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POSITIONS

Chair of Philosophy (May 2016-present)
Interim Chair of Philosophy (August 2015-April 2016)
Tenured Full Professor of Philosophy, University of South Alabama (8/2013-present)
Tenured Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of South Alabama (8/2004-8/2013)
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of South Alabama (8/1999–8/2004)
Post-Doctoral Research Fellow in Epistemology in Amsterdam with the Faculteit der
Wijsbegeerte (Philosophy) at the Vrije Universiteit (Free University) (1998-1999)

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Epistemology, Early Modern Philosophy, Philosophy of Religion

AREAS OF COMPETENCY

Metaphysics, Ethics, Logic, Philosophy of Science

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Hume's Radical Scepticism and the Fate of Naturalized Epistemology
(Palgrave Macmillan, 2013)
The Philosophical Challenge of Religious Diversity, edited with Philip L. Quinn
(Oxford University Press, 2000)

PAPERS

“‘Bartleby,’ Literary Interpretation and the Problem of Evil”, *Studies in American Culture* 39, 1 (October 2016): 21-39.
“Genetic Integrity and the Very Idea of a Prima Facie Duty”, *Ethics, Policy & Environment* 18, 3 (2016): 256-258.
“Ethics and Epistemology in Hume”, *The European Legacy* 18, 4 (2013): 457-466.
“Quine on Hume and the Analytic/Synthetic Distinction”, *Philosophia* 39,2 (2011): 369-373.
“Skeptics without Borders”, (co-authored with Ted Poston) *American Philosophical Quarterly* 47, 3 (July 2010): 223-238.
“Hume on Certainty, Knowledge, and Probability: Anticipating the Disintegration of the Analytic/Synthetic Divide?” *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 88 (June 2007): 226-242
“Pluralism, Exclusivism, and the Theoretical Virtues”, *Religious Studies* 42 (June 2006): 193-206 [with a reply from John Hick]
“Was Hume a Proper Functionalist?”, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 72, 1 (January 2006): 120-136

PAPERS (continued)

- “Justification and the Social Nature of Knowledge”, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 69, 1 (July 2004): 156-172
- “Truth, Justification, and the Epistemic Way”, *Journal of Philosophical Research* 28 (2003): 287-309
- “Is Hume’s Epistemology Internalist or Externalist?”, *Dialogue* 40, 1 (January 2001): 125-146
- “Hume’s Iterative Probability Argument: A Pernicious *Reductio*”, *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 38, 2 (April 2000): 221-238
- “Knowledge from Gossip?”, *Philosophia* 27, 3-4 (November 1999): 537-539
- “Hume: Radical Sceptic or Naturalized Epistemologist?”, *Hume Studies* 24, 1 (April 1998): 31-52
- “Chisholming Away at Plantinga’s Critique of Epistemic Deontology”, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 76, 1 (March 1998): 90-96
- “Should We Abandon Epistemic Justification?”, *Southwest Philosophy Review* 13, 1 (January 1997): 129-136
- “William Alston’s Epistemology of Religious Experience: A ‘Reformed’ Reformed Epistemology?”, *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 35, 2 (April 1994): 89-110

