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Education

Ph.D. in Philosophy, 1985, Washington University,
M.A. in Philosophy, 1985, Washington University
M.A. in Political Science, 1982, The Wichita State University
B.A. in Political Science, 1979, The Wichita State University

Areas of Specialization

Epistemology, Philosophy of Social Science

Areas of Competence

Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Mind,
Environmental Ethics

Professional Positions

Chambers Professor, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, 2007-present

Teacher, Emory Tibetan Science Initiative, Gaden Janjtse Monastery, India, May
2014/2016; Sera Jay Monastery, India 2015/2018, Drepung Monastery,
India, 2017.

Professor, University of Memphis, 2003-2007

Associate Professor, University of Memphis, 1994-2003

Assistant Professor, Memphis State University, 1991-1994

Visiting Assistant Professor, Memphis State University, 1988-1991

Visiting Assistant Professor, Kansas State University, 1987-88

Visiting Assistant Professor, Grinnell College, 1986-87

Recent work in progress or submitted for publication

(with Stephen Schneider) "Biological Antecedents of Political Attitudes," *Oxford Handbook of
Philosophy of Political Science*.

(with Peter Graham) "Epistemic Norms," *Oxford Bibliographies in Philosophy*. Under
contract, in progress.

"The Place of Non-Epistemic Matters in Epistemology: Norms and Regulation in Various
Communities," for a special volume of *Synthese*.

(with Terry Horgan), "Are Epistemic Norms Fundamentally Social Norms?" for a projected
special volume of *Episteme*

The Routledge Handbook in Social Epistemology, Co-edited with Miranda Fricker, Peter
Graham, Nikolaj Pedersen. Under contract, assembling and editing contributions.

“Introduction” section Historical Background, *The Routledge Handbook in Social Epistemology*, Co-edited with Miranda Fricker, Peter Graham, Nikolaj Pedersen.

“Introduction” section Science and Social Epistemology, *The Routledge Handbook in Social Epistemology*, Co-edited with Miranda Fricker, Peter Graham, Nikolaj Pedersen.

(with Peter Graham) “Epistemic Norms as Social Norms,” to be included in *The Routledge Handbook in Social Epistemology*, Co-edited with Miranda Fricker, Peter Graham, Nikolaj Pedersen.

Publications

Books

Editor (with John Greco) *Epistemic Evaluation: Point and Purpose in Epistemology*. Oxford University Press (2015).

(With Terry Horgan) *The Epistemological Spectrum: At the Interface of Cognitive Science and Conceptual Analysis*. Oxford University Press (2011).

Interpretation and Explanation in the Human Sciences. State University of New York Press (1993).

Editor (with Peter Graham), *American Philosophical Quarterly*, Special Issue on Epistemic Norms, forthcoming (2017)

Editor (with Deborah Tollefsen), *Southern Journal of Philosophy: Social Epistemology*, Spindel Conference Supplement (2006).

Editor

- (with Alison Wylie, Paul Roth, James Bohman) *Journal of Philosophy of Social Science*, 43 (2013), with select papers from the 14th annual Philosophy of Social Science Roundtable (Lincoln, Nebraska, March 2012).
- (with Paul Roth, Alison Wylie, Margaret Schabas, Daniel Steel) *Journal of Philosophy of Social Science*, with select papers from the 1th annual Philosophy of Social Science Roundtable (Vancouver, BC, May 2017) (forthcoming).

Editor, (with Terry Horgan), *Southern Journal of Philosophy: The Role of the A Priori (and of the A Posteriori) in Epistemology*, Spindel Conference Supplement 38 (2000).

Editor, *Southern Journal of Philosophy, Explanation in the Human Sciences*, Spindel Conference Supplement, 34 (1996).

Articles or book chapters

(with Terry Horgan) “Evidentially Embedded Epistemic Entitlement.” *Synthese* forthcoming.

