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David Beisecker  
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**EDUCATION**

University of Pittsburgh (1989 - 1999)  
Ph.D. in Philosophy, 1999  
Dissertation: "Recipes for the Simple-minded: A Constructive Account of Original Intentionality" (Robert Brandom, advisor)  
Washington University, St. Louis (1985-89)  
B.A. *summa cum laude* in mathematics and philosophy, 1989

**AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION**

Philosophy of Mind  
Philosophy of Language  
Philosophy of Psychology

**AREAS OF COMPETENCE**

Metaphysics  
Epistemology  
Artificial Intelligence  
Logic  
American Philosophy

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Associate Professor of Philosophy (with tenure), University of Nevada, Las Vegas (2004- present)  
Faculty Affiliate, Linguistic Studies Program  
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of Nevada, Las Vegas (1999-2004)  
Instructor of Philosophy, University of Nevada, Las Vegas (1998-99)  
Courses Taught:  
Lower Division – Reasoning and Critical Thinking, Introduction to Philosophy, Elementary Symbolic Logic  
Upper Division – Philosophy of Language, Contemporary Philosophy, Metaphysics, Computers and Culture, Philosophical Psychology, 19<sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy, Philosophy of Mind, Theory of Knowledge, American Philosophy, Advanced Logic, Aesthetics, Consciousness  
Teaching Fellow, University of Pittsburgh - 1991-94, 1996-98

Invited Faculty Member, 2010 Summer School, Center for Cognitive Science and Semantics, University of Riga, Latvia, July 2010. Topic: *Analytic Pragmatism, Semantic Inferentialism, and Logical Expressivism.*

**JOURNAL ARTICLES**

"Zombies, Phenomenal Concepts, and the Paradox of Phenomenal Judgment," *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, 17: 3-4 (2010), pp. 28-46.  
  
"Zombies and the Phenomenal Concept Strategy," *Southwest Philosophy Review*, 25:1 (2009), pp. 207-216.  
  
"What 'What It's Like' Is All About or How to Talk Like a Zombie," *Southwest Philosophical Studies*, 31 (Spring 2009), pp. 15-22.  
  
"Dennett's Overlooked Originality," *Minds and Machines*, Vol. 16:1 (2006), pp. 43-55.

“Intentionality Without Evolution: The Meaning of Life and More,” *Southwest Philosophical Studies*, 28 (2006), pp. 19-27.

“So Just What Is It About Mary? On Knowing ‘What it’s Like’,” *Southwest Philosophical Studies*, 27 (2005), pp. 20-26.

“Functionalization and Folk-Psychology: How Mental States Earn Their Keep,” *Southwest Philosophical Studies*, Volume 26 (2004), pp. 21-30.

“Interpretation and First-Person Authority: Davidson on Self-Knowledge,” *Southwest Philosophy Review*, Volume 19:1 (January 2003), pp. 89-96.

“Some More Thoughts about Thought and Talk: Davidson and Fellows on Animal Belief,” *Philosophy*, Volume 77:299 (January 2002), pp. 115-124.

“Dennett and the Quest for Real Meaning: In defense of a ‘Myth’,” *Philosophy in the Contemporary World*, Volume 9:1 (Spring-Summer 2002), pp. 11-18.

“There’s Something About Mary: Phenomenal Consciousness and its Attributions,” *Southwest Philosophy Review*, Volume 16:2 (July 2000), pp. 143-52.

“The Importance of Being Erroneous: Prospects for Animal Intentionality,” *Philosophical Topics*, Volume 27:1 (Spring 1999), pp. 281-308.

#### **BOOK CHAPTERS**

“A Stagger on Role to Die For,” *The Walking Dead and Philosophy* (Wayne Yuen, ed), Open Court (forthcoming 2012).

“Nothing But Meat? Philosophical Zombies and their Cinematic Counterparts,” *Race Oppression, and the Zombie* (Christopher Moreman and Corey James Rushton, eds), McFarland (2011), pp. 191-205.

“Phenomenal Consciousness, Sense Impressions, and the Logic of ‘What It’s Like’,” *Consciousness and Emotion* (special issue on agency, conscious choice and selective perception), edited by Ralph Ellis and Natika Newton (Spring 2005), pp. 137-153.

#### **PUBLISHED NOTES**

“The Force and Content of the Geach-Frege Problem – Commentary for Mark Silcox’ “The Cry of Nature: Dissolving the Frege-Geach Problem,” *Southwest Philosophy Review*, 27:2 (invited for July 2011 issue).

