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*Curriculum Vitae*

University address: Philosophy Department.  
University of Nevada, Las Vegas  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89154

Degrees

Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of California, San Diego – 1991  
Ph.D. in Cognitive Science, University of California, San Diego -- 1991  
M.A. in Anthropology, University of Illinois --1987  
B.A. in Anthropology, Hamilton College --1984

Administrative Experience

Chair, UNLV Philosophy Department. 2006 -- present  
Chair, UNLV College of Liberal Arts Financial Aid Committee -- 2004, 2005  
Chair, UNLV Philosophy Department Hiring Committee -- 1999, 2000, 2003, 2004  
Chair, UNLV Colloquium Committee -- 1992 –2005  
Interim Chair, UNLV Cultural Studies Program – 1999  
Painting Supervisor, Gettysburg College Buildings and Grounds – 1982

Areas of Specialization

Philosophy of the Social Sciences  
Philosophy of Science  
Philosophy of Mind

Areas of Competence

Applied Ethics  
Asian Philosophy

Awards

UNLV Philosophy Department nomination for the Rita Deanin Abbey Teacher of the Year Award – 2005, 2004, 2001.  
Mitzi Hughes Alumni Outstanding Faculty Award. 2005, 2004  
UNLV Rita Deanin Abbey Teacher of the Year Award -- 1997.  
UNLV Philosophy Department nomination for the UNLV Morris Excellence in Teaching Award -- 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997.  
UNLV College of Liberal Arts Nominee for Distinguished Teaching Award -- 1996, 1997.

Awards (continued)

NSF/NEH Summer Institute Fellowship, "Integrating Nature and Nurture" directed by Dr. Roger Masters -- 1996.  
NEH Summer Seminar Fellowship, "The Concept of Evidence," directed by Dr. Larry Laudan -- 1994.  
UNLV Committee For Advanced Research Grant -- 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2001.  
UCSD Philosophy Department Fellowship -- 1989.  
University of Illinois YMCA Distinguished Public Service Award -- 1984.  
Departmental honors, Hamilton College Anthropology Department --1984.  
Academy of American Poets Award -- 1983.  
Scholarship to Pennsylvania Governor's School for the Arts, in creative writing --1979.

### Courses Taught

"Contemporary Philosophy"  
"Introduction to Philosophy"  
"Metaphysics"  
"Theories of Culture"  
"Theory of Knowledge"  
"The Individual and the Collective"  
"Philosophy of Science"  
"Philosophy of the Social Sciences"  
"Philosophy of Cognitive Science"  
"Evidence and Inductive Reasoning"  
"Reasoning and Critical Thinking"  
"Contemporary Moral Issues"  
"Graduate Liberal Studies,"

### Teaching Assistant Positions

"Humanities 1: The Foundations of Western Civilization: Israel and Greece," UCSD -- 1991.  
"Humanities 2: Rome, Christianity, and the Medieval World," UCSD -- 1991.  
"Biomedical Ethics," UCSD -- 1988.  
"Ethics and Society," UCSD --1987, 1988.  
"Introduction to Cultural Anthropology," University of Illinois -- 1985, 1986.

### Books

*What People Believe When They Say That People Believe.*  
Latham, MD: Rowan and Littlefield. 2010

*Affirmative Action; Social Justice or Reverse Discrimination?* Buffalo: Prometheus. 1997  
(Co-edited with Francis Beckwith).

### Book Chapters

Irreducible social properties: Lessons from philosophy of mind in *Contributions to the Philosophy of Social Science* edited by Daniel Kuchler, Marcus Schulzke and Wesley Nishiyama.

"The Metaphysics of Collective Agency" in *Topics in Contemporary Philosophy, Volume 7: Action, Ethics, and Responsibility* Edited by Joseph Keim Campbell, Michael O'Rourke, and Harry Silverstein. 2010. Cambridge: MIT Press.

"Uncovering Cultural Meaning: Problems and Solutions", reprinted in *The Philosophy of Social Science Reader* edited by Daniel Steel and Francesco Guala. 2010 New York: Routledge.

"Unification" *The Routledge Companion to the Philosophy of Science* Edited by Stathis Psillos and Martin Curd 2008. New York: Routledge. Pp. 97-106.

"How many Seattlites must like rain before "Seattlites like rain"? Northwest Topics: The Proceedings of the 56th annual Northwest Conference on Philosophy Edited by W. Russ Payne 2007. Bellevue, Washington: BCC Press.

"Interpretive Social Science and the Native's Point of View," reprinted in *Philosophical Foundations of Social Research*. Edited by Malcolm Williams 2007. New York: Sage Publications.