(with Terry Horgan and Matjaz Poterc), “Morphological Content and Chromatic Illumination in Belief Fixation” in [a collection on Inference and

- Consciousness, Anders Nes (ed)] forthcoming.
- Comment on *Epistemic Angst* by Duncan Pritchard, *Review of Metaphysics*, forthcoming.
- (with Terry Horgan, Matjaz Potrc, Hannah Teirney) "Nonconciliation in Peer Disagreement: Its Phenomenology and Its Rationality" *Grazer Philosophische Studien*, forthcoming
- (with Peter Graham) "Epistemic Norms and the "Epistemic Game" that they Regulate: The Basic Structured Costs and Benefits," *American Philosophical Quarterly*, October 2017, pp. 367-82.
- (with Peter Graham) "A Refined Account of the "Epistemic Game": Epistemic Norms, Temptations, and Epistemic Cooperation," *American Philosophical Quarterly*, October 2017, pp. 383-96.
- (with Peter Graham) "Introduction to the Special Issue on Epistemic Norms," forthcoming *American Philosophical Quarterly*, October 2017, pp. 317-22.
- Review of Cristina Bicchieri, *Norms in the Wild: How to Diagnose, Measure, and Change Social Norms*, Oxford University Press, 2017, in *Notre Dame Philosophical Review* (2017)
- "Explanation" in *Routledge Handbook in the Philosophy of Social Science*, Lee McIntyre and Alexander Rosenberg (editors). Routledge (2017)
- "Review of *Cultural Evolution: Conceptual Challenges*, by Tim Lewens. Oxford University Press, 2015, in *Metascience* (2016)
- "Explaining by Reference to Norms is Only Natural (or Should be)," in Mark Risjord (ed.), *Norms and Normativity*. Routledge (2016).
- (with Terry Horgan), "Abductive Inference, Explicable and Anomalous Disagreement, and Epistemic Resources." *Res Philosophica*, special issue on Epistemic Humility, 93 (2016): 567-584.
- "A Critical Perspective on a Critical Perspective on Social Science" Review of *Rationality and Cultural Interpretationism*, by Kie Yoshida [Lexington, 2014] in *Metascience* 24 (2015): 257-261.
- "Introduction: The Point and Purpose of Epistemic Evaluation," (with John Greco), David Henderson and John Greco (eds.) *Epistemic Evaluation: Point and Purpose in Epistemology*, Oxford University Press (2015).
- "What is the Point?" (with Terry Horgan) in David Henderson and John Greco (eds.) *Epistemic Evaluation: Point and Purpose in Epistemology*, Oxford University Press (2015).
- "Review of *Explaining Norms*, by Geoffrey Brennan, Lina Ericsson, Robert E. Godin, and Nicholas Southwood, [Oxford University Press, 2013], in *Ethics* 124 (2014), 882-888.
- "On the Real Workings of Social Construction." [Review of *The Reality of Social Construction*, Dave Elder-Vass, Cambridge University Press (2012)], in *Metascience* (2014).

