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**Education**

Ph.D. Yale University, 1974

M.Phil. Yale University, 1971

B.A. Haverford College, 1969

*Honors in Philosophy*

*Phi Beta Kappa*

**Areas of Specialization**

Philosophy of Emotions

Narrative & Personal Identity

Human Time

**Areas of Competence**

Informal Logic

Early Modern Philosophy

Publications

"The Incoherence of Whitehead's Theory of Perception," *Process Studies* 9 (1979): 94-104

"Private Criteria and the Private Language Argument," *Southern Journal of Philosophy* 18 (1980): 411-16

"Nonverbal Thought," *Philosophical Topics* 12 (1980): 53‑60

"Error in Causal Efficacy," *Process Studies* 28 (1999): 56-67

"Is Humanitarian Intervention Ever Morally Justified?" *Culture and Quest* (journal of *International Society for Interdisciplinary Studies and Research*, Calcutta, India)

"Moral and Logical Perspectives on Appealing to Pity," *Argumentation* 15:3 (August 2001): 331-46

“A Plea for Pity,” *Philosophy and Rhetoric* 37:4 (2004): 301-16

"Is ‘Humanitarian Intervention’ an Oxymoron?" in Nancy Nyquist Potter, ed., *Putting Peace into Practice* (Amsterdam/New York: Rodopi Press, 2004)

“What’s Wrong with *Argumentum ad Baculum*? Reasons, Threats, and Logical Norms,” *Argumentation* 20:1 (2006): 89-100

“Empiricism *vs*. Rationalism” in Robin Cautin & Scott Lilienfeld, eds., *Encyclopedia of Clinical Psychology* (Wiley-Blackwell, 2014)

“Intentionality and Psychological Explanation” in Robin Cautin & Scott Lilienfeld, eds., *Encyclopedia of Clinical Psychology* (Wiley-Blackwell, 2014)

Book reviews

Review of *Gottlob Frege: Collected Papers on Mathematics, Logic, and Philosophy, Review of Metaphysics* 40 (1986‑87): 119‑20.

Review of *Appeal to Pity* by Douglas Walton, *Philosophy in Review* 28:5 (October 1998): 383-85.

Review of *Appeal to Expert Opinion* by Douglas Walton, *Philosophy in Review* 29:2 (April 1999): 164-65.

Review of *Body Language: Representation in Action* by Mark Rowlands, *Metapsychology Online Reviews* 11:36(September 4, 2007) <http://metapsychology.mentalhelp.net/poc/view_doc.php?type=book&id=3808&cn=394>

Review of *Testimony* by Gillian Laub, *Metapsychology Online Reviews* 11:48 (November 27, 2007) <http://metapsychology.mentalhelp.net/poc/view_doc.php?type=book&id=3939&cn=166>

Review of *A Couple of Ways of Doing Something* by Chuck Close & Bob Holman, *Metapsychology Online Reviews* 12:23 (June 3, 2008) <http://metapsychology.mentalhelp.net/poc/view_doc.php?type=book&id=4268&cn=166>

Conference presentations

"Thought and Speech"

Kentucky Philosophical Association

Georgetown, Kentucky

April 10, 1976

"Nonverbal Thought"

Southwestern Philosophical Society, 42nd Annual Meeting

Denton, Texas

November 13, 1980

"Could Consciousness Be an Invention?"

Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology

Louisville, Kentucky

April 17, 1981

*and*

American Philosophical Association, Western Division

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

April 24, 1981

"Informal Fallacies as Cognitive Vices"

Mid-South Philosophy Conference

University of Memphis

March 1, 1997

"*Comments on* Zhaolu Lu, ‘The Putnam-Gibson Model of the Mind’"

Mid-South Philosophy Conference

University of Memphis

February 28, 1997

"The Origin of Representational Content in Descartes' Third Meditation Cosmological Argument"

Mid-South Philosophy Conference

University of Memphis

February 28, 1998

"Moral and Logical Perspectives on Appealing to Pity"

Mid-South Philosophy Conference

University of Memphis

March 5, 1999

"*Comments on* Sanford C. Goldberg, 'Semantic Intentions and the Ascription of Meaning and Truth-Conditions to Utterances: What Interlocution Cases Teach Us’"

Kentucky Philosophical Association

Bellarmine College

November 20, 1999

"Can Technology Individualize the Large Lecture Class?"

Second Annual Colloquium on Teaching

University of Kentucky

September 23, 2000

"Is Humanitarian Intervention Ever Morally Justified?"

World Peace Thinkers' Meet

International Society of Interdisciplinary Studies and Research *together with*

International Philosophers for Peace

Calcutta, India

January 5, 2001

“Inessential Pity”

Royal Institute of Philosophy Conference on Philosophy and the Emotions

University of Manchester

July 12, 2001

“Constructing Healthy Personal and Social Narratives”

International Symposium on the Philosophy and Ethics of Psychiatry

Cape Town, South Africa

September 23, 2002

“Does Anyone Have a Life Narrative? The Problem of the Narrative Unity of a Life”

Mid-South Philosophy Conference

University of Memphis

February 20, 2004

“*Comments on* Pam R. Sailors, ‘Winning with an Asterisk: Performance-Enhanced Athletes’”

Mid-South Philosophy Conference

University of Memphis

February 21, 2004

“Time, Narrative, and the Self”

7th International Conference on Philosophy, Psychiatry, and Psychology

University of Heidelberg

Heidelberg, Germany

September 24, 2004

“Life Narratives and Plotless Lives”

Royal Institute of Philosophy Conference on Narrative and Understanding Persons

University of Hertfordshire

July 13, 2005

Paper accepted but not delivered because of London bombings just before conference

“Explaining the Brain, Understanding the Person: Perspectives from Phenomenology and Analytic Philosophy” (*with Osborne Wiggins*)

9th International Conference on Philosophy, Psychiatry, and Psychology

University of Leiden

Leiden, Netherlands

June 30, 2006

“A Model of Human Time and Its Dysfunctions in Mania and Depression”

12th International Conference on Philosophy, Psychiatry, and Psychology

University of Lisbon

Lisbon, Portugal

October 24, 2009

“Phenomenology *vs*. Naturalism in Psychopathology” (*with Osborne Wiggins*)

14th International Conference on Philosophy, Psychiatry, and Psychology

University of Gothenberg

Gothenberg, Sweden

September 2, 2011

“Why Different Modes of Explanation Matter to Psychiatry”

 Grand Rounds in Psychiatry

School of Medicine

University of Louisville

October 6, 2011

**Teaching/courses**

 *Introductory Undergraduate*

Introduction to Philosophy

Introduction to Logic

*Mid-Level Undergraduate*

Modern Philosophy

Symbolic Logic

Metaphysics

Philosophy of Language

Personal Identity & the Self

*Advanced Undergraduate/Graduate*

Philosophy of Emotions

Philosophy of Mind

Wittgenstein

Epistemology

**Languages**

French, German, Latin, Greek