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Ph.D. Awarded December 1998 by Syracuse University

Why Cosmic Fine-tuning Needs to be Explained (Peter van Inwagen, director)

Other Degrees Awarded

M.A. in philosophy, August 1995, Syracuse University
 B.A. in philosophy, May 1989, University of Maryland at College Park
 B.A. with honors in English, May 1989, University of Maryland at College Park

Areas of Specialization

philosophy of religion, metaphysics, philosophy of science, environmental philosophy

Teaching and Research Employment History, with Courses Taught

Association of American Colleges and Universities: Washington, D.C. (Summers 1988-1990). Editorial intern for *Liberal Education* magazine
 Syracuse University: Syracuse, NY (Fall 1989-Summer 1995). Sole instructor of introduction to philosophy, medical ethics, and English composition
 The State University of New York at Oswego: Oswego, NY (Fall 1995). Adjunct instructor of ethics and history of early modern philosophy
 The George Washington University: Washington, D.C. (Fall 1996-Fall 1998). Adjunct instructor of logic
 The Johns Hopkins University Institute for Academically Advanced Youth: Carlisle, PA (Summer 1998). Instructor of logic
 The University of Aberdeen: Aberdeen, U.K. (Spring 1999-Spring 2001). Gifford Research Fellow, lecturer in philosophy of religion and philosophy of probability, leader of postgraduate seminar in metaphysics, developer of web page on world religions for honors philosophy of religion, and tutor
 The University of Notre Dame: Notre Dame, IN (Fall 2001-Spring 2002). Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Center for Philosophy of Religion and instructor of philosophy of religion
 Virginia Commonwealth University: Richmond, VA (Fall 2002-Spring 2003). Visiting Assistant Professor teaching introduction to philosophy and epistemology
 The University of Mississippi: University, MS (Fall 2003-currently). Full Professor teaching introduction to philosophy, logic, advanced logic, philosophy of religion, philosophy of science, environmental ethics (including a Study USA version), philosophical issues in science and religion, and biomedical ethics (including a Study USA version)

Books

- editor, *God and Design: The Teleological Argument and Modern Science* (London: Routledge, 2003)
- editor (with Robert Barnard), *The Continuum Companion to Metaphysics* (New York: Continuum, 2012). Now listed as *The Bloomsbury Companion to Metaphysics* (New York: Bloomsbury, 2015)
- This Is Philosophy of Religion: An Introduction* (London: Wiley-Blackwell, 2021) (part of Blackwell's *This Is Philosophy* series)

Journal Articles

- "The Precautionary Principle, the Catastrophe Argument, and Pascal's Wager," *Ends and Means* vol. 4, No. 1 (Autumn 1999)
- "Anthropocentrism and the Design Argument," *Religious Studies* vol. 36, no. 2 (June 2000)
- "There Is No Adequate Definition of 'Fine-tuned for Life'," *Inquiry* vol. 43, no. 3 (September 2000)
- "Formulating the Precautionary Principle," *Environmental Ethics* vol. 24, no. 3 (Fall 2002). Reprinted in Alexander Bird and James Ladyman (eds.), *Arguing About Science* (New York: Routledge, 2011, pp. 607-616).
- (with Michael J. Thrush) "Fine-tuning, Multiple Universes, and the 'This Universe' Objection," *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* vol. 84, no. 1 (2003)
- (with Jay W. Richards) "Introduction: Philosophical Issues in Intelligent Design," *Philosophia Christi*, vol. 7, no. 2 (December 2005)
- "God as an Incorporeal Person," *Appraisal: A Journal for the Society of Post-Critical and Personalist Studies* vol. 6, no. 1 (March 2006)
- "The Concept of Irreversibility: Its Use in the Sustainable Development and Precautionary Principle Literatures," *The Electronic Journal of Sustainable Development* (www.ejsd.org), vol. 1, no. 1 (Summer 2007) [*EJSD* is defunct.]
- "The Fine-Tuning Argument," *Philosophy Compass* (www.blackwell-compass.com/subject/philosophy), vol. 4, no. 1 (2009)
- "Anthropocentrism, Exoplanets, and the Cosmic Perspective," *Environmental Ethics* vol. 34, no. 3 (Fall 2012)
- "Response to 'Animal Interrupted'," *Southern Journal of Philosophy – Special Issue: Spindel Supplement; The Lives of Human Animals* (vol. 52, Issue Supplement S1, September 2014)
- "How Not to be Generous to Fine-tuning Sceptics," *Religious Studies* vol. 56, issue 3 (September 2020)
- "The Multiverse: What Philosophers and Theologians Get Wrong," *Theology and Science* (2020). DOI 10.1080/14746700.2019.1710348
- "The Fine-tuning Argument: Does Physics Show God Exists?" *Dialogue* Issue 59 (November 2022)

