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Curriculum Vitae (Summer 2016)

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Vanderbilt University

AOS: Epistemology, Pragmatism, Ancient Philosophy

AOC: Argumentation Theory, Philosophy of Religion

Ph.D. in Philosophy, Vanderbilt University (2006)

M.A. in Philosophy, University of Montana (1999)

A.B. in Classics, Washington University in St. Louis (1994)

Single-Authored Books

- *Evidentialism and the Will to Believe*. Bloomsbury (2014).
- *Epistemology and the Regress Problem*. Routledge (2011).

Co-Authored Books

- *Why We Argue (And How We Should)*. With Robert B. Talisse. Routledge (2014).
- *Reasonable Atheism*. With Robert B. Talisse. Prometheus Books (2011).
- *Pragmatism: A Guide for the Perplexed*. With Robert B. Talisse. Continuum Books (2008).

Edited Volumes

- *The Regress Problem: Meta-theory, Development, and Criticism*. Special issue of *Metaphilosophy*. (2014) 45:2. Co-edited with Jeanne Peijnenburg.
- *The Pragmatism Reader: From Peirce to the Present*. Co-edited with Robert B. Talisse. Princeton University Press (2011).
- *Thinking about Logic: Classic Essays*. Co-edited with Steven M. Cahn and Robert B. Talisse. Westview Press (2010).

Professional Essays by Year

Forthcoming

- “Ciceronian Academic Skepticism, Augustinian Anti-Skepticism, and the Argument from Second Place.” *Ancient Philosophy*. (Forthcoming)
- “So what if horses would draw horse gods?” *Sophia*. (Forthcoming).
- “Straw Men, Iron Men and Argumentative Virtue.” With John Casey. *Topoi*. (Forthcoming).
- “Pragmatism and Metaphilosophy.” With Robert B. Talisse. In *Pragmatism and Objectivity*. Ed. Sami Pihlström. Routledge. (Forthcoming).
- “The Will-to-Believe is Immoral.” With Robert B. Talisse. In *The Cries of the Wounded: William James, Moral Philosophy and the Ethical Life*. Ed. Jacob Goodson. Rowman and Littlefield. (Forthcoming).
- “Truth and Brandomian Metaphilosophy.” *Al Mukhatabat Journal (Special Issue on Robert Brandom)* (Forthcoming).

2016

- “Does Divine Hiding Undercut Positive Evidential Atheism?” *Religious Studies* (2016) 52:2.
- “Pragmatism and Pluralism Revisited.” With Robert B. Talisse. *Political Studies Review*. (2016) 14:1.

2015

- “Citizen Skeptic: Cicero’s Academic Republicanism.” *Symposion*. (2015) 2:3.
- “Reply to Joshua Anderson.” With Robert B. Talisse. *The Pluralist*. (2015) 10:3.
- “Modest (but not Self-Effacing) Transcendental Arguments” *Southwest Philosophy Review*. (2015) 31:1
- “Pushover Arguments.” With Robert B. Talisse. In *Exploring Philosophy 5/e*, edited by Steven Cahn. (2015) Oxford University Press.
- “An Atheistic Argument from Ugliness.” With Nikolaos Jones. *European Journal for Philosophy of Religion*. (2015) 7:1.
- “Don’t Feed the Trolls: Straw Man and Iron Man Fallacies.” With John Casey. In *Theoretical Issues in Argumentation Theory*. Ed. Frans van Eemeren and Bart Garssen. Springer (2015).
- “God and Argument.” *Journal for Cultural and Religious Theory*. (2015) 14:2. Published with replies from Paul Moser and J. Aaron Simmons.

2014

- “Xenophanes’ High Rationalism: On Fragment 1:17-8.” *Epochē*. (2014) 19:1.
- “A Dilemma for James’s Doctrine of the Will-to-Believe.” *William James Studies* (2014) 10.
- “Knowing Better, Cognitive Command, and Epistemic Infitism.” In *Ad Infinitum: New Essays on Epistemic Infitism*. Eds. Peter Klein and John Turri. Oxford University Press. (2014)
- “Prospects for Moral Epistemic Infitism.” *Metaphilosophy* (2014) 45:2.
- “Stoicism, Feminism and Autonomy.” With Emily McGill. *Symposion* (2014) 1:1.
- “St. Anselm’s Ontological Argument as Expressive.” With Michael Hodges. *Philosophical Investigations* (2014) 37:2.
- “Environmental Ethics and the Expanding Problem of Evil.” *Think* 36 (2014).
- “Why We Argue: A Sketch of an Epistemic-Democratic Program.” With Robert B. Talisse. *INQUIRY: Critical Thinking across the Disciplines*. (2014) 29:2.
- “The Curious Case of Epictetus’ *Enchiridion* 33:14-15.” In *Epictetus and His Enduring Legacy*. Ed. David Suits. RIT Press (2014).
- “All Philosophers Go to Hell: Dante’s *Inferno* and the Problem of Infernal Punishment.” With Jason Aleksander. *Sophia* (2014) 53:1.

