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Education

Ph.D. in Philosophy, Brown University, 1985

Dissertation: "The Directly and Indirectly Evident"

Dissertation Committee: Roderick Chisholm, Ernest Sosa, James Van Cleve

M.A. in Philosophy, Goethe University (Frankfurt, Germany), 1981

Area of Specialization: Epistemology

Areas of Competence: Metaphysics, Ethics, Logic

Professional Experience

Purdue University

Professor and Department Head: since 2008

St. Cloud State University:

Professor: 1995 - 2008

Department Chair: 1992-97, 2003-04

Associate Professor: 1991-95

Assistant Professor: 1989-91

Appointments as Visiting Assistant Professor:

University of Wyoming, 1987 -89

Grinnell College, 1986-87

St. Cloud State University, 1985-86

Books

1. *The Blackwell Companion to Epistemology*, 2nd Edition, forthcoming.

The editors of the first edition were Jonathan Dancy and Ernest Sosa. I am editing the second, revised and expanded edition, which will have three parts: (i) Ten Review Essays; (ii) Twenty of Self-Profiles of Leading Epistemologists; (iii) Epistemology from A-Z.

2. *Contemporary Debates in Epistemology*, co-edited with Ernest Sosa (Oxford: Blackwell, 2005).

In this volume, 22 authors address eleven central questions in contemporary epistemology. Each of these newly commissioned essays will be paired with a second that takes the opposite point of view on the same topic. Contributors: Stewart Cohen and Earl Conee on contextualism, Fred Dretske and John Hawthorne on epistemic closure, Richard Foley and Nicholas Wolterstorff on epistemic responsibility, Richard Feldman and John Greco on the internalism/externalism debate, Carl Ginet and Peter Klein on the regress problem, Catherine Elgin and James Van Cleve on coherence, James Pryor and Michael Williams on basic beliefs, Marian David and Linda Zagzebski on truth as the epistemic goal, Richard Fumerton and Jonathan Vogel on skepticism, Laurence Bonjour and Michael Devitt on a priori knowledge, and Alex Byrne and Michael Martin on propositional content in sense experience.

3. *Knowledge, Truth, and Duty. Essays on Epistemic Responsibility and the Ethics of Belief* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2001).

This is an essay collection with contributions by Robert Audi, Vrinda Dalmyia, Marian David, Michael DePaul, Richard Feldman, Richard Fumerton, Carl Ginet, Alvin Goldman, Susan Haack, Noah Lemos, Bruce Russell, Ernest Sosa, Linda Zagzebski, and myself.

4. *An Introduction to Contemporary Epistemology* (Saddle River: Prentice Hall, 1996).

Articles

1. "Empiricism as a Stance," forthcoming in a special issue of *Synthese* on the work of Baas Van Fraassen, edited by Otávio Bueno and Darrell Rowbottom.
2. "Doxastic Freedom," *Synthese* 161, 2008, pp. 375-392. Special Issue on Epistemic Deontology, edited by Nicholaj Nottelman.
3. "Are Mental States Luminous?" Forthcoming in *Williamson on Knowledge*, Oxford University Press, edited by William Greenough and Duncan Pritchard.
4. "Epistemology in the 20th Century," *Routledge Companion to 20th Century Philosophy*, edited by Dermot Moran (Routledge, 2008).
5. "Reliabilism," *Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, 2nd Edition, edited by Donald M. Borchert (New York: Macmillan, 2005).
6. "Ernest Sosa," *Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, 2nd Edition, edited by Donald M. Borchert (New York: Macmillan, 2005).
7. "Epistemology," *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, October 2005.
8. "Knowledge and Skepticism," supplement to my *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* entry "The Analysis of Knowledge." August 2005.
9. "Contextualism and Conceptual Ambiguity," *Acta Analytica* 20, 2005, pp. 3-15.
10. "Internalist Reliabilism," *Philosophical Issues* 14, 2004, pp. 404-425.
11. "Two Forms of Antiskepticism," in Susana Nuccetelli, ed., *New Essays on Semantic Externalism and Self-Knowledge* (MIT Press, 2003).
12. "The Analysis of Knowledge," *Stanford On-Line Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (February 2001).
13. "Epistemic Duty, Evidence, and Internality. A Reply to Alvin Goldman," in Matthias Steup (ed.), *Knowledge, Truth, and Duty. Essays on Epistemic Justification, Responsibility, and Virtue* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2001).
14. "Epistemic Duty and Doxastic (In)Voluntarism," *Acta Analytica* 24, (2000), pp. 25-56.

