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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:

Philosophy of Biology, Ethics, American Philosophy, Philosophy for Children

AREAS OF COMPETENCE:

History and Philosophy of Science, German Idealism, Philosophy of History,
Existentialism, Bioethics

EDUCATION:

Ph.D., Philosophy

Texas A&M University, 2012

Dissertation: Some Philosophical Origins of Recent Ecological Sensibilities

Advisor: Dr. John J. McDermott

M.S., Biology

Texas A&M University, 2011

Thesis: Hybridization and the Typological Paradigm

Principal Investigator and Advisor: Dr. Gil Rosenthal

M.A., Philosophy

University of Toledo, 2006

Thesis: Survival and Society: A Discussion of the Inherent Components
of Emotion and the Interplay Between Culture and Instinct

Adviser: Dr. John Sarnecki

B.A., Augustana University, 2003

Majors: Philosophy

Religious Studies

Government and International Affairs

PUBLICATIONS:

“No Interest, No Pedagogy – Concepts of Attention from the American and Continental Traditions” *Inquiry: Critical Thinking Across the Disciplines* (forthcoming, co-authored with West Gurley)

“Preserving Dialogue and Democratic Ideals: John Dewey and Philosophy for Children” *Education and Culture* (forthcoming)

“Arthur Schopenhauer’s Pessimism and Josiah Royce’s Loyalty: Permanent Deposit or Scar?” *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society* (2016) Vol. 52, No. 2: pp 148-165.

“The Return of Experience: Reinterpreting Dewey for Contemporary Evolutionary Biology” *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* (2013) Vol. 87, No. 2, pp 267-284.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Sam Houston State University, Visiting Assistant Professor 2015 - Present

Courses Taught:

American Philosophy

Philosophy of Biology

Bioethics

Contemporary Moral Issues

Introduction to Philosophy

Sam Houston State University, Post-Doctoral Fellow 2013 – 2015

Courses Taught:

Existentialism

Philosophy of Biology,

Contemporary Moral Issues

Texas A&M University, Instructor, Philosophy Department 2009-2012

Courses Taught:

Ethical Theory

Contemporary Moral Problems

Blinn College, Instructor, Philosophy Department, 2008-2012

Courses Taught:

Introduction to Philosophy

University of Toledo, Instructor, Philosophy Department, 2005-2006

Courses Taught:

Introduction to Philosophy

Contemporary Moral Problems

World Religions

Teaching Experience with Children:

Aggie School of Athens: Philosophy Camp for Teens and Tweens, 2015-2018
Instructor for week long philosophy summer camp at Texas A&M University

Becky Gates Children's Center, 2017-2018
Weekly sessions of Philosophy with classes of four and five year olds

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS:

Texas A&M University
Program Manager, Community of Faculty Retirees, 2013-present

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

Postdoctoral Fellow – Sam Houston State University 2013-2015

Research Assistant to Dr. John J. McDermott, Texas A&M University, 2008 to 2012.
Administrative Responsibilities: Financial balancing of grant and award accounts, editing and preparation of manuscripts, maintenance of a CV, organization of professional conferences, organization of visiting scholar lectures, epistolary contact, design and maintenance of web sites, the monitoring of archives.

Biological Field Work at *Centro de Investigaciones Cientificas de las Huastecas "Aguazarca"* in Calnali, Hidalgo, Mexico, 2010

The Rosenthal lab's main study system is natural hybrid zones of swordtail fish in the Sierra Madre Oriental of Hidalgo, Mexico. Social and environmental effects on chemical signaling play a major role in this system. My fieldwork focused on the role that parasites play in mate choice among two divergent, yet hybridizing, species of freshwater fish. The project involved specimen collection, behavioral trials and analysis of parasite load. My experimental design was repeated in 2012.

PRESENTATIONS:

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE PAPERS:

"Philosophy for Children: (P4C and Socrates in the Classroom): Stories of Success (and Setback)" Panel at the Annual Meeting of the Central Division of the American Philosophical Society, Chicago, Illinois, April 2018

"The Death of Dialogue: Teaching Democracy Creatively" Annual Meeting of the John Dewey Society, San Antonio, Texas, April 2017

"Preserving Dialogue and Democratic Ideals: John Dewey and Philosophy for Children" Annual Meeting for the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, Birmingham, Alabama, March 2017

“Applying a Pragmatic Philosophy of Science to Contemporary Evolutionary Biology”

Annual Meeting for the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, Portland, Oregon, March 2016.

“Evolutionary Pragmatism: A Movable Method”

Southeast Roundtable on Philosophy in the Americas, University of North Carolina Charlotte, Charlotte, North Carolina, October 2015.

