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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2013 –	Department of Philosophy, University of Texas, El Paso. Associate Professor
2013 – 2018	Department of Philosophy, University of Texas, El Paso. Department Chair
2009 – 2013	Department of Philosophy, University of Wyoming. Associate Professor
2003 – 2009	Department of Philosophy, University of Wyoming. Assistant Professor

EDUCATION

2003	Ph.D., University of Colorado, Ph.D. (Philosophy). Advisor: George Bealer.
2002	University of Colorado, M.A. (Philosophy).
1993	New Mexico State University, B.A. (Philosophy, Psychology; minor Mathematics).

AREAS OF CURRENT RESEARCH INTEREST

Non-phenomenological theories of consciousness and basic evidence, action-theoretic foundations of justification, psychologism about reasons, fallibilist metaphysics for direct perception

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Epistemology, metaphysics, philosophy of language, philosophy of mind

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Philosophical logic, mathematical logic, 20th Century analytic, action theory

PUBLICATIONS

Books

1. *Knowing How: Essays on Knowledge, Mind and Action*. Co-edited with John Bengson. New York: Oxford (2011).
2. *The Indispensability of Intuition*. Elements in Epistemology. New York: Cambridge. (forthcoming).

Articles

1. “Basic epistemic reasons: An action-theoretic proposal”
Ratio, **38** (2025): 93-101.

2. “Action-theoretic foundations for epistemology”
Southwest Philosophical Studies (forthcoming)
3. “Intuitions as evidence”
In Lasonen-Aarnio & Littlejohn (Eds.), *Routledge Handbook of the Philosophy of Evidence*,
Routledge (2023)
4. “Non-propositional intellectualism” (w/ John Bengson)
In Bengson & Moffett (Eds.), *Knowing How: Essays on Knowledge Mind and Action*, Oxford
(2011)
5. “Introduction: Two conceptions of mind and action” (w/ John Bengson)
In Bengson & Moffett (Eds.), *Knowing How: Essays on Knowledge Mind and Action*, Oxford
(2011)
6. “Against a posteriori functionalism”
Canadian Journal of Philosophy, **40** (2010): 83–106.
7. “The folk on knowing how” (w/ John Bengson & Jennifer Cole Wright)
Philosophical Studies, **142** (2009): 387–401.
8. “Reasonable disagreement and rational group inquiry”
Episteme: A Journal of Social Epistemology, **4** (2007): 352–367.
9. “Know-how and concept possession” (w/ John Bengson)
Philosophical Studies, **136** (2007): 31–57.
10. “Constructing attitudes”
Protosociology, **21** (2005): 105–128.
11. “Language, communication, and the paradox of analysis: Some philosophical remarks on Plato’s
Cratylus”
Logical Analysis and History of Philosophy: Epistemology, **8** (2005): 58–67.
12. “Knowing facts and believing propositions: A solution to the Problem of Doxastic Shift”
Philosophical Studies, **115** (2003): 81–97.
13. “A note on the relationship between Mates’ Puzzle and Frege’s Puzzle”
Journal of Semantics, **19** (2002): 159–166.

Minor Publications

1. “Review: *Norms and Necessity* by Amie L. Thomasson.
Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews (2023)
 2. “Addendum to Synonymy”
In D. Borchert (Ed.), *The Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (Supplement), 2nd edition. New York:
Macmillan (2006).
 3. “Generalized quantifiers and NP conjunction in intensional algebraic logic (Abstract)”
Bulletin of Symbolic Logic, **10** (2003).
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WORKS IN PROGRESS

Books

Articles

1. “In Defense of Non-Phenomenal Dogmatism”
2. “Act-centered Epistemic Conservatism and the Metaphysics of Belief”
3. “Purposive Knowledge and the Stability Thesis”
4. “Skepticism, Perceptual Interpolation, and Quinean Hinges”
5. “The Motivational Theory of Inference”

PAPERS PRESENTED

“Purposive Knowledge & the Stability Thesis”

- *Society for Exact Philosophy*, University of California, Davis, June 2025, June 2025.

“Russellian presentationality”

- *74th Annual New Mexico-Texas Philosophical Society Conference*, University of Texas, Rio Grande Valley, April 2024. First place - Glenn Joy Award

“The motivational theory of inference”

- University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Las Vegas, March 2024.
- *Society for Exact Philosophy*, (poster presentation), University of Florida, Gainesville, November 2024.

“Action theory as epistemology”

- *76th Annual Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference*, Online, February 2023.
- *Meeting of the North Carolina Philosophical Society*, Duke University, March 2023.
- *73rd Annual New Mexico-Texas Philosophical Society Conference*, UTEP. First Place - Glenn Joy Award, April 2023.

“A unified theory of basic evidence”

- New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM, March 2019.

“The unity of understanding”

- New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM, February 2015.

“Intentionality – Propositional and objectual”

- *Workshop on Propositions*, Texas Tech University, November 2014.

“The dilemma of fair chase” — public lecture

- Boise State University, November 2013.

