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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2013 -	Lecturer	Sam Houston State University
2011 - 2015	Adjunct Professor	Misericordia University (online)
2009 - 2013	Limited Term Assistant Professor	University of West Georgia
2008 - 2009	Visiting Assistant Professor	Denison University
2006 - 2008	Instructor	USF Honors College
2005 - 2008	Instructor	University of Tampa
2002 - 2006	Graduate Teaching Associate	University of South Florida
2000 - 2002	Graduate Teaching Assistant	University of South Florida

EDUCATION

Ph. D. University of South Florida 2008

Thesis: “Three Wittgensteins: Interpreting the *Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus*”

Committee: Kwasi Wiredu and Stephen Turner (co-chairs), Richard Manning, Charles Guignon, Joanne Waugh

Graduate Certificate in Women's Studies **2004**

Emphasis: Standpoint Epistemology

M. A. University of South Florida 2002

Thesis: “Banality and Otherness: A Reading of Heidegger on Authenticity”

Committee: Charles Guignon (chair), Joanne Waugh, Bruce Silver, Michael Gibbons

B. A.	Manhattanville College	2000
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Thesis (Honors): "On Political Revolution and the Social Contract"

Committee: Billy Joe Lucas and Raymond Langley

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

History of Early Analytic Philosophy, Social Philosophy

AREAS OF COMPETENCY

Logic, Philosophy of Language, History of Modern, Contemporary Continental Philosophy,
Feminist Theory, Philosophy of Humor

PUBLICATIONS

“Just Kidding, Folks!: An Expressivist Analysis of Offensive Humor” in “Philosophy of Humor” edited by Thomas Brommage, Elizabeth Victor and Mike Cundall. *Florida Philosophical Review* 15, no. 1 (Winter 2015): pp. 66-77

“A Philosophical Joke Book?” in *The Onion and Philosophy*, edited by Sharon Kaye (Chicago: Open Court Press, 2010)

“The History of Analytic Philosophy: Beyond the Oxymoron” in *Philosophy and Its History: Proceedings of the Sixth Annual Philosophy Graduate Student Conference at the University of New Mexico* (Albuquerque: University of New Mexico, 2008), 55-70.

Review of Landini's *Wittgenstein's Apprenticeship with Russell* in *The Journal of the History of Philosophy* 46, no. 3 (2008): 493-4.

Review of Macbeth's *Frege's Logic* in *Philosophical Books* 48, no. 3 (2007): 262–265

PAPER PRESENTATIONS

Comment on Kim Maslin's “Plato's Theory of Justice”
Fifth Annual Lighthearted Philosophers' Society Conference
St. Petersburg, FL: October 2012

Comment on Jennifer Marra's “Humor as a Symbolic Form: Cassirer and the Culture of Comedy”
Eight Annual Lighthearted Philosophers' Society Conference
Galveston, TX: October 2014

“An Inferential Analysis of Offensive Humor”
Or Mind and Mirth conference
Waterville, ME: April 2013

Comment on Christine James' ““Acting ‘As-If’ for American Buddenbrooks: What I Learned from My Jamesean Ancestors”
Fifth Annual Lighthearted Philosophers' Society Conference
St. Petersburg, FL: October 2012

Comment on Andrew Aberdein's “The Rationale of the Mathematical Joke”
Fourth Annual Lighthearted Philosophers' Society Conference
St. Petersburg, FL: October 2010

Comment on Tom Wilk, “Jokes as Speech Acts: Exploring the Richly Linguistic Character of Some Jokes”
Third Annual Lighthearted Philosophers' Society Conference
St. Petersburg, FL: October 2009

“A Philosophical Joke Book?: Wittgenstein on Humour and the Function of Philosophy”
Third Annual Lighthearted Philosophers' Society Conference
St. Petersburg, FL: October 2009
also presented at: Ohio Philosophical Association Annual Meeting
Athens, OH: April 2009

