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Curriculum vitae

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Education:

Ph.D., Philosophy, 2002. University of Colorado, Boulder. Dissertation Title: *A Defense of the Classical View of Concepts*. Committee: Robert Hanna (director), George Bealer, Graham Oddie, Christopher Shields, Rex Welshon

B.S., Philosophy, 1992. North Carolina State University

Areas of Specialization:

Metaphysics, Epistemology, Early Modern Philosophy, Applied Ethics (Business Ethics)

Areas of Competence:

Ancient Philosophy, Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Language

Current Position:

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Department of Philosophy and Religion, Coastal Carolina University (August 2006-)

Publications:

forthcoming. "An Improved Reply to the Argument from Categorization." *The Journal of Mind and Behavior*.

2007. "A Semantic Resolution of the Paradox of Analysis." *Acta Analytica* 22 (3), 189-205.

2007. "Concepts." In *The Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*. URL
<http://www.iep.utm.edu/c/concepts.htm>.

2006. "Concepts and Properties." *Metaphysica* 7 (1), 67-85.

2005. "What Do You Think? An Exercise in Philosophical Thinking" (with Renée Smith). *Teaching Philosophy* 28 (3), 249-59.

2005. "The Classical Theory of Concepts." In *The Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*. URL
<http://www.iep.utm.edu/c/conc-cl.htm>.

2004. "Classical Conceptual Analysis." In *Ultimate Questions: Readings in Philosophy*, Ed. Nils Rauhut and Renée Smith. New York: Longman, 42-52.

Works in progress, under review:

"Two Paradoxes of Future Generations"
"Wal-Mart's Business Model: A Survey of the Moral Objections"
"Divine Intimacy and the Problem of Horrendous Evil"
"Primitive Concepts"

Presentations:

"'I do' or 'I don't': Feminism, Marriage, and the Modern Family." Tea and Ethics Series, Jackson Center for Ethics and Values, Coastal Carolina University. October 24, 2007 (CCU) and October 30, 2007 (First Presbyterian Church, Myrtle Beach, SC). With Julinna Oxley, Department of Philosophy and Religion.

"What Do Candidate Dialetheias Have in Common?" Presented at the annual Meeting of the South Carolina Society for Philosophy, Coastal Carolina University, Conway, S.C., February 2007.

"It Takes a Village: Coastal Carolina University and Horry County Schools." Panel presentation, Celebration of Inquiry, Coastal Carolina University, February 2007.

"Dialetheism." Brown Bag Discussion, Department of Philosophy and Religion, Coastal Carolina University, October 2006.

"The Big Bang, Evolution, and Religion: Is There a Conflict?" Panel presentation, Celebration of Inquiry, Coastal Carolina University, February 17, 2006.

"The Explanatory Power of Evolutionary Theory." Panel presentation, Darwin's Birthday Party. Coastal Carolina University, February 12, 2006.

"Two Paradoxes of Future Generations." Invited paper presentation, Department of Philosophy and Religion, Coastal Carolina University, February 8, 2006.

"Is Wal-Mart's Business Model Right for America?" Tea and Ethics Series, Jackson Center for Ethics and Values, Coastal Carolina University. January 26, 2006 (CCU) and February 2, 2006 (First Presbyterian Church, Myrtle Beach, SC). With Kay Keels, College of Business Administration.

"Concepts and Properties." Presented at the South Carolina Society for Philosophy 2005 Annual Meeting. Furman University, February 2005.

"Omicron Delta Kappa's Forum on Honors and Ethics: Tapping Student Potential." Panel presentation, Celebration of Inquiry, Coastal Carolina University, February 2005.

"Controversy in the Classroom." Panel presentation, Center for Effective Teaching and Learning, Coastal Carolina University, September 2004.

“An Improved Reply to the Argument from Categorization.” Presented at the 2004 Joint Meeting of the North Carolina Philosophy Society and the South Carolina Society for Philosophy. North Carolina State University. March 2004.

“Field’s Problem and the Reliability of *A Priori* Intuition.” Presented at the South Carolina Society for Philosophy 2003 Annual Meeting. University of South Carolina, Lancaster. March 2003.