BOOK/PROCEEDINGS CONTRIBUTIONS

- “Hume’s Certain Doubts: Why We Should Worry Too”, *Brill Studies in Skepticism – The Mystery of Skepticism: New Explorations* (Forthcoming).
- “Decisions that Change Who We Are”, in *The Americans and Philosophy*, edited by Robert Arp and Kevin Guilfooy (Chicago: Open Court, 2018), 105-116.
- “Dangerous Conscience?” in *The Americans and Philosophy*, edited by Robert Arp and Kevin Guilfooy (Chicago: Open Court, 2018), 171-181.
- “I Can’t Be Sure of Anything Anymore”, in *The X-Files and Philosophy: The Truth is in Here*, edited by Robert Arp (Chicago: Open Court, 2017), 217-223.
- “Is *The X-Files* Bad For Us?”, in *The X-Files and Philosophy: The Truth is in Here*, edited by Robert Arp (Chicago: Open Court, 2017), 293-299.
- “The Challenge of Religious Diversity” (co-authored with Philip L. Quinn), in *The World of Philosophy*, edited by Steven M. Cahn (New York: Oxford University Press, 2016), 192-193 [reprinted from *The Philosophical Challenge of Religious Diversity*].
- “Supervenience, Materialism, and Scepticism: Critiquing Some Key Epistemological Underpinnings of Chalmers’ Dualistic Philosophy of Mind”, in *Knowledge and Belief: 26th International Wittgenstein Symposium*, edited by Winfried Loeffler and Paul Weingartner (Austrian Ludwig Wittgenstein Society, Kirchberg am Wechsel, Austria, 2003), 224-226 (refereed)
- “Exclusivism, Pluralism, and Anarchy”, in *God Matters: Readings in the Philosophy of Religion*, edited by Ray Martin and Chris Bernard (New York: Longman, 2003), 524-534 (invited)
- “Religious Epistemology: An Introduction”, in *Philosophy of Religion: A Contemporary Reader and Guide*, edited by William Lane Craig (Edinburgh University Press, 2001), 7-16 (also editor for the Religious Epistemology section; invited)
- “Introduction” (co-authored with Philip L. Quinn), in *The Philosophical Challenge of Religious Diversity* (Oxford University Press, 2000), 1-28

REVIEWS

- Review of Graciela De Pierris' *Ideas, Evidence, and Method: Hume's Skepticism and Naturalism concerning Knowledge and Causation* (co-authored with Allan Hillman), *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (February 2016): <http://ndpr.nd.edu/news/64878-ideas-evidence-and-method-humes-skepticism-and-naturalism-concerning-knowledge-and-causation/>
- Review of Paul Russell's *The Riddle of Hume's Treatise: Skepticism, Naturalism, and Irreligion*, *Mind* 124, 494 (April 2015): 675-679
- Review of Robert Fogelin's *Hume's Skeptical Crisis: A Textual Study*, *Mind* 124, 493 (January 2015): 331-334.
- Review of Frederick F. Schmitt's *Hume's Epistemology in the Treatise: A Veritistic Interpretation*, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (September 2014): <http://ndpr.nd.edu/news/50338-hume-s-epistemology-in-the-treatise/>
- Review of Louis Loeb's *Reflection and the Stability of Belief*, *Hume Studies* 39, 2 (November 2013): 257-260.
- Review of Philip L. Quinn's *Essays in the Philosophy of Religion, Faith and Philosophy* (July 2010) 27, 3: 348-352.
- Review of Fred Wilson's *The External World and Our Knowledge of It: Hume's Critical Realism, an Exposition and Defence*, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (September 2009): <http://ndpr.nd.edu/review.cfm?id=17366>
- Review of Duncan Pritchard's *Epistemic Luck*, *Mind* 116, 464 (November 2007): 1159-1162.
- Review of Paul Helm's *Faith with Reason*, *International Philosophical Quarterly* 42, 1 (March 2002): 126-128
- Review of Paul Helm's *Faith and Understanding*, *Theology Today* 57, 3 (October 2000): 441-442
- Review of Georges Dicker's *Hume's Epistemology and Metaphysics: An Introduction*, *Hume Studies* 25, 1/2 (April/November 1999): 250-255
- Review of Keith Lehrer's *Self-Trust: A Study of Reason, Knowledge, and Autonomy* (co-authored with René van Woudenberg), *Philosophical Books* 40, 4 (October 1999): 252-256
- Review of Daniel Howard-Snyder's *The Evidential Argument from Evil*, *Faith and Philosophy* 15, 1 (January 1998): 117-123

