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Education

B.A., The University of Iowa, 1969
M.A., The University of Rochester, 1972
Ph.D., The University of Rochester, 1974
(Dissertation Title: The Role of the Given in Empirical Knowledge)

Professional Appointments

University of Southern California: Professor of Philosophy, beginning Fall 2005.
Visiting Professor of Philosophy, 2002-2003, Spring 2004, and Spring 2005.
Brown University: Adjunct Professor, 2005-2022 and 2025
Brown University: Professor of Philosophy, 1987-2005.
Chair, Department of Philosophy, 1986-1991 and 1999-2003.
Associate Professor, 1979-87; Assistant Professor, 1973-1979.
Massachusetts Institute of Technology: Visiting Professor, Fall 2018; Spring 2021
University of Iowa: Visiting Professor of Philosophy, Spring 2002.
Duke University: Visiting Professor of Philosophy, Spring 1989, Fall 1991, and
Spring 1993.
Jadavpur University (Calcutta, India): Fulbright Visiting Professor, July 1980-
February 1981.

Honors and Awards

Woodrow Wilson Dissertation Fellowship, 1972-73.
Brown University Summer Stipend for Faculty Research, 1974.
Brown University Wriston Fellowship ("to recognize significant previous
accomplishments in innovative teaching or curricular improvement"), 1978.
Fulbright Award to Lecture in India, July 1980 through January 1981.
American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship, February 1981 through July
1981.
Wayland Collegium Incentive Grant (to develop the course "Science, Perception,
and Reality"), 1984.
National Humanities Center Fellowship, 1990-91.

National Endowment for the Humanities grant to teach a Summer Seminar for College Teachers during July and August of 2000. Topic: Thomas Reid on Perception, Knowledge, and Action.

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship, 2011-12

National Humanities Center Fellowship, 2011-12

Elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, April 2023

Publications

a. Books

1. *The Philosophy of Right and Left: Incongruent Counterparts and the Nature of Space*, an anthology co-edited with Robert Frederick (Dordrecht, Holland: Kluwer Academic Publishers, 1991). Contains an introduction by each editor.
2. *Problems from Kant* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1999).
3. *Problems from Reid* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2015).

b. Articles

1. "Four Recent Interpretations of Kant's Second Analogy," *Kant-Studien*, 64 (1973), 71-87.

Reprinted in *Immanuel Kant* (a volume in the International Library of Critical Essays in the History of Philosophy), edited by H. Klemme and M. Kuehn (Aldershot, UK: Ashgate Publishing Company, 1998).

2. "Probability and Certainty: A Re-examination of the Lewis-Reichenbach Debate," *Philosophical Studies*, 32 (1977), 323-34.
3. "Substance, Matter, and Kant's First Analogy," *Kant-Studien*, 70 (1979), 149- 61.
4. "Foundationalism, Epistemic Principles, and the Cartesian Circle," *The Philosophical Review*, 88 (1979), 55-91.

Reprinted in *Eternal Truths and the Cartesian Circle*, edited by Willis Doney (New York: Garland Publishing Company, Inc., 1987).

Also reprinted in:

Knowledge and Justification (Volume 9 in the International Research Library of Philosophy), edited by E. Sosa (Aldershot, UK: Ashgate Publishing Company, 1994).

Oxford Readings in Philosophy: Descartes, edited by John Cottingham (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1998).

The Blackwell Reader in Epistemology, edited by J. Kim and E. Sosa (Oxford: Blackwell, 1999).

Contemporary Epistemology (Budapest: Osiris Publishing House, 1999), translated into Hungarian.

5. "C.I. Lewis's Defense of Phenomenalism," *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 41 (1981), 325-32.
6. "Reflections on Kant's Second Antinomy," *Synthese*, 47 (1981), 481-94.
7. "Conceivability and the Cartesian Argument for Dualism," *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 64 (1983), 35-45.

Reprinted in *Rene Descartes*, Volume I of *Essays on Early Modern Philosophy*, edited by Vere Chappell (New York: Garland Publishing Co, 1992).

Also reprinted in *The Way Things Are: Basic Readings in Metaphysics*, edited by W. R. Carter (Boston: McGraw-Hill, 1998).

8. "Another Volley at Kant's Reply to Hume," in *Kant on Causality, Freedom, and Objectivity*, edited by William L. Harper and Ralf Meerbote (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 1984), pp. 42-57.
9. "Reliability, Justification, and the Problem of Induction," *Midwest Studies in Philosophy*, Vol. 9, edited by Peter A French, Theodore E. Uehling, Jr., and Howard K. Wettstein (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 1984), pp. 555-67.

Reprinted in *Argument and Analysis*, edited by Martin Curd (St. Paul: West Publishing Co., 1992).

