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## Academic Positions

Instructor, Philosophy & Humanities Department, Douglas College, since 2009.

Education Leave (half-time teaching release for book publications): 2019-20; 2021-22.

Visiting Professor, Philosophy Department, Simon Fraser University, 2021.

Instructor, Philosophy Department, University of Fraser Valley, 2018, 2019.

Lecturer, Cognitive Science Program, Simon Fraser University, 2012-2014.

Lecturer, Psychology Department, University of Victoria, 2003-2009.

Associate Faculty, Peace and Conflict Studies, Royal Roads University, 2008-2009.

Adjunct Professor in Science, Technology and the Environment, Royal Roads University, 2002-2005.

Associate Faculty, Leadership, Royal Roads University, 1997-2002.

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Victoria, 1994-1996.

Term Professor, Department of Philosophy, Western Michigan University, 1993-1994.

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Philosophy, Harvard University, 1989-1993.

Graduate Teaching Assistant (Philosophy, Mathematics) Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1989-90.

SSHRC Graduate Scholarship 1988-9; DAAD German Academic Exchange Scholarship-Berlin, 1989-90.

## Publications

*How to Play Philosophy: A Book for Public Thinking and the Thinking Public.* Forthcoming in 2022 with Hamilton Books (Rowman & Littlefield).

*Philosophical Praxis.* Translation of Gerd Achenbach's *Philosophische Praxis.* Forthcoming in 2022 with Lexington Books (Rowman & Littlefield).

*On Right in Wrong.* Translation of Gerd Achenbach's *Vom Richtigen im Falsche.* Forthcoming in 2022 with Lexington Books (Rowman & Littlefield).

*Cafe Conversations: Democracy and Dialogue in Public Spaces.* Editor, Translator, Contributor. Collection by Café Philosophy facilitators. Forthcoming in 2022 with Anvil Press, Vancouver, BC.

"Reason, Desire, and the Ridiculous," in Vol. 3. of *Philosophy of Humor Yearbook* (2021), de Gruyter, (Palgrave Macmillan, 2019).

"Integrity: A Philosophical Exploration." *Proceedings of the XXIII World Congress of Philosophy.* (2018) 68:95-98.

"But is it Philosophy? Cafe Philosophy and the social coordination of inquiry," pp. 163-181, in *Practicing Philosophy*, A. Fatić & L. Amir (eds.), Cambridge Scholars Publishing, (2015); also presented at 13<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Philosophical Practice, Belgrade, Serbia. Aug., 2014.

*Philosophy: Adventures in Thought and Reasoning.* (2012), expanded edition of *This is Not a Book* (2007). Quid Publishing (co-published internationally with Allen & Unwin in Australia and NZ, by Barnes & Noble in the US, and by Continuum Books in the UK and worldwide). French translation in 2008 by Marabout, also distributed in Quebec. Also translated into Greek, Spanish, Dutch, Italian, and Estonian. Adopted as textbook at Renaissance College, U. of New Brunswick. Print Run to Date: > 130,000.

*Paradoxes* (2013) (revised and expanded edition of *This Book does Not Exist* (2009), with Gary Hayden). Quid Publishing. Similar translations and co-publications. Print Run to Date: > 150,000.

"Three Statements on Philosophy as Dialogue", in Vol. 15/16 of "Series on Socratic Philosophizing" (Münster, Lit-Verlag). Eds. Horst Gronke, Angella Hodgson, Dieter Krohn.

International Editor for refereed journal *Philosophical Practice*, 2005-2020.

*Caring Leadership: Voices of Nurses.* Editor. RRU. (2000). Assigned in York University Nurse Training.

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## Administrative Work

Douglas College - Institute of Applied Ethics, board member, 2019-ongoing.  
Douglas College - Department of Philosophy and Humanities - New Credential Committee, 2018-2021.  
Douglas College Faculty Professional Development Committee, 2017-2021; co-chair from Fall 2018.  
Douglas College - Philosophy and Humanities Curriculum Guideline Committee, 2012-13; 2016-2020.  
Douglas College - Department of Philosophy and Humanities Selection Committee Chair, 2017-18.

