Resume of

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Current Position

Professor of Philosophy, California State University Sacramento

Education

University of Texas at Austin, 1983-1991; Ph.D. 1992.
University of California at Santa Cruz, 1978-1983; BA 1982.

Academic Awards

University Fellowship, University of Texas, 1990-91
University Fellowship, University of Texas, 1989-90

Teaching Awards

Outstanding Teacher for College of Arts and Letters (CSUS) 2001-2002
University Pedagogy Enhancement Award (CSUS) 2005

Doctoral Dissertation

Naturalizing Explanation. University of Texas (1992, unpublished).

Refereed Publications

1. "The Internal Aspect of Law: Rethinking Hart's Contribution to Legal Positivism." *Social Theory and Practice* 15 (1989): 231-255.
2. "Ross and Scotus on the Existence of God: Two Proofs From Possibility." *The Thomist* 54 1990): 97-114.
3. "Theories of Explanation." *Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy (2000).*
4. "Resisting Explanation." *Argumentation* 14 (2000): 361-380.
5. "Rationality and the Right to Privacy." *Today's Moral Issues*, ed. Daniel Bonevac, fourth edition, (2001): 307-312 Mountain View: Mayfield Publishing.
6. "Reconstructing the Right to Privacy." (Mark Alfino co-author) *Social Theory and Practice* 29, (2003).
7. "Naturalizing Cruelty." *Biology and Philosophy* 21-24, (2009).
8. "Argument-Explanation Complementarity and the Structure of Informal Reasoning." *Informal Logic* 30, 92-11 (2010).
9. "Privacy and Transparency," *Intelligent Privacy Management*, eds. Michael Genesereth, Roland Vogl, Mary-Anne Williams. 125-129 (2010) Menlo Park: AAAI Press
10. "Beware the Convincing Explanation," *Think*, Royal Institute of Philosophy, forthcoming 28, (2011).

Non Refereed Publications

1. “Architecture for the Transparent University,” *Syllabus*, (8/27/03)
2. Internet essays for *The Splintered Mind* and *Machines Like Us*.

    a. “Explaining Irrationality,” 9/30/2010
    b. “Is Explanation the Foundation?” 10/6/10
    c. “The Illusion of Understanding,” 10/15/10
    d. “Why We Procrastinate,” 10/24/10
    e. “The Convincing Explanation,” 10/29/10
    f. “Not by Argument Alone,” 11/04/10

Off Campus Lectures and Presentations

1. Commentary: On "Business with a Soul," a paper for The Society for Business Ethics by Marianne Jennings at the Seventeenth Annual Meeting of the American Philosophical Association (1996).
2. Commentary: On "Gödel Propositions for the Mind," a paper by Kari Coleman at the 48th Annual Meeting of the Northwest Conference on Philosophy (1996).
3. Lecture: "Explanation as a Cognitive Response to Predictive Failure." University of California at Davis (1997).
4. Lecture: "Resisting Explanation." Gonzaga University (1997).
5. Commentary: On "Why Formal Logic is Essential for Critical Thinking," a paper by Donald Hatcher at the 71st Annual Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division (1997).
6. Lecture: "Privacy and Information." 49th Northwestern Philosophy Conference (1997).
7. Commentary: On "Correlations, Causality and Inference," a paper by Timothy Herron,”at the 72nd Annual Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division (1998).
8. Lecture: "Explanation and Relativism," at the 3rd Annual Alaine Locke Conference, (2000).
9. Lecture: "Can There Be Privacy in a Surveillance Society?" Terror and Justice: A Conference of Bay Area Academics Responding the Events of 9/11. CSU Hayward, (5/10/2002).
10. Capital Public Radio Interview with Jeff Howitt on the right to privacy. Aired 11/23/03
11. Lecture: “On the Function of Explanation in Informal Reasoning.” Association for Informal Logic and Critical Thinking at American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting 3/20/03.
12. “With Privacy and Surveillance for All.” Cosumnes River College Intersegmental Interdisciplinary Philosophy Conference, (10/27/03).
13. “The Future of Liberalism in the Surveillance Society,” Eastern Division Meetings of the America American Philosophical Association (12/27/03).
14. Commentary: “What is Pragmatic Ethics?” by James Liszka Pacific APA (3/ 27/ 05).
15. “Some Limits on Formal Approaches to Risk Assessment.” Ethical Aspects of Risk, conference at Delft University of Technology, Delft, Netherlands (6/14/2006).
16. “Naturalizing Cruelty.” Kazimierz Naturalized Epistemology Workshop, Kazimierz, Poland (9/2008).

Off Campus Lectures and Presentations (continued)

17. “Privacy in a Transparent Society.” Surveillance Societies: What Price Security? Macaulay Honors College, New York, New York (4/2009).
18. Commentary: “Knowledge and Understanding,” by R.E. Jennings and R.A. Warner, Northwest Philosophy Conference (10/2009).
19. “Privacy and Transparency.” Intelligent Privacy Management, Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence, Stanford University (3/2010).
20. “Clickers: Restoring Purpose, Focus, and Intensity in the Traditional Classroom,” American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division (4/2010).
21. “What is Irrationality?” Sacramento Freethinkers, Atheists, and Nonbelievers (9/21/2010)
22. “ Not By Argument Alone,” Gonzaga University, Rukavina Lecture (10/29/2010)
23. “Reply to Westacott: A Critique of the Galahadian Ideal,” International Association for the Philosophy of Sport (9/8/2011)