“Corporations Behaving Badly – Commentary for Kendy Hess’s “The Modern Corporation as Moral Agent: The Capacity for ‘Thought’ and a ‘First Person Perspective’,” *Southwest Philosophy Review*, 26:2 (2010), pp. 17-21.

“Too fluid?” commentary on Robert Arp’s “Resolving a Few Conflicts in Evolutionary Psychology with Cognitive Fluidity,” *Southwest Philosophy Review*, 23:2 (2007).

“Extending Triangulation: Comments on Delilah Caldwell’s ‘The Shared-Value Thesis,’” *Southwest Philosophy Review*, Vol. 22: 2 (2006), pp. 87-90.

“(Re)Motivating Inferentialism: Commentary on Mark McCullagh’s ‘Motivating Inferentialism,’” *Southwest Philosophy Review*, Vol. 22: 2 (2006), pp. 151-4.

#### **CONTRIBUTIONS TO REFEREED CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS**

“Zombies and the Phenomenal Concepts Strategy” (audiotaped conference proceeding), *Recorded Proceedings of Toward a Science of Consciousness 2008* (sponsored by The Center for Consciousness Studies at the University of Arizona), Disc #TSC28-336: Concepts of Consciousness, Berkeley, CA: Conference Recording Service.

“The Explanatory Gap: From a zombie’s point of view” (audiotaped conference proceeding), *Recorded Proceedings of Toward a Science of Consciousness 2006* (sponsored by The Center for Consciousness Studies at the University of Arizona), Disc #TSC26-321: Zombies and the Explanatory Gap, Berkeley, CA: Conference Recording Service.

“Intentionality Socialized: A Non-Gricean Account of Conventional Meaning,” *A Explicação da Interpretação Humana / The Explanation of Human Interpretation*, Lisboa (Lisbon, Portugal): Edições Colibri (2004), pp. 291-299.

“Communication Without Intent: Toward a Non-Gricean Account of Conventional Meaning,” Robert Keating (ed.), *Proceedings of the 2002 Conference of the Association for Global Business and the International Academy of Linguistics, Behavioral, and Social Sciences*, Vol. 13 (Fall 2002), Madison, WI: Omnipress, pp. 8-14.

“Phenomenal Consciousness and the logic of ‘What it’s Like’” (audiotaped conference presentation), *Recorded Proceedings of Toward a Science of Consciousness 2002* (sponsored by The Center for Consciousness Studies at the University of Arizona), Tape #TSC22-015: Phenomenal Concepts and the Explanatory Gap, Berkeley, CA: Conference Recording Service.

## REVIEWS

Review Essay of Andrew Brook and Don Ross (eds.), *Daniel Dennett (Contemporary Philosophy in Focus)*, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, November 2002, available at <http://ndpr.icaap.org/content/archives/2002/11/beisecker=brook-ross.html>.

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS

“World’s Minds Meet in Turkey” (Briefing on the XXIst World Congress of Philosophy), with R. Wilburn, *The Philosopher’s Magazine*, 24 (Winter 2003), pp. 11-12.

“Moscow Nights” (Briefing on the 2001 Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference), with R. Wilburn and T. Jones, *The Philosophers’ Magazine*, 15 (Summer 2001), pp. 30-31.

## REFEREED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Incompatibility and the Logic of Proscription”

- 2011 Pittsburgh Area Philosophy Colloquium, Washington, PA, September 10, 2011
- 2011 Mid-south Philosophy Conference, Memphis, TN, March 5-6, 2011.

“Unifying Hard-to-Classify Responses to the Conceivability Argument”

- *Society for Exact Philosophy*, Kansas City, MO, March 19-21, 2010.
- Toward a Science of Consciousness 2010, Tucson, AZ, April 12-17, 2010. Abstract Published in *Consciousness Research Abstracts 2010* by the *Journal of Consciousness Studies* (Abstract #17, pp. 48-9).

“Zombies and the Phenomenal Concept Strategy”

- 1<sup>st</sup> Consciousness Online Conference, Feb. 20-27, 2009 (commentary by Sam Coleman, University of Hertfordshire).

- 70<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Southwestern Philosophical Society, Kansas City, MO, Nov. 14-16, 2008 (commentary by Michael Wolfe, Washington & Jefferson University).
- Toward a Science of Consciousness 2008, Tucson, AZ, April 11, 2008. Abstract Published in *Consciousness Research Abstracts 2008* by the *Journal of Consciousness Studies* (Abstract #21, p. 45).

