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RESEARCH PROFILE

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Political epistemology
Truth
Ethics, politics and epistemology of AI and digital technology

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Philosophy, Syracuse University, 1995
B.A. in Philosophy, *summa cum laude*, SUNY Albany, 1990

APPOINTMENTS (ACADEMIC)

Provost Professor of the Humanities, University of Connecticut, 2023-
Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor, University of Connecticut, 2019-
Professor, University of Connecticut, 2007-
Associate Professor, University of Connecticut, 2004-2007
Chair, Department of Philosophy, Connecticut College, 2003-04
Assistant and Associate Professor, Connecticut College, 2000-04
Assistant Professor, University of Mississippi, 1995- 2000

APPOINTMENTS (ADMINISTRATIVE)

Director, University of Connecticut Humanities Institute 2014- 2023.
Interdisciplinary research institute, direct report to the Provost;
accomplishments: expanded fellowship program, doubled annual budget,
tripled space, significantly increased private donation and raised over \$8
million in grant funding together with \$2 million additional match from
UConn.

Founding Director, New England Humanities Consortium, 2018-2021. Created and founded consortium of now 14 humanities centers and institutes throughout the region; raised \$850,000 from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to support consortium's projects, principally the Faculty of Color Working Group.

BOOKS (MONOGRAPHS)

- On Truth in Politics: Why Democracy Demands It.* Princeton: Princeton University Press. Forthcoming April 2025. Audio Book: Recorded Books 2025.
- Know-it-All Society: Truth and Arrogance in Political Culture.* New York: Liveright/W.W. Norton, September 2019). Audiobook: Highbridge/Recorded (2019). Winner: George Orwell Award for Distinguished Contribution to Honesty and Clarity in Public Language-. National Council of Teachers of English. Translation: Korean.
- The Internet of Us: Knowing More and Understanding Less in the Age of Big Data.* (New York: Liveright/W. W. Norton 2016; Audio book, Random House 2016, 2nd printing 2018). APA Author Meets Critics Symposium; *Kirkus* starred review; reviews in *The New Yorker*, *Booklist*, *LA Review of Books*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Kirkus* etc. Translations: Korean, Chinese, Bulgarian, Romanian, Persian, Catalan.
- In Praise of Reason: Why Rationality Matters for Democracy.* (Cambridge: MIT Press. March 2012). Reviews in *Political Studies*; NDPR; *Review of Metaphysics*; *Philosophy in Review*, *Aporia*, *The Montreal Review* (among others). Translations: French, Korean, Persian.
- Truth as One and Many.* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009). APA Author Meets Critics Symposium; Reviews in *Mind*, NDPR; AJP; IPQ; PQ; *Analysis*; *Analytic Philosophy*; *International Philosophical Quarterly*; *Review of Metaphysics*, etc. Translations: Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, Polish.
- True to Life: Why Truth Matters* (Cambridge: MIT Press, 2004). *New York Times Book Review*, Editor's Pick, July 2005; *ForeWord Magazine's Book of the Year, philosophy.*; APA Author Meets Critics Symposium. Symposium in Books in Philosophy. Translation: Polish.
- Truth in Context.* (Cambridge: MIT Press, 1998). Paperback 2001. *Choice Outstanding Book* in Philosophy 1999; APA Authors Meets Critics Symposium; reviews in *Philosophical Review*, *PPR*, *Review of Metaphysics*, etc.

BOOKS (EDITED)

- The Nature of Truth, 2nd edition.* w/J. Kim, N. Kellen and J. Wyatt. (Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, 2020).

- Routledge Handbook on Humility*. w/A. Tanesini and M. Alfano. (London: Routledge, 2020).
- Arrogance and Polarisation*. w/A. Tanesini. (London: Routledge 2020).
- Truth and Realism*. w/Patrick Greenough. (Oxford: Oxford University Press 2006)
- Perspectives on the Philosophy of William P. Alston*. w/Heather Battaly. (Illinois: Rowman & Littlefield Press, 2005).
- The Nature of Truth: Classic and Contemporary Perspectives*. (Cambridge: MIT Press, 2001; 2nd printing 2002).
- Guest-editor, *Real Knowing: Situating Social Epistemology*. *Social Epistemology*. 12:3 (1998).

GRANTS: TOTAL FUNDING: \$8.125 MILLION

- 2020 Principal Investigator, New England Humanities Consortium: Faculty of Color Working Group. Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, \$750,00.
- 2019 Principal Investigator, New England Humanities Consortium. Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. \$100,000.
- 2019 Co-Principal Investigator. Seeing Truth. The Henry Luce Foundation. \$275,000.
- 2016 Principal Investigator, Intellectual Humility and Public Discourse, John Templeton Foundation: \$6 million.
- 2015 Principal Investigator, The Public Discourse Project, UConn Academic Vision Award: \$1 million.

ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

1. Belief and Identity (with Jason Tosta). *Oxford Handbook of the Cognitive Science of Belief*. N. Leeuwen and Lombrozo, T. (Eds.). Oxford: Oxford University Press. Forthcoming.
2. The Epistemic Harms of Cyberprop (with Eric Berg). *Misinformation and Other Epistemic Pathologies*. M. Popa-Wyatt (Ed.). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Forthcoming.
3. Truth over Democracy or Democracy over Truth? Reflections on Rorty and Feyerabend. *Epistemology and Philosophy of Science*. Vol: 60, No. 1. Forthcoming.
4. Online Discourse and Political Ideology. *Conversations Online*. S. Goldberg and J. Saul (Eds.). Oxford: Oxford University Press. Forthcoming.
5. Political Skepticism, Bias and Epistemic Colonization. *The Epistemology of Democracy*. Q. Cassam and H. Samaržija (Ed.) London: Routledge. 2023.

6. The Political Meaning of Truth. *The Post-Truth Condition: Philosophical Reflections*. S. Truant and T. J. Kattumana. Lexington Books 2023.
7. Political Conviction. *Bias, Belief and Conviction in an Age of Fake Facts*. A. Finger and M. Wagner (Eds). (London: Routledge, 2022).
8. Memes, Misinformation and Political Meaning. *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*. (2022) 60: 38-56.
9. Truth as a Democratic Value. *NOMOS: Journal of the Society for Political and Legal Philosophy: Truth and Evidence*. (2021) Vol: LXIV. 15-34.
10. The Epistemic Harms of Information Personalization. (with Junyeol Kim). *Oxford Handbook of Social Epistemology*. J. Lackey and A. McGinn (Eds.). (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2022).
11. Internet Epistemology and Epistemic Agency (with H. Gunn). *Oxford Handbook on Applied Epistemology*. J. Lackey (Ed.). (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2021).
12. Power, Bald-faced Lies and Contempt for Truth. *Revue Internationale de Philosophie*. (2021) 3: 11-26.
13. Does Logical Pluralism imply, or Suggest, Truth Pluralism or Vice Versa? (with Stewart Shapiro). *Synthese*. (2021) 198(S1): 1-12.
14. Varieties of Deep Epistemic Disagreement. w/ P.S. Smith. *Topoi* (2021) 40: 971–982.
15. Political Disagreement, Arrogance and the Pursuit of Truth. in *Political Epistemology*; M. Hannon and E. Edenberg (Eds.) (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2020).
16. Epistemic Relativism. *The Routledge Handbook to Social Epistemology*. P. Graham, M. Fricker, D. Henderson, N. Pedersen (Eds.) (London: Routledge, 2020): 167-173.
17. Conviction and Humility. *Routledge Handbook of the Philosophy of Humility*. A. Tanesini, M. Alfano and M. Lynch (Eds.) (London: Routledge, 2020). 139-147.
18. Polarisation and the Problem of Spreading Arrogance. *Polarisation, Arrogance and Dogmatism*. A. Tanesini and M. Lynch (Eds.). (London: Routledge, 2020). 141-156.
19. Can We Be Reasonable? (with T. Allen) *Reason, Bias, and Inquiry: New Perspectives from the Crossroads of Epistemology and Psychology*. (Oxford: Oxford University Press. 2020).
20. Truth Pluralism and the Problem of Double-Counting. *Pluralisms in Truth and Logic*. N. Pedersen and J. Wyatt (Eds.). (London: Palgrave, 2018). 63-84.
21. Arrogance, Truth and Public Discourse. *Episteme*. Vol. 15: (2018): 283-296.
22. Truth as the Good in the Way of Belief. *American Philosophical Quarterly*. 57:4. 2020.

23. Epistemic Arrogance and Political Dissent. In *Voicing Dissent*. C. Johnson (Ed.) (London: Routledge, 2018): 129-139.
24. Googling (with H. Gunn). *The Blackwell Companion to Applied Epistemology*. D. Coady (Ed.). (Cambridge: Blackwell Publishers, 2018).
25. Intellectual Humility (with H. Gunn, C. Johnson, N. Sheff). *Oxford Bibliographies Online*. Philosophy. D. Pritchard (Ed.). (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017).
26. Academic Freedom and the Politics of Truth. *The Philosophy of Academic Freedom*. J. Lackey (Ed.). (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018): 23-35.
27. Understanding and Coming to Understand. *Making Sense of the World: New Essays on the Philosophy of Understanding*. S. Grimm (Ed.). (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017): 194-209.
28. From One to Many: Recent Work on Truth. (with Jeremy Wyatt). *American Philosophical Quarterly*. 53. 4. (2016):323-340.
29. After the Spade Turns: Disagreement, First Principles and Epistemic Contractarianism. *International Journal for the Study of Skepticism*. Vol. 6 2-3. (2016): 248-259.
30. Truth Pluralism (with N. J. Pedersen). *The Oxford Handbook on Truth*. M. Glanzberg (Ed). (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015): 543-569.
31. Truth as Unnaturally Natural (with D. Edwards and F. Ferrari). *The Blackwell Companion to Naturalism*. K. Clark (Ed.). (Cambridge: Blackwell 2015): 246-261.
32. The Knowers in Charge (with N. Sheff). *International Journal for the Study of Skepticism*. Vol. 6. 1. (2015): 53-63.
33. Why Worry about Epistemic Circularity? (with P. Silva). *Philosophical Research* (2015).
34. NeuroMedia, Extended Knowledge and Understanding. *Philosophical Issues: A Supplement to NOÛS*. Vol. 24 (2014): 299-313.
35. Pragmatism and the Price of Truth. *Meaning without Representation*. Steven Gross and Michael Williams (Eds.) (Oxford: OUP, 2015): 245-261.
36. Truth and Freedom. *The European Legacy*. 20 (2014): 163-173.
37. Epistemic Commitments, Epistemic Agency and Practical Reasons. *Philosophical Issues: A Supplement to NOÛS*. Vol. 23 (2013): 343-362.
38. Expressivism and Plural Truth. *Philosophical Studies*. 163 (2013): 385-401.
39. Three Questions for Truth Pluralism. *Truth Pluralism*. N. Pedersen, C. Wright (Eds.) (Oxford: Oxford University Press. 2012): 21-42.
40. Democracy as a Space of Reasons. *Truth and Democracy*. A. Norris and J. Elkins (Eds.). (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2012).
41. After Truth Gives Way. *Philosophical Quarterly*. 61 (2011): 400-409.
42. Truth Pluralism and Truth Relativism. *Blackwell Companion to Relativism*. S. Hales. (Ed.) (Cambridge: Blackwell, 2011).