10. "Three Versions of the Bundle Theory," *Philosophical Studies*, 47 (1985), 95-107.

Reprinted in *Contemporary Metaphysics: A Reader*, edited by Cynthia MacDonald and T. Laurence (Oxford: Blackwell Publishers).

Also reprinted in:

Metaphysics: Contemporary Readings, edited by Steven Hales (Jones and Bartlett Publishing Co, 1999).

Analytical Metaphysics, edited by Michael Tooley (New York: Garland Publishing Co., 1999).

Metaphysics: Contemporary Readings, edited by Michael J. Loux (Routledge Publishing Co., 2001).

11. "Epistemic Supervenience and the Circle of Belief," *The Monist*, 68 (1985), 90-104.
12. "Why a Set Contains Its Members Essentially," *Nous*, 19 (1985), 585-602.
13. "Mereological Essentialism, Mereological Conjunctivism, and Identity Through Time," *Midwest Studies in Philosophy*, Vol. 11, edited by Peter A. French, Theodore E. Uehling, Jr., and Howard K. Wettstein (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 1986), pp. 141-56.

Reprinted in *Identity* (Volume 2 in the International Research Library of Philosophy), edited by Harold Noonan (Aldershot, UK: Ashgate Publishing Company, 1993).

Also reprinted in *Metaphysics: Contemporary Readings*, edited by Steven Hales (Jones and Bartlett Publishing Co, 1999).
14. "Kant's First and Second Paralogisms," *The Monist*, 69 (1986), 483-88.
15. "Right, Left, and the Fourth Dimension," *The Philosophical Review* 96 (1987), 33-68.
16. "Comments on Paul Guyer's 'The Failure of the B Deduction,'" in *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*, 25 (1987), Supplement on the Spindel Conference, 85-87.
17. "Inner States and Outer Relations: Kant and the Case for Monadism," *Doing Philosophy Historically*, edited by Peter H. Hare (Buffalo: Prometheus Books, 1988), pp. 231-47.
18. "Incongruent Counterparts and Things in Themselves," in *Proceedings of the Sixth International Kant Conference*, edited by G. Funke and T.M. Seebohm (Washington, D.C.: University Press of America, Inc., 1989), pp. 33-45.
19. "Mind-Dust or Magic? Panpsychism Versus Emergence," in Volume 4 of *Philosophical Perspectives*, edited by J. Tomberlin (Atascadero, California: Ridgeview Publishing Company, 1990), pp. 215-26.
20. "Supervenience and Closure," *Philosophical Studies*, 58 (1990), 225-38.

Reprinted in Vol. 13 of *The Philosopher's Annual*, an annual collection of the ten best pieces appearing in print during the previous year.

Also reprinted in *Supervenience* (Volume 26 in the International Research Library of Philosophy), edited by Jaegwon Kim (Aldershot, UK: Ashgate Publishing Company, 2002), pp. 285-98.
21. "Entity, Identity, and Actuality: A Critical Review," *Philosophical Papers*, 20 (1991), 37-50.

22. "Semantic Supervenience and Referential Indeterminacy," *The Journal of Philosophy*, 89 (1992), 344-61.
23. "Analyticity, Undeniability, and Truth," *The Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, Supplementary Volume 18 (1992), 89-111.
24. "Geometry, Transcendental Idealism, and Kant's Two Worlds," in *Minds, Ideas, and Objects*, Volume 2 of the North American Kant Society Studies in Philosophy, edited by Phillip D. Cummins and Guenter Zoeller (Atascadero, California: Ridgeview Publishing Co., 1992), pp. 291-302.
25. "Kant" and "Noumena/Phenomena," in *A Companion to Epistemology* (Oxford: Blackwell, 1992), edited by J. Dancy and E. Sosa.
26. "Bundle Theory," "Essence/Accident," "Kant" and "Transcendental Ego," in *A Companion to Metaphysics*, edited by J. Kim and E. Sosa (Oxford: Blackwell, 1993).
27. "Descartes and the Destruction of the Eternal Truths," *Ratio*, 7 (1994), 58-62.
28. "Predication Without Universals? A Fling with Ostrich Nominalism," *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 54 (1994), 577-90.
29. "Dependence," in *The Cambridge Dictionary of Philosophy*, edited by R. Audi (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1995).
30. "Does Truth Supervene on Evidence?," in *Supervenience: New Essays*, edited by U. Yalcin and E. Savellos (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1995), pp. 306-15.
31. "Putnam, Kant, and Secondary Qualities," *Philosophical Papers*, 24 (1995), 83-109.
32. "The Ideality of Time," in *Proceedings of the Eighth International Kant Congress*, Vol. I (Milwaukee: Marquette University Press, 1995), pp. 411-21.
33. "Minimal Truth is Realist Truth," *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 56 (1996), 869-75.
34. "If Meinong is Wrong, Is McTaggart Right?," *Philosophical Topics*, 24 (1996), 231-54.
35. "Incongruent Counterparts and Higher Dimensions," in *Metaphysics: The Big Questions*, edited by P. van Inwagen and D. Zimmerman (Blackwell, 1998), pp. 111-20.

