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**PRESENT RANK & DATE OF RANK**:  Full Professor, Fall 1992

**WSU APPOINTMENT HISTORY**:

Year Appointed/Rank:  Assistant Professor/l978

Associate Professor/1985

Year Awarded Tenure:  l985

Year Promoted to Full Professor: l992

Years served as Chair: 1991-96; 2001-06

**DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH**: 3/l5/45; San Francisco, CA

**CITIZEN OF**: U.S.A.

**EDUCATION**:

Baccalaureate: University of California at Davis, Davis, CA

BSc., l967 (Mathematics)

Graduate: University of California at Davis, Davis, CA

Ph.D, l977 (Philosophy)

Certification: Standard Secondary Teaching Credential

(life), State of California

**FACULTY APPOINTMENTS AT OTHER INSTITUTIONS**:

Institution Year Rank

University of Michigan Summer, 1988 Visiting Assistant Professor

University of Michigan Summer, l983 VisitingAssistantProfessor

University of Pittsburgh l980-8l Andrew Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow

University of Alberta l973‑74 Sessional Lecturer

**PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS**:

American Philosophical Association

**HONORS/AWARDS**:

1. Outstanding Graduate Mentor Award, 2013

2. Humanities Center Faculty Fellowship, 2009

3. Humanities Center Faculty Fellowship, 2003

4. Awarded President's Excellence in Teaching Award, 2001-02

5. College of Liberal Arts Teaching Award, 1999-2000

6. Grant for Research and Inquiry in Liberal Arts, Summer, 1998

7. Fellow at an NEH Summer Institute on "Knowledge, Teaching and Wisdom," Keith Lehrer and Nicholas Smith, directors, University of California at Berkeley, 1993

8. Career Development Chair, 1988-89, Wayne State University

9. Fellow at an NEH Summer Seminar, "Reasons, Justification and Rationality," Robert Audi, director, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE, 1987

10. Fellow at an NEH Summer Institute in Philosophy of Religion, William P. Alston and Alvin Plantinga directors, Bellingham, WA, 1986

11. Summer Research Award, Wayne State University, summer 1985

12. Visiting Fellow in Ethics and Medicine at the Center for Ethics, Medicine, and Public Issues, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas, May‑June, l985

13. Fellow at NEH Summer Seminar directed by Gilbert Harman at Princeton University, summer l982

14. Summer Research Award, Wayne State University, summer 1982

15. Andrew Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship in the Humanities (Philosophy), University of Pittsburgh, l980‑8l

16. Awarded an Educational Development Grant by Wayne State University to purchase video-tapes of discussions in medical ethics at UCLA, l980

17. Awarded a grant by the California Council for the Humanities in Public Policy for a series of conferences in which questions of equality of opportunity were discussed, l978‑79

18. Fellow in clinical medical ethics, August-September l977 at the University of Tennessee Center for the Health Sciences in Memphis

**BIOGRAPHICAL CITATIONS**:

*Directory of American Scholars* (7th ed.):  Philosophy, Religion and Law, p. 406

**I. TEACHING**

A. Years at Wayne State: l978-80; l98l-present

B. Years at Other Colleges/Universities:

l. University of Michigan: summer, l983; summer, 1988

2. University of Pittsburgh: 1980-81

3.University of Alberta: 1973-74

C. Courses Taught at Wayne State in Last Five Years:

l. Undergraduate:

Course number & name:

PHI 1110: Ethical Issues in Health Care

PHI 2400: Philosophy of Religion

PHI 3500: Theory of Knowledge

2. Graduate:

Course Number and Name

PHI 5280: History of Ethics

PHI 5300: Foundations of Ethics

PHI 5530: Topics in Epistemology

PHI 5800: Special Topics: Justification (W, 1994)

PHI 5800: Special Topics: Religious Epistemology

(Winter, 2002)

PHI 7800: Seminar on the Problem of Evil (Winter, 1993)

PHI 7840: Seminar in Ethics (Fall, 1989), Moral Epistemology, Moral Ontology and Reasons to Be Moral

PHI 7840: Seminar on Moral Epistemology (Fall, 1997)

PHI 7840: Seminar in Ethics: Why be moral? (Fall, 2001)

PHI 7840: Seminar in Moral Epistemology (Winter, 2004)

PHI 7840: Seminar on Moral Intuitions (Fall, 2008)

PHI 784: Seminar on Derek Parfit’s book, *On What Matters* (Fall, 2010, Winter, 2013)

PHI 785: Seminar in Epistemology: intuitions and inference to the best explanation (Winter, 2015)

