

Curriculum Vitae

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Education:

Syracuse University - Ph.D., Philosophy, December 1999.
Syracuse University Certificate of Teaching awarded December 1999.
Florida State University - M.A., Philosophy, May 1993.
Thesis: "The Applicability of Scientific Models of Explanation to History"
Florida State University - M.A., History, May 1992.
Thesis: "Vico's Clock: Historical Understanding in the Thought of Giambattista Vico"
Florida State University - B.A., *summa cum laude*, Philosophy and International Affairs, 1990
Honors Thesis: "A Theory of Value"

Dissertation: "Between Substance and Mode: The Ontology of Ideas Among the Early Moderns"
Advisors: John Hawthorne and Nicholas Jolley.

Areas of Specialization:

Early Modern Philosophy	Philosophy of Economics
Metaphysics	European Intellectual History
Philosophy of History/Social Science	Philosophy of Religion

Areas of Competence:

Epistemology	Ethics
Logic and Critical Thinking	Philosophy of Science
19th Century (German) Philosophy	Ancient Philosophy

Awards, Fellowships, Honors:

Named Thompson Professor of Philosophy and the Humanities, 2021
Named Elliott Professor of Philosophy, 2013-2020
Omicron Delta Kappa (national leadership and scholarship society), 2012
Union Philanthropic Literary Society (debating society), 2012
Mettauer Award for Scholarly Excellence, 2009
Fulbright Scholar (University of Tartu, Estonia), 2007-2008
Promoted to Associate Professor of Philosophy at Hampden-Sydney College, 2006
Certificate in Teaching, Future Professoriate Project, 1999, Syracuse University
Outstanding Teaching Associate Award, 1998, Syracuse University
University Fellow, 1993-1999, Syracuse University
University Fellow, 1990-1993, Florida State University
Phi Alpha Theta (honor society for historians), 1992
Phi Kappa Phi National Fellow, 1990 (declined)
Outstanding Academic Senior, 1990, Florida State University
Outstanding Service Award in Forensics, 1990, Florida State University
Phi Kappa Phi, 1990 Phi Beta Kappa, 1989 National Golden Key Honor Society, 1989

Teaching and Professional Experience: (courses have been taught multiple times)

2001-2007, 2008-present: Thompson Professor of Philosophy, Hampden-Sydney College

PHIL 102, "Introduction to Philosophy" (previously PHIL 202).
Variants of 102 including science fiction, South Park, and 'leadership' versions.
PHIL 201, "Logic."
PHIL 210, "Ancient Philosophy" (previously PHIL 301).
PHIL 211, "History of Modern Philosophy: The Rationalists" (previously PHIL 302)
PHIL 212, "History of Modern Philosophy: Empiricism and Kant" (previously PHIL 303)
PHIL 216, "Philosophy of Political Economy."
PHIL 217, "Philosophy of Religion" (previously PHIL 317).
PHIL 285, "Philosophy in Science Fiction."
PHIL 304, "19th Century Philosophy."
PHIL 305, "Contemporary Philosophy" (content varies widely as a topics course).
PHIL 312, "Philosophy of Science."
PHIL 385, "Philosophy of History," "Philosophy of Social Science," "Radical Political
Philosophy," "Philosophy of Political Economy," and "Analytical Theology"
(experimental courses)
PHIL 412-413 Capstone Seminar (topics: Philosophy of Social Science, Leibniz, Berkeley,
Contemporary Marxism, Philosophy of Education, Locke Beyond the *Essay*)
WCUL 101, "Western Culture I: to 900."
WCUL 102, "Western Culture II"
WCUL 103, "Western Culture III: 1815-present."
A variety of specialized honors courses (HONS 101 and/or HONS 102) including
"Science and Philosophy of Science-Fiction," "Thinking About Real Science,"
"The Philosophy and Economics of South Park," "Why People Believe Weird Things,"
"Philosophy East Meets West."

