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Economic Climate: Two Debates”  

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I. Names and Affiliations  

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

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II. Abstract

In 2013, SOPHIA will host two debates on the value of higher education, in particular of critical thinking, philosophy, and the role of liberal arts education in public culture. We are requesting $5,000 of support total for two events, each we hope to benefit from $2,500 of APA funding. The funds would support debate keynote participants’ honoraria and travel in part, in combination with funding from host institutions, and, we hope, with funding from further agencies and foundations whom SOPHIA is approaching also. The first debate will be titled “What Should a College Education Be?” and will take place at California State University at Bakersfield. The second event is titled “Should Everyone Go to College? Cultures of Encouragement and Discouragement Concerning Higher Education,” and will take place at the University of Mississippi in Oxford, MS. SOPHIA is applying to foundations for support, and APA sponsorship is a strong endorsement.

III. Account of the Project’s Purpose and Timeline

Purpose. Today, public figures are calling for more Americans to go to college, while others are questioning the value of critical thinking and of supporting public higher education. In 2013, SOPHIA will host two debates related to these tensions. Our purpose is to present at each event two clearly contrasting and well-articulated points of view about the value of philosophy and of higher education in the United States, and about the extent to which all should

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2 See Richard Whittaker, “GOP Opposes Critical Thinking: Party platform paints original ideas as a liberal conspiracy,” The Austin Chronicle, June 27, 2012, URL: http://www.austinchronicle.com/blogs/news/2012-06-27/gop-opposes-critical-thinking/. It should be noted that this article refers particularly to news about the Texas Republican Party’s explicit platform, not to other states’ representatives or party platforms. It does not refer either to the national party.
be exposed to it. Each of these events will be open to the public and will include an extended session that is conversational in nature, per SOPHIA’s symposium style, following the debate.

As in SOPHIA’s previous programs supported by the APA, our goals with these events will include bringing together philosophers and non-philosophers to talk about interests and problems in common. Already from exchanges undertaken in SOPHIA’s previous work, there have been many relationships and networks built and strengthened, which have widened opportunities for philosophers as well as community members where our events have occurred. For some events, SOPHIA has been able to offer continuing education credits for ethics to people like doctors, nurses, physical therapists, attorneys, and school teachers. At our events for 2013, we will likely be able to offer continuing education credits to public school teachers and guidance counselors. Beyond such offerings to surrounding communities, relationships have formed and strengthened, such as with doctors and medical centers, who have created fellowship programs for students of philosophy, focusing on bioethics at the University of Mississippi.

Since our last APA supported SOPHIA event on disability at the University of Mississippi in 2011, a Chancellor’s Standing Committee on Accessibility has been formed at the University of Mississippi, which will advise the university leadership on moral considerations related to disability. The APA supported SOPHIA program inspired and led in part to this development.

The key goals of SOPHIA events are to build relationships and to widen opportunities for philosophical discussion, employment, and engagement with wider publics. A second and long-term purpose for putting on these events with the support of the APA is to offer, along with our previous SOPHIA efforts, examples of what SOPHIA does and could do with even more support from such funders as the Templeton Foundation. In 2011, SOPHIA applied unsuccessfully to the APA for support. We were able for a year to obtain a bridge grant from the University of
Mississippi to put on our scheduled events. Plus, we have applied for support from the Templeton Foundation, though we were not successful on this first attempt. We will apply again and approach further foundations, described in section V. below, but we still have need for support from the APA until we can successfully gain support from foundations and other funding agencies.

Our two events in 2013 will start with a symposium at California State University at Bakersfield, organized by SOPHIA Trustee Dr. Jackie Kegley. The event is titled “What Should a College Education Be?” The event will have a debate format, before an open, wider discussion with the members of the audience. The plan for the event includes the following guiding questions:

Is a Liberal Arts Education centered on exploration of self-knowledge, human values and civic virtues gained via study of the various humanities disciplines – art, literature, history, language, philosophy, and religious studies – still a needed imperative today when science, technology and economics dominate our lives?

A. Should a university education provide skills in critical thinking, reading, and moral reflection and analysis?
B. Should a university education seek to instill values of tolerance for diversity of beliefs, views, and practices and a sense of civility and respect toward others?
C. Should a university education seek to support and expand the vitality of a democratic society by educating all citizens?
D. Should a university instill an understanding of both the promises and limitations of science and technology?
E. Should a university focus on pre-professional training or a broad liberal education?
F. Should a university education be class-based and elitist or inclusive and reflective of an open and diverse society?
G. Should a university be concerned with educating citizens about issues of social justice, poverty and globalization?

There will be a debate on the central questions followed by a panel discussion and questions and answers from the audience. The event would invite key constituencies from the communities as well as all interested members of the public to attend. The audience will be provided with talking points and pro and con statements on the issues.
Proposed debaters include Andrew Delbanco, the Mendelson Family Chair of American Studies and Julian Clarence Levi Professor in the Humanities at Columbia University and Lawrence Mishel, a nationally-recognized economist and President of the Economic Policy Institute, a role he assumed in 2002. Dr. Mishel has co-authored 11 editions of *The State of Working America.*³ Further panelists might include Larry Gordan, Higher Education Editor/Reporter for *Los Angeles Times*, Jacquelyn Kegley, Professor of Philosophy at CSU, Bakersfield, and a local advocate for professional education, to be selected.

Next, at the University of Mississippi, SOPHIA will host a debate, organized by Trustee Dr. Eric Thomas Weber. The debate will be titled “Should Everyone Go to College? Cultures of Encouragement and Discouragement Concerning Higher Education.” This debate will be organized around a number of guiding questions:

A. Is it wise for public figures to call for all to pursue some higher education?
B. What are the risks of encouraging all to pursue higher education?
C. Does democracy require opportunities for higher education for all?
D. What are the risks of making higher education affordable only to a limited set of citizens?
E. What is the role of culture in shaping young people’s desires to complete high school and higher education?
F. Is liberalism consistent with the mission of reshaping cultural norms to encourage higher levels of educational attainment?
G. Is it morally permissible and desirable to form an encouraging culture with the aim of maximizing educational attainment for all citizens? If so, how should it be done? If not, what are the risks or costs of doing so?

Once again, there will be a debate on the central questions followed by a panel discussion and questions and comments from the audience. The event would invite key constituencies from the communities as well as all interested members of the public to attend.

Proposed participants and debaters we will approach include Elizabeth Anderson, John Rawls Professor of Philosophy at the University of Michigan, Robert Talisse, Professor of Philosophy at Vanderbilt University, Tommy Curry, Assistant Professor of Philosophy at Texas A&M University, Leonard Waks, Professor Emeritus of Educational Leadership at Temple University, RoSusan Bartee, Associate Professor of Leadership and Counselor Education, The University of Mississippi, and Eric Thomas Weber, Assistant Professor of Public Policy Leadership at the University of Mississippi.

**Timeline.** These two symposia will take place in the fall of 2013. We are still in early stages of planning these events, therefore, but have a strong track record of organizing highly successful events.

### IV. Funding Request

**Budget Narrative.**

At present, we are requesting $5,000 from the APA to support both events at a level of $2,500 each, which will contribute to key debate participants’ honoraria and travel support. Our events in the past have garnered further support, which has been necessary, and we will seek further support. The APA would be sponsoring only a portion of our events’ costs, therefore, though an invaluable portion. Aside from the financial contributions the APA would be making to these particular events, furthermore, the funding would show symbolize a continued endorsement on the part of the APA for the kind of work that SOPHIA does. This has proven valuable already in our pursuit of funding from foundations.
V. **Designation of the Fiscal Agent**

Given that the principal investigator for this grant is Dr. Eric Thomas Weber at the University of Mississippi, who serves as Executive Director of SOPHIA, the fiscal agent for this grant application is:

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

Leaders of SOPHIA are currently seeking funding from several funding agencies. SOPHIA applied unsuccessfully on our first attempt in seeking funding from the Templeton Foundation. We will approach them again after gaining feedback on our initial application. We were awarded a bridge grant from the University of Mississippi for our 2012 events, in the hopes that continued support will help us to secure funding from further agencies. Once again, we will apply to the Mississippi Humanities Council for our 2013 event in Mississippi. Our track record is strong with the MHC, which is the state of Mississippi’s affiliate organization partnering with the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Next, we will apply this year for support from the Rupe Foundation of California, with which we have already initiated contact and to whom we been encouraged to apply. At present we have support and encouragement from both home institutions (CSUB and U of MS) for these events. We will have particular, firm commitments from them in the next few months, as our plans for these debates continue to develop.
VII. Promotional Plan

For each event, we will seek wide participation from members of local communities, in Bakersfield, CA and in Oxford, MS. Event organizers will contact their Public Relations departments as well as departments on campus that would be interested in participating in our events. SOPHIA will also post information about these events on SOPHIA’s Web site, under “events.” The Web site is found here: http://philosophersinamerica.com. Beyond these efforts, organizers, with the help of their PR departments, will issue press releases to announce the events. In Mississippi, we have been successful in getting an interview on the state affiliate of National Public Radio, Mississippi Public Broadcasting’s radio station. We will seek such publicity avenues once again. Finally, SOPHIA will make announcements about each of these events through various electronic distribution channels, including Web sites, such as PublicPhilosophyNetwork.org, and email listservs for philosophy.

VIII. Assessment

SOPHIA will plan to have a philosopher who is not a member or trustee of SOPHIA attend the event and provide an independent assessment of the meeting. Our report requested will ask the evaluator to assess the impact of the debate-style format of this form of SOPHIA meeting, as well as to what extent it worked well in conjunction with the conversational session that will follow the debate portion of each event.

As usual, we will prepare also surveys that we will distribute to participants at the events to assess the quality of SOPHIA’s meeting, such as on the clarity and usefulness of the philosophical content addressed at the meetings, as well as the quality of the philosophical
engagement achieved with persons beyond the field of philosophy. Our report will reflect feedback, therefore, both from the non-SOPHIA evaluator and from our surveys of participants.

IX. Photo collages from past SOPHIA symposia

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X. Curriculum Vitae for Each Member of the Project Steering Committee &– included on pages that follow.
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Areas of Competence: Aesthetics, Ethics, History of Philosophy, American Studies.


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


“Peirce on Berkeley’s Nominalistic Platonism,” co-authored with Peter Groff, ACPQ, Fall 1998.


“Peirce’s Telos of Realism,” co-authored with Carl Hausman, Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society, Fall 1994, pp. 825-838.


**Essays in Books**


“*El juego 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 Russon 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
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EDUCATION

1971  Ph.D. Philosophy. Columbia University
1964  MA summa cum laude, Philosophy. Rice University
1960  BA cum laude, English & History, Allegheny College.

TEACHING

1981-  Professor of Philosophy, California State University, Bakersfield
1977-1981  Associate Professor of Philosophy, California State University, Bakersfield
1973-1977  Assistant Professor of Philosophy, California State University, Bakersfield
1969-1973  Adjunct Lecturer, Philosophy, California State University, Bakersfield
1966-1968  Visiting Professor of Philosophy, University of the Philippines

AREAS OF SPECIALITY

Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Technology, Bioethics, Philosophy of Medicine, Neuroethics, American Philosophy, Critical Thinking, Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy and Literature.

Awards

2006  Herbert W. Schneider award from the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy- this award is for making “career-long outstanding contributions to American philosophy.”
2000  California State University Wang Family Excellence award for excellence in Teaching, Research and Service

1997  California State University Faculty Leadership and Service Award

1987  California State University Outstanding Professor Award

1987  CSU, Bakersfield Outstanding Professor of Award

RESEARCH, PUBLICATION AND CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

Books and Text Materials


Introduction to Logic, (with Charles W. Kegley), Lanham, Maryland, University Press of America. 1982.


A New Challenge to the Educational Dream: The Handicapped, (Editor), Bakersfield, California: California State University of Bakersfield Press. 1980.

The Doctrine of Interpretation: Building Community Out of Conflict, (Ed.) Hayward, California: California State University, Hayward Press. 1978.

Introduction to Logic, (with Charles W. Kegley), Columbus, Ohio: Charles E. Merrill Company. 1978.
Instructors’ Manual to Introduction to Logic, (with Charles W. Kegley), Columbus, Ohio: Charles E. Merrill Co. 1978.

Cassette Tapes for Introduction to Logic, (with Charles W. Kegley), Columbus, Ohio: Charles E. Merrill Co. 1978.

Articles and Chapters.

The “Ethical Subject/Agent” as ‘rational individual’ but also as so much more!, The Journal of Speculative Philosophy, Volume 24, No. 2, 2010


“Genetic Information and Genetic Essentialism: Will We Betray Science, the Individual, and the Community?” J. Kegley, (Editor), Genetics and Human Values. New York: Paragon. 1998.


GRANTS

Principal Writer and Director, Three Year Grant, “Infusing Ethical Political and Economic Knowledge and Skills into the Nursing Curriculum,” Fund for Improving Post Secondary Education (FIPSE), Department of Education. September 1994.


Principal Writer and Director, “Ethical and Legal Issues in Psychotechnology,” University Research Council, California State University, Bakersfield, 1991.

Principal Writer and Director, “Nursing Research and Philosophy of Science Lectures,” Lottery Funds, California State University, Bakersfield, 1987-88.

Principal Writer and Director, “Justice in Health Care for the Elderly Lectureship,” Lottery Funds, California State University, Bakersfield, 1986-87.


Principal Writer and Director, “Research on Self and Mind,” University Research Council, California State University, Bakersfield, 1978-1979.

Principal Writer and Director, “Process Studies Research,”

University Research Council, California State University, Bakersfield, 1977-78.

BOOK REVIEWS


The fetal position: a rational approach to the abortion issue by Chris Meyers, Prometheus Books, 2010, Choice,


Dorsality: thinking back through technology and politics by David Willis, Minnesota University Press, 2008, Choice,


SELECTED PROFESSIONAL & UNIVERSITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Administrative

President, Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, 2010-2012.
Vice President, Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, 2008-2010.
Chair, Advisory Board, Critical Edition of the Works of Josiah Royce Project, 2009-
Chair, Compliance and Rules Committee, NCAA Self-Certification, 2008-2009
Chair, Committee on Academic Standards and Requirements, 2007-2009
Chair, Theme 2 General Education Committee, 2007-2009
Chair, General Education Task Force, 2006-2007
Chair, Department of Philosophy & Religious Studies, 2004-
Member, Executive Committee, Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, 2004-2006.
Member, Executive Committee, CSU Academic Senate, 2003-2004
Chair, CSU Academic Senate, 2000-2003
Chair, Fiscal & Government Affairs Committee, CSU Academic Senate, 2006-7.
Chair, Committee on the Teaching of Philosophy, American Philosophical Association, June, 1999-June 2002.
Chair, Academic Technology Advisory Committee, CSU, 2000-2002. Member of this committee, 2004- present.
Co-Chair, WASC Steering Committee, CSUB 1997-1999
Member, Committee on the Teaching of Philosophy, American Philosophical Association, 1995-1998.
Member, Editorial Board, The Library of Living Philosophers, 1996-present.
Member, Research Team, International Center for Health, Law and Ethics, University of Haifa, Israel, 1996-
Member, Editorial Board, Journal of Medicine and Law, 1996-
Member, Foundation Board, California State University, Bakersfield, 1995-2000.
Member, Academic Senate, CSUB, 1986 to 2006; 2010-present
Chair, Academic Affairs Committee, Academic Senate, CSUB, 2010 to present.
Member, Executive Committee, CSU Academic Senate, 1999-2003.
Chair, Faculty Affairs Committee, Academic Senate, CSUB, 1994-1996.
Chair, Academic Affairs Committee, Academic Senate, CSUB, 1993-1995.
Senator, Academic Senate, California State University, 1989-2006.
Vice Chair, Academic Senate, California State University, Bakersfield, 1999-2000.
Member, CSU Commission on the Extended University, 1999-2001.
Member, CSU Commission on Community Service Learning, 1999-2000.
Chair, Academic Affairs Committee, Academic Senate, CSU, 1994-1996.
Member, Advisory Board, Institute for Teaching and Learning, CSU, 1994-1997.
Member, Task Force on Incentives Systems, CSU, 1997
Chair, Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Board, CSUB, 1995-2000.
Co-Chair, 25th Anniversary Celebration, 1994-95, CSUB.
Faculty Co-Chair, CSU Institute for Teaching and Learning Advisory Board, 1989-1993.
Chair, University Program Review Committee, CSUB, 1994-1997.
Chair, Evaluation Committee for Vice President for Academic Affairs, 1989-90.
Chair, Educational Policies Committee, 1987-88, 1989-90.
Chair, Department of Philosophy & Religious Studies, CSUB, 1985-1992.
Chair, College Council, CSUB, 1977-1981.
Vice Chair, College Council, CSUB, 1981-83
Chair, Curricular Policy Committee, College Council, CSUB, 1980-1981.
Chair, Long Range Planning Committee, College Council, California State University, Bakersfield, 1980-81.
Chair, Budget and Planning Committee, Academic Senate, CSUB, 1983-4 led development of University’s first Mission Statement.
Chair, Presidential Search Committee, California State University, Bakersfield,
Chair, Women’s Studies Committee, CSUB, 1980-84.
Chair, NEXA Sciences and Humanities Convergence Program, CSUB, 1979-1988.
Chair, Pacific Division, Josiah Royce Society, 2006-2008.

Community and University Presentations

“The “Ethical Subject/Agent” as ‘rational individual’ but also as so much more!”, presentation at the American Philosophies Forum, “The Future of Ethics,” Atlanta, Georgia, April, 2009.


“The Concept of Mind as an Individual and Communal Notion,” this is an invited talk for an International Symposium on Themes in American Philosophy: Josiah Royce, Opole, Poland, June, 2008.

“Race as a Contextual Matter,” this is an invited address for the Central Division, American Philosophical Association meetings, Chicago, April, 2008.


“Josiah Royce: Representative American Philosopher,” this was an invited lecture, Fulbright Institute on American Thought, San Francisco State University, 2007.

“Science and Philosophy: The Unspoken Quest for Certainty,” this was an invited lecture, Texas A & M University, November, 2007.


“Personhood in Process,” an invited address for the International Personalist Symposium, Warsaw, Poland, 2006.

Is A Coherent Racial Identity Essential to Genuine Individuals and Communities?” invited address, International Conference on Josiah Royce, Vanderbilt University, 2005.


“Genetic Decision-Making: A Template for Problems of Informed Consent,” 14th World Congress on Medical Law, Helsinki, Finland, August, 20003.


“Teaching Ethics Across the Curriculum: An Ethical Responsibility We Cannot Avoid,” 9th Annual Southern Utah Faculty Development Conference, Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah, August, 20001.

“Exciting Classroom Techniques in the Humanities Classroom,” workshop at the Summer Teacher-Scholar Institute, CSU Institute for Teaching and Learning, Cal Poly, SLO, June, 2001.


“Community Service Learning: A Challenge to Philosophy,” presented at workshop on Community Service Learning, sponsored by the Campus Compact and the APAS, Central Division, Minneapolis, April, 2001.


“Ethics Across the Curriculum,” a workshop at the Summer Scholars Institute of the CSU Institute for Teaching and Learning, Long Beach, June, 2000.


“Informed Consent in an Information Age,” Presented at the International Conference on “Ethics Education in Medical Schools,” February 14, 2000 in Eilat, Israel.

Genetics for Medical Education, a chapter and teaching module to be presented at an International Conference on “Ethics Education in Medical Schools,” February 13-16, 2000 in Eilat, Israel.


“Preparing Entry Level Nurses to Address Complex Ethical Issues,” with Peggy Leapley, Ethics in Nursing”: Discovery, Controversy and Actualization, Loyola University Chicago, November 15, 1996.


“Choices, Changes, Challenges: Ethics in Managed Care.” CEWAER (California Elected Women’s Association for Education and Research) Conference. November 1, 1996.

“Ethics and Public Service,” The Public Service Speakers Series, The Public Service Institute, CSUB School of Business & Public Administration, October 29, 1996.

“Infusing Ethical, Political and Economic Knowledge and Skills in the Nursing Curriculum,” The Third Kern County Nursing Research Conference, October 26, 1996.


“It’s Great To Be Silver,” Video program on 25 years at CSUB. Directed, helped edit, presented September, 1994.

Edited, Retrospective: 25 Years at CSUB. September, 1994, CSUB Press.
“Good People for Bad Times,” with Robert Woods, Mel Rubin, Milt Clift, CSUB 60+ Club. TV Program, June, 1994


“Technology and Person,” Faculty Seminar, San Jose State University, January, 1990.


“Ethical Issues in Genetic Screening,” College Day Program. CSUB, April 1987.


**Community Service**


Member, Board of Directors, Kern County Mental Health Association, 1982-84.

Member, Grant Advisory Committee, Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Board, 1985-1992.


Member, Board of Directors, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 1992-1997.

Member, Board of Directors, Meridian Ranch Group Home, 2000.
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EDUCATION AND DEGREES

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 EXPERIENCE

Loughlin High School - Latin & English, 1953-1954

St. Francis College - Philosophy & English, 1954-1957

Queens College, C.U.N.Y. - Philosophy, 1956-1977; Member of Doctoral Faculty, C.U.N.Y., 1970-77

Texas A & M University - Professor and Head, Department of Philosophy and Humanities, 1977-1981

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Distinguished Professor, Philosophy and Humanities, 1981 - present
Abell Professor in Liberal Arts, 1986 - 2009
Professor, Family and Community Medicine, College of Medicine, 1981-1982
Professor and Head, Department of Humanities in Medicine, College of Medicine, 1982 - 1990
Professor, Department of Humanities in Medicine, College of Medicine, 1990 - present
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Regents Professor, 2009 - present
Holder of the Melbern G. Glasscock Chair in the Humanities, 2009 - present

Guest Professor (semester or more)- Fordham University Graduate School; Manhattanville College; University of San Francisco; State University of New York at Stony Brook (American Literature); Froman Distinguished Visiting Professor - Russell Sage College; University of California at Berkeley

Fields - American Philosophy, Philosophy of Culture, Environmental Aesthetics, History of Philosophy, Humanities in Medicine

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Manuscript Referee - (selected sample) The University of Chicago Press; University of Illinois Press; University of California Press; Purdue University Press; Texas Journal of Science; Yale University Press; Princeton University Press; Cambridge University Press; International Philosophical Quarterly; Texas Medical Association; University of Indiana Press

Grant Referee - (selected sample) National Endowment for the Humanities - Media Programs, State Based Humanities Program, Research Grants in Philosophy, American Council of Learned Societies, Guggenheim Foundation

Member - Board of Directors and National Vice-President, American Montessori Society, 1963-1965
Fellowship Advisory Council, American Council of Learned Societies, 1975, 1976, 1977
Executive Committee, American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, 1979-1982
The National Board of Officers, American Philosophical Association, 1989-1992

Appointed - Advisory Board of the John Dewey Correspondence Project, The Center for Dewey Studies, May 1998 – Present

Advisory Board of the Critical Edition of The Works of George Santayana. Present

President - The Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, 1977-1980
Texas A&M Chapter, American Association of University Professors, 1982-1983
The William James Society, 2002
The Josiah Royce Society, 2005

Tenure and Promotion Referee - (selected sample) University of Delaware, Stanford University, University of Michigan, University of Pennsylvania, Texas A&M University, Northwestern University, Denison University, Harvard University

Committees, Texas A&M University - (selected sample) Search for Provost, University Lecture Committee, University Honors Committee, Presidential Committee for Recruitment of Minorities, American Studies Committee, Search Committee for Dean of College of Liberal Arts, Distinguished Professors—Sub-committee for evaluation of promotions, Numerous Departmental Committees, Presidential Search Advisory Committee, Dean of Faculties Search Committee, Enlightened and Shared Governance Task Force

Elected - Academic Council, Texas A&M University 1977-1981
Senator, Texas A&M University Faculty Senate, 1983-1986
Charter Speaker of the Senate, Texas A&M University Faculty Senate, May 1983-1984, American Association for the Advancement of Science

Invited Reviewer - “The Peirce Project,” sponsored by the University of Indiana and the National Endowment for the Humanities, November 1982 - Present
“The Dewey Project,” sponsored by Southern Illinois University and the National Endowment for the Humanities, November 1982-Present
“The Santayana Project,” sponsored by the University of Tampa and the National Endowment for the Humanities, November 1982 - Present
“The Einstein Correspondence Project,” sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities, October 1994


General Editor, Project Director, and Principal Investigator – The Correspondence of William James, 12 vols. (University of Virginia Press, 1992-2004)

(Both of these serial works were published as Critical Editions and were sponsored in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Council of Learned Societies.)

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Texas A & M University –
Department Head, Philosophy and Humanities 1977-1981

Texas A & M University College of Medicine –
Department Head, Humanities in Medicine. 1983-1990

Texas A & M University – Charter Speaker of Faculty Senate 1983-1984

As Speaker of the first Faculty Senate at Texas A & M University, I supervised new by-laws, renovation of office space, budget allocations, committee assignments and other assorted start-up tasks. The Senate had eighty-five faculty members.

GRANTS

Awarded grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities as Principal Investigator, Project Director and General Editor of a multi-volume critical Edition of The Correspondence of William James to be published by The University Press of Virginia. Awards received biennially starting in 1988 and continuing through 2001. Total award approximately $1,400,000.

Award in name of John J. McDermott as Principal Investigator to the American
Council of Learned Societies for $100,000, from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. This award to provide ‘matching funds’ for NEH grant awards to the William James Correspondence Project. Additional Award from the Mellon Foundation for ‘matching funds,’ $75,000 in 2002. This 12 volume Critical Edition was completed in 2004.


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), livi, 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), lix, 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), lxi, 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. (Foreward, 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), lxi, 793. (Foreword, xix-xxiii; Afterword, 577-579).


Articles:
Noteworthy selected from more than one hundred publications


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


“The Renascence of Classical American Philosophy,” American Studies International 16, no. 3 (spring 1978): 5-17; Sources for American Studies,


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


“America: The Loneliness of the Quest," The Teacher’s College Record 85, no. 2 (winter 1983): 275-290.


<http://williamjamesstudies.press.uiuc.edu/2.1/mcdermott.html>


“Peter Hare: A Eulogy” in Remembering Peter Hare ed. James Campbell. The Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, 32-33. (2009)


MEDIA: PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY SERVICE
The list below is from 1998 forward.


Meeting with Dean of Humanities to discuss alternative education, Queens University – Belfast, Belfast, Northern Ireland, February 10, 1999.

Conducted evaluation of Middle Tennessee State University Philosophy Department for Higher Education Authority of the State of Tennessee, March 24-26, 1999.

“American Pragmatism” episode of Philosophy Talk radio program. Ben Manilla Productions. Aired December 3, 2006 on San Francisco’s KALW (91.7 FM)


Teleconference with students from St. Mary’s University, Indiana under the supervision of Professor Charles Hobbs. This consisted in a discussion of Professor McDermott’s book The Drama of Possibility and allied issues. March 31st 2009.

VISITING PROFESSOR AND PUBLIC LECTURES:
Selected from more than five hundred presentations
The list below is from 1990 forward.


“‘Work’ as a Metaphor in American Culture,” American Studies Program, University of California, Berkeley, April 1990.


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


“Herman Melville’s Confidence Man: A Critique of American Culture,” and “William James: Style and Substance,” Graduate Seminars, English Department, University of California at Berkeley, November 1990.


Commentator, The Personalist Society, Oxford University, September 1991.

Visiting Professor, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas, November 1991. Public lecture, seminar, and class presentations.


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

“Pragmatism and Feminism,” American Philosophical Association, Central Division, Louisville, Kentucky, April 1992.


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

“All We Seem to Get is Life. Implicitness: The Practical as Ontological,” Festschrift for Professor Douglas Browning, Department of Philosophy, University of Texas at Austin, September 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.

“Environmental Aesthetics,” Graduate Program, Department of Geography, Texas A&M University, November 1993.


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.


“Philosophy as Therapeia,” Department of Philosophy, Middle Tennessee State University, April 1995.


Presentation on editing of Critical Editions, C. S. Peirce Center, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis, May 1996.

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


Classroom presentation, Josiah Royce, Vanderbilt University, November 1996.


“Losing Our Way: Tao or Dow?,” University of South Carolina, January 1997.


“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.

“The Erosion of Moral Sensibility,” Annual Lyceum Lecture, Middle Tennessee State University, March 26, 1999.

“Sir William Osler and Medical School Education,” Renewed Osler Society, Texas A&M University, April 23, 1999.

“Ill at Ease: No Ultimate Canopy of Explanation,” presentation to the American Philosophy Conference at the University of Vermont, July 1999.


Undergraduate Seminars on John Dewey, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, November 11 - 12, 1999.


Visiting Lecturer, California State University at Chico, February 2001. Selected as the first Lottery Visiting Professor at California State University. Chosen on the basis of national reputation as a classroom teacher.


Visiting Lecturer, The University of Oregon, May 2001. Seminar to Graduate Faculty and Students on “Death.”


“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 – Commentator on papers by Jay Martin (John Dewey) and Robert Richardson (William James) at the Biographer’s Conference, Texas A&M University, October 18, 2002.


Presented “A University: The Loss of Marrow,” as the annual Humanities Lecture at California State University, Fresno, February 11, 2003. Also gave classroom presentations of “Plato’s Cave.”

Visiting Professor, Stanford University, February 12-13, 2003. “Philosophical Issues in Addiction Therapy,” Stanford University School of Medicine, Division of Psychiatry. Public presentation to the Graduate Program, School of education:
“At the Turning: Experience is Pedagogical.” Seminar on selected philosophical texts by William James and John Dewey.

Visiting Lecturer, Seattle University, April 10-12. Delivered the long-standing invited Toulouse Lecture on “The University at the ‘Turning’: The Loss of Marrow.” Lecture to the honors program. Presentation of seminar paper to a gathering of philosophers. Addressed the Northwest Phenomenological Society on “The Importance of the ‘Given’”. On April 11, a banquet was held in honor of Professor McDermott’s 50 years of teaching.

Annual Hurst Lecture at American University, April 2004


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

Presentation of completed set of the Correspondence of William James to the Glasscock Center for Humanities Research and reading of selected letters, November 4, 2005.


“Founders, Foundering, and Finding” Founders Address to the Annual national/international meeting of the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy. College Station, TX March 14th 2009.


On March 15th 2009 national and international scholars, students, and university colleagues gathered to pay homage to the philosophical work and teaching of John J. McDermott. Presented as “The Nectar is in the Journey: A Celebration of the Life and Career of John J. McDermott.” This event featured five panel discussions with responses by Professor McDermott. A program is enclosed.


HONORS AND AWARDS


Queens College Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching, 1969-1970

E. Harris Harbison National Award for Gifted Teaching (Danforth Foundation) - 1970

L.L.D. (Honoris Causa) University of Hartford, 1970 (for Contribution to Higher Education)

Teaching Award, State University of New York, Stony Brook, 1971

Appointed one of six senior editors for The Collected Writings of William James, sponsored by N.E.H. and A.C.L.S., 1974 -- 19 Volumes
Humanities Lecturer, representing Texas A&M University in the University Consortium of the Southwest Conference

Chosen as the first lifetime Fellow of the American Montessori Society

Selected as the 1980-1981 University Faculty Lecturer, Texas A&M University

Chosen as Editor, Ten-Year Proceedings of the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy

Commencement Address, Texas A&M University, August 1982

Received the Distinguished Achievement Award in Teaching from the Association of Former Students of Texas A&M University, May 1983

Elected, Charter Speaker, Faculty Senate, Texas A&M University, 1984

Nominated as candidate for Vice-President/President-Elect of the American Philosophical Association (Eastern Division) October 1985 (Lost by four votes)

Nominated to Steering Committee of The International Federation of Societies of Philosophy (FISP)

Elected, Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, 1986

The Honor Society of Phi Beta Delta, Alpha Beta Chapter, Texas A&M University

Named as George T. and Gladys H. Abell Endowed Professor in Liberal Arts, Texas A&M University, 1986

Awarded grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities as General Editor and Project Director of a multi-volume edition of The Correspondence of William James to be published by The University of Virginia Press

One of Two Texans nominated for the National Humanities Council. (Also nominated by the American Philosophical Association.)

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

Received 20 Years of Service Award, Texas A&M University, October 1997

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.

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

Nominated by Texas A&M University as the sole candidate for the Kluge Foundation’s John W. Kluge Prize in the Human Sciences, 2002.

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

Received 25 Years of Service Award, Texas A&M University, October 2002

Received 20 Years of Service Award, College of Medicine, Texas A&M University Health Science Center, 2002.

Conference on the teaching and work of John J. McDermott held at Seattle University, April 2003.

Biographical feature in the Texas A&M University Football Program, October 26, 2002.

Featured in the Texas A&M University 125th Anniversary painting by Benjamin Knox, 2002.


My person and work as the feature story in *Pathways*, the annual publication of The College of Liberal Arts, Fall 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.

25-Year Pin and Ceremony, College of Medicine, Texas A&M University. December 20, 2006.

*The Nectar is in the Journey: A Celebration of the Life and Work of John J. McDermott.* An all day conference, College Station, Texas, March 15th, 2009 (Program attached)

Appointed Regents Professor, Texas A&M University, 2009

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Curriculum Vitae

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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION
Ethics and Leadership in 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.

The Clarion Ledger, Major Mississippi newspaper out of Jackson, MS, 2010 – present
Freelance writer / regular columnist on contract, Editorial Desk.

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, Department of Philosophy, Ohio University.

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

AWARDS & HONORS
Thomas F. Frist Student Service Award for “going the extra mile in unwavering dedication to students,” The University of Mississippi, May 2012.
Cora Lee Graham Award for the Outstanding Teaching of Freshmen for “excellence of class instruction, intellectual stimulation of students, and concern for students’ welfare,” College of Liberal Arts, The University of Mississippi, May 2011.
Chair the American Philosophical Association’s Committee on Public Philosophy, 2011 – 2014.
Executive Director of the Society of Philosophers in America (SOPHIA), 2010 – present.
Elected President of the Mississippi Philosophical Association, 2009 – 2010.
Inducted with Distinguished Membership in the National Society for Collegiate Scholars for “outstanding contributions to the classroom, the campus, and the community,” September 2009.

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Visiting Research Fellow, Center for Inquiry Transnational, Amherst, NY, July 14 – 17, 2008.
Invited to the Greek Life luncheon in recognition for “Outstanding service to Ole Miss,” spring 2008.
Andrew P. Smith Writing Award, SIU, 2005.
S. Morris Eames Philosophy Graduate Student Award, SIU, 2004 – 2005.

GRANTS

Preparing to apply for a Kellogg Foundation grant to support “The MS Expectations Project,” 2012.
Developing a grant proposal for the Delta Regional Authority for Charleston, MS, spring 2012.
Applying for a Templeton Foundation grant to support the “SOPHIA Civility Project,” 2012.
Applying for a grant from the MS Department of Agriculture and Commerce for a joint project titled “Enhancing the Competitiveness of Specialty Crops in Lafayette County, MS: Targeting University Students and the Community,” submitted 3/30/12.

UM College of Liberal Arts Summer Research Grant for A Culture of Justice, summer 2012.
Grant from the College of Liberal Arts to support SOPHIA for 2012, $3,500, January 2012.
Research Grant, Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, U. of MS, $1,000 plus $2,500 matching funds, July 2011.
Departmental Summer Research Grant, Public Policy Leadership, U. of Mississippi, summer 2011.
Faculty Travel Support Grant, O. of Research and Sponsored Programs, U. M., $500 for travel to the Soc. for the Adv. of Am. Philosophy's Summer Institute, in Eugene, OR, July, 2011.
Mississippi Humanities Council grant to support a SOPHIA symposium titled “Disability, Civic Responsibility, and Community Friendship,” awarded $5,000 in fall of 2010 for the event in 2011.
Faculty Travel Support Grant, O. of Research and Sponsored Programs, U. M., $1,500 for travel to the Soc. for the Adv. of Am. Philosophy's Summer Institute, in Eugene, OR, July 26-31, 2010.
Departmental Summer Research Grant, Public Policy Leadership, U. of Mississippi, summer 2010.
American Philosophical Association Grant for 3 projects for the Society of Philosophers in America (SOPHIA), $2,400 with $3,700 match, 2009.
Mississippi Humanities Council Grant for SOPHIA symposium on “Ethics at the End of Life,” with Jo Ann O’Quin, $1,994 with $2,700 match, January 2009.
Departmental Summer Research Grant, Public Policy Leadership, U. of Mississippi, summer 2009.
Mississippi Humanities Council Grant for the Mississippi Philosophical Association’s Medical Ethics Conference, $2,920 with $5,900 match, November, 2008.
Departmental Summer Research Grant, Public Policy Leadership, U. of Mississippi, summer 2008.
College of Lib. Arts/Provost Summer Research Grant, The U. of Mississippi, $8,400 for summer 2008.
Faculty Travel Support Award, Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, U. of Mississippi, $1,500 for travel to “Transforming Regional Economies,” in Baltimore, MD, October 2007.
N.E.H. Young Scholars Summer Research Grant Award, summer 1996.

PUBLICATIONS

Books


- Reviewed by Tom Rockmore in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, July 2011, [http://ndpr.nd.edu/review.cfm?id=24270](http://ndpr.nd.edu/review.cfm?id=24270)
- Subject of a proposed “Author meets critics” panel at the 2012 Southern Political Science Association.
- The Independent Publishers Guild honored Continuum with the 2011 Independent Publisher of the Year Award and the 2011 Ingram Academic and Professional Publisher of the Year Award. URL: [http://www.ipg.uk.com/](http://www.ipg.uk.com/)

Books in Preparation

*A Culture of Justice: On Fairness and Pragmatism*, proposal completed, draft in progress.


*Ten Philosophical Lessons for the Good Life* (long-term project).

Journal Articles


**Book Chapters**


**Popular Media Publications – Op-Eds and Published Extended Interviews**


“Some great Persian philosophers were closely connected to Western phil.,” *Tehran Times*, 11/10/11, p. 7.


“Freedom and choice are central to people’s happiness,” *Tehran Times*, 2/22/11, p. 15.


“Difference is important tool ‘for arriving at truth’: professor,” *Tehran Times*, 11/2/10, p. 15.


**Articles in Preparation**

“The Role of Philosophers in Shaping Public Policy,” drafting.


“Fundraising for Hire: On The Ethical Limits of Outsourced Fundraising,” revising to resubmit to *Public Affairs Quarterly*.

“The Great Benefits of Stoicism, with All Its Faults,” to be sent to the *Journal of Philosophy*.

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

**Encyclopedia Entries**


**Editing**


**Reviews**


**PRESENTATIONS**


“Key Tools for Effective Verbal and Written Communications in the Workplace,” The Ole Miss Association of Educational Office Professionals, Oxford, MS, March 29, 2012.


“Signature Civility: President Obama’s Strength,” The Obama Presidency: A Preliminary Assessment, The University of Southern Mississippi and the Center for Policy and Resilience, Long Beach, MS, November 19, 2010.


“On Poverty and Educational Failure in Mississippi,” invited talk, as Luckyday Residential Faculty Fellow, The University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS, September 30, 2010.


“Leadership in Education,” an invited talk given before select teachers in the DeSoto county schools, MS, as part of a special teacher training program, March 23, 2010.


“Ethics and Environmental Policy,” Invited presentation, Presidential Address, Mississippi Philosophical Association, Environmental Ethics Conference, Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS, February 5, 2010.


“Fundraising for Hire: On the Ethical Limits of Outsourced Fundraising,” College of Liberal Arts Faculty Forum Series, University of Mississippi (Oxford), University, MS, February 17, 2009.


“Liberal Arts Education and the Foundations of Democracy,” The Idea of Education, the CERGE-EI of Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic, August 9, 2005.


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


TEACHING

The University of Mississippi


Philosophy of Leadership: Classics of Ethics & Politics (PPL 370), fall 2011.

Critical Thinking, Communication, & Public Policy (PPL 212), F&S ’07–’09, S ‘10 & ’11, F&S ’11, S&F ’12.


Advising for undergraduate and graduate students’ theses at the University of Mississippi (major professor unless specified, and undergraduate unless specified):

Defended or Not Completed:

Ben Rowley, on affordable housing in Oxford, MS, defended spring 2009.
Jake McGraw, on educational injustice in Mississippi, defended in spring 2010.
Brent Caldwell, served as second reader, defended spring 2010.
Vince Chamblee, on ethics in international development, defended in Nov. of 2010.
Sarah Rogers, on comparative study of food regulations, defended in Apr. of 2011.
Alyssa Yuen, for Croft Institute thesis, served as third reader, defended in Apr. of 2011.
Hemdeep Dulthummon, on leadership for socially oriented student orgs, defended in Nov. 2011.
Abby Olivier, on sex education and policy in MS, defended in spring 2012.
Davis Gates, on foreign aid policy, fall 2011.
Meghan Litten, for Honors College and Croft, second reader, fall 2010 to spring 2011.
Taylor McGraw, on cultural difference and narrative nonfiction, defended spring 2012.
Kaylen Addison, on marriage policy and justice, defended spring 2012.
Alex McLellan, on Lewis’s *What Went Wrong*, defended spring 2012.
Mary Alex Street, on charter schools policy, defended spring 2012.
Parker Capps, on the removal of contaminants from soil, second reader, spring 2012.

In Progress:

Charles Woods, on international comparison in education policy, spring 2012–.
Wynne Campbell, on the *Citizens United* case and the *Constitution*, spring 2012–.
Courtney Washington, on school consolidations and integration, starting summer 2012–.
Brian Barnes, on tort reform, spring 2012–.
Dan Blazo, on social and political influences on atheism, external reader, Ph.D. candidate, 2012–.

**Southern Illinois University**

Introduction to Ethics (Phil 104), Teaching Assistant, spring 2007.
American Mind, History of American Intellectualism (Phil 210), Instructor, fall 2006.
Philosophy of Science, Nature, and Technology (Phil 307i), Instructor, spring 2006.
Philosophy of Politics, Law, and Justice (Phil 309i), Instructor, fall 2005.
Introduction to Logic (Phil 105), Teaching assistant, 2004 – 2005.

**Ohio University**


**SERVICE**

**To the Profession**

Serve as Executive Director, Trustee, Treasurer, and Webmaster for SOPHIA, The Society for Philosophers in America, non-profit corp., 2008 – present (Exec. Dir. since June 2010). Organized


As a volunteer for the American Philosophical Association, I helped Dr. John Lachs of Vanderbilt University in a final fundraising effort to complete the Berry Fund matching gift challenge in support of the APA’s efforts at promoting public philosophy, September and October 2010.

President of the MS. Phil. Assoc., February 2009 – 2010. Served as V.P. and Program Chair for the MPA conference from 2008 – 2009. Serve as Webmaster (http://www.olemiss.edu/orgs/mpa). Received an MHC grant (state affiliate of the NEH) for the 2008 Medical Ethics Conference.


Attended and served in the National Humanities Alliance's Annual Meeting and Humanities Advocacy Day, March 2010, 2011, and 2012, George Washington U., Wash., D.C., to "meet national leaders and others who shape humanities policy ... and make sure [our voices are] heard in support of the humanities." This was in partial service for the APA’s Committee on Public Philosophy.

Volunteered contributions to the APA’s Committee on Public Philosophy, Spring 2009.


**To the Department and to the University**

With Abby Loden, petitioned the UM Chancellor to create a Committee on Accessibility, which began as an advisory committee and becomes a Chancellor’s Standing Committee in the fall of 2012. Served on the advisory committee. Helped draft mission statement and execute several goals.

Served on the Strategic Planning Council’s Working Group on Undergraduate Education and Success at the University of Mississippi, spring 2011 – present.

Served as Chair of the Search Committee for the department of Public Policy Leadership’s hiring process in the spring of 2011.

Led a discussion, upon invitation, for the Chancellor’s Standing Committee on Sensitivity and Respect, covering the subject of civility and challenges for the university, March 3, 2011.

Serve as a Luckyday Residential College Fellow, spring 2010 – present.
Promoted a discussion on “Dialogue Day,” for the Black History Month programs at UM, 2/24/10, televised interview aired on 2/22/10 (see Popular Media Engagements below).

Steering committee member for the Men’s Leadership Series, sponsored by the Ole Miss Women’s Council for Philanthropy, summer 2009 – spring 2010.

Lecture Series committee member, The University of Mississippi, spring 2008 – spring 2011.

Serve on the U.M. National Scholarship Advisory Committee, spring 2009 – present.

Web Planning committee member, The University of Mississippi, spring 2009 – present.

Served as moderator for the Ole Miss College Republicans’ and College Democrats’ Student Debate in ’08, held on September 4th of 2008.

Presented “Keeping Them Honest: How to Use SafeAssignments and Why It’s Good for the University of Mississippi” to the S.M.B. Honors College writing faculty, spring 2009.

Founded and led U.M. Agraphia, a group of academic researchers that meets every two to four weeks to talk about writing goals and challenges for mutual support and feedback, fall 2008 – spring 2011.

Served as a faculty advisor for student orgs.: Respect Mississippi, Minority Affairs Committee Awards Gala (planning), and the UM chapter of the Roosevelt Institution, Fall 2007 – 2009.


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.


**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**

With students, met with the MS State House Committee on Education, re: Charter Schools, 1/13/10.

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 music business, summer 2000 – present.


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

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Philosophical Association, Chair of the Committee on Public Philosophy, from 2011 – 2014 (served as Associate Chair from 2010 –11).

The Charles S. Peirce Society.

The International Society for Universal Dialogue.

The International Leadership Association.

The John Dewey Society.

Mississippi Economic Development Council.


The Metaphysical Society of America.

The National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Distinguished Member.

Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy.

Society of Philosophers in America (SOPHIA), Executive Director, Trustee, and Treasurer.

Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World.

The William James Society.

POPULAR MEDIA ENGAGEMENTS (Beyond writings)

Honored with invitation to serve on the masthead of ProBizMS.com, Jack Criss’s electronic publication formed as the print version of the Greater Jackson Business periodical goes through changes.


Interviewed on MS’s National Public Radio affiliate, Mississippi Public Broadcasting, for its MS Edition program, to talk about the subject of February 2011 SOPHIA symposium, concerning ethics and disability in rural America, February 24, 2011.

Interviewed for ESPN’s coverage of the selection of a new mascot at the University of Mississippi to replace Colonel Reb, July 2010. Included in the longer ESPN advertisement spot that will soon be available on YouTube. Available here: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U7jrxGXkT4.
Interviewed for Melanie Addington’s article on my work, “Poor Doesn’t Equal Failure,” The Oxford Eagle, June 7, 2010, page 1A and 3A. Taken up by Associated Press. You can find a scan here: http://www.ericthomasweber.org/Addington-PoorDoesntEqualFailure-OxfordEagle060710.pdf

Television interview with Memphis Channel 3’s “Live at Nine” show to talk about the “Day of Dialogue” event at UM, for which I served as a facilitator, 2/22/10. Available online here: http://www.ericthomasweber.org/engagement.htm#outreach.


Radio interview in French with the BBC’s World Service International Program for francophone Africa on the first 2008 Presidential Debate held at the University of Mississippi, Sept. 26th, 2008.


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