“What ‘What it’s Like’ is All About,” 59<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the New Mexico-West Texas Philosophical Society, El Paso, TX, April 4-6, 2008 (comments by Timothy Cleveland, New Mexico State University).

“Elvis and the Culture of Thinness” (with Monica Beisecker), 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Far West Popular Culture Association and Far West American Culture Association, Las Vegas, NV, January 25-27, 2008.

“The Explanatory Gap: From a zombie’s point of view”

- Toward a Science of Consciousness 2006, Tucson, AZ, April 4, 2006. Abstract Published in *Consciousness Research Abstracts 2006* by the *Journal of Consciousness Studies* (Abstract #31, pp. 47-8).
- “A Zombie’s View of ‘What it’s Like’” (poster presentation), *Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness*, Las Vegas, NV, June 22-25, 2007.
- “Knowing What it’s Like: A Zombie’s Perspective,” *Southern Society of Philosophy and Psychology*, Atlanta GA, April 5, 2007 (comments by Robert Howell, Southern Methodist University)
- “A Zombie’s Perspective on ‘What it’s Like’,” 59<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference, Fort Lewis College, Durango, CO, October 20-22, 2005. (Commentary by Brendan Lalor, University of Central Oklahoma).

“Elvis as World Historic Individual,” panel presentation focusing on Greg Reece’s *Elvis Religion: Cult of The King*, 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Far West Popular Culture Association and Far West American Culture Association, Las Vegas, NV, January 26-28, 2007.

“So Just What Is It About Mary? On Knowing ‘What it’s Like’,” 55<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the *New Mexico/West Texas Philosophical Society*, San Antonio, TX, March 26-28, 2004.

“Phenomenal Consciousness, Sense Impressions, and the Logic of ‘What it’s Like’”

- Group Meeting of the *Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World*, Eastern Division Meeting of the *American Philosophical Association*, Washington DC, December 27-30, 2003.
- “On the Function of ‘What it’s like’: A Semantic Solution to the Hard Problem?” 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual *Realia* Conference: Philosophical Issues in Contemporary Science, Digby, Nova Scotia, August 17<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, 2003.
- “Phenomenal Consciousness and the logic of ‘What it’s like’,” *XXIst World Congress of Philosophy*, Istanbul, Turkey, August 10-17, 2003. Abstract published in *Abstracts of the XXIst World Congress of Philosophy: Philosophy Facing World Problems*, Zeynep Davran (ed.), Ankara: Philosophical Society of Turkey, pp. 25-26. Paper available in the on-line proceedings at <http://www.wcp2003.org/Epistemology.htm>
- “On the Function of ‘What it’s like’: A Semantic Solution to the Hard Problem?” (Poster presentation), Annual Meeting of the *Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness*, Memphis, TN, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2003.
- “Phenomenal Consciousness and the logic of ‘What it’s Like’,” *Toward a Science of Consciousness*, V, Tucson, AZ, April 8-12, 2002. Abstract Published in *Consciousness Research Abstracts 2002* by the *Journal of Consciousness Studies* (Abstract #4).

“Interpretation and First-Person Authority: Davidson on Self-Knowledge”

- 64<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the *Southwestern Philosophical Society*, Kansas City, MO, November 8-10, 2002. (Commentary by Sarah Sawyer, University of Kansas).

- *XXIst World Congress of Philosophy*, Istanbul, Turkey, August 10-17, 2003. Abstract published in *Abstracts of the XXIst World Congress of Philosophy: Philosophy Facing World Problems*, Zeynep Davran (ed.), Ankara: Philosophical Society of Turkey, p. 26. Paper available in the on-line proceedings at <http://www.wcp2003.org/Epistemology.htm>

“Functionalization and Folk-Psychology: How Mental States Earn Their Keep,”

- 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the *New Mexico/West Texas Philosophical Society*, Santa Fe, NM, April 11-12, 2003.
- “Functionalization and Folk-Psychology: How mental states earn their keep,” 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the *Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, Cincinnati, OH, June 14-17, 2001. (Commentary by Stuart Silvers, Clemson University).