2007-2008: Visiting Fulbright Professor of Philosophy, Tartu Ülikool

FLFI Seminar on Leibniz (Graduate level)
FLFI Sci-Phi: Introduction to Philosophy
FLFI Seminar on Descartes, Spinoza, and Malebranche (Graduate level)
FLFI Seminar on the Philosophy of Social Science (Graduate level)

2000-2001: Visiting Assistant Professor, Hamilton College

PHIL 420, "Seminar in Metaphysics: Identity."
PHIL 215, "Philosophy of Social Science."
PHIL 110, "Philosophy through Science Fiction" (a special section of the course).
PHIL 110, "Introduction to Philosophy."
PHIL 310, "Philosophy of Science."

1999: Adjunct Professor, LeMoyne College

PHL 101, "Philosophical Foundations of Western Thought."
PHL 201, "Philosophical Perspectives on the Human Situation."

1998: Instructor, Syracuse University

PHI 313, "British Empiricism."
PHI 251, "Formal Logic."

**1997-1998: Assistant to Executive Director of the Society of Phenomenology and Existential
Philosophy (SPEP)**

Publications (refereed):

Monographs

The Correspondence of George Berkeley

Cambridge University Press, 2013.

Idea and Ontology: An Essay in Early Modern Metaphysics of Ideas.

Penn State University Press, 2008.

Journal Articles

“Berkeley on the Economics of Poverty,” with Geoff Lea, in the *Oxford Companion to Berkeley*, edited by Samuel Rickless, 2022: 349-71.

“An Eighteenth-Century Catholic Enlightenment in Ireland?” *Eighteenth-Century Ireland*, 36 (2021): 1-25.

“The Social Nature of Technology Fixes,” with Uli Norbistrath, *Proceedings of the Estonian Academy of Sciences*, 70 (2) 2021: 111-21.

“Poverty and Prosperity: Irish Political Economy in the 18th Century,” in *Irish Philosophy in the Age of Berkeley*, edited by Kenneth Pearce and Takaharu Oda (Cambridge University Press, Royal Institute of Philosophy Supplement 88, Cambridge UK, 2020): 73-96.

“Better off as judged by themselves’: a critical analysis of the conceptual foundations of nudging,” with Alexander Cartwright. *Cambridge Journal of Economics*. 44 (1) January 2020: 33-54. Published on-line 29 April 2019. <https://academic.oup.com/cje/advance-article/doi/10.1093/cje/bez012/5481439?guestAccessKey=f0bdc1cf-43cd-498c-888e-d2194407f31a>

“Berkeley’s Correspondence,” in *The Bloomsbury Companion to Berkeley*, edited by Richard Brook and Bertil Belfrage Bloomsbury, 2017: 49-62.

“Berkeley’s Strange Semi-Occasionalist Mystery: Finite Minds as Causes,” in *Occasionalism Revisited*, edited by Nazif Muhtaroglu, Kalam Research, 2017: 197-218.

“Immaterialism, Miracles, and Natural Law,” in *Idealism and Christian Philosophy*, edited by Jim Spiegel, Mark Hamilton, Steve Cowan, and Joshua Farris, Bloomsbury Press, 2017.

“Berkeley’s Bubble,” in *Berkeley Revisited: Moral, Social and Political Philosophy*, edited by Sébastien Charles, Oxford, Oxford University Studies in the Enlightenment, 2015: 191-208.

“Berkeley, George,” in *Encyclopedia of the American Enlightenment*, edited by Mark Spencer, vol. 1 (Bloomsbury Press, 2015): 138-39.

“The Importance of Idea Ontology: A Response to Critics,” *Berkeley Studies*, no. 24 (2013/14).

“Preserving the Torments of Hell: Berkeleyian Immaterialism and the Afterlife,” *Science & Esprit*, vol. 63 no. 2 (2011): 179-92.

“Berkeley on the Difference Between Brutes and Men,” *Berkeley’s Lasting Legacy: 300 Years Later*, edited by Timo Airaksinen and Bertil Belfrage, Cambridge Scholars Publishing (Newcastle on Tyne), 2011: 207-222.

“Berkeley’s Metaphysical Instrumentalism,” in *George Berkeley: Religion and Science in the Age of Enlightenment*, edited by Silvia Parigi, Springer (Dordrecht), 2010: 15-29.

