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## **Education:**

Michigan State University: Ph.D. Philosophy, May 2004  
University of Houston: B.A. Philosophy, May 1994

## **Areas of Specialization:**

History of Analytic Philosophy, Epistemology, Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Ludwig Wittgenstein

## **Areas of Competence:**

Logic, Symbolic Logic, Ethics, Aesthetics

## **Teaching Experience:**

Assistant Professor Philosophy, Loyola University New Orleans, Fall 2010-present  
Visiting Assistant Professor Philosophy, Loyola University New Orleans, Fall 2008-Spring 2010  
Visiting Assistant Professor Philosophy, Marlboro College, Fall 2007-Spring 2008  
Adjunct Professor Philosophy, Elmhurst College, Spring 2003-Summer 2007

## **Publications:**

### **I. Books:**

- *Exploring Certainty: Wittgenstein and Wide Fields of Thought*, Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, March, 2014.

### **II. Peer-Reviewed Articles:**

- “‘Aesthetic Scaffolding’: Hagberg and Wittgensteinian Certitude,” *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly*, Volume 87, Issue 3, Summer 2013, pp. 397-409.
- “Mistakes & Mental Disturbances: Pleasants, Wittgenstein, and Basic Moral Certainty,” *Philosophia*, Volume 41, Issue 2, 2013, pp. 477-487.
- “‘The Whole Hurly-Burly’: Wittgenstein and Embodied Cognition,” *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, Volume 20, No. 1–2, 2013, pp.49-58.
- “Naturalism Reconsidered: Wittgenstein and Merleau-Ponty,” co-authored with Patrick Bourgeois, *Philosophy Today*, 2012, Volume 56, Issue 2, pp. 78-83.
- “Recognizing Targets: Wittgenstein’s Exploration of A New Kind Of Foundationalism in *On Certainty*,” *Philosophical Investigations* 2009, Volume 32, Issue 1, pp. 1-22.
- “A Reply to John Searle and Other Traditionalists,” *Multicultural Magazine*, Volume 16, No. 2, Winter 2008, pp. 37-40.

### III. Encyclopedia Entries:

- “Logical Empiricism,” in the *New Catholic Encyclopedia Supplement 2012-13: Ethics and Philosophy*. Ed. Robert L. Fastiggi. 4 vols. Detroit: Gale, Vol. 2, 453-454.
- “Falsity,” co-authored with Francis Philip O’Farrell, in the *New Catholic Encyclopedia Supplement 2012-13: Ethics and Philosophy*. Ed. Robert L. Fastiggi. 4 vols. Detroit: Gale, Vol. 2, 554-556.
- “Semantics,” co-authored with Margaret Gorman, in the *New Catholic Encyclopedia Supplement 2012-13: Ethics and Philosophy*. Ed. Robert L. Fastiggi. 4 vols. Detroit: Gale, Vol. 4, 1397-1402.

### Works in Progress:

- Wittgenstein’s *On Certainty*: An Introduction (to be included among the Cambridge Introduction to Key Philosophical Texts Series) (Cambridge University Press has requested two chapters for review).
- “Wittgenstein and Merleau-Ponty On The Pre-Reflective Level,” co-author with Patrick Bourgeois, revising and will resubmit to *International Philosophical Quarterly*.
- “Skepticism, Knowledge, & Certitude: A Close Look at Descartes, Moore, and Wittgenstein”
- “Wittgenstein and the Problem of Intentionality”

### Presentations:

- “Mistakes & Mental Disturbances: Wittgenstein, Action, & Moral Certainty” North American Wittgenstein Society at American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, Seattle, WA. April 4, 2012.
- “‘The Whole Hurly-Burly’: Wittgenstein and Embodied Cognition,” 34<sup>th</sup> International Wittgenstein Symposium, Kirchberg am Wechsel, Austria, August 7-13, 2011.
- “Skepticism, Knowledge, and Certitude,” Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology Conference, New Orleans, LA. March 10-12, 2011.
- “Cartesian Apostasy,” Canadian Society of Epistemology Conference, Ottawa, Canada, November 11-13, 2010.
- “Kant’s Challenge and Wittgenstein’s Reply,” The Limits of Knowledge Society, International Conference, Iași, Romania, October 6-9, 2010 (*via* Skype).

