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Education

Ph.D. Philosophy, University of Tennessee, Knoxville (May 2012)

Dissertation: *When One Should Forgive: Eirenistic Responses to Wrongdoing*

M.A. Philosophy; M.A. Minor History (*with honors*), University of Southern Mississippi (Dec. 2006)

Thesis: *Thomas Reid’s Epistemic Direct Realism and Contemporary Epistemology*

B.A. in Philosophy, University of Southern Mississippi (May 2004)

B.A. in History, University of Southern Mississippi (May 2004)

A.A. in Social Sciences, Jones County Junior College (May 2002)

Areas of Specialization

Ethics (esp. theory and applied: Medical, Business, Engineering, and Environmental ethics)

Social/Political Philosophy (esp. Forgiveness, Justice, Rights, Peace, and Social Dissent)

Philosophical Analysis of Popular Culture

Areas of Competency

Logic and Critical Thinking

Existentialism

Philosophy of Religion and Comparative Religion

Teaching Experience

Pellissippi State Community College, Knoxville, TN, Associate Professor, 2020-Present

Owensboro Community and Technical College, Owensboro, KY, Associate Professor, and Program Coordinator, Philosophy and Religious Studies, 2013-2020

University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL, Visiting Assistant Professor, 2012-2013

Pellissippi State Community College, Knoxville, TN, Adjunct Professor, 2010-2012

Institute for Reading Development, 2008-2009

University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN, Graduate Teaching Associate, 2006-2012

University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS, Graduate Assistant, 2004-2006

Courses Taught

Introduction to Philosophy

Contemporary Moral Problems

Critical Thinking

Introduction to Logic

Strategies for College Success

Religious Expressions of Forgiveness and Justice

Comparative World Religions

Philosophy of Religion

Introduction to Ethics

Medical Ethics

Business Ethics

Animal and Environmental Ethics

Engineering Ethics

Professional Responsibility

Ethics of Forgiveness and Justice

War and Peace

Film and Philosophy

Service and Civic Activities

Host, Concerned Philosophers for Peace, 2023 Annual Meeting, October 27-28, Knoxville, TN
Coach, 5-6 Year Old Boys, Parks and Rec League, Spring 2023
Guest, Pellissippi State Community College, Mag Con, March 2023
Consultant, High School Ethics Bowl, Austin-East Magnet High School, 2022 – Present
Cubmaster, Cub Scouts of America, Sarah Moore Greene, Pack 65, March 2022 – Present
-Service project: Kill poison ivy in children's area, refurbish herb garden, Summer 2022
Volunteer Actor in Community Christmas Play, *The Christmas Post*, December 2022
Volunteer Curator, Odd Fellows Cemetery, September 2021 – Present
Co-host Concerned Philosophers for Peace, Annual 2021 Meeting, October 2021
Quality Enhancement Plan Implementation Team, Pellissippi State Community College, 2021 – Present
Quality Enhancement Plan Steering Committee, Pellissippi State Community College, 2021
Co-host Concerned Philosophers for Peace, Annual 2020 Meeting, held January 2021 due to COVID
Invited Guest Speaker, OCTC Common Reading Program, Racist Justice, Owensboro, KY, 2020
Invited Guest Speaker, Dr. Martin Luther King Celebration Day, Owensboro, KY, 2018
Permanent Youth Leader, Community Youth Group, Owensboro, KY, 2017 – 2019
Member, Owensboro Health Diversity Committee, 2016 – 2017
Member, Ethics Committee, Owensboro Health Regional Hospital, 2015 – Present
Faculty Advisor, LOGOS: Philosophy Club of OCTC, 2015 – Present
State Approved Foster Home, Owensboro, KY, 2015 – Present
Member Coordinator, WISE: Women In Support of Education, 2014 – 2019
Board Member, Dogwood-Azalea Neighborhood Alliance, Owensboro, KY, 2014 – Present
High School Soccer Referee, Owensboro, KY, 2014 – Present
Guest Judge: Inter-collegiate Ethics Bowl Preparation, 2012 – 2013
Community Co-Organizer, Habitat for Humanity Building Project, 2011
Vice-Chair, Knox County Ethics Committee, Knoxville, TN, 2010 – 2012
Leader, Kid's and Philosophy Reading Program, Pond Gap Elementary, Knoxville, TN, 2009 – 2012
Planner/Coordinator, *Veritas* Speaker-Series, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN, 2007 – 2012
Mentor, Kid's Hope USA, part of Big Brothers, Big Sisters, 2007 – 2012