For a discussion of one of the arguments in this paper, see Richard Feldman, "Voluntary Belief and Epistemic Evaluation," in my collection *Knowledge, Truth, and Duty*.
15. "Unrestricted Foundationalism," *Grazer Philosophische Studien* 60, 2000, 75-98.
16. "A Defense of Internalism", in Louis Pojman (ed.), *The Theory of Knowledge*, (Belmont: Wadsworth, 1998).
17. "Critical Study: William Alston's *Perceiving God* (Cornell University Press 1991)," review essay, *Noûs* 31, 1997, pp. 408-420.
18. "Tidman on Critical Reflection," *Analysis* 56, number 4 (October 1996).
19. "Proper and Improper Use of Cognitive Faculties: A Counterexample to Plantinga's Proper Functioning Theory," *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 55 (1995).

This paper is a contribution to a symposium on Alvin Plantinga's two books *Warrant: The Current Debate* and *Proper Functioning and Warrant and Proper Function* (Oxford University Press, 1992). The other contributors were William Alston, Carl Ginet, Richard Swinburne, and James E. Taylor. For Plantinga's reply to my contribution, see pp. 443-449.
20. "Clifford, William Kingdon." *The Cambridge Dictionary of Philosophy*, ed. by Robert Audi (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1995).
21. "Epistemic Deontologism." *The Cambridge Dictionary of Philosophy*.
22. "Diallelus." *The Cambridge Dictionary of Philosophy*.
23. "The Problem of the Criterion." *The Cambridge Dictionary of Philosophy*.
24. "Proper Functioning and Warrant after Seven Vodka Martinis," *Philosophical Studies*, 72 (1993) 89-109.

25. "The Problem of the Criterion." *A Companion to Epistemology*, ed. by Christopher Dancy and Ernest Sosa (Oxford: Basil Blackwell, 1992).
26. "Memory." *A Companion to Epistemology*, ed. by Christopher Dancy and Ernest Sosa (Oxford: Basil Blackwell, 1992).
27. "Truth as Coherence-Comments on Goldman," *The Southern Journal of Philosophy* 29, Supplement, 1991.
28. "BonJour's Antifoundationalist Argument," in Jack Bender (ed.), *The Current State of the Coherence Theory: Critical Essays on the Theories of Keith Lehrer and Laurence BonJour* (Dordrecht: Kluwer, 1989).
For BonJour's Reply to my paper, see the same volume, p. 276f.
29. "The Regress of Metajustification," *Philosophical Studies* 55 (1989) 41-56.
The same issues of *Phil. Studies* contains a reply to my paper by Laurence BonJour.
30. "The Deontic Conception of Justification," *Philosophical Studies* 53 (1988) 65-84.
For a response to two of the arguments I advance in this paper, see William Alston, *Epistemic Justification. Essays in the Theory of Knowledge* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1989), p. 145-7.

Book Reviews

1. Linda Martin Alcoff: *Real Knowing. New Versions of the Coherence Theory* (Cornell University Press, 1996), *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 64, 2002, pp. 740-43.
2. Robert Almeder: *Harmless Naturalism: The Limits of Science and the Nature of Philosophy* (Open Court, 1998), *Philosophical Review* 109, No. 3 (July 2000), pp. 462-465.
3. Linda Zagzebski: *Virtues of the Mind. An Inquiry into the Nature of Virtue and the Ethical Foundations of Knowledge* (Cambridge University Press, 1996), *Dialogue*, 1999.
4. Stephen Cade Hetherington, *Epistemology's Paradox* (Rowman and Littlefield, 1992), *International Studies in Philosophy*, Vol. 27 (1995).
5. Edward Craig, *Knowledge and the State of Nature* (Oxford University Press, 1990), *Philosophical Review* 101 (1992), pp. 856-858.
6. William Alston, *Epistemic Justification. Essays in the Theory of Knowledge* (Cornell University Press, 1989), *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 52 (1992), pp. 228-232.
7. R. J. Bogdan (ed.), *Profiles: Roderick M. Chisholm* (Dordrecht: Reidel, 1986), *Canadian Philosophical Reviews* 88 (1988), pp. 435-37.

Presented Papers, Commentaries, and Conference Participation

1. "How You Know You are not a BIV", Presidential Address, read at the Annual Meeting of the *Central States Philosophical Association*, September 2008.
2. "Evidentialist Anti-Skepticism: How You Know You are Not Deceived," read to the Philosophy Department at the University of Minnesota, Morris, April 2008.
3. "Responding to BIV Skepticism without Begging the Question," 4th *Russell Conference*, Healdsburg, CA, March 2007
4. "Evidentialist Anti-Skepticism," read to the Philosophy Department at Purdue University, February 2008.
5. "Evidentialist Anti-Skepticism," read at the 2007 *Bled Philosophy Conference* on Epistemology. Bled, Slovenia, June 2007.
6. "The Easter Bunny Strategy for Anti-Skepticism," 3rd *Russell Conference*, Healdsburg, CA, March 2007.
7. "Doxastic Freedom," read at the 2006 *Bled Philosophy Conference* on Freedom and Determinism. Bled, Slovenia, June 2006
8. "Doxastic Freedom," 2nd *Russell Conference*, Healdsburg, CA, March 2006.
9. Returning Participant, *Rutgers Epistemology Conference*. New Brunswick, New Jersey, May 2005.