## Education

Ph.D., Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA, 1993.

Thesis Committee Members: George Boolos, Richard Cartwright, Robert Stalnaker

Thesis: *Impredicativity and turn of the century foundations of mathematics: presupposition in Poincaré and Russell*. Accessible online at <http://hdl.handle.net/1721.1/12498>

M.Sc. in Philosophy, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA, 1990.

BA Honours in Philosophy, University of Calgary, Calgary, AB, 1986.

*Philosophical Praxis: Workshop with Gerd Achenbach*, Mexico City, 2018.

*Philosophy Exercises: Workshop with Walter Kohan*, Mexico City, 2018.

*Philosophical Counselling Workshop with Lou Marinoff*, Mexico City, 2018.

*Philosophizing through Dialogue*, workshops on Socratic Dialogue, in Berlin, Germany, in 2013.

*Conflict Resolution, Mediation, and Negotiation* courses Justice Institute, BC, 1999-2003, 2011, 2012.

*Course Redesign Workshop*, UVic Learning and Teaching Centre, 2006; Douglas College, 2011.

*Hybrid Course Development Course*, Douglas College, 2011.

*Interpreting End of Course Student Feedback*, Univ. of Victoria Learning and Teaching Centre, 2005.

Certificate in Client Counselling from American Philosophical Practice Association, 2002.

RRU Workshops: *Instructional Skills Workshop*, 2000; *Case Study Method*, 2002.

Audited RRU's 1-week *Executive Program in Public Sector Leadership*, 2001.

## Undergraduate Instruction

*Logic, Proofs, and Set Theory*, Philosophy Department, Simon Fraser University, 2021.

*Philosophy of Religion*, Department of Philosophy and Humanities, Douglas College, 2020 (x3).

*Asian Philosophy*, Department of Philosophy and Humanities, Douglas College, 2012-2021.

*Society and the Individual*, Department of Philosophy and Humanities, Douglas College, 2012-2019.

*Reality and Existence*, Department of Philosophy and Humanities, Douglas College, 2017-2020.

*Critical Thinking*, Department of Philosophy and Humanities, Douglas College, 2009-2021; UFV, 2018.

*Reason, Knowledge and Experience*, Dep't. of Philosophy and Humanities, Douglas College, 2010-2018.

*Cognitive Science: Exploring the Mind*, Cognitive Science Program, Simon Fraser University, 2012-2014.

*Consciousness Seminar*, Cognitive Science Program, Simon Fraser University, 2013.

*Formal Logic*, Department of Philosophy and Humanities, Douglas College, 2014.

*Ethics for Psychiatric Nurses*, Department of Philosophy and Humanities, Douglas College, 2010-2014.

*Philosophy of Mind*, Department of Philosophy and Humanities, Douglas College, 2011.

*Values and Contemporary Issues*, Department of Philosophy and Humanities, Douglas College, 2009.