2013

- “A Justification of Faith?: A Re-Reading of William James’s ‘The Will to Believe’ (1896).” *Philosophical Papers* (2013) 42:1.
- “Stoicism’s Integration Problem: Are Epictetus’ Metaphors an Answer?” *Southwest Philosophy Review* (2013) 29:1.
- “Responsible Sports Spectatorship and the Problem of Fantasy Leagues.” *International Journal of Applied Philosophy* (2013) 27:2.
- “Skeptical Theism, Moral Skepticism, and Divine Commands.” With Brian Ribeiro. *International Journal for the Study of Skepticism* (2013) 3:2.
- “Religious Pluralism, Exclusivism and Third Options: The Case of Nicholas of Cusa’s *De Pace Fidei*.” With Jason Aleksander. *International Journal of Philosophy of Religion* (2013) 74:2.

2012

- “Poe’s Law, Group Polarization, and Argumentative Failure in Religious and Political Discourse.” *Social Semiotics* (2012) 22:4.
- “You’d Sing a Different Tune: Subjunctive *Tu Quoque* Arguments.” With Colin Anderson and John Casey. *INQUIRY: Critical Thinking across the Disciplines*. 27: 1 (2012)
- “Prospects for Levinasian Epistemic Infitism” With J. Aaron Simmons. *International Journal of Philosophical Studies*. (2012) 20:3.
- “Pregnant Premise Arguments.” *Informal Logic* (2012) 32:3.

2011

- “A Defense of War and Sport Metaphors for Argument.” *Philosophy and Rhetoric* (2011) 44:3.
- “Straw Men, Weak Men, and Hollow Men.” With John Casey. *Argumentation* (2011) 25:1.
- “Three Problems for Jamesian Ethics.” With Robert Talisse. *William James Studies* 6 (2011).
Published with responses from Ruth-Anna Putnam, Richard Gale and Harvey Cormier.
 - “Replies to Our Critics” With Robert B. Talisse. *William James Studies* 6 (2011).
- “The Rhetorical Theory of Argument is Self-Defeating.” *Cogency* (2011) 3:1.
- “Argument in Mixed Company.” With Robert B. Talisse. *Think* 27 (2011).

2010

- “The Problem of the Criterion and a Hegelian Model for Epistemic Informatism.” *History of Philosophy Quarterly* (2010) 27:4.
- “Developing Group Deliberative Virtues.” With J. Caleb Clanton. *Journal of Applied Philosophy* (2010) 27:3.
- “‘Knowledge is Merely True Belief,’ Rebutted.” *European Journal of Analytic Philosophy* (2010) 6:2.
Published with a response from David Martens, “Knowledge, True Belief, and Virtuous Fallibilism.”
 - “The *Ad Hominem* Argument against ‘Knowledge is True Belief’: A Reply to Martens.” *European Journal of Analytic Philosophy*. (2011) 7:1.
- “Nagel on Public Education and Intelligent Design.” With Michael Harbour and Robert B. Talisse; *Journal of Philosophical Research* 35 (2010).
- “The Problem of Worship.” *Think* 25 (2010).
- “Epistemic Abstainers, Epistemic Martyrs, and Epistemic Converts.” With Michael Harbour, Jonathan Neufeld, and Robert B. Talisse. *Logos and Episteme*. (2010) 1:2.
 - “On Epistemic Abstemiousness: A Reply to Bundy.” With Michael Harbour, Jonathan Neufeld, and Robert B. Talisse. *Logos and Episteme*. (2011) 2:2.
 - “On Epistemic Abstemiousness and Diachronic Norms: A Reply to Bundy.” With Michael Harbour, Jonathan Neufeld, and Robert B. Talisse. *Logos and Episteme*. (2012) 3:1.
- “The Ethics of Inquiry and Engagement: The Case of Science in Public.” With Michael Harbour. *Public Affairs Quarterly* (2010) 24:2.

2009

- “Prospects for Peircan Epistemic Informatism.” *Contemporary Pragmatism* (2009) 9:2.
- “Levinasian Otherism, Skepticism, and the Problem of Self-Refutation” With J. Aaron Simmons. *The Philosophical Forum* (2009) 40:1.
- “Pragmatism, Experience, and the Given.” *Human Affairs* (2009) 19:1.
- “A Consistency Challenge for Moral and Religious Beliefs.” With Brian Ribeiro. *Teaching Philosophy* (2009) 32:2.
- “Evolution, Intelligent Design, and Public Education: A Comment on Thomas Nagel.” With Michael Harbour and Robert B. Talisse. *Spontaneous Generations: A Journal for the History and Philosophy of Science* (2009) 3:1.
- “Don’t Fear the Regress: Epistemic Informatism and Cognitive Value.” *Think* 23 (2009).
- “The Significance of Al Gore’s Purported Hypocrisy.” *Environmental Ethics* (2009) 31:1.