36. "Epistemic Supervenience Revisited," *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 59 (1999), 1049-55.
37. "Reid on the First Principles of Contingent Truths," *Reid Studies*, 3 (1999), 3-30.
38. "The Manifestation Argument Against Realism," in *Realism: Responses and Reactions (Essays in Honor of P.K. Sen)*, edited by D.P. Chattopadhyaya et al. (New Delhi: Indian Council for Philosophical Research, 2000), pp. 228-47.
39. "Thomas Reid" (co-authored with Ernest Sosa), in *The European Philosophers from Descartes to Nietzsche*, edited by S. Emmanuel (Oxford: Blackwell, 2001), pp. 179-200.
40. "C.D. Broad," in *A Companion to Analytical Philosophy*, edited by A.P. Martinich and David Sosa (Oxford: Blackwell Publishers, 2001), pp. 57-67.
41. "Borges's Two Refutations of Time," *Philosophic Exchange*, 31 (2001), 54-68.
42. "Can Atheists Know Anything?," in *Naturalism Defeated? Essays on Plantinga's Argument Against Naturalism*, edited by Jim Beilby (Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press, 2002), 103-25.
43. "Receptivity and Our Knowledge of Intrinsic Properties," *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 65 (2002), 218-36.
44. "Time, Idealism, and the Identity of Indiscernibles," in Volume 16 of *Philosophical Perspectives*, edited by James Tomberlin (Oxford: Blackwell, 2002), pp. 379-93.
45. "Thomas Reid's Geometry of Visibles," *The Philosophical Review*, 111 (2002), 373-416.
46. "Precis of *Problems from Kant*" and "Replies to Ameriks, George, and Langton," *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 66 (2003), 190-95 and 219-27.
47. "Lehrer, Reid, and the First of All Principles," in *The Epistemology of Keith Lehrer*, edited by Erik Olsson (Dordrecht, Holland: Kluwer Academic Publishers, 2003), pp. 155-72.
48. "Is Knowledge Easy—Or Impossible? Externalism as the Only Alternative to Skepticism," in *The Skeptics: Contemporary Essays*, edited by Stephen Luper (Aldershot, UK: Ashgate Publishing Company, 2003), pp. 45-59.
49. "Reid versus Berkeley on the Inverted Retinal Image," *Philosophical Topics*, 31 (2003), 425-55.
50. "Reid's Theory of Perception," in *The Cambridge Companion to Reid*, edited by Rene van Woudenberg and Terence Cuneo (Cambridge: Cambridge University

- Press, 2004), pp. 101-33.
51. "Externalism and Disjunctivism," in *The Externalist Challenge*, edited by Richard Schantz (Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 2004), pp. 481-92.
 52. "On What There Is Now: Sosa on Two Forms of Relativism," in *Ernest Sosa and his Critics*, edited by John Greco (Oxford: Blackwell, 2004), pp. 249-62.
 53. "Why Coherence is Not Enough: A Defense of Moderate Foundationalism," in *Contemporary Debates in Epistemology*, edited by Matthias Steup and Ernest Sosa (Oxford: Blackwell, 2005), pp. 168-80; in the second edition of 2014, edited by Matthias Steup, John Turri, and Ernest Sosa, pp. 255-67.
 54. "Reid on the Credit of Human Testimony," in *The Epistemology of Testimony*, edited by Jennifer Lackey and Ernest Sosa (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 2006), pp. 50-74.
 55. "Thomas Reid," entry in the second edition of the Macmillan *Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (Detroit: Thomson-Gale, 2006), Vol. 8, pp. 322-30.
 56. "Touch, Sound, and Things without the Mind," *Metaphilosophy*, 37 (April 2006), 162-82.
 57. "Reid's Answer to Molyneux's Question," *The Monist*, 90 (2007), 251-70.
 58. "The Moon and Sixpence: A Defense of Mereological Universalism," in *Contemporary Debates in Metaphysics*, edited by J. Hawthorne, T. Sider, and D. Zimmerman (Oxford: Blackwell, 2008), pp. 321-40.
 59. "Reid on Single and Double Vision: Mechanics and Morals," *Journal of Scottish Philosophy*, 6 (2008), 1-20.
 60. "Double Appearances are Double Trouble: Reply to Foster," *Journal of Scottish Philosophy*, 6 (2008), 195-96.
 61. "Reid's Response to the Skeptic," in *The Oxford Handbook of Skepticism*, edited by John Greco (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2008), pp. 286-309.
 62. "Space and Time," an Extended Essay in *A Companion to Metaphysics*, 2d edition, edited by Jaegwon Kim, Ernest Sosa, and Gary Rosenkrantz (Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2009), pp. 74-83.
 63. "Matter, Space, and Quality: Reflections on Unger's *All the Power in the World*," *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 80 (2010), 457-66.
 64. "Epistemic Humility and Causal Structuralism," in *Perception, Causation, and Objectivity*, edited by J. Roessler, H. Lerman, and N. Eilan (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011), pp. 82-91.