Professional Activities and Development (Please also see Publications, Appearances, and Presentations)

Editor, Concerned Philosophers for Peace Newsletter, January 2022 – Present
Member, Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, OCTC, 2020
Member, APA, Committee on Philosophy in Two-Year Colleges, 2020 – Present
APA-Central, Liaison, The Concerned Philosophers for Peace, 2018 – Present
Chair, Faculty College Assembly, Owensboro Community and Technical College, 2017 – 2018
Chair, Religious Studies Curriculum Committee, Kentucky Community and Technical College System, 2017 – Present
Co-Chair, Philosophy Curriculum Committee, Kentucky Community and Technical College System, 2016 – Present
Member, Editorial Board, *The Acorn: The Journal of the Gandhi-King Society*, 2016 – Present
Chair, Master Advisor Program, Owensboro Community and Technical College, 2016 – Present
President, Kentucky Philosophical Association, 2016 – 2017
Chair, Strategic Enrollment Management, Master Advisor Retention Effort, Owensboro Community and Technical College, 2016 – Present
Member, General Education Curriculum Committee, Kentucky Community and Technical College System, 2016 – Present
Vice President, Kentucky Philosophical Association, 2015 – 2016
Series Editor, *The Philosophy of Forgiveness* Series, Vernon Press, 2015 – Present
Conference Organizer, Kentucky Philosophical Association, 2014 – 2015

Co-Chair, Quality Enhancement Plan for SACSCOC Reaffirmation, Owensboro Community and Technical College, 2014 – 2016
State Representative, Curriculum Review Committee, Kentucky Community and Technical College System, 2014-2018
Member, Kentucky Philosophical Association, 2013 – Present
Blind Reviewer for several Academic Journals and Publishers, 2011 – Present
Member, Tennessee Holocaust Commission, 2010 – 2013
Member, American Philosophical Association, 2006 – Present
Member, Tennessee Philosophical Association, 2006 – 2016
Member, Concerned Philosophers for Peace, 2004 – Present

Honors and Awards

President's Award for Faculty Teaching: Owensboro Community and Technical College, 2019
Award for Outstanding Scholarship: Owensboro Community and Technical College, 2018
"You Made a Difference," Owensboro Community and Technical College, 2016, 2018, and 2019,
Awarded by students during their Student Exit Survey
Favorite Instructor: Multicultural Awareness Club, Pellissippi State Community College, Fall 2010,
Voted on by students
Outstanding Graduate in Philosophy – USM Department of Philosophy, 2005,
Voted on by Philosophy and Religion Department Faculty
Outstanding Undergraduate in Philosophy – USM Department of Philosophy, 2003,
Voted on by Philosophy and Religion Department Faculty

Publications

Peer Reviewed:

Book Authored

Repentance and the Right to Forgiveness. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2018.

Books Edited

The Philosophy of Forgiveness, Volume 5. Forgiveness Confronts Race, Relationships, and the Social. Wilmington, DE: Vernon Press, 2022.

Righteous Indignation: Christian Philosophical and Theological Perspectives on Anger. Co-edited with Gregory Bock. Fortress Press, 2021.

The Ethics of Anger. Co-edited with Gregory Bock. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2020.

The Philosophy of Forgiveness, Volume 1. Explorations of Forgiveness: Personal, Relational, and Religious. Wilmington, DE: Vernon Press. 2016.

The Philosophy of Forgiveness, Volume 2. New Dimensions of Forgiveness. Wilmington, DE: Vernon Press, 2016.

