Wilfrid Sellars Society, Co-Founder

WSS secretary/treasurer (January 2012-May 2014)

WSS vice-president (May 2014 - present)

WSS panels organized:

2012 Eastern APA • 2013 Eastern APA • 2014 Pacific APA • 2014 Eastern APA
2014 Central APA panel on Lewis and Sellars for Society for the Study of the
History of Analytic Philosophy (SSHAP) • 2015 WSS panel at SAAP (Society for
the Advancement of American Philosophy) • 2015 panel at Eastern APA • 2016
Author Meets Critics on Danielle Macbeth, *Realizing Reason*, at Pacific APA •
2017 Eastern APA

Referee

Journals: *Inquiry*, *International Journal of Philosophical Studies*, *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences*, *Philosophia*.

Manuscript review for Routledge

Chaired multiple APA group sessions

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Undergraduate Arts and Sciences Curriculum and Instruction Committee (2014- present)

University Assessment Committee (fall 2015)

Faculty Council (2014- present)

Arts and Sciences Faculty (2014- present)

University lecture on research agenda (Fall 2015)

Teaching evaluation of adjunct lecturer (Spring 2016)

Independent Study, “Democratic Values and Market Values in Scientific Practice” (Fall 2016)

OTHER

LANGUAGE

Reading and translation competence in German

HONORS AND AWARDS

2002-2003 Dissertation Fellowship, Department of Philosophy, UCSD

1997- 1998 Predoctoral Humanities Fellowship, UCSD

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division

Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy (SAAP)