65. "Reid on the Real Foundation of the Primary-Secondary Quality Distinction," in *Primary and Secondary Qualities: The Historical and Ongoing Debate*, edited by Larry Nolan (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011), pp. 274-303.
66. "Can Coherence Generate Warrant *Ex Nihilo*? Probability and the Logic of Concurring Witnesses," *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 82 (2011), 337-80.
67. "Sosa on Easy Knowledge and the Problem of the Criterion," *Philosophical Studies*, 153 (2011), 19-28.
68. "Rates of Passage," *Analytical Philosophy*, 52 (2011), 141-70.
69. "Necessity, Analyticity, and the *A Priori*," in *Debates in Modern Philosophy*, edited by Stewart Duncan and Antonia Lolordo (New York: Routledge, 2013), pp. 289-306. (This is a reprint of Chapter 2 of my *Problems from Kant*.)
70. "Defining and Defending Nonconceptual Contents and States," in *Philosophical Perspectives*, vol. 26, edited by John Hawthorne and Jason Turner (Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2012), pp. 411-30.
71. "Reply to Elgin," in *Contemporary Debates in Epistemology*, 2nd edition, edited by Matthias Steup, John Turri, and Ernest Sosa (Oxford: Blackwell, 2013), pp. 271-73.
72. "Berkeley, Reid, and Sinha on Molyneux's Question," in *Sensory Integration and the Unity of Consciousness*, edited by Christopher Hill and David Bennett (Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, 2014), pp. 193-208.
73. "Four Questions about Acquired Perception," in *Mind, Knowledge, and Action: Essays in Honor of Reid's Tercentenary*, edited by T. Buras and R. Copenhaver (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015).
74. "Troubles for Radical Transparency," in *Qualia and Mental Causation in a Physical World: Themes from the Philosophy of Jaegwon Kim*, edited by Terence Horgan, Marcelo Sabatés, and David Sosa (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2015), pp. 209-30.
75. "Does Suppositional Reasoning Solve the Bootstrapping Problem?" *Logos and Episteme*, 6 (2015), 351-63.
76. "Objectivity without Objects: A Priorian Program," A.N. Prior issue of *Synthese*, 193 (2016), 3535-3549.
77. "Precis of *Problems from Reid*" and "Replies to Falkenstein, Copenhaver, and Winkler," *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 93 (2016), 208-211 and 232-45.

78. "Reid's Opposition to Berkeley," in *The Bloomsbury Companion to Berkeley*, edited by R. Brook and B. Belfrage (London: Bloomsbury, 2017), pp. 299-313.
79. "Reid on Perception, Knowledge, and Will: Replies to Hill, Rysiew, and Yaffe," *Analytic Philosophy*, 59 (2018), 551-71.
80. "Logicism and Formal Necessity: Reflections on *Kant's Modal Metaphysics*," *Kantian Review*, 23 (2018), 449-59.
81. "Brute Necessity," *Philosophy Compass*, 13:9 (2018), e12516.
82. "Brute Necessity and the Mind-Body Problem," in *Brute Facts*, edited by Elly Vintiadis and Constantinos Mekios (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018), pp. 63-96.
83. "'Distinction of Reason' Is an Incomplete Symbol," *Hume Studies*, 44 (2018), 59-66.
84. "Reid versus Berkeley on the Moon Illusion," in *The Senses and the History of Philosophy*, edited by Brian Glenney and Jose Filipe Silva (London: Routledge, 2019), pp. 218-30.
85. "Lewis and Taylor as Partners in Sin," *Acta Analytica*, 34 (2019), 165-75.
86. "Reid on Intentionality and Causation," in *Causation and Cognition*, edited by Dominik Perler and Sebastian Bender (New York: Routledge, 2020), pp. 331-347.
87. "Humean Humility and its Contemporary Echoes," in *The Routledge Handbook to Philosophical Humility*, edited by M. Alfano, M.P. Lynch, and A. Tanesini (London: Routledge, 2021), pp. 359-71.
88. "Two Problems in Spinoza's Theory of Mind," in *Oxford Studies in the Philosophy of Mind*, vol. 2, edited by Uriah Kriegel (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2022), pp. 337-81.
89. "Substance and Shadow," *Review of Metaphysics*, 76 (June 2023), 611-650.
90. "There Are No Necessary Connections Between Distinct Existences," *Oxford Studies in Metaphysics*, edited by Karen Bennett and Dean Zimmerman, 14 (2025), 3-62. DOI: 10.1093/ 9780198952763.003.0001.
91. "Putnam, Privileged Observers, and Special Relativity," forthcoming in *Interpreting Putnam*, edited by R. Gronda and G. Marchetti (Routledge Studies in American Philosophy series).
92. "Exemplar Representation and Explanatory Loops," forthcoming in *The*