“An Essay on Nonsense: Wittgenstein's *Tractatus* and the Bounds of Linguistic Meaning”
Denison University Department of Philosophy Colloquia Series
Granville, OH: February 2009

“The History of Analytic Philosophy: Beyond the Oxymoron”
Sixth Annual University of New Mexico Philosophy Graduate Student Conference
Albuquerque, NM: November 2007

“How to Read Wittgenstein as x: An Exercise in Selective Interpretation”
First Annual Lighthearted Philosophers' Conference
St. Petersburg, FL: October 2007

“Three Wittgensteins”
University of South Florida Philosophy Graduate Student Organization Colloquium
Tampa, FL: October 2006

“Sellars, Derrida, and the Task of Analytic Philosophy”
Florida Philosophical Association Annual Meeting
Cocoa Beach, FL: November 2005

“Davidson's Quine, Kripke's Wittgenstein and Brandom on Meaning,”
Society for Classical Pragmatism Studies Conference, 'American Philosophy'
Tampa, FL: November 2005

“Hegelian Content and Kantian Discontent: C. I. Lewis and Pragmatism,”
Society for Classical Pragmatism Studies
Tampa, FL: April 2005

“Problematizing Heidegger on Authenticity: En-ownment and Banality”
Society for European Philosophy Conference, 'Resistance'
Univ. of Greenwich Maritime Campus, London, England: August 2004

“Speaking To/For/Of the Other: Representation and Cultural Imperialism”
Expanding Human Consciousness Conference 'Consequentiality: Human,
All Too Human' San Diego, CA: August 2004

“Heidegger, Authenticity, and the Politics of Negation”
The International Social Theory Consortium Fourth Annual Conference
N. Redington Beach, FL: May 2003.

Invited Commentator, 'Searching for the Missing Bodies' session on Hannah Arendt
Society for Women in Philosophy Eastern Division Meeting
Tampa, FL: April 2003.

PUBLIC TALKS

“Marx Myths”
Underground Books “Radical Academics” lecture series; Carrollton, GA: October 2011

“Philosophy of Humor”
College of Humanities and Social Sciences Colloquia Series; Huntsville TX: October 2014

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Who’s a Good Dogma?!?: Perspectives on Quine and Analyticity”

Yet Another Logic Textbook (Intro to Logic textbook)

COURSES TAUGHT

Sam Houston State University

PHIL 1301/2352: Intro to Philosophy
PHIL 2303: Critical Thinking
PHIL 2352/3362: Intro to Contemporary Logic
PHIL 3362: Philosophy of Science
PHIL 4372: Theories of Knowledge and Reality

University of West Georgia

PHIL 4150: Analytic Philosophy
PHIL 2010: Introduction to Philosophy - 23 semester courses (through Spring 2013)
PHIL 2020: Critical Thinking - 14 semester courses (through Spring 2013)

Misericordia University

PHL 100: Introduction to Philosophy - 4 semester courses (fully online, through Spring 2013)
PHL 102: Introduction to Ethics - 2 semester courses (fully online, through Spring 2013)
PHL 200: Ethical Theory - 2 semester courses (fully online, through Spring 2013)

University System of Georgia—eCore

PHIL 2010: Introduction to Philosophy - 3 semester courses (fully online,)

Denison University

HNRS 175: Honors Seminar on Paradoxes
PHIL 205: Logic
PHIL 126: Social and Political Philosophy
FYS 102: First Year Seminar (Paradoxes)
PHIL 232: Modern Philosophy: Descartes through Kant
PHIL 333: History of Analytic Philosophy
Directed Study: Descartes' Ethics

USF Honors College:

IDH 2010: Acquisition of Knowledge (6 semester courses)

USF Dept. of Philosophy:

PHH 2000: Introduction to Philosophy
PHI 2101: Introduction to Formal Logic (6 semester courses)
PHM 3100: Social Philosophy (3 semester courses)
PHM 4700: Philosophy of Marxism (2 semester courses)