“Understanding, wisdom, & intellectual progress”

- *Bled Epistemology Conference*, Bled, Slovenia, June 2011.
- Boise State University, November 2013.
- *Southwest Epistemology Conference*, University of New Mexico, August 2014.

“Conceptions”

- *Society for Exact Philosophy*, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, May 2011.

“Intelligent action”

- New Mexico State University, April 2011.

“Radical intellectualism”

- University of Colorado, Boulder, March 2011.

Symposium on epistemic conservatism and metaepistemology

- *UT Austin Methodology Workshop*, August 2008

“Valuing the wasteland” — public lecture

- *Red Desert Symposium*, University of Wyoming, September 2007.

“A paradox of ideal rational inquiry”

- *Episteme Conference 2007: Testimony*, Rutgers University, June 2007.

“Stability as an irreducible component of knowledge”

- *International Conference on Linguistics and Epistemology*, University of Aberdeen, May 2007.

“Conservatism, stability, and self-trust”

- *Rationality in Contemporary Epistemology*. Canadian Society for Epistemology, Université de Sherbrooke, Sherbrooke, QC, September 2006.
- *Society for Exact Philosophy: Time, Logic and Exact Philosophy*, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, May 2007.
- *Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference*, Western Washington University, July 2007.
- Colorado State University, September 2007

“Know-how and concept possession” (with John Bengson)

- *Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference*, Washburn University, September 2006
- *Symposium, Pacific Division APA, San Francisco, CA, April 2007*

“Outline of a nonDavidsonian semantics for events”

- *It’s About Time: Theoretical and Experimental Perspectives on Tense, Aspect, Modality and Events*, Michigan State University, July 2003.

“Knowledge attributions as generic sentences”

- *Third Barcelona Workshop on Issues in the Theory of Reference: General Terms*, June 2003.
- Colloquium, *Eastern Division APA*, Washington, D.C, December 2003.

“Knowing facts and believing propositions: A solution to the problem of doxastic shift”

- *The Creighton Club (New York Philosophical Association)*, Cornell University, October 2002. Graduate Student Presentation Award.
- *Illinois Philosophical Association*, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, November 2002.
- Colloquium, *Pacific Division APA*, San Francisco, CA, March 2003

“Are ‘that’-clauses really singular terms?”

- *Northwest Conference on Philosophy*, Washington State University, October 2001.

- Colloquium, *Eastern Division APA*, Philadelphia, December 2002.

PRESENTED COMMENTARIES

- Comments on Heather Rabenberg, “Inquiring While Believing”, *74th New Mexico-Texas Philosophical Society Meeting*, University of Texas, Rio Grande Valley, April 2024.
- Comments on Aliyar Ozercan “Representations, Descriptions and Propositional Attitudes in Animals”, *73rd New Mexico-Texas Philosophical Society Meeting*, University of Texas, El Paso, April 2023.
- Comments on Daniel Immerman, “A New Solution to the Surprise Test Paradox”, Colloquium, *Pacific Division APA*, San Francisco, CA, April 2013.
- Comments on Kevan Edwards, “Keeping Reference in Mind”, Colloquium, *Pacific Division APA*, Vancouver, BC, April 2009.
- Comments on Don Fallis, “What is Lying?”, Colloquium, *Pacific Division APA*, Pasadena, CA, April 2008.
- Comments on Richard Feldman, “Reasonable Disagreement”, *Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference*, University of Idaho, May 2004.
- Comments on Daniel Korman, “On the modal flexibility of causal laws”, *Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference*, University of Wyoming, September 2003.
- Comments on James Sage, “Two senses of ‘reliability’ in evolutionary epistemology”, *Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference*, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, October 2002.
- Comments on Franz-Peter Griesmaier, “On explaining phenomenal consciousness”, *Northwest Conference on Philosophy*, Washington State University, October 2001.

GRANTS, AWARDS & HONORS

Grants

External

- John Templeton Foundation (subaward), *The Unity of Practical and Theoretical Understanding*, (co-PI, with John Bengson), 2014, \$98,989.00.

Internal

- Basic Research Grant, University of Wyoming, College of Arts & Sciences, 2003, \$2,500.00.

Awards

- First Place, Glenn Joy Award. New Mexico-Texas Philosophical Society. 2024
 - First Place, Glenn Joy Award. New Mexico-Texas Philosophical Society. 2023
 - Extraordinary Merit in Research Award, College of Arts & Sciences, University of Wyoming, 2007
 - Graduate Student Presentation Award, *The Creighton Club*, 2002.
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SERVICE TO PROFESSION

Conference Committee, 65th annual meeting of the *New Mexico/Texas Philosophical Society*, El Paso, TX

Local Organizer & Program Chair, 36th annual meeting of the *Society for Exact Philosophy*, Laramie, WY

Refereeing: *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Mind*, *Noûs*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Synthese*, *Erkenntnis*, *Philosophical Papers*, *Dialogue*, *Journal of Philosophical Research*, *Philosophy Compass*, *Topoi*, *Ratio*, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *American Philosophical Quarterly*, *Analysis*, MIT Press, Oxford University Press

Session Chair: *Pacific Division APA*, 2004; *Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference*, Western Washington University, August 2006, *Eastern Division APA*, 2011.

