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EDUCATION:

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill: Ph.D. (Philosophy), 1998; M.A., 1993.

Dalhousie University: M.A. (Philosophy), 1991.

University of Toronto: B.Sc. (Chemistry), 1985.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS:

Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Saskatchewan: 2014-present

Adjunct Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Saskatchewan: 2011-2014

Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Lethbridge: 2006-2014

Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Lethbridge: 2002-2006

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Lethbridge: 2000-2002

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, College of Charleston: 1998-2000.

PUBLICATIONS:

Books:

3. *Fiction, Reference, and Make-Believe: referential anti-realism and the extended-game model*, Lexington Books (under contract).

2. *Philosophical Problems: an introductory text in philosophy*, Broadview, 2017.

1. *Empty Revelations: an essay on talk about, and attitudes toward, fiction*, McGill-Queen's University Press, 2012.

- Reviewed by John E. MacKinnon, *University of Toronto Quarterly*, 83.2, 2014: 578-80.
- Reviewed by Jeffrey Goodman, *Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism*, 71.4, 2013: 392-4.

Refereed Journal Articles:

40. "Mythical Mythology: mythical objects, intentional identity, and referential anti-realism," *Dialogue*, 64.3. 2025: 537-553 (<https://doi.org/10.1017/S0012217324000386>).

39. "Musical Ontology: Works, Versions, and Lineages," *British Journal of Aesthetics*, 64.4, 2024: 445-459.

38. "Speaking of Godot: fiction, reference, and indeterminate identities," *Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism*, 82.2, 2024: 163-73.
37. "Nested Types and Musical Flexibility," *Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism*, 81.3, 2023: 396-9.
36. "Musical Types and Musical Flexibility," *Acta Analytica*, 38.2, 2023: 355-69.
35. "The Fictional Road Not Taken: a weak anti-realist theory of fiction," *Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism*, 80.3, 2022: 333-344.
34. "Just Kidding: stand up, speech acts, and slurs," *Disputatio*, 13.60, 2021: 1-25.
33. "Multiplicity, Audibility, and Musical Continuity," *Dialogue*, 59.1, 2020: 101-21.
32. "Musical Ontology and the Question of Persistence," *Acta Analytica*, 35, 2020: 213-27.
31. "Interpretation, Intentions, and Responsibility," *Estetika*, 55.2, 2018: 135-54.
30. "Rogue or Lover: value-maximizing interpretations of *Withnail and I*," *Projections*, 12.1, 2018: 39-54.
29. "Cliffhangers and Sequels: stories, sequels, and authorial intentions," *Dialogue*, 57.1, 2018: 163-72.
28. "Identity Statements and Conversationally Salient Content," *Dialogue*, 54.1, 2015:121-38.
27. "Butter Knives and Screwdrivers: an intentionalist defense of radical constructivism," *Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism*, 72.3, 2014: 247-60.
26. "Abortion Rights and Paternal Obligations," *Public Affairs Quarterly*, 26.4, 2012: 273-91.
25. "Transparent Representation: photography and the art of casting," *Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism*, 70.1, 2012: 9-17.
24. "Description, Disagreement, and Fictional Names," *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, 41.3, 2011: 423-448.
23. "Word-Sculpture, Speech Acts, and Fictionality," *Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism*, 68.4, 2010: 389-399.
22. "That's the Fictional Truth, Ruth," *Acta Analytica*, 25.3, 2010: 347-363.
21. "The (Rump) Parliamentarian's Reply," *Dialogue*, 48.3, 2009: 665-672.
20. "Onstage Illocution," *Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism*, 67.3, 2009: 321-331.