Philosophy of Keith Lehrer: Essays on Knowledge, Consciousness, and Freedom,” edited by Mylan Engel (New York: Springer).

93. “*Qua-Talk and Other Forms of Quackery,*” forthcoming in *Philosophy Compass*.

c. Reviews

1. T.I. Wilkerson, *Kant's Critique of Pure Reason, Teaching Philosophy*, 2 (1977-78), 387-89.
2. Laurence Bonjour, *The Structure of Empirical Knowledge, The Philosophical Review*, 97 (1988), 272-78.
3. Andrew Brennan, *Conditions of Identity, The Philosophical Review*, 101 (1992).
4. John Bacon, *Universals and Property Instances: The Alphabet of Being, The Philosophical Review*, 109 (2000), 107-109.
5. Michael Devitt, *Realism and Truth*, second edition, *Nous*, 34 (2000), 657-63.
6. Nicholas Wolterstorff, *Thomas Reid and the Story of Epistemology, Mind*, 113 (2004).
7. Gideon Yaffe, *Manifest Activity, Grazer Philosophische Studien*, 70 (2005), 257-60.

Invited Lectures

"Comments on Professor Hall's Paper," American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, December 1974.

"Cartesianism and Neo-Pragmatism: Comments on Professor Johnsen's Paper," American Philosophical Association Western Division Meeting, April 1975.

"Kant's Principles of Substance and Causation," University of Toronto Lecture Series on Kant, February 1977.

"Thick and Thin Experience in Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason*," Invited Paper at the American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, December 1977.

"The Cartesian Circle and the Circle of Belief," University of Nebraska Philosophy Department Colloquium, September 1978.

"Another Volley at Kant's Reply to Hume," University of Western Ontario Conference on the Second Analogy, April 1979.

"Kant's Second Antinomy," Hamilton College Philosophy Department Colloquium,

May 1979.

"Incongruent Counterparts and the Fourth Dimension," Franklin and Marshall College
Philosophy Department Colloquium, November 1979.

"Right, Left, and the Need for a Body: Comments on Professor Robinson's Paper,"
American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meetings, December 1979.

"Kant's Second Antinomy," University of Rhode Island Philosophy Department
Colloquium, March 1980.

"Incongruent Counterparts and the Fourth Dimension," University of Massachusetts
(Amherst) Philosophy Department Colloquium, April 1980.

"Kant's Second Antinomy" and "Descartes' Argument for Mind-Body Dualism" (two
lectures), Banaras Hindu University, Banaras, India, September 1980.

"Descartes' Argument for Mind-Body Dualism," University of Rajasthan, Jaipur,
India, September 1980.

"The Problem of Induction," Visva-Bharati University, Santiniketan, India, December
1980

"Foundationalism and the Infinite Regress of Reasons," Patna University, Patna,
India, January 1981.

"The Problem of Personal Identity," Vidyamandir College, Belur Math, India,
February 1981.

"Right, Left, and the Fourth Dimension" and "Three Versions of the Bundle Theory,"
University of Miami Philosophy Department Colloquia, March and April 1983.

"Right, Left and the Fourth Dimension," Florida Atlantic University Public Lecture,
April 1983.

"Epistemic Supervenience and the Circle of Belief," Invited Paper at the Eastern
Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, December 1983.

"The Grounds and Consequences of Berkeley's Anti-Abstractionism" (Comments on
M. Atherton's paper), Berkeley Tercentenary Conference, Newport, RI, March 1985.

"Incongruent Counterparts and Things in Themselves," Sixth International Kant
Congress, The Pennsylvania State University, September 1985.

"Comments on Professor Guyer's Paper," Spindel Conference on the B Deduction,
Memphis State University, October 1986.

"Kant's Argument for Monadism," Conference on "Doing Philosophy Historically," SUNY at Buffalo, April 1987.

"The Problem of Temporary Intrinsic," Syracuse University Philosophy Department Colloquium, March 1989.

"Geometry and Transcendental Idealism," North Carolina State University Philosophy Department Colloquium, March 1989.