2008

- “Meta-epistemology and the Varieties of Epistemic Informatism.” *Synthese* (2008) 163:2.
- “Holding One’s Own.” *Argumentation* (2008) 22:4.
- “Modus Tonens.” With Robert B. Talisse. *Argumentation* (2008) 22:4.
- “Three Objections to the Epistemic Theory of Argument, Rebutted.” *Argumentation and Advocacy* (2008) 44:4.
- “Evidentialism and James’s Argument from Friendship.” *Southwest Philosophy Review* (2008) 24:1.
- “The Dogma of Environmental Revelation.” *Ethics and the Environment* (2008) 13:2.
- “Perelmanian Universal Audience and the Epistemic Aspirations of Argument.” *Philosophy and Rhetoric* (2008) 41:3.
- “*Tu Quoque* Arguments and the Significance of Hypocrisy.” *Informal Logic* (2008) 28:2.
- “Rockmore on Analytic Pragmatism.” With Robert B. Talisse. *Metaphilosophy* (2008) 39:2.

2007

- “Prospects for Skeptical Foundationalism.” *Metaphilosophy* (2007) 38:5.
- “Kitcher on the Ethics of Inquiry.” With Robert B. Talisse. *The Journal of Social Philosophy* (2007) 38:4. Published with a response from Philip Kitcher, “Reply to Aikin and Talisse.” Reprinted in Steven M. Cahn (ed.) *Problems in Higher Education*. (Temple University Press, 2012).
- “Evidentialism for Everyone.” *Think 15* (2007).

2006

- “Contrastive Self-Attribution of Belief.” *Social Epistemology* (2006) 20:1.
- “Modest Evidentialism.” *International Philosophical Quarterly* (2006) 46:3.
- “Deliberative Democracy, Public Reason, and Environmental Politics.” *Environmental Philosophy* (2006) 3:2. Published with a response from Adam Briggie and Robert Frodeman, “Response to Aikin’s ‘Deliberative Democracy, Public Reason, and Environmental Politics.’”
- “Environmental Politics and Public Reason Revisited: A Reply to Briggie and Frodeman.” *Environmental Philosophy* (2006) 3:2.
- “Argumentative Norms in *Republic I*.” With Mark Anderson. *Philosophy in the Contemporary World* (2006) 13:2.
- “Two Forms of the Straw Man.” With Robert B. Talisse. *Argumentation* (2006) 20:3.
- “Wittgenstein, Dewey, and the Possibility of Religion.” With Michael Hodges. *The Journal of Speculative Philosophy* (2006) 20:1. Reprinted in *American and European Values: Contemporary Perspectives*. Ed. John Lachs, Matthew Caleb Flamm, Krzysztof, and Piotr Skowronski (Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2008).
- “Pragmatism, Naturalism, and Phenomenology.” *Human Studies* (2006) 29:3.

2005

- “Who’s Afraid of Epistemology’s Regress Problem?” *Philosophical Studies* (2005) 126:2.
- “Why Pragmatists Cannot Be Pluralists.” With Robert B. Talisse. *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society* (2005) 41:1. Published with responses from Cheryl Misak, Michael Eldridge, John Lysaker, Michael Sullivan, and Henry Jackman.
- “Still Searching for Pragmatist Pluralism: A Reply to Our Critics.” With Robert B. Talisse. *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society* (2005) 41:1.

Other Publications (Popular Essays, Encyclopedia Entries, Published Comments, Conference Proceedings, Notes on Pedagogy, and Academic Interviews):

- “A Modest Defense of Fallacy Theory.” *Proceedings of the 2016 Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation*. (Forthcoming)
- “On Gaps and Enthymemes: A Comment on Paglieri.” *Proceedings of the 2016 Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation*. (Forthcoming)
- “Straw Man Fallacies.” With John Casey. In *Just the Fallacies*. Ed. Michael Bruce and Steven