“The Son More Visible: Immaterialism and the Incarnation,” with Joshua Bohannon, *Modern Theology*, 26:1 January 2010: 120-48.

“How Immaterialism Can Save Your Soul,” *Revue philosophique*, no. 1, January 2010: 109-22.

“New Berkeley Correspondence: A Note,” *Berkeley Studies* 21 (2010): 16-21.

“Berkeley and Bodily Resurrection,” *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, 45 (3) July 2007: 443-58.

- “Why My Chair is not merely a Congeries: Berkeley and the Single Idea Thesis,” in *Reexamining Berkeley’s Philosophy*, edited by Steve Daniel, University of Toronto Press, 2007: 82-107.
- “Abstraction,” *Encyclopedia of British Philosophy*, edited by Anthony Grayling, Andrew Pyle, and Naomi Goulder., vol. 1, Thoemmes Continuum, 2006.
- “Berkeley’s Half-Way House,” *Philosophy Compass* 1 (2005) HI 005: 1-8.
- “Defending Berkeley’s Divine Ideas,” *Philosophia*, 33 (1-4) 2005: 97-128.
- “Classification in the Arts and Sciences: Early Modern,” *New Dictionary of the History of Ideas*, Maryanne Cline Horowitz, editor, vol. 1, pp. 365-9, Charles Scribner’s Sons, 2005.
- “The New Berkeley,” with Walter Ott, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, 34 (1) March 2004: 1-24.
- “Dilthey,” in *Great Thinkers A-Z*, Julian Baggini, editor, (London: Continuum Books) 2004.
- “Why We Do Not See What We Feel,” *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, 83 (2) June 2002: 148-62.
- “Locke’s Implicit Ontology of Ideas,” *The British Journal of the History of Philosophy*, 9 (1) 2001: 17-42.
- “History and Theory” (Electronic publication on the Internet) in *XanEdu Coursepack System* Bell and Howell Inc., 2001 (Coursepack accepted after a blind review process.).

Published Book Reviews

- Review: *Berkeley’s Three Dialogues: New Essays*, edited by Stefan Storrie, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 10 June 2018, <https://ndpr.nd.edu/news/berkeley-s-three-dialogues-new-essays/>
- Review: *John Locke and Natural Philosophy* by Peter Anstey, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, 92 (4) 2014: 815-19.
- Review: *Leibniz: An Intellectual Biography* by Maria Rosa Antognazza, *History: Reviews of New Books*, 37 (4), Summer 2009.
- Review: *New Interpretations of Berkeley’s Thought* edited by Stephen H. Daniel, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, June 2008, <http://ndpr.nd.edu/review.cfm?id=13243>
- Review: *A Metaphysics for the Mob* by John Roberts, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, October 2007, <http://ndpr.nd.edu/review.cfm?id=11464>
- Review: *Political Theories of International Relations* by David Boucher. *The Historian*, 63 (1) December 2000: 205-6.
- Review: *Modern Philosophy* by Roger Ariew and Eric Watkins, eds. *Philosophy in Review* 19 (5) October 1999: 311-12.

Non-Academic Publications and Non-refereed Publications

- “Conference Report: Berkeley’s *Querist* in Context” with Daniel Carey. *Berkeley Studies* 26 (2016-17): 20-22.
- “Jails and Their Communities: Piedmont Regional Jail as a Community Model,” with Lewis Barlow and Sheila Hight, *American Jails*, 20 (5) November 2006: 38-45.
- “Do We Value Social Tolerance?” *Mensa Bulletin* 499, October 2006: 28-9.

Select Work in Process

Monograph project tentatively entitled *Good Christians are Immaterialists*

Select Paper Presentations (partial list only)