"Geometry and Transcendental Idealism," University of Iowa Conference on Ideas in 17th and 18th Century Philosophy, April 1989.

"Descartes' Concepts of Substance" (Comments on P. Markie's paper), American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting April, 1989.

"The Problem of Temporary Intrinsic," Brandeis University Philosophy Department Colloquium, November 1989.

"Realism, Relativism, and Indeterminacy," Davidson College Philosophy Department Colloquium, November 1990.

Comments on P. Cummins' "Berkeley's Manifest Qualities Thesis," delivered at the December 1990 Meeting of the International Berkeley Society.

"Semantic Supervenience and Referential Indeterminacy," University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Philosophy Department Colloquium, January 1991.

"Kant and Secondary Qualities," Wake Forest University Philosophy Department Colloquium, February 1991.

"Kant and Secondary Qualities," Eastern Carolina University Philosophy Department Colloquium, March 1991.

"Kant and Secondary Qualities," Virginia Commonwealth University Philosophy Department Colloquium, March 1991.

"Kant and Secondary Qualities," Virginia Polytechnic Institute Philosophy Department Colloquium, April 1991.

"Kant and Secondary Qualities," University of Rochester Philosophy Department Colloquium, February 1992.

"A Fling with Ostrich Nominalism," a main paper at the Greensboro Colloquium in Philosophy, April 1992.

"Analyticity, Undeniability, and Truth," University of Connecticut Philosophy Department Colloquium, April 1992.

"Kant's Copernican Revolution," United States Military Academy, October 1993.

Comments on "Against Mereological Conjunctivism," American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, December 1993.

Invited presentation at Meeting of North American Kant Society, Boston, December 1994.

Invited presentation at Meeting of International Kant Congress, Memphis, March 1995.

"If Meinong is Wrong, Is McTaggart Right?," Syracuse University Philosophy Department Colloquium, April 1996.

Invited Presentation at a symposium on the philosophy of Keith Lehrer, American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, December 1996.

"Thomas Reid on First Principles," First International Reid Symposium, Aberdeen, Scotland, July 1998.

"Contemporary Criticisms of the Thing in Itself," invited presentation at the World Congress of Philosophy, Boston, August 1998.

"Thomas Reid on First Principles," Lewis White Beck Memorial Conference, University of Rochester, September 1998.

"Kant's First Analogy," University of California at San Diego Philosophy Department Colloquium, February 1999.

"Thomas Reid's Geometry of Visibles," University of Arkansas Philosophy Department Colloquium, April 1999.

Comments on Tyler Burge, Hartry Field, Alvin Goldman, and John Hawthorne, Rutgers Epistemology Conference, April 2000.

"Thomas Reid's Geometry of Visibles," Second International Reid Symposium, Aberdeen, Scotland, July 2000.

"Thomas Reid's Geometry of Visibles," Cornell University Philosophy Department Colloquium, September 2000.

"Borges's Two Refutations of Time," University of Notre Dame Philosophy Department Colloquium, November 2000.

Two lectures under the auspices of the Center for Philosophic Exchange, State University of New York College at Brockport, November and December 2000.

Comments on Ryan Nichols' "Reid on Visible Figure," American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, March 2001.

"Thomas Reid's Geometry of Visibles," New York University Philosophy Department Colloquium, November 2001.

"Thomas Reid's Geometry of Visibles," Sievert Lecture, University of Iowa, March 2002.

"Is Reid a Direct Realist?" Reid Society Meeting, Seattle, March 2002.

"Thomas Reid's Geometry of Visibles," Pomona College Philosophy Department Colloquium, April 2002.

"Critical Reflections on Wolterstorff's Reid," Yale University, April 2002.

"What is Direct Perception?" Reid Society Meeting, Philadelphia, December 2002.

"Critical Reflections on Wolterstorff's Reid," American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, December 2002.

"Fumerton on Epistemic Probability," American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, March 2003.

"Allais and Langton on Kant," comments delivered at North American Kant Society session at American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, March 2004.

"Reid Versus Berkeley on the Inverted Retinal Image," California State University at San Bernardino Philosophy Department Colloquium, April 2004.

"Reid Versus Berkeley on the Inverted Retinal Image," University of Kwa-Zulu Natal Philosophy Department Colloquium, Durban, South Africa, May 2004.

"Touch, Sound, and Things Without the Mind," keynote address at conference on Knowledge and Imagination, Free University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands, June 2004.

"Reid's Answer to Molyneux's Question," Third International Reid Symposium, Aberdeen, Scotland, July 2004.

Seminar Leader at Davidson College Philosophy Department Retreat, November 2004.

"Hume versus Reid on Testimony and Miracles," plenary presentation at a conference on Hume and his critics, Baylor University, April 2005.

