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ACADEMIC POSITION

- 2018 – Present Associate Professor of Philosophy, Wofford College
- 2018 – 2020 Director, Reciprocal Mentoring Program
Tasked with creating and implementing a mentoring program for faculty at all career stages (part of a grant from the Arthur Vining Davis Foundations)
- 2011 – 2018 Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Wofford College
Tenured June 2016

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, Philosophy, 2011
Dissertation: *The Responsibilities of Truthfulness: An Inquiry into the Ethics of Speaking*
Supervisor: Arindam Chakrabarti
- M.A. University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, Philosophy, 2004
- B.A. Whitman College, Philosophy (*cum laude*), 1999

AREAS OF RESEARCH

- AOS: Philosophy of Lying and Deception, Epistemology of Testimony, Buddhist Philosophy, Indian Philosophy
- AOC: Ethics, Philosophy of Language, Chinese Philosophy

PUBLICATIONS

- “More than Words: When is Telling the Truth No Better Than Lying?” (with Kevin DeLapp) *The Philosopher’s Magazine* Issue 77, 2nd Quarter 2017
- “Should Introductory Comparative Philosophy Courses be Structured around Topics or Traditions?” *ASIANetwork Exchange*, 23:2 (Fall 2016), DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.16995/ane.164>
- Lying and Truthfulness: A Reader*, co-edited with Kevin DeLapp. Hackett, 2016
- Book Review: The Cowherds, Moonshadows: Conventional Truth in Buddhist Philosophy. *Philosophy East & West* 62:32 (July 2012)
- “How to Avoid Solipsism While Remaining an Idealist: Lessons from Berkeley and Dharmakīrti”. *Comparative Philosophy* 3:1 (January 2012)
- Book Review: Francois Jullien, *A Treatise on Efficacy: Between Western and Chinese Thinking*. *Philosophy East & West* 56:2 (April 2006)

WORK IN PROGRESS

- “Intentionally Untruthful Declarations: Revisiting Kant’s Absolute Prohibition on Lying”
Immanuel Kant has long been criticized for arguing that you may not lie even to save your innocent friend from a murderer. Kant scholars have recently argued that Kant has been unfairly maligned, that a careful reading of the text reveals his actual view to be much more subtle and defensible. In this essay I argue that these scholars are correct that Kant’s view is more subtle than the traditional reading admits but that they are too sanguine about the defensibility of this recovered view.

The Responsibilities of Truthfulness: Truth, Lies, and the Betrayal of Trust

Monograph in which I argue that truthfulness is a complex social-epistemic virtue that involves much more than mere truth-telling and that lying, as the corresponding vice, ought to be analyzed much differently than how it typically is within the philosophical literature. The argument makes extensive use of insights from Indian philosophy (both Buddhist and non-Buddhist), the epistemology of testimony, and recent work in cognitive psychology.

“Telling Debates”

An article that introduces the Indian debates about the epistemology of testimony to those working on the topic within the Western tradition and argues that the Indian approaches help us solve problems that seem intractable (or nearly so) within the contemporary Western discussions.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

A Telling Debate: Buddhism and Nyāya on the Epistemology of Testimony: Presented at the University of North Florida, October 2014

Do Mine Eyes Deceive? The Parallels Between Perceptual Error and False Testimony in Nyāya: Presented at UNC Asheville, March 2014

On Having No Self: The Case for Compassion in Buddhism: Public lecture accompanying a Mystical Arts of Tibet performance by the monks of the Drepung Loseling Monastery in Spartanburg, SC, October 2013

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Bringing Practice to Theory: Experiential Learning in (non-Western) Philosophy Courses,” Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy annual meeting, June 2019

“Truth-Telling and the Abuse of Power: Epistemic Injustice, Gaslighting, and a Problem with How We Define ‘Lie’,” Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy 50th anniversary meeting, June 2018

“Lying as a Betrayal of Trust,” South Carolina Society for Philosophy and North Carolina Philosophical Society joint conference, March 2018