Book Chapters

"Bonhoeffer's Forgiveness." Forthcoming.

"Our Hazardous Polarized World: Exploring the Viciousness of Non-Responsive Wrongdoing." *Politics, Polarity, and Peace*. Edited by William Barnes. Amsterdam-New York, NY: Rodopi Press, 2023.

"Crossing White Lines: My Son, Racism, and Forgiveness." *The Philosophy of Forgiveness, Volume 5. Underrepresented Perspectives on Forgiveness*. Wilmington, DE: Vernon Press, 2022.

“Anger as an Unnecessary Response.” *The Ethics of Anger*. Edited by Court Lewis and Gregory Bock. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2020.

“Avoiding the Dark Side: Anger in Popular Culture.” Coauthored with Gregory Bock. *The Ethics of Anger*. Edited by Court Lewis and Gregory Bock. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2020.

“A Sketch of the Moral Responsibility to Engage Oppressors.” *Communities of Peace: Confronting Injustice and Creating Justice*. Edited by Danielle Poe. Amsterdam-New York, NY: Rodopi Press, 2011.

“The Cricket in Times Square: Crickets, Compassion, and the Good Life.” *Philosophy in Children’s Literature*. Edited by Peter Costello. Lexington, KY: Lexington Books (a division of Rowan and Littlefield), 2011.

Journal Articles

“Citizen-Soldiers in the American Cultural Revolution: A Tribute to the Philosophy of Bat-Ami Bar On,” *The Acorn: The Journal of the Gandhi-King Society*. (2023)

“Author Court D. Lewis Meets Critics.” *The Acorn: The Journal of the Gandhi-King Society* (2020).

“Engaging Student Aversions to Moral Obligations.” *Journal of Teaching Philosophy*. Volume 38, Issue 3 (September 2015).

“Understanding Peace Within Contemporary Moral Theory.” *Philosophia: Philosophical Quarterly of Israel*. Volume 41, Number 4 (Winter 2013): 1049-1068.

Textbook

Ethics In Our World: A Case Consult Approach. Dubuque, IA: Kendall Hunt Publishing, 2023.

Medical Ethics: A Case Consult Approach, 2nd edition. Dubuque, IA: Kendall Hunt Publishing, 2019.

Encyclopedia Articles

“Nuremberg Trials.” *Encyclopedia of Global Justice*. Springer. July 2011.

“League of Nations.” *Encyclopedia of Global Justice*. Springer. July 2011.

“Vienna Declaration of Human Rights.” *Encyclopedia of Global Justice*. Springer. July 2011.

Book Reviews

“Peace, Evil, and Cosmopolitanism.” A Review of Michael DeArme’s *Cosmopolitanism and the Evils of the World*. *The Acorn: the Journal of the Gandhi-King Society*. Volume 22, Number 1 (2022): .

“The Gift of Kwe: A Present of Radical Resurrence.” A Review of Leanne Betasamosake Simpson’s *As We Have Always Done: Indigenous Freedom Through Radical Resistance*. *The Acorn: the Journal of the Gandhi-King Society*. Volume 19, Number 1 (2019): 64-66.

“To Understand All is to Forgive All.” A Review of William Irwin’s *Little Siddhartha: A Sequel. The Acorn: the Journal of the Gandhi-King Society*. Volume 18, Number 1 (2018): 97-99.

“Songs of Social Protest.” A Review of Dario Martinelli’s *Give Peace a Chant: Popular Music, Politics and Social Protest. The Acorn: the Journal of the Gandhi-King Society*. Volume 18, Number 1 (2018): 95-97.

“Resisting Violence and Domination.” A Review of Howard Caygill’s *On Resistance: A Philosophy of Defiance. The Acorn: the Journal of the Gandhi-King Society*. Volume 18, Number 1 (2018): 85-87.

“Reframing Islam as a Nonviolent Force.” A Review of Chaiwat Sath-Anand’s *Nonviolence and Islamic Imperatives. The Acorn: the Journal of the Gandhi-King Society*. Volume 17, Number 2 (2017): 143-144.