“Field’s Problem and the Reliability of *A Priori* Intuition.” Presented at the North Carolina Philosophy Society 2003 Annual Meeting. Davidson College. February 2003.

“Concepts and Universals.” Invited talk given to the Coastal Carolina University Philosophy Club. October 2002.

“The Other Half of the Problem of Horrendous Evil.” Presented at the Department of Philosophy Graduate Student Colloquium. University of Colorado, Boulder. April, 1997.

Teaching Experience:

Courses taught at Coastal Carolina University:

Metaphysics (PHIL 420)
Symbolic Logic (PHIL 321)
Business Ethics (PHIL 318)
History of Modern Philosophy (PHIL 301)
Logic and Critical Thinking (PHIL 110)
Introduction to Philosophy (PHIL 101)

Courses taught at University of Colorado, Boulder:

History of Modern Philosophy (PHIL 3010)
History of Ancient Philosophy (PHIL 3000)
Philosophy and the Sciences (PHIL 1400)
Introduction to Philosophy, Modern Thought (PHIL 1020)
Introduction to Philosophy (PHIL 1000)

Awards / Fellowships:

Graduate Part-Time Instructor Teaching Excellence Award. Graduate School, University of Colorado, Boulder. Nominated Fall 2001. *For the past 27 years the Graduate School has awarded up to 10 Graduate Part-Time Instructor Teaching Excellence Awards. Faculty committee members select award recipients on the basis of a biographical statement, faculty and student evaluations, and classroom observations.*

Enrollment Enhancement Fellowship. Department of Philosophy, University of Colorado, Boulder. Spring 2002.

Graduate Part-Time Instructorship. Department of Philosophy, University of Colorado, Boulder. 1997-2002.

Teaching Assistantship. Department of Philosophy, University of Colorado, Boulder. 1996-1997.

Research Assistantship. Department of Philosophy, University of Colorado, Boulder. For James Nickel, 1995-1996.

James Oliver Award. Department of Philosophy, University of South Carolina. 1993. *The James W. Oliver Prize in Logic and its Philosophical Applications is presented in honor of the former Chair of the Department of Philosophy. This award is given to the graduate or undergraduate student(s) who has done the best work in formal logic and its applications to philosophy.*

Teaching Assistantship. Department of Philosophy, University of South Carolina. 1992-1994.

Service:

Search Committee (for lecturer position in religious studies). Department of Philosophy and Religion, Coastal Carolina University. Fall 2007-Spring 2008.

Assessment Committee. College of Humanities and Fine Arts, Coastal Carolina University. Fall 2007-.

Curriculum Committee. College of Humanities and Fine Arts, Coastal Carolina University. Fall 2006-.

Technology Committee. College of Humanities and Fine Arts, Coastal Carolina University. Fall 2006-Spring 2007.

Search Committee (for visiting position in ethics). Department of Philosophy and Religion, Coastal Carolina University. Spring 2005.

Philosophy Club Co-Advisor. Department of Philosophy and Religion, Coastal Carolina University. 2003-2004.

Search Committee (for tenure-track hire in ethics). Department of Philosophy and Religion, Coastal Carolina University. Fall 2003-Spring 2004.

Professional Affiliations:

American Philosophical Association
Society for Philosophy and Psychology
South Carolina Society for Philosophy
American Association of University Professors
Phi Sigma Tau

Graduate Qualifying Exams:

Ph.D. Dissertation Prospectus Oral Exam: January, 2001. Committee: Robert Hanna (director), George Bealer, Graham Oddie, Christopher Shields, Michael Tooley.

Language Proficiency Exam (German): September, 2000. Proctored by Luc Bovens.

Fifth Semester Qualifying Paper: October, 1996. Title: "The Grue Paradox and Kornblith's Account of Inductive Inference." Committee: Michael Tooley (director), George Bealer, Stephen Leeds.

References:

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Michael Tooley. Professor of Philosophy. University of Colorado, Boulder. (303) 492-6761. Email: *Michael.Tooley@colorado.edu*

George Bealer. Professor of Philosophy. Yale University. (203) 432-1682 (department number).
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Graham Oddie. Associate Professor of Philosophy, Associate Dean of College of Arts and Sciences.
University of Colorado, Boulder. (303) 492-8449. Email: *oddie@spot.colorado.edu*

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