- Barbone. Wiley-Blackwell (Forthcoming - 2016).
- “Mention Problems for Expressivism: Comments on D.S. Nelson.” *Southwest Philosophical Review*. (Forthcoming – 2016) 32:2.
 - “Cicero’s Skeptical Republicanism.” *Proceedings of the Humanities Division of the Romanian Academy*. Ed. Teodor Dima, Gabriel Simbotin and Ioan Alexandru Tofan. (Institutul European, FORTHCOMING)
 - “Straw Men and Iron Men” With John Casey. *Proceedings of the 8th Meeting of the International Society for the Study of Argumentation*. (2015). Eds. B. Garssen, D. Godden, G. Mitchell, and A.F. Sneek Henkemans. Amsterdam: Sic Stat.
 - “Righteousness and the *Enchiridion*” In *Adventure Time and Philosophy*. (2015) Ed. Nicholas Michaud. Open Court Publishing.
 - “Contrastivism and Individualism: A Reply to Sawyer.” With Thomas Dabay. *Social Epistemology Review and Reply Collective*. (2014) 3:6. 87-90.
 - “A Further Note on Individualism and Contrastivism: Reply to Sawyer.” With Thomas Dabay. *Social Epistemology Review and Reply Collective*. (2014) 3:10.1-4.
 - “The Regress Problem: Metatheory, Development and Criticism.” With Jeanne Peijnenburg. Introduction for special issue of *Metaphilosophy*. (2014) 45:2.
 - “Don’t Feed the Trolls: Straw Men and Iron Men.” With John Casey. In *Virtues of Argumentation: Proceedings of the 2013 Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation*. Ed. Dima Mohammed
 - “On Robert Pinto’s Ecumenical Epistemic Theory of Argument.” In *Virtues of Argumentation: Proceedings of the 2013 Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation*. Ed. Dima Mohammed.
 - “The Regress Argument for Skepticism” In *Just the Arguments: 100 of the Most Important Arguments in Western Philosophy*. Ed. Michael Bruce and Steven Barbone. Wiley-Blackwell (2012).
 - “Subjunctive *Tu Quoque* Arguments.” With Colin Anderson and John Casey. In *Argumentation, Cognition, and Community: Proceedings of the 2011 Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation*. Ed. Frank Zenker (2012).
 - “Reply to Christoph Lumer.” With Colin Anderson and John Casey. In *Argumentation, Cognition, and Community: Proceedings of the 2011 Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation*. Ed. Frank Zenker (2012).
 - “Going in Circles about Begging the Question: Comments on Walschots” In *Argumentation, Cognition, and Community: Proceedings of the 2011 Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation*. Ed. Frank Zenker. (2012).
 - “Comments on Douglas Walton.” *Argumentation, Cognition, and Community: Proceedings of the 2011 Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation*. Ed. Frank Zenker. (2012).
 - “Two Senses of Epistemic Pragmatism: A Comment on Eric Thompson” *Southwest Philosophy Review* 26:2 (2010).
 - “A Self-Defeat Problem for the Rhetorical Theory of Argument” *Argument Cultures: Proceedings of the Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation*. Ed. Juho Ritola (2010).
 - “Reply to MacIntosh and Wein” In *Argument Cultures: Proceedings of the Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation*. Ed. Juho Ritola (2010).
 - Comment on E.T. Feteris’s “Strategic Maneuvering with Linguistic Arguments in the Justification of Legal Decisions” In *Argument Cultures: Proceedings of the Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation*. Ed. Juho. Ritola. (2010).
 - “Armed for the War on Christmas.” In *Christmas and Philosophy*. Ed. Scott Lowe. Wiley-Blackwell.
 - Interview: “Ethical Communication” by Katherine Pennevaria, in *The Western Scholar* (2009) 9:2.
 - “Teaching Plato with Emoticons.” With J. Aaron Simmons. *American Philosophical Association Newsletter on Teaching Philosophy* (2009) 9:2.
 - “Personal Scholarship as a Model for Taking Class Material Seriously,” and “Class Presentations as a Prelude to Scholarship.” In *It Works for Me – In Scholarship*. Ed. Hal Blythe and Charlie Sweet. Stillwater, OK: New Forums Press. (2008).
 - “The Truth about Hypocrisy.” With Robert B. Talisse. *Scientific American: Mind*. (2008).
 - Six entries: “The Myth of the Given,” “Knowledge: A Priori,” “Knowledge: by Description,”

“Conception / Concept,” “Given,” and “Argumentation.” *American Philosophy: An Encyclopedia*. Eds. John Lachs and Robert Talisse. New York: Routledge (2007).

- “What do you do when they call you a ‘tree hugger’?” *Tennessee Environmental Educators Association Newsletter* (Winter, 2007).
- “Bar Room Knowledge and Epistemic Pragmatism: A Comment on Jamie Phillips.” *Southwest Philosophy Review* (2007) 23:2.

Book Reviews

- Nicholas Rescher. *Cognitive Complications*. In *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (2016).
- Christopher Kirby, ed. *John Dewey and the Ancients*. In *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (2014).
- Brian Leiter. *Why Tolerate Religion?* In *The Philosopher’s Magazine*. (2014). With Robert B. Talisse.
- Thomas Blackson, *Ancient Greek Philosophy*. In *The Classical Review* (2012) 62:2.
- Mary Warnock, *Dishonest to God*. In *The Philosopher’s Magazine*. (2011) 54:3. With Robert B. Talisse.
- Richard Gale, *John Dewey’s Quest for Unity*. In *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society*. (2010) 46:4.
- Wilfrid Sellars, *In the Space of Reasons*. Eds. Kevin Scharp and Robert Brandom. In *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society* (2008) 44:2.
- Richard Paul and Linda Elder. *The Thinker’s Guide to Fallacies*. In *The Teaching Spirit* (2008) 19:11.
- Richard Paul and Linda Elder. *The Thinker’s Guide to Socratic Questioning*. In *The Teaching Spirit* (2007) 19:4.
- Paul Moser and Arnold vander Nat, eds. *Human Knowledge: Classical and Contemporary Approaches*. In *Teaching Philosophy* (2004) 27:3.
- Paul Moser, ed. *The Oxford Handbook of Epistemology*. In *Teaching Philosophy* (2004) 27:2.
- Laurence Bonjour. *Epistemology: Classic Problems and Contemporary Responses*. In *Teaching Philosophy* (2003) 26:

