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Faculty Positions

Chair, Department of Philosophy, Michigan State University, August 2011-present.

Associate Professor of Philosophy, Michigan State University, October 2006-present.

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Michigan State University, Aug. 2000-September 2006.

Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Religion, University of North Dakota, Sept. 1998-May 2000.

Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Connecticut College, Aug. 1997-May 1998.

Adjunct Professor of Philosophy, Central Connecticut State University, Sept. 1990-May 1998.

Adjunct Professor of Philosophy, Albertus Magnus College, Jan., 1997-May 1998.

Adjunct Professor of Philosophy, University of Connecticut, Sept., 1987-May, 1994.

Education

Ph.D., Philosophy, University of Connecticut, 1994.
Dissertation: "Logic, Semantics, and Possible Worlds"

Areas of Specialization

Philosophy of logic, Argumentation Theory

Areas of Competence

Metaphysics, Epistemology, Philosophy of Language,

Publications

Articles in peer reviewed journals

"What does formal logic have to do with arguments?" *Metaphilosophy* open access (2022)
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/meta.12587>

- “Arguments and Reason-Giving.” *Argumentation* 36 (2022), 229-247.
- “Inference claims as Assertions.” *Informal Logic* 41 (2021), 359-390.
- “Argument, Inference, and Persuasion.” *Argumentation*, 35 (2021), 339-356.
- “Statements of Inference and Begging the Question.” *Synthese* 194 (2017), 1919-1943.
- “Inference, Circularity, and Begging the Question.” *Informal Logic* 35 (2015), 312-341.
- “On the Rationale for Distinguishing Arguments from Explanations.” *Argumentation* 27 (2013), 283-303.
- “A Plea for Logical Objects.” *Synthese* 167 (2009), 163-182.
- “A Defense of the Kripkean Account of Logical Truth in First-Order Modal Logic.” *Journal of Philosophical Logic* 34 (2005), 305-326.
- “On The Substitutional Approach to Logical Consequence,” 411-446 in *Mistakes of Reasoning: Essays in Honour of John Woods*. Ed. A. Irvine and K. Peacocke. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, (2005).
- “Logic and Existential Commitment.” *Logique et Analyse* 47 (2004), 409-423.
- “On the Substitutional Characterization of First-Order Logical Truth.” *History and Philosophy of Logic* 25 (2004), 195-214.
- “Models, Validity, and Possible Worlds,” 153-166 in *Logical Consequence: Rival Approaches*. Ed. by J. Woods and B. Brown. Oxford: Hermes Science Publishing Ltd., (2001).
- “Bertrand Russell and Logical Truth.” *Philosophia* 27 (1999), 481-493.
- “On the Substantiality of Logic,” 55-64 in *The Logica Yearbook 1997*. Ed. By Timothy Childers. Praha: Filosofia, (1998).
- “Logical Truth in Modal Logic.” *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 77 (1996), 351-361.
- “Logic and Necessary Beings.” *Sorites* 4 (1996), 21-35.
- “Russell on the Design Argument for God’s Existence.” *The Bertrand Russell Society Quarterly* 88, 28-30 (1995).

Book

The Concept of Logical Consequence: An Introduction to Philosophical Logic. Peter Lang: (2010).

Encyclopedia Articles

“Argument,” *The Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*. B. Dowden and J. Fieser, General Editor. <http://www.iep.utm.edu/>, (2013).

“Logical Consequence, Philosophical Considerations,” *The Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*. B. Dowden and J. Fieser, General Editor. <http://www.iep.utm.edu/>, (2004).

“Logical Consequence, Deductive Conceptions,” *The Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*. B. Dowden and J. Fieser, General Editor. <http://www.iep.utm.edu/>, (2004).

“Logical Consequence, Model-theoretic Conceptions,” *The Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*. B. Dowden and J. Fieser, General Editor. <http://www.iep.utm.edu/>, (2004).

Book Reviews

“N. Salmon, *Philosophical papers: content, cognition and communication, Vol. II.*” *History and Philosophy of Logic* 30, 101-102 (2009).

“G. Englebretsen, Bare facts and naked truths: a new correspondence theory of truth.” *History and Philosophy of Logic* 29, 287-289 (2008).

“P.D. Magnus, *forall x, an introduction to formal logic, version 1.11.*” *Teaching Philosophy* 29, 387-390 (2006).

“N. Salmon, *Philosophical papers: metaphysics, mathematics, and meaning, Vol. I.*” *History and Philosophy of Logic* 4, 343-345 (2006).

“L. Wittgenstein, *Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus*, C. K. Ogden Trans, 1999.” *Essays in Philosophy* 5, available at <http://www.humboldt.edu/~essays/> (2004).

“Colin McGinn, *Logical Properties: Identity, Existence, Predication, Necessity, Truth.*” *The Bulletin of Symbolic Logic* 9, 39-42 (2003).

“Antony Flew, *Philosophical Essays*,’ Ed. By John Shosky.” *The Bertrand Russell Society Quarterly* 100, 29-33 (1998).