On Campus Lectures

1. "The Power of Explanation." 13th Annual Jamil Nammour Philosophy Symposium, California Sate University Sacramento (1993).
2. "The Nature of Relativistic Theories." 14th Annual Jamil Nammour Philosophy Symposium. California State University Sacramento (1994).
3. On "Art and Ad Hominem," a paper by Perry Weddle at the 15th Annual Jamil Nammour Philosophy Symposium. California State University Sacramento (1995).
4. "Panel Discussion: Philosophy of Education." 16th Annual Jamil Nammour Philosophy Symposium. California State University Sacramento (1996).
5. "Panel Discussion: The Right to Privacy." 20th Annual Jamil Nammour Philosophy Symposium. California State University Sacramento (2000).
6. "Panel Discussion: Privacy in a Surveillance Society." 22nd Annual Jamil Nammour Philosophy Symposium (2002).
7. “Naturalizing Cruelty,” 24th Annual Jamil Nammour Philosophy Symposium (2004)
8. “Just Plain Ugly,” 25th Annual Nammour Symposium (2005)
9. “Losing It,” 29th Nammour Symposium (2009)

Lectures to Student Organizations and Local Schools

1. "What is Philosophical Analysis?" to the CSUS Philosophy Club (1992).
2. "What Can Philosophy Do?" to the CSUS Philosophy Club (1995).
3. "Privacy Bites," to the CSUS Philosophy Club (2000).
4. "Privacy Matters (But Not that Much!)," to the CSUS Political Theory Forum (Spring 2000).
5. “The Right to Privacy,” a debate with Professor Cliff Anderson presented to CSUS Philosophy Club (11/24/2003).
6. “Philosophical Thinking,” a lecture at Vacaville High School, Vacaville, CA. (1/09)
7. “Introduction to the Philosophy of Science,” Vacaville High School, Vacaville, CA. (12/10/10)
8. “Knowledge and Inductive Skepticism,” Rio Americano High School, Sacramento, CA. (12/17/10)
9. “What is Naturalism?” to the CSUS Philosophy Club (Fall 2011)

Referee Service

1. "Understanding, Nomothetic Order and Explanation," for *Philosophical Papers* (9/02)

2. "Identity Crisis: Facial Recognition Technology and Privacy," for *Social Theory and Practice* (4/04).
3. "The Analysis of Talking Past One Another," for *Philosophy and Rhetoric* (11/05).
4. "Privacy, Silence and Self-Incrimination," for *Social Theory and Practice* (11/05).
5. "Models, Mechanisms, and Counterfactuals," for *Philosophy of Science* (12/06).
6. "Explanation, Understanding, and Belief Revision," for *British Journal Philosophy of Science* (7/08)
7. "Privacy in Public Places" for *Social Theory and Practice* (9/08)
8. "Knowledge, Wrongness, Permanence, and Explanation," *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* (3/09).

Campus and Departmental Activities/Service

1. Participant in CSUS Learning Community (1997-98), (2009)
2. Principal Organizer: Nammour Philosophy Symposium (1998-2011).
3. Participant in Teaching with Technology Institute (Summer 2000).
4. Member Faculty Senate Curriculum Policies Subcommittee (2003-2011)
5. Member University Copyright and Patent Committee (2003-2005).
6. Member College of Arts and Letters Outstanding Teaching Award Committee (2003-2007).
7. Academic Advisor for College of Arts and Letters (2003-2005).
8. Department ARTP Committee (2003-2011)
9. Department Assessment Committee (chair) (2003-2008, 2010-2011)
10. Philosophy Department Curriculum Committee (2008-2011)
11. Faculty Hearing Committee (2008-2009)
12. College of Arts and Letters ARTP Committee C (2008-2011).
13. McNair Scholar Mentor (2008)
14. Student Grade Appeal Panel (2008-2009)
15. College of Arts and Letters ARTP Committee B (2009-2011).

International Assistance

1. Provide Nigerian graduate philosophy students with books and other materials relating to the philosophy of science.
    a. Samuel Otu, University of Port Harcourt, Rivers State (2008-10)
    b. Imhenrion Monday Oziegbe, University of Ado Ekiti (2009)

Course and Curriculum Development

1. Developed two new courses:

Philosophy 105 Science and Human Values
Philosophy 126 Philosophy of Biology

2. Developed internet enhanced version of Philosophy 002: Ethics.
3. Co-developed new philosophy major concentration: Logic and Philosophy of Science.
4. Chair of Departmental Assessment Committee (2001-2008.)
5. Developed and taught new course: 192N: Naturalism (Spring 2004).
6. Developed and taught new course: 192I: Infinity (Spring 2005).
7. Developed and taught new course: 192U: Uncertainty (Spring 2009).
8. Developed new course: Philosophy 61: Inductive Logic (Fall 2009)
9. Developed new course: Philosophy 189: Senior Seminar (Spring 2010)

Teaching Experience

Introductory Courses

Introduction to Philosophy
Introduction to Logic
Introduction to Ethics
Appraising Scientific Reasoning
Moral and Political Philosophy

Majors Courses

Philosophy of Science
Philosophy of Biology
Philosophy of Religion
Epistemology
Contemporary Moral Issues
Inductive Logic
Symbolic Logic I
Symbolic Logic II
Political Philosophy
History of Ethics
History of Ancient Philosophy
Science and Human Values
Philosophy of Law
Metaphysics
Naturalism
Infinity
Uncertainty

References

California State University Sacramento

Clifford Anderson, Philosophy
Christina Bellon, Philosophy
Bradley Dowden, Philosophy
Matthew McCormick, Philosophy
Thomas Pyne, Philosophy

Faculty at Other Universities

Mark Alfino, Gonzaga University, Philosophy
Emrys Westacott, Alfred University, Humanities