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Areas of Specialization: Epistemology, Metaphysics, Modern (esp. Hume)

Education:

Ph.D. (Philosophy), University of Michigan (1980)
M. A. (Philosophy), University of Michigan (1976)
B. S. (Mathematics and Philosophy), Syracuse University (1973)

Teaching Positions:

Indiana University, Professor (2001-)
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Professor (1992-2001)
 Associate Professor (1986-92)
 Assistant Professor (1980-86)
University of Michigan, Visiting Associate Professor (Winter 1987)
 Visiting Assistant Professor (Spring 1981)
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Visiting Lecturer (1978-80)
University of Southern California, Visiting Instructor (1977-78)
University of Michigan, Instructor (Summer 1977)

Research Positions:

College Arts and Humanities Institute, Indiana University (2010-2011)
Department of Philosophy, Fellow, University of Melbourne (1995)
Center for Cultural Values and Ethics, Fellow, University of Illinois (1993)
Center for Advanced Study, Fellow, University of Illinois (1984)
Ohio State University, University Postdoctoral Fellow (1982)

Honorary Position:

Honorary Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of St. Andrews (Spring 2013-Summer 2015)

Institute:

NEH Institute on Hume and the Enlightenment, Hanover, New Hampshire (1990)

Editorial Positions:

Editorial Board, *Social Epistemology* (1987-1994)
Consulting Editor, *Episteme* (2003-5)
Associate Editor, *Episteme: A Journal of Social Epistemology*, (2005-)

Teaching Award:

Indiana University Trustees' Teaching Award 2007-8

Publications:

Authored Books:

Knowledge and Belief, Series: The Problems of Philosophy, ed. Ted Honderich, London: Routledge, 1992, pp. xii + 278.

Truth: A Primer, Series: Focus, ed. Keith Lehrer and Norman Daniels, Boulder, Colorado: Westview Press, 1995, pp. xi + 251.

Hume's Epistemology in the Treatise: A Veritistic Interpretation. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014, xx + 423.

Edited Books:

Socializing Epistemology: The Social Dimensions of Knowledge, Series: Epistemology and Cognitive Theory, ed. Paul Moser, Lanham, Maryland: Rowman and Littlefield, 1994: pp. 315.

Socializing Metaphysics: The Nature of Social Reality, Lanham, Maryland: Rowman and Littlefield, 2003: pp. viii + 389.

Theories of Truth, Series: Blackwell Readings in Philosophy, ed. Steven Cahn, Oxford: Basil Blackwell, 2004, ix + 319.

Journal Issues Edited:

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Episteme. Special Issue: Epistemological Relativism, 4,1 (2007): 1-130. Guest Editor.

Episteme. Special Issue: The History of Social Epistemology, 7, 1 (2010): 1-99. Guest Editor (with Oliver Scholz).

Main Articles:

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"Events," *Erkenntnis* 20 (November 1983): 281-293.

“Reliability, Objectivity and the Background of Justification,” *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 62, 1 (March 1984): 1-15.

“Consensus, Respect, and Weighted Averaging,” *Synthese* Special Issue: Rational Consensus, ed. Barry Loewer, 62, 1 (January 1985): 25-46.

“Knowledge as Tracking?” *Topoi* 4, 1 (March, 1985): 73-80.

“Why Was Descartes a Foundationalist?” *Essays on Descartes's Meditations*, ed. Amelie Rorty (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1986), 491-512.

“Justification, Sociality, and Autonomy,” *Synthese* Special Issue: Social Epistemology, 73, 1 (November, 1987): 43-85. Reprinted in *Knowledge and Justification*, ed. Ernest Sosa, vol. 1 of The International Library of Philosophy (Aldershot, England: Dartmouth Publishing Co, 1995).

“Epistemic Dimensions of Self-Deception,” *Perspectives on Self-Deception*, ed. Brian McLaughlin and Amélie Rorty (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1988), 183-204.

“Epistemic Perspectivism,” *Rationality, Morality, and Self-Interest: Essays Honoring Mark Carl Overvold*, ed. John Heil (Savage, Maryland: Rowman and Littlefield, 1993), pp 3-27. Reprinted in *Epistemology: Internalism and Externalism*, ed. Hilary Kornblith (Oxford: Basil Blackwell, 2001), pp. 180-206.

“The Justification of Group Beliefs,” *Socializing Epistemology*, ed. F. Schmitt (Savage, Maryland: Rowman and Littlefield, 1995), pp. 257-287.

“Consensus Theories of Justification: The Publicity Argument,” *Esperienza e conoscenza: Introduzione all'epistemologia sociale*, ed. and trans. Guido Piazza (Milan: LCS, 1995), pp 147-172.

“Rational Persuasion and Group Belief,” *Fenomenologia e societa* 20, 3 (1997): 66-93.