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- "Humean Skepticism about Logic", Alabama Philosophical Society (September 2017)
- "Hume's Certain Doubts: Why We Should Worry Too", Invited Speaker at Hume Workshop Rijksuniversiteit Groningen (December 2016)
- "Rethinking Reliabilism", Southern Epistemology Conference (October 2015)
- "Rescuing Reliable Knowledge", Alabama Philosophical Society (October 2015)
- "Hume and Historical Interpretation", Alabama Philosophical Society (October 2014).
- "Agreement, Philosophical Knowledge and the Problem of Evil", Religious Disagreement: Epistemological Perspectives, Utah Valley University (September 2013)
- "Ethics and Epistemology in Hume", 39th Hume Conference in Calgary (July 2012).
- "There's No Place Like Home: Hume, Williamson, and the Extent of Cognitive Homelessness," 37th International Hume Conference in Antwerp (July 2010).
- "Was Hume Mathematically Challenged?" 35th International Hume Conference in Iceland (August 2008)
- "Hume on Hume: Consistency, Charity and Context", 34th International Hume Conference at Boston University (August 2007)
- "Hume's Hyper-Cartesianism", 32nd International Hume Conference at the University of Toronto (July 2005)
- "Pluralism, Exclusivism, and the Theoretical Virtues", Society for Philosophy of Religion Meeting, Hilton Head, South Carolina (February 2005)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS (continued)

- “Hume, Virtue Epistemology, and Proper Functionalism”, Virtue Epistemology Conference in Stirling, Scotland (November 2004)
- “Hume’s Universal Acid: Subversive Naturalism”, 31st International Hume Conference at Keio University in Tokyo, Japan (August 2004)
- “Development of the Philosophical and Methodological Beliefs Inventory”, co-authored with Burke Johnson, Eric Loomis and Anthony Onwuegbuzie, American Educational Research Association, San Diego (April 2004) [I was unable to attend the conference but the paper was presented by Dr. Johnson and Dr. Loomis.]
- “On Environmentalism, Essentialism, and Epistemic Humility: A Response to Dilley, Schilbrack, and Peppers-Bates”, response to a book panel on The Philosophical Challenge of Religious Diversity at the Society for Philosophy of Religion Meeting, Mobile (March 2004).
- “Back to the Future: Contemporary Naturalism and Humean Naturalism”, Presidential Address for the Alabama Philosophical Society (October 2003)
- “Supervenience, Materialism, and Scepticism: Critiquing Some Key Epistemological Underpinnings of Chalmers’ Dualistic Philosophy of Mind”, Knowledge and Belief: 26th International Wittgenstein Symposium, Kirchberg amWeschel, Austria (August 2003)
- “Hume on Certainty, Knowledge, and Probability: Anticipating the Disintegration of the Analytic/Synthetic Divide?” 30th Hume Conference in Las Vegas (August 2003).
- “Was Hume a Proper Functionalist?”, 29th International Hume Conference in Helsinki, Finland (August 2002).
- “Science Founded on Scepticism: Is Hume Entitled to the Title Principle?”, Colloquium Paper, Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association (APA) in Chicago (April 2002).
- “Doxastic Responsibility and the Normativity of Knowledge: Epistemic Deontology versus Proper Function?”, Auburn Philosophical Society (October 2001).
- “The Revenge of the Kantians: Postmodernism, Religious Pluralism, and Properly Basic Theistic Belief”, The Epistemology of Basic Belief Conference in Amsterdam, The Netherlands (June 2001).
- “Supervenience, Materialism, and Conceivability: Critiquing the Context of Chalmers’ Dualistic Philosophy of Mind”, Colloquium Paper, Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association in San Francisco, California (March 2001). Also presented at the Alabama Philosophical Society (October 2000).
- “Justification, Context, and the Social Nature of Knowledge”, Royal Irish Academy’s National Committee for Philosophy 20th Annual Conference on Epistemology in Dublin (May 2000).
- “Justification and the Social Nature of Knowledge”, Symposium paper, Pacific Division Meeting of the APA in Albuquerque, New Mexico (April 2000).
- “Truth, Justification, and the Epistemic Way”, Alabama Philosophical Society (October 1999).
- “On the Unity of Normativity: Ethical and Epistemic Justification”, Philosophy Faculty Colloquium, Vrije Universiteit (November 1998).
- “Religious Diversity, Ethics, and Epistemic Arbitrariness”, Philosophy of Religion Symposium, Rijksuniversiteit Groningen (September 1998).
- “Alston on Justification and the Epistemic Point of View”, Colloquium Paper, Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association in Los Angeles, California (March 1998).
- “Chisholm’s Critique of Plantinga’s Critique of Epistemic Deontology”, Indiana Philosophical Association at Ball State University (November 1997).
- “Hume’s Iterative Probability Argument: A Pernicious Reductio”, 24th International Hume Conference in Monterey, California (July 1997).