Chapters in Books

- "Cosmic Fine-tuning, 'Many Universe' Theories, and the Goodness of Life," in Willem B. Drees, ed. *Is Nature Ever Evil? Religion, Science, and Value* (London: Routledge, 2003)

- “Probability on the Casino Floor,” in Gerda Reith, ed. *For Fun or Profit? The Controversies of the Expansion of Gambling* (Amherst, NY: Prometheus Books, 2003)
- “The Design Argument,” in *Delight in Thinking: An Introductory Reader*, ed. Steven D. Hales and Scott C. Lowe (New York: McGraw-Hill, 2006)
- “The Unreasonable Effectiveness of Beer: A Dialogue,” in *Beer and Philosophy*, ed. Steven D. Hales (New York: Blackwell Publishing, 2007)
- “Why Shouldn’t Insurance Companies Know Your Genetic Information?” in *Ethics and the Life Sciences*, ed. Fred Adams (Charlottesville, VA: Philosophy Documentation Center Press, 2007)
- “The ‘Why Design?’ Question,” in *New Waves in Philosophy of Religion*, ed. Yujin Nagasawa and Erik Weilenberg (New York: Palgrave MacMillan, 2009)
- “Addiction and the Diagnostic Criteria for Pathological Gambling,” in *What is Addiction?* ed. Don Ross, Harold Kincaid, David Spurrett, and Peter Collins (Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, 2010)
- “The Design Argument and Natural Theology,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Natural Theology*, ed. Russell Re Manning (Oxford, U.K.: Oxford University Press, 2013)
- “Teleological Argument,” in *The Cambridge Dictionary of Christian Theology*, ed. Ian A. McFarland, David Fergusson, Karen Kilby, and Iain R. Torrance (Cambridge, U.K.: Cambridge University Press, 2014)
- “Religion and Metaphysical Naturalism,” in *The Routledge Handbook of Contemporary Philosophy of Religion*, ed. Graham Oppy (London: Routledge, 2015)
- section editor of “Our Universe” and author of the subsection “Fine-tuning” for *Theism and Atheism: Opposing Arguments in Philosophy*, eds Joseph W. Koterski, S.J. and Graham Oppy (Farmington Hills, MI: Macmillan Reference USA, 2019)
- “The Precautionary Principle and Climate Change Mitigation,” in *Handbook of Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation*, 4th edition, eds M. Lackner, B. Sajjadi, and W.-Y. Chen (New York: Springer Nature, 2024)
- “Essences of Universes,” in Klaas Kraay and Daniel Rubio (Eds.), *Blackwell Companion to Philosophy and the Multiverse*. New York, NY: Blackwell, forthcoming)

Other Publications

- (with Gregory Conko) *Genetic Testing and Insurance: Why the Fear of “Genetic Discrimination” Does Not Justify Regulation* (Washington, D.C.: Competitive Enterprise Institute, 2007). Online at www.cei.org/gencon/025,058555.cfm. Paper is excerpted in *Opposing Viewpoints: Biomedical Ethics* (San Diego, CA: Greenhaven Press, 2007), pp. 228-33.