“Intentionality Socialized: A Non-Gricean Account of Conventional Meaning”

- *Mind and Behavior III: The Explanation of Human Interpretation*, Lisbon, Portugal, May 24-27, 2001.
- “Conforming Without Intent: Toward a Non-Gricean Account of the Origin of Conventional Meaning,” 2002 Annual Meeting of *International Academy of Linguistics, Behavior, and Social Sciences*, Las Vegas, NV, Nov. 21-24, 2002.
- “Communication and Conventional Meaning: A non-conventional approach,” Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Minneapolis, MN, May 3, 2001. (Commentary by Cory Juhl, University of Texas at Austin). Abstract Published in the *Proceedings and Addresses of the American Philosophical Association*, 74:4 (February, 2001).
- “Conventional Meaning: A Non-Gricean Alternative,” 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference, Washburn University, Topeka, KS, October 12-14, 2000. (Commentary by Jim Forrester, University of Wyoming).

“Dennett and the Quest for Real Meaning: In defense of a ‘Myth’”

- 2001 meeting of the *Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World*,” Santa Fe, NM, July 23-27, 2001.
- “Dennett and the Quest for Real Meaning: In Defense of a ‘Myth’,” 52<sup>nd</sup> Northwest Conference on Philosophy, Pacific University, Forest Grove, OR, November 10-11, 2000. (Commentary by Mark Perlman, Western Oregon University)

“Phenomenal Consciousness and its Attributions”

- *Toward a Science of Consciousness, Tucson 2000*, Tucson, AZ, April 10-15, 2000. Abstract Published in *Consciousness Research Abstracts 2000* by the *Journal of Consciousness Studies* (Abstract #35).
- “Knowing What It’s Like: Phenomenal Consciousness and its Attributions,” Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Albuquerque, NM, April 5-8, 2000. (Commentary by Barbara Hannon, University of New Mexico) Abstract published in the *Proceedings and Addresses of the American Philosophical Association*, Vol. 73: 3 (January 2000).

“Intentionality Without Evolution: The Meaning of Life and More,”

- “Intentionality without Evolution: The Meaning of Life and More,” 56<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the *New Mexico/West Texas Philosophical Society*, El Paso, TX, April 15-17, 2005.
- 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the *Society for Philosophy and Psychology (poster presentation)*, Columbia University/Barnard College, New York, NY, June 15-18, 2000.
- “Non-Biological Intentionality: How to get over the meaning of life,” 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Pacific Northwest Conference on Philosophy, Coeur d’Alene, Idaho, October 22, 1999. (Commentary by Phil Smith, George Fox University)
- “Intentionality and Evolution: Beyond the Meaning of Life,” *Naturalism, Evolution, and Intentionality*, University of Western Ontario, London, ON, April 17, 1998. (Commentary by Moira Howe, University of Western Ontario).

“From Folk Psychology to Notional Belief?” Mid-South Philosophy Conference, Memphis State University, March 4, 1989.

#### **INVITED CONFERENCE COMMENTARIES**

“... Or Just Hot Air – Comments for Richard Brown’s ‘The Higher-Order Approach to Consciousness: The Hot Ticket or In Hot Water?’,” 103<sup>rd</sup> annual meeting of the *Southern Society of Philosophy and Psychology*, New Orleans, LA, March 11-14, 2011.

“Of Airplanes, Assholes, and Whiskey – Not a Pretty Picture – Comments on Jeffrey Pretti’s ‘Expressed Implicatures’,” 2011 Mid-South Philosophy Conference, Memphis, TN, March 5-6, 2011.

“The Force and Content of the Geach-Frege Problem – Commentary for Mark Silcox’ “The Cry of Nature: Dissolving the Frege-Geach Problem,” 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Philosophical Society, Memphis, TN, Nov. 12-14, 2010.

“Corporations Behaving Badly – Commentary for Kendy Hess’s “The Modern Corporation as Moral Agent: The Capacity for ‘Thought’ and a ‘First Person Perspective’,” 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Philosophical Society, Dallas, TX, Nov. 13-15, 2009.

“Fixity and Necessity – Commentary for Eric Gilbertson’s ‘Fixity Without Necessity?’,” 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the New Mexico/West Texas Philosophical Association, Houston, TX, March 27-29, 2009.

“Calamity’s Wild Ride and The Importance of Judging Falsely - Commentary for Angel Pinillos’ Relativistic Semantics for Temporal (and Spatial) ‘Duration’,” 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference, Fort Hays State University, Hays, KS, October 24-26, 2008.