- "Replies to our Critics" (with Terry Horgan), *Philosophical Studies* 169 (2014), 549-64.
- "Virtue and the Fitting Culturing of the Human Critter" (with Terry Horgan), in Abrol Fairweather and Owen Flanagan, *Naturalizing Virtue*, Cambridge University Press (2014), 339-383.
- Entitlement in Gutting's Epistemology of Philosophy: Commons on *What Philosophers Know*. *Southern Journal of Philosophy* (2013), 121-32.
- "Risk Sensitive Animal Knowledge: On Sosa's *Knowing Full Well*," (with Terry Horgan), *Philosophical Studies* (2013), 599-608.
- "Concerning Epistemic Entitlement: A Comment on Gary Gutting's *What Philosophers Know*." *Southern Journal of Philosophy* (2013), 221-32.
- "Conceptual Schemes in Davidson's Philosophy," in Ernie Lepore and Kirk Ludwig (eds.), *The Philosophy of Donald Davidson*, Wiley-Blackwell (2013), 300-313.
- "Naturalism in the Social Sciences," in B Kaldis, *Encyclopedia of Philosophy and the Social Sciences*. Sage (2013), 644-6.
- "Normativism and Realism in the Social Sciences," in B Kaldis, *Encyclopedia of Philosophy and the Social Sciences*. Sage (2013), 681-6.
- "The Low-Grade A Priori" (with Terry Horgan), in Albert Casullo and Josh Thuroff (eds.), *The A Priori in Philosophy*, Oxford University Press (2013), 111-133.
- "Naturalized Epistemology and Historicism," *Journal of the Philosophy of History* (2012).
- "Norms," in Kincaid (ed.), *Oxford Handbook of Philosophy the Social Sciences*, Oxford University Press (2012).
- "Let's Be Flexible: Our Interpretive/Explanatory Toolbox, or In Praise of Using a Range of Tools," *Journal of the Philosophy of History* (2011), 261-299.
- "Gate-Keeping Contextualism," *Episteme* (2011), 83-98
- "Interpretation and Explanation," in Patrick Hogan (ed), *The Cambridge Encyclopedia of the Language Sciences*. Cambridge University Press. (2010), pp. 402-404.
- "Rationality Naturalized and Rationalizing Explanation," *Philosophy of Social Science* (2010), 30-58
- "Epistemic Virtues and Cognitive Dispositions," (with Terry Horgan), in K. Steuber, G. Damschen, and R. Schnepf (eds.), *Debating Dispositions: Issues in Metaphysics, Epistemology and Philosophy of Mind*, Berlin: DeGruyter (2009) pp. 296-319.
- "Motivated Contextualism," *Philosophical Studies* (2009) 142:119-131.
- "Would You Really Rather Be Lucky Than Good? On the Normative Status of Naturalizing Epistemology" (with Terry Horgan), in *Naturalism, Reference and Ontology: Essays in Honor of Roger F. Gibson*, Chase Wrenn (ed), Lang Publishing (2008) pp. 47-76.

- "Testimonial Belief and Epistemic Competence," *Nous* (2008) 42: 190-221.
- "Transglobal Evidentialism-Reliabilism," (With Terry Horgan and Matjaž Potrč) *Croatian Journal of Philosophy* (2007) 22:281-300
- "Language and Translation," in Stephen Turner and Mark Risjord (eds.), *Philosophy of Anthropology and Sociology*, Elsevier (2007), pp. 607-638.
- "Transglobal Reliabilism" (with Terry Horgan), *Croatian Journal of Philosophy*, (2006): 171-95.
- "Rationality and Rationalist Approaches in the Social Sciences" in Stephen Turner and William Outwaite (eds.), *Handbook of Social Science Methodology*, Sage Publishing (2007), pp. 282-301.
- "The Ins and Outs of Transglobal Reliabilism" (with Terry Horgan), in Sanford Goldberg (ed.), *Internalism and Externalism in Semantics and Epistemology*, Oxford University Press (2007), pp. 100-130.
- "Monitoring and Reductionism in the Epistemology of Testimony" (with Sanford Goldberg), *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* (2006), 600-617.
- "Norms, Invariance, and Explanatory Relevance," *Philosophy of the Social Sciences* 35 (2005): 324 - 338.
- "Das Prinzip des Wohlwollens und das Problem der Irrationalität," in Axel Bühler (ed.), *Hermeneutik: Basistexte zur Einführung in die wissenschaftstheoretischen Grundlagen von Verstehen und Interpretation*, Heidelberg: Synchron. (2003) (Translation by Axel Bühler of "The Principle of Charity and the Problem of Irrationality," Henderson (1987))
- Review of Martin Kusch's *Knowledge by Agreement: the Programme of Communitarian Epistemology*. *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*. (2003)
- "What Does It Take to Be a True Believer? Against the Opulent Ideology of Folk Psychology," (with Terry Horgan), in C. Erneling and D. Johnson, (eds.), *Mind as a Scientific Object: Between Brain and Culture*, Oxford: Oxford University Press (2003), pp. 211-224 .
- "The A Priori Isn't All It Is Cracked Up To Be, But It Is Something," (with Terry Horgan), *Philosophical Topics* (2001), 219-250.
- "Norms, Normative Principles, and Explanation" *Philosophy of Social Science* 32 (2002), 329-364.
- "Practicing Safe Epistemology," (with Terry Horgan), *Philosophical Studies* 102 (2001): 227-58.
- "Norms, Normative Principles, and Erotetic Explanation," in *Rationality and Irrationality: 23rd International Wittgenstein Symposium*. Berit Brogaard (ed.), Austrian Ludwig Wittgenstein Society (2000), 329-64.
- "What is A Priori, and What is it Good For?" (with Terry Horgan), *Southern Journal of Philosophy: The Role of the A Priori (and of the A Posteriori) in Epistemology*, Spindel Conference Supplement, 38 (2000), 51-86.
- "Iceberg Epistemology." (with Terry Horgan), *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 61 (2000), 497-535.
- "Simulation and Epistemic Competence" (with Terry Horgan), in Hans Kogler and