- “How we Buy,” invited presentation, Lavender Conference, Wytheville, VA 23-24 March 2024.
- “Behavioral Economics and Small Business”, invited paper, Greener Life Conference, Erie, PA, 20-24 May 2024.
- “Certification and Purpose Driven Branding,” Greener Life Conference, Erie, PA. May 2023.
- “Business Basics with a Greener (Lavender filled) Life,” Lavender Conference, Wytheville, VA. 20 March 2023.
- “God’s Love as Forgiveness,” invited talk, Irish Institute for Catholic Studies (Zoom), 23 November 2022. (Also presented at HSC for *Cogito* group 23 November 2022.)
- “Your Pricing Playbook,” Soapcon Conference, Mt. Sterling, KY September 2022.
- “Your Pricing Playbook in Action” Soapcon Conference, Mt. Sterling, KY September 2022.
- “Reason and Persuasion in Education Policy: Part II” Mary Immaculate College, Limerick Ireland, November 2021.
- “Critical Thinking and the Philosophical Attitude” invited discussion, Mary Immaculate College, Limerick Ireland November 2021.
- “Religion in the United States” Mary Immaculate College, Limerick Ireland, November 2021.
- “Reason and Persuasion in Education Policy: Part I” Mary Immaculate College, Limerick Ireland, October 2021.
- “Moral Defect and Institutional Economics” invited lecture, Trinity College Dublin, October 2021
- “Perennialism in Education” Mary Immaculate College, Limerick Ireland, October 2021.
- “Analytical Theology and the Nature of God’s Love,” Pontifical University of St. Patrick’s, Maynooth, Ireland, invited lecture, 12 October 2021.
- “Berkeley’s Philosophy of Religion” Mary Immaculate College, Limerick Ireland, October 2021.
- “Time Does not Pass,” invited speaker, Conference Celebrating Prof. James Arieti, HSC, 6 August 2021.
- “An Eighteenth Century Catholic Enlightenment in Ireland?” invited keynote speaker, Irish Institute for Catholic Studies, Limerick, Ireland, 23 July 2021.
- “The Puzzle of *De Motu* 25” invited speaker, International Berkeley Society, Aix-en-Provence, fall 2021, pending pandemic considerations.
- “Prices: Theory and Presentation” invited speaker, Hand Crafted Soap Guild 2021 or perhaps 2022 National Conference (pending COVID)
- “Marketing to Human Beings,” invited speaker, Hand Crafted Soap Guild 2019 National Conference, Dallas, TX, May 2019.
- “Berkeley’s Simple Theory of Mind,” Conference on Berkeley, University of York, UK, 5-6 April 2019.
- “Poverty and Prosperity,” Irish Philosophy in the Age of Berkeley Conference, Trinity College, Dublin, 2-3 April 2019.
- “Moving Our Legs Ourselves: How Berkeley Does Not ‘Differ From Malbranch’” Newport, R.I. International Berkeley Conference, 13-17 June 2018.
- “How Thinking about Behavioral Economics Can Help Your Business,” Hand Crafted Soap Guild 2018 National Conference, invited lecture, Atlanta, GA, 5 May 2018.
- “A Critical Examination of Nudge Theory,” invited paper to Philosophy Lecture Series, James Madison University, 7 April 2018.
- “Escape the Library: To Pull Students in, Sometimes you Need to Lock ‘Em Up.” With Maryska Connolly-Brown. Virginia Library Association Meeting, October 2017.
- “Berkeley’s Strange Semi-Occasionalist Mystery,” 10th Nordic Workshop in Early Modern Philosophy, Tartu University, 2-4 June 2017.