“More than Words: When Context Trumps Word Choice in Identifying Lies,” Presidential Address at the South Carolina Society for Philosophy Annual Meeting, February 2017

“A Telling Debate: Buddhism and Nyāya on the Epistemology of Testimony,” Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy annual meeting, June 2016

“The Inescapable Contingency of the Dhamma: Applying the Buddhist Critique of Essences to Buddhism,” 11th East-West Philosophers’ Conference, May 2016

“The Whole Truth: Using Asian Texts to Make a Case for the Value of Lying” (with Kevin DeLapp), Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy meeting at the APA Eastern Division Meeting, January 2016

“Commenting on the Source Text: What Naiyāyikas Can Learn from Confucians,” Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy annual meeting, October 2015

“A Buddhist Theory of Moral Sentiments?” Society for Teaching Comparative Philosophy annual meeting, July 2015

“Structuring Introductory Comparative Philosophy Courses: Around Topics or Traditions?,” Society for Teaching Comparative Philosophy annual meeting, February 2014

“The Ethics of Truth in the Mahābhārata,” Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy annual meeting, October 2012

“Credulity Without Gullibility: A Nyāya Response to Kant’s Critique of Lying,” South Carolina Society

for Philosophy and North Carolina Philosophical Society joint conference, February 2012

COURSES TAUGHT

Introductory

PHIL 201: World Philosophy
 PHIL 202: Asian Philosophy
 PHIL 203: Problems of Philosophy
 PHIL 292: Philosophy for Children
 HUM 101: Me, Myself, and You

Courses Taught Occasionally

HUM 101: Truth and Lies
 PHIL 206: Reasoning and Critical Thinking
 PHIL 380 (Special Topics): Self? No Self?
 Directed Reading on Neo-Confucianism
 Directed Reading on Buddhist Epistemology
 Honors Thesis on Zhu Xi and Aristotle

Upper Division

PHIL 312: Language, Truth, and Ethics
 PHIL 333: Chinese Philosophy
 PHIL 335: Buddhist Philosophy
 PHIL 345: Philosophy of Language
 PHIL 450: Senior Capstone

Interim (January Term)

Reading the School of Athens
 To the Roof of the World: Life in the
 Shadow of Mt. Everest
 Glorious Gardens
 Tae Kwon Do: The Art of Kicking and
 Punching

HONORS AND AWARDS

Course Development Grant: \$4000 to develop a course as part of a pilot for a new First-Year Seminar program, funded by the Mellon Foundation (Summer 2019)

SCICU Student/Faculty Research Program: \$3332 to fund an undergraduate's summer research program applying Buddhist epistemology to the philosophy of mathematics; supplemented by a \$4,000 stipend from the Wofford College Faculty Development Committee (Summer 2019)

Faculty Development Leave: One semester release from teaching and committee responsibilities to conduct research and writing for a book project on the philosophy of lying (Fall 2018)

Community-Engaged Faculty Fellow: \$2000 grant to develop a civically-engaged course in Reasoning and Critical Thinking. Led to the development of a "Philosophy for Children" course at Wofford in partnership with a local elementary school. (Academic year 2017-18)

Wofford College Faculty Development Committee: \$3000 Summer Research Grant for travel to Hawaii to do research for a new textbook on World Philosophy (2014)

SERVICE TO WOFFORD COLLEGE

Interim Committee (2016-Present; Co-Chair 2019-20)

Faculty Meeting Council (2016-2018)

President's Advisory Council (2015-2018; Co-Chair 2017-18)

Co-Chair, General Education Reform Task Group: Common Experiences (2015)

Strategic Plan Working Group (2014)

Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees' Enrollment Committee (2013-2015)

Coordinator, Wofford Faculty Talk Series (2013-2015)

ROTC Advisory Committee (2012-2016; Chair 2014-16)

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

President, South Carolina Society for Philosophy, 2016-2017

Vice President, South Carolina Society for Philosophy, 2015-2016

Site Coordinator, South Carolina Society for Philosophy 2015 Conference

Founding Member, Society for Teaching Comparative Philosophy