Karsten Steuber (ed.), *Empathy and Agency: The Problem of Understanding in the Social Sciences*, Boulder: Westview Press (2000), pp. 119-143.

- "Epistemic Rationality, Epistemic Motivation, and Interpretive Charity," *ProtoSociology* 8/9 (1996), 4-29.
- Reprinted in Gerhard Preyer and Georg Peter (eds.), *The Contextualization of Rationality*, Paderborn: Mentis (2000), pp. 33-56.
- "Simulation Theory vs. Simulation Theory: A Difference Without a Difference in Explanation," *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, Spindel Conference Supplement 34 (1996), 65-94.
- "Ceteris Paribus Generalizations and Causal Knowledge: A Response to Rosenberg," *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, Spindel Conference Supplement, 34 (1996), 205-16.
- "One Naturalized Epistemological Argument Against Coherentist Accounts of Empirical Knowledge," *Erkenntnis* 43(1995), 199-227.
- "Epistemic Competence and Contextualist Epistemology: Why Contextualism in Not Just the Poor Person's Coherentism," *The Journal of Philosophy* 91 (1994), 627-49.
- "Epistemic Competence," *Philosophical Papers* 23 (1994), 139-67.
- "Conceptual Schemes After Davidson," in Preyer, Siebelt, and Ulfing (eds.), *Language and Philosophy: On Donald Davidson's Philosophy*. Kluwer (1994).
- "Accounting for Macro-level Causation," *Synthese* 101 (1994), 129-56.
- "On the Testability of Psychological Generalizations," *Philosophy of Science* 58 (1991), 586-606.
- "Rationalizing Explanation, Normative Principles, and Descriptive Generalizations," *Behavior and Philosophy* 19 (1991), 1-20.
- "On the Continuing Importance of Epistemologically Couched Accounts in the Sociology of Science," *Social Studies of Science* 20 (1990), 113-48.
- "An Empirical Basis for Charity in Interpretation," *Erkenntnis* 32 (1990), 83-103.
- "The Role and Limitations of Rationalizing Explanation in the Social Sciences," *The Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 19 (1989), 267-88.
- "Wittgenstein's Descriptivist Approach to Understanding: Is There a Place for Explanation in Interpretive Accounts?" *Dialectica*, 42 (1988), 105-115.
- "The Importance of Explanation in Quine's Principle of Charity," *Philosophy of the Social Sciences* 18 (1988), 355-69.
- "Winch and the Constraints on Interpretation: Versions of the Principle of Charity," *Southern Journal of Philosophy* 25 (1987), 153-73.
- "A Solution to Davidson's Problem of Irrationality," *Erkenntnis* 27 (1987), 359-69.
- "The Principle of Charity and the Problem of Irrationality," in *Synthese* 73 (1987), 225-52.

Also anthologized in Michael Martin and Lee McIntyre (eds.), *Readings in the Philosophy of Social Science*. M.I.T. Press, 1994.

"How Important is the Indeterminacy of Action?" *Philosophy of the Social Sciences* 16 (1986), 223-31.