University of Tampa:

PHL 201: Logic (11 semester courses)
ENG/PHL 212: Critical Thinking (3 semester courses)

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Referee, Routledge (2016), Synthese (2014), Florida Philosophical Review (2011-2013)
Erkenntnis (2008)

Lighthearted Philosophers' Society

President, 2011-2014
Secretary/Treasurer, 2008-2011; 2014-present
Co-Conference Organizer (with David Monroe) 2009, 2010
Conference Organizer, 2011-present

Sam Houston State University

Faculty Adviser, Best of All Possible Clubs (Philosophy Club), 2013-present
School Psychology Search Committee (2015-2016)

University of West Georgia

Member, Faculty Senate Technology Committee, 2012-present
Faculty Adviser, Amine Otaku (student organization), 2012-present
Faculty Adviser, Chi Phi Fraternity-Alpha Zeta Chapter, 2010-present
Served on three MA committees (all for Department of Psychology)

Denison University

Faculty Adviser, Philosophy Coffee Committee, 2008-2009
Senior Symposium Adviser, Megan Henricks, "Moral Non-naturalism as an Instance of Grammatical Confusion"
Senior Symposium Adviser, Jessica Einstein, "The Implications of John Stuart Mill's Philosophy on Privacy and Government"

University of South Florida

Co-Coach, USF Ethics Bowl Team, 2007-2008
Co-Conference Organizer (with Roger Ariew) "Pascal and Descartes" Conference
University of South Florida, January 2006
Co-Faculty Adviser, Phi-Org (Philosophy Club), 2002-2003
Executive Officer, Philosophy Graduate Student Organization
Treasurer, 2006-2007; President, 2005-2006; Vice President, 2004-2005;
Faculty Liaison, 2001-2004
Officer, Graduate Assistants United/United Faculty of Florida, 2003
Senator, 2002-2003; Chief Steward, 2003

Manhattanville College

Founders Hall President, Student Government 1998-1999
Hall Council Chair, Student Government 1999-2000
Station Manager, WMVL Radio 1998-2000
President, Philosophy Club 1996-2000
Member, Campus Life Committee 1999-2000
Orientation Chair, 1998
Orientation Adviser, 1999

HONORS AND AWARDS

USF Graduate and Professional Student Organization Travel Grant, Fall 2005
Teaching Assistantship, University of South Florida, 2000-2006
Castle Pin Award, Manhattanville College, 2000
Institutional and Departmental Honors, Manhattanville College, 2000
Lemmon Prize for Logic, Manhattanville College, 2000
Community Service Scholarship, Manhattanville College, 1997-2000
Presidential Merit Scholarship, Manhattanville College, 1996-2000

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member, British Wittgenstein Society 2009-
Member, History of Early Analytic Philosophy Society, 2008 -
Secretary/Treasurer, Lighthearted Philosophers Society, 2007-
Member, Ohio Philosophical Association, 2008 - 2009
Associate Member, Florida Philosophical Association, 2003 - 2008
Member, American Philosophical Association (Eastern Division), 1997 -

LANGUAGES

German (reading), French (reading), Spanish (basic conversational)

REFERENCES

Prof. Roger Ariew, Chair and Professor of Philosophy
University of South Florida
rariew@cas.usf.edu

Prof. Robert Lane, Professor of Philosophy
University of West Georgia
rlane@westga.edu

Prof. Anthony Lisska, Chair and Maria Theresa Barney Professor of Philosophy
Denison University
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Prof. Glenn Sanford, Professor of Philosophy and Associate Dean
Sam Houston State University
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Prof. Stephen P. Turner, Distinguished Research Professor of Philosophy
University of South Florida
turner@shell.cas.usf.edu

Prof. Joanne B. Waugh, AFGLC Professor of Greek Culture and Associate Professor of Philosophy
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