D. Essays/Theses/Dissertations Directed

1. Layla Saatchi, Ph.D, “Reasonable Disagreement and Intra-Religious Conciliation,” current

2. Lucas Lockard, Ph.D, “Knowledge Contextualism,” May, 2018

3. James Alex Gromak, Ph.D, “Personal Identity, Survival, and What Matters,” May, 2015

4. Patrick Smith, Ph.D, “The Care that Killed the Patient? Ethical Reflections on Palliative Sedation,” December, 2013

5. Sloan Lee, Ph.D, "Miracles," May, 2004

6. David Baggett, Ph.D, “Theistic Activism and the Euthyphro Dilemma,” Winter, 2002

7. Andrew Wible, Ph.D, "No Experience Necessary: An *A Priori* Defense of Inference to the Best Explanation and Moral Realism," Winter, 2000

8. Zhen Chen, Ph.D, "A Puzzle About Morality and Rationality," Fall, 1999

9. Ronald George, M.A., "Communitarianism and Rawlsian Political Liberalism," Winter, 1997

10. Aletia Droba, M.A., "The Problem of Evil As Rational Justification for the Atheistic Position," Fall, 1996

11. Patricia Trentacoste, M.A., "Moral Grounds for Legalizing Physician-Assisted Suicide," Fall, 1994

12. Jonathan Weigel, M. A., "The Problem of Evil," Fall, 1994

13. Keith McMann, M.A., "Why Be Moral?", 1994

14. Craig Perdue, Ph.D, "Ethical Knowledge?", 1994

15. Stephen E. Parrish, Ph.D, "Necessary Being and the Theistic Arguments," 1991

16. Hans V. Hansen, Ph.D, "Practical Reasons and Internalism," 1990

17. Paul T. Hershey, Ph.D, "Paternalism:  From Definition to Disregard," l984

18. Richard C. Beall, M.A., "The Equivalence of Simple and General Utilitarianism," l984

E. Course or Curriculum Development:

1. PHI 3800: Philosophy in Film

2. PHI lll0:  Ethical Issues in Health Care

3. PHI 1100: Contemporary Moral Issues

**II. RESEARCH**

A. Research in Progress, Not Funded:

1. The role of intuition in philosophy

2. The problem of evil

3. How, if at all, can we justify our moral beliefs?

4. Rationality, morality and the relation between the

two

5. When is a belief justified?

6. The comparison between epistemic and moral duty

7. The philosophical limits of film

8. What matters?

9. Inference to the best explanation

10. Rawls and Mill on social justice

B. Funded Research in Last Five Years:

See, below, "Fellowships, Grants, etc."

C. Fellowships/Grants/Special Awards in the Last Five Years

1. Fellow at an NEH Summer Institute on "Knowledge, Teaching and Wisdom," Keith Lehrer and Nicholas Smith, directors, University of California at Berkeley, 1993

2. Humanist-Grant-In-Aid ($700) from the Humanities Council at WSU to bring students and professors from Calvin College to WSU as part of an exchange program, 1990.

3. Small research grant ($350) from WSU to prepare *Freedom, Rights and Pornography: A Collection of Papers by Fred Berger* for publication, 1990.

4. Career Development Chair, Wayne State University, 1988-89

5. NEH Fellow at a Summer Seminar directed by Robert Audi "Reasons, Justification and Rationality," University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE, 1987

6. Participant in an NEH Institute for Philosophy of Religion, directed by William Alston and Alvin Plantinga, Western WashingtonUniversity, Bellingham, WA, 1986

7.  Summer Research Award, Wayne State University, summer, l985

8. Visiting Fellow in Ethics and Medicine, Center for Ethics, Medicine and Public Issues, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas, May‑June, l985

* 1. Fellow at NEH Summer Seminar on reasoning directed by Gilbert Harman at Princeton University, summer l982

**III. PUBLICATION**

A. Chapters Published

l. Authored:

1.“Philosophical Intuitions: what is *a priori* justification?” *Aeon* an online magazine, March 3, 2018.

2.”The Problem of Evil,” in *Theism and Atheism: Opposing Viewpoints in Philosophy*, Cenage Learning (2019).

3. “Theistic and Atheistic Ethics,” in *Theism and Atheism: Opposing Viewpoints in Philosophy* Cenage Learning (2019).

4. “God Does Not Exist” and “A Reply to Rasmussen” in *Problems in Philosophy: An Introduction to the Major Debates on Knowledge, Reality, Values, and Government* (Bloomsbury Publishing, forthcoming, 2019), ed. Steven Cowan.

1. “The Problem of Evil: Excessive Unnecessary Suffering,” (Indiana University Press, 2017), ed. James P. Sterba, pp. 90-107.

2. “A Defense of Moral Intuitionism,” in *Does Anything Really Matter?* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2017), ed. Peter Singer, Chpt. 11, pp. 231-58.

