June 24, 2008

Dr. David Schrader
Executive Director
The American Philosophical Association
University of Delaware
31 Amstel Avenue
Newark, DE 19716-4797

Dear Dr. Schrader,

I am writing to submit a grant proposal to the American Philosophical Association for the Society for Philosophers in America. The proposal is titled “End of Life Ethics, the Environment, and the Arts: Three Practical Workshops Forging New Relationships.” The steering committee for this proposal is made up of Dr. Doug Anderson of Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Dr. John J. McDermott of Texas A & M University, and me, Dr. Eric Thomas Weber of The University of Mississippi.

Accompanying this cover letter I have included a ten-page proposal followed by a CV for each member of the steering committee. Three physical copies of the proposal will arrive in the main offices of the APA within the next few days. In this electronic version of the proposal file you will find Adobe “bookmarks,” which should allow easy navigation of the document when viewed on the computer. If you require anything further in consideration of this proposal, please do not hesitate to contact me at the addresses listed atop my CV.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Eric Thomas Weber, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor
The Society for Philosophers in America (SOPHIA)
June 18, 2008

“End of Life Ethics, the Environment, and the Arts: Three Practical Workshops Forging New Relationships”

Project Grant Proposal
Awarded by the American Philosophical Association

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I. Names and Affiliations

The SOPHIA project steering committee for this grant proposal consists of:

Dr. Douglas Anderson, Executive Director of SOPHIA and Professor of Philosophy at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Carbondale, IL.

Dr. John J. McDermott, Trustee of SOPHIA, Distinguished Professor of Philosophy and Humanities and Abell Professor of Liberal Arts, Texas A & M University, College Station, TX.

Dr. Eric Thomas Weber, Treasurer of SOPHIA and Principal Investigator for this proposal, Assistant Professor, Department of Public Policy Leadership, The University of Mississippi, 105 Odom Hall, University, MS, 38677, 662.915.1336 (office), 662.915.6622 (fax), etweber@olemiss.edu.

If you have any questions regarding this proposal, please contact Dr. Weber

II. Curriculum Vitae for Each Member of the Project Steering Committee

Curriculum vitae for each member of the steering committee are included here after page 10 of this proposal, ordered as above.
III. Account of the Project’s Purpose and Timeline

Purpose. The purpose of the project “End of Life Ethics, the Environment, and the Arts: Three Practical Workshops for Philosophers and New Friends” is to bring together philosophers and non-philosophers to talk about interests and problems in common. The guiding idea behind this project is the motivation of SOPHIA. As an organization, SOPHIA aims to broaden the potential for academic philosophers to demonstrate their value outside the ivory tower, and to pursue new opportunities for professional philosophers, such as in writing, consulting, and other applications of critical thinking. SOPHIA will soon be seeking large grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities and other funding sources. Thus, the present grant proposal is intended to serve as a seed project for larger grants and as a match for funds we have obtained from three universities.

One more element of SOPHIA’s mission is distinctive. The founders of SOPHIA believed that the traditional way in which academic philosophers initiate dialogue at professional conferences is not ideal for interaction with persons who are not scholars. Generally, philosophers present argumentative papers, often reading them to other philosophers with the hope of hearing challenges to their views. With these critiques, scholars then sharpen their arguments and contribute to debates amongst a small group of other professional academics. SOPHIA’s aim is to foster a different kind of dialogue, one in which organized, directed, and focused conversations are the format for meetings. When people present papers at professional conferences, presenters are the ones who fundamentally frame the debates discussed. By contrast, SOPHIA events will foster dialogue which works to set the terms of debate as a group, allowing many voices to participate in the descriptions of the problems we will address through conversation. Also, our events bring together philosophers and non-philosophers, reaching
beyond the academy to promote conversation beyond traditional academic settings. SOPHIA’s workshops aim to initiate conversations that we hope will continue long after our events are over. When we start conversations, we initiate relationships. These can continue in the form of writing for broader audiences, collaborative work through consultancy, and more.

Each of the elements in the title of this project represents a workshop that SOPHIA will sponsor. “Ethics at the End of Life” will be the first such program. It will be hosted at The University of Mississippi. It will bring together philosophers who study ethics, death, social policy, and medicine to discuss matters of importance at the end of life with members of the community in Oxford, MS. Oxford has a large population of retired and elderly persons, drawn to retirement in this small, pleasant, college town. Thus, we believe that this workshop will draw many interested persons to come talk about their own experiences, interests, and worries with philosophers who study these issues. The main purpose is to foster dialogue which reaches beyond the academy, with a wider audience than is typical in professional philosophy.