"Translation and Belief Ascription: Fundamental Barriers." *Translating Cultures: Perspectives on Translation and Anthropology*. Edited by A. Rubel and P. Rosman. Oxford: Berg 2003. pp. 45-75.

"The Cultural Relativity of Cognition." *Proceedings of the 2002 Conference of the Association for Global Business and the International Academy of Linguistics, Behavioral, and Social Sciences. Vol. 13, 2002*, pp. 72-80, Edited by Robert Keating, Madison, WI: Omnipress.

"Essential Rationality and Intentional Ascription." *Rational Agency: Concepts, Theories, Models, and Applications*, edited by Michael R. Fehling. Technical Report of the American Association of Artificial Intelligence. 1997.

#### Publications In Refereed Journals

"Do Customs Compete with Conditioning? Turf Battles and Division of Labor in Social Explanation." Forthcoming in *Synthese*.

"Norms and Customs: causally important or causally impotent?" *Philosophy of the Social Sciences*. 40:3. (2010)

"Swarm scholarship and the fundamental epistemology of the collective method," *Social Identities*. 15:4 (2009) 495--508

"Giraffes in zebra skins: Researchers as spectators at a consumer electronics trade show" (Co-Author with Joy Pierce and others). *Social Identities*. 15:4 (2009)

"Explanations of Social Phenomena: Competing and Complementary Accounts." *Metaphilosophy* 39:4 (2008)

"Norms and Customs Can't Cause Anything," *The International Journal of the Social Sciences* 3:6 (2008).

"Numerous Ways to Be an Open-Minded Organization; A reply to Lahroodi," *Social Epistemology* 24:4 (2007).

#### Publications In Refereed Journals (continued)

- "What's Done Here—Explaining Behavior in Terms of Customs and Norms," *Southern Journal of Philosophy* 45:3 (2007).
- "We Always Have a Beer after the Meeting" How Norms, Customs, Conventions, and the Like Explain Behavior." *Philosophy of the Social Sciences* 36:3 (2006) pp 251-275
- "How Many New Yorkers must like bagels before 'New Yorkers like bagels'? Analyzing Collective Ascription." *Philosophical Forum* 34: 3 (2005) pp. 279-306
- "Special Sciences: Still a Flawed Argument After All These Years." *Cognitive Science* 28: 3 (2004) pp. 409- 432. [http://www.leaonline.com/doi/pdf/10.1207/s15516709cog2803\\_5](http://www.leaonline.com/doi/pdf/10.1207/s15516709cog2803_5)
- "Review of F. G. Bailey's 'The Saving Lie. Truth and Method in the Social Sciences'." *The Social Science Journal* 41 (2004) p. 313-317
- "Reduction and Anti-reduction: Rights and Wrongs." *Metaphilosophy* 25:5 (2004) pp. 614-647.
- "Uncovering 'Cultural Meaning': Problems and Solutions." *Behavior and Philosophy*. 32 (2004) pp. 1- 22.
- "The Virtues of Non-reduction, Even When Reduction Is a Virtue." *Philosophical Forum*, 34:2 (2003) pp. 121-140. <http://www.blackwell-synergy.com/doi/pdf/10.1111/1467-9191.00130>
- "The Failure of the Best Arguments Against Social Reduction (and What that Failure Doesn't Mean)." *Southern Journal of Philosophy* 41: 4 (2003) pp. 547 -581.
- "Review of Margaret Morrison's 'Unifying Scientific Theories'." *Mind*. 110:440 (2001). pp. 1097-1102.
- "What CBS Wants. How Groups Can Have (Difficult to Uncover) Intentions." *Philosophical Forum* Vol. XXXII, No.3 (2001) pp. 221-252.
- "Ethnography and Sister Sciences: Why Refuse Assistance? A Reply to Weeks." *Human Relations*. 53 (3) (2000) pp. 299-310.
- "Ethnography, Belief Ascription, and Epistemological Barriers." *Human Relations*. 53 (1) (2000) pp. 117- 152.
- "FIC Descriptions and Interpretive Social Science: Should Philosophers Roll Their Eyes?" *Journal for the Theory of Social Behavior*. 29: 4 (1999) pp. 337-369.
- "Arbitrary Arbitrariness, a Reply to Segal." *Philosophy of the Social Sciences*. Vol. 29 No.2 (1999) pp. 310-14.
- "Unification, Deduction, and History:A Reply to Steel." *Philosophy of Science*, 65 (1998) pp.672-81.
- "Interpretive Social Science and the Native's Point of View, A Closer Look." *Philosophy of the Social Sciences*. Vol. 28 No.1 (1998) pp. 32-68.
- "Thick Description, Fat Syntax, and Alternative Conceptual Schemes." *Pragmatics and Cognition* Vol. (1), (1997) pp. 131-162.
- "Unification, Reduction, and Non-ideal Explanations." *Synthese* 112 (1997) pp. 75-96.
- "Methodological Individualism in Proper Perspective." *Behavior and Philosophy*.(1996) 24 (2) 119-128
- "The 'Dumb Jock' and the 'Science Nerd'." *The Humanist*. Vol. 56, No. 5 (1996) pp. 44- 45
- "How the Unification Theory of Explanation Escapes Asymmetry." *Erkenntnis*, 43 (1995) pp. 229-240,
- "Reductionism and the Unification Theory of Explanation." *Philosophy of Science*, 61 (1995) pp. 21-30
- "Staving Off Catastrophe: A Critical Notice of Jerry Fodor's *Psychosemantics*." (with Edmond Mulaire and Stephen Stich) *Mind and Language*, 6 (1991) pp. 58-82
- "Consciousness Out of Context; Fox's Search for the Source: A Review Article." *Crosscurrents*,3 1989, pp. 83-88.