10. "Easter Bunny Deception and the Failure of Skepticism," 1st *Russell Conference*, Healdsburg, CA, March 2005.
11. "Epistemology and the Law," symposium response to Christopher Green, "Suing One's Sense Faculties for Fraud," read at the Eastern Division meetings of the *American Philosophical Association*, December 2004, Boston.
12. "Contextualism and the Multiple Concepts Theory," read at the 2004 *Bled Philosophy Conference* on Contextualism. Bled, Slovenia, June 2004.
13. Comments on Stewart Cohen's "Knowledge, Speaker and Subject," *Sofia XV Philosophy Conference* on Epistemic Principles, Circularity, and Externalism. Porto Alegre, Brazil, May 2004.
14. "Sense Experience as a Source of Justification," read at the 1st Mainz-Frankfurt Colloquium on Analytic Epistemology, January 5, 2004 University of Mainz, Germany.
15. "Internalist Reliabilism," read at the Dubrovnik Philosophy Conference in Epistemology and Metaphysics, Dubrovnik, Croatia, August 25-30, 2003, Dubrovnik, Croatia.
16. "The Reliability of Memory and the Problem of the Crystal Ball." Colloquium paper, Pacific Division meetings of the *American Philosophical Association* in San Francisco, March 2003.
17. "The Reliability of Memory and the Problem of the Crystal Ball." Annual meeting of the *Illinois Philosophical Association* in Edwardsville, Illinois, November 1-2, 2002.
18. Comments on Chase B. Wrenn, "Hypothetical and Categorical Epistemic Normativity," Central Division Meeting of the *APA*, Chicago, April 2002.
19. "Reliability Knowledge and the Reliability of Our Faculties." Paper read at the 2002 Bled Philosophy Conference on Rationality. Bled, Slovenia, June 2002.
20. "Can I Know That My Memory Is Reliable?" Paper read to the Philosophy Department at the University of Minnesota, Duluth. April 5, 2002.
21. Returning Participant, *Rutgers Epistemology Conference*, April 2002.
22. Chair, Colloquium: Personal Identity, Central Division Meeting of the *APA*, May 2001
23. Discussant, *Rutgers Epistemology Conference*, April 27-28, 2001.
24. "Foundationalism, Sense-Experiential Content, and Sellars's Dilemma." Paper read at the Pacific Division Meeting of the *APA*, San Francisco, March 2001.
25. "Nyaya Epistemology." Commentary read at the colloquium *Indian Philosophy Meets Western Epistemology*, at the Eastern Division Meeting of the *APA*, New York, December 2000.
26. "Do I Know I'm Not A Brain In A Vat?" Paper read at the Minnesota State University at Moorhead, December 6, 2000.
27. Session Chair, *Roderick Chisholm Memorial Conference*, Brown University, November 10-11, 2000.
28. "Reply to Greco." Commentary read at the conference *Duty and Virtue in Epistemology*, organized by Abrol Fairweather and Linda Zagzebski, held at the Center for Philosophical Education at the City College of Santa Barbara, November 1999.
29. "Internalism Explained." Paper read at the 1999 *Bled Epistemology Conference*, Bled, Slovenia, June 1999
30. "Epistemic Deontology and Doxastic (In)Voluntarism." Paper read at Wayne State University, December 1997.
31. "Epistemic Blameworthiness and Impermissibility." Commentary on James Montmarquet's colloquium paper "Epistemic Blameworthiness," read at the 1997 Meeting of the *Central States Philosophical Association* in St. Louis.
32. "Far-Out and Middle-of-the-Road Internalism." Commentary on Alvin Goldman, "Internalism's Internal Problems," presented at the symposium "The Internalism-Externalism Debate and Skepticism" (with Ernest Sosa and Laurence Bonjour as the other two contributors) at the 1997 Central Division Meeting of the *APA* in Pittsburgh.
33. "Epistemic Deontology and the Voluntariness of Belief." Talk to the Philosophy Department at St. Olaf College, March 3, 1997.
34. "Epistemic Deontology and the Voluntariness of Belief." Paper read to the Philosophy Department at the University of Minnesota, Duluth, February 10, 1997.
35. "Is Belief Really Involuntary?" Paper read at the 1996 Annual Meetings of the *Central States Philosophical Association* (Kansas City) and the *Minnesota Philosophical Society* (St. Paul).
36. Comments on Peter Markie: "Degrees of Warrant." Colloquium commentary read at the Eastern Division Meeting of the *APA* (January 1995, New York).
37. "Proper and Improper Use of Cognitive Faculties: An Objection to Plantinga's Proper Functioning Theory." Colloquium paper read at the 1993 Pacific Division Meeting of the *APA*.