19. "Cluster Theory: Resurrection," *Dialogue*, 48.2, 2009: 269-289.
18. "The Inessential Quasi-Indexical," *Philosophical Studies*, 145.2, 2009: 235-255.
17. "Mopes, Dopes, and Tropes," *Dialogue*, 47.1, 2008: 53-64.
16. "Ignorance, Indeterminacy, and Abortion Policy," *Journal of Value Inquiry*, 41, 2007: 183-200.
 - Reprinted in *Readings in Health Care Ethics, 2nd Edition*, Elisabeth (Boetzkes) Gedge & Wilfrid J. Waluchow, eds., Broadview Press, 2012.
15. "For the Ubiquity of Non-Actual Fact-telling Narrators," *Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism*, 65.4, 2007: 401-404.
14. "Leave me out of it: *de re*, but not *de se*, imaginative engagement with fiction," *Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism*, 64.4, 2006: 451-460.
13. "Are Functional Properties Causally Potent?" *Sorites*, 17, 2006: 48-54.
12. "A Neo-Hintikkan Theory of Attitude Ascriptions," *Kriterion*, 19, 2005: 1-11.
11. "Varieties of Believed-World Semantics," *Philosophia*, 32, 2005: 51-72.
10. "Between the Lines of Age: Reflections on the Metaphysics of Words," *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, 86, 2005: 171-186.
9. "Mad, Martian, but not Mad Martian, Pain," *Sorites*, 15, 2004: 73-75.
8. "The Spoken Work," *Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism*, 62, 2004: 331-337.
7. "Is Phenomenal Pain the Primary Intension of 'Pain'?" *Metaphysica*, 5, 2004: 15-28.
6. "Correspondence via the Backdoor and Other Stories," *Disputatio*, 1.14, 2003: 3-21.
5. "Fregecide," *Dialogue*, 42, 2003: 275-290.
4. "Thomson, the Right to Life, and Partial Birth Abortion," *Journal of Medical Ethics*, 28, 2002: 99-101.
 - Reprinted in *Intervention and Reflection: Basic Issues in Medical Ethics, 7th Edition*, Ronald Munson, ed., Wadsworth, 2004, pp. 622-626.
3. "The Naïve Argument against Moral Vegetarianism," *Environmental Values*, 9, 2000: 81-89.
2. "Simple and Sophisticated "Naïve" Semantics," *Dialogue*, 39.1, 2000: 101-121.
1. "Correspondence on the Cheap," *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, 77, 1996: 163-178.

Book Chapters:

3. "Varieties of Photographic Fiction," in *Mimesis: Metaphysics, Cognition, Pragmatics*, Gregory Currie, Petr Kotatko, Martin Pokorny, eds., College Publications, London, 2012, pp. 316-42.
2. "A Neo-Hintikka Solution to Kripke's Puzzle," in *Mistakes of Reason: Essays in Honour of John Woods*, Kent Peacock and Andrew Irvine, eds., University of Toronto Press, 2005, pp. 93-102.
1. "The Logic of Fiction," (with John Woods) in the *Handbook of Philosophical Logic, Second Edition, Volume 11*, Kluwer Academic Publishers, 2004, pp. 241-316.

Book Reviews:

3. *Naturalism in Question*, Mario De Caro and David Macarthur, eds., reviewed in *Philosophy in Review*, 25.2, 2005: 101-104.
2. *Truth and Truthmakers*, by D. M. Armstrong, reviewed in *Disputatio*, 17, 2004: 74-78.
1. *What's Within? Nativism Reconsidered* by Fiona Cowie, reviewed in *Minds and Machines*, 11, 2001: 448-451.

Work in Progress:

- "Repetition, Variability, and Recognition: a defense of the Irmak-Friedell theory of words," submitted.
- "A Tale of Two Literatures," in progress.
- "Creating the Nonexistent," in progress.
- "Serious Discourse about Serious Discourse about Fiction," in progress.
- "Repetition and Creation: the Levinson-Kivy debate revisited," in progress.

LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS:**Conference Presentations:**

- "Creating the Nonexistent"
- Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress, June, 2026 (commentator: TBA)
 - Western Canadian Philosophical Association Conference, October, 2025.
- "Serious Discourse about Serious Discourse about Fiction"
- Canadian Society for Aesthetics Annual Meeting, June, 2024
- "Characters and Their Names"
- Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress, June, 2024 (commentator: Chris Tillman)
 - Western Canadian Philosophical Association Conference, October, 2023 (commentator: Emma Esmaili)

“Encoding Linguistic Universals: a theory of words”

- Western Canadian Philosophical Association Conference, October, 2023
- Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress, May, 2023

“Musical Ontology: Works, Versions, and Lineages”

- Canadian Society for Aesthetics Annual Meeting, May, 2023

“Musical Works as Situated Heir Lines”

- Western Canadian Philosophical Association Conference, September, 2022

“Nob and Hobbits: fiction, pretense, and intentional identity”