Teaching and Academic Appointments

Academic Positions Held:

2013-Present Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Vanderbilt University
2010-2013 Senior Lecturer, Vanderbilt University
2009-2010 Lecturer, Vanderbilt University
2007-2009 Lecturer, Western Kentucky University
2007-2009 Visiting Scholar, Vanderbilt University
2006-2007 Lecturer, Vanderbilt University
1998-2005 Teaching Assistant, Vanderbilt University
1995-1997 Teaching Assistant, University of Montana

Classes Taught Independently:

2 semesters of English Composition: (F1995, S1996) at Montana
7 semesters of Introduction to Philosophy: (F1998, S1999, F2000, S2001, F2006) at Vanderbilt, and (S2008, S2009) at Western Kentucky
1 semester of Environmental Ethics: (F2005) at Vanderbilt
2 semesters of Freshman Composition: (F2001, S2002) at Vanderbilt
15 semesters of General Logic: (Summer 2002, F2002, F2005, F2006, S2007, F2009, S2010, F2010, S2011, F2011, S2012, F2012, S2013) at Vanderbilt, and Western Kentucky (F2007, F2008)
4 Semesters of Formal Logic (F2010, F2011, F2012, F2013) at Vanderbilt
2 semesters of Modern Philosophy: (S2007; S2011) at Vanderbilt
3 semesters of Ethics: (F2007, S2008, F2008) at Western Kentucky
5 semesters of Epistemology (S2010, S2011, S2012, S2013, S2014) at Vanderbilt
3 semesters of Ancient Philosophy (F2011, F2012, S2014) at Vanderbilt

Classes as a Teaching Assistant/Grader:

2 semesters of General Ethics (S1997, F2005) at Montana and Vanderbilt respectively

2 semesters of Ancient Philosophy (F1996, F2000) at Montana and Vanderbilt respectively

Teaching Awards:

2006 Outstanding Faculty Member Recognition – Vanderbilt Gamma Beta Phi Honors Society

2005 Graduate Teaching Mentorship – Vanderbilt University Center for Ethics

2001 Franklin J. Machette Teaching Excellence Award – Vanderbilt University

2001 Interdepartmental (English and Philosophy) Composition Fellowship – Vanderbilt University

2000 Burke Teaching Fellowship in Philosophy – Vanderbilt University

1996 Graduate Teaching Assistant Award in Philosophy – University of Montana

Conference and Invited Paper Presentations

Presentations listed with an asterisk (*) were at refereed conferences

2016

- “Expressivism and Moral Judgment in James’s ‘Moral Philosopher and the Moral Life’.” With Michael Hodges. Central APA. William James Society.
- “James’s Will-to-Believe and the Problem of Deepening Dogmatism.” Pacific APA. William James Society.
- “A Modest Defense of Fallacy Theory.” Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation.

2015

- “Citizen Skeptic: Cicero’s Academic Republicanism” Furman University. February
- “Why We Argue (and How We Should)” Wofford College. February.
- “Why We Argue: Deliberation and Democracy” With Robert B. Talisse. California State University at Fullerton. March
- “Citizen Skeptic: Cicero’s Academic Republicanism” University of Sussex, England. May.
- “Evidentialism and Political Legitimacy.” G.Zahne Institute for the Humanities, Iasi, Romania. May.
- “Deliberation and Democracy” University of Alabama at Huntsville Public Lecture Series. November.
- “Cicero’s Argument from Second Place” University of Alabama at Huntsville Departmental Lecture. November.
- “Seneca on Surpassing God” Creighton University. September.
- “Is Fallibilism Coherent?” Vanderbilt University Philosophy Colloquium Series. October.
- “Truth, Moral Disagreement, and Pragmatist Expressivism” With Michael Hodges. Tennessee Philosophical Association.