Special Journal Issues Edited

- (with Jay W. Richards) *Philosophical Issues in Intelligent Design*, a special issue of *Philosophia Christi*, vol. 7, no. 2 (December 2005)

Grants Received

- The Society of Christian Philosophers, \$3000 grant for forming reading group on the works of Alvin Plantinga (for 2017-2018 academic year)

The John Templeton Foundation, \$69,000 grant for developing the web page "The Fine-tuning Argument: A Curated Bibliography (June 2019-May 2020) [extended due to COVID-19]

Reviews

- Nick Bostrom, *Anthropic Bias: Observation Selection Effects in Science and Philosophy* (New York: Routledge 2002), for *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* February 9, 2003. Online at ndpr.nd.edu
- Niall Shanks, *God, The Devil, and Darwin* (New York: Oxford University Press 2004), for *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* May 9, 2004. Online at ndpr.nd.edu
- John Leslie, *Infinite Minds* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2001), for *Religious Studies* vol. 40 no. 4 (2004)
- Gregory Ganssle and David Woodruff (eds.), *God and Time: Essays on the Divine Nature* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2002), for *Philosophical Books* vol. 46 no. 1 (2005)
- Craig Bourne, *A Future for Presentism* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2006), for *Philosophical Books* vol. 49 no. 1 (2008)
- Mark A. Rothstein (ed.), *Genetics and Life Insurance: Medical Underwriting and Social Policy* (Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press, 2004), for *Politics and the Life Sciences* vol. 29 no. 2 (September 2010)
- Daniel Steel, *Philosophy and the Precautionary Principle: Science, Evidence, and Environmental Policy* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2015), for *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* May 27, 2015. Online at ndpr.nd.edu

Media Appearances

- Interviewed for BBC Radio 4 program on the Precautionary Principle entitled "Analysis: Risky Business," broadcast Thursday, Dec. 11 2003 at 20:30 GMT. Online at news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/programmes/analysis/3292505.stm
- Interviewed for UALR Public Radio regarding my talk at the University of Arkansas-Little Rock "Understanding the Intelligent Design Controversy," posted online at http://www.publicbroadcasting.net/kwgs/news.newsmain?action=article&ARTICLE_ID=849906
- Interviewed by Paul Molloy of WTAN (TanTalk) Radio of Tampa Bay, Florida about genetic testing and health insurance for his program "Freedom Works!," broadcast Tuesday, April 10, 2007 9:20-9:40 EST. Online at <http://www.thefreedomworks.org/>
- Interviewed by blogger Luke Muelhauser about the Design Argument for www.commonsenseatheism.com. Online at <http://ia360705.us.archive.org/7/items/ConversationsFromThePaleBlueDot051-NeilManson/051-NeilManson.mp3>
- Interviewed by journalist Dave McRaney for his podcast series "You Are Not So Smart" (<https://youarenotsosmart.com>). See episode 73, "How to get the most out of realizing you are wrong by using Bayes's Theorem to update your beliefs." Online at <https://youarenotsosmart.com/2016/04/08/yanss-073-how-to-get-the-most-out-of-realizing-you-are-wrong-by-using-bayes-theorem-to-update-your-beliefs>

Interviewed by podcaster Ashkan Roshan, "The fine-tuning argument." Online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P6CaEbggPQg>

Interviewed by podcaster Glen Wright Colopy, "Science vs. Pseudoscience." Online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=viz7u20cd5E>

Interviewed by podcaster Nathan Ormond, "Fine-tuning Arguments." Online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x4DWm1rHpBA>

Interviewed by podcaster Phil Halper, "The Fine-tuning Argument's Hidden Assumptions." Online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2NJfASa9Aig>

Interviewed by blogger Miles Donahue, "Debating a Professor on the Fine-tuning Argument for God." Online at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0FR_z0UWRNQ

Interviewed by blogger Miles Donahue, "The Hidden Contradiction between Cosmology and Environmentalism." Online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AitKBH17Kl0>

Interviewed by podcaster Phil Halper, "Philosophers debate the multiverse: Philip Goff and Kenny Boyce vs. Neil Manson and Darren Bradley." Online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-gpQMMIxYTI>

Conference Presentations

"Persistence, Extrinsicness, and the Moderate Revisionist Approach to Metaphysics," Central States Philosophical Association, Nashville, TN (October 1994)

"Cosmic Fine-tuning and Slight Difference," Central States Philosophical Association, Kansas City, MO (October 1996)

"Why Cosmic Fine-tuning Needs to be Explained," Third European Congress of Analytic Philosophy, Maribor, Slovenia (July 1999)

"Could a Universe with Life Fail to Appear Designed?" Eighth European Conference on Science and Theology, Lyon (April 2000)