Courses Taught

Upper Division and Graduate:

Seminar in the Philosophy of Science (Causation and Explanation)
Seminar in Epistemology: Epistemic Norms as Social Norms
Seminar in Epistemology: Perception
Seminar in Epistemology: Point and Purpose in Epistemology
Seminar in Epistemology: The Epistemological Spectrum
Seminar in Epistemology: Epistemic Relativism and AntiRelativism
Seminar in Epistemology: Testimony
Seminar in Epistemology: Naturalized Epistemology
Seminar in Epistemology: Virtue Epistemology
Seminar: Wittgenstein
Seminar: Interpretation
Philosophy of Social Science
Recent Anglo-American Philosophy
Philosophy of Science
Philosophy of Language
Theory of Knowledge and Perception

Lower Level Undergraduate Courses:

Introduction to Philosophy
Philosophy and Psychology
Environmental Ethics
Classical Issues in Philosophy
Introductory Ethics
Introductory Logic
Intermediate Logic
Mind, Nature, and Knowledge: Skepticism
Critical Reasoning
Mind, Nature, and Knowledge: Internalism and Coherence
Philosophy of Science

A note on Uncommon Teaching experience

- Emory-Tibet Science Initiative. <https://tibet.emory.edu/emory-tibet-science-initiative/index.html> (Teaching a one-week intensive course in Philosophy of Science to senior Tibetan Buddhist monks at one of the three main Tibetan academic monasteries (in India). The monks are at the equivalent of the MA and PhD levels within the Tibetan monastic framework. The Initiative is at the request of the Dalai Lama and organized by Emory University. It is structured as an six-year course of study intended to provide scientific literacy to monks (who have not had science as a component of their own traditional education). The philosophy of science component given every year to the year's entering class of monks participation in this program. While travel and expenses are paid by

Emory University, and accommodations and meals are provided at the monasteries, the coordinated production of materials (to be translated into Tibetan) and the time and teaching are donated. Commencing in the 5th year, there will be a week in which students in the 5th year of their study will take a second philosophy of science course.

2014, Gaden Shartse Norling Monastery, Karnataka State, India

<http://www.gadenshartse.net/home>

2015, Sera Jay Monastic University, Karnataka State, India,

<http://www.serajeymonastery.org>

2016, Gaden Shartse Norling Monastery, Karnataka State, India

<http://www.gadenshartse.net/home>

2017, Deprung Monastery, Karnataka State, India,

<http://www.drepung.org/monastery.cfm>

2018, Sera Jay Monastic University, Karnataka State, India,

<http://www.serajeymonastery.org>

Presentations

Papers:

“The Place of Non-Epistemic Matters in Epistemology: Norms and Regulation in Various Communities,” Conference on the Epistemic Significance of the Non-Epistemic, University of Osnabrück (August 2018)

“Epistemic Norms,” Presidential Address, Central States Philosophical Association, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, October 2016.

Keynote Speaker, Inaugural Diligentia Foundation Conference, On Social Science Methodology, Cologne Germany, “Epistemic Norms as Social Norms” (April 2016)

“Epistemic Competence, Disagreement, and Thinking Twice,” Capstone Conference on Intellectual Humility, sponsored by the Templeton Foundation, San Catalina Island, CA (May 2015)

“Epistemic Norms and Social Norms,” Conference on Social and Epistemic Norms, St Louis University (March 18-19, 2015)

“Epistemic Norms and the Epistemic Game,” Conference on Social and Epistemic Norms, St Louis University (March 18-19, 2015)

“Social Norms and the Philosophy of Social Science, Philosophy of Science Association Meetings, 2014 (Chicago, IL)

“Explaining by Reference to Norms is only Natural (or Should be),”

European Network for the Philosophy of Social Science, Venice Italy (September 2013)

University of Stockholm (September 2013)

Emory University (October 2013)

Reply to Our Critics, Author-Meets-Critics Book Session, Pacific Division, American Philosophical Association, San Francisco (March 2013)

“Low-Grade A Priori.” Bled Philosophy Conference, Bled, Slovenia, June 2011.

