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Employment

2013-Present Lecturer of Philosophy, Coastal Carolina University
2012-2013 Instructor of Philosophy, Mississippi State University
2011-2012 Adjunct Instructor of Philosophy, Florida State University

Education

2004-2011 Philosophy, Ph.D. Florida State University
 “Well-Being: The Good Syndrome”
 Dr. Michael Bishop (Chair)
2000-2004 Philosophy, B.A. Ithaca College

Areas of Specialization and Competence

Specialization: Ethics, Philosophy of Science, Epistemology

Competence: 20th Century Philosophy, Philosophy of Mind, Action Theory

Publications

Sosis, C. (2014). Hedonic Possibilities and Heritability Statistics. *Philosophical Psychology*, 27(5), 681-702.

Sosis, C. & Bishop, M.A. (2013). Rationality: An Advanced Review. *Wiley Interdisciplinary Reviews: Cognitive Science*.

Sosis, C. (2012). Happiness: The Potential Power of Environment. *Baltic International Yearbook of Cognition, Logic and Communication, Volume 7: Morality and the Cognitive Science*.

Presentations

The Permissiveness of Moral Naturalism. *South Carolina Society for Philosophy*, Coastal Carolina University, Spring 2017.

Is Nothing Forbidden? *Addiction and Agency* graduate seminar, Columbia University, Fall 2016 (invited).

The Philosophy of Science of Well-Being. *The 108th Annual Meeting of the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, Louisville, KY, Spring 2016.

Living Well: What Do Pleasure and Happiness Have To Do With It? *Tea and Ethics*, Coastal Carolina University, Fall 2014 (invited).

Are We Investigating Well-Being the Right Way? *Happiness and the Virtues, a Conference on the Character Traits of a Flourishing Life*, Viterbo University, Spring 2014.

Saving Hedonism from Tradition. *The Department of Philosophy and Religion Visiting Speaker Series*, Mississippi State University, Fall 2012 (invited).

Depression and Well-Being: An Apt Analogy? *The Department of Psychological Science Visiting Speaker Series*, The University of Central Missouri, Fall 2012 (invited).

Hedonic Possibilities and the Misinterpretation of Heritability Statistics. *7th International Symposium of Cognition, Logic and Communication*, University of Latvia, Summer 2011.

Heritability and Hedonism. *International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology*, University of Utah, Summer 2011.

The Scientific Investigation of Well-Being. *The University of South Florida Pragmatic Society*, University of South Florida, Fall 2009 (invited).

Felicity of Virtue. *Florida State University Graduate Association*, Florida State University, Fall 2007 (invited).

Metaphysical Fundamentalism and Creationism. *International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology*, University of Guelph, Summer 2005.

- Talks for General Audiences

Physics and Free Will. *Coastal Carolina University Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies Philosophy and Science Series*, Coastal Carolina University, Fall 2015 (invited).

Adventure Time and Philosophy: Happiness in the Hero's Journey. *Adventure Time and Philosophy*, Coastal Carolina University, Spring 2014 (invited).

Strange Bedfellows: Authenticity in the Truman Show. *Coastal Carolina University Philosophy Club*, Coastal Carolina University, Fall 2014 (invited).

If God Exists, God is a 'Humanist': The Euthyphro Dilemma Revisited. *Coastal Humanists*, Coastal Carolina University, Spring 2013 (invited).

The Problem of Evil and the Aesthetic Point of View. *Coastal Carolina University Philosophy Club*, Coastal Carolina University, Fall 2013 (invited).

- Commentary

"Minding Fish: The Case for Fish Sentience and Intelligence" by Mylan Engel. *The 109th Annual Meeting of the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, Savannah, GA, Spring 2017.

"Is There Meaning That Does Not Derive From the Self Alone? A Consideration of Sartre's Philosophy" by Sara Horton. *The 2nd Annual Online Undergraduate Ethics Conference*, Fall 2014.

"Identity and Explanation" by Sergio Gallegos. *Florida State University Graduate Student Philosophy Conference*, Florida State University, Fall 2007.

"Mental Health" by Laura Guidry-Grimes. *Society for Women's Advancement in Philosophy*, Florida State University, Spring 2006.

- Discussion Chair

Organized Invited Symposium on Animal Rights, Captivity, and Suffering, featuring Cheryl Abbate, Molly Gardner, David Killoren, and Robert Streiffer. *The 109th Annual Meeting of the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, Savannah, GA, Spring 2017.

"Lottery Propositions and Moderate Invariantism" by Knut Olav Skarsaune. *Florida State University Graduate Student Philosophy Conference*, Florida State University, Spring 2006.

University Teaching Experience

Introduction to Philosophy (37x)

Business Ethics (24x)

Critical Thinking (7x)

Ethics (3x)

Philosophy of Science (2x)

Service

- Journal Referee: *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Philosophy of Science*, *Philosophical Psychology*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, 2014-present.

- Creator, Interviewer, Editor: What Is It Like to Be a Philosopher? website featuring in-depth, autobiographical interviews with philosophers, 2015-present.
- Managing Editor: Philosophy TV, a website featuring philosophical dialogues, 2014-present.
- Member: Carl Sagan Day Committee, 2018.
- Research Assistant: Human Diversity Research Project (with Michael Bishop), Summer 2010.
- Committee: Admissions – Bachelor of Science for Interdisciplinary Studies, Mississippi State University – Meridian, Spring 2012.

Recommendations

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 Department of Philosophy and Religion*
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