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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Department of Philosophy, University of Arkansas, 2009 (expected)
Dissertation: *Blind Trust: A Defense of Non-Reductionism in the Epistemology of Testimony*
Committee: Thomas D. Senior (Director), Jack C. Lyons, Edward Minar
- M.A. Department of Philosophy, University of Arkansas, 2003
Thesis: *The Possibility of Basic Beliefs*
Committee: Thomas D. Senior (Director), Jack C. Lyons, Barry M. Ward
Graduate work in Philosophy, Northern Illinois University, 1998–2000
- B.A. Department of Philosophy, Valparaiso University, 1997

AREA OF SPECIALIZATION

Epistemology

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Ethics, Applied Ethics, Environmental Ethics, Ancient Greek Philosophy

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- Coe College: Instructor, Spring 2007–Present
Northwest Arkansas Community College: Instructor, Spring 2004–Spring 2006
University of Arkansas: Editorial Assistant, *Philosophical Topics*, Fall 2001–Spring 2007
University of Arkansas: Graduate Teaching Assistant Fall 2000–Spring 2001; Fall 2003

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Solely responsible for syllabus, lectures, assignments, exams and grading for all courses.

- Introduction to Philosophy (textbook) (Northwest Arkansas Community College)
Introduction to Philosophy (primary sources) (Coe College)
Introduction to Ethics (University of Arkansas)
Morality and Moral Controversies (Coe College)
Ancient Greek Philosophy (Coe College)
Environmental Ethics (scheduled for Spring 2010) (Coe College)

PUBLICATIONS

- “The Causal Impotency Objection to Vegetarianism” (co-authored with Don Merrell), *Southwest Philosophy Review*, Volume 24, Number 1, (2008).
- “BonJour’s New Old-Fashioned Foundationalism,” *Southwest Philosophical Studies*, Volume 26 (2004).

PRESENTATIONS

- “Reductionism, Non-Reductionism and the Infant/Child Objection: A Reply to Lackey” accepted for presentation at the Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, February 17-20th, 2010.
- “The Causal Impotency Objection to Vegetarianism” (co-authored with Don Merrell) Southwestern Philosophical Society, November 9th, 2007.
- “The Causal Impotency Objection to Vegetarianism” (co-authored with Don Merrell) Central States Philosophical Association, October 6th, 2007.
- “Evolution and the Reliability of Testimony,” Gateway Graduate Philosophy Conference, May 20th, 2006.
- “Evolution and the Reliability of Testimony,” University of Iowa Graduate Philosophical Society, April 14th, 2006.
- “Evolution and the Reliability of Testimony,” colloquium, Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, AR, November 18th, 2005.
- “BonJour’s New Old-Fashioned Foundationalism,” New Mexico/West Texas Philosophical Society, April 12th, 2003.
- “An Argument for Externalism; or, How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Sellarsian Dilemma,” Arkansas Philosophical Association, November 2nd, 2002.

AWARDS AND ACTIVITIES

- Philip M. Bashor Scholarship Award (for outstanding graduate work in Philosophy), University of Arkansas, 2002.
- President, University of Arkansas Philosophy Graduate Students, 2002–2004.
- Department of Philosophy Undergraduate Award (for outstanding undergraduate work in Philosophy), Valparaiso University, 1997.
- Senior Honors, Valparaiso University, 1997.

COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION FIELDS

Epistemology

Ethics

Ancient Greek Philosophy

Modern Philosophy

GRADUATE COURSES

Metaphysics and Epistemology

Mental Representation (Lyons)
Epistemology of Religious Belief (Senor)
Epistemologically Basic Beliefs (Lyons)
Metaphysics (Funkhouser)
Philosophy of Mind (Lyons)
Mental Causation (Funkhouser)
Epistemology of Testimony (directed reading) (Senor)

Ethics

Value Theory (Lee)
Contemporary Ethical Theory (Lee)
Environmental Ethics (Lee)

History of Philosophy

Ancient Greek Philosophy (Spellman)
19th Century Continental Philosophy (Minar)
Kant (Dye) (at NIU)
Hume (King) (at NIU)

Miscellaneous

Philosophy of Religion (Senor)
Symbolic Logic (Hill)
Philosophy of Science (Ward)

REFERENCES

Thomas D. Senor- Associate Professor of Philosophy and Chair, University of Arkansas

Edward Minar- Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of Arkansas

Jack C. Lyons- Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of Arkansas

Jeffrey Hoover- Professor of Philosophy, Coe College

John Lemos- Professor of Philosophy, Coe College