43. Truth. *Routledge Companion to Epistemology*. D. Pritchard, S. Bernacker (Eds.) (London: Routledge, 2010).
44. Epistemic Disagreement and Epistemic Incommensurability. *Social Epistemology*. A. Haddock, A. Millar, D. Pritchard (Eds.). (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010).
45. Truth and the Pathos of Distance. *The Library of Living Philosophers: Richard Rorty*. R. Auxier (ed.). (Chicago: Open Court, 2010).
46. Truth, Value and Epistemic Expressivism. *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, Vol. 79, No. 1. (2009), pp. 76-97.
47. Deception and the Nature of Truth. *The Philosophy of Deception*, C. Martin (Ed.). (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009):188-209.
48. The Values of Truth and the Truth of Values. *Epistemic Value*. A. Haddock, A. Millar, D. Pritchard (Eds.). (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009).
49. Alethic Pluralism, Logical Consequence, and the Universality of Reason. *Midwest Studies in Philosophy* 32 (2008): 122-40.
50. Three Types of Pluralism about Truth. *Philosophia Scientiae*. 12:1 (2008):109-124.
51. How to be a Relativist. *Truth and Judgment*. P. Nerhot (ed.) (Milan: FrancoAngeli, 2008) 13-26.
52. A Coherent Moral Relativism (with D. Capps and D. Massey). *Synthese* 151 (2008): 1-26.
53. ReWrighting Pluralism. *The Monist* 89:1 (2006): 63-85.
54. Trusting Intuition. *Truth and Realism*. P. Greenough and M. Lynch (eds.). (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2006).
55. Zombies and the Case of the Phenomenal Pickpocket. *Synthese*. 149 (2006): 37-58.
56. Replies to Critics. *Philosophical Books* 46 (2005): 331-342.
57. Alethic Functionalism and our Folk Theory of Truth: Reply to Cory Wright. *Synthese* 145 (2005): 29-43.
58. Minimalism and the Value of Truth. *The Philosophical Quarterly* 217 (2004): 497-517. Reprinted in D. Edwards. *Contemporary Theories of Truth*. (London: Bloomsbury, 2019)
59. Truth and Multiple Realizability. *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 82, (2004): 384-408.
60. Truisms about Truth. *Perspectives on the Philosophy of W. P. Alston*. H. Battaly and M. Lynch (eds.). 2004.
61. The Impossibility of Superdupervenience (with Joshua Glasgow). *Philosophical Studies*, 113 (2003): 201-223.
62. Pluralism, Metaphysical Realism and Ultimate Reality. *Realism and Antirealism*. W. P. Alston (ed.). (Ithaca: Cornell University Press. 2002) 57-78.

63. The Truth in Contextual Semantics. *Grazer Philosophische Studien*. volume 63 (2002): 173-195.
64. Pluralism and the Fluidity of Existence: Reply to Ganssle. *Philosophia Christi*. 3 (2001): 497-504.
65. A Functionalist Theory of Truth. *The Nature of Truth*. M. Lynch (ed.). (Cambridge: MIT Press, 2001). 723-750.
66. The Elusive Nature of Truth. *Principia*. 4 (2000): 229-255.
67. Sensations and Pain Processes (with Kenneth J. Sufka). *Philosophical Psychology*. Vol. 13 (2000): 300-311.
68. Alethic Pluralism and the Functionalist Theory of Truth. *Acta Analytica*. 15 (2000): 195-214.
69. Beyond the Walls of Reason: *Nagel's The Last Word*. *The Philosophical Quarterly*. 49: (1999): 529-536.
70. Fact and Content Relativity. *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*. Vol. 38 (1999): 579-595.
71. Coherence, Knowledge and Truth. *Social Epistemology*. 12 (1998): 217-226.
72. Three Models of Conceptual Schemes. *Inquiry*. 40 (1997): 407-26.
73. Minimal Realism or Realistic Minimalism? *The Philosophical Quarterly*. 47 (1997): 512-518.
74. Truth and Relativism: A Reply to Rappaport. *Philosophia*. 25 (1997): 417-422.
75. Hume and the Limits of Reason. *Hume Studies*. 22 (1996): 89-104.
76. Expanding the Graduate Student's Role in Instructional Development. *Teaching Philosophy*. 18 (1995): 339-343.
77. Videotaping as a Tool for Instructional Development (with Robert. van Gulick). *Teaching: A Guide for Graduate Students*. (Syracuse: Syracuse University Press. 1994).

ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

- Truth in Ethics. *International Encyclopedia of Ethics*. (Cambridge: Blackwell, 2012).
- Truth. *Cambridge Encyclopedia of the Language Sciences*. P.Hogan (ed). (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2011).
- Proposition. *Cambridge Encyclopedia of the Language Sciences*. P.Hogan (ed). (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2011).
- Truth, Theories of. *Encyclopedia of Language and Linguistics*, 2nd ed. K. Brown (ed.). (New York: Elsevier, 2005).
- Rorty, Richard. *Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, Supplement, Second Edition, Vol. 7. D. Borchert (ed.). (New York: Simon and Schuster Macmillan Publishing Company, 2005).

MASS MEDIA ESSAYS

- The Value of Truth. March 1, 2021. *The Boston Review*.
- Explaining Truth for Humans, October 30, 2020. *3 AM Magazine*.
- Why Evidence Won't Change Your Convictions. *Institute of Arts and Ideas Magazine*. October 12, 2020.
- Do We Really Understand Fake News? *The New York Times*. September 23, 2019. Also appeared in the International Edition.
- Always Sticking to Your Convictions Sounds like a Great Idea but Isn't. *Associated Press/The Conversation*. Syndicated in 48 news publications. September 20, 2019.
- Teaching Humility in the Age of Arrogance. *The Chronicle Review*. June 5 2017.
- Kick This Rock. *The New York Times*. June 5, 2017.
- Does Intellectual Humility Matter for Democracy? *Big Questions Online*. February 24, 2017.
- Saving Civility. *UConn Magazine*. Spring 2017: 14-17.
- Truth in a Post-Truth Age. *The Skeptical Razor/Euromind*. Brussels: European Parliament Monograph. November 14th, 2016.
- Trump, Truth and the Power of Contradiction. May 8, 2016. *The New York Times Sunday Review*. May 8, 2016.
- Teaching in the Time of Google. *The Chronicle Review*. April 24, 2016.
- Trumping the Informed Citizen. *The New York Times*. The Stone. March 9, 2016.
- Leave my iPhone alone: Why our smartphones are extensions of ourselves. *The Guardian*. February 19, 2016.
- The Philosophy of Privacy: Why Surveillance Reduces us to Objects. *The Guardian*. May 7, 2015.
- Privacy and the Pool of Information. *The New York Times*. The Stone. July 27, 2014.
- After the Shutdown. *The New York Times*. The Stone. October 15, 2013.
- Privacy and the Self. *The New York Times*. The Stone. June 22, 2013.
- Of Flies and Philosophers. *The New York Times*. The Stone. March 5, 2013.
- Vote for Reason. *The New York Times*. The Stone. September 30, 2012.
- Defending Science: An Exchange: *The New York Times*. The Stone. March 12, 2012
- Science, Faith and First Principles. *The New York Times*. The Stone. November 3, 2011.
- Reasons for Reasons. *The New York Times*. The Stone. October 2, 2011.
- The Truth in Beer. *Philosophy and Beer*, ed. S. Hales (Oxford: Blackwell, 2007).
- Where's Liberal Passion? (Cover article) *The Chronicle Review*, April 22nd, 2005.

Who Cares about Truth? (Cover article) *The Chronicle Review*, September 10, 2004.

Truth Matters. *The Boston Globe*, November 4, 2002.

Truth in Context. *Memphis Commercial Appeal*. January 17, 1999.

BOOK REVIEWS

Truth, by A. Burgess and J. Burgess. *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*.

Hard Truths by E. Millgram. *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*. 11.29.2009.

Thought and World by C. Hill and *The Correspondence Theory of Truth* by A. Newman. *Philosophical Quarterly* 54 (2004):330-332.

What is Truth?. Ed. by R. Schantz. *Grazer Philosophische Studien* 67 (2004): 236-239.

Dreaming Souls, by O. Flanagan. *Contemporary Psychology: American Psychological Association's Review of Books*, 48 (2003): 94-96.

The Plurality of Actual Worlds by A. Blais. *Mind*. 110, 437 (2001): 174-177

New Essays On the Philosophy of Michael Dummett. Ed. by J. Brandl. *The Philosophical Quarterly*. 50 (2000): 540-542.

The Skeptic Way: Sextus Empiricus's Outlines of Pyrrhonism, by B. Mates. *The Review of Metaphysics*. 50 (1997) 886-87.