2014

- “Précis of *Evidentialism and the Will to Believe*” Author meets critics session at the Tennessee Philosophical Association.
- “Are the Conclusions of Teleological Arguments Existential or Expressive?” With Michael Hodges. Tennessee Philosophical Association.*
- “Modest, but not Self-Effacing, Transcendental Arguments” Southwest Philosophical Society.*
- “Modest Transcendental Arguments.” Vanderbilt University Philosophy Colloquium.
- “The Case for Faustian Epistemology.” Northeast Illinois University Philosophy Colloquium.
- “Stoicism and Feminism.” With Emily McGill. Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. Philosophical Collaborations Conference.
- “Iron Man.” With John Casey. International Society for the Study of Argumentation. Amsterdam, Netherlands.*
- “Modest Transcendental Arguments and Realistic Pragmatism,” Pragmatism and Idealism Workshop. Frankfurt, Germany.
- “Plato on Death.” With Jason Aleksander. St. Xavier University Philosophy Colloquium Series.
- “A Deliberativist Reply to Plato’s Critique of Democracy.” G.Zahne Institute for the Humanities, Iasi, Romania.

2013

- “The Dialectic of Dogmatism and Skepticism.” Mississippi State University, Philosophy.
- “Ancient Paradoxes and the Good Life” *Outside the (Lunch) Box* Lecture Series, Nashville Public Library.
- “Straw Men and Iron Men” Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation. Windsor, ON.*
- “Happiness and Self-Mastery” Vanderbilt Saturday University Lecture Series. Nashville, TN.
- “Stoicism and Feminism: A Close Miss.” With Emily McGill. Tennessee Philosophical Association.*
- “Prospects for Moral Epistemic Informatism.” Regress Problem Workshop. Vanderbilt University.

2012

- “Stoicism’s Integration Problem: Are Epictetus’ Metaphors an Answer?” Southwest Philosophical Society. New Orleans, LA.*
- “Miracle-Avowal as Expressive.” With Michael Hodges. Wesleyan Philosophical Society. Nashville, TN.*
- “Don’t Feed the Trolls” With John Casey. MidSouth Philosophy Conference. Memphis, TN.*
- “The Curious Case of Epictetus’ *Ench.* 33:14-15.” RIT Epictetus Conference, Rochester, NY.*

2011

- “Miracle-Avowal as Expressive.” With Michael Hodges. Tennessee Philosophical Association. Nashville, TN.*

- “Subjunctive *Tu Quoque*,” With C. Anderson and J. Casey. Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation. Windsor, ON.*
- “All Philosophers Go to Hell: Dante and the Problem of Infernal Punishment.” With Jason Aleksander. MidSouth Philosophy Conference. Memphis, TN.*
- “Poe’s Law, Group Polarization, and Argumentative Failure in Religious and Political Discourse.” Vanderbilt Social and Political Thought Workshop.
- “Anselm’s Ontological Argument as Expressive” With Michael Hodges. Vanderbilt University Friday Colloquium.

2010

- “The Dialectic of Dogmatism and Skepticism: A Case for Socratic Ignorance” Tennessee Philosophical Association.*
- “Absolute Knowledge and the Problem of the Criterion: A Hegelian Model for Epistemic Infinitism” Mid-South Philosophy Conference. Memphis, TN.*
- “Environmental Ethics and the Expanding Problem of Evil.” Inter-Religious Dialogues on the Environment Conference. Western Kentucky University. February, 2010.
- “Three Problems for Jamesian Ethics.” With Robert B. Talisse. Central APA Main Program.*

2009

- “Knowing Better and Cognitive Command: A Case for Moderate Epistemic Infinitism” Tennessee Philosophical Association.
- “A Self-Defeat Problem for the Rhetorical Theory of Argument.” The Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation. Windsor, Ontario *
- “Religious Pluralism, Exclusivism and Third Options: The Case of Nicholas of Cusa’s *De Pace Fidei*.” With Jason Aleksander. Mid-South Philosophy Conference, Memphis TN.*

2008

- “The Ethics of Belief and the Justification of Democracy.” With Robert B. Talisse. Epistemology and Liberal Democracy Conference. Copenhagen, Denmark.*
- “The Problem of Worship.” Lipscomb University. Nashville, TN.
- “A Self-Defeat Problem for the Rhetorical Theory of Argument” Tennessee Philosophical Association. Nashville, TN. *
- “Skepticism, Levinasian Otherism, and the Problem of Self-Refutation.” With Aaron Simmons. Mid-South Philosophy Conference. Memphis, TN.*

2007

- “Democratic Deliberation, Public Reason, and Environmental Ethics.” Pacific APA Main Program.*
- “Evidentialism and James’ Argument from Friendship,” Central APA, Group Program: William James Society and Southwest Philosophical Society. San Antonio, TX. *
- “Don’t Fear the Regress: Cognitive Values and Epistemic Infinitism,” University of Tennessee, Chattanooga.
- “Holding One’s Own.” Hendrix College. Conway, AR.
- “*Tu Quoque* Arguments and the Significance of Hypocrisy,” Tennessee Philosophical Association.*
- “Pragmatism, the Given and Experience” Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy. Columbia, SC. *