"Cosmic Fine-tuning, Many-universe Theories, and the Goodness of Life," Beziningscentrum {Center for Science, Society, and Religion}, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam (October 2000)

"There Is No Adequate Definition of 'Fine-tuned for Life'," Society of Christian Philosophers Pacific Regional Meeting, Spokane, WA (April 2002)

"Fine-tuning, Multiple Universes, and the 'This Universe' Objection," Indiana Philosophical Association, Greencastle, IN (April 2002)

"Anthropocentrism and the Argument from Fine-tuning," Canadian Jacques Maritain Association's Conference on Science, Religion, and Philosophy, Toronto (May 2002)

"The Uniqueness of the Universe," The Creighton Club (the philosophical society of upstate New York), Ithaca, NY (October 2002)

"The Concept of Irreversibility in Environmental Decision-Making," The Society for Philosophy and Technology, Park City, UT (July 2003)

"What Is the Precautionary Principle?" Ethics and the Life Sciences Conference, Sponsored by the American Philosophical Association, Newark, DE (October 2004)

"God as an Incorporeal Person," 8th Annual International Conference on Persons, Warsaw (August 2005)

- “Remarks on *The Privileged Planet*,” Journalism Workshop on Intelligent Design Theory, 25th Annual Meeting of the Association for Politics and the Life Sciences, Washington, D.C. (August-September 2005)
- “A Primer on the Precautionary Principle,” Journalism Workshop on the Precautionary Principle, 25th Annual Meeting of the Association for Politics and the Life Sciences, Washington, D.C. (August-September 2005)
- “Should Insurance Companies Know Your Genetic Information?” Panel on Public Health and Privacy, 25th Annual Meeting of the Association for Politics and the Life Sciences, Washington, D.C. (August-September 2005)
- “Environmental Ethics: Some Fundamental Problems,” the Presidential Address to the Mississippi Philosophical Association, Southern Mississippi University, Hattiesburg, MS (April 2007)
- “Expected Value and the Rationality of Gambling,” at “What is Addiction?” conference sponsored by Center for Ethics & Values in the Sciences, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL (May 2007)
- “What is Environmental Irreversibility?” at “Environment, Energy, Ethics: Science and Responsibility for the 21st Century,” conference sponsored by the American Philosophical Association and the Delaware Biotechnology Institute, University of Delaware, Newark, DE (September 2007)
- “No Chance for Nothing?” at the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology 100th Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA (March 2008) and at the American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, San Diego, CA (April 2011)
- “Irreversible Environmental Damage: What Is It? What Energy Policies Cause It?” Panel Discussion at “Energy and Responsibility: A Conference on Ethics and the Environment,” held at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN (April 2008)
- “Why Would God Create? – A Problem for the Design Argument,” contributed paper for the conference “God, Nature, and Design: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives,” sponsored by the Ian Ramsey Centre for Science and Religion and held at St. Anne’s College, Oxford, U.K. (July 2008)
- “Necessary Anthropocentrism,” joint meeting of the International Society of Environmental Ethics and the International Association of Environmental Philosophers, held at Allenspark, CO (June 2009); Mississippi Philosophical Association (February 2010); MidSouth Philosophy Conference March 2010)
- “The Design Argument: Philosophy,” invited paper for the “Rusefest” conference honoring the 70th birthday of Michael Ruse, held at Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL (April 2010)
- “Intelligence Analysis: Opportunities for Philosophers,” panel discussion (organized by Manson), held at the Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Boston, MA (December 2010)
- “Three Problems for Evolutionary Explanations of Religion,” contributed paper for the conference “The Evolution of Morality and the Morality of Evolution,” sponsored by the Ian Ramsey Centre for Science and Religion and held at St. Anne’s College, Oxford, U.K. (July 2011)
- “How to Lie With Statistics: Lessons for Intelligence Analysts,” presented at the 2015 5Eyes Analytic Workshop, Oxford, MS (March 2015)
- “Anthropocentrism, Exoplanets, and the Cosmic Perspective,” presented at SoCIA 2016: An Interdisciplinary Workshop on Social and Conceptual Issues in Astrobiology, Clemson University, Clemson, SC (September 2016)

