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Curriculum Vitae

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AREA OF SPECIALIZATION

- Metaphysics

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

- Epistemology
- Ethics
- Logic
- Modern Philosophy
- Ancient Philosophy
- Philosophy of Language
- Philosophy of Religion
- Philosophy of Science

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. (Philosophy), University of Massachusetts at Amherst, 1990
- B.A. (Philosophy and English, with High Honors in Philosophy), Oberlin College, 1983

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- Australian National University, Research Associate, September-December 2009
- Western Washington University, Professor, 2005-present
- Western Washington University, Associate Professor, 2001-2005
- Western Washington University, Assistant Professor, 1998-2001
- West Virginia University, Assistant Professor, 1992-1998 (on leave for 93/94 AY)
- University of Hartford, Visiting Assistant Professor, 1993-1994
- University of New Hampshire, Visiting Assistant Professor, 1991-92
- Lawrence University, Visiting Lecturer, 1989-91

TEACHING AWARDS

- Peter J. Elich Award for Excellence in Teaching, Western Washington University, 2004

- Academy Award in Student Choice from the Teaching-Learning Academy, Western Washington University, 2004

PUBLICATIONS

- “Identifying the Problem of Personal Identity,” in Joseph Campbell and Michael O’Rourke (eds.), *Topics in Contemporary Philosophy, Volume 6: Time and Identity* (MIT Press, forthcoming).
- *An Introduction to Metaphysics* (with John W. Carroll) (Cambridge University Press, forthcoming)
- “Physical Object,” in Gary Rosenkrantz (ed.), *A Companion to Metaphysics*, 2nd Edition, (Basil Blackwell, forthcoming).
- “A Spatial Approach to Mereology,” in Shieva Kleinschmidt (ed.), *Mereology and Location* (Oxford University Press, forthcoming).
- “Three Problems for Olson’s Account of Personal Identity,” *Abstracta Special Issue I* (2008).
- “Restricted Composition,” in John Hawthorne, Theodore Sider, and Dean Zimmerman (eds.), *Contemporary Debates in Metaphysics* (Basil Blackwell, 2008).
- *Proceedings of the 2004 Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference*, a special issue of *Philosophical Studies* (co-editor, along with Frances Howard-Snyder and Hud Hudson), *Philosophical Studies* **129** (2006).
- “Against Ontological Fundamentalism,” *Facta Philosophica* **7** (2005), pp. 69-84.
- *Proceedings of the 2003 Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference*, a special issue of *Philosophical Studies* (co-editor, along with Frances Howard-Snyder and Hud Hudson), *Philosophical Studies* **123** (2005).
- “Simples, Stuff, and Simple People,” *The Monist* **87** (2004), pp. 405-428.
- “SoC it to Me? Reply to McDaniel on MaxCon Simples,” *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* **82** (2004), pp. 332-340.
- “Two Arguments from Sider’s Four-Dimensionalism,” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* **68** (2004), pp. 665-673.
- “A Defense of Presentism,” in Dean Zimmerman (ed.), *Oxford Studies in Metaphysics*, Volume 1 (Oxford University Press, 2004), pp. 47-82. Reprinted in Ernâni Magalhães and L. Nathan Oaklander (eds.), *Presentism: Essential Readings* (Rowman and Littlefield, forthcoming); in Michael Rea (ed.), *Arguing About Metaphysics* (Routledge, 2009); and in Sally Haslanger and Roxanne Marie Kurtz (eds.), *Persistence: Contemporary Readings* (MIT Press, 2006).
- *Proceedings of the 2002 Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference*, a special issue of *Philosophical Studies* (co-editor, along with Frances Howard-Snyder and Hud Hudson), *Philosophical Studies* **114** (2003).
- “Time,” in *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (2002, 2008).
- “Critical Study of Le Poidevin (ed.), *Questions of Time and Tense*,” *Nous* **35** (2001), pp. 616-629.
- “Time, Space, and the Nature of Physical Objects,” in L. Nathan Oaklander (ed.), *The Importance of Time* (Kluwer Academic Publishers, 2001), pp. 227-241.