3. “Ethics of Drug Research in Pediatric Populations,” in *Neonatal and Pediatric Pharmacology, 2nd ed.* (Lippincott, Williams & Wilkins, 2011), Summer J. Yaffe and Jacob V. Aranda, eds., Chpt. 8, pp. 95-103. Co-authored with Sanford Cohen and Virgninia Delaney-Black with my writing most of the philosophical parts.

4. “Intuition,” entry in the *A Companion to Epistemology* (Blackwell, 2010), 2nd ed., Matthias Steup (ed.), pp. 464-67.

5. “Tarantino’s Films: What Are They About and What Can We Learn From Them?” in *Quentin Tarantino and Philosophy* (Chicago & Lasalle, IL: Open Court, 2007): 3-12.

6. “The Philosophical Limits of Film,”**reprinted** in *Philosophy of Film and Motion Pictures*, eds., Noel Carroll and Jinhee Choi (Malden, MA: Blackwell Publishing, 2006): 387-90.

7. “Intuition,” addendum to the entry on intuition by George Bealer in the *Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, 2nd ed., Donald Borchert (ed.), (Detroit: Macmillan Reference, 2006).

8. “The Problem of Evil: Why Is There So Much Suffering?, in *Introduction to Philosophy*, 3rd ed. (Oxford University Press, 2004), Louis Pojman (ed.), pp. 207-13.

9. "Epistemic and Moral Duty," in *Knowledge, Truth, and Duty: Essays on Epistemic Justification, Responsibility, and Virtue* (Oxford University Press, 2001), Matthias Steup (ed.), pp. 22-32

10. "Justification and Knowledge," in *Knowledge, Teaching and Wisdom* (Kluwer Academic Publishers: The Netherlands, 1996), eds., Keith Lehrer, *et al*, pp. 137-47

11."Defenseless," in *The Evidential Argument from Evil* (Indiana University Press: Bloomington, IN, 1996), Daniel Howard-Snyder (ed.), pp. 193-205

12. "On the Relative Strictness of Negative and Positive Duties," reprinted in *Killing and Letting Die*, (Prentice-Hall, Inc., l980), ed. Bonnie Steinbock, pp. 2l5-3l. Also reprinted in a college textbook, *Ethics: Problems & Principles* (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich: Fort Worth, 1991), John Martin Fischer and Mark Ravizza (eds.), pp. 121-33.

13. "When Can What You Don't Know Hurt You?", *The Current State of the Coherence Theory* (Kluwer Academic Publishers, 1989), John W. Bender (ed.), pp. 94-102.

14. "Two Forms of Ethical Skepticism," *Ethical Theory* (Wadsworth, 1988), Louis Pojman (ed.), pp. 460-71. This essay continues to appear in all subsequent editions up to the present, 2009.

15."Beetle-boxes:DemonstratingP-predicates," reprinted in *Demonstrating Philosophy:Novel Ways to Teach Philosophical Concepts* (University Press of America, Inc., 1988), Arnold Wilson (ed.), pp. 127-31.

B. Editorships of books/proceedings

1. *Freedom, Rights and Pornography: A Collection of Papers by Fred R. Berger* (Kluwer Academic Publishers, 1991)

C. Journal Articles Published

1. Refereed Journals

1a. “The Problem of Evil and Replies to Some Important Responses,” *European Journal for Philosophy of Religion*, vol. 10, no. 3 (2018), 1-27 (pagination in final copy).

1. “*A Priori* Justification and Knowledge,” entry in the online *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (10K word entry), 2007; revised version March, 2014.

2. “Moral Intuitionism,” entry in the online *International Encyclopedia of Ethics,* 2013*.*

3. “Rock Bottom: Coherentism’s Soft Spot,” *The Southern Journal of Philosophy* (2012) 50: 94-111.

4. “Limits to Thinking on Screen” *Film and Philosophy* (2010) 14: 109-14.

5. “Film’s Limits: The Sequel,” *Film and Philosophy* 12: 1-16; and “Replies to Carroll and Wartenberg,” *ibid.*, 35-40 (2008).

6. Critical Notice of Joshua Gert’s *Brute Rationality: Normativity and Human Action* (CambridgeUniversity Press, 2004) in *Philosophical Books*: April, 2007, pp. 150-54.

7. “The Philosophical Limits of Film,” *Film and Philosophy* (Special Edition on Woody Allen, 2000): 163-67. Reprinted in *Philosophy of Film and Motion Pictures*, eds., Noel Carroll and Jinhee Choi (Malden, MA: Blackwell Publishing, 2006): 387-90.