#### Other Publications

- "Battlefield Plan Would Not Be Worth Cost of Losing Trees," *Gettysburg Times*. October 1998.  
 "Real Men Do Think," *Las Vegas Review Journal*. October 1995 p. 7B  
 "More Than Just A City of Sin," *Spinzo*. June 1995 pp. 60-61  
 "Common Sense Cuts Through Hoopla Over Intelligence and Race," *Las Vegas Review Journal*.  
 January 1995 p. 3C  
 "Common Sense About Intelligence," *Chicago Tribune*. December 1994

#### Presented Papers

- "The stacked-deck for more conservative candidates: why it's always harder for liberals to win.  
 Far West Popular and American Culture Association Conference, Las Vegas,  
 March, 2010.
- "When Claims in Different Disciplines Compete (and When They Don't)." Enhancing  
 Communication in Cross Disciplinary Research Conference, Coeur D'Alene Idaho,  
 September 2010
- "Are Kripke and Donnellan Compatible? Commentary on Jessica Pepp's 'Reference by Truth or by  
 Cognition.'" Thirteenth Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference, Moscow, ID May 2010.
- "'But, Dad, YOU, played in the woods alone when you were my age'; The social causes of  
 overparenting." Far West Popular and American Culture Association Conference, Las Vegas,  
 March, 2010.
- "Are Customs and Conditioning Competitors?" Sixty-first Northwest Conference on Philosophy,  
 Forest Grove, OR. October, 2009.
- "There is no 'local culture' causing anything." Thirty Third Annual Colloquium on Modern Literature  
 and Film, West Virginia University, October 2009.
- "Uber Joint Attention – Group Beliefs." (Poster session presentation) Joint Attention:  
 Developments in Philosophy of Mind, Developmental and Comparative Psychology, and  
 Cognitive Science. Bentley University, Boston, MS October 2009
- "Customs can't be causal." Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World Conference.  
 Oneonta, NY. July 2009
- "High levels and low levels. The easy way and the hard way." Commentary on Michael Trestman's 'The  
 Environment, from a Behavioral Perspective'." Twelfth Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference,  
 Moscow, ID May 2009.
- "The Metaphysics of Flirting." Far West Popular and American Culture Association Conference,  
 Las Vegas, March, 2009.
- "What do we mean by 'culture' anyway?" Invited Lecture, Union College, Schenectady, NY,  
 January 09
- "Norms Explain Nothing." Sixtieth Northwest Conference on Philosophy, Eugene, OR. December 2008.
- "What's Wrong with Anthropological Explanations?" Invited Leonard Endowment Lecture, Reno,  
 Nevada, May 2008
- "Why does dividing nature matter?" Invited Public Forum Lecture. Eleventh Inland Northwest  
 Philosophy Conference, Moscow, ID March 2008.
- "The Ur-Kind in the social sciences and why it can't cause anything." Eleventh Inland Northwest  
 Philosophy Conference, Moscow, ID March 2008.
- "Beethoven and the Bushmen: uniting the different senses of culture." Far West Popular and  
 American Culture Association Conference, Las Vegas, January, 2008.