“Georckenstein (or is it Kripkenalis?): Comments on Nicholas Georgalis’ ‘A Straight Solution to the Kripkenstein Paradox’,” 100<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the *Southern Society of Philosophy and Psychology*, New Orleans, LA, March 22-24, 2008.

“A Coupla Pickles With That Beef: Comments on Robert Schroer’s ‘Where’s the Beef?: How the contents of phenomenal concepts can be substantial even if they contain demonstrative elements’,” 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference, University of Denver, Denver, CO, September 27-9, 2007.

“Too fluid?” commentary on Robert Arp’s “Resolving a Few Conflicts in Evolutionary Psychology with Cognitive Fluidity,” 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Philosophical Society, Nashville TN, November 10-12, 2006.

“Extending Triangulation,” commentary on Delilah Caldwell’s “The Shared Value Thesis,” 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Philosophical Society, Fayetteville, AR, November 11-13, 2005.

“(Re)Motivating Inferentialism,” commentary on Mark McCullagh’s “Motivating Inferentialism,” 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Philosophical Society, New Orleans, LA, November 12-14, 2004.

“Orthodoxy Defended...or... How to pan Goldstein,” commentary on Irwin Goldstein’s “An Argument Against Orthodox Neural Materialism,” 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference, University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY, September 25-27, 2003.

“LeBar’s Flaccidity: Is there cause for concern?” commentary on Mark LeBar’s “Rigidity and Response Dependence,” Pacific Division meeting of the American Philosophical Organization, San Francisco, CA, March 26-30, 2003.

“Disquotation and First-person Authority,” commentary on Minh Nguyen’s “Davidson’s Four Explanations of First-person Authority,” 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference, Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO, October 11-13, 2001.

“Locke on Twin-Earth,” commentary on Brian Casey’s “Locke Does Not Anticipate Putnam, Either,” 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference, Washburn University, Topeka, KS, October 12-14, 2000.

“The Context Principle Where?” commentary on Corey Washington’s “The Neurobiological Basis of Meaning,” 2000 Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference on Truth and Meaning, Moscow, ID/Pullman, WA, March 24 - 26, 2000.

“Sawyer on Object-Dependent Thought,” commentary on Sarah Sawyer’s “The Epistemic Divide,” 61<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Southwestern Philosophical Association, Houston, TX, November 12, 1999

“So, Saying I’m Irrational? I’m Saying, ‘So?’” commentary on David Alm’s “Non-instrumental Rationality Judgements About Action,” Mid-South Philosophy Conference, Memphis, TN, March 6, 1999.

#### **OTHER PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS AND ACTIVITY**

“Incompatibility and the Logic of Proscription,” UNLV Philosophy Dept. Colloquium, February 18, 2011.

2010 Summer School, Center for Cognitive Science and Semantics, University of Riga, Latvia, July 19-29, 2010 (Directed seminars on “Autonomous Discursive Practices” and “Pragmatic Tableau,” and delivered research presentations on “Inferentialism and the Conceivability Argument” and “Proto-Discursive Practices”).

“Zombies in Manhattan” (invited lecture), Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS, November 13, 2008

“What Makes a Sellarsian .. [so creepy to Jones]?, UNLV Philosophy Dept. Colloquium, October 12, 2007.

Interview for an NPR show on *Toward a Science of Consciousness*, April 4, 2006.

“Zombies in Philosophy,” presentation for the UNLV Philosophy Club, Nov. 29, 2005.

Moderator, UNLV Book Symposium on Maurice Finocchiaro’s *Retrying Galileo*, Nov. 18, 2005

Panelist for Phi Sigma Tau skills workshop on Selecting and Applying to Graduate School. Nov. 15, 2005.

Panelist for *Phi Sigma Tau* skills workshop on Philosophical Writing and Research, Oct. 18, 2005.

“A Zombie’s Perspective on ‘What it’s Like,’” invited lecture to the CSU-Fresno Cognitive Science Group, Fresno, CA, April 26, 2005.

Panelist for *Phi Sigma Tau* skills workshop focused on writing philosophy papers, March 4, 2005.

“Experimental Psychology: A Philosophical Perspective,” UNLV department of psychology proseminar, October 22, 2004.

“Selecting, Preparing, and Applying for Graduate School,” skills workshop for the UNLV chapter of *Phi Sigma Tau*, February 20, 2004.

“The Role of Thought Experiments in Philosophical Argument,” skills workshop for the UNLV chapter of *Phi Sigma Tau*, September 18, 2003.