- Canadian Society for Aesthetics Annual Meeting, June, 2022

“Witch Mythology: Millian Approaches to Intentional Identity”

- Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress, May, 2022

“The Real McCoy”

- Western Canadian Philosophical Association Conference, November, 2021 (commentator: Zoe Luo)
- Canadian Society for Aesthetics Annual Meeting, June, 2021

“Musical Flexibility”

- Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress, May, 2021
- Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress, June, 2020 [**CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC**]

“Musical Persistence”

- Western Canadian Philosophical Association Conference, October, 2019 (commentator: Anton Killin)
- Canadian Society for Aesthetics Annual Meeting, June, 2019

“Musical Continuants and Musical Repeatability”

- American Society for Aesthetics, Annual Meeting, October, 2019 (commentator: Wesley Cray)
- Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress, June, 2019 (commentator: Carl Matheson)

“Musical Ontology and the Question of Abstracta”

- Western Canadian Philosophical Association Conference, October, 2018 (commentator: Chris Tillman)

“Between Not Pretending and Pretending Not: Speech Acts, Shared Pretense, and Existence”

- Western Canadian Philosophical Association Conference, October, 2017 (commentator: Chris Tillman)

“Between Chris Rock and a Hard Gay: humor, speech acts, and identity”

- Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress, May, 2017 (commentator: Ian McDonald)

“The Accidental Author: interpretation, intentions, and responsibility”

- Western Canadian Philosophical Association Conference, November, 2016

“Cliffhangers and Sequels: a limited defense of authorial intentions as narrative truth-makers”

- Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress, May, 2016 (commentator: Josh Spencer) – Tenured Faculty Essay Prize
- American Society for Aesthetics Pacific Division Meetings, April, 2015 (commentator: Stephen Davies)

“Butter Knives and Screwdrivers: an intentionalist defense of constructivism”

- Western Canadian Philosophical Association Conference, October, 2013 (commentator: Carl Matheson)
- American Society for Aesthetics Pacific Division Meetings, April, 2013 (commentator: Tom Adajian)

“Empty Revelations: replies to critics”

- Author Meets Critics Symposium, Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress, June 2013 (critics: John Woods, Jill Isenberg, Richard Vallee)

“Varieties of Photographic Fiction”

- How to Make Believe: The Fictional Truths of the Representational Arts Conference, March, 2012

“Transparent Representation: photography and the art of casting”

- American Society for Aesthetics Pacific Division Meetings, March, 2011 (commentator: John Kulvicki)

“Description, Disagreement, and Fictional Names”

- Western Canadian Philosophical Association Conference, October, 2010 (commentator: Chris Tillman)

“Make-Believe and the Urbane Backwoodsman”

- Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress, May, 2010 (commentator: Samantha Copeland)
- Western Canadian Philosophical Association Conference, October, 2009 (commentator: Sarah Hoffman)

“Fictionality and Speech Acts”

- Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress, May, 2009

“Was ‘Pluto is a Planet’ Ever True?”

- Western Canadian Philosophical Association Conference, October, 2008 (commentator: Seyed Mousavian)

“On-Stage Illocution”

- American Society for Aesthetics Pacific Division Meetings, March, 2008 (commentator: Jim Hamilton)
- Western Canadian Philosophical Association Conference, October, 2007 (commentator: Sarah Hoffman)

“Truth in Fiction: The Story Concluded”

- Western Canadian Philosophical Association Conference, October, 2006 (commentator: Frances Howard-Snyder).

“Please Stay Tuned”

- Tenable Absurdities Conference, November, 2005 (commentator: David Boutland).

“Leave me out of it: *de re*, but not *de se*, imaginative engagement with fiction”

- Western Canadian Philosophical Association Conference, October, 2005 (commentator: Laurel Ralston).

“Excluding Tropes”

- Western Canadian Philosophical Association Conference, October, 2004 (commentator: Jeff Foss).
- Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress, May, 2004 (commentator: Greg Janzen).
- Central Division American Philosophical Association Meetings, April, 2004 (commentator: Eric Sidel).

“Between the Lines of Age: Reflections on the Metaphysics of Words”

- Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association, July 2003.
- Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress, June, 2003 (commentator: Richard Vallee).
- Western Canadian Philosophical Association Conference, October, 2002 (commentator: David Johnston).