Conference Refereeing: *Society for Exact Philosophy*; *Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference*; *Canadian Philosophical Association*, *New Mexico/Texas Philosophy Conference*

TEACHING**Graduate**University of Texas, El Paso

Epistemology: Rationalism vs. Empiricism

Great Philosophers: The Philosophy of Ludwig Wittgenstein

Epistemology: Knowledge & Intelligent Action

Great Philosophers: Plato's *Republic*

Great Philosophers: Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason*

Epistemology: The Indispensability of Intuition

Epistemology/Philosophy of Mind: Zombies, Consciousness, and Knowledge

Great Philosophers: The Philosophy of W. V. O. Quine

Epistemology: Basic Evidence

Epistemology: Transformative Experience

Proseminar I

Wyoming

Foundations of Analytic Philosophy (Frege, Russell, Moore, Wittgenstein)

Epistemology: Modal Epistemology

Epistemology: Contextualism

Epistemology: Knowledge How

Philosophy of Language & Formal Semantics

Philosophy of Language: Problems of Intensionality

Advanced Logic: Introduction to Mathematical Logic (through Incompleteness Theorem)

Metaphysics: Time, Identity & Persistence

Upper Division

Epistemology

Metaphysics

Philosophy of Language
Philosophy of Mind
Introduction to Metaphysics & Epistemology.
20th Century Philosophy
Philosophy of Biology
Environmental Ethics
Political Philosophy
Formal Syntax
Philosophy of Hunting/Fishing [animal rights, environmental ethics and aesthetics]
Native American Philosophy

Lower Division

Introduction to Philosophy
Introductory Logic (quantified logic w/identity)
Introduction to Ethics
Philosophy & Society
Critical Thinking: Puzzles & Paradoxes

Master's Thesis Committees

Chair

University of Texas, El Paso

2014, *Moral Supervenience* (Co-Chair, Caroline Arruda)

Wyoming

2013, *Understanding Nature*

2012, *Arbitrary Things*

2012, *Truth and Abstracta*

2012, *A Defense of Ontological Deflationism*

2010, *Reference and Stuff*

2010, *Specificity and Know-how Attributions*

2008, *Disagreement in Context*

Reader

University of Texas, El Paso

2022, *Traveling Epistemology*

2019, *The Latinx, Anti-Black Racism, and Forward-Looking Collective Moral Responsibility*

2014, *The Problem of Using Evil Against the Possible Existence of God*

Wyoming

2008, *Problems for Presentism*

2007, *Spinoza on the Relation between Substance and Attribute*

2007, *Groundwork for a Concept-based Theory of Confirmation*

2007, *Improving Improvability*

2005, *The Problem of Prior Probabilities in Bayesian Confirmation Theory*

2004, *From Inner Perception to Direct Attention*

DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

University of Wyoming

2003–2013 Philosophy Club Faculty Mentor, University of Wyoming.

2003–2013 Director, Philosophy Colloquium Series

2003–2013 Graduate Admissions Committee

2004–2013 Graduate Program Assessment Committee, Philosophy M.A.

2005–2013 Undergraduate Advisor

2007–2013 Junior Faculty Mentoring Committee

2006–2007 Co-chair, Ancient Philosophy Search Committee

2005–2006 Ancient Philosophy Search Committee

University of Texas, El Paso

2024 Member, Post Tenure Review Committee for Professor Best

2024 Member, Philosophy of AI Search Committee

2022–2023 Ethics Search Committee

2021 Member, Philosophy Chair Search Committee

2020 Chair, Tenure and Promotion Committee for Professor Dasgupta

2020 Member, Graduate and Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

2019–2020 Faculty Senate

2019 Member, Philosophy Lecturer Search Committee

2019 Member, Third Year Review Committee for Professor Dasgupta

2019 Member, Post Tenure Review Committee for Professor Best

2019– Member, Professional Achievement Report Departmental Committee

2016–2017 Liberal Arts Committee on the Transition to Graduate School

2016–2017 Liberal Arts Committee on Stackable Degrees

2014–2015 Liberal Arts Faculty Leave Committee

2015 Chair, Administrative Assistant Search Committee

2014–2015 Chair, Philosophy of Mind/Philosophy of Science Search Committee

2013–2015 Undergraduate Advisor, minor in Feminist Philosophy

2014 Reviewer, UTEP Arts & Humanities Career Enhancement Awards

2013–2014 Chair, Latin American Search Committee

2013 Graduate Program Assessment, Philosophy M.A.

EXTERNAL SERVICE

- 2023 - Vice-President, Las Cruces Symphony Association
- 2022 - Board Member, Las Cruces Symphony Association
- 2021 - 2025 Treasurer, Borderlands Ballet Company
- 2017- 2020 President, Borderlands Ballet Company
- 2016-2017 Vice-President, Borderlands Ballet Company
- 2016- Board Member, Borderlands Ballet Company (Founding Member)

REFERENCES

Available On Request

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