- "Naturalized Epistemology and Historicism," Pacific Division Meetings, American Philosophical Association, San Diego, CA, April 2011.
- "Concerning Epistemic Entitlement." Author meets Critics commentary on Gary Gutting, *What Philosophers Know*." Central Division Meetings, American Philosophical Association, Minneapolis, MN, March, 2011.
- "What's the Point?" 3rd Annual Chambers Philosophy Conference, University of Nebraska, Lincoln. September 2010.
- "Gate-keeping Contextualism," Episteme Conference, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, UK, June 1010.
- "Let's be Flexible," Pacific Division Meetings, American Philosophical Association, San Francisco, CA, April 2010.
- "Norms," Conference: Philosophy and Methodology in the Social Sciences, University of Alabama, Birmingham, AL, April 2010.
- "Epistemic Functional Superpositions," Bled Philosophy Conference, Bled, Slovenia, June 2009.
- "Naturalized Rationality and Rationalizing Explanation," Philosophy of Social Science Roundtable, Emory University, March 2009.
- "Naturalized Rationality and Rationalizing Explanation," University of Alabama, Birmingham February 2009.
- "Motivated Contextualism." Midwestern Epistemologist's Conference, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, November 2007.
- "Motivated Contextualism." Emory University, Invited Colloquium Paper, October 2007
- Motivated Contextualism," University of Nebraska, Omaha, Epistemology Fest, October 2007
- "Would You Really Rather Be Lucky Than Good? On the Normative Character of Naturalized Epistemology." Invited Symposium, Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Atlanta, GA, 2007
- "Interpretation and Testimony" Presidential Address, meetings of the Central States Philosophical Society, Memphis, TN, October 2006.
- "Epistemic Virtues and Cognitive Dispositions," invited presentation at a conference in Wittenberg, Germany, June 2006.
- "The Ins and Outs of Transglobal Reliabilism," invited presentation at a conference in Dubrovnik Croatia, June 2005.
- "The Ins and Outs of Transglobal Reliabilism," invited presentation at The University of Kentucky, April 2005.
- "The Ins and Outs of Transglobal Reliabilism," invited presentation at the University of Arizona, February 2005.
- "Making Concepts Talk," Conference of Concepts and the A Priori, University of Konstanz, Germany, June 2004.
- "Testimonial Belief and Epistemic Competence" University of Arizona, October 2003.

- "Morphological Content and Justified Belief," (coauthor Terry Horgan), University College, London, 2002
- "Norms, Explanations, and Invariance," Philosophy of Social Science Roundtable, St. Louis, 2002.
- "Norms, Explanations, and Invariance," European Social Science History Conference, The Hague, The Netherlands, 2002.
- "Morphological Content and Justified Belief," (coauthor Terry Horgan), Invited presentation at the University of Cincinnati, 2002.
- "Morphological Content and Justified Belief," (coauthor Terry Horgan), Special Session on the Implications of Recent Cognitive Science for Epistemology and Philosophy of Mind, Meetings of the Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Society, Atlanta, GA, 2001
- "A Priori Naturalized Epistemology," Austrian-Slovene Philosophical Congress, Celje, Slovenia, August 19-23, 2000.
- "Norms, Normative Principles, and Erotetic Explanation" 2000 Meetings of the Austrian Wittgenstein Society, Conference Topic: Rationality and Irrationality. Kirchberg, Austria. August 13-19, 2000.
- "Norms, Normative Principles, and Explanation," Philosophy of Social Science Roundtable, St. Louis, Missouri, April 2000.
- "What is A Priori, and What is it Good For?" (with Terry Horgan), 1999 Spindel Conference on Philosophy *Topic: The Role of the A Priori (and of the A Posteriori) in Epistemology.*
- "Iceberg Epistemology," Bled Conference on Epistemology, Bled, Slovenia, June 5-8, 1999
- "What is A Priori About Action?" Conference on Human Action and Causation. Aix-en-Provence, France, May 9-11, 1999
- "Rethinking the Connection Between Truth-Conducivity and Justification," Meetings of the Tennessee Philosophical Association, Nashville, 1996
- "Iceberg Epistemology," with Terry Horgan, Philosophy Lecture Series, University of Mississippi, 1996.
- "Simulation Theory vs. Simulation Theory: A Difference Without a Difference in Explanation," 1995 Spindel Conference in Philosophy, Topic: Explanation in the Human Sciences, The University of Memphis.
- "Theory and Explanation in Ecology--Reflections on Peters' Recommendations for Ecology," Savannah River National Ecology Lab, invited lecture, Nov. 1994.
- "On Epistemic Competence," Meetings of the Tennessee Philosophical Association, Nashville, 1992.
- "Defending Micro-level Causal Relevance," Invited paper at Wichita State University, 1991.
- "Interpretation and Explanation in the Human Sciences," and "How Rational Must Beliefs Be?" Invited papers at University of Mississippi, 1991.