The second workshop will be a symposium held at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, in Carbondale, Illinois, on the subject of the environment. This symposium will be called the “Midsouth Environmental Symposium.” It will bring together scholars and professionals from the Carbondale and surrounding communities to talk about environmental concerns and philosophical debates about climate change. The key to this and to all SOPHIA-sponsored events is our aims to share with non-philosophers what scholars have to offer about important issues and to learn from practitioners and affected persons about new worries and real problems that impact people. These goals serve to broaden the appeal of professional philosophers beyond the academy and to provide a source of subject matter for further scholarly study.
The third workshop will be a panel meeting at the University of Oregon, bringing together artists and philosophers from the Northwest to talk about art, aesthetics, support for the arts, and related issues with a practical though scholarly focus. This workshop will be called “Artists and Philosophers of the Northwest.” At this meeting, we hope to promote dialogue between artists, grantors, and public figures involved in art-related policy.

Our goal for APA funds will be to match the funds we have secured for each of these three events, partially supporting some food and beverage costs, including coffee and basics, keynote speaker honoraria, and most importantly participant travel awards. The idea behind the latter is that we aim to host truly regional events. We hope to draw to these workshops people who sometimes have quite limited yearly travel budgets. As such, we will offer each participant $100 towards the cost of the drive and hotel stay for the related symposium. And, we would like to invite 30 philosophers to each event. Some of the funds for these awards will come from SOPHIA funds, but SOPHIA’s budget is limited. So, the APA can significantly help people who are often less able to travel to professional events to do so and to broaden the possibilities and outlets for their research.

**Timeline.** The first workshop, “Ethics at the End of Life,” will take place at the end of January, 2008. We will therefore need support for this event in early to mid-January. The second event, the “Midsouth Environmental Symposium,” will be hosted in late April, 2008. We will need funds for this event a few weeks before this event. Finally, the workshop in Oregon, “Artists and Philosophers of the Northwest,” will take place in mid-summer, 2008. We will need to have funds together for this event by the end of June, 2008. A report on each event will be drafted within two months of each workshop and collected for review.
IV. Project Budget and Budget Narrative

See the next page for the project budget. The Budget Narrative is listed following the budget tables.
### Proposed Budget for SOPHIA Workshops

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The University of Mississippi  
January 30th - 31st, 2009

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Southern Illinois University Carbondale  
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The University of Oregon  
Early July, 2009

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**Total Funds Requested from the APA:**  
$10,160
Budget Narrative. Leaders of SOPHIA intend to seek funding in the future for the organization from the National Endowment for the Humanities. As such, this grant proposal is intended to secure seed money for larger programs and projects that SOPHIA will sponsor and organize. That said, this first project, “End of Life Ethics, the Environment, and the Arts: Three Practical Workshops for Philosophers and New Friends,” will have the matching support of four organizations and institutions, listed in the proposed budget tables and in section VI.

The expected costs of food and beverages, including a basic continental breakfast, and a simple lunch, with coffee and other simple beverages throughout the day, will be $800 each for the events at The University of Mississippi and Southern Illinois University Carbondale. Given that the SOPHIA event in Oregon will be last one day rather than two, we project food costs to total $500, $200 of which will be matched by The University of Oregon. To each event, SOPHIA has committed $500, which will support part of the food costs at the first two events, and will support the keynote speaker for the Oregon workshop.

Meeting rooms at each event will be provided by the relevant university as a contribution in kind. Also, The University of Mississippi and The University of Oregon will offer parking tags for visitors, whose value we have estimated at $10 per participant, with the expectation of 50 participants needing the tags. The same contribution from Southern Illinois University is valued at $150.

Participant travel awards make up the bulk of the contribution we hope to secure from the APA. Given that the events we will be organizing and sponsoring will each be regional, we hope to invite and entice people who do not often travel to professional events, especially due to the high costs of travel and the small budgets that many academic philosophers have for travel. So, we hope to issue 30 awards of $100 per workshop to support each traveling participant’s drive
and hotel stay. SOPHIA will contribute some funds for these awards for each event, given that this is one of the core values of SOPHIA’s initiative—to bring together people who often are not in dialogue, which includes philosophers with little or no research travel budgets.

At each event, we will have a keynote speaker. For the workshop at the University of Mississippi, John Lachs has committed to participate as our keynote speaker. Eric Thomas Weber’s department, Public Policy Leadership, has committed to supporting $500 of Dr. Lachs’s honorarium. We will seek further funds for his travel and honorarium from the university and from external sources as described in section VI. Our keynote speakers for the events at Southern Illinois University Carbondale and at the University of Oregon are still to be determined. We have budgeted $500 for the keynote speakers at SIUC and $1,000 for the event in Oregon. We hope to secure $500 for each event for the keynote speaker from the APA with the present grant proposal. The University of Oregon will match $500 of the cost for the event at their institution.

At the symposium in Illinois, we will need to secure a rental van to get people from the symposium to local state park areas, the cost of which we project to be $60. Carbondale is surrounded by beautiful parks that would be great places to bring participants for inspiration and relaxation at the end of one of the meeting days. We are requesting this support from the APA.

Finally, our workshop organizers include one assistant professor and two senior professors. The listing in the budget tables for organizers refers to in-kind contributions to these projects that roughly estimate the value of each organizer’s salary plus benefits for the time taken to organize each event.

