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Curriculum Vitae

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Areas of Specialization

- Ancient Philosophy (Plato, Aristotle, Neoplatonists)
- Philosophy of Mathematics and Science (Biology and Physics)
- Logic of Inquiry

Areas of Competence

- Ethics
- Epistemology*
- Metaphysics*
- History of Philosophy*
 - Medieval
 - Early Modern (Descartes, Leibniz)
 - 19th Century (Kant, Schelling)
- Logic, Philosophy of Logic and Critical Thinking
- Aesthetics

*I have written comprehensive examinations in these areas.

Education

- *University of Georgia*, Athens, GA; 9/92 – 8/00
Ph.D., in Philosophy
Dissertation: *Plato's Philosophical Use of Mathematical Analysis*
Supervisor: Edward Halper
- *St. John's College*, Annapolis, MD; 6/76 – 9/86
Master of Arts in Liberal Studies
- *Harvard University*, Cambridge, MA; 9/67 – 6/71
Bachelor of Arts in Physics and Philosophy
Honors Thesis: *Evolutionary Order and the Second Law of Thermodynamics*
Supervisor: Hillary Putnam

Languages

- *Attic Greek*
- *French*

References

Bradley Bassler (bbassler@uga.edu) and **Edward Halper** (ehalper@uga.edu)
Department of Philosophy, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30605, 706-542-2823

Gina Miller ([gmiller@alaskapacific.edu](mailto:gmillier@alaskapacific.edu))
Liberal Studies Department, Alaska Pacific University, Anchorage, AK 99508, 907-564-8800

Thomas Seung (t.k.seung@mail.utexas.edu)
Department of Philosophy, University of Texas, Austin, TX, 512-461-6808

Professional Experience

- Assistant Professor, Philosophy, Alaska Pacific University, Anchorage, AK, 2000-2005
- Associate Professor, Philosophy, Alaska Pacific University, Anchorage, AK 2005-2011
- Full Professor, Philosophy, Alaska Pacific University, Anchorage, AK 2011-Present
- Graduate Assistant, Philosophy Department, *University of Georgia*, Athens GA, 1992-99
- Humanities Instructor, *Pennsylvania School Of Art And Design*, Lancaster, PA, 1986-92
- Wrestling Coach, *Franklin And Marshall College*, Lancaster, PA, 1980-92
- Mathematics Professor, Adjunct, *F&M College*, Lancaster PA, 1980-86
- Mathematics Teacher, *Port Jervis High School*, Port Jervis, NY, 1972-80

Courses Taught

Alaska Pacific University

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| • <i>Introduction to Philosophy</i> | <i>Critical Thinking</i> |
| • <i>Ways of Knowing</i> | <i>Philosophy of Science</i> |
| • <i>Introduction to Ethics</i> | <i>Introduction to Calculus</i> |
| • <i>German Romanticism</i> | <i>Business Ethics</i> |
| • <i>Symbolic Logic</i> | <i>Sacred Geometry</i> |
| • <i>Self and Society</i> | <i>Philosophy of Mind</i> |
| • <i>Philosophy of History</i> | <i>Philosophy of Language</i> |

University of Georgia - Philosophy

- *Introduction to Philosophy* (Phil 1000), instructor and assistant
- *Critical Thinking* (Phil 1500), instructor and assistant
- *Symbolic Logic* (Phil 2500), instructor and assistant
- *Ethics* (Phil 2200), instructor and assistant
- *History and Philosophy of Science* (Phil 2400), instructor

Pennsylvania School of Art and Design – Humanities

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|--|---|
| • <i>Eastern Religion and Philosophy</i> | <i>Enlightenment Thought</i> |
| • <i>Art History and Humanities</i> | <i>Medieval and Renaissance Thought</i> |
| • <i>Post-Modern Thought</i> | <i>Existentialism</i> |