- “Review of Ludlow, *Semantics, Tense, and Time*,” *The Journal of Philosophy* **98** (2001), pp. 325-329.
- “Sorensen’s Argument Against Vague Objects,” *Philosophical Studies* **97** (2000), pp. 1-9.
- “What Are Physical Objects?” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* **61** (2000), pp. 375-395.
- “A Compatibilist Version of the Theory of Agent Causation,” *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* **80** (1999), pp. 257-277. Reprinted in Sharon Ryan (ed.), *Mind-Boggling Problems of Philosophy* (Kendall/Hunt Publishing, 2000).
- “Brutal Composition,” *Philosophical Studies* **92** (1998), pp. 211-249.
- “Simples,” *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* **76** (1998), pp. 213-226.
- “The Paradox of the Question,” *Analysis* **57** (1997), pp. 95-97. Preprinted in *Analyst* (the electronic supplement to *Analysis*) **2** (1996). Portuguese translation, “O Paradoxo da Pergunta,” published in *Disputatio* **1** (1996), pp. 23-25.
- “On the Argument from Quantum Cosmology Against Theism,” *Analysis* **55** (1995), pp. 247-251.
- “The Open Past,” *Philosophical Studies* **79** (1995), pp. 95-105.
- “The 3D/4D Controversy and Non-present Objects,” *Philosophical Papers* **23** (1994), pp. 243-249.
- “How Fast Does Time Pass?” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* **53** (1993), pp. 829-844. Reprinted in William R. Carter (ed.), *The Way Things Are: Basic Readings in Metaphysics* (McGraw-Hill, 1998).
- “On Language and the Passage of Time,” *Philosophical Studies* **66** (1992), pp. 1-26.
- “On Ockham’s Supposition Theory and Karger’s Rule of Inference,” *Franciscan Studies*, **48** (1988), pp. 40-52.

SUBMITTED FOR PUBLICATION

- “Agent Causation as the Solution to All the Compatibilist’s Problems”
- “Rossian Minimalism”

WORK IN PROGRESS

- “A Simple Solution to the Two Envelope Problem”
- *Things and Stuff*
- “Three Metaphysical Disputes”
- “The Truth About the Past and the Future”
- “Two Puzzles About Mercy”

PRESENTATIONS

- “A Spatial Approach to Mereology,” presented at the **Australian National University**, 17 November 2009.
- “Agent Causation as the Solution to All the Compatibilist’s Problems,” presented at the **Australian National University**, 1 October 2009.
- “A Spatial Approach to Mereology,” presented at **Oxford University**, 18 June 2009.

- “Rossian Minimalism,” presented at **Stockholm University**, 4 June 2009.
- Comments on Katherine Hawley, “Mereology, Modality, and Magic,” presented at the **2009 Arizona Ontology Conference**, Tucson, AZ, 9 January 2009.
- “A New Approach to Answering the Special Composition Question,” presented at the **2008 eidos Metaphysics Conference**, Geneva, Switzerland, 17 July 2008.
- Comments on Brad Skow’s “Why Time Passes,” presented at the **2008 eidos Metaphysics Conference**, Geneva, Switzerland, 15 July 2008.
- “The Right Stuff,” presented at **Texas A&M University**, 26 April 2007.
- “The Right Stuff,” presented at the **University of Alabama**, 24 April 2007.
- “Three Problems for Olson’s Account of Personal Identity,” presented as part of an Author Meets Critic session devoted to Eric Olson’s *The Human Animal* at the **Pacific Division Meeting of the APA**, San Francisco, CA, 4 April 2007.
- “The Right Stuff,” presented at the **University of Vermont**, 22 February 2007.
- “Decomposition,” presented at the **Mereology, Topology, and Location** conference at Rutgers University, 14 October 2006.
- Comments on Sarah McGrath’s “The Causal Relata,” presented at the **NYU-Florence Causation Conference**, Florence, Italy, June 2006.
- “Agent Causation as the Solution to All the Compatibilist’s Problems,” presented at the **2006 Bled Conference**, Bled, Slovenia, 30 May 2006.
- “Nihilism Without Monism” (comments on Jonathan Schaffer’s “From Nihilism to Monism”), presented at the **Pacific Division Meeting of the APA**, Portland, OR, 23 March 2006.
- “The Right Stuff,” presented at the **Arizona Ontology Conference**, 14 January 2006.
- “A Simple Solution to the Two Envelope Problem,” presented at the **University of Rochester**, 18 October 2005.
- “A Simple Solution to the Two Envelope Problem,” presented at the **University of Massachusetts**, 11 October 2005.
- “Decomposition,” presented at the Parts Workshop II at **St. Andrews University**, 11 June 2005.
- “The Right Stuff,” presented at **St. Andrews University**, 10 June 2005.
- “The Truth About the Past and the Future,” presented at a Workshop on Existence and the Present at the **Centre for Metaphysics and Mind** of the **University of Leeds**, 4 June 2005.
- “Agent Causation as the Solution to All the Compatibilist’s Problems,” presented at the **University of Durham**, 2 June 2005.
- “The Truth About the Past and the Future,” presented at a Mini-Workshop on Philosophy of Time at the **Centre for Time** at the **University of Sydney**, 6 May 2005.
- “Rossian Minimalism,” presented to the **Russellian Society** of the **University of Sydney**, 4 May 2005.
- “Agent Causation as the Solution to All the Compatibilist’s Problems,” presented at **Macquarie University**, 3 May 2005.
- “The Right Stuff,” presented at the **University of Sydney**, 2 May 2005.
- “The Right Stuff,” presented at **Monash University**, 29 April 2005.
- “The Right Stuff,” presented at the **University of Melbourne**, 28 April 2005.