Beyond Positivism and Relativism, by L. Laudan. *Mind*. 107 (1998):425:233-35.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS (organized by title).

“Truth in Democracy” University of Iowa 2024; American Philosophical Association/Eastern, January 2024; University of Copenhagen, 2023. University of Granada, 2023.

“Truth, AI and the Epistemic Condition” University of Iowa, 2024; University of Valencia, 2023 (keynote); University of Copenhagen, 2023 (keynote); Florida Atlantic University, 2024 (keynote).

“Truth and the Facebookians” Glasgow University 2022; VICTR, 2022; University of Texas, San Antonio, 2023

“Online Discourse and Political Ideology” Northwestern University (Online Conversations Conference), 2022; University of Edinburgh, 2022

“Intellectual Humility and Public Discourse” UC Berkeley, 2022

“Political Understanding and Misunderstanding” University of Romania, 2022

“The Political Meaning of Truth”, University of Granada, 2022; University of Sheffield, 2022; Arizona State University, 2022.

“Political Meaning and Political Truth” University of Waikato, 2021; University of Notre Dame, Australia, 2021

- “Social Media, Disinformation, and Political Meaning”, University of Memphis, 2021. Lafayette College, 2021
- “Truth as a Democratic Value” Princeton University, 2019; Binghamton University 2019; University of London, 2019. University College Dublin, 2021; Northern Arizona University, 2023.
- “Know-it-All Society” Writers in the Loft, 2019; North Carolina State University, 2019; NFRPP, 2019. Nantucket Project, 2018.
- “Arrogance and Misunderstanding What Matters”. Yale University, 2019.
- “Fake News and the Politics of Truth” College de France, 2017; Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters, 2017; Georgetown University, 2017; University of Pennsylvania 2017; University of Cincinnati, 2017; Franklin and Marshall, 2017. University of Twente, 2018; Hungarian Academy of Arts and Sciences, 2018. Oxford University, 2018. LeMoyne College, 2019; Syracuse University 2019; ZAS Berlin, 2021; University of Memphis, 2021, Cal State Sacramento, 2021.
- “Understanding and Coming to Understand” Yale University, 2017; Harvard University, 2017; Middlebury College, April 2016; St. Louis University; 2015.
- “Epistemic Arrogance and Public Discourse” Episteme Conference, 2017; University of Copenhagen, 2017. University of London Institute of Philosophy, 2018. Yale University 2019.
- “Knowing More and Understanding Less”: University of Edinburgh, October 2015; Henderson State University, November 2015; Minnesota State, April 2016; Vanderbilt University, March 2016.
- “Why Privacy Matters.” The Chautauqua Institution. July 2014. The Point Magazine Symposium, NYC, January 2015.
- “Who Knows? Privacy, Knowledge and Big Data.” American Philosophical Association, December 2014. The Ohio State University, Center for Ethics, April 2015.
- “The Possibility of Rational Persuasion.” British Wittgenstein Society, June 2014. Northwestern University (philosophy colloquia), February 2014; Syracuse University (Alston Symposium) February 2014.
- “Knowledge in the Datasphere.” Kaplan Humanities Institute, Northwestern U. February 2014.
- “Truth Pluralism and the Problem of Double-counting”. Yonsei University. January 2014. University of Aberdeen, October 2013. Ohio State University April 2015.
- “Reasons and Contractarian Epistemology” University of Geneva, November 2013.
- “Neuromedia, Knowledge and Understanding”. University of St. Andrews reading party. October 2013. University of Edinburgh, October 2014.

- “Knowledge and Informational Glut.” UCHI luncheon talk, February 2012.
- “Pluralism and Deflationism.” NIP, Aberdeen. October 2012.
- “Reason and Democracy.” Presidential Address, SSPP February 2012; SUNY New Paltz, September 2012.
- “The Varieties of Truth” University of Nevada, Reno, September 2012. The Brain Korea Lectures (Three Lectures), Seoul National University, South Korea; May 2012; One of the lectures was given at the University of Irvine, November 2011.
- “Epistemic Realism and Epistemic Incommensurability” University of Edinburgh, October 2011; University of Cincinnati Naturalism Conference, 2010.
- “The Values of Truth” University of Edinburgh, October 2012; Northern Institute of Philosophy, University of Aberdeen; October 2011; Princeton University April 2011; University of Zurich, 2011.
- “Three Questions about Truth” Princeton University, 2011. University of Las Vegas, November 2010; University of Minnesota, November 2010; Aporo Workshop on Truth, University College Dublin, October 2010.
- “Epistemic Incommensurability” Tufts University, 2010; University College Dublin, October 2010; Fordham University, 2010; Union College, May 2010. Australian Association of Philosophy, July 2009.
- “Arguments against Epistemic Realism” University of Edinburgh, October 2010; Northern Institute of Philosophy, 2010.
- “Democracy and Epistemic Disagreement” University of Copenhagen, 2010 (plenary); Pacific APA, 2011
- “Replies” Author Meets Critics: Truth as One and Many, Central APA, 2010.
- “Expressivism and Plural Truth” University of Copenhagen, December 2009; New School for Social Research, April 2010; University of Sydney, 2009.
- “After Truth Gives Way” Philosophy of Language and Linguistics Conference. Dubrovnik, Croatia, September 9th, 2010.
- “Rationality, Disagreement and the Epistemic Original Position.” University of Copenhagen. December 11. 2009
- “A Plurality of Pluralisms” (invited), ANU conference on Crispin Wright, July 15, 2009.
- “A Deflationary Theory of Intuition”/”Trusting Intuitions.” Society for Realism/Antirealism. Pacific APA. April 9, 2009; Truth and Realism Conference, University of St. Andrews 2004.
- “Pluralism about Truth and Consequence” University of Alabama, March 28, 2009.
- “Faith in Reason.” University of Alabama, March 29, 2009.
- “Truth as One and Many” (invited) Johns Hopkins University, Workshop on Minimalism and Pragmatism. November 7, 2008.
- “Truth and Epistemic Value.” University of Edinburgh, December 13, 2007.

