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Employment and Professional Affiliations:

Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT. Director of Pedagogical Renewal: beginning Fall ,1998
Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT. Chairman of Philosophy: beginning July ,1998
Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT. Associate Professor: beginning July ,1997
Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT. Assistant Professor: July, 1990—June, 1997

Visiting Scholar, Princeton University 1997-1998
Visiting Scholar, CSLI, Stanford University, May, 1998
Visiting Scholar, Cognitive and Neural Systems and Center for Adaptive Systems, Boston University, Fall 1993

Education:

1990 — Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of Notre Dame. Dissertation on the Computational Theory of Mind. Director: Kenneth Sayre.
1982 — B.A. in Philosophy and Religion, *summa cum laude