In total, we see the funds we are requesting from the APA, a total of $10,160, as providing roughly a one third match of the support needed to put on each of the workshops we
are organizing. It is our aim to offer philosophers a new way to think about what they do and to share with people outside of academic philosophy department the value of philosophers’ scholarship. The support of the APA would be of great help in advancing these initiatives and for planting the seed from which our organization will grow.

V. **Designation of the Fiscal Agent**

Given that the principal investigator for this grant is Dr. Eric Thomas Weber at the University of Mississippi, the fiscal agent for this grant application is:

Nina Jones, Director of Accounting, Accounting, The University of Mississippi, 318 Martindale, University, MS 38677, nina@olemiss.edu, 662.915.7078 (phone).

VI. **Information about Other Funding Obtained or Sought**

*Current funding sources.* At the time this proposal is drafted, SOPHIA has four sources of funds, three of them matching. The first is its own resources, committing $500 per workshop. The three remaining sources of funds are each home institution for the respective workshops: The University of Mississippi, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, and the University of Oregon. Funds from these institutions have been contributed from departmental resources at each institution, and from the universities’ in-kind support in terms of rooms, parking, and salaries for the workshop organizers.

*Future funding sources.* Eric Thomas Weber will be soliciting further support for the workshop at the University of Mississippi, such as from the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College, which may be able to support some of the travel costs of the keynote speaker, Dr. Lachs. If this workshop qualifies, we will also apply for a mini-grant from the Mississippi Humanities Council to support Dr. Lachs’s travel and honorarium.
Beyond these sources, SOPHIA will apply in the next year for a large grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, given the SOPHIA’s focus on philosophers in America and its interest in the impact of humanities scholarship on the lives of citizens. Future projects and workshops would be developed also to support the expansion of opportunities for professional philosophers with the support of the NEH especially.
Douglas R. Anderson  
Department of Philosophy  
3026 Faner Hall  
Southern Illinois University at Carbondale  
618-453-7435  
dra3@siu.edu

**Areas of Specialty**: History of American Philosophy, Peirce, Philosophy of Religion.

**Areas of Competence**: Aesthetics, Ethics, History of Philosophy, American Studies.

**Education**: B.A. Moravian College, Honors, 1980.  

**Faculty Appointments**:  
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Wittenberg University, 1984-90.  
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Penn State University, 1990-93.  
Associate Professor of Philosophy, Penn State University, 1994-2005  
Professor of Philosophy, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, 2005-

**Administrative Experience**:  
Undergraduate Advisor, SIUC, 2007-  
Department Graduate Officer, Penn State, 1996-1998.  
Department Undergraduate Officer, Penn State, 1995-96.  
Acting Graduate Officer, Penn State, 1993-94.  
President (1986-87) and Acting Administrator (1987-1988), Wittenberg Faculty Development Organization.  
Director of American Studies (1987-90), Wittenberg University

**Awards and Offices**:  
Executive Director, SOPHIA, 2007-  
NEH Summer Seminar Participant, University of New Mexico, 2007.  
Penn State University Milton Eisenhower Award for Distinguished Teaching, 2001.  
PSEA Friend of the Schools Award, State College Area School District, 1998.

**Publications**

**Books**
Edited Books


*Springsteen and Philosophy*, co-edited with Randall Auxier, Open Court, forthcoming.

Articles in Journals


**Essays in Books**


“El jogo bonito y el gringo feo,” in *La pelota no dobla*? *Ensayos filosóficos en torno al


**Papers in Proceedings**


**Reviews**


*Racing the Sunset*, Scott Tinley, for the *Journal for the Philosophy of Sport*, XXXII, 1, 2005, pp. 116-118.


*Truth, Rationality, and Pragmatism*, Christopher Hookway, for *Philosophical Review* (111.2), April 2002.


*Peirce*, Christopher Hookway, for the *Newsletter of the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy*, June 1990.


On-line Writing

“For You the War is Over: Stories of American Airmen Interned in Switzerland in World War II,” linked at the home site for the American Swiss Internees Association.

Children’s Literature


External Programs

Guest lecturer, University of Helsinki, Finland, May 26-June 1, 2008.


Special guest, NEH funded workshop on experimental philosophy, Northern Arizona University, July 30-August 2, 2008.

Editing

Editor-in Chief, Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society, 2008-

Co-editor of Book Series in American Philosophy, Fordham University Press, 2000-


Contributing Editor, The Peirce Edition Project, Volumes V, VI.

Teaching and Dissertation Work

Full teaching vita is in a separate file, available on request.

Dissertations Directed

Daniel Campos, Creativity and Discovery in Mathematics, co-director with Emily Grosholz, 2005.
Lara Trout, Peirce and Affectivity, 2005.
Stacey Ake, "The Quest for Individuality within the Evolutionary Matrix," 1999, co-director with Carl Vaught.