8. “God in Relation to Possible Worlds Scenarios: Comments on William Rowe’s *Can God Be Free?”* in *Philo*

9. “What We Owe to Strangers: Considering the Extremes,” *Jianghai Academic Journal*, no. 2 (2005), **a Chinese journal.**

10. “Contextualism on a Pragmatic, not a Skeptical, Footing,” *Acta Analytica*, vol. 20 (2), issue 35 (2005): 26-37. Reprinted **in China** in the *Hebei Academic Journal*, vol. 137 (6), 2004. This paper was then selected to be published **in China** in *Foreign Philosophy*, a journal that selects the best of the publications by foreigners for re-publication.

11. “How to be an Anti-skeptic and a Noncontextualist,” *Erkenntnis*, vol. 61 (2-3) (November, 2004), pp. 245-55.

12. "A Critique of Lehrer's Coherentism: The Need to Go Beyond Acceptance," *Philosophical Studies* 66 (1992), pp. 89-97.

13. "Truth, Justification and the Inescapability of Epistemology: Comments on Copp," Supplement to *The Southern Journal of Philosophy* XXIX (Spindel Conference, 1990: Moral Epistemology), pp. 211-15.

14. "The Persistent Problem of Evil," *Faith and Philosophy* (April 1989), pp. 121-40.

1. "The `Inductive' Argument from Evil: A Dialogue," *Philosophical Topics* 16 (Fall 1988), pp. 133-160. Co-authored with Stephen Wykstra.
2. "The Limits of Viability: Ethical Considerations," *Seminars in Perinatology* 11, no. 3 (July 1987), pp. 257-61. Co-authored with Ronald L. Poland.
3. "The Ontological Argument," *Sophia* 24, no. l (April l985), pp. 38‑47

18. "Moral Relativism and Moral Realism," *The Monist* 67, no. 3 (July l984), pp. 4l9‑34

19. "On the Relation Between Psychological and Ethical Egoism," *Philosophical Studies* 42, no. l (July l982), pp. 9l‑99

20. "On the Presumption Against Taking Life" and "Presumption, Intrinsic Relevance and Equivalence," *The Journal of Medicine and Philosophy* 4, no. 3 (l979), pp. 244‑50 and 263‑68, respectively.

21. "Still a Live Issue," *Philosophy and Public Affairs* 7, no. 3 (Spring l978), pp. 278‑8l

22. "Probability, Utility and Rational Belief," *Sophia* l5, no. l (March l976), pp. 32‑35

23. "On the Relative Strictness of Negative and Positive Duties," *American Philosophical Quarterly* l4, no. 2 (April l977), pp. 87‑97

24. "Beetle Boxes:  Demonstrating the Logic of P‑Predicates," *Teaching Philosophy* l, no. 2 (Fall l975), pp. l33‑37

25. "What is the Ethical in *Fear and Trembling," Inquiry* l8 (Fall l975), pp. 337‑43

2. Invited Review Articles

* + - 1. Critical review of T. M. Scanlon’s *Being Realistic About Reasons* in the online journal, *Notre Dame Philosophical Review*, July 28, 2014.
      2. Critical review of James Sterba’s *From Rationality to Equality* in the online journal, *Notre Dame Philosophical Review*, December, 2013.

3. Critical review of Paul Moser’s *The Elusive God* in the online journal, *Notre Dame Philosophical Review*, Feb. 2010.

4. Review of *Epistemology Futures* (Clarendon Press, Oxford, 2006), Stephen Hetherington (ed.) for the *Notre Dame Philosophical Review* (an online journal): Spring, 2007.

5. Review of *Reason and Value: Themes from the Moral Philosophy of Joseph Raz,* April 4, 2005, *Notre Dame Philosophical Review* (an online journal). This review received special commendation as “an unusually informative review” in the *Leiter Report.* Reprinted **in China** in the *Hebei Academic Journal*.

6. Review of Simon Blackburn's *Ruling Passions* (Oxford University Press, 1998), for *Philosophical Quarterly* (January, 2001)

7. Review of Richard Swinburne's *Providence and the Problem of Evil* (Oxford University Press, 1998) for *Philosophical Books* (Fall, 2000)

8. Critical Study of *Reason, Ethics and Society: Themes from Kurt Baier with His Responses*, Jerome Schneewind (ed.), *Nous*, 32:1 (March, 1998), pp. 125-37

9. Review of *Rationality, Rules and Utility: New Essays on the Moral Philosophy of Richard B. Brandt* (Westview Press: Boulder, CO, 1993) in *Ethics* 106, no. 1 (October, 1995), pp. 189-91

10. "Exploring *The Realm of Rights*," a review of Judith Thomson's *The Realm of Rights*, part of a symposium on Thomson's book in *Philosophy & Phenomenological Research*, 1992

D. Papers Published in Conference Proceedings

1. NonRefereed Papers

a. "The Unfairness of Preferential Treatment," in *Proceedings of the Public Policy Conferences on Equality of Opportunity* (l980), pp. l49‑59

E. Papers Presented

l. Invited and/or Refereed Internationally or Nationally

1a. “Mill’s Defense of a Rawlsian Conception of Social Justice,” at the 11th Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (RoME), August 9-12, 2018.