### Courses Taught:

- The United States and the World (Michigan State University)
- Introduction to Philosophy (Loyola University, New Orleans)
- Making Moral Decisions (Loyola University, New Orleans)
- Practical Logic (Loyola University, New Orleans)
- Symbolic Logic (Loyola University, New Orleans)
- Aesthetics (Loyola University, New Orleans)
- Philosophy of Education (Elmhurst College)
- Introduction to Analytic Philosophy (Loyola University, New Orleans)
- Philosophy of Knowledge (Loyola University, New Orleans)
- Epistemology (Loyola University, New Orleans; Marlboro College)
- Skepticism, Knowledge, & Certitude (Honors Course) (Loyola University, New Orleans)
- Philosophy of Language (Marlboro College; Loyola University, New Orleans)
- The Philosophy of *Star Trek* (Loyola University, New Orleans)
- Seminar: Philosophy of Wittgenstein (Loyola University, New Orleans; Elmhurst College)

**Professional Service:**

- Invited to showcase book, *Exploring Certainty*, at New Orleans Book Fair, Zeitgeist Multi-Disciplinary Arts Center, New Orleans, LA. November 9, 2014.
- Chaired an Invited Symposium on Wittgenstein and Descartes at American Philosophical Association, Central Division, New Orleans, LA. February 23, 2013.
- Chaired an Invited Symposium on Theories of Meaning and Attitude Ascriptions at American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, Seattle, WA. April 4, 2012.
- Chaired a Colloquium Session on Epistemology: “Is Skepticism Inevitable?” at American Philosophical Association, Central Division, Minneapolis, MN. April 1, 2011.
- Referee for the journal, *Philosophia* (January 2014)
- Referee for the journal, *Ethical Perspectives* (July 2014)  
Reviewed proposal for edited collection entitled, *Wittgenstein and the Creativity of Language: Interdisciplinary Essays*, edited by Sebastian Greve and Jakub Mácha, for Bloomsbury Press, May 10, 2014.
- Reviewed Marie McGinn’s *Wittgenstein and the Philosophical Investigations*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition for Routledge Press, 200 pages (July-August, 2011).
- Reviewed William Child’s *Wittgenstein* for Routledge, published April 2011, 256 pages.
- Reviewed James Klagge’s *Wittgenstein in Exile*, for MIT Press, published Dec. 2010, 192 pages.

**Service:****University**

- Faculty Senate Member, Fall 2012-Fall 2013, Fall 2014 (served as alternate).
- Ad Hoc Senate Committee on Status of Extraordinary Faculty (January 29, 2012-March 14, 2013).

**College**

- HUNs Curriculum Committee Member (Fall 2012-present).
- Proposed seminar on the Philosophy of *Star Trek*; accepted by the committee on First Year Seminars (Fall 2012). Taught Fall 2014.
- Presenter: “Teaching Critical Thinking Across the Curriculum,” Center for Faculty Innovation, “Teaching Critical Thinking Through Writing” (January, 26, 2011).

**Departmental**

- Subcommittee member worked to develop SACS assessment test for Philosophy Department’s graduating seniors (April 12, 2011).
- Subcommittee member worked on Foundations of Knowledge for Philosophy in the Advanced Common Curriculum (September, 2012).
- Presented “How to Write a Philosophy Paper” to Loyola’s Philosophy Club (January 31, 2013).
- Subcommittee member worked on grant proposal to design new course—*Philosophy of the Human Person* (April, 2011-May, 2012).
- Advisor to Loyola University’s Philosophy Club (Spring 2009-Spring 2011; Fall 2012-Spring 2013).
- Advisor to Phi Sigma Tau (Philosophy International Honor Society) (Spring 2009-Spring 2011; Fall 2012-Spring 2013).

- Subcommittee member worked on revising Student Learning Outcomes for *Philosophy of the Human Person* in order to align them with five core competencies (January, 2015).

**Professional Affiliations:**

- North American Wittgenstein Society
- Austrian Ludwig Wittgenstein Society
- American Philosophical Association

**References Available Upon Request**

The specialization is a selection of three courses representing a sub-field or policy area. These courses can be chosen from among any of the 200-level or higher courses (with some exceptions) offered in the University in combinations that have substantive or disciplinary links. Public Policy majors are strongly encouraged to link their area of specialization with their Public Policy BA thesis, though such a link is not formally required. Students may satisfy their specialization requirement in two ways