- "Using Travel Programs to Teach Applied Ethics Courses," presented at "Teaching of Ethics," hosted by the Department of Philosophy and Political Science and the School of Business Administration at Fort Lewis College, Durango, CO (October 2019)
- "Philosophy: The View from TikTok," presented at "Making Philosophy Pop," the 2025 meeting of the Mississippi Philosophical Association at the University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS (February 2025)
- "Essences of Universes," presented at "The Multiverse and Philosophy," Toronto Metropolitan University (June 2025)
- "Fine-tuning and the Multiverse," presented at "Miami Physics 2025," Fort Lauderdale, FL (December 2025)
- "Precisification and Precaution: A Case Study in Formulating Principles in Public Policy," presented at "Principles and Their Limits," the 2026 meeting of the Mississippi Philosophical Association at the University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS (April 2026)

Invited Talks

- "The Design Argument and Cosmic Fine-tuning," the University of Edinburgh, U.K. (November 1999), the Moral Sciences Club, Cambridge University, U.K. (October 2000), the University of Dundee, U.K. (January 2001), and the University of St. Andrews, U.K. (April 2001)
- "What is the Content of the Precautionary Principle?" Uppsala University, Sweden (June 2000). Given at a conference on risk assessment and evaluation in plant and forest biotechnology sponsored by the Swedish ELSA National Research Program (ethical, legal, and social aspects of genome and gene technology research)
- "Arguments for the Existence of God," University of Riga, Latvia (October 2000)
- "Genetic Engineering and Designer Babies," Aberdeen Medical Group, University of Aberdeen, U.K. (December 2000)
- "Fine-tuning, Multiple Universes, and the 'This Universe' Objection," the University of Western Ontario, Canada (October 2001) and the University of Waterloo, Canada (October 2001)
- Panel discussion on *God and Design: The Teleological Argument and Modern Science*, American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature 2002 Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada (November 2002)
- "Design Arguments Nowadays," the College of William & Mary, VA (February 2003)
- "Understanding the Intelligent Design Controversy," the University of Arkansas-Little Rock, AR (December 2005), Indiana State University, IN (April 2006), Huntington College, IN (April 2006), and the University of South Alabama, AL (October 2010)
- "Radical Environmentalism: Philosophical Underpinnings," Bloomsburg State University, PA (October 2010)
- "The Fine-Tuning Argument," The University of Memphis, TN (January 2011), Mississippi State University, MS (February 2011), The University of Scranton, PA (March 2011), Northern Arizona University, AZ (April 2011), The University of Nevada-Las Vegas, NV (April 2011), and Azusa Pacific University, CA (April 2011)

- “The Physics and Metaphysics of Multiple Universes,” The University of Southern Mississippi, MS (September 2014)
- “The Fine-tuning Argument,” St. Thomas Summer Seminars in Philosophy of Religion and Philosophical Theology, organized by Dean Zimmerman (Rutgers) and Michael Rota (The University of St. Thomas), Minneapolis, MN (June 2015)
- “God, Fine-tuning, and the Multiverse: A Short Philosophical Introduction,” for the Zygon Center for Religion and Science’s Advanced Seminar in Religion and Science, Chicago, IL (September 2015)

Conference Commentaries

- Response to James A. Montmarquet’s “Non-Ockhamist Compatibilism,” Mid-South Philosophy Conference, Memphis, TN (March 2004)
- Response to Sean Landis’s “Trumping Preemption Considered,” Southwestern Philosophical Society, New Orleans, LA (November 2004)
- Response to Jeffrey Grupp’s “God’s Spatial Unlocatedness Prevents Him from Being Creator of the Universe,” Mid-South Philosophy Conference, Memphis, TN (February 2006)
- Response to David Taylor’s “Physical Intentionality and the Open Future,” American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, Washington, DC (December 2011)
- Response to Tyler Hildebrand’s “Can Primitive Laws Explain?” American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, New Orleans, LA (February 2013)
- Response to Christina van Dyke’s “Animal Interrupted, or Why Accepting Pascal’s Wager Might Be the Last Thing You Ever Do,” 32nd annual Spindel Conference, “The Lives of Human Animals,” The University of Memphis, Memphis, TN (September 2013)
- Response to Hans Halvorson’s “A Probability Problem in the Fine-Tuning Argument,” Rutgers Mini-Conference on Multiverse, Theodicy, and Fine-Tuning, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ (June 2016)
- Response to Kirsten Egerstrom’s “Meaning in Life and Happiness: Two Dimensions of Selfhood,” 2017 Alston Conference, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY (September 2017)
- Response to Luis Favela’s “Neural reuse is a general mechanism, but Neural Darwinism is a fundamental theory,” 2019 annual meeting of the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Cincinnati, OH (March 2019)