“Cosmopolitan vs. Westphalian ‘Borders’.” A Review of Eddy M. Souffrant’s (Editor). *A Future without Borders? Theories and Practices of Cosmopolitan Peacebuilding. The Acorn: the Journal of the Gandhi-King Society*. Volume 17, Number 1 (2017): 87-90.

“A Machiavellian Approach to Pacifism.” A Review of Sara Trovato’s *Mainstreaming Pacifism: Conflict, Success, and Ethics. The Acorn: the Journal of the Gandhi-King Society*. Volume 16, Number 1-2 (2016): 59-61.

“Review of Doug Wojcieszak, James W. Saxton, Esq., and Maggie M. Finkelstein, Esq., *Sorry Works!: Disclosure, Apology, and Relationships Prevent Medical Malpractice Claims.*” *American Journal of Bioethics: Primary Research*. Volume 1, Number 4 (Oct-Dec 2010).

Research in Progress

Book: *Creating a Better World for Troubled Teens by Troubled Adults*

Book: *Overcoming the Chasms of Life: Reconciliation, Peace, and Ethics*

Book: *Elvis’s World Fifty Years Later*

Book: *The Most Important Season in New Orleans Saints’ History*

Book: *The History and Philosophy of Iron Maiden*

Book: *Short Stories and Various Sundries from an Odd Philosopher*

Conference Presentations

Refereed Papers:

“Bonhoeffer’s Forgiveness and the Kingdom of God.” (Co-authored with Gregory Bock). The Southwestern Regional Meeting of the Evangelical Philosophical Society. Fort Worth, TX, March 2023.

“Bonhoeffer’s Forgiveness.” (Co-authored with Gregory Bock). American Philosophical Associations (Central Division). Group Session, Concerned Philosophers for Peace with (co-sponsor) The Gandhi, King, Chavez, Addams Society. Denver, CO. February 2023.

“Always Look on the Bright Side of Crisis.” 2022 Meeting of the Tennessee Philosophical Association. Nashville, TN. October 2022.

“Always Look on the Bright Side of Crisis.” Concerned Philosophers for Peace. 35 Annual Conference. Albuquerque, NM. October 2022.

“Citizen-Soldiers in the American Cultural Revolution: A Tribute to the Philosophy of Bat-Ami Bar On.” American Philosophical Associations (Central Division). Group Session, Concerned Philosophers for Peace with (co-sponsor) The Gandhi, King, Chavez, Addams Society. Chicago, IL. February 2022.

“Crossing White Lines: My Son, Racism, and Forgiveness.” American Philosophical Associations (Central Division). Group Session, Concerned Philosophers for Peace with (co-sponsor) The Gandhi, King, Chavez, Addams Society. Chicago, IL. February 2021.

“War Refugees” – Author Jennifer Kling meets Critics. American Philosophical Associations (Central Division). Group Session, Concerned Philosophers for Peace with (co-sponsor) The Gandhi, King, Chavez, Addams Society. Chicago, IL. February 2020.

“Polarities and Peace: Why Anger is Unnecessary.” Concerned Philosophers for Peace. 32nd Annual Conference. Colorado Springs, CO. October 2019.

“Repentance and the Right to Forgiveness” – Author Court D. Lewis meets Critics. American Philosophical Association (Central Division). Group Session, Concerned Philosophers for Peace with (co-sponsor) The Gandhi, King, Chavez, Addams Society. Denver, CO. February 2019.

“Repentance as an Economic Means to Positive Peace.” Concerned Philosophers for Peace. 31st Annual Conference. Boulder, CO. October 2018.

“The Aesthetics and Randomness of Violence.” Concerned Philosophers for Peace. 30th Annual Conference. Raleigh, NC. November 2017.

“Repentance and the Grounding of a Right to Forgiveness.” American Association of Religion Annual Meeting. San Antonio, TX. November 2016.

“The Dangers of Letting Die: Non-Responsive Wrongdoing.” 33rd Annual International Social Philosophy Conference at Carleton University. North American Society for Social Philosophy. July 2016.