1b.”Inference to the Best Explanation: beyond the slogan,” 10th Annual Orange Beach Epistemology Workshop, University of South Alabama: Explanation in Epistemology, May 22-23, 2018.

1c.”Inference to the Best Explanation: beyond the slogan,” Midwest Epistemology Workshop, St Louis University, September 15-16, 2017.

1d. “A Better Version of the Argument from Evil: Way Too Much Suffering,”. Delivered at a conference titled: *Epistemology of Religious Belief*, September 20-21, 2016, Warsaw, Poland

1e. “How to Decide Between Worldviews: Appearances and IBE,” delivered at a conference at Purdue University in honor of William Rowe, July 26-27, 2016

* + 1. “The Problem of Evil” at a conference on the problem of evil at Notre Dame, March 21-22, 2014.
    2. “In Defense of the Evidential Role and Status of Intuitions,” at the University of California at Davis, November 1, 2013.

3. “Parfit and Street on Normative Intuitions and Normative Realism,” at the Illinois Philosophical Association meeting, University of Illinois, November 2-3, 2012.

4. “Parfit and Gibbard on the Role of Moral Intuitions,” at the Central States meeting, University of Missouri, September 21-22, 2012.

5. “A Response to the Skeptical Theists,” at a workshop on Skeptical Theism at Notre Dame, March 30-31, 2012.

6. “A Defense of Moral Intuitionism,” at the Illinois Philosophical Association meeting, November, 2011 at Northern IL University.

7. “In Defense of Non-Doxastic, Deontic Foundationalism,” Presidential address at the Central States Philosophical Association meeting, Sept. 23-25, 2010.

8. “*Memento*: Memory and Personal Identity,”given at the Pacific Meeting of the American Society for Aesthetics, Asilomar, CA, April 8, 2010. Part of a three member panel on the film.

9. God debate with Douglas Geivett, Southeastern Bible College, January 29, 2010.

10. “Epistemic Disagreement,”one of four keynote addresses at a conference on this topic in Amsterdam, August, 2009. Also given at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, August, 2009

11. “What’s Wrong With Coherentism?” at a workshop on coherentism, University of South Alabama, May, 2009.

12. “Rock Bottom: Coherentism’s Soft Spot,” presented at a workshop on coherentism, University of South Alabama, May, 2009

13. “Film’s Limits Again,” comments on Tom Wartenberg’s *Thinking on Screen: Film as Philosophy*, at an author-meets-critics session of the American Society for Aesthetics meeting, Asilomar, CA, April, 2009. Invited.

14. “Moral Intuitions and Skysight,” delivered at the first RoMe Congress in Ethics, University of Colorado at Boulder, CO, August, 2008. Refereed.

15. “Unfriendly Atheism,” presented at a conference on philosophy of religion, Dubrovnik, Croatia, September, 2008.

16. “Unfriendly Atheism,” presented at Oakland University, February, 2008. Invited

17. “Film and Philosophy,” presented in a panel at a meeting of the American Society for Aesthetics, Los Angeles, CA, November, 2007. Invited

18. *“A Priori* Justification and Knowledge,” presented at St. Cloud State University, November, 2007. Invited

19. Comments on Robert Audi’s *Practical Reasoning and Ethical Decision* at the Pacific meeting of the APA in an author meets critics session, April 6, 2007. Invited

20. “Why Not Old-fashioned Evidentialism?” delivered at the Illinois Philosophical Association meeting, November 4, 2005 and May, 2005 at a conference in Dubrovnik, Croatia..

21. “God in Relation to Possible Worlds Scenarios: Comments on William Rowe’s *Can God Be Free?”* Delivered at a symposium on Rowe’s book held at the Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, April, 2005.

22. “Contextualism on a Pragmatic, not a Skeptical, Footing,” delivered at Nanjing Normal University, October, 2004.

23. “What We Owe to Strangers,” delivered at Wuhan University and Nanjing Normal University, October, 2004. Also given as, “What We Owe to Others: Considering the Extremes,” presented at the Bled, Slovenia Conference on Ethics, June, 2003. Also, presented at West Point, September, 2002, the Northern Illinois Conference on Ethics, October, 2002 and the Illinois Philosophical Association, November, 2002 (refereed).