“Chalmers and the hard problem of consciousness,” invited seminar for the UNLV chapter of *Phi Sigma Tau*, February 3, 2003.

“Philosophical Psychology,” invited lecture for the UNLV chapter of *Psi Chi*, April 15, 2002.

“The Meaning of Life and More”, UNLV College of Liberal Arts Faculty Research Seminar, May 6, 1999.

“Intentionality and Evolution”, invited presentation, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, NV, February 19, 1998.

“Dennett and the Quest for Real Meaning”, invited lecture, Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT, February 16, 1996.

## **FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND OTHER RECOGNITION**

### While at UNLV

UNLV University Faculty Travel Grant (\$750), Spring 2006

UNLV Foundation Distinguished Teaching Award, 2005

UNLV Alumni Association Student Focused Faculty Award, February 2003

*William Morris Award for Excellence in Teaching*, UNLV College of Liberal Arts, 2002

*Rita Deanin Abbey Teacher of the Year*, UNLV College of Liberal Arts, 2001

UNLV Barrick Foundation Faculty Development Travel Grant (\$1000), Spring 2001

Nominee, Abbey Teacher of the Year, UNLV College of Liberal Arts, 1999, 2001, 2006, 2009

Nominee, Morris award for excellence in teaching, UNLV, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002

Recognized 5 times as an “outstanding professor” by departmental recipients of the Mitzi Hughes Alumni Association Scholarship

### Graduate

National Mellon Fellowship in the Humanities, 1989-1991

National Mellon Dissertation Fellowship, 1994-5

Alan Ross Anderson Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh, 1992

Teaching Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh, 1993, 1996-8

Teaching Assistantship, University of Pittsburgh, 1992

Mellon Language Study Grant (for language training in Germany), summer 1990

University of Pittsburgh Summer Research Grants, 1997, 1998

### Undergraduate

Arthur Holly Compton Fellowship, Washington University, 1985-89

Nishi Luthra Prize in Philosophy, 1989

*Phi Beta Kappa*, 1988

Neurather Library Prize, 1989

## **STUDENT ADVISING**

### **Undergraduate:**

Faculty Sponsor, University College Capstone Project:

Louis Amundson, *The Decline of Poetry*, Spring 2005

Undergraduate Honors Projects:

John Nowakowski, *Folk Psychology and the Dynamic Systems Approach to Cognition*  
(philosophy, 1999)

### **Graduate** (\*graduate college representative):

Donovan Wishon, (philosophy Ph.D., Stanford University, ongoing)

Rebecca Thomas, (psychology Ph.D, ongoing)\*

Nelse Ostlund, *The Desire for Socio-cultural Similarity in a Mate* (psychology M.A., Spring 2003; Ph.D., ongoing)\*  
 Kim Wieberg, *The Impact of Dynamic Changes in Talker Amplitude on Recognition Memory for Words* (psychology M.A., 2004)\*  
 Kim (Wieberg) Cramer, *Neuropharmacology of MDMA*, (Psychology Dept. 3<sup>rd</sup> Year qualifying Paper, 2005)\*  
 Kim Cramer, *The Effect of Concomitant Ecstasy-Marijuana Use on Auditory Verbal Learning and Memory Performance* (psychology Ph.D., 2008)\*  
 Daniel Griswold, *Cayley Maps* (mathematics M.S., 2003)\*  
 Marshall Smith, *A Sociological Perspective on Video-game Playing* (sociology M.A., 2004)\*  
 Cecilea Mun, *Policy Analysis: Evaluating Theories of the Hermeneutic Critique* (ethics and policy studies M.A., 2005)  
 CJ Senif, *LaKeshia and KuShawn: A Cultural Linguistic Approach to Afro-American Onomastics* (anthropology M.A., 2006)\*  
 Edward Crossman, *Gambling Behavior and the Five Factor Model of Personality* (psychology M.A., 2007)\*  
 Rebecca Thomas, *Verbal and Non-verbal Mitigating Communication on Information Processing and Anger* (Psychology M.A., 2006)\*  
 Luz-Andrea Pfister, *Paleoepidemiology of Bacterial Infections Among Prehistoric Human Populations in Northern Chile: An Ancient DNA Approach* (Anthropology M.A., 2006)\*

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

### Regional/National:

Executive Committee Southwestern Philosophical Society  
 President (2011-12)  
 Vice-president and Program Chair (2010-11)  
 Member-at-Large (2008 – 2009)  
 Executive Committee, Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference (2000- present).  
 Program Chair, 2006 Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference, Washburn University.  
 Local Organizing Chair, 2002 Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference.  
 Local Organizing Committee, Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy (for the 2001 annual meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada).