“Social Epistemology,” *Blackwell Guide to Epistemology* (in Blackwell Guides to Philosophy), ed. John Greco and Ernest Sosa (Oxford: Basil Blackwell, 1999), pp. 354-382.

“Veritistic Value,” *Social Epistemology* Special Issue on Alvin Goldman's *Knowledge in a Social World*, ed. Francis Remedios 14, 4 (2000): pp. 259-280.

“Intelligence,” *Philosophical Topics* The Philosophy of Alvin Goldman, ed. Christopher Hill, Hilary Kornblith and Tom Senor 29, 1 & 2 (2001): 345-382.

“Testimonial Justification: The Parity Argument,” *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science* Special Issue on Testimony in the Natural Sciences, ed. Martin Kusch and Peter Lipton 33 (2002): 385-406.

“Justification and Consensus: The Peircean Approach,” *Protosociology: An International Journal of Interdisciplinary Research* Special Issue on Understanding the Social, ed. Philip Pettit and Gerhardt Preyer 16 (2002): pp. 241-286.

“Joint Action: From Individualism to Supraindividualism,” *Socializing Metaphysics: The Nature of Social Reality*, ed. F. Schmitt (Lanham, Maryland: Rowman and Littlefield, 2003): pp. 129-165.

“Epistemology and Cognitive Science,” *Handbook of Epistemology*, ed. Ilkka Niiniluoto, Matti Sintonen, and Jan Woleński (Dordrecht: Kluwer, 2004): pp. 841-918.

“What Is Wrong with Epistemic Circularity?” *Philosophical Issues*, ed. Ernest Sosa and Enrique Villanueva, Supplement to *Nous* Epistemology (Oxford: Blackwell, 2004): pp. 379-402.

“Loeb on Stability and Justification in Hume's *Treatise*,” *Hume Studies*, Symposium on Louis Loeb's *Stability and Justification in Hume's Treatise* 30, 2 (November, 2004): 297-327.

“What Are the Aims of Education?” *Episteme: A Journal of Social Epistemology* 1, 3 (February 2005): 223-233.

“Testimonial Justification and Transindividual Reasons,” *The Epistemology of Testimony*, ed. Jennifer Lackey and Ernest Sosa (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2006), pp. 193-224.

(with Reza Lahroodi) “The Epistemic Value of Curiosity,” *Educational Theory* Special Issue on Epistemology and Education, ed. Harvey Siegel 58, 2 (2008): 125-148.

“The Assurance View of Testimony,” *Social Epistemology*, ed. Adrian Haddock, Alan Millar, and Duncan Pritchard. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010), pp. 216-242.

“Group Belief and Acceptance,” *From Individual to Collective Intentionality*, edited by Sara Chant, Frank Hindriks, and Gerhard Preyer (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014), pp. 61-96.

Comments

“Justification as Reliable Indication or Reliable Process?” *Philosophical Studies* Special Issue: Current Issues in Epistemology 40, 3 (November 1981): 409-417.

“Against Epistemic Indolence,” *Mind* 92, 367 (June 1983): 424-429.

“Back to Relativism?” *Social Epistemology* 2, 3 (September, 1988): 252-255.

“On the Road to Social Epistemic Interdependence,” *Social Epistemology* 2, 4 (March, 1989): 297-307.

“Testimony and Evidence,” *Social Epistemology* 2, 4 (March, 1989): 323-326.

“How Psychology is Relevant to Epistemology,” *New Ideas in Psychology* 9, 3 (1991): 315-320.

“Social Cognitive Psychology and Social Epistemology” *Social Epistemology* 5, 2 (April-June 1991): 111-120.

“Realism, Antirealism, and Epistemic Truth,” *Social Epistemology* Special Issue on Linda Alcoff's *Real Knowing: New Versions of the Coherence Theory*, ed. Michael Lynch 12, 3 (1998): pp. 267-287.

(with Reza Lahroodi) “Comment on John Greco's *Putting Skeptics in Their Place*,” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 66, 2 (March 2003): 458-466.

Introductions

“Socializing Epistemology: An Introduction Through Two Sample Issues,” *Socializing Epistemology*, ed. F. Schmitt (Savage, Maryland: Rowman and Littlefield, 1995), pp. 1-27.

“Truth,” *Metaphysics: Contemporary Readings*, ed. Steven Hales (New York: Wadsworth, 2000).

“Socializing Metaphysics: An Introduction,” *Socializing Metaphysics: The Nature of Social Reality*, ed. F. Schmitt (Lanham, Maryland: Rowman and Littlefield, 2003): pp. 1-37.

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“Introduction to Issue 1, 2,” *Episteme: A Journal of Social Epistemology* 1, 2 (October, 2004): 91-94.

“Epistemic Relativism,” *Episteme: A Journal of Social Epistemology* Special Issue on Epistemic Relativism, 4, 1 (2007): 1-9.