Masters Theses Directed


Fellowships and Grants


Rock Ethics Institute New Course Award, for team taught course on food and values, 2004.
John William Miller Research Fellowship, for a book length study on the philosophy of John William Miller.

Speaking Engagements

Speaker


“The Influence of the St. Louis Hegelians on Pragmatism,” Conference on the St. Louis Hegelians, Webster University, April 2008.


“Reading Russom and Philosophy Americana,” Western Canadian Philosophical Association, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Canada, October 2007.

“What is a Living Tradition?” NEH Summer Seminar, University of New Mexico, July 2007.


“Emerson’s Schellingean Natures,” Center for Pragmatism Studies Ninth Annual Meeting, plenary session, Pontifical University of Sao Paulo, Sao Paulo, Brasil, November 2006.

“Peirce’s Conception of Nature,” Brasilian Society for Philosophy of Science, Sao Paulo, November 2006.

“Teachers as Public Intellectuals,” Keynote Address, Baptist Association of Philosophy Teachers, Georgetown College, 2006.


"Philosophy Americana (2 lectures)," SAAP Summer Institute, University of Oregon, July 2003.

"James and Endurance Sport," International Association for the Philosophy of Sport, Ohio State University, June 2003.

"Performance Art and Dick Butkus," International Association for the Philosophy of Sport, Penn State, October 2003.


"Peirce's Neglected Argument (2 lectures)," SAAP Summer Institute, Vermont, 2000.

"Hocking, Bugbee, Marcel," Personalist Summer Institute, Western Carolina University, June 2000.

"Bugbee's Inward Wildness," SPEP, Penn State University, October 1999.


"Dewey and American Musics," co-presented with Crispin Sartwell of Vanderbilt University, Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy with APA Central Division, Louisville, April 1992.


Respondent--Chair


Chair, Peirce Society Meeting, Eastern APA, December 2003.


Organizer and Chair: Symposium on Pragmatism and Feminism. APA Central Division, Louisville, April 1992.


**Professional Service**

Executive Director, SOPHIA, 2007-

Local Arrangements Committee, International Association for the Philosophy of Sport, 2002.


President, The Charles Peirce Society, 2004


Chair, The Personalist Discussion Group of the APA, 1999-


Executive Committee Member, Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, 1996-1999.

Organizer, Third International Conference for Theology and Philosophy, Bad Boll, Germany, 1998.

Program Committee, APA Central Division, 1992.


Chair of Program Committee, Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, 1994 meeting.

**Professional Membership**

The Personalist Discussion Group

American Philosophical Association

Charles S. Peirce Society

Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy
The Metaphysical Society of America
The William James Society
The Josiah Royce Society
Society of Philosophers in America (SOPHIA)

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Community Service


JOHN J. McDERMOTT

Distinguished Professor of Philosophy and Humanities
Abell Professor of Liberal Arts

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Areas of Specialization
Classical American Philosophy, Philosophy of Culture, Medical Humanities, Philosophy of Education, Existentialism

Education
B.A. (Cum Laude) St. Francis College, 1953, Philosophy
M.A. Fordham University, 1954, Philosophy
Ph.D. (With Great Distinction) Fordham University, 1959, Philosophy
Post-Doctoral Fellow: Union Theological Graduate School, 1964-1965, American Studies
L.L.D. (Honoris Causa) University of Hartford, 1970 (for Contribution to Higher Education)

Teaching
Loughlin High School - Latin & English, 1953-1954
St. Francis College - Philosophy & English, 1954-1957
Queens College, C.U.N.Y.- Philosophy, 1956-1977 (Doctoral Faculty, 1970-77)
Texas A & M University – Philosophy and Humanities, 1977- present; Family and Community Medicine, 1981-1982; Humanities in Medicine, 1982-present.

Selected Honors and Awards
Queens College Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching, 1969-1970
E. Harris Harbison National Award for Gifted Teaching (Danforth Foundation) - 1970
Chosen as the first lifetime Fellow of the American Montessori Society
Received the Distinguished Achievement Award in Teaching from the Association of Former Students of Texas A&M University, May 1983
Recipient of Former Students Research Award, Texas A&M University, May 1989
Received the Herbert W. Schneider Award for “Distinguished Contributions to the Understanding and Development of American Philosophy,” from the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, 1993
Morton N. Cohen Award given for A Distinguished Edition of Letters, Volume VI of The Correspondence of William James, from the Modern Language Association, 1999. (Given to the Editors of the Correspondence).
Received Distinguished Research Award. College of Liberal Arts, Texas A&M University. 2000.
Endowment of the Speakership of the Texas A&M Faculty Senate in the name of John J. McDermott (provided by Samuel H. Black), 2001.

6/24/2008
Conference on the teaching and work of John J. McDermott held at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, October 2001.

Conference on the teaching and work of John J. McDermott held at C.W. Post College – Long Island University, June 2002.


Banquet in honor of McDermott’s fifty years of teaching held at Seattle University, April 11, 2003.

Recipient of the 2004 John Dewey Society Achievement Award (presented in San Diego, April 12, 2004).

University Distinguished Achievement Award for Teaching from the Association of Former Students, May 2004.

Presidential Professor Award for Teaching Excellence in perpetuity, May 2004.

Selected as Piper Professor of 2005 by the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation for outstanding scholarly and academic achievement.

Grants

As Principal Investigator, Project Director and General Editor of a multi-volume Critical Edition of The Correspondence of William James, grants were received from the National Endowment for the Humanities (~$1,400,000) and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation (~$175,000).

University Service

Presidential Search Advisory Committee, 2006-07

Executive Committee of Distinguished Professors, 2005-

Charter Speaker of the Faculty Senate, 1984

Head of Humanities in Medicine, 1982-90

Head of Philosophy Department, 1977-81

Professional Societies

American Association of University Professors, Former President of Texas A&M Chapter

American Montessori Society, Lifetime Fellow, a founder and former Vice President and member of the Board of Directors

American Philosophical Association

John Dewey Society

Josiah Royce Society, President 2005-07, Critical Edition Committee 2006-08

Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, Former President and one of five founders

Society of Philosophers in America, Board of Trustees

Southwestern Philosophical Society, Appointed Member of the Editorial Board

William James Society, Former President, Lifetime Fellow
Selected Publications

BOOKS


General Editor, The Correspondence of William James, 1856-1877, Volume IV. Edited by Ignas Skrupskelis and Elizabeth Berkeley. (Charlottesville: The University Press of Virginia, 1995), lii, 714. (Foreword, xv-xvii).

General Editor, The Correspondence of William James, 1878-1884, Volume V. Edited by Ignas Skrupskelis and Elizabeth Berkeley. (Charlottesville: The University Press of Virginia, 1997), liv, 677. (Foreword, xvii-xx).


General Editor, The Correspondence of William James, 1885-1889, Volume VI. Edited by Ignas Skrupskelis and Elizabeth Berkeley. (Charlottesville: The University Press of Virginia, 1998), xlvi, 746. (Foreword, xvii-xx).

General Editor, The Correspondence of William James, 1890-1894, Volume VII. Edited by Ignas Skrupskelis and Elizabeth Berkeley. (Charlottesville: The University Press of Virginia, 1999), lxi, 745. (Foreword, xvii-xx).

General Editor, The Correspondence of William James, 1895-June 1899, Volume VIII. Edited by Ignas Skrupskelis and Elizabeth Berkeley. (Charlottesville: The University Press of Virginia, 2000), lxiii, 762. (Foreword, xix-xxii).

General Editor, The Correspondence of William James, July 1899-1901, Volume IX. Edited by Ignas Skrupskelis and Elizabeth Berkeley. (Charlottesville: The University Press of Virginia, 2001), lvi, 752. (Foreword, xvii-xx).


General Editor, The Correspondence of William James, April 1905-1908, Volume XI. Edited by Ignas Skrupskelis and Elizabeth Berkeley. (Charlottesville: The University of Virginia Press, 2003), lxiv, 772. (Foreword, xix-xxii).
General Editor, The Correspondence of William James, April 1908-1910, Volume XII. Edited by Ignas Skrupskelis and Elizabeth Berkeley. (Charlottesville: The University Press of Virginia, 2004), lxii, 793. (Foreword, xix-xxiii; Afterword, 577-579).


ARTICLES


“Privacy and Social Therapy,” Soundings 51, no. 2 (summer 1968): 346-357.


“The Cultural Immortality of Philosophy as Human Drama,” Faculty Lecture Series (College Station, Texas: Texas A&M University, 1980), 1-28.


“Adults and Children: The Lock on the Gate," The Constructive Triangle 12, no. 4 (fall 1985): 6-9, 13. Published by the American Montessori Society.


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(Chicago: University of Illinois Press, 1993), ix-xii.

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Reconstruction of Culture, ed. John J. Stuhr (Albany: State University of New


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the American Philosophical Association 67 (June 1994): 7-28. Seventh Annual
Patrick Romanell Lecture.

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“The Confrontation Between Royce and Howison,” Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce

“All We Seem to Get Is Life: Implicitness, The Practical as Ontological,” Southwest

“Do Not Bequeath a Shamble – The Child in the Twenty-First Century: Innocent
Hostage to Mindless Oppression or Messenger to the World?,” The NAMTA 20,
no. 3 (summer 1995): 93-106.

“The Inevitability of Our Own Death: The Celebration of Time as a Prelude to Disaster,”
American Philosophical Naturalism in the Twentieth Century, ed. John Ryder
Streams of Experience: Reflections on the History and Philosophy of American
Culture (Amherst: University of Massachusetts Press, 1986).

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Introduction to The Philosophy of Loyalty, by Josiah Royce (Nashville: Vanderbilt
University Press, 1995), vii-xxi.

Dictionary of Philosophy (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1995), 221-

“Darnell Rucker,” Newsletter for the Society for the Advancement of American
Philosophy (fall 1996). Eulogy.