“Pluralistic Conceptions of Nature’s Boundaries: A Pragmatic Species Concept”

American Studies Association of Texas Annual Meeting, Huntsville, Texas, November 2014.

“Schopenhauer for Royce: Permanent Deposit, or Scar?” Annual Meeting of Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Eugene, Oregon, October 2013

“Neuroscientific Education, Deweyian Representation and the Hegelian Critique of Science” Commentary for session entitled “Pragmatist Engagements with Cognitive Science” Annual Meeting for the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, March 2013.

“Survival of the Fittest Laws of Nature: Peirce and the Paradox of Hybrids” Annual Meeting for the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, New York City, NY, March 2012.

“John Dewey’s Ecological Naturalism as a Critique of Genetic Reductionism” Annual Meeting for the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, Spokane, WA, March 2011.

“Questioning Aristotle’s Moral Absolutes in the Nicomachean Ethics” Augustana College Symposium, 2002.

INVITED LECTURES:

“Evolutionary Pragmatism: A Movable Method” Manuel Davenport Memorial Distinguished Alumnus Lecture. Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas. April 2015.

“Loyalty as a Way Out: Arthur Schopenhauer and Josiah Royce on Suffering” Annual Rukavina Lecture in History of Philosophy. Gonzaga University, Spokane, Washington. October 2013.

“Philosophy Begins in Wonder: Originating Moments in Aristotle, Descartes and William James” Carroll College, Helena, Montana, March 2013.

“C.S. Peirce’s ‘Absolute Chance’ and the Role of Stochasticity in Breaking Down Evolutionary Constraints” Philosophy Department Colloquium

Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, February 2013.

“Behind the Curtain is a Wild Animal: Early Modern Conceptions of the Unknown”
St. Mary’s University, San Antonio, Texas, May 2012.

“Including Growth and Process in Explanations of Evolutionary Change.”
Philosophy Department Colloquium. Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas,
October, 2010.

INVITED AND GUEST LECTURES FOR UNIVERSITY COURSES:

“Protest or Propaganda: Adorno and Benjamin on Public Art” Invited Lecture for
Aesthetics Course, Sam Houston State University, 2014

“The Ethical Pluralism of William James” Invited Lecture for Graduate Course on
William James, Texas A&M University, 2014

“Nature as Evil: Schopenhauer and Buddhism on Suffering” Invited Lecture for
Cornerstone Program, Texas A&M University, 2012.

“The Influence of Darwinism on Philosophy” Guest Lecture for Professor John J.
McDermott’s graduate course on John Dewey, Texas A&M University, 2012.

“The Entrance of Evil in the Creation Stories of Genesis” Guest Lecture for
Professor Daniel Conway’s Seminar on Evil, Texas A&M University, 2012.

“An Evolutionary Understanding of the Will in Nature” Guest Lecture, Texas A&M
University, 2011, invitation by Texas A&M Philosophy Club.

“An Existential Response to Schopenhauer’s Pessimism.” Guest Lecture for Dr.
Joshua Wood’s undergraduate philosophy course, Texas A&M University, 2011.

OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITY:

Associate Script Editor for Film: *William James: Psychology of Possibilities*. Davidson
Films, 2011.

Chair of Author Meets Readers session of meeting of the North American Levinas
Society, May 2011. Megan Craig’s *Levinas and James: Toward a Pragmatic Phenomenology*
was the focus of the session.

Consultant on the language of the project: National Science Foundation Grant for
Rosenthal Lab, Texas A&M University, “Mate choice and evolutionary genetics in
Xiphophorus hybrid zones,” July 2009-July 2012.

Invited Review of *Contemporary Moral Arguments: Readings in Ethical Issues*, by Lewis
Vaughn, 2011 for Oxford University Press.

Webmaster for Melbern G. Glasscock Chair in the Humanities. 2010-2012.

Prepared Index for: *The History of Continental Philosophy*, Volume II: *The Revolutionary Age and/as Responses to Hegel* (ed. Daniel Conway and Alan D. Schrift). London: Acumen Press, 2010.

Program committee for annual meeting of the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, held in College Station, TX, 2009.

Organizer for Conference entitled “The Nectar is in the Journey: A Celebration of the Life and Work of John J. McDermott” held in College Station, TX, 2009

Prepared Index for: Daniel Conway’s *Reader’s Guide to Nietzsche’s On the Genealogy of Morals*. London: Continuum Books, 2008.

QPR Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper Certification

Humanities Tutor for the Texas A&M University Athletic Department. 2007-2008

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

American Philosophical Association

Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy

Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy

Philosophy of Science Association

International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology

American Studies Association of Texas

Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World

John Dewey Society

North American Division of the Schopenhauer Society

William James Society