- “Truth Pluralism and Logical Pluralism.” St. Andrews University, December 10, 2007.
- “Epistemic Disagreement.” Bled Philosophy conference, Bled Slovenia, May 28, 2007; University of St. Andrews, August 3, 2006.
- “Truth as One *and* Many” Uppsala University, April 24, 2007.
- “Truth as One *or* Many” Uppsala University, April 23, 2007.
- “The Truth in Realism, the Realism in Truth” Hamilton College, March 31, 2007.
- “Three Kinds of Pluralism about Truth.” Nancy conference on Antirealism(s), (plenary) Nancy France, June 27, 2006; Syracuse University, colloquium, December 9, 2005; University of Miami, Ohio; colloquium December 02, 2005
- “The Value of Truth and the Truth of Values”. (invited) SSPP, April 12, 2006; (invited) Epistemic Value Workshop, Stirling University October 23, 2005
- “ReWrighting Pluralism”, University of Stirling, colloquium October 22, 2005
- “Truth as Many and One” Arche, St. Andrews University, July 2005
- “Replies to Critics” APA Pacific Division, March 24, 2005
- “Truth Matters”, (Invited address) Treasury Executive Institute, U.S. Mint, March 17, 2005
- “Truth, Power and Democracy”, University of Virginia, (invited address) October 22, 2004; College of Dupage, (invited address) October 11, 2004; University of Cincinnati (invited public address), OH January 24, 2003
- “Two Problems about Truth” Truth and Realism Preconference, June 15, 2004, St. Andrews University.
- “Thoughts, the World and Everything in Between.” SSPP April 2004.
- “Minimalism and the Value of Truth.” University of Connecticut colloquium, November 2003; Keynote Address, Eastern Pennsylvania Philosophical Association. November 7, 2003; University of Cincinnati colloquium, OH, January 22, 2003; University of Wales colloquium, Cardiff, December 2, 2002; Keynote Address, MS Philosophical Association, Oxford, MS, April 11, 2003; University of St. Andrews colloquium, November 20, 2002.
- “How to be a Relativist” (Invited address) Conference on Truth and Judgment, University of Turin, June 4, 2003; Tufts University colloquium, April 16, 2003; University of Genoa colloquium, Genoa, Italy, February 15, 2003
- “Truth’s Value.” The Moral Sciences Club, Cambridge University, November 12, 2002; Florida State University colloquium, September 5, 2002; 32nd Annual Cal State Fullerton Philosophy Conference, (invited) March 22, 2002.
- “The Impossibility of Superdupervenience.” SSPP, Nashville, March 29, 2002.
- “Truth and Multiple Realizability.” University of Cincinnati colloquium, March 2, 2001; University of Connecticut colloquium, February 15, 2001.

- “Truth, Knowledge and Moral Concepts: A Reply to Schiffer”. SOFIA Conference on Realism and Relativism, Oaxaca Mexico, January 8, 2001.
- “Replies to Sosa, Devitt and Jackman” Author Meets Critics Symposium on *Truth in Context*. APA. December 29, 2000.
- “Truth as a Functional Concept.” American Philosophical Association (Eastern Division), New York City. December 28, 2000.
- “The Truth in Contextual Semantics.” Horgan Symposium (invited) Austrian/Slovene Philosophy Congress, Celje, Slovenia. August 21, 2000; SPPP, New Orleans, April 15, 2001.
- “Comments on Pluralism.” Round-table discussion on Realism and Truth. Seminar on Realism and Truth, (invited) Calvin College, May 2000.
- “Pluralism about Truth.” Connecticut College colloquium, January 2000; University of Southern Mississippi, colloquium. February 19, 2000; Catholic University of Lublin colloquium, Poland. June 9, 1999; Bled Epistemology Conference, Bled Slovenia. May 28, 1999.
- “Hume’s Theory of Truth.” International Hume Conference, Cork, Ireland. July 19, 1999.
- “Conceptual Schemes and Incommensurability.” Hanover Conference on Incommensurability, Germany. June 15, 1999.
- “The Parting Word: Nagel and The Limits of Reason.” Society of Realism and Antirealism. Central Division of the American Philosophical Association, May 8, 1999.
- “Fact and Content Relativism.” Arkansas State University colloquium. April 9, 1999.
- “Zombies and the Case of the Phenomenal Pickpocket.” Mid-South Philosophy Conference. March 5, 1999; Duke University colloquium, October 29, 1998.
- “The Relativity of Fact and Content.” Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology. April 9, 1998. (*Griffith Award* winner)
- “Why (If Alston’s Right) We Can’t Define Truth.” Wheaton Philosophy Conference on Realism and Truth, 1997; Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association. March 27, 1997; University of Memphis, colloquium. April 29, 1998.
- “Truth in Context.” Ole Miss College of Liberal Arts Faculty Forum. January 21, 1997.
- “The Viability of Metaphysical Pluralism.” Society of Realism and Antirealism. Central Division of the American Philosophical Association, April 26, 1996.
- “A Pragmatic Plea for Truth.” The Mid-South Philosophy Conference. February 24, 1996.