“A Neo-Hintikka Solution to Kripke’s Puzzle”

- Mistakes of Reason: A Conference in Honour of John Woods, April 2002.
- Western Canadian Philosophical Association Conference, October, 2001 (Commentator: David De Vidi).
- Society for Exact Philosophy Annual Meeting, May 2001.

“Call Me ‘Holmes’: The Perils of Anthropomorphizing Human Beings”

- Tenable Absurdities Conference, September, 2001.

“Peter, Paul, and Paderewski: Kripke's Puzzle and Believer-Relative Semantics”

- Western Canadian Philosophical Association Conference, October, 2000 (commentator: Richard Vallee).
- Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology Conference, April, 1998.

- Intermountain Philosophy Conference, October, 1997.
- “A Neo-Hintikka Theory of Attitude Ascriptions”
- Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress, May, 2000 (Commentator: Tim Kenyon).
 - South Carolina Society for Philosophy Conference, February, 2000.
- “Naive Semantics and Explanations of Behaviour”
- North Carolina Philosophical Society Conference, February, 1996.

Invited Lectures:

- “Creating the Nonexistent”
- Dept. of Philosophy, University of Saskatchewan, January, 2025
- “Serious Discourse about Serious Discourse about Fiction”
- Dept. of Philosophy, University of Regina, March, 2024
 - Dept. of Philosophy, University of Saskatchewan, January, 2024
- “Musical Ontology: Works, Versions, and Lineages”
- Philosophy in the Community Series, Sponsored by Dept. of Philosophy, University of Saskatchewan, October, 2023
- “Musical Works as Situated Heir Lines”
- Dept. of Philosophy, University of Saskatchewan, September, 2022
- “A Defense of Words”
- Dept. of Philosophy, University of Saskatchewan, September, 2021
- “The Fictional Road Not Taken”
- Dept. of Philosophy, University of Saskatchewan, September, 2020
- “W(h)i(t)ch Mythology: Millian Approaches to Intentional Identity”
- Dept. of Philosophy, University of Glasgow, May, 2020 **[CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC]**
- “You Can’t Sing That: songs, fiction, and slurs”
- Dept. of Philosophy, University of Saskatchewan, March, 2020 **[CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC]**
- “Musical Persistence”
- Dept. of Philosophy, Dalhousie University, August, 2019
- “Musical Ontology and the Question of Abstracta”
- Dept. of Philosophy, University of Saskatchewan, September, 2018
- “The Unspoken Work: common currency reconsidered”

- Keynote Address, 2018 Philosophy Student Conference, University of Lethbridge, March, 2018

“Just Kidding: philosophical reflections on humour”

- Philosophy in the Community Series, Sponsored by Dept. of Philosophy, University of Saskatchewan, November, 2017

“Between Not Pretending and Pretending Not: Speech Acts, Shared Pretense, and Existence”

- Dept. of Philosophy, University of Saskatchewan, September, 2017

“Rogues or Lovers: value-maximizing interpretations of *Withnail and I*”

- Dept. of Philosophy, University of Saskatchewan, October, 2016

“Waiting for Beckett: Value, Responsibility, and Authorial Intentions”

- Prague Interpretation Colloquium, April, 2016

“A New Intentionalist Theory of interpretation”

- Dept. of Philosophy, University of Saskatchewan, September, 2015

“Is Semantics a Mistake?”

- Dept. of Philosophy, University of Saskatchewan, January, 2015
- Dept. of Philosophy, Dalhousie University, August, 2014
- Dept. of Philosophy, University of Lethbridge, April, 2014

“Cliffhangers and Sequels: a limited defense of immoderate actual intentionalism”

- Dept. of Philosophy, University of Saskatchewan, November, 2013

“Butter Knives and Screwdrivers: an intentionalist defense of radical constructivism”

- Dept. of Philosophy, University of Lethbridge, February, 2013
- Dept. of Philosophy, University of Saskatchewan, November, 2012
- Dept. of Philosophy, University of Calgary, September, 2012

“No One Here Gets Out Alive: death, survival, and personal identity”

- Philosophy in the Community Series, Sponsored by Dept. of Philosophy, University of Saskatchewan, November, 2012

“Varieties of Photographic Fiction,”

- Dept. of Philosophy, University of Lethbridge, February, 2012
- Dept. of Philosophy, University of Saskatchewan, November, 2011

“Transparent Representation: photography and the art of casting”

- Dept. of Philosophy, University of Lethbridge, January, 2011
- Dept. of Philosophy, University of Saskatchewan, October, 2010

“Make-Believe and the Urbane Backwoodsman”

- Dept. of Philosophy, University of Lethbridge, January, 2010

“Empty Revelations: A Theory of Fictional Names”

- Dept. of Philosophy, University of Saskatchewan, November, 2009

“Why do we care about the fates of non-existent people (and other puzzles about fiction)?”

