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**Academic History**

Doctor of Philosophy (Philosophy)  
The Ohio State University, June 1988

Master of Arts (Philosophy)  
The Ohio State University, June 1984

Bachelor of Science (Biology and Philosophy)  
University of Idaho, June 1980

**Employment History**

Fairfield University, Fairfield, Connecticut  
Department of Philosophy

- Professor, 2006 to present
- Associate Professor, 1995 to 2006
- Assistant Professor, 1989 to 1994
- Department Chair, 2003 to 2006

Visiting Assistant Professor, August 1988 to July 1989  
University of North Carolina at Wilmington

**Areas of Specialization**

History and Philosophy of Science, Mathematical and Philosophical Logic,  
Philosophy of Mind

**Professional Affiliations**

Philosophy of Science Association  
American Philosophical Association  
International Society for the History of Philosophy of Science  
International Berkeley Society

## Scholarship

"Philosophy of Science," in Allhoff, F. (ed.), *Philosophy of the Special Sciences*, Suny Press (forthcoming)

"Philosophy of Physics," in Allhoff, F. (ed.), *Philosophy of the Special Sciences*, Suny Press (forthcoming)

(with R. James Long) "Richard Rufus's Reformulations of Anselm's *Proslogion* Argument," *International Philosophical Quarterly*, vol. 47, no. 3; 329-347 (Sept. 2007)

"Hash Runners and Hellenistic Philosophers," in Austin, M. (ed.) (2007), *Running and Philosophy*, Blackwell Publishing; 71-80.

"On Retaining Classical Truths and Classical Deducibility in Many-Valued and Fuzzy Logics," *Journal of Philosophical Logic* 34; 545-560 (fall 2005).

*Worldviews: An Introduction to the History and Philosophy of Science*, Blackwell Publishing, Oxford, UK; January 2004.

"The Beginnings of a Modern Copernican Revolution," *Filozofski Vestnic*, vol. XXV, no. 2; 9-24 (2004).

"The Account of Causation in Physics?," commentary on paper at 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference, May 2003.

"1615: Galileo and the Evidence from the Telescope," paper presentation, 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Great Ideas Conference, Norwalk Community College, November 2002.

"Comments on 'Paradigm Regained: Consciousness in Human Evolution.'" Commentary on paper at the annual Field Being Conference, Fairfield University, August 1999.

"Darwinian Explanations for the Instrumental Success of Theories," International Society for History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology, 1999 Meeting, Oaxaca, Mexico, July 1999.

"Berkeley in a Darwinian World," 1999 International Berkeley Society Conference, Newport, RI, April 1999

"The Indispensability Argument as an Anti-Realist Argument," 1998 Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference on Realism/Anti-Realism, University of Idaho/Washington State University, April 1998.

"Locality, Non-Locality, and Spooky Action at a Distance," International Institute for Field Being, Fairfield University, October 1997

"Vagueness, Semantics, and the Language of Thought," *Psyche*, vol. 1, no. 1 (1993).

"Representation and the Foundations of Cognitive Science," *Psychology* vol. 4, no. 11 (1993).

"Content, Semantics and the Language of Thought," Philosophy of Mind Colloquium, Wesleyan University, November 1992.

"Remarks on the Current Status of the Sorites Paradox," *Journal of Philosophical Research* vol. 17 (1992), pp. 93-118.

"Rationality, Critical Thinking, and Faculty Development," 9th International Workshop-Conference on Teaching Philosophy, University of Vermont, August 1992.

"Validity, Invalidity, and Critical Thinking," Twelfth Annual International Conference on Critical Thinking and Educational Reform, Sonoma State University, August 1992.

"Critical Thinking and Sexing Chickens," *Inquiry: Critical Thinking Across the Disciplines* vol. 10, no. 1 (1992), pp. 8-11.

"The Computer and the Mind," St. Ambrose Philosophical Society, St. Ambrose University, Davenport, Iowa, April 30, 1991.

"Mind and Mechanism," symposium on The Computer and the Mind, at the annual meeting of the New England Psychological Association, Worcester, Massachusetts, October 12-13, 1990.

"Axiomatization and Deducibility in Many-Valued Semantics," *Proceedings OUIIC* 86 (1987), pp. 94-102.