Other Work Experience

Merchant Marine, Ordinary Seaman, Summers 1969, 1970

Collegial and Community Service

- Chair of the Liberal Studies Department, Alaska Pacific U., June 2008 - 2011
- Chair of the Alaska Pacific University Faculty, 2003-04
- Assistant Chair of the Alaska Pacific University Faculty, 2002-03
- Extensive Committee work including Faculty Review
- Chair of the First Year Student Oversight Committee, APU
- Director of the Alaska Pacific Early Honors Program for High School Seniors, 2003-06
- Alaska Pacific University Faculty Merit Award for Outstanding Service, 2003, 2006
- Volunteer Coach for the Mirror Lake Middle School (2002-3)
- Outstanding Volunteer Award, Anchorage School District, 2005
- Volunteer Assistant Coach East High School (Six State Champions), 2006, 2007
- Volunteer Assistant Coach Chugiak High School (Four State Champions), 2008, 2009
- Volunteer Technique Coach, Chugach Wrestling Club, 2001-Present
- Executive Coordinator of the University of Georgia Graduate Student Association, 1999
- Member of the University Council, University of Georgia, 1999
- President of the Port Jervis Chapter of NYSUT, 1978-79
- Coach of Two Olympic Champions (Ed and Lou Banach, Los Angeles, 1984)
- Coach of the Olympic Deaf Wrestling Team (1985-89)
- Member of the 1976 Greco-Roman Wrestling Olympic Team (Alternate)

Academic Honors and Associations

- University Fellow - University of Georgia, 1994, 1999
- National Endowment for the Humanities Grantee, Summer Seminar Program, S.D.S.U., 2003
- Graduate Teaching Assistantship – University of Georgia, 1993, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998
- Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, 1996-Present

Current Research

On my sabbatical at the University of Texas I was able to work closely with Professor Thomas Seung in developing the material for a trilogy of works on Plato's theory of forms: *Plato's Odyssey: The Dialectical Construction of Being*, *The Construction of Knowledge – Plato's Logic of the Imagination*, and *The Construction the World – Plato's Logic of Reality*. The first of these works is under contract for publication with Lexington Press. The other two are substantially under way. I also have accumulated enough material to begin sending out drafts for a monograph, *In Defense of Lost Causes – Preservative Realism in the Resurrection of Neglected Paradigms*.

Papers Published/Presented

1. "The Optimal and the Necessary in Leibniz' Mathematical Framing of the Compossible"
Published Chapter in: *Metaphysics: Aristotelian, Scholastic and Analytic*, Verlag, 2012, ISBN: 978-3-86838-146-7
2. "Plato's Pythagorean Cosmos: Parts and Wholes in the Natural Design of Intelligence"
Published Chapter in *Origins of Design in Nature, Springer Edition*, 2012, ISBN:978-94-007-4156-0
3. "The Embracing Flows: Process and Structure in the Movements of Information and Energy"
FSS-11 Symposium on Complex Adaptive Systems: Energy, Information, and Intelligence
Presentation and Chapter Submission, Fall 2011
4. "The Meno and Plato's Logic of Inquiry"
Conference – Logic, Reasoning and Rationality, Ghent, Belgium, August, 2010
(Accepted, but could not attend)
5. "Plato's Pythagorean Cosmos: Parts and Wholes in the Natural Design of Intelligence"
Invited Chapter Submission for *Origins of Design in Nature, Springer Edition*, Conference
Presentation, Colorado, April, 2011 (Accepted, but could not attend).
6. "Plato on the Peculiar Beauty of Ugly Wrestlers"
Society for the Study of the Martial Arts and Philosophy, Pacific APA, Vancouver, BC, 2009
7. "Hobbes on the Objective Grounding of Constructed Knowledge"
International Hobbes Association, Pacific APA, Vancouver, BC, 2009
8. "Plato's Reversed Cosmos and the Conservation of Information"
Society for the Contemporary Assessment of Platonism, San Francisco, CA, Pacific APA,
March 2005
9. "The Split Gaze of the Soul: Parts and Wholes in Aristotle's Model of Epagoge"
Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, Central APA, Chicago, IL, April 2005