24. “Reason, Rationality, and Morality,” delivered at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong University, Wuhan University, Hehai University (Nanjing), and Nanjing Normal University September-October, 2004

25. “The Problem of Evil: Too Much Suffering,” read at Rijeka University in Croatia, May, 2003; at Grand Valley State University, April, 2003; at West Point, September, 2002.(invited).

26. “*The Matrix*: Knowledge, Reality, and the Good,” read at Rijeka University in Croatia, May, 2003 and Grand Valley State University, April, 2003 (invited).

27. “Some Ethical Distinctions for Epistemology,” read at Ljubljana University, Slovenia, May, 2003 (invited).

28. Comments on Mark Vorobej’s paper on cogency presented at the Informal Logic Conference, Windsor, Ontario, May, 2003 (invited).

29. Comments on James Sages’ paper presented at the American Philosophical Association Meeting, San Francisco, CA, April, 2003 (invited).

30. “Morality, Reasons, and Rationality,” presented at the University of Guelph, January, 2003 (invited).

31. Comments on David Truncellito's "The Ontological Argument," at the Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, March, 2001 (invited).

32. Comments on K. Brad Wray's "Coherence Can Entail Positive Epistemic Status," Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, December, 1999 (invited).

33. "In Defense of Ethical Intuitionism," Invited Session at the Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, April, 1999 (invited).

34. Comments on Theodore Guelserian's "Why It Is Better to Conceive of God as Being Freely Morally Perfect Rather than as Being Essentially Good," Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, March 28, 1998. (invited)

35. "Good Arguments and Fallacies," read at the Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation (OSSA), May, 1997 (refereed)

36. "A Conception of Knowledge," read at Northern Illinois University, March, 1996 (invited)

37. "Justification and Knowledge" and "Return to Evil," both read at the University of West Virginia, April, 1994 (invited)

38. A reply to Kelly Clark's "I Believe in God the Father, Almighty: A Critique of Bruce Russell's 'The Persistent Problem of Evil'," delivered at the Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Louisville, KY, April 24, 1992 (invited)

39. "Truth, Justification and the Inescapability of Epistemology: Comments on Copp," read at the Spindel Conference on Moral Epistemology, Memphis, TN, fall, 1990 (invited)

40. Comments on Sterling Harwood's "Is Mercy Unjust?", delivered at the Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, April 28, 1990 (invited)

41. "The Design Argument," read at the Western Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association (APA), April, l983 (refereed)

42. "Nagel on the Objectivity of Reasons for Action," read at the Pacific Division Meeting of the APA, March, 26, l983 (refereed)

43. Comments on James P. Sterba's "Prescriptivism and Fairness," Pacific Division Meeting of the APA, March, l976 (invited)

44. "The Refraining from Injuring/Bringing Aid Distinction," read at the Pacific Division Meeting of the APA, March, l975 (refereed)

1. Invited and/or Refereed Locally/Regionally

1a. “Mill’s Defense of a Rawlsian Conception of Social Justice,” University of Windsor, Ontario: March 6, 2019

1b.God debate, Wayne State University, February 27, 2019

1c. “From Evil to Atheism via Inference to the Best Explanation,” delivered at a conference, *God, Evil and Suffering,* March 9, 2018, at the University of Michigan, Dearborn.

2a. “Solving the Abortion Problem,” Humanities Center, Wayne State University, Oct. 3, 2017.

2b. “Defeating Debunking,” Wayne State University Philosophy Department, March 10, 2016.

2c. “Inference to the Best Explanation and Ethical Theory,” Wayne State University Philosophy Department, October, 2015.

1. God debate with Doug Geivett of Biola University, Wayne State University, February 18, 2015.
2. “God Does Not Exist: The Best Explanation of All The Suffering We See,” Humanities Center Brown Bag luncheon series, November 19, 2014
3. God debate with John McDermott of Orchard Lake Seminary, Schoolcraft College, October 17, 2014
4. “Boesky On Founding Psychoanalytic Interpretations and Theories on Good Evidence,” Michigan Psychoanalytic Institute, Farmington Hills, MI, January 25, 2014.

7. “Jealousy and Envy,” presented at the Humanities Center brown bag colloquium, January 22, 2013.

8. “A Defense of Moral Intuitionism,” Wayne State Philosophy Colloquium, March, 2012.

7. “If God does not exist, can wrongdoing be rational?” and “Can life have meaning without God?” presented at a panel discussion with Dr. John Patrick and Peter Singer of Princeton University, Sept. 16, 2010.

8. “Dominoes and Design,” presented at the Philosophy Forum, April 3, 2010, organized by WSU graduate students in philosophy.

9. “The Philosophical Basis of a Limited Land Ethic,” presented as a Humanities Center Fellow at the Humanities Center conference on the environment at WSU, March 26, 2010.