### Manuscript Reviewing/Refereeing:

*Dialectica*  
*Philosophia*  
*Synthese*  
*Brain and Behavioral Science*  
*Journal of Consciousness Studies*  
*Polish Journal of Philosophy*  
*Inquiry*  
*Logica Universalis*  
*Southwest Philosophy Review*  
*Southwest Philosophical Studies*  
*Philosophy in the Contemporary World*  
 Prentice Hall  
 Oxford University Press  
 I.B. Tauris Publishers  
 Pearson/Longman  
 Southwestern Philosophical Society  
 New Mexico/West Texas Philosophical Society  
 Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference  
 Pittsburgh Area Philosophy Colloquium  
 Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology

External Tenure Reviewer:

University of Wyoming (2005)  
Washington and Jefferson College (2011)

UNLV Department of Philosophy:

Chair, 2012-  
Interim Chair, July-August 2000, 2006-2008  
Coordinator for the philosophy minor, 1999  
Chapter Founder and Adviser, *Phi Sigma Tau- Nevada Alpha Chapter* (2002-2005)  
Advising Center Liaison (2003-2005)  
Secretary for department meetings (2000-2006)  
New Faculty Mentor: Dr. Cynthia Townley (2001-2003), Dr. Thomas Osborne (2002-3), Dr. Ian Dove (2003-present), Dr. Gregory Frost-Arnold (2006-present)

Departmental Committee Memberships (\* indicates chair):

Promotion and Tenure (2004/5\*, 2005/6\*, 2007/8\*, 2008/9\*)  
Faculty Awards and Merit Review (2005-8)  
Search (6 times: 1998/9, 1999/2000, 2000/01, 2001/02, 2002, 2003/4\*, 2005/6\*)  
Visiting Asst. Professor Search (2 times: 2001, 2002)  
Colloquium (1998-2001)  
Student Awards (1998-2003; chair 2001-03)  
Catalog (2001-2002\*)  
Conference (2001-03\*)  
Assessment (2003-present\*)  
Research (1998-99)  
Website (2005-6)

UNLV College of Liberal Arts:

Committee Memberships: Course and Curriculum (2000-2), Morris Teaching Award (2004-2008, 2008\*),  
Personnel (2009-11)

UNLV Faculty Senate:

Faculty Senate Representative (2003-2006)  
Senior Senator, College of Liberal Arts (2005-6)  
Senate Representative to Program Review Committee (appointed fall 2003)  
Senate Representative to the Graduate College New Program Committee (appointed fall 2004)  
Committee Memberships: Academic Standards (2000-2), Academic Ethics (1999-2001), Curriculum (2000-3), Program Review (2003-present) [subcommittee for internal review of BS in Counseling, 2004-5, subcommittee for BS in Environmental Science, 2005-6]

Other Campus Service:

Presenter, UNLV Assessment Symposium, Nov. 6, 2008.  
Faculty Marshall, UNLV Commencement Ceremony (Spring 2002, Winter 2002, 2004)  
Judge and Chair for platform presentations in humanities and business  
2<sup>nd</sup> Annual UNLV Graduate Research Forum, March 24, 2001  
4<sup>th</sup> Annual UNLV Graduate Research Forum, April 5, 2003  
Faculty Advisor, UNLV Ultimate Frisbee Club (2002-present)

Community Service

Rater for Clark County Trails Proposals (August-September, 2008)  
Member, Goodsprings Volunteer Fire Department (June 2005 - )  
Member, Yellow-Pine Rails-to-trails Steering Committee (2006 - )  
Goodsprings Historical Society (member 2005 - , trustee 2008-)  
Member, HIV Prevention Community Planning Group of Southern Nevada (2000-4)  
Grant Reviewer, Clark County Health District, Office of AIDS/HIV Prevention (2002, 2003)

Mentor, 2002 Clark County Summer Business Institute  
Local Admissions Representative, Washington University Alumni and Parents Admissions Program (1999-2003)

Professional Affiliations:

American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division  
*Phi Sigma Tau*  
Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology  
Society for Philosophy and Psychology  
Southwestern Philosophical Society  
Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World  
New Mexico/West Texas Philosophical Society

**PERSONAL**

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