38. "Proper Functioning and Warrant after Seven Vodka Martinis." Colloquium paper read at the 1993 Central Division Meeting of the *APA* (San Francisco). Also read at the Annual Meeting of the *Minnesota Philosophical Society* (October 1992, St. Paul).
39. "Epistemological Naturalism and Naturalistic Epistemology." Colloquium paper read at the 1992 Pacific Division Meeting of the *APA* (April 1992, Portland).
40. "Should We Value Justified Belief?" Paper read to the Philosophy Department the University of Minnesota at Minneapolis (January 1992).
41. "Justified Belief and the Causal Requirement." Read at the Annual Meeting of the *Minnesota Philosophical Society* (October 1991, University of Minnesota at Duluth).
42. Comments on Charles Wallis, "Bidding Aurevoir to BonJour." Paper read at the Annual Meeting of the *Minnesota Philosophical Society* (October 1991, University of Minnesota at Duluth).
43. "Particularism and the Justification of Epistemic Principles." Colloquium paper read at the Annual Meeting of the *Minnesota Philosophical Society* (October 1990, University of St. Thomas).
44. "Particularism and the Justification of Epistemic Principles." Colloquium paper read at the Central Division Meeting of the *APA* (April 1991, Chicago).
45. "Epistemic Criteria and the Problem of Cognitive Diversity." Colloquium paper read at the Pacific Division Meeting of the *APA* (March 1991, San Francisco).
46. "Moral Truth and Coherence: Comments on Goldman." Commentary read at the 1990 *Spindel Conference on Moral Epistemology* at Memphis State University.
47. "Positive and Negative Epistemic Duties." Colloquium paper read at the Pacific Division Meeting of the *APA* (March 1990, Los Angeles).
48. "Epistemic Duties and Doxastic Voluntarism." Paper read to the philosophy department at St. Cloud State University, January 1990.
49. Positive and Negative Epistemic Duties." Read at the annual meeting of the *Minnesota Philosophical Society* (October 1989, Winona State University).
50. Comments on Jane Duran, "Boydian Nightmares." Colloquium commentary read at the Pacific Division meeting of the *APA* (March 1989, Oakland).
51. Comments on James Sennet: "The Evidence Base Model of Justification." Read at the annual meeting of the *Mountain Plains Conference* (October 1988).
52. Comments on Scott Bodfish: "Deontic Consistency: A New Approach to Chisholm's Paradox." Read at the annual meeting of the *Central States Philosophical Association* (November 1986, St. Louis).
53. "The Deontic Conception of Justification." Read at the annual meeting of the *Iowa Philosophical Society* (October 1986, University of Iowa).

Courses Taught

Steup/Sosa: *Contemporary Debates in Epistemology*
William Alston: *A Realist Conception of Truth*
Richard Fumerton: *Metaepistemology and Skepticism*.
Stephen Stich: *The Fragmentation of Reason*
The Nature of Rationality
Theory of Knowledge
Knowledge and Skepticism
Metaphysics
Symbolic Logic
Logical Paradoxes
Philosophy of Language
Philosophy of Mind
Ethical Theory
Introduction to Philosophy
Introduction to Ethics
Philosophical Methods
Critical Reasoning

Journals for Which I Have Refereed

Acta Analytica

Australasian Journal of Philosophy
Canadian Journal of Philosophy
Dialogue
Erkenntnis
Grazer Philosophische Studien
International Journal of Philosophical Studies (Dublin, Ireland)
Journal of Philosophical Research
Noûs
Philosophical Papers (Rhodes University, South Africa)
Philosophy and Phenomenological Research
Theoria

Summer Institutes and Seminars

1. 1986 NEH Summer Institute in the *Theory of Knowledge*, directed by Keith Lehrer and Alvin Goldman.
2. 1987 NEH Summer Seminar on *Reasons, Justification and Rationality*, directed by Robert Audi.

Service

1. Vice President of the *Central States Philosophical Association* and Program Director for the Annual Meeting in Des Moines, October 5-6, 2007.
2. President of the *Central States Philosophical Association*, 2008.