10. “Epistemic Disagreement,” delivered at the colloquium in the Philosophy Department, WSU, November, 2009.

11. “Rachel Getting Married,” delivered at Reel Deal, a film discussion group, November 15, 2009.

12. “The Lives of Others,”delivered at Reel Deal, a film discussion group, October 21, 2008.

13. “The Limits of Philosophy in Film,” Brown Bag Lunch series at the Humanities Center, Wayne State University, March 28, 2007. Invited

14. “Religion and Design,” comments delivered in response to a paper by Michael Ruse and others at a conference on Religion and Science sponsored by the Humanities Center, Wayne State University, April 21, 2006. Invited

15. “Against Relativism,” delivered to the Brown Bag Lunch series at the Humanities Center, Wayne State University, November 9, 2005. Invited

16. “Closer,” read to the Reel Deal Film group, sponsored by the Michigan Psychoanalytic Film Series, at the Baldwin Public Library, Birmingham, MI, October 16, 2005. Invited

17. “On *Capturing the Friedman’s*,”delivered at a discussion of the film, *Capturing the Friedman’s* to the Reel Deal film group, sponsored by the Michigan Psychoanalytic Film Series, October 16, 2004.

18. “Dembski’s Designer and van Gogh’s Ghost,” delivered at a discussion of William Dembski’s work on intelligent design, Wayne State University, October 14, 2004.

19. “The Problem of Evil and the Design Argument,” presented at a Humanities Center conference on The Religious and the Secular, March, 2004.

20. “Conceptual Analysis, Morality, and Legal Reasoning,” presented to the Center for Legal Studies, Wayne State University, January, 2004.

21. “Free Will and Determinism,” talk to a group of psychoanalysts about the relationship between determinism and responsibility for actions, January, 2004.

22. Paper on the problem of evil delivered to a Religious Studies Conference at Wayne State University, October, 2003.

23. Review of Gaddis’ *The Landscapes of History* presented to Sandra VanBurkleo’s class in historical method, October, 2003.

24. “*The Matrix*: Knowledge, Reality, and the Good,” delivered to the Humanities Center, Wayne State University, January, 2002 (invited).

25. *“Le Feu Follet* (False Fire),” delivered to the Philosophy Department, Wayne State University, January, 2002 (invited).

26. *“Daubert*: Practical and Theoretical Issues,” read at a conference on the Daubert decision, Wayne State University, Fall, 2002 (invited).

27. "Being John Malkovich: Personal Identity," the Mid-south Conference in Philosophy, February, 2001. (refereed)

28. "*The Matrix*: Knowledge, Reality, and the Good," delivered at the Illinois Philosophical Association meeting, October, 2000 (refereed)

29. Comments on Michael Sandel's work for The Humanities Center Fall Symposium, "The Humanities and Civic Engagement," October 27, 2000 (invited)

30. "Rawls on Justice and Reasons to Be Just," read to The Justice Group at the Humanities Center, WSU, January, 2000 (invited)

31. Comments on Prof. Yandell's "Dilemmas for Anselmians," at the Illinois Philosophical Association Meeting, October, 1999 (invited)

32. Debate with Peter Payne on the existence of God, WSU, April 12, 1999 (invited)

33. "Justification, Epistemic Duty, and Knowledge," at a Departmental Colloquium, Winter, 1998 (invited)

34. "The Problem of Evil," talk at Calvin College, MI, December, 1995 (invited)

35. Comments on David Reiter's "How Much Bite Does Reformed Epistemology' Have?", Midwest Society for Philosophy, October, 1995 (invited)

36. Comments on Richard Hall's and Charles Johnson's "A Diachronic Epistemic Duty," Southern Society for Philosophy, April, 1995 (invited)

37. "Reply to McCormick," read in reply to Richard McCormick's paper on physician assisted suicide delivered at Harper Hospital, May, 1994. Event put on by the Center for Academic Ethics (invited)

38. "Justification and Knowledge," read at a departmental colloquium, January, 1994 (invited)

39. "Triage, Transplant, Trolley and Some Anti-utilitarian Theories," read at a departmental colloquium, Fall, 1991 (invited)

40. "The Problem of Evil," St. Clair Community College, November 1990 (invited)

41. "The Problem of Evil and the Design Argument," Hope College, Holland, MI, Oct. 19, 1990 (invited)

42. "Lehrer's Coherentism," St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, MN, February 8, 1990 (invited)

43. "Some Further Thoughts on the Problem of Evil," St. John's University, St. Cloud, MN, February 9, 1990 (invited)

44. "Reasons To Be Immoral," Calvin College, November 30, 1989 (invited)

45. "Meta-epistemology and Meta-ethics," read at the University of Missouri at Kansas City, February 24, 1989 (invited)