“Disparate Accounts of Justice in *The Eloquent Peasant*.” American Philosophical Associations (Central Division). Group Session, Concerned Philosophers for Peace and the Committee on the Status of Black Philosophers. St. Louis, MO. February 2015.

“Teaching Student Obligations.” Kentucky Philosophical Association. Annual Meeting. Bowling Green, KY. April 2014.

“Social Passivity and Non-Responsive Wrongdoing: The Viciousness of Letting Die.” American Philosophical Association (Central Division). Group Session, Concerned Philosophers for Peace. Chicago, IL. February 2014.

“Secular vs. Religious Obligations to Forgive.” 2013 Meeting of the Tennessee Philosophical Association. Nashville, TN. October 2013.

Graduate Courses Taken

Philosophy

Classical Philosophy
Philosophy of Religion
Research Ethics

Philosophy of Politics
Contemporary Issues: Critiques of Christianity
Epistemology
Modern Philosophy
Philosophy of Biology
Special Problems: Leibniz, Kant, and Reid
Locke and Hume
Husserl and Sartre
Environmental Ethics
Metaethics
Bioethics
Philosophy of Science
Autonomy
Contemporary Theories of Justice
Professional Responsibility
Future Generations
Advanced Survey of Epistemology
Plato

History

Modern Russia and the Soviet Union
World War I
History of the German Lands
Dissent in Central Europe
Foundations of Studying History
War and Society

Popular Publications:

Books Authored

The Real Meaning of Doctor Who. Chicago and La Salle, IL: Open Universe Press, 2021.

My Life With Tom Baker. Atlanta, GA: Kozmic Press, 2021.

Way of the Doctor: Doctor Who and the Good Life. Owensboro, KY: Phil Doc Books, 2017.

Books Edited

KISS and Philosophy. Edited by Courtland Lewis. Chicago and La Salle, IL: Open Court Press, 2020.

Red Rising and Philosophy. Edited by Courtland Lewis and Kevin McCain. Chicago and La Salle, IL: Open Court Press, 2016.

More Doctor Who and Philosophy. Edited by Courtland Lewis and Paula Smithka. Chicago and La Salle, IL: Open Court Press, 2015.

Divergent and Philosophy. Edited by Courtland Lewis. Chicago and La Salle, IL: Open Court Press, 2015.

Futurama and Philosophy. Edited by Courtland D. Lewis and Shawn P. Young. Chicago and La Salle, IL: Open Court Press, 2013.

Doctor Who and Philosophy: Bigger on the Inside. Edited by Courtland Lewis and Paula Smithka. Chicago and La Salle, IL: Open Court Press, 2010.

Book Chapters

“Falling Off The Edge of the Earth.” Co-authored with Gregory L. Bock. *Conspiracy Theories: Philosophers Connect the Dots*. Edited by y Richard Greene and Rachel Robison-Greene. Chicago and La Salle, IL: Open Court Press, 2020.

“A Dangerous Journey.” *X-Files and Philosophy*. Edited by Robert Arp. Chicago and La Salle, IL: Open Court Press, 2016.

“Casuistry in the Final Frontier.” *The Ultimate Star Trek and Philosophy*. Edited by Jason T. Eberl and Kevin S. Decker. Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell, Forthcoming 2016.

“Why Time Lords Do Not Live Forever: Immortality in *Doctor Who*.” *Time and Relative Dimensions in Space: Religion and Doctor Who*. Edited by Andrew Crome and James McGrath. Darton, Longman and Todd, 2013.

“A Little Bit of This, A Little Bit of That, and a Whole Lotta Knowledge.” *Psych and Philosophy*. Edited by Robert Arp. Chicago and La Salle, IL: Open Court Press, 2013.

“Interference, the Doctor, and the Good Life.” *Ruminations, Peregrinations, and Regenerations: A Critical Approach to Doctor Who*. Edited by Chris Hansen. Newcastle, Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2010.