- “The Right Stuff,” presented at the **Australian National University**, 26 April 2005.
- “Identifying the Problem of Personal Identity,” presented at the **Australian National University**, 21 April 2005.
- “Identifying the Problem of Personal Identity,” presented at the **Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference**, 2 April 2005.
- “Comments on Michael Tooley’s ‘Presentism’,” presented at a group meeting of the **Philosophy of Time Society at the Pacific Division Meeting of the APA**, San Francisco, CA, 24 March 2005.
- “The Right Stuff,” presented at **North Carolina State University**, 25 February 2005.
- “The Right Stuff,” presented at **Davidson College**, 24 February 2005.
- “The Right Stuff,” presented at **Wake Forest University**, 21 February 2005.
- “A Time Outside of Time? Comments on Dean Zimmerman’s ‘Presentism and a Timelessly Eternal Deity’,” presented at the **Pacific Division Meeting of the APA**, Pasadena, CA, March 2004.
- “Identifying the Problem of Personal Identity,” presented at the **University of Massachusetts at Amherst**, 11 October 2003.
- “Two Arguments from Sider’s *Four-Dimensionalism*,” presented as part of an Author Meets Critic session devoted to Theodore Sider’s *Four-Dimensionalism: An Ontology of Persistence and Time* at the **Pacific Division Meeting of the APA**, San Francisco, CA, March 2003.
- “Agent Causation as the Solution to All the Compatibilist’s Problems,” presented at **Arizona State University**, 25 October 2002.
- “Agent Causation as the Solution to All the Compatibilist’s Problems,” presented at the **Pacific Division Meeting of the APA**, Seattle, WA, 31 March 2002.
- “Socrates Does Not Exist” (comments on Greg Fitch’s “Does Socrates Exist?”), presented at the **Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference**, Western Washington University, 4 August 2001.
- “Agent Causation as the Solution to All the Compatibilist’s Problems,” presented at the **Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference**, 28 April 2001.
- “So Much To Do, So Little Time” (comments on Alisa Bokulich’s “Quantum Measurements and Supertasks”), presented at the **Eastern Division Meeting of the APA**, New York, NY, December 2000.
- “A Defense of Presentism,” presented at the **University of British Columbia**, 9 November 2000.
- “Inverted Rossian Utilitarianism,” presented to the Philosophy Departments of the **University of Idaho and Washington State University**, 27 October 2000.
- “Ontological Fundamentalism” (comments on Jonathan Schaffer’s “Evidence for Fundamentality?”), presented at the **Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference**, Western Washington University, 6 August 2000.
- “The A Theory, Time Travel, and Relativity” (comments on Timothy Chambers’s “Is A-Series Time Travel Defensible – Or Was Putnam Right All Along?”), presented at the **Pacific Division Meeting of the APA**, Albuquerque, NM, 6 April 2000.
- “Characterizing Three Metaphysical Disputes: 3D Versus 4D, Presentism Versus Non-presentism, and Modal Actualism Versus Modal Realism,” presented at a group

- meeting of the **Philosophy of Time Society** at the **Eastern Division Meeting of the APA**, Boston, MA, 27 December 1999.
- “A Defense of Presentism,” presented at the **University of Massachusetts at Amherst**, 2 October 1999.
 - “Two Puzzles About Mercy,” presented at a conference at **George Fox University**, 9 April 1999.
 - “A Defense of Presentism,” presented at a group meeting of the **Philosophy of Time Society** at the **Pacific Division Meeting of the APA**, Los Angeles, CA, 27 March 1998.
 - “Skepticism, Defeat, and Plantinga’s Evolutionary Argument Against Naturalism” (with Sharon Ryan), presented at the **Pacific Division Meeting of the APA**, Los Angeles, CA, 27 March 1998.
 - “A Compatibilist Version of the Theory of Agent Causation,” presented at **Western Washington University**, 7 February 1998.
 - “Skepticism, Defeat, and Plantinga’s Evolutionary Argument Against Naturalism” (with Sharon Ryan), presented at the **University of Massachusetts at Amherst**, 4 October 1997.
 - “A Compatibilist Version of the Theory of Agent Causation,” presented at the **Pacific Division Meeting of the APA**, Berkeley, CA, 27 March 1997.
 - “Time, Space, and the Nature of Physical Objects,” presented at a group meeting of the **Philosophy of Time Society** at the **Pacific Division Meeting of the APA**, Berkeley, CA, 28 March 1997.
 - “A Compatibilist Version of the Theory of Agent Causation,” presented at the **First Annual Metaphysical Mayhem Conference**, University of Notre Dame, 12 July 1996.
 - “Can an Object Have an Indeterminate Boundary?” (comments on Roy Sorensen’s “Sharp Boundaries for Blobs”), presented at the **Pacific Division Meeting of the APA**, Seattle, WA, 5 April 1996.
 - “The Theory of Agent Causation,” presented at the First Annual WVU Philosophy Conference, **West Virginia University**, 30 March 1996.
 - “Some Considerations on the Theory of Agent Causation,” presented at **The College of New Jersey**, 26 February 1996.
 - “On Linguistic Arguments for Metaphysical Claims” (comments on Thomas Foster’s “A-Information and B-Facts”), presented at a group meeting of the **Philosophy of Time Society** at the **Central Division Meeting of the APA**, Chicago, IL, 28 April 1995.
 - “A Defense of Farming and Animal Experimentation,” presented at **West Virginia University** as part of a symposium titled “How Should Humans Treat Other Animals?” 12 April 1995.
 - “Simples,” presented at the **Pacific Division Meeting of the APA**, San Francisco, CA, 30 March 1995.
 - “Simples,” presented to the **Philosophy Club of West Virginia University**, 20 March 1995.

- “The 3D View and the Argument from Vagueness” (comments on Theodore Sider’s “Four-dimensionalism and Vagueness”), presented at the **University of Massachusetts at Amherst**, 16 October 1993.
- “The Open Past,” presented at the **Pacific Division Meeting of the APA**, San Francisco, CA, 27 March 1993.
- “How Fast Does Time Pass?” presented at **West Virginia University**, 19 February 1992.
- “Symmetry, Isotropy and Explanation” (comments on John Hawthorn’s “Making Waves”), presented at the **Eastern Division Meeting of the APA**, Atlanta, GA, 28 December 1991.
- “The Open Past,” presented to the **Philosophy Club of the University of New Hampshire**, November 1991.
- “The Unreality of the Past and the Future,” presented at the annual meeting of the **Wisconsin Philosophical Association**, Stevens Point, WI, 13 April 1991.
- “The Unreality of the Past and the Future,” presented to the **Philosophy Club of Brooklyn College**, 12 December 1990.
- “Fatalism and the Open Future,” presented at **Lawrence University**, 29 March 1989.

REFeree WORK

- Cambridge University Press
- Oxford University Press
- Prentice-Hall
- *American Philosophical Quarterly*
- *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*
- *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*
- *Erkenntnis*
- *The Journal of Philosophical Logic*
- *The Journal of Philosophical Research*
- *Noûs*
- *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*
- *Philosophical Papers*
- *Philosophical Quarterly*
- *Philosophical Studies*
- *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*
- *Synthese*

DEPARTMENTAL, UNIVERSITY, AND OTHER SERVICE

- Conference Organizer for The Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference (2010, 2006, 2000-2004), WWU
- Search Committee for Dean of The College of Humanities and Social Sciences, WWU
- Chair, Philosophy Department Search Committee, Western Washington University
- Faculty Affairs Council, WWU
- Editorial Board Member for Philosophy Compass

- Search Committee for Founding Dean of The College of Humanities and Social Sciences, WWU
- General University Requirements Task Force, WWU
- General Education Requirements Committee, WWU
- Program Committee Chair for Group Meeting of The Philosophy of Time Society at Pacific Division Meeting of American Philosophical Association
- Philosophy Department Search Committee, WWU
- Philosophy Department Committee to organize a symposium titled “How Should Humans Treat Other Animals?” (co-chair), West Virginia University
- Philosophy Department Promotion and Tenure Committee, WVU
- Philosophy Department Search Committee, WVU
- Philosophy Department Library Liaison, WVU
- Philosophy Department Computer Consultant (responsible for the purchasing of new computers), WVU
- Philosophy Club Advisor, WVU
- Philosophy Department Speakers Committee (co-chair), WVU

Courses Taught

- Seminar: Philosophy of Time
- Seminar: Problems of Material Constitution
- Metaphysics II

- Metaphysics I
- Philosophy of Religion
- Philosophy of Science

- 20th Century British Philosophy
- Ancient Philosophy
- Berkeley, Hume, Kant, and Mill
- Descartes, Locke, and Leibniz
- Modern Philosophy
- The Rationalists

- Critical Reasoning
- Freshman Studies
- Introduction to Philosophy
- Introduction to Symbolic Logic
- Introductory Ethics
- Society and Morals