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS (continued)

- “Hume’s Sceptical Internalism”, Colloquium Paper, Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association in Berkeley, California (March 1997).
- “Should We Abandon Epistemic Justification?”, Southwestern Philosophical Society Meeting (November 1996).
- “William Alston’s Attack on Epistemic Justification”, 1996 Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference at Oklahoma State University (September 1996).
- “Is Hume’s Epistemology Internalist or Externalist?”, 23rd International Hume Conference in Nottingham, United Kingdom (July 1996).
- “Hume’s Scepticism about Reason and Naturalized Epistemology”, Colloquium Paper, Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association in Seattle, Washington (April 1996).
- “Hume: Radical Sceptic or Naturalized Epistemologist?”, 22nd International Hume Conference in Park City, Utah (July 1995). Also presented at the University of Notre Dame Faculty Colloquium (April 1995).

OTHER CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- Commentator on Ben McCraw’s “Internalist Epistemic Virtue: A Neo-Stoic Model” Southeastern Epistemology Conference (October 2017)
- Chair of Session at Southeast Epistemology Conference (October 2017)
- Chair of Session at Southeast Epistemology Conference (October 2016)
- Chair of Session at 8th Orange Beach Epistemology Workshop (May 2016)
- Chair of Session at 6th Orange Beach Epistemology Workshop (May 2014)
- Chair of Session at 5th Orange Beach Epistemology Workshop (May 2013)
- Chair of Session at 3rd Orange Beach Epistemology Workshop (May 2011)
- Invited Participant at Princeton University’s “Knowledge, Faith and Disagreement: The Epistemological Significance Of Religious Pluralism: A Workshop” (April 2008)
- Chair of Session at Phil Quinn Memorial Conference (December 2005)
- Chair of Session on Hume and Cognitive Science at 31st International Hume Conference at Keio University in Tokyo, Japan (August 2004)
- Chair of Epistemology Sections at *Knowledge and Belief: 26th International Wittgenstein Symposium*, Kirchberg am Wechsel, Austria (August 2003)
- Commentator on Anthony Perovich’s “Alan Donagan on the Relation of Religion to Morality”, 43rd Wheaton Philosophy Conference (November 1996).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses taught at Goshen College, Indiana University of South Bend, St. Mary’s College, University of Notre Dame and University of South Alabama

Classical Philosophy (team taught on-line); Introduction to Ethics; Introduction to Philosophy (regular and online); Epistemology/Theory of Knowledge; Ethical Implications of Scientific Progress; God and Evil in Logic and Literature; Native American Thought; Philosophy of Religion; Philosophy of Science; Renaissance and Enlightenment; Skepticism in Film and Philosophy; World Religions (online)

Directed Studies at the University of South Alabama

Animal Rights; Early Modern Philosophy; Environmental Ethics; Epistemology; Ethics; Native American Thought; Natural Law; Philosophy of Religion; Problem of Evil; Religious Diversity; Recent Religious Epistemology; Skepticism in Film and Literature

CREATIVE PRODUCTIONS

- Photograph cover for *Hume's Radical Scepticism and the Fate of Naturalized Epistemology* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2013)
- Photograph cover for *Studies in American Culture* (October 2017).

ACADEMIC FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, GRANTS, AND HONORS

- Native American Studies Summer Professor (2015)
- Mortar Board Top Prof Award (2011)
- Award for Teaching Excellence for College of Arts and Sciences 2007 (\$3,000)
- University of South Alabama Research Council 2003-04 Research Grant for travel to conferences while writing *Hume's Radical Scepticism* (\$1500)
- Arts and Sciences Summer 2003 Research Award (\$3625)
- Arts and Sciences Support and Development Grant to attend the 2003 Rutgers Epistemology Conference (\$650)
- Junior Faculty Teaching Award for College of Arts and Sciences 2003 (\$1,000)
- Junior Faculty Scholarship Award for College of Arts and Sciences 2002 (\$1,000)
- Pacific Division of the APA (1997): Graduate Student Award and Travel Grant for "Hume's Sceptical Internalism" (\$300)
- Pacific Division of the APA (1996): Graduate Student Award and Travel Grant for "Hume's Scepticism about Reason and Naturalized Epistemology" (\$300)