- “Better Off as Judged by Themselves” (with Alex Cartwright), invited paper, Tartu University speaker series, Tartu, Estonia, 1 June 2017.
- “From *Nudge* to the *Querist*: Theories of Paternalism,” International Early Modern Conference, NUI-Galway, 18-21 May 2017.
- “A Catholic Enlightenment in Ireland?” American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies (ASECS), Pittsburgh, 1 April 2016.
- “Berkeleyian Scientific Instrumentalism,” Edelstein Center for the History and Philosophy of Science, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel, 13 January 2016.
- “Power and Cause: Berkeley on Occasionalism,” Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem, Israel, 8 January 2016.
- “How to Ruin an Otherwise Good Time at the Movies: A Philosopher Thinks about *Star Wars*” Keynote speech for the Virginia Philosophical Association, VCU campus, 9 October 2015.
- “The Irish Enlightenment,” American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies (ASECS) conference, Williamsburg, VA, March 2014
- “What is Irish about the Irish Enlightenment? Playwrights to Banks, Philosophy to Economy,” American Society of Eighteenth Century Studies (ASECS) conference, Cleveland, April 2013
- “Why Ideas Have an Ontological (and Not Merely Epistemic) Status: A Reply to Critics” A Panel discussion responding to my book *Idea and Ontology*, Central APA, New Orleans, 23 February 2013
- “What Faculty Want from a Liberal Arts College Library” Virginia Independent Colleges and Universities Library Association (VICULA) meeting, Randolph-Macon College, 5 October 2012
- “Berkeley’s Bubble,” International Berkeley Conference, Montreal, Canada, 1-4 June 2012
- “The Myth of Privacy,” International Tercentenary Berkeley Conference, Neuchatel University, Switzerland, April 2010.
- “Berkeley’s Philosophical Theology,” Invited paper, University of Zurich, April 2010.
- “Berkeley and Why Ideas are Not Private to the Minds that Perceive Them,” Invited paper, James Madison University, October 2009.
- “Imaging, Imagining, and Conceiving: Untangling Berkeley on Perception,” International Conference at the University of Karlsruhe, Germany, August 2009.
- “How Immaterialism Can Save Your Soul,” Canadian Philosophical Association, Carleton University, Ottawa, May 2009.
- “The Elusive Self: What Matters in Personal Identity,” invited paper, Hastings College, NE October 2008.
- “Berkeley on the Difference between Men and Brutes,” Invited paper, Uppsala University, Sweden, April 2008.
- “The Early Modern Tale,” Invited paper, Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic, March 2008.
- “The Foundations of Property Rights,” Invited paper, Ostrava University, Ostrava, Czech Republic, March 2008.
- “Volitional Parts of Immaterial Minds,” Invited paper. Central European University, Budapest, Hungary. February 2008. Also delivered (invited paper) at Turku University, Turku, Helsinki, November 2007.
- “Hume’s Ontology of Perceptions,” Invited paper. University of Tartu, Estonia. February 2008.
- “Myth of Berkeleyian Privacy,”

- Invited paper. University of York, England. January 2008.
- “Why Time Travel Both is and is Not Possible,”
Invited paper. Tallinn University, Estonia. December 2007.
Also delivered (invited) at the University of Tartu, Estonia, February 2008.
- “Berkeley’s Metaphysical Instrumentalism,”
Refereed acceptance. International Conference “Religion and Science in the Age of Enlightenment” Gaeta, Italy. September 2007.
- “Of Brutes and Men,”
Invited paper, International Conference at the University of Helsinki. August 2007.
- “There are No Absolute Rights,” Virginia Philosophical Society Meeting, refereed acceptance (commentator: Andrew Marx). October 2006.
- “All the Dispute is about a Word,” (colloquium paper) American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, refereed acceptance (commentator: Ken Winkler). December 2005.
- “Berkeley on Ideas: ‘Fleeting, indeed, and changeable’”
Invited paper, International Berkeley Conference, University of Tartu, Estonia September 2005.
- “Berkeley’s Halfway House”
Invited paper, Canadian Philosophical Association Meeting 29 May – 1 June 2004
University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada.
- “What’s the Idea?”
Invited paper, Southern Virginia University, 11 March 2004.
- “Could God Resurrect Me as a Bug?”
Invited paper. William Paterson University, 6 February 2004. Also delivered as an invited paper at Washington and Lee University, 12 March 2005 and at NUI Galway, Ireland January 2008.
- "Ideas, Archetypes, and the Nature of the World"
Conference on the Philosophy of Berkeley, University of Rennes 1, France, 20-23 October 2003. Refereed acceptance.
- "Berkeley and Bodily Resurrection"
Invited paper, University of Paris Sorbonne, 16 October 2003.
Also invited and delivered at the Theolog Philosophy of Religion Group, 29 September 2003.
- “Berkeley and the Single Idea Thesis: Or Why My Chair is not a Congeries”
International Berkeley Conference, Texas A&M University, 3-5 April 2003.
Refereed acceptance.
- “The Single Idea Thesis”
7th Annual Southern California Philosophy Conference, 25-26 October 2002.
Refereed acceptance.
- “Persons, Organisms, and Psychology: What Matters in Personal Identity”
Invited paper, California State University at Long Beach, 23 October 2002.
- “Defending Berkeley’s Archetypes”
South Central Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, 14-16 April 2002.