"The Self-Destruction of Reason." 22nd International Hume Conference. July 25-29, 1995; Creighton Club (NYS Philosophical Assoc.). April 8, 1995.
"Hume and the Limits of Reason." Central Division, American Philosophical Association, May 7, 1994.

SELECTED MEDIA AND PUBLIC APPEARANCES

LIVE: TED talk at main TED conference, seen by 100,000 worldwide live, over 1.8 million views), TED Summit, The Nantucket Project, SXSW, Chautauqua; TED@250; Writers in the Loft; Center for Public Inquiry; The US Mint Lecture Series; NFRPP, numerous bookstore appearances, convocations, public lectures etc.

PRESS: Profiles and interviews in *The New Yorker*, *Washington Post*, *The New York Times*, *The LA Times*, *The Guardian*, *Mashable*, *Wired*, *3 am Magazine*, *Boston Globe*, *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, *Denver Post*, *Success Magazine*, *Toronto Globe and Mail*, *Richmond Examiner*, *International Herald-Tribune*; *Hartford Courant*. Various German, French, Danish, Dutch, Italian Brazilian, Spanish and Korean papers.

RADIO, PODCASTS and TV, 100+ appearances and/or discussions about my work on: Morning Joe (MSNBC); Let's Go There, Fresh Air (NPR); The Young Turks; David Pakman Show; WBUR Radio Boston; Book TV (C-SPAN); The Open Mind (PBS); On Point (NPR/WBUR); Late Night Live (Australian Broadcasting) To the Point (KCRW); Whaddya Know? (NPR); PhilosophyTalk, Brian Leiter Show (WNYC); Where We Live (WNPR) Colin McEnroe Show; (WNPR); The Connection (NPR/WGBH); Odyssey (Chicago Public Radio); Focus 580 (WILL AM/FM); Minnesota Midmorning (Minnesota Public Radio); Equal Time for Free Thought (WBAI NYC). Television: Nitebeat with Barry Nolan (Comcast CN 8)

TEACHING AND LEADERSHIP

SELECTED AWARDS AND HONORS

George Orwell Award for Distinguished Contribution to Honesty and Clarity in Public Language, 2019 (Previous winners include Noam Chomsky, Jon Stewart)
APA Committee for Public Philosophy Award, 2013
President, Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, 2013
The Brain National Lectures, Seoul National University, Seoul Korea. 2012
National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship, 2009-2010
Prose Award for Philosophy, Honorable Mention 2012
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Research Excellence Award, 2011
Provost's Fellowship, University of Connecticut, 2007
University of Connecticut Humanities Institute Fellowship, 2006-2007
ForeWord Magazine Gold Medal Award for best book in Philosophy, 2005
Bogliasco Institute Fellowship. Liguria Study Center, Bogliasco, Italy, 2003
Choice Magazine Award for Outstanding Book in Philosophy, 1999
Griffith Memorial Award, SSPP, 1998
University of Mississippi Office of Research Summer Grant 1996, 1997, 1999
SUNYA Undergraduate Award for Distinguished Work in Philosophy, 1990
Phi Beta Kappa, 1989

VISITING APPOINTMENTS

2002, 2006, 2008, Visiting Fellow, Arché AHRC Research Centre for the Philosophy of Logic, Language, Mathematics and Mind, University of St. Andrews.
2010-2013, Visiting Fellow, Northern Institute for Philosophy, University of Aberdeen Scotland
Summer 1999, Visiting Fellow, St. Edmund's College, Cambridge University

TEACHING AWARDS

2011 subject of the first Great Teachers Video, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, UConn.
1998 Cora L. Graham Outstanding Teacher of freshmen, University of Mississippi
1995 Syracuse University Certificate of University Teaching
1994 Outstanding TA Award, Syracuse University
1994-95 Syracuse University Teaching Fellow