**Selected Presentations**


“The Virus of Cynicism,” Commencement Address, University of Hartford, June 1970. The speaker was chosen by the students and awarded an L.L.D. for service to Higher Education.


“Perspectives on Recent American Culture,” Swarthmore College, March 1978.
“Spires of Influence: Emerson and the Classical American Philosophers,” The University of California at Santa Cruz, December 1978.


Presidential Address, Seventh Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, Texas A&M University, February 1980.


Banquet Lecture, American Montessori Society, June 1980.

Annual University Faculty Lecturer, “The Cultural Immortality of Philosophy as Human Drama,” Texas A&M University, October 1980.


“The University: The Nectar is in the Journey,” August Commencement Address, Texas A&M University, 1982.

Panelist, Conference on Clinical Medical Ethics, The University of Tennessee at Knoxville, August 15-18, 1982.

Keynote Address, “America? The Loneliness of the Quest,” Conference on The Individual and the Community, Minnesota Committee on the Humanities, Moorhead State University, September 23, 1982.


“The Landscape of Medical Humanities,” Medical Staff, Olin Teague Veterans Hospital, Temple, Texas, December 1982.

Participant, Seminar on “Palliative Care for the Terminally Ill,” Olin Teague Veteran’s Hospital, Temple, Texas, December 1982.

“Medicine as an Art,” The Humanities in Pre-Medical Education, Texas Association of Advisors for the Health Professions, February 1983.

“The Importance of Medical Humanities,” School of Medicine, The University of Hawaii, Manoa Campus, April 1983.


“Engineering and Culture,” Banquet Lecture, Pi Tau Sigma, Mechanical Engineering Honor Society, Texas A&M University, July 1983.

“Pragmatism and World Civilization,” World Congress of Philosophy, Montreal, Canada, August 22, 1983.

“William James as Contemporary Critic,” American Psychological Association, Anaheim, California, August 30, 1983.

“High Technology and Medicine,” Faculty of Humanities in Medicine, American Association of Medical Colleges, Washington, D. C., November 1983.


“The Philosophy of American Culture,” Faculty and Graduate Students, Department of Philosophy, Fudan University, Shanghai, China, September 1985.

“Pragmatism and Marxism,” Seminar, Fudan University, Shanghai, China, September 1985.

“Contemporary American Medical Practice,” Seminar, Faculty of the Nanjing Medical College and Hospital, Nanjing, China, September 1985.


“Care of Defective Neo-natal Children,” Symposium Speaker, Conference for the Young President’s Organization, Winnipeg, Manitoba, October 1985.


“Possibility or Self-Deception: A Philosophical Approach to Late Nineteenth Century American Culture,” American Studies Association, San Diego, California, November 1985.

Major Consultant and Speaker, “Euthanasia,” Canadian radio in British Columbia with other guests: Jacob Javits, former Senator from New York; Derek Humphrey, Hemlock Society; and Host, David Barrett, former Premier of British Columbia, January 1986.


“Educational Issues and National Faculty Possibilities,” Board of Trustees of the National Faculty of Arts, Sciences and Humanities, Atlanta, Georgia, April 1987.


Participant, AIDS Seminar, sponsored by the Texas A&M Department of Biochemistry, October 1987.


“Vulnerability, Arrogance, Affection, Ambiguity,” University of Illinois, Medical School, Chicago Circle, June 1990.


“The Right to Die,” with Dax Cowart, College of Medicine, Texas A&M University, January 1992.


“Philosophy of Plato,” NEH Teacher’s Seminar, State University of New York at Stony Brook, July 1993.

“The Right to Die” and “Addiction,” Seminars to the Students and Faculty of the S.U.N.Y. Downstate Medical Center, Brooklyn, New York, November 1993.


Ralph W. Sleeper Symposium Chair, Annual Meeting of The Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, Houston, Texas, March 5, 1994.

The William James Synoptic Lectures, “Fearing the Vaudeville Hook: From the Street to the Academy,” Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids, Michigan, April 7, 1994.

Lectures and Seminars on Philosophy of Medicine, The San Antonio Health Science Center, San Antonio, Texas, April 15, 1994.


“Plato’s Cave,” Visiting Lecturer, N.E.H. Seminar, State University of New York at Stony Brook, July 1996.


“The Humanities: Ornament or Marrow,” NEH, University of California, Berkeley, July 26, 1997.


Keynote Address, “Aesthetics Against the Grain,” American Society for Aesthetics, Rocky Mountain Division, Santa Fe, New Mexico, July 10, 1998.


Invited lecture on William James, University College - Dublin, Dublin, Ireland, February 9, 1999.


“Globalization and Higher Education,” The University of Hawaii in Honolulu, Hawaii, February 20-25, 2002. Member of invitation only panel with conferees from Pakistan, Kashmir, Guatemala, China, Australia, Germany, Italy, among others.