- "Rationalizing Explanation, Normative Principles, and Descriptive Generalizations." Meetings of the Kansas Philosophical Society, Wichita, KS 1990
- "Rationalizing Explanation, Normative Principles, and Descriptive Generalizations." Meetings of the Southwestern Philosophical Society, Memphis, TN, 1989.
- "Must Beliefs and Desires be Predominantly Rational?" Meetings of the Central Division of the American Philosophical Association, Chicago, IL, 1989.
- "Wittgenstein's Descriptivist Approach to Understanding." Meetings of the Central Division of the American Philosophical Association, Cincinnati, OH, 1988.
- "Must Beliefs and Desires be Predominantly Rational?" Department of Philosophy Colloquium, Memphis State University, 1988.
- "Rationalizing Explanation in the Social Sciences," Meetings of the Southwest and Rocky Mountains Division of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Wichita, KS, 1988.
- "The Empirical Basis for Charity in Interpretation," Department of Philosophy Colloquium, Kansas State University, 1988.
- "Rationalizing Explanation in the Social Sciences," Department of Philosophy Colloquium, Kansas State University, 1987.
- "The Principle of Charity and the Problem of Irrationality," Iowa Philosophical Society Meeting, University of Iowa, 1986.
- Helen Stenner Memorial Lecture, 1986. "The Principle of Charity and the Problem of Irrationality." Washington University.
- Helen Stenner Memorial Lecture, 1985. "How Important is the Indeterminacy of Action." Washington University.

Presentations, Comments:

- Comment on Ted Poston, "Coherence, A Priority, and Logic," Meetings of the Central States Philosophical Association. Columbia, MO 2012.
- Comment on Ted Bach, "Relational-System Natural Kinds and the Function of Analogy," Meetings of the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology. New Orleans, 2011.
- Comment on Peter Markie, "Sosa on Rational Intuition," Central States Philosophical Association, St Paul, Minnesota, 2008.
- Comment on Cox's paper, "Metaphysical Assumptions of Methodological Naturalism," Meetings of the Central States Philosophical Association, DeMoines IA, October 2007.
- Comment on Joshua Thurow's paper, "The A Priori Defended: A Defense of the Generality Argument," Meetings of the American Philosophical Association, Central Division, Chicago, 2007
- Comment on Jennifer Rowe's paper: Descriptive and normative contexts: An examination of Sosa's discussion of Goldman's 1992 theory
- Comment on Micheal Veber's paper, "Nothing is Immune," Meetings of the

Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Charlottesville, SC,
April 2006