DISSERTATIONS ADVISED

1. David Capps: A Pluralist Theory of Epistemic Justification
2. Daniel Massey: The Argument from Irresolvable Moral Disagreement” (Spring Hill College)
3. Bradley Strawser (with Steven Wall): The Bounds of Defense: Moral Responsibility, Autonomy, and War (Naval Postgraduate School and U of Oxford)
4. Paul Silva: The Epistemology of Intuition and Seemings (University of Cologne)
5. Jeremy Wyatt: Pluralism and the Absence of Truth (Waikato University NZ)
6. Casey Rebecca Johnson: Speech Acts and Silencing: Applying a New Account of Illocutions to Debates over Silencing and Testimony (University of Idaho)
7. Michael Robillard (with Hallie Liberto): The Moral Dimensions of Vulnerability and Exploitation (Uehiro Center Oxford U).
8. Hanna Gunn Social-Epistemic Agency (University of California, Merced).
9. Nathan Sheff: Thinking Together: Joint Commitment and Social Epistemology (UConn Stamford)
10. Nathan Kellen: Pluralisms about Truth and Logic (Kansas State University)
11. Teresa Allen: Engaging Others (Northern Illinois U)
12. Junyeol Kim (with Marcus Rossberg): Frege's Conception of Truth as an Object (Chungbuk National University)
13. Eric Berg (current): Cyberprop as Epistemic Hacking
14. Jaston Tosta (current)
15. Megha Arora (current)
16. Mark Dickson (current)

COURSES

Undergraduate: Ethics; Introduction to Philosophy; 17th-18th century philosophy; Metaphysics; Epistemology; Philosophy of Mind; Aesthetics; Twentieth Century Philosophy; Consciousness (seminar); Wittgenstein (seminar); Truth and Relativism (seminar); Political philosophy.

Graduate: Realism; Social Construction; Political Epistemology; The Metaphysics of Truth; The Politics of Truth; Epistemology (various topics including Internet Epistemology, Social Epistemology, Theories of Justification); Ethics; Metaphysics (various topics); Philosophy of Mind (various topics); Consciousness.

CONFERENCE AND WORKING GROUP LEADERSHIP

As Director of the Humanities Institute: Sponsored and funded hundreds of conferences and colloquia; organized or co-organized dozens of

interdisciplinary workshops and conferences on topics ranging from truth and democracy, religion and public discourse, social epistemology, etc.
Leader, Social Epistemology Working Group (The SEWing Circle) 2015-2021.
Interdisciplinary lab
Leader, LEM (Language, Epistemology, Mind) Working Group 2007-2015.
Philosophy lab.
Co-Organizer, Truth Pluralism and Logical Pluralism. Conference, University of Connecticut, April 2015.
Co-Organizer, Truth Workshop, May 2009, University of Connecticut.
Co-Organizer, Naturalized Philosophy of Language and Mind: A Conference in Honor of Ruth Millikan, October 2008, University of Connecticut
Co-Organizer, Conference on Truth and Realism, University of St. Andrews 2004
Co-Organizer and Program Chair, Society for Philosophy and Psychology, 2002 Meeting, Edmonton, Alberta Canada.
Program Committee, American Philosophical Association, Central Division, 2002
Co-Organizer: Workshop on Neuroscience and Philosophy, University of Mississippi, 1997

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editorial Referee, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*; *Nous*;
Philosophical Studies, *Mind*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Hume Studies*, *Philosophical Psychology*,
Synthese, *Cognitive Science*, *British Journal for Philosophy of Science*,
Canadian Journal of Philosophy
Manuscript referee for Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, Westview Press, MIT Press, APA (Central 2002), SSPP and SPP (2001 - 2003)
Executive Committee, Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology: 2013-2015
Executive Committee, 2002-2005, Society of Philosophy and Psychology.
Program Committee, American Philosophical Association, Central Division: 2000.
Griffith Award Committee, Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, 1999-2000

SELECTED DEPARTMENT, COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE (EXCLUDING SEARCH COMMITTEES)

2020-2023, University Strategic Planning Executive Committee
2017-2023, Council of Deans

2019-2021, Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor Selection Committee
2012-15, CLAS Dean's Advisory Council
2014- 2019. IBACS Advisory Committee
2004-present. Philosophy Department Promotion, Tenure and Review Committee.
2008-2013. Philosophy Department Placement Committee (chair).
2006-2014. Advisor, Philosophy Department Graduate Teaching Development
Program
2008-2009, 2011-2013 University of Connecticut Humanities Institute, Board of
Advisors
2007-2009, Dean's Academic Advisory Committee
2005-06: Colloquium Director, University of Connecticut Philosophy Department
2001-2002 Connecticut College, Neuroscience Program Steering Committee
2003, Connecticut College Educational Planning Committee Co-chair
2001, Connecticut College EPC Sub-committee on General Education
Assessment
2001-2002, Connecticut College Freshman Advisor
2000, Organizer: Ole Miss Symposium on Truth and Relativism
1997-1999, University of Mississippi McDonnell-Barksdale Honor-College
Curriculum Committee, Designed first-year curriculum
1998, Search Committee, Director, University of Mississippi McDonnell-
Barksdale Honor-College
1999, Search Committee, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies
1998-2000, University of Mississippi, *Phi Beta Kappa* Faculty Committee

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST