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Education

2007	Syracuse University, Ph.D., Philosophy
1995	William Paterson College, M.A., English
1992	William Paterson College, B.A., English

Academic Positions

2008 - present	West Texas A & M University, Assistant Professor
2007 - 2008	Texas Tech University, Visiting Assisant Professor
2004 - 2005	UC Santa Cruz, Visiting Faculty
2002 - 2004	University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Visiting Faculty
Spring 2002	Miami University, Visiting Instructor
1996 - 2001	Syracuse University, Teaching Associate
1995 - 1996	Syracuse University, Teaching Assistant

Area of Specialization

Metaphysics

Areas of Competence

Logic, Philosophy of Mind, Early Modern, Epistemology, Ethics, Applied Ethics

Dissertation

Title: *Three-dimensionalism*

Abstract: A two-part defense of the view according to which persisting things are wholly present throughout their careers and do not have temporal parts. Part one supplies a novel analysis of what is meant by the claim that persisting things are wholly present. I show that if proper parthood (at a time) is the fundamental mereological relation, then four-dimensinalism is false. Part two addresses outstanding arguments for four-dimensionalism, in particular, Lewis's combinatorial argument and Sider's argument from vagueness.

Chairperson: John Hawthorne
Members: Theodore Sider, Jose Benardete, Mark Heller, Tom McKay

Publications

"A Neglected Issue in the 3D/4D Debate," forthcoming *Philosophical Studies*.

"Recombination, Humean Supervenience and Causal Constraints: an Argument for Temporal Parts?," with J. Hawthorne and R. Wasserman, in D. Zimmerman (ed.) *Oxford Studies in Metaphysics* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2003). Reprinted in J. Hawthorne *Metaphysical Essays* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2006).

"Homogeneous Simples," *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 64 (2002): 393-97.

"Seeing and Demonstration," with J. Hawthorne, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 61 (2000): 199-206.

Presentations

Oct. 2008	How to do things with informal Logic (like ace the LSAT), West Texas A&M
Oct. 2007	Against Four-Dimensionalism, Texas Tech
Oct. 2007	Persons and Persistence Texas Tech public lecture
Nov. 2003	Persistence and Identity, University of Mississippi
Oct. 2003	Parthood and Persistence, Alabama Philosophical Society meeting
Sum. 2000	Lewis's Combinatorial Argument for Four-Dimensionalism, Bled Philosophical Conference

Courses Taught

Formal Logic (TTU, WTAMU)
Possibility and Necessity* (TTU)
Environmental Ethics (TTU)
Paradoxes, Puzzles and Conundrums (UCSC)
Personal Identity* (UCSC)
History of Consciousness* (UCSC)
Medical Ethics (UA, UCSC)
Plato's Republic (SU)
Introduction to Ethics (MU, UA, UCSC, TTU)
Introduction to Philosophy (SU, MU, UA, UCSC, TTU, WTAMU)
(* Graduate Course)

University Service

Faculty Development and Scholarly/Creative Activities Committee, West Texas A&M University, 2008-2010

EPML Assessment Committee, West Texas A&M University, 2008

EPML Curriculum Committee, West Texas A&M University, 2008

Visiting Speaker Committee, Texas Tech University, 2007-2008

Professional Service

Referee for *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*

References

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