2006

- “Kitcher on the Ethics of Inquiry.” (With Robert B. Talisse) Eastern APA Main Program. Washington, D.C.*
- “Environmental Ethics and Activism.” Tennessee Environmental Educators Association. Burns, TN.
- “A New Puzzle for the Pragmatist Theory of Truth.” Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy. *
- “The Problem of Evil and the Politics of Theodicy.” Lipscomb University. Nashville, TN.
- “The Ethics of Belief and the Justification of Democracy.” University of Tennessee – Chattanooga.
- “Two Dogmas of Environmentalism.” East Tennessee State University and the Tennessee Philosophical Association *

2005

- “Frege’s Regress and the Peircian Theory of Truth.” Society for Classical Pragmatism Studies. University of South Florida. Tampa, FL*
- “Prospects for Peircian Epistemic Infinitism.” Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy. Bakersfield, CA*

2004

- “Prospects for Skeptical Foundationalism.” Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference: Knowledge and Skepticism *
- “Modest Evidentialism.” Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, New Orleans.*
- “The Given Ain’t a Myth: How Pragmatists Can Live with That.” Pacific APA. Group Program. Pasadena, CA.
- “Quotational Iterability, Explanation, and the Pragmatist Theory of Truth.” Tennessee Philosophical Association.*
- “Can Pragmatists Be Pluralists?” With Robert B. Talisse. Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy.*

2003

- “Lenn Goodman and the Three Bugbears.” Vanderbilt Friday Faculty Colloquium, a special session devoted to critical discussion of Lenn Goodman’s *In Defense of Truth: A Pluralistic Approach*. Nashville, TN.
- “Modest Evidentialism.” Tennessee Philosophical Association. Nashville, TN.*
- “Pragmatism’s Failed Evasion of Epistemology,” Vanderbilt Friday Faculty Colloquium. Nashville, TN.
- “Why Pragmatists Cannot be Pluralists,” With Robert B. Talisse. Philosophical Collaborations Conference at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, IL.
- “Is Phenomenology Consistent with Pragmatism’s Naturalism?” Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, Graduate Session on Pragmatism and Phenomenology. Denver, CO.*

2002

- “Who’s Afraid of Epistemology’s Regress Problem?” Vanderbilt Friday Faculty Colloquium. Nashville, TN.

- “What’s Wrong with an Infinite Regress of Reasons?” Mid-South Philosophy Conference. Memphis, TN.*
2001
- “Dewey’s Demolition of the Religious.” Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, session, *What Dewey Got Wrong*. Las Vegas, NV.
- “Pragmatism and Religion.” With Michael Hodges. Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, session on American philosophy and religious belief, Las Vegas, NV.* (*This paper was later presented by Michael Hodges as the Presidential Address for the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology in Atlanta, 2003*).
- “The Case for Epistemic Informatism.” Vanderbilt Graduate Colloquium. Nashville, TN.
- “Rorty at the Crossroads.” With Andrew Sergienko. Vanderbilt Graduate Conference: Pragmatism at the Crossroads. Nashville, TN.

2000

- “A Phenomenalism about Norms? Some Worries about Brandomian Semantics.” Tennessee Philosophical Association.*
- “Pragmatism and the Possibility of the Religious.” With Michael Hodges. Philosophical Collaborations Conference at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

Prior to 2000

- “The Genetic Fallacy and Genealogical Philosophy.” 1999. Tennessee Philosophical Association. Nashville, TN.*
- “Are the Sciences Unified or Plural? Aristotle’s *Tertium Quid*.” 1998. Tennessee Philosophical Association. Nashville, TN.*
- “Wittgenstein’s Two Senses of ‘Understanding’.” 1996. *Buridan’s Ass*, University of Montana Graduate Philosophy Colloquium. Missoula, MT.

Conference Commentaries (1998-present)