Professional Activities, Services, and Affiliations

- Chair, Syracuse University Philosophy Department’s internal speakers committee (1991-1992 academic year)
- Chair, Syracuse University Graduate Philosophy Conference committee (1993-1994 academic year)
- Organizer, Gifford Bequest International Conference: “Natural Theology: Problems and Prospects,” Aberdeen, Scotland (May 2000). Duties included inviting plenary speakers, arranging for conference venues and lodging, coordinating the review of submitted papers, establishing a conference schedule, and managing conference finances.

- Participant, Calvin College Seminars in Christian Scholarship (June-July 2000). The seminar was devoted to the Intelligent Design movement and its critics.
- Organizer (with Michael J. Thrush), “University of Notre Dame Seminar on Cosmic Fine-tuning” (July 2000). This one-day seminar brought together interested scholars from the University of Notre Dame and Western Michigan University.
- Coordinator, University of Aberdeen Philosophy Department’s visiting speaker program (2000-2001 academic year). The coordinator is responsible for extending invitations to and arranging for transportation, entertainment, and reimbursement of visiting speakers.
- Organizer (with Timothy McGrew), “The Mathematics and Philosophy of Cosmic Fine-tuning” (April 2003). This two-day workshop at the University of Notre Dame brought together physicists, mathematicians, and philosophers to clarify the status of probability claims in contemporary cosmology.
- Organizer, Journalism Workshop on Intelligent Design Theory, 25th Annual Meeting of the Association for Politics and the Life Sciences, Washington, D.C. (August-September 2005)
- Organizer, Journalism Workshop on the Precautionary Principle, 25th Annual Meeting of the Association for Politics and the Life Sciences, Washington, D.C. (August-September 2005)
- Organizer, Panel Discussion “Intelligence Analysis: Opportunities for Philosophers,” the Eastern Divisional Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Boston, MA (December 2010)
- Referee, *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*; *The Philosophical Quarterly*; *Synthese*; *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*; *Electronic Journal of Sustainable Development*; *International Review of Environmental and Resource Economics*; *Environmental Ethics*; *Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*; *the Monist*; *Philosophical Studies*; *Ecological Economics*; *Faith and Philosophy*; *Ethics*, *Policy & Environment*; *Southern Journal of Philosophy*; *Philosophia*; *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*; *Philosophical Studies*; *Prolegomena: Journal of Philosophy*; *Erkenntnis*; *The Journal of Jewish Identities*; *The European Journal of Analytic Philosophy*; *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion*; *Sophia*; *Nous*; *Theology and Science*
- Conference Referee: American Philosophical Association, Mid-South Philosophy Conference, Mississippi Philosophical Association, Southwest Philosophical Society
- Proposal/manuscript reviewer for Routledge, Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, Blackwell Publishing, Broadview Press, and Pickering & Chatto Publishers
- Chair, Symposium, “The Re-Emergence of Teleological Arguments,” American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Chicago (April 2006)
- Vice-President, Mississippi Philosophical Association (2005-2006) and organizer of 2006 annual meeting; Vice-President again (2019-2020) [annual meeting canceled due to COVID-19]
- President, Mississippi Philosophical Association (2006-7)
- Secretary-Treasurer, Mississippi Philosophical Association (2007-2019)
- Member, American Philosophical Association (Eastern Division), Mississippi Philosophical Association, International Society of Environmental Ethics