“Rates of Passage,” University of California at Davis Philosophy Department Colloquium, April 2005.

“Rates of Passage,” Reed College Philosophy Department Colloquium, November 2005.

“Touch, Sound, and Things without the Mind,” Lewis and Clark College Philosophy Department Colloquium, November 2005.

“Rates of Passage,” North Carolina State Philosophy Department Colloquium, February 2006.

“Rates of Passage,” University of California at San Diego Philosophy Department Colloquium, March 2006.

Comments on G. Grandi’s “Reid’s Direct Realism about Vision,” American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, March 2006.

“Can Coherence Generate Warrant *Ex Nihilo*?” Claremont Colleges Workshop in Epistemology, April 2006.

“Reid on Single and Double Vision: Mechanics and Morals,” International Workshop on Thomas Reid and the Philosophy of Mind, Stockholm, Sweden, August 2006.

“Reid on Single and Double Vision: Mechanics and Morals,” University of Colorado at Boulder Philosophy Department Colloquium, September 2006.

Comments on David Sosa’s “Perceptual Friction,” SOFIA Conference on the Metaphysics of Epistemology, Cancun, Mexico, January 2007.

“Reid’s Answer to Molyneux’s Question,” Southwest Seminar on Early Modern Philosophy, UCSD, February 2007.

“Can Coherence Generate Warrant *Ex Nihilo*?” Bled Epistemology Conference, Bled, Slovenia, June 2007.

“Direct Realism and Double Vision,” Seattle Pacific University Philosophy Department Colloquium, November 2007.

“Epistemic Bootstrapping,” Invited Symposium Presentation at American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, March 2008.

“Are We Living in a Computer Simulation?” Cal State University at Fullerton Symposium on Philosophy and Science Fiction, March 2008.

“Berkeley versus Reid on Three Puzzles of Vision,” International Berkeley Conference, Newport, RI, June 2008.

“Berkeley versus Reid on Three Puzzles of Vision,” Brown University Lecture Series, October 2008.

“Rates of Passage,” University of Missouri Philosophy Department Colloquium, December 2008.

“Reid on Primary and Secondary Qualities,” Invited Session at American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, Vancouver, April 2009.

“Can Coherence Generate Warrant *Ex Nihilo?*,” University of California at Irvine Philosophy Department Colloquium, April 2009.

“Can Coherence Generate Warrant *Ex Nihilo?*,” a main presentation at the Rutgers Epistemology Conference, May 2009.

“Berkeley versus Reid on Three Puzzles of Vision,” Conference on the Tercentennial of Berkeley’s Theory of Vision, Karlsruhe, Germany, August 2009.

“Berkeley versus Reid on Three Puzzles of Vision,” Cal State LA Philosophy Department Colloquium, November 2009.

“Four Questions about Acquired Perception,” Conference on Thomas Reid from his Time to Ours, Aberdeen and Glasgow, Scotland, March 2010.

“Sosa on Easy Knowledge and the Problem of the Criterion,” Author Meets Critics Session at the American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, April 2010.

“Berkeley and Reid on Perception of Depth,” Harvard University Conference on Space Perception, October 2010.

“Rates of Passage,” University of Texas Symposium on Analytical Philosophy, December 2010.

“Substance and Shadow,” Inland Pacific Philosophy Conference, Boise State University, April, 2011.

“Thomas Reid on Direct Realism and Nonexistent Objects of Conception,” Duke University Philosophy Department Colloquium, September 2011.

“Thomas Reid on Direct Realism and Nonexistent Objects of Conception,” University of Vermont Philosophy Department Colloquium, October 2011.

“The Physics and Metaphysics of Time Travel,” John Dewey Lecture at the University of Vermont, October 2011.

“Thomas Reid on Direct Realism and Nonexistent Objects of Conception,” North Carolina State University Philosophy Department Colloquium, November 2011.

“Thomas Reid on Freedom of the Will and Agent Causation,” Davidson College Philosophy Department Colloquium, April 2012.

“Agent Causation and Backwards Causation,” conference at Chapman University, February 2013.

“Thomas Reid on Direct Realism and Nonexistent Objects of Conception,” University of California at Santa Barbara Philosophy Department Colloquium, April 2013.

“Thomas Reid on Direct Realism and Nonexistent Objects of Conception,” Dartmouth College Philosophy Department Colloquium, August 2013.

“Thomas Reid on Direct Realism and Nonexistent Objects of Conception,” University of California at San Bernardino College Philosophy Department Colloquium, January 2014.

“Thomas Reid on Direct Realism and Nonexistent Objects of Conception,” University of British Columbia Philosophy Department Colloquium, February 2014.

“The Physics and Metaphysics of Time Travel,” California Polytechnic State University at Pomona Philosophy Department Colloquium, May 2014.