Presentation to TAMU Pre-Medical Honors Society (AEΔ), “Interpersonal Pitfalls and Possibilities of Medical Diagnosis,” December 2004

Presidential Address to the Josiah Royce Society, Vanderbilt University, April 2005.


**Notable Public Service Activities**

- Montessori teacher training at many national sites
- Member of a National Faculty of Humanities and Sciences task force sent to public schools and cities throughout the nation on behalf of curriculum reform
- Grand rounds at hospitals, nursing homes and prison infirmaries
- Consultation with many cities on the aesthetic dimensions of urban planning

**Travel**

- All fifty of the United States, Eastern Canada, Central Canada, Western Canada, Yucatan, Mexico City, Acapulco, Ireland, Wales, England, France, Italy, Austria, Soviet Union, Switzerland, Germany, East Germany, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, Holland, Denmark, Sweden, China, Japan, Philippines, Hong Kong, Tonga, Fiji, New Zealand, Northern Ireland, Poland
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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION
Ethics, Public Policy, Social and Political Philosophy, and American Philosophy.

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

EMPLOYMENT
The University of Mississippi (Ole Miss), Oxford, MS, 2007 – present
   Assistant Professor (tenure-track), Department of Public Policy Leadership.

Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL, 2004 – 2007
   Teaching Assistant, Webmaster, and I.T. support, Dept. of Phil. and Center for Dewey Studies.

Ohio University, Athens, OH, 2002 – 2004
   Teaching Assistant and Instructor of record, Department of Philosophy, Ohio University.

EDUCATION
Southern Illinois University, Ph.D., Philosophy, 2004 – 2007.

AWARDS & HONORS
Applying for an American Philosophical Association grant for SOPHIA projects, summer 2008.
Applying for the Smith Richardson Foundation’s Domestic Public Policy Fellowship, summer 2008.
Departmental Summer Research Award, Public Policy Leadership, U. of Mississippi, summer 2008.
College of Liberal Arts Summer Research Grant, The U. of Mississippi, $8,400 for summer 2008.
Invited to the Greek Life luncheon in recognition for “Outstanding service to Ole Miss,” spring 2008.
Faculty Travel Support Award, O. of Research and Sponsored Progs, U. of Mississippi, $1,500 for travel to “Transforming Regional Economies” conference, in Baltimore, MD, October 2007.
Andrew P. Smith Writing Award, SIU, 2005.
S. Morris Eames Philosophy Graduate Student Award, SIU, 2004 – 2005.
N.E.H. Young Scholars Summer Research Grant Award, summer 1996.

PUBLICATIONS

Articles


Encyclopedia Entries


Editing

Reviews


**Works under Review**

*Constructing Justice: Persons, Politics, and Education*, completed, initial proposal submitted to publishers.


“Rawls’s Epistemological Tension: The Original Position, Reflective Equilibrium, and Objectivity,” Submitted to *Metaphilosophy*.

“Construction, Art, and Politics: On Creative Leadership,” Submitted to the *Journal for Peace and Justice Studies*.

“Social Contract Theory, Old and New,” Submitted to *Political Theory*.

**Works in Preparation**


“Philosophy and Public Policy Prioritization,” to be submitted to *Philosophy and Public Affairs*.

“On Constructivism in Political Theory,” to be sent to *Political Theory*.

“On Independence and Objectivity in Ethics: A Critique of Brink’s Moral Realism,” to be sent to *Ethics*.

“Royce and Realism: A Response to Perry’s Conception of Independence,” revising to send to *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society*.

“A New Way to Teach Argumentative Writing,” to be sent to *Teaching Philosophy*.

“Facing Fears of Relativism,” to be sent to the *Journal of Value Inquiry*.

“Human Rights without Natural or Moral Rights Theory,” in development.

“Active vs. Activist Judges,” in development.

“Pragmatic Optimism, Political Realism, and the Noble Lie: On ‘Ought Implies Can’ in Public Leadership,” in development.

**PRESENTATIONS**


“Activist or Active Judges,” 35th Conference on Value Inquiry, Values and Medicine, The College of New Jersey, Ewing, New Jersey, April 5 – 6, 2008.


“Political Dimensions of Traditional Economic Liberalism.” The 33rd Conference on Value Inquiry “Market Values and Moral Values,” April 7th, 2006, Molloy College, Rockville Centre, NY.


“The Philosopher’s Fallacy and the Importance of Metaphysics.” The Society for Classical Pragmatism Studies, 2005 Conference on American Philosophy, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2005, at the University of South Florida.

“A Human Right to Food?” The 2005 Alabama Philosophical Society Conference, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2005, at the University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL.


“Liberal Arts Education and the Foundations of Democracy.” The Idea of Education, 4<sup>th</sup> Global Conference, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2005, the Center for Economic Research and Graduate Education of Charles University and the Economics Institute of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic (CERGE-EI), Prague, Czech Republic.


“Combination of Church and State.” The International Society for the Comparative Study of Civilizations, 34th Annual Conference: “Civilizations, Religions and Human Survival,” June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2005, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN.