SERVICE

DEPARTMENT

- Chair, Promotion Committee of Dr. Ted Poston (2014-2015)
- Chair, Departmental Search Committee (2014-2015)
- Chair, Tenure and Promotion Committee of Dr. T. Allan Hillman (2013-2014)
- Member, Promotion Committee of Dr. Harrison Miller (History; 2013-2014)
- Member, Tenure Committee of Dr. Ted Poston (2011)
- Member, Pre-Tenure Review of Dr. Alan Hillman (2011)
- Member, Pre-Tenure Review of Dr. Ted Poston (2009)
- Chair, Departmental Search Committee (2007-2008)
- Member, Search Committee (2007)
- Chair, Tenure Committee of Dr. Eric Loomis (2006)
- Library Liaison (1999-2006)
- Member, Departmental Search Committee (2005-2006)
- Departmental Secretary (Fall 2000; Spring 2002; Spring 2005)
- Chair, Pre-Tenure Review of Dr. Eric Loomis (2004)
- Member, Departmental Search Committee (2000-2001)
- Member, Curriculum Committee (2000-present; Chair 2002-2003)
- Member, Evaluation Committee (2000-present)
- Member, Merit Committee (2000-present; Chair 2001-2002)

COLLEGE

Chair, Tenure Committee (2013-2014)
Member, Promotion Committee (2013-2014)
Member, Summer Research Grants (2010-2011)
Member, Tenure Committee (2008-2009)
Chair, Sabbatical Committee (2006-2007)
Member, Tenure Committee (2004-2005)
Member, Summer Research Grants (2004-05)
Member, Arts and Sciences Support and Development Committee (2000-01; 01-02)
Member, APPC (October 2002-2003; took over after Dr. Youngblood's illness)

UNIVERSITY

Member, Course Fee Review Committee (2014-2017)
Member, University Writing Committee (2006-2007)
Member, Master's Committee for Pritham Chenchelgudem "Global Ethics and Public Relations: International Code of Ethics – A Content Analysis"; Defense Date: 11/13/04
Member, Master's Committee for Jessica L. Ross "The Role of Public Relations Practitioners in the Creation and Implementation of Corporate Social Responsibility Codes"; Defense Date: 6/16/06
Member, British and Irish Studies Program CCSA (2002-2008)
Member for Arts & Sciences, University Honor Code (2004)

PROFESSION

President of the Alabama Philosophical Society (October 2002-October 2003)
Vice President of the Alabama Philosophical Society (October 2001-October 2002)
Secretary/Treasurer of the Alabama Philosophical Society (October 2000-October 2001)
Referee for the *American Philosophical Quarterly*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Broadview Press*, *Erkenntnis*, *Faith and Philosophy* (4x), *History of Philosophy Quarterly*, *Hume Studies* (9x), *International Journal for the Study of Skepticism*, *Journal of Ethics*, *Journal of Philosophical Research* (2x), *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, McGill-Queen's University Press, Oxford University Press, Palgrave Macmillan, *Philo*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Philosophy Compass*, *Philosophical Papers*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Religious Studies*, *Sophia* (2x) and *Synthese* (3x)
Reviewer for the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (2002)
Program Committee for 32nd International Hume Conference in Toronto (2005)
Referee for 2006 Southwestern Philosophical Society Meeting
Referee for 36th (2009), 38th (2011), 41st (2104) , 42nd (2015) and 43rd (2016) International Hume Conferences

EDUCATION

PhD, Philosophy 1998 University of Notre Dame
Dissertation: *Knowledge and Norms: A Defense of Epistemic Justification*
Director: Philip L. Quinn
MA, Philosophy 1994 University of Notre Dame
BA, *Summa Cum Laude*, 1991 Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois
Major: Philosophy (Departmental Honors)