“Objectivity without Objects: A Priorian Program,” Arthur N. Prior Centenary Conference, Oxford University, August 2014.

“Reid’s Response to Malebranche’s Master Argument,” University of Arizona Philosophy Department Event, February 2015.

“The Physics and Metaphysics of Time Travel,” Keynote Address at UCLA Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, May 2015.

“Desiderata for an Interpretation of Kant’s Transcendental Idealism,” Symposium at the American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, April 2016.

“Brute Necessity,” Dalhousie University Philosophy Department Colloquium, May 2016.

“Replies to Campbell and Hopp,” Author Meets Critics session on my book *Problems from Reid*, American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, March 2017.

“Brute Necessity,” Washington University in St. Louis Philosophy Department Colloquium, April 2017.

“Brute Necessity,” University of Missouri at Columbia Philosophy Department Colloquium, April 2017.

“Brute Necessity,” MIT Philosophy Department Colloquium, October 2017.

Author Meets Critics Session on *Problems from Reid* with the Early Modern Research Group at the University of Western Ontario, November 2017.

“Exemplar Representation and Explanatory Loops,” Conference in honor of Keith Lehrer, University of Arizona, March 2018.

“Reid on Intentionality and Causation,” Conference on Causation and Cognition in Early Modern Philosophy, Humboldt University, Berlin, June 2018.

“Two Ways to Skin a Sceptic: Reid’s Realism and Kant’s Idealism,” Workshop on Scepticism and Anti-Scepticism at the University of Hamburg, June 2018.

“Substance and Shadow,” conference on systematic metaphysics at the Jerusalem Philosophical Encounter, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, January 2020.

“How Rich is the Content of Perception?,” guest lecture at a Brown University seminar on perception, December 2020.

“There Are No Necessary Connections between Distinct Existences,” University of Rochester Philosophy Department Colloquium, April 2021.

“*Qua*-Talk and Other Forms of Quackery,” Bo and Lynn Clark Lecture, Indiana University, September 2024.

“Reduction and Emergence in Mind and Metaphysics,” presented at a conference at the University of Fribourg, June, 2025.

Editorial Boards

Philosophy and Phenomenological Research; Philosophical Studies; Episteme; Pacific Philosophical Quarterly.

Other Professional Activities

Occasional referee of articles for *Nous, Philosophical Review, Philosophical Studies, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, Canadian Journal of Philosophy, Synthese, Erdos, Journal of Philosophical Research, American Philosophical Quarterly, Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Philosophy of Science, Erkenntnis, Journal of the History of Philosophy, Mind, Archiv fur Geschichte der Philosophie, European Journal of Philosophy, Philosophical Quarterly, British Journal for the History of Philosophy, Philosophical Imprint, Dialectica, Journal of the American Philosophical Association, Acta Analytica, and The Review of Metaphysics*; of book manuscripts for the State

University of New York Press, the University of Minnesota Press, Cornell University Press, Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, Edinburgh University Press, Bloomsbury Academic Press, and McGraw-Hill.

Vice President of the Rhode Island Philosophical Society, 1985-86.

Co-organizer (with Ernest Sosa) of a conference in honor of R. M. Chisholm on his seventieth birthday, held at Brown University in November of 1986.

Honors Examiner at Swarthmore College, May 1988, May 1997, May 2011, and May 2021.

Evaluator of Philosophy Program at Bentley College, January 1990, and of Philosophy Program and Lewis and Clark College, October 2008.

Member of Selection Committee for NEH Summer Seminar, March 1990; member of Review Panel for NEH Fellowships, May 2021.

Occasional docent at Whitehall, George Berkeley's home during his stay in America (summers of 1985, 1988, and 1990).

Member of Program Committee of the Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association, 1981-82 and 1993-95.

Member of Advisory Committee to the Program Committee of the American Philosophical Association (Eastern Division), 1998-2001 (field: History of Modern Philosophy).

Courses Taught

Historical Introduction to Philosophy
 Reason and Religion
 Philosophy East and West
 Science, Perception, and Reality
 Time and Time Travel
 The Ways of Paradox
 Mind, Matter, and Mystery
 Time and History
 Symbolic Logic
 Philosophical Logic
 Theory of Knowledge
 Metaphysics
 Philosophy of Science
 Philosophy of Perception
 Philosophy of Language
 Philosophy of Psychology
 Philosophy of Art
 History of Modern Philosophy

Continental Rationalism

British Empiricism

Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason*

Twentieth-Century Analytic Philosophy

Graduate Seminars in Epistemology, Metaphysics, and the History of Modern
Philosophy (e.g., Foundationalism and Coherentism, Personal Identity, Ontology
and Objectivity, Kant, Hume, Reid)