Presented Papers (continued)

- "Open Minded Organizations? No Problem." Fifty-Ninth Northwest Conference on Philosophy,

- Portland, OR. October 2007.
- “There’s good people everywhere; Reply to Lahroodi’s “Collective Epistemic virtue”  
 Commentary on, “Collective Epistemic virtue,” by Reza Lahroodi. American  
 Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, San Francisco, CA, March, 2007.
- “What makes some political issues ‘cultural’?” Far West Popular and American Culture  
 Association Conference, Las Vegas, January, 2007.
- “We always meet in Portland or Seattle. Explaining behavior with norms.”  
 Fifty-Eighth Northwest Conference on Philosophy, Portland, OR. November 2006
- “ ‘If the government is going to take my money, it has a responsibility to fix the schools.’  
 The metaphysics of collective agency.” Ninth Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference,  
 Moscow, ID May 2006.
- “How Many Americans must be religious before ‘Americans are religious’?”  
 Far West Popular and American Culture Association Conference, Las Vegas, February, 2006.
- “But is it a law? Commentary on W.R. Payne’s “What a Law of Nature Is” Fifty-Seventh Northwest  
 Conference on Philosophy, Seattle, WA, October, 2005.
- “Multiple realizability – Fahgetaboutit! Physicalists must identify the mental with the physical.”  
 Eighth Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference, Moscow, ID May 2005.
- “Four Conceptions of Culture.” Excel Cultural Lecture Series. Las Vegas, NV, February 2005.
- “2004 elections: Why two dudes kissing was more important than a failure to find Bin Laden.” Far  
 West Popular and American Culture Association Conference, Las Vegas, February, 2005.
- “How many Seattlites must like rain before “Seattlites like rain”? Analyzing collective ascription.  
 Fifty-Sixth Northwest Conference on Philosophy, Seattle, WA, October, 2004.
- “Which Relations? Why are those Moral?” Commentary on Ron Wilburn’s ‘Why Moral Knowledge  
 Is So Hard to Come By’.” Seventh Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference, Moscow, ID  
 May 2004.
- “Why Liberal = Elite. Laura Ingraham, Talk radio, and Right wing Populism.” Far West Popular and  
 American Culture Association Conference, Las Vegas, February, 2004.
- "The Role of Philosophy in Today's World." Public presentation for UNESCO's World Philosophy Day.  
 Las Vegas, November 2003.
- “The Virtues of Non-reduction, Even When Reduction is a Virtue.” Fifty Fifth Northwest  
 Conference on Philosophy, Reed College, Portland OR, October, 2003.
- "Why I Am Not Really a Reductionist." UNLV Philosophy Department Colloquium. October, 2003.
- “What Do We Do When the Demands Aren’t Met?” Commentary on Thomas Garner’s  
 "Supervenience Physicalism: Meeting the Demands of Determinism and Explanation.” Sixth  
 Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference, Moscow, ID May 2003.
- “Explaining the Social Using Only the Individual.” Forty Fifth Western Social Science Conference,  
 Las Vegas, April 2003
- “Thin Fashion Models and Thick Cultural Norms." Far West Popular and American Culture  
 Association Conference, Las Vegas, February, 2003.
- “The Cultural Relativity of Cognition.” International Association for Linguistics and Social Science  
 Conference, Las Vegas, November, 2002.
- “The Failure of the Best Argument against Social Reduction.” Fifty-Fourth Northwest Conference  
 on Philosophy, Portland, Oregon, October, 2002.
- “Popular Political Labels: the Unity Beneath the Jumble.” Fourteenth Far West Popular and American Culture  
 Association Conference, Las Vegas, February, 2002.

Presented Papers (continued)

"Fie on Conventional Wisdom: Multiple Realizability and Reduction are Compatible." Fifty-