46. "The Persistent Problem of Evil," at Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI, April 1988 (invited)

47. "Two Forms of Ethical Skepticism," read at San Jose State University, February, 1987 (invited)

48. "The Persistent Problem of Evil," read at Sonoma State University, Rohnert Park, CA, April, 1987 (invited)

49. "Evil and Design," read at the Institute for Philosophy of Religion, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA, July, 1986 and at a Departmental Colloquium, WSU, spring, 1986 (invited)

 50. "The Problem of Reason and Morality," read at the Colloquium Series of the Department of Philosophy, Miami (of Ohio) University, October 4, l985 (invited)

 51. "The Allocation of Scarce Medical Resources," read at the Wayne County Medical Society's program, "Ethical Implications of a Changing World," October l0, l983 (invited)

52. "Ethical and Moral Intuitionism," read to the Philosophy Department, Michigan State University, June, l983 (invited)

 53. Commented on papers on the moral and religious issues surrounding surrogate motherhood, delivered at Wayne State University's Symposium on Surrogate Motherhood, November 20, l982 (invited)

54. "Ethical Intuitionism," read in two parts at departmental colloquia, Wayne State University, September, l982 (invited)

55. "Reasoning MorallyAbout Potentially Harmful Courses of Action," delivered at a conference on ethics, technology and the future, April, 1980, Wayne State University (invited)

56. "Abortion and Potential Persons," read at a departmental colloquium, Wayne State University April, l979.  A longer version was read at a meeting of the Michigan Sociological Association, November l979 and at a Faculty Forum at Wayne State University, December, l979 (invited)

57. "The Unfairness of Preferential Treatment," read at a conference on preferential treatment held in Sacramento, California, January 27, l979.  Published in the proceedings of a series of conferences on questions of equality of opportunity (invited)

F. Invited Seminars or Lectures Presented in the Last Five Years

* + 1. “Futility and Justice in Health Care,” to a group of medical students at Wayne State’s medical school, March 27, 2008.
    2. “In Defense of Atheism,” a lecture sponsored by the campus student group, SANE, Wayne State University, March 21, 2007. Q&A session interrupted by bomb threat!

**IV. SERVICE**

1. Committee Assignments in Last Five Years

l. University Committees membership:

2. College/Department Committees Chaired

3. College/Department Committee Membership

College:

a. Departmental Salary Committee, annually

b. Tenure and Promotion Committee, since 1985

c. Author of the scholarship section in support of promotion and tenure for Katherine Kim, 2016-17

d. On prelim essay committee for (Kirschenheiter, Lockard, Saatchi): 2017-18; Chair of two (Lockard, Saatchi)

e. Committee for tenure and promotion of Josh Wilburn, 2015-16; wrote up section on his teaching.

f. Wrote up teaching section of annual review of Katherine Kim, assistant professor 2015-16.

B. Memberships/Offices Held in Public or Private Agencies Related to Discipline in Last Five Years

1. President of the Central States Philosophical Association, 2009-10.

2.. Membership in the American Philosophical Association

C. Other Professionally Related Service

* + - 1. Host annual mini-conference in philosophy during spring break or when semester ends in Healdsburg, CA: 5-6 philosophers invited to give papers as well as myself, 2017-19
      2. Referee for *Faith and Philosophy (2018), The Journal of Philosophe (2019), and Nous (2019)*

2. Referee for the *American Philosophical Quarterly*, February, 2016

3. Referee for *The Journal of Aesthetics & Art Criticism*, February, 2014

4. Referee for *Philosophical Studies*, July, 2013

5. Referee for *Philosophical Papers*, May, 2013

6. Referee for *The Journal of Theoretical and Philosophical Psychology,* 2012

7. Referee for *Nous*, 1991, 1992-94, 1996, 1999-2000, 2008

8. Referee for *Philosophy & Phenomenological Research* 1991-92, 1999-2000, 2002-03, 2008, 2011

9. Referee for *Faith and Philosophy*, 2001-03

10. Contributor to *The Cambridge Dictionary of Philosophy* (5 entries), Robert Audi (ed.), 1991; 2nd edition, 1999

11. Tenure review for Sharon Ryan, Department of Philosophy, West Virginia University, Fall, 1996

12. Referee for *The Journal of Philosophical Research*, 1989

13. Referee for *The Journal of Medicine and Philosophy*, l985

14. Reviewed Ronald Munson's *Intervention and Reflection* (2nd ed.) for Wadsworth Publishing Co., l985

15. Referee for *Ethics*, l983, l988

16. Reviewed book for publication for West Publishing Co., l982

17. Reviewed M. Pabst Battin's book on suicide for publication for Prentice‑Hall, l980