“Mr. Monk Takes on the *Übermensch*.” *Mr. Monk and Philosophy: The Curious Case of the Defective Detective*. Edited by D.E. Wittkower. Chicago and La Salle, IL: Open Court Press, a Division of Carus Publishing Co., 2010.

Articles

“The Virtues of Science Fiction in Examining Bioethical Dilemmas.” *2008 Film and History Conference Proceedings*. Film and Science: Fictions, Documentaries, and Beyond. Edited by Cynthia Miller. University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, WI: Film and History, 2009.

“Flâneur as Paradigm for Time Travel and History.” *2008 Film and History Conference Proceedings*. Film and Science: Fictions, Documentaries, and Beyond. Edited by Cynthia Miller. University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, WI: Film and History, 2009.

“Dignified Political Action.” *Concerned Philosophers for Peace Newsletter*. Spring 2008.

Other

“The Rock and Metal Profs.” Bi-weekly Podcast examining the History and Philosophy of Rock and Metal. Co-hosted with Matthew Alschbach, Professor of History.

“Mind and Body, Love You Two.” (One-Act Play). Written by Court Lewis. Produced and Performed at Theater Workshop of Owensboro. 2020.

“The Meaning of Life.” (Short film). Written and Directed by Court Lewis. Produced and Edited by Brian Storm. 2016.

Invited Guest Appearances

“Why Organize Interfaith Communities.” Owensboro Faith Fest, November 2022.

“Doctor Who and Philosophy.” Professional Guest at DragonCon. Atlanta, GA. August 2018.

“Doctor Who and Philosophy.” Featured Guest at Time Lord Fest: Doctor Who Convention, Tampa, FL. February 2018.

“Doctor Who and Philosophy.” Featured Guest at Gallifrey One: *Doctor Who* Convention. Los Angeles, CA. February 2016.

“Doctor Who and Philosophy.” Featured Guest at WhoLanta (Formerly Timegate): *Doctor Who* Convention. Atlanta, GA. May 2015 - 2019.

“Doctor Who and Philosophy.” Featured Academic Guest at Geekonomican. Gulfport, MS. December 2014.

“Beyond the Wellerverse: A Philosophical Discussion with Peter Weller.” Daviess County Public Library, in conjunction with The River City Festival of Film. Owensboro, KY. March 2014.

“Humanism and *Doctor Who*.” Owensboro Faith Fest, in conjunction with Daviess County Public Library. Owensboro, KY. November 2013.

“Doctor Who and Philosophy.” Featured Guest at Timegate: *Doctor Who* and *Stargate* Convention. Atlanta, GA. May 2013.

“Doctor Who and Philosophy.” Featured Guest at Timegate: *Doctor Who* and *Stargate* Convention. Atlanta, GA. May 2012.

“Doctor Who and Philosophy.” Featured Guest at Gallifrey One: *Doctor Who* Convention. Los Angeles, CA. February 2011.

References

Dr. Gregory Bock: Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Religion, Director, UT Tyler Center for Ethics, University of Texas at Tyler, 3900 University Blvd, Tyler, TX 75799, 903-566-7456, gbock@uttyler.edu.

Dr. Charles E. Cardwell: Professor of Philosophy, Pellissippi State Community College. P.O. BOX 22990, Knoxville, TN 37933-0990, 865 539-7052, cecardwell@pstcc.edu.

Dr. Kevin McCain: Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Alabama at Birmingham, 900 13th Street South, HB 414A, Birmingham, AL, 35294, 205-934-8907, mccain@uab.edu.

Dr. Julia Ledford: Associate Dean of Academic Affairs. Chair, Humanities and Fine Arts. 4800 New Hartford Rd, Owensboro, KY 42303, 270 686-4627, julia.ledford@kctcs.edu.

Dr. Gregory Pence, Professor of Philosophy, University of Alabama at Birmingham, 900 13th Street South, HB 414A, Birmingham, AL, 35294, 205-934-8922. pence@uab.edu.

Dr. Paula Smithka: Associate Professor of Philosophy, Department of Philosophy and Religion, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS 39406, 601-266-4518, Paula.Smithka@usm.edu.