Grants, Research Awards

- NEH Summer Research Grant, 2010.
- Mednick Fellow (awarded on two separate occasions), 2010, 2003.
- Fulbright Fellow (Estonia, University of Tartu), 2007-08.
- Hampden-Sydney Summer Research Grant, 2002-2021.

Other Professional Development (select list)

- Reviewer for Academic Proposals, government of Poland, 2019-present.
- External Faculty Reviewer for Tenure and Promotion, University of Qatar, 2019.
- National Endowment for the Humanities, NEH Grant Review Panelist, 2014.
- Faculty Partner, Center for the Study of Political Economy (CSPE) 2018-present.
- Faculty Partner, Center for Entrepreneurship and Political Economy (CEPE) 2007-2018.
- Coordinating Editor for *Berkeley Studies* (formerly *Berkeley Newsletter*) 2003-13. This web journal works in conjunction with the International Berkeley Society (IBS). First new series edition (issue #16) appeared August 2005, currently a full academic journal.
- Reviewer for many academic journals: *Hume Studies*, *European International Journal of Religion*, *Religious Studies*, *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, etc. ongoing in addition to those listed below (too many to reasonably list).
- Reviewer for Oxford, Continuum, Springer, and McGill-Queens University Presses.
- Commentator, “Word and Object in Berkeley,” Eastern Division American Philosophical Association Meeting 27-30 December 2006.
- Wye Faculty Development Seminar, 24-31 July 2004 (Aspin Institute).
- Commentator, “Leibniz and Locke on Human Species,” Eastern Division American Philosophical Association Meeting, 27-30 December 2003.
- NEH Summer Seminar “Leibniz and His Contemporaries,” participant, June-July 2003.
- Other items (including grants received) available upon request.

College Service (Select list)

President, Eta Chapter of Virginia, Phi Beta Kappa Society, 2022 – 2025.

Department Chair 2017, 2018-2021, 2024-27.

Critic, Union Philanthropic Literary Society 2023 – present (informally since 2006).

“Escape HSC” developer and coordinator, 2015 – present.

Coordinator and coach of the Ethics Bowl Program, 2003 – 2013.

Under my supervision, in ten years the team won two championships and was runner-up twice.

Pre-law advisor, 2004-2007.

Teach regularly in the Western Culture program and Honors programs.

Chess and Strategy Games Club (co-)advisor, 2001 – present.

Organizer of ‘SFS’ (student-faculty-staff) basketball, spring 2002 – present.

Committee Work

- Member, Honors Council, 2023-2026.
- Member, Wilson Center Faculty Advisory Committee, 2018-2021.
- Member, Faculty Affairs Committee, 2016-2019.
- Faculty Representative to the President’s Council, 2016-17.
- Member, Elliott Professor Appointment Committee, 2015 + intermittently.
- Member and Chair, Budget-Audit Committee, 2008–2014.
- Member, Academic Affairs Committee, 2006–07.
- Member, *ad hoc* committee on Emeriti benefits. 2005–06.
- Member, Athletics Committee, 2002–06, Chair 2003–04.
- Member, Appeals Committee, 2003–04.
- Member, Committee on Appointments, multiple varied years (last in 2021).
- Member, *ad hoc* committee for developing an environmental studies program, 2002–05.

- Member, Phi Beta Kappa Jones Prize Committee, (many terms).
- *Ad hoc* committee on NCAA Division III rules changes, 2003.

Organizer, conferences and symposia

- Baltic Early Modern Philosophy Symposium, 31 May – 1 June 2008.
- Symposium: “Is Collegiate Athletics Compatible with Higher Education?”
28-29 March 2005.
- Southeastern Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, 19-20 November 2004.

College Community Service

Available upon request.

Languages:

Reading skills in Latin.

References:

S. Nicholas Jolley, Professor of Philosophy, (retired) University of California – Irvine
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Tom Stoneham, Professor of Philosophy, University of York, United Kingdom
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