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*History and Philosophy of Law*, BA in Justice Studies, Royal Roads University (RRU), 2008.  
*Research Methods in Psychology*, Psychology Department, University of Victoria (UVic), 2009.  
*Cognitive Psychology*, Psychology Department, University of Victoria, 2004, twice in 2008.  
*Historical/Conceptual Foundations of Psychology*, Psychology Dep't, UVic, 2005-2009.  
Awarded successive UVic Learning & Teaching Ctr Course Development Grants for *History of Psychology*, 2006-2007. Designed online Modules on *Perception* and *Language*. Departmental & Faculty financial support.  
*Consciousness & Cognitive Processes*, Psychology Department, University of Victoria, 2005, 2006.  
*Language & Cognitive Processes*, Psychology Department, University of Victoria, 2005.  
*Human Perception; Sensation & Psychophysics* Psychology Dep't., University of Victoria, 2004-2005.  
*Introduction to Psychology*, Psychology Department, UVic, Department of Psychology, 2003-2009.  
*Logic & Analytical Thinking*, BA in Justice Studies, RRU, 2003. RRU (online course)  
*Ethics, Economics and Environment*, BSc in Environmental Management, 2003.  
*Business Ethics*, BSc in Environmental Science, RRU, June, 2001.  
*Intro to Philosophy*, Philosophy Department, Western Michigan University (WMU), 1993; UVic, 1995-6.  
*Self and Society*, Philosophy Department, University of Victoria, 1995-1996.  
*Philosophy of Eastern Religion*, Philosophy Department, University of Victoria; 1995-1996.  
*Philosophy of Religion*, Philosophy Department, University of Victoria, 1995.  
*Existentialism*, Philosophy Department, University of Victoria, 1995.  
*Philosophy in Literature*, Philosophy Department, University of Victoria. 1995.  
*Moral Problems*, Philosophy Department, University of Victoria, 1994.  
*Philosophy of Science*, Philosophy Department, University of Victoria, 1994.  
*Philosophical History of Infinity*, Philosophy Department, Western Michigan University, 1994.  
*Advanced Logic*, Philosophy Department, Western Michigan University, 1993.

## Graduate Instruction

*Sustainable Development: From Theory to Practice*, MA in Environmental Management, RRU, 2001-05.  
*Classics in Leadership in Organizations*, MA in Leadership & Training (MALT), RRU, 1998-2000, 2002 (online).  
*Environmental Ethics*, MA in Environmental Management (MEM), RRU, 2000-2001.  
RRU Thesis Advisor in Leadership (MALT, 1997-2001), Sustainability (MEM, 2002-5).  
*Visual Perception (Ecological Perception)*, University of Victoria, Department of Psychology, 1997.  
*Philosophy of Mathematics: Space & Time*, Philosophy Department, Western Michigan University, 1994.  
*Advanced Logic*, Philosophy Department, Western Michigan University, 1993.

## Public Education

Bewusstsein und Realität: die Frage des Idealismus in der frühen indischen Philosophie. Invited Friday Seminar at *Gesellschaft für Philosophische Praxis*, Bergisch-Gladbach, Germany, August, 2019.  
Tug of Logic: A competitive game of collaborative reasoning. Presentation and demo of a logic boardgame. Held at UBC in May, 2019; at TRU in August, 2019, and various BC high schools.  
The Philosophy Sports board-game, *Tug of Logic*, was invited to the 2019 national Canadian High School Ethics Bowl at Canadian Museum of Human Rights, in Winnipeg, MB, Canada, April 24-25, 2019.

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*Philosophy Sports* Meets, games of competitive persuasion: new format for public participatory philosophy, since Fall 2017 (app under development at Douglas College).

*Philosophers' Cafe*, heritage facilitator at SFU public participatory philosophy program, 2009-2020.

*Café Philosophy*, founder and facilitator of weekly public participatory philosophy, 1997-2009 (over 600 sessions).

*Salon Philosophy*, weekly public philosophy reading groups, later University of Victoria Continuing Studies course, in Eastern and Western Philosophy, 1997-2002.

Subjects covered: Upanishads; Bhagavad-Gita; Yoga Metaphysics; Theravada, Mahayana Tibetan and Chinese Buddhism; Taoism; Zarathustra; Plato; Hobbes; Rousseau; Kant; Kierkegaard; Nietzsche; James.

*Why the Buddha was a Yogi* (public lecture in series with UVic Profs. Harold Coward, Martin Adam), 2005.

*Philosophical Counselling*, University of Victoria Continuing Studies, April, 2001.

*Ethics the World Over: Socrates, Jesus, Buddha, Gandhi*, University of Victoria CS, 2000, 2001.

*Eastern Religious Thought*, University of Victoria Continuing Studies, 1998-2002.