- Comment on Brian Ribeiro's paper, "Clarke and Stroud on Plane Spotting,"
Meetings of the Southwestern Philosophical Society, Fayetteville, AK.
- Comment on Tom Polger's paper, "Water, H₂O, and Conceptual Analysis,"
Meetings of the Central States Philosophical Association, Lexington, KY,
2005.
- Comment on Andrei Buckareff's paper, "Epistemically Irresponsible Action of
Epistemic Justification," Meetings of the Central States Philosophical
Society, Iowa City, 2004
- Comment on Tim Black's paper, "Relevant Alternatives and the Shifting
Standards for Knowledge," Meetings of the Southwestern Philosophical
Society, Dallas, TX, 2001.
- Comment on Samuel Ruhmkorff's paper, "Comparative Reliabilism and Partial
Belief." Meetings of the Central States Philosophical Society, St. Louis,
MO, 2001.
- Comment on Scott Aikin's paper, "A Phenomenalism About Norms," Meeting of
the Tennessee Philosophical Association, Nashville, TN 2000.
- Comment on James Montmarguet's paper, "Responsibility, Self-Expression, and
Narrative," Meeting of the Tennessee Philosophical Association,
Nashville, TN 2000.
- Comment on Professor Jaegwon Kim's paper, "Reasons and the First-Person
Perspective," Conference on Human Action and Causation, Utrecht
University, Utrecht, The Netherlands, April 24-26, 1996.
- Comment on Professor Doran's paper, "Stroud on the Significance of
Skepticism," Meeting of the Southwestern Philosophical Society, Austin,
TX 1995.
- "Ceteris Paribus Generalizations and Causal Knowledge: A Response to
Rosenberg," 1995 Spindel Conference in Philosophy, Topic: Explanation
in the Human Sciences, The University of Memphis.
- Comment on Professor Carrier's paper, "Does Contemporary Epistemology Rest
on a Mistake?" Meetings of the Southern Society for Philosophy and
Psychology, New Orleans, 1992.
- Comment on Professor Sarkar's paper, "Realism and the Neutrality of Method."
Southwestern Philosophical Society, Fort Worth, TX 1991.
- Comment on Professor Nissen's paper, "Teleological Explanations and
Evolution." Mid-South Philosophy Conference, Memphis, TN 1991.
- Comment on Professor Skidmore's paper, "On the Truth of Definitions." Meetings
of the Southwestern Philosophical Society, College Station, TX 1990.
- Comment on Professor John Tienson's paper, "Soft Laws." Mid-South Philosophy
Conference, Memphis, TN, 1990.
- Comment on Professor Michelle Beer's paper, "Is Temporal Becoming Mind-
Dependent?" Meetings of the Southwestern Philosophical Society, New

Orleans, LA, 1988.

Comment on Professor Elias Savellos' paper, "Actions without Events." Meetings of the Southwestern Philosophical Society, Wichita, KS, 1987.

Comment on Professor Eric Stiffler's paper, "Relative Belief." Meetings of the Central States Philosophical Association, St. Louis, MO, 1986.

Academic Awards and Honors:

Director, 2017 Chambers Conference in Philosophy, Topic: Epistemic Norms. University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

Research Fellow, Templeton Foundation Grant, Epistemic Humility, Project: Epistemic Norms and Disagreement, St Louis University, St Louis MO, Academic Year 2014-5.

Director, 2010 Chambers Conference in Philosophy, Topic: Point and Purpose in Philosophy. University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

National Endowment for the Humanities, Summer Institute, Aldo Leopold, Prescott, AZ, 2009.

Professional Development Assignment, University of Memphis, Fall 2001.

National Endowment for the Humanities, Summer Institute, The Philosophy of the Social Sciences, St. Louis University and the University of Missouri, St Louis, 1998.

Co-Director (with Deborah Tollefsen), 2005 Spindel Conference in Philosophy, Topic: Social Epistemology.

Co-Director (with Terry Horgan), 1999 Spindel Conference in Philosophy, Topic: The Role of the A Priori (and the A Posteriori) in Epistemology.

Director, 1995 Spindel Conference in Philosophy, Topic: Explanation in the Human Sciences, The University of Memphis.

Summer Research Grant, University of Memphis, 1999

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National Endowment for the Humanities, Summer Seminar 1991, Causation. University of Virginia. Director: Paul Humphreys.

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Reichenbach Fellowship, Washington University 1985-6.

Helen Stenner Memorial Prize, 1986. "The Principle of Charity and the Problem of Irrationality."

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Other Professional Activities and Memberships

Central States Philosophical Association, President, 2015-6.
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Editorial Board, *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, 2009-present
Assistant Editor, *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, 1988-2006
Southwestern Philosophical Association, Executive Committee Member, 2005-6
Central States Philosophical Association, President 2005-2006, 2016-2017
Central States Philosophical Association, Vice President, 2004-2005, 2015-2016
Central States Philosophical Society, Treasurer, 2001-2004
Central States Philosophical Society, Web Master, 2001-2004
American Philosophical Association, Central Division Program Committee, 2003.
Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Treasurer, 1994-2000
Tennessee Philosophical Association, President, 1999-2000
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