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EDUCATION:

Ph.D. University of California, Berkeley, December 1990, Philosophy.  
M.A. University of Virginia, May 1985, Philosophy.  
B.A. University of Virginia, December 1979, Philosophy.

POSITIONS HELD:

Professor, Virginia Commonwealth University, from June 2010.  
Associate Professor, Virginia Commonwealth University, August 1997–June 2010.  
Assistant Professor, Virginia Commonwealth University, August 1991–June 1997.  
Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Dayton, August 1990–August 1991.  
Lecturer, University of Virginia, January–May, 1990.

HONORS AND AWARDS:

2009 VCU College of Humanities and Sciences Distinguished Advising Award.  
2000 VCU Grant-in-Aid for *The Last Straw*, a book on the Sorites paradox.  
1995 VCU Grant-in-Aid for project on “The Autonomy of Mental Causation.”  
1994 NEH Summer Stipend for project on “Interaction without Miracles.”  
1993 NEH Fellowship for Summer Institute on “The Nature of Meaning.”  
1991 NEH Fellowship for Summer Seminar for College Teachers on “Explanation, Causation and Empiricism.”

RESEARCH:

*Publications:*

ARTICLES (all refereed):

“Mellor on the Sparseness of Natural Properties,” *Ratio* (2013), doi: 10.1111/rati.12040.  
Forthcoming in print edition; first published online 18 December 2013.  
“Early Abortion and Personal Ontology,” *Acta Analytica* 28 (2013), 19-30.  
“Lotteries, Quasi-Lotteries, and Scepticism,” *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 90  
(2011), 335 - 352.  
“Are Analytic Philosophers Shallow and Stupid?” *Journal of Philosophy* 105 (2008),  
301-19.

- “Scheming and Lying: Truth-Schemas, Propositions, and the Liar,” in *Unity, Truth and the Liar: The Modern Relevance of Medieval Solutions to the Liar Paradox*, ed. Emmanuel Genot, Dov Gabbay, and Tero Tulenheimo, Kluwer (2008), 113-28.
- “The Egg and I: Conception, Identity, and Abortion,” *The Philosophical Review* 117 (2008), 323-48.
- “The Sweet Mystery of Compatibilism,” *Acta Analytica* 24 (2006), 50-61.
- “Williamson on Vagueness and Context-Dependence,” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 68 (2004), 635-41.
- “Scheffler on Rawls, Justice, and Desert,” *Law and Philosophy* 23 (2004), 261-72.
- “Competence and Contradictory Commitments,” *Philosophical Books* 45 (2004), 1-11.
- “An Epistemic Reductio of Causal Reductionism,” *Topoi* 22 (2003), 151-61.
- “Audi on Rationality and Justification,” *Philosophical Books* 44 (2003), 12-20.
- “Fallibility and the Phenomenal Sorites,” *Noûs* 36 (2002), 384-407.
- “A Simple Solution to the Liar,” *Philosophical Studies* 89 (1998), 197-212.
- “The Unity of Justification,” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 58 (1998), 27-50.
- “A Fripkean Theory of Names,” *Acta analytica* 19 (1997), 57-70.
- “Devitt on the Nature of Belief,” in *The Maribor Papers in Naturalized Semantics*, ed. Dunja Jutronic (1997: Pedagoska fakulteta Maribor), 310-7.
- “Interactionism and Physicality,” *Ratio* 10 (1997), 169-83.
- “Term Limits and the Prisoners’ Dilemma,” *Public Affairs Quarterly* 10 (1996), 143-52.
- “Interactionism and Overdetermination,” *American Philosophical Quarterly* 33 (1996), 105-17.
- “Giving Up on the Hard Problem of Consciousness,” *Journal of Consciousness Studies* 3 (1996), 26-32.
- “Dividing without Reducing: Bodily Fission and Personal Identity,” *Mind* 102 (1993), 37-51.
- “Forbes’s Branching Conception of Possible Worlds,” *Analysis* 51 (1991), 48-50.

#### REVIEWS:

- Review of David Owens, *Reason without Freedom: The Problem of Epistemic Normativity*. *Mind* 111 (2002), 462-5.
- Review of Jonathan Kvanvig, *The Intellectual Virtues and the Life of the Mind: On the Place of the Virtues in Contemporary Epistemology*. *Mind* 102 (1993), 661-665.

EDITORIAL PROJECT: Guest editor of *Topoi* 22,2 (2003), on “Causal Criteria of Reality”. Includes introductory essay.

#### ANTHOLOGIZATIONS:

- “The Egg and I: Conception, Identity, and Abortion,” in *Questions of Life and Death: Readings in Practical Ethics*, ed. Christopher Morris (2011), Oxford University Press.
- , in *Contemporary Moral Problems*, 10<sup>th</sup> ed., ed. James E. White (2011), Cengage.
- “Giving Up on the Hard Problem of Consciousness” (above), in *Explaining Consciousness: The Hard Problem*, ed. Jonathan Shear (1997: MIT Press).