- May 2016: Comments on Fabio Paglieri, “On Enthymemes and Fallacy Gaps” Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation
- November 2015: Comments on D.S. Nelson, “Defending an Expressivist Account of Reasons.” Southwest Philosophical Society.
- October 2015: Comments on Andrew Cling, “Epistemic Reasons and the Problem of the Criterion.” Tennessee Philosophical.
- November, 2013: Comments on Darren Hibbs, “Vagueness and Neutrality” Tennessee Philosophical Association.
- March, 2012: Comments on Ian O’Loughlin, “Aristotle on Friendship.” MidSouth Philosophy Conference.
- February, 2012: Comments on Thomas Crocker, “Can Necessitous Men Ever Be Politically Free?” Vanderbilt University Social and Political Thought Forum.
- November, 2011: Comments on Jason Fishel, “Coercion and its Effect on Knowledge of the Divine” Tennessee Philosophical Association.
- June, 2011: Comments on Douglas Walton, “Arguments from Authority.” Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation.
- June 2011: Comments on Michael Walschots, “Sosa on Circular Reasoning.” Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation.
- March, 2011: Comments on Dustin Nelson, “Evidential Neutrality and Practical Reasons,” MidSouth Philosophy Conference.
- November, 2010: Comments on Joshua Anderson, “A Response to Talisse and Aikin’s ‘Why Pragmatists Cannot Be Pluralists’.” Tennessee Philosophical Association.
- March, 2010. Comments on J.M. Fritzman and K. Tornburg, “How the Extended Mind Thesis Rehabilitates the Metaphysical Hegel” MidSouth Philosophy Conference, Memphis, TN.
- November, 2009: Comments on Eric Thompson, “Pragmatic Invariantism and External World Skepticism” Southwestern Philosophical Society. Dallas, TX.
- November, 2009: Comments on Joshua Anderson, “Moore, Chisholm, and the Problem of the Criterion.” Tennessee Philosophical Association. Nashville, TN.
- June, 2009: Comments on Eveline Feteris, “Strategic Manouvering with Linguistic Arguments in the Justification of Legal Decisions.” Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation. Windsor, ON.
- March, 2009: Comments on Mylan Engel, “The Darwinian Problem of Evil: Theism and Animal Suffering.” MidSouth Philosophy Conference. Memphis, TN.
- November, 2008: Comments on Andrew Cling, “The problem of the criterion and the epistemic regress problem.” Tennessee Philosophical Association. Nashville, TN.
- November, 2008: Comments on Thomas Mether, “Reality as Semiosis.” Tennessee Philosophical Association. Nashville, TN.
- February, 2008: Comments on Matthew Goodwin, “Aesthetic Phenomenology.” MidSouth Philosophy Conference. Memphis, TN.
- November, 2007: Comments on Nick Jones, “Why It Is Impossible to Justify Belief in the Existence of a Changeless Duration.” Tennessee Philosophical Association. Nashville, TN
- November, 2006: Comments on Allen Coates, “On the Value of Truth and the Nature of Belief.” Tennessee Philosophical Association. Nashville, TN.
- November, 2006: Comments on Jamie Phillips, “What Can a Drunk Really Know?: Solving a Puzzle for Epistemic Pragmatism.” Southwest Philosophical Society. Nashville, TN.
- November, 2004: Comments on James Bednar, “Irregular Arguments and Philo’s Attenuated Conclusion in Hume’s *Dialogues Concerning Natural Religion*.” Tennessee Philosophical Association. Nashville, TN.
- March 2004: Comments on John Dryden, “The Epistemological Problem of Religious Diversity.” Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy. Birmingham, AL.
- November, 2003: Comments on David Martens, “Confidence in Unwarranted Knowledge.” Tennessee Philosophical Association. Nashville, TN.

- March, 2003: Comments on Cynthia Townley, "Trust Me: It's a Commitment." Pacific APA Main Program.
- February, 2002: Comments on Kevin Timpe, "A Modal Realist Problem for Libertarians." Midsouth Philosophy Conference.
- November, 2000: Comments on Brian Ribiero, "Skeptical Insulationism." Tennessee Philosophical Association.
- November, 1999: Comments on Phil Oliver, "Dewey's Nurture Assumption." Tennessee Philosophical Association.
- November, 1998: Comments on Nathaniel Vaprin, "Freud and Cognitive Inheritance." Tennessee Philosophical Association.

Service

Departmental and University Service

- 1995-1997 Founder and Organizer of *Buridan's Ass*, the University of Montana Graduate Colloquium
- 1998-2001 Organizer of the Vanderbilt University Graduate Colloquium
- 2000-2002 Graduate representative for the philosophy department, Vanderbilt University
- 2000-2001 Burke Teaching Fellow, Vanderbilt University
- 2003-2006 Editor of Vanderbilt Philosophy Department Newsletter
- 2005 Graduate Teaching Mentor – Vanderbilt University Center for Ethics
- 2008-2011 Organizer for Vanderbilt Departmental Colloquium Reading Group
- 2015-Present Faculty Representative on Vanderbilt Honor Council

Professional Service

- 2001 Organizer of the Vanderbilt Graduate Philosophy Conference, *Pragmatism at the Crossroads*
- 2003-2005 Graduate Student Representative and organizer of the Graduate Sessions for the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy
- 2005-14 Reviewer for *Synthese*, *Mind*, *Philosophia*, *Informal Logic*, *Public Affairs Quarterly*, *Southwest Philosophy Review*, *Social Epistemology*, *History of Philosophy Quarterly*, *European Journal of Analytic Philosophy*, *Erkenntnis*, *The Pluralist*, *Composition Forum*, *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society*, *Schizophrenia Research*, *Tijdschrift voor Filosofie*, *Social Influence*; *The Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, *Economics and Philosophy*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*.
- 2010-2011 Assistant Editor of *History of Philosophy Quarterly*
- 2013-Present Editorial Board for: *Argumentation and Advocacy*, *Symposion*, *Logos and Episteme*

Professional Affiliations

American Philosophical Association
 Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology
 Southwestern Philosophical Society
 Tennessee Philosophical Association