10. *"The Romantic Construction of Time in Plato, Aristotle and Augustine"*
Philosophy of Time, Eastern APA, December 2004
11. *"Plato's Rhetorical Reconstruction of Knowledge"*
Society for the Contemporary Assessment of Platonism, San Francisco, CA, Pacific APA,
March 2003
12. *"Plato's Geometrical Logic"*
Proceedings of the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, March 2003
13. *"Leibniz' Optimism and the Law of Pessimism"*
17th Annual International Conference in Literature, Visual Arts, and/or Cinema, New
Carrollton, GA, November 2002
14. *"Apologia Alkibiades"*
Phi Sigma Tau Graduate Forum, Athens, GA, September 1998
15. *"Plato and the Metaphysical Foundations of Logic"*
Fall Meeting, Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, New York, NY, October 1998
16. *"Plato's Methods of Analysis"*
20th World Congress of Philosophy, Boston, MA, August 1998
17. *"Suggestions for a New Divided Line"*
Pacific APA, Los Angeles, CA, March 1998

Papers Remaining Under Consideration for Publication

- "The Informed Universe: Plato's Theory of Forms and the Fourth Law of Evolution"*
Chapter Submission for *Luciani Floridi Dedicatory Edition*, 2010, (Under Consideration)
- "The Case for Dialectical Preservative Realism: In Defense of Phlogiston"*
Foundations of Chemistry, 2010, (Under Consideration).
- "Plato's Empiricism"*
Pacific APA, 2011, Submission
- "A Most Important Passage – Sophist 253d: Parts and Wholes in Plato's Four Kinds of Forms"*
Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, Pacific APA, 2011, Submission

Completed Papers Submitted, but Not Accepted, for Presentation/Publication

- "Cutting the Joints in the Regulative/Constitutive Dialectic"*
Society for German Idealism, Pacific APA, 2010, Submission.
- "Predication, Process and Participation: Plato's Metaphysical Grounding of Logic"*
Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, Central APA, 2010, Submission
- "Telos as Persuasion: The Face of the Demon in the Retrieval of Memory"*
Logical Analysis and History of Philosophy, Special Issue, 2010 Submission
- "Information, Evolution and Plato's Theory of Forms: Reconciling the Process and Structure of*

Order”

Information, Special Issue, 2010, Submission (Went through multiple editorial revisions)

“*Plato’s Harmonic Dialectic: Why Can’t Dialecticians Count to Six?*”

Society for German Idealism, Pacific APA, 2009 Submission

“*Aristotle and the Fifth Postulate*”

Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, Pacific APA, 2009, Submission

“*Plato’s Semiotic of Ignorance: Teaching the Gods to Speak*”

Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, Central APA, 2008, Submission

“*The Good, the Bad and the Evil: Plato’s Aesthetic Rubric of Value*”

Pacific APA, 2008, Submission

“*Plato’s Ontological Argument: Timaeus 31a-b*”

Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, Eastern APA, 2006, Submission

“*Plato’s Harmonic Dialectic*”

Eastern APA, 2006, Submission

“*On the Destruction of the Hypotheses*”

Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, Pacific APA, 2006, Submission

“*A Most Important Passage: Parts and Wholes in the Development of Plato’s Categories*”

Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, Central APA, 2006, Submission

“*The Case for Causal Pluralism*”

Pacific APA, 2006, Submission

“*The Is/Ought Distinction in Plato: How to Tell a Likely Story from a Noble Lie*”

Pacific APA, 2005, Submission

“*The Thermodynamic Origins of Harmony*”

Complexity International, 2005, Submission (Went through several editorial revisions)

“*Dioristic: Plato’s Logic of Discovery*”

Phronesis, 2004, Submission

“*Plato’s Fourth Dialectic: Poristic, the Logic of Measure*”

Apeiron, 2004, Submission

“*The Origin of Peirce’s Abduction in Plato’s Analytic Method*”

The Peirce Society Meeting, Eastern APA, 2003, Submission