*Presentations:*

- “People, Plants, and a Problem for Utilitarianism,” forthcoming at the Bled Conference on Ethics, June 2014.
- “Utilitarianism and Respect for Sentients,” invited address, annual meeting of the Virginia Philosophical Association, October 2013.
- “Abortion and the Ontology of Persons,” Bled Conference on Ethics, June 2012.
- “Is Supervaluationism Believable?” University of Virginia Blandy Farm Conference, October 2011.
- “Abortion and Metaphysical Neutrality,” invited talk at annual meeting of the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, New Orleans, March 2011.
- “Lotteries and Skepticism,” James Madison University colloquium, October 2010.
- “Ignorance and Lotteries,” University of Virginia Blandy Farm Conference, October 2008.
- “The Sweet Mystery of Compatibilism,” Bled Conference on Freedom, June 2006.
- “Searle’s Haunted Chinese Room,” keynote address to annual meeting of the Mississippi Philosophical Association, April 2006.
- “The Chinese Room is Haunted,” Russell II Conference, March 2006.
- “The Ghost in the Chinese Room,” annual meeting of the Virginia Philosophical Association, October 2005.
- “The Tallest Midget,” keynote address of colloquium on vagueness, College of William and Mary, October 2004.
- “Heaviness, Weight, and Mass,” colloquium at the University of Missouri, Columbia, April 2004.
- “The Paradox of Analysis,” annual meeting of the Virginia Philosophical Association, October 2002.
- “Audi on Rational, Unjustified Belief,” Bled Conference on Rationality, June 2002.
- “Physicality,” UVA Conference on Metaphysics, July 2001.
- “Remedial Ontology,” Bled Conference on Metaphysics, June 2001.
- “Are Analytic Philosophers Shallow and Stupid?,” Bled Conference on Philosophical Analysis, June 2000.
- “The Force of Skeptical Scenarios,” colloquium at the University of Virginia, July 1999.
- “What Skeptical Scenarios Don’t Show,” Bled Conference on Epistemology, June 1999.
- “A New Solution to the Phenomenal Sorites,” American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, May 1999.
- “Soritical Supervenience,” Notre Dame conference on metaphysics, July 1998.
- “Vagueness and Supervenience,” Bled Conference on Vagueness, Bled, Slovenia, June 1998.
- “Abortion, Animals, and Organ-Farming,” colloquium at NC State, March 19, 1998.
- “A Fripkean Theory of Names,” Bled Conference on Modality, Bled, Slovenia, June 1997.
- “A Simple Solution to the Liar,” American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, March 1996.
- “Against Devitt’s Representational Theory of Mind,” symposium on “Naturalistic Semantics and its Methodology,” University of Maribor, Slovenia, June 1996.

- “Natural Interaction,” American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, March 1995.
- “Interacting Naturally,” annual meeting of the Virginia Philosophical Association, October 1994.
- “Natural Interaction,” colloquium at the University of Virginia, April 1994.
- “Reason to Believe,” annual meeting of the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, April 1993.
- “The Unity of Justification,” American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, March 1993.
- “Self-Deception and Self-Interest,” annual meeting of the Virginia Philosophical Association, October 1992.
- “Is Naturalized Epistemology Fundamentally Incoherent?,” American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, March 1992, and annual meeting of the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, April 1992.
- “Bodily Fission and Personal Persistence,” Intermountain Philosophy Conference, November 1991. Substantially revised version presented at University of Virginia colloquium, January 1992.
- “Was Epimenides a Liar?,” American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, March 1991.
- “Splitting Heirs: Bodily Fission and Personal Identity,” colloquium at the University of Cincinnati, February, 1991.
- “In Defense of Belief,” colloquium at the University of Oklahoma, February, 1991.
- “Kitcher’s Account of A Priori Knowledge,” colloquium at the University of Virginia, February 1990.

## TEACHING:

### *Courses taught:*

GRADUATE: A Priori Knowledge; Philosophy of Social Science.

UPPER-LEVEL: Metaphysics; Epistemology; Philosophy of Language; Philosophy of Science; Intermediate Symbolic Logic; Political Philosophy; Belief; The Mind-Body Problem; Paradoxes of Reason; Reason and Relativism; Vagueness.

LOWER-LEVEL: Introduction to Philosophy; Modern Philosophy; Elementary Symbolic Logic; Critical Thinking; Critical Thinking about Moral Problems; Ethics and Applications; Problem of the External World; Philosophy of Law; Reason, Science and the Self.

*Publication:* “Introducing Personal Identity,” *Teaching Philosophy* 24 (2001), 19-27.

## SELECTED SERVICE:

*To the Department:*

Member of all hiring committees during my tenure, chair of four  
 Member of four promotion committees, chair of three  
 Departmental advisor  
 Philosophy Club advisor

*To the College:*

Faculty Council  
 Promotion and Tenure Committee  
 College Awards Selection Committee  
 Undergraduate Academic Committee  
 Task Force to Review Undergraduate General Education Requirements  
 Computer Advisory Committee  
 Search committee for the director of the Center for Advanced Research in the  
 Humanities

*To the university:*

University Honors Council  
 Faculty Senate  
 Critical Thinking discussion group  
 Summer Reading Program discussion leader

*Professional organization:* Member of the Committee on International Cooperation of the American Philosophical Association, 2004-7.

*Editorship:* Guest editor of *Topoi* 22,2 (2003), on “Causal Criteria of Reality”.

*Editorial board:* *Acta Analytica*.

*Funding reviewer* for NEH Summer Stipend program, 1996, 2001, 2002, 2006, 2008.

*Reviewer for*

*Journals:* *Acta Analytica*, *American Philosophical Quarterly*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Dialogue*, *Erkenntnis*, *European Journal of Philosophy*, *Grazer Philosophische Studien*, *Inquiry*, *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, *Mind*, *Noûs*, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Ratio*, and *Synthese*.

*Publisher:* Oxford University Press.

*Other:*

Chief organizer of annual Bled (Slovenia) Conference in Philosophy, a substantial international conference. 1997-2002.

Outside examiner for University of Virginia Honors Program, 1993, 1997, 2000, 2008, 2010, 2011.