“The History of Social Epistemology,” *Episteme: A Journal of Social Epistemology* Special Issue on the History of Social Epistemology, 7, 1 (2010): 1-6.

Interview. *Social Epistemology: 5 Questions*, ed. Duncan Pritchard and Vincent F. Hendricks. Automatic Press/VIP, forthcoming.

Encyclopedia Articles:

“Naturalism,” *Companion to Metaphysics*, ed. Jaegwon Kim and Ernest Sosa (Oxford: Basil Blackwell, 1995) pp. 343-345.

“Social Epistemology,” *The Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, ed. Edward Craig (London: Routledge, 1998).

“Memory,” *Macmillan Supplement to The Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, ed. Ernest Sosa (New York: Macmillan, 1998).

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“Naturalized Epistemology,” *Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, 2nd edn, ed. Donald Borchert (New York: Macmillan, 2005).

“Recent Theories of Social Ontology,” *Encyclopedia of Philosophy and the Social Sciences*, ed. Byron Kaldis (Sage, 2013).

Bibliographies:

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(with James Spellman) “Naturalizing Epistemology: A Bibliography” (by topic), *Naturalizing Epistemology*, 2nd edn, ed. Hilary Kornblith, (Boston: Bradford Books/MIT Press, 1994): pp. 427-473.

(with James Spellman) "Socializing Epistemology: A Bibliography", *Socializing Epistemology: The Social Dimensions of Knowledge*, ed. F. Schmitt (Savage, Maryland: Rowman and Littlefield, 1994): pp. 289-310.

(with Kevin Kimble) “Socializing Metaphysics: A Bibliography”, in *Socializing Metaphysics: The Nature of Social Reality*, ed. F. Schmitt (Lanham, Maryland: Rowman and Littlefield, 2003): pp. 355-381.

(with Kevin Kimble) “Truth: A Bibliography”, *Theories of Truth*, ed. F. Schmitt (Oxford: Blackwell, 2004): pp. 307-317.

Book Reviews:

Benson Mates, *Skeptical Essays* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1981). *Philosophical Review* 92, 3 (July 1983): 466-468.

Marshall Swain, *Reasons and Knowledge* (Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press, 1981). *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 64, 1 (September 1983): 139-142.

Robert Shope, *The Analysis of Knowing: A Decade of Research* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1983). *Ethics* 94, 4 (July 1984): 729-730.

Roger Gibson, *The Philosophy of W. V. Quine* (Tampa: University of South Florida Press, 1982). *Ethics* 94, 4 (July 1984): 730.

Jonathan St. B. T. Evans, ed. *Thinking and Reasoning: Psychological Approaches* (London: Routledge and Kegan Paul, 1983). *Ethics* 95, 1 (October 1984): 184.

M. Jaime Ferreira, *Skepticism and Reasonable Doubt* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1987). *Philosophical Review* .

Edward Craig, *Knowledge and the State of Nature: An .Essay in Conceptual Synthesis* (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1990). *Mind* 101, 403 (July 1992): 555-559.

Ernest Sosa, *Knowledge in Perspective: Essays on Epistemology* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1991). *Philosophical Review* .

William Alston, *A Realist Conception of Truth* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1995). *Philosophical Review* 106, 4 (October 1997): 617-619.

Miriam Solomon, *Social Empiricism* (Cambridge, Mass.: MIT Press, 2002). *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 70, 2 (March 2005): 495-498.

Gerald Vision, *Veritas: The Correspondence Theory and Its Critics* (Cambridge, Mass.: MIT Press, 2004). *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 76,1 (January 2008), forthcoming.

Nicholas Rescher, *Error (Our Predicament When Things Go Wrong)* (Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2007). *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (February 13, 2007), <http://ndpr.nd.edu/review.cfm?id=8763>.

Ernest Sosa, *Apt Belief and Reflective Knowledge*, vol. II *Reflective Knowledge* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009). *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (August 26, 2009), <http://ndpr.nd.edu/review.cfm?id=17165>.

Schmid, Hans Bernhard, Daniel Sirtes, and Marcel Weber, eds., *Collective Epistemology* (Ontos: 2011). *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (August 15, 2011), <http://ndpr.nd.edu/news/254595-collective-epistemology/>.

Courses Taught:

Introductory Philosophy (large and small lectures)
Logic and Reasoning (large and small lectures)
Introductory Symbolic Logic (large and small lectures)
Introductory Ethics
Thought and Emotion
Philosophical Conceptions of Human Nature
17th and 18th Century Philosophy
Metaphysics and Epistemology
Introduction to Philosophy of Mind
Theory of Knowledge
Philosophy of Psychology
Continental Rationalism
Descartes and Spinoza
Hume
Social Metaphysics

Current Research Interests:

Social Epistemology, Social Metaphysics, Hume's Epistemology