Invited Participant, CTNS-STARS Workshop, “Cosmology, Physics, and the Possibility of Life,” Playa del Carmen, Mexico (January 2007)
 Invited Participant, Liberty Fund Colloquium, “Capitalism, Freedom, and Religion,” Portsmouth, VA (January 2008)
 External examiner, M.A. research thesis, Monash University [Australia] (January 2014)
 Proposal reviewer, FWO (the Research Foundation of Flanders [Belgium]) (May 2014)
 Organizer, author-meets-critics, Michael Pelczar’s *Sensorama: A Phenomenalist Analysis of Spacetime and Its Contents*, the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, New Orleans (April 2015). The exchange was published in the “Reviews” section of *Analysis* (volume 76, issue 4 - October 2016)

University Service

Guest Lecturer, ENGR 597-10 – “Global Warming: Causes, Impacts, and Solutions,” organized by Prof. Wei-Yin Chen (January 2008, January 2009). Lecture Title: “Reasoning Economically about Potential Environmental Catastrophes”
 Organizer, 2008 U.S. Presidential Debate panel discussion, “U.S. Science Policy: What Should Be on the President’s Agenda?” September 18, 2008. Speakers were Ronald Bailey, Christopher Mooney, and Jonathan Moreno
 Organizer, visit by historian Ronald Numbers (October 2009)
 President, Phi Beta Kappa (2011-13) – responsible for organizing the visit of Dr. Philip Gingerich
 Vice-President, Phi Beta Kappa (2009-11) – responsible for organizing the visit of Dr. Jean Comaroff
 Organizer, visit by Pulitzer Prize-winning historian and law professor Ed Larson (October 2010)
 Outside Reviewer, Ph.D. Prospectus for Physics Department
 Interviewer, Ole Miss Scholars Day program
 Judge, College Bowl
 Member, University Assessment Committee (2004-2011)
 Sub-committee Chair, University Assessment Committee (2007-2011)
 Member, Ole Miss Cares organizational committee (October-November 2005)
 Volunteer, Ole Miss Cares Mississippi Gulf Coast Clean-up (November 3-4, 2005)
 Volunteer Official, Ole Miss Track Team (2004-currently)
 Faculty Fellow, South Residential College (Fall 2009-2013)
 University Lecture Series Standing Committee (2013-2018)
 Recreational Facilities Standing Committee (2013-2018)
 Academic Discipline Appeals Standing Committee (2017-2021)
 Academic Dismissal Standing Committee (2021-2025)
 Organizer and leader, Alvin Plantinga Reading Group (2017-2018)
 Chair, Critical Thinking subcommittee of the General Education Committee (2025-currently)

Departmental Service

Organizer, Philosophy and Religion Forum Series (2004-7, 2019-currently)
 Preparer (2005-7, 2012-currently) B.A. and M.A. program Assessment reports
 Member, Religion Instructor Search Committee, March 2008

Speaker, Philosophy and Religion Forum Series (November 2007), "Understanding the Intelligent Design Controversy"
 Course Developer, "ISS 350: Fundamentals of Analysis" (Fall 2009)
 Chair, Philosophy of Mind Search Committee, 2011-2
 Member, History of Early Modern Philosophy Search Committee, 2011-2
 Member, Bryant Chair in Ethics Search Committee, 2015-6
 Speaker, Philosophy Forum Series (March 2014), "The Physics and Metaphysics of Multiple Universes"
 Leader, Philosophy Club discussion on Transhumanism (April 2014)
 Maintainer, departmental Facebook page
 Organizer, departmental alumni outreach project
 Chair, Philosophy of Law Assistant Professor Search Committee (2022-23)
 Chair, Bioethics Visiting Assistant Professor Search Committee (2023-24)
 Chair, Bioethics Assistant Professor Search Committee (2025-2026)
 Coordinator, Philosophy Forum Series (2022-currently)

Honors and Awards

Phi Beta Kappa
 Commendation for contributions to the education and success of students with disabilities, awarded jointly on October 20, 1997 by The Student Association, Disability Support Services, and the Office of the Vice President of Academic Affairs at The George Washington University
 Recipient, 2003-2004 University of Mississippi Faculty Research Fellow summer grant
 Recipient, 2005-2006 College of Liberal Arts Summer Research Grant
 Recipient, 2007 MomentUM Helping Hands Award (from Margie Hobbs)
 Recipient, 2014 College of Liberal Arts Summer Research Grant
 Recipient, 2021 College of Liberal Arts Cora Lee Graham Award for Outstanding Teaching of Freshmen