"Hume's Probability Argument of I,iv,1," *Hume Studies*, vol. XI, no. 2 (1985), pp. 125-140.

"More on Computer-Assisted Instruction in Logic," *The Computers and Philosophy Newsletter*, vol. 2, no. 3 (1987), pp. 96-102

"Axiomatization and Deducibility in Many-Valued Semantics," Ohio University Interdisciplinary Conference on Inference, Athens, Ohio, October 9-11, 1986.

"Diagnosis and Advice-Giving in Proof-Checking Programs," Conference for Developers of CAI in Philosophy, Cleveland State University, Cleveland, Ohio, March 21-23, 1986.

## Miscellaneous

Participant in week long seminar on Recent Trends in Neuroscience, New York University, June 11 - 15, 2003, sponsored by the Faculty Resource Network.

"GPS, UTM, DEM, SDTS, and other CSAs\*", Part One (\*Confusing Sounding Acronyms)", *Orienteering North America*, November 2001.

"GPS, UTM, DEM, SDTS, and other CSAs\*", Part Two, *Orienteering North America*, January 2002.

NEH Summer Seminar participant, two month seminar on Mental Representation, coordinated by Robert Cummins, University of Arizona, summer 1993.

Participant in week long conference and workshop on Recent Trends in Vision and Perception, New York University, summer 1992.

## Academic Service

Chair, College of Arts and Sciences, 2006 to present

Acting Chair, Department of Philosophy, Spring 2007

Chair, Department of Philosophy, 2003 to 2006

Academic Council, 2003 to 2006

Executive Secretary of Council, 2003 to 2006

Subcommittee on Handbook Descriptions of Non-Full Time Faculty, 2004 to 2005

Committee on Conference with the Board of Trustees, fall 2004 to 2006

College of Arts and Sciences Merit Committee, 2004 to present

College of Arts and Sciences Steering Committee, fall 2005 to present

Rank and Tenure Committee, fall 1998 to spring 2002

Salary Committee, fall 1996 to spring 1999

Chair, fall 1997 to spring 1998

Academic Council, fall 1995 to spring 1999

Chair, Subcommittee on Adjunct Faculty, 1998 to 2000

Faculty Welfare Committee, 1992 to present

President, 1997 to 2000

Steering Committee, 1997 to present

Treasurer, 2005 to present

Acting Chair, Department of Philosophy, spring 1998

Long Range Planning Subcommittee on Adjunct Faculty, 1999 to 2000

Faculty Colloquium organizer, 1992 to present

College of Arts and Sciences Neurosciences Advisory Board, 1996 to 2000.

Research Committee, fall 1990 to spring 1993  
Chair, 1992-1993

Salary Committee, fall 1991 to spring 1994

Public Lectures and Events Committee, fall 1990 to spring 1991

Served on Departmental Search Committees in these years:

1991-1992	1992-1993	1994-1995	1996-1997
1998-1999	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006
2006-2007	2007-2008		

## Community Service

Ives Trail Task Force, 2003 to present. *Formed by the Mayor of Danbury to create an approximately 6,000 contiguous acre regional trail and greenway, passing through the towns of Ridgefield, Danbury, and Bethel.*

Aspetuck Valley Trail Task Force, 2006 to 2007. *Part of group to plan, build, and maintain the first official trail through Connecticut's new Centennial Watershed Forest. Trail opening: June 1, 2007.*

Bethel Terre Haute Negotiating Committee, 2004 to present. *Formed by the First Selectman of Bethel to negotiate possible sale, and preservation as public open space, of Bethel's 400+ acre Terre Haute property.*

GIS and other Mapping and Field Survey Services, 1995 to present. *Volunteer service for local towns, conservation commissions, land trusts, nature centers, parks, and other non-profit land-conservation groups, creating trail maps, orienteering maps, open space maps, and other mapping and field surveying services. Projects and groups include the following:*

Ansonia Nature Center	New Canaan Nature Center
Trout Brook Valley	Tarrywile Park
Bethel Land Trust	Ridgefield Conservation Commission
Hemlock Hills	Cranbury Park
Audubon Nature Center	Great Mountain Forest
Ridgefield Rec. Center	Ridgefield Open Space Association
Swampfield Land Trust	Wooster Mountain/Bennett's Pond