Referee for the following journals

Logique et Analyse

Synthese

Mind

Philosophy and Rhetoric

Erkenntnis

Philosophy and Rhetoric

History and Philosophy of Logic

Journal of Pragmatics

Informal Logic

Language and Communication

Argumentation

Fellowship and Grant

Participant in the NEH Summer Seminar, "Proofs and Refutations in Mathematics Today," from June 25th to August 3rd of 2001 at Case Western Reserve University.

IRGP (MSU intramural) grant awarded in 2003 for course release for the fall semester of 2004.

Other Work Experience

Community Educator--Violence Intervention Program, Women's Center of Southeastern Connecticut, Inc., Sept., 1995-June 1997.

Presentations

Peer Reviewed National Meetings

Russell and Logical Ontology presented on December 30th for the 2003 Eastern Divisional meeting of the American Philosophical Association in Washington DC.

Truth Simpliciter and Logical Consequence presented on December 30th for the 2001 Eastern Divisional meeting of the American Philosophical Association in Atlanta, GA.

Hartry Field on Logical Truth in Modal Logic presented on December 30th for the 1997 Eastern Divisional meeting of the American Philosophical Association in Philadelphia, PA.

Models, Validity, and Possible Worlds presented on December 28th for the 1996 meeting of the Eastern Divisional of the American Philosophical Association in Atlanta, Georgia.

Bertrand Russell and Logical Truth presented on April 26th for the 1996 meeting of the Central Divisional of the American Philosophical Association in Chicago, Illinois.

Peer Reviewed International Meetings

Argument, Inference, and Persuasion presented on June 5th 2020 for Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation, OSSA 12: "Evidence, Persuasion, and Identity". ZOOM conference.

Entailment and Inference presented on June 29th 2019 for *The Epistemology of Reasoning* conference held at the University of Cologne, Germany.

Quine on why Quantification Requires Identity presented on September 8th for the III Principia International Symposium 2003 in Florianopolis, Brazil.

On the Substantiality of Logic presented on June 18th, 1997 in Liblice, Czech Republic for the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic on the occasion of the 11th International Symposium LOGICA 97'.

Society Meetings

A Reply to the 'Pedagogical Challenge' to Intellectual Virtue as an Aim of Critical Thinking Education presented on February 24th for the 2022 Association for Philosophy of Education session at the APA, Chicago.

On the Rationale for Distinguishing Arguments from Explanations presented on December 30th for the 2011 Association for Informal Logic & Critical Thinking session at the APA, Washington DC.

A Plea for Logical Objects presented on May 27th for the 2006 annual meeting of the Bertrand Russell Society at The University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA.

On the Kripkean Account of Logical Truth in First-Order Modal Logic presented on April 23rd for the 2004 spring meeting of the Association for Symbolic Logic in Chicago, Ill.

Russell on Logical Truth and Modality presented on December 29th for the 2001 Bertrand Russell Society meeting at the Eastern Divisional meeting of the American Philosophical Association in Atlanta, GA.

Field vs. Kripke on Logical Truth in Modal Logic presented on May 11th, 2001 for the annual meeting of *The Society of Exact Philosophy* at the University of Montreal, Montreal.

Truth Simpliciter and Logical Consequence presented on March 14th, 2000 for the annual meeting of *The Society of Exact Philosophy* at the University of Florida, Gainesville.

Models, Validity, and Possible Worlds presented on May 29th, 1999 for the annual meeting of *The Society of Exact Philosophy* at the University of Lethbridge, Alberta.

Invited Colloquia

Logic and Existential Commitment presented on February 9th, 2000 for a colloquium at Michigan State University, East Lansing.

On Pascal's Wager presented on March 13th, 1996 in New Britain, Connecticut for the Central Connecticut State University Spring Philosophy Colloquium Series.

Others

Commentary on D. Hitchcock's "Deep disagreement as intellectual colonialism" on June 3rd 2020 for the Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation, OSSA 12: "Evidence, Persuasion, and Identity". ZOOM conference.

Evaluating Public Philosophy as Academic Scholarship on February 9th 2018, "Understanding Impact" conference for the Public Philosophy Network at University of Colorado, Boulder.

Commentary on G. Goddu's, "On the Very Concept of an Enthymeme" on May 20th, 2016 for the Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation, OSSA 11: "" OSSA conference, University of Windsor.

A Pedagogical Approach to a Foundation for the Definition of Validity in First-Order Logic July 25th, 1996, in Piscataway, New Jersey at Rutgers University for the Institute of Discrete Mathematics and Computer Science Symposium on Teaching Logic and Reasoning in an Illogical World.

Bertrand Russell and Logical Truth presented on February 24th, 1996 in Memphis, Tennessee at the University of Memphis for the 1996 Mid-South Philosophy Conference.

Quine on Logical Consequence presented on April 20th, 2002 for *Mistakes of Reason: A Conference in Honour of John Woods* at the University of Lethbridge, Alberta.