“Combination of Church and State.” Symbolic Meanings of Space and Place, The International Association for the Study of Environment, Space and Place, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2005, Towson University, Towson, MD.

“Facing Fears of Relativism.” 32nd Conference on Value Inquiry: Reason and Evaluation, April 8 – 10, 2005, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA.

“Thinking for a Better Life.” Cave Hill Philosophy Symposium: Conversations I: Conceptualizing Philosophy, March 31 - April 1, 2005, University of the West Indies at Cave Hill, Barbados.


“Clearing the Path to Human Rights.” Agora, February 11th, 2005, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL.

**TEACHING**

**The University of Mississippi**

Ethics and Public Policy (PPL 300) – 26 students, fall 2008.


Eric Thomas Weber, Assistant Professor, Department of Public Policy Leadership, The University of Mississippi (Ole Miss), Curriculum Vitae, page 5


**Southern Illinois University**

*Introduction to Ethics (Phil 104) – Teaching Assistant, 100 students, spring 2007.*

*American Mind, History of American Intellectualism (Phil 210) – Instructor, 40 students, fall 2006.*

*Philosophy of Science, Nature, and Technology (Phil 307i) – Instructor, 35 students, spring 2006.*

*Philosophy of Politics, Law, and Justice (Phil 309i) – Instructor, 40 students, fall 2005.*

*Introduction to Logic (Phil 105) – Teaching assistant, 60 students per semester, 2004 – 2005.*

**Ohio University**

*Introduction to Logic, Instructor, 30 students, 5 quarters, 2002 – 2004.*

*Introductory Philosophy, Teaching assistant, 220 students, 2 quarters, winter 2003 – spring 2004.*

**SERVICE**

Vice President of the Mississippi Philosophical Association, February 2008 – present. Serving as Program Chair for the MPA conference for 2008 – 2009 academic year. Also serving as the MPA’s Webmaster (http://www.olemiss.edu/orgs/mpa).

Fellow of SOPHIA, the Society for Philosophers in America, serve as Treasurer and Information Technology representative, 2008 – present. Organizing SOPHIA event to be held in Oxford, MS, in the spring of 2009. Also serve as Webmaster (http://www.philosophersinamerica.com).

Lecture Series committee member, The University of Mississippi, spring 2008 – present.

Serve as a faculty advisor for student organizations, including Respect Mississippi (One Mississippi retreat planning), Minority Affairs Committee Awards Gala (planning), and the UM chapter of the Roosevelt Institution, Fall 2007 – present.

Department of Public Policy Leadership at U.M.: (1) Designed and maintain the Web site for the Department of Public Policy Leadership at Ole Miss (http://www.olemiss.edu/depts/leadership), Summer 2007 – present. (2) Represented the Department of Public Policy Leadership at Ole Miss on Fall Visit Day, 2007. (3) Participated in 3 hiring committees for the department, spring 2008. (4) Worked on department’s curriculum and course design.


External Funding Representative of the Graduate Philosophy Student Union at SIU, since 2005, and Treasurer, since 2006. Designed and implemented the G.P.S.U.’s first fundraising effort. Raised approximately $25,000. The G.P.S.U. can now establish an endowment with the SIU Foundation.

Web-Design consultant to the Communications Director of the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy (S.A.A.P.), summer 2005 – 2007. (http://www.american-philosophy.org)
Department of Philosophy, Center for Dewey Studies, and College of Liberal Arts at SIU: (1)
Designed and offered an introduction to Web-design for department faculty and graduate students
-designing websites, posting CVs, course materials, etc); (2) Organized a customized seminar with
the Office of Research, Development and Administration on grant writing for graduate students in
Philosophy, 2004 – 2005. (3) Designed and maintained department Web site
(4) Sum. 2005, Web-Design Project for SIU’s CoLA (http://www.siu.edu/~cola), and Video Project
Manager for Dr. Schedler’s (Intro. to Logic).


LANGUAGE SKILLS

Fluent in French, written and spoken – native speaker with 15 years of study.

Conversational in Spanish, written and spoken – 7 years of study.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Attended the “Transforming Regional Economies” conference, in Baltimore, MD, October 2007.

Attended the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy’s Summer Institute, summer 2006.

Own and operate Tempest Records, a small business in music recording and mastering, CD duplication
and promotion services, summer 2000 –.

Certified as a Competent Toastmaster, Toastmasters International, Southern Illinois Chapter (Public

Emory University in Paris, June through August, French Literature, summer of 2000.

Trained as a Civil Mediator at the Nashville Conflict Resolution Center (N.C.R.C.). Volunteered
mediation services to the Metro Nashville General Sessions Court, 2001 – 2002.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Philosophical Association.

The Charles S. Peirce Society.

The International Society for Universal Dialogue.

The John Dewey Society.

Mississippi Philosophical Association, Vice President, Program Chair, and Webmaster.

Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy.

Society for Philosophers in America (SOPHIA), Treasurer and IT rep.

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