- Third Northwest Conference on Philosophy, Pullman, WA, October, 2001.
- "Film Criticism and Engineering." Annual Colloquium on Modern Literature and Film, West Virginia University, September 2001
- "Why Physics Really Can Explain Everything" UNLV Philosophy Department Colloquium. April, 2001.
- "Where's the Freedom? A Reply to Michael Watkins' Indeterminacy in a Deterministic World." Fourth Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference, Moscow, ID, May, 2001.
- "How to be a movie critic in 4 easy steps; a view from philosophy." Far West Popular and American Culture Association Conference, Las Vegas, February, 2001.
- "Putnam vs. Feysabend: The Continuum." Commentary on "The Structural Nature of Theory Incommensurability." by Chad Mohler. Fifty-second Northwest Conference on Philosophy, Pacific State University, Portland, OR, November 2000.
- "Uncovering "Cultural Meaning": Problems and Solutions." Third Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference, Moscow, ID March 2000.
- "The Bongo-Bongo think..." How Groups Can Have (Hard to Uncover) Beliefs. Invited lecture. University of Nevada, Reno, February 2000.
- "What CBS wants. How Groups Can Have Beliefs." Far West Popular and American Culture Association Conference, Las Vegas, February, 2000.
- "Ethnography and Sister Sciences: Why Refuse Assistance?" 51 Northwest Conference on Philosophy, North Idaho State, Couer D'Alene, Idaho, October 1999.
- "Where Have All the Flowers Gone? A Unified Account of the Waning of 'The Sixties'." Far West Popular and American Culture Association Conference, Las Vegas, February, 1998.
- "Can Groups Have Beliefs?" Invited lecture. Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, PA, November, 1998.
- "Translation and Belief Ascription: Fundamental Barriers." Invited paper. Postmodernism, Translation, and Anthropology Conference. Columbia University, New York City, November, 1998.
- "FIC Descriptions and Interpretive Social Science: Should Philosophers Roll Their Eyes." Invited paper. Philosophy Colloquium Series, CUNY Graduate Center, New York City, April 1998.
- "Ascribing Beliefs to Groups." Invited lecture. Philosophy Colloquium Series, City University of New York, December 1997.
- "Romeo Is No Flirt: Sex Differences in Amorous Behavior," Far West Popular and American Culture Association Conference, Las Vegas, January, 1997.
- "History, Representation, Understanding, and Explanation," Annual Colloquium on Modern Literature and Film, West Virginia University, October 1996.
- "Explaining to Colleagues What Philosophers of Science Do" 48th Northwest Conference on Philosophy, University of Portland, October 1996.
- "Ethnography, Belief Ascription, and Epistemological Limits," Invited lecture, Hampton-Sydney College, April 1996.
- "Understanding the Rise of the Radical Right -- the Quick Guide," Far West Popular and American Culture Association Conference, Las Vegas, February, 1996.
- "Thick Description, Fat Syntax, and Alternative Conceptual Schemes," Tenth International Congress of Logic, Methodology And Philosophy of Science, Florence, Italy, August 1995.
- "Thick Description, Fat Syntax, and Alternative Conceptual Schemes." The Society for Philosophy and Psychology Annual Conference, SUNY Stonybrook, Stonybrook NY, June 1995.
- "Indiana Jones and the Perils of Belief Ascription." Australasian Cognitive Science Society Conference, University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia, April 1995
- Presented Papers (continued)
- "Decisiveness, Contemplation, and Clinton." Far West Popular and American Culture Association Conference. Las Vegas, February, 1995
- "What Philosophers of Science Do," UNLV Physics Colloquium, Las Vegas, January 1995

Commentary on 'Stich on Intentionality and Rationality.' by William DeVries, American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, Los Angeles, CA, March, 1994  
Commentary on "Explanatory Unification and the Problem of Asymmetry." by Eric Barnes, American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Louisville, KY, April, 1992  
Commentary on "Explanatory Unification and the Problem of Asymmetry." by Eric Barnes, American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Louisville, KY, April, 1992  
"The Road to Chiang Mai is Buried: Cognitive Information Hiding in Lisu Curing." Annual Midwest Asian Society Conference, Urbana, IL, September, 1986.

#### Works in Preparation

*Here's Why that Movie Was Bad...: A Unified Theory of Art and Artifact Criticism* (book).

"General Theory of Theory Competition" (article).  
"Explanation by Subsumption." (article).  
"Goals in Explanation."(article).  
"Norms and Social Facts (article)

#### Professional Activities

Editorial Board member, *Handbook of the Philosophy of Social Sciences* – 2008, 2009  
Referee: *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophy of the Social Sciences*, *Metaphilosophy* , *Environmental History*, *Philosophy of Science*, *Society for Philosophy and Psychology* , *Synthese*, *International Journal of the Social Sciences*.  
Reviewed new addition of *Logic* for Prentice-Hall 2008.  
Reviewed new edition of *Introduction to Logic* for Thompson Learning -- 2005  
Reviewed proposal for new philosophy text *Knowledge and Nature* for Wadsworth Press -- 2005  
Reviewed proposed textbook, *A Beginner's Guide to the Scientific Method* for Wadsworth Press -- 1993.  
Reviewed proposed textbook, *Philosophical Issues in Cognitive Science* for Wadsworth Press -- 1993.  
Research assistant for "Naturalizing the Philosophy of Science," University of California Grant Project --1989.  
Anthropology Research Assistant, Hamilton College --1983.  
Anthropology Fieldwork in Nepal -- 1983.