- Philosophy in the Community Series, Sponsored by Dept. of Philosophy, University of Saskatchewan, November, 2009

“Speaking On-Stage”

- Dept. of Philosophy, University of Lethbridge, November, 2008

“The Inessential Quasi-Indexical”

- Dept. of Philosophy, University of Saskatchewan, November, 2007
- Dept. of Philosophy, University of Lethbridge, November, 2007

“Is it Really “All Relative”? A Debate” (with Jan Newberry)

- Dept.’s of Anthropology and Philosophy, University of Lethbridge, March, 2007

“Fictional Truth and Narrative Unreliability”

- Keynote Address, Prairie Provinces Undergraduate Philosophy Association Conference, January, 2007

“Leave me out of it: *de re*, but not *de se*, imaginative engagement with fiction”

- Dept. of Philosophy, University of Saskatchewan, September, 2006

“Cluster Theory: Resurrection,”

- Dept. of Philosophy, University of Lethbridge, November, 2005

“Groupositional Attitudes”

- Dept. of Philosophy, University of Calgary, November, 2004.

“Attitudes Toward Fiction: A Progress Report”

- Dept. of Philosophy, University of Lethbridge, October, 2004.

“The Spoken Work”

- Dept. of Philosophy, University of Lethbridge, February 2004.

“Game Theory and Morality: a Debate” (with Paul Viminiz)

- Dept. of Philosophy, University of Lethbridge, September, 2003.

“Excluding Tropes”

- Dept. of Philosophy, Dalhousie University, June 2003.

“Making Mind Matter More or Less”

- Dept. of Philosophy, University of Lethbridge, November, 2002.

“Fregecide”

- Dept. of Philosophy, Dalhousie University, July 2002.

“Reading, Writing, and Speech Act Theory”

- Dept. of Philosophy, University of Lethbridge, April 2002.

“Between the Lines of Age: Reflections on the Metaphysics of Words”

- Dept. of Philosophy, Dalhousie University, July 2001.

“Could Phenomenal Pain be the Primary Intension of ‘Pain’?”

- Dept. of Philosophy, University of Lethbridge, November, 2000.

“Peter, Paul, and Paderewski: A New Puzzle about Belief?”

- Dept. of Philosophy, University of Lethbridge, March, 2000.

“Simple and Sophisticated “Naïve” Semantics”

- Dept. of Philosophy, Okanagan University College, May, 1999.
- York University, March, 1999.

“Varieties of Believed-World Semantics: Hintikka, Stalnaker, and Me”

- Dept. of Philosophy, University of Manitoba, February, 1998.
- Dept. of Philosophy, UNC-Chapel Hill, December, 1997.

“Correspondence via the Backdoor and Other Stories”

- Dept. of Philosophy, Dalhousie University, June, 1997.
- Graduate Philosophy Club, UNC-Chapel Hill, March, 1997.

Commentaries:

Comments on Yoorin Im’s “Why This Performance Is a Performance of That Musical Work: Essential Properties of Musical Works”

- Pacific Division American Philosophical Association Meetings, April, 2025. **[CANCELLED DUE TO US BORDER CONCERNS]**

Comments on Samuel Collins-Besko’s “What Audiences Want and Owe: Actual Intentionalism’s Discontents”

- Western Canadian Philosophical Association Conference, September, 2024

Comments on Michel-Antoine Xhignesse’s “False Interpretive Frameworks”

- Western Canadian Philosophical Association Conference, November, 2021

Comments on Julie Minarek and Cameron McKinnon’s “I, Artist”

- Western Canadian Philosophical Association Conference, October, 2018

Comments on Megan Stott’s “From Context to Mental States”

- Western Canadian Philosophical Association Conference, October, 2017

Comments on Daniel Harris's "Semantics without Semantic Content"

- Western Canadian Philosophical Association Conference, October, 2014

Comments on Manuela Ungureanu's "Cultural Origins of Our Experiences of Word Meaning, and Their Consequences for the Phenomenology of Speech"

- Western Canadian Philosophical Association Conference, October, 2013

Comments on James Young's "Musical Expressiveness, Psychology and the Contour Theory"

- Western Canadian Philosophical Association Conference, October, 2011

Comments on Jillian Isenberg and Derek Matravers' "Fiction, Action, and Belief"

- Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress, May, 2010

Comments on Joseph Hedger's "New York is Just New York: an account of genuine proper names in fiction."

- Pacific Division American Philosophical Association Meetings, April, 2010.

Comments on Will Robbin's "Science Fiction and Ricoeur's Narrative Identity."

- Western Canadian Philosophical Association Conference, October, 2009

Comments on Cathleen Muller's "Reply to Everett's 'Against Fictional Realism'"

- American Society for Aesthetics Pacific Division Meetings, April, 2009

Comments on David Johnston's "Propositions and Propositional Acts"

- Western Canadian Philosophical Association Conference, October, 2007

Comments on Erin Eaker's "Are belief reports ambiguous between *de re* and *de dicto* readings?"

- Western Canadian Philosophical Association Conference, October, 2006

Comments on Chris Tillman's "Counterfactuals and Context: If It Were the Case that Counterfactuals Behaved Different in Indirect Reports, They Might be Context-Sensitive"

- Pacific Division American Philosophical Association Meetings, March, 2006.

Comments on Sandra Lapointe's "Individuating Lexical Types and Ascribing Mental States: Frege and Husserl"

- Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress, May, 2005.

Comments on Brendan Ritchie's "Eliminative Materialism and its Variations"

- Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress, May, 2005.

Comments on Patrick McGivern's "Parts of Properties: Realization as Decomposition"

- Western Canadian Philosophical Association Conference, October, 2004.

Comments on Heidi Tiedke's "Is Knowledge Ever Constitutive of Freedom?"

- Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress, June, 2004.

Comments on Noa Latham's "Is There a Conception of Causality That Gives Rise to a Problem of Mental Causation?"

- Western Canadian Philosophical Association Conference, October, 2003.

Comments on Neil Campbell's "Zombies, Zimboes, and Epiphenomenalism"

- Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress, June, 2003.

Comments on Andrew Egan's "Second-Order Predication and the Metaphysics of Properties"

- Pacific Division American Philosophical Association Meetings, March, 2003.

Comments on Yosh Kobasigawa's "A Meinongian View of Definite Descriptions"

- Western Canadian Philosophical Association Conference, October, 2002.

Comments on Mark Kalderon's "The Open Question Argument, Frege's Puzzle, and Leibniz's Law"

- Pacific Division American Philosophical Association Meetings, March, 2002.

Comments on David Johnston's "Identity, Necessity, and Propositions"

- Western Canadian Philosophical Association Conference, October, 2001.

Sessions Chaired:

Sessions on Linguistic Ontology and Genres

- Western Canadian Philosophical Association Conference, September, 2024

Session on Fiction

- Western Canadian Philosophical Association Conference, October, 2023

Session on Logic

- Western Canadian Philosophical Association Conference, November, 2021

Colloquium on Philosophy of Art and Literature in Canada

- Western Canadian Philosophical Association Conference, October, 2015

Session on the Philosophy of Mind

- Western Canadian Philosophical Association Conference, October, 2013

Session on the Philosophy of Art

- Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress, May, 2010

Session on the Philosophy of Language

- Western Canadian Philosophical Association Conference, October, 2007

Colloquium on Singular Thought

- Pacific Division American Philosophical Association Meetings, April, 2007

Session on the History of Philosophy

- Western Canadian Philosophical Association Conference, October, 2004.

Session on the Philosophy of Mind

- Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress, May, 2004.

Sessions on the Philosophy of Language and the History of Philosophy

- Western Canadian Philosophical Association Conference, October, 2003.

Session on Philosophy of Mind

- Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress, June, 2003.

Session on Meta-philosophy

- Western Canadian Philosophical Association Meetings, October 2002.

Session on Philosophy of Language

- Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress, May 2000.

Colloquium on Attitude Ascriptions

- Pacific Division American Philosophical Association Meeting, April 1999.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Referee for *Philosophical Studies*: 2025

Referee for the *Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism*: 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013 [x2], 2014, 2015 [x2], 2016, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025.

Referee for the *British Journal of Aesthetics*: 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025.

Referee for *Ergo*: 2025

Referee for *Estetika*: 2021, 2024.

Referee for the *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*: 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2018, 2020, 2022, 2024.

Grant Assessor for SSHRC: 2012, 2024

Referee for the Western Canadian Philosophical Association: 2002, 2003, 2007, 2010, 2011, 2014, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2024.

Referee for *Erkenntnis*: 2006, 2009, 2013, 2017, 2018, 2019 [x2], 2021, 2023.

Referee for *Philosophical Quarterly*: 2022

Referee for *Metaphysics*: 2022.

Referee for *Philosophy*: 2021 [x2]

Referee for *Disputatio*: 2021

Referee for the *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*: 2002, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 [x3], 2010, 2019 [x2], 2021.

Referee for *Dialogue*: 2004, 2010, 2011, 2012 [x2], 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019.

Referee for *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*: 2009, 2018 [x2]

Book Proposal Reviewer for Broadview Press: 2018

Jury Member for CPA Tenured Faculty Essay Prize: 2017, 2018.

Referee for the *European Journal of Analytic Philosophy*: 2017

Referee for *Philosophical Papers*: 2003, 2016.

Referee for *Postgraduate Journal of Aesthetics*: 2016

Referee for *Grazer Philosophische Studien*: 2016

Referee for *Acta Analytica*: 2015

Referee for *Res Philosophica*: 2015

Referee for *Mind*: 2014

Referee for *Environmental Values*: 2000, 2014

Referee for *Social Theory and Practice*: 2014

Referee for *Dialectica*: 2014

Referee for *Philosophia*: 1996, 2013.

Referee for the *Journal of Philosophical Research*: 2013.

Referee for the Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress: 2002, 2003, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012

Referee for *The Canadian Geographer*: 2010

Referee for *Philosophy Compass*: 2009

Referee for the *American Philosophical Quarterly*: 2003.

Referee for *De Philosophia*: 2003.

Referee for *Nous*: 1998, 2000, 2002.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

MA Thesis Supervisor:

Craig Trarup, "Lord of the Meaning: An Examination of Interpretive Theories," 2023.

Stephen Oriaku, "Emotional Reactions to Game of Thrones and the Paradox of Fiction," 2022.

Meisam Mirzaee Ataabadi, "Universal: They Argue, Therefore I Am," 2018.

MA Committee Member:

Chloe Stainbrook, "Law and Literature: Are Appeals to Fiction Helpful to Philosophers of Law?" 2025.

Lyndsay Helfrich, "I Wanna Rock: A Critique of Gender Essentialism in Metal Music Scholarship," 2017.

Ryan Meneses, "Metaphilosophy: An Inquiry Concerning the Nature of Philosophy," 2015.

Honours Thesis Supervision:

Andrew Tedder, University of Lethbridge, Supervisor, 2012.

Frank Jankunis, University of Lethbridge, Supervisor, 2005.

Peter Jickling, University of Lethbridge, Supervisor, 2004.

Harris Kollias, University of Lethbridge, Supervisor, 2002.

Courses Taught:

University of Saskatchewan	Professor	2024-2026	Critical Thinking [x4]; Aesthetics; Symbolic Logic; Words, Works, and Characters; Philosophy of Fiction
	Admin. Leave	2024	None
	Professor	2020-2023	Critical Thinking [x5]; Philosophy of Literature; Symbolic Logic; Reference and Fiction
	Admin. Leave	2019-2020	None
	Professor	2014-2019	Critical Thinking [x7]; Research Project in Applied Ethics [x2]; Content and Consciousness; Philosophy of Religion; Understanding Fiction; Symbolic Logic; Reference and Depiction; Philosophy of Literature
University of Lethbridge	Associate Professor	2007-2014	Philosophy of Art [x4]; Philosophy of Mind [x4]; Biomedical Ethics; Introduction to Philosophy [x11]; Philosophy of Language [x3]; Philosophy of Film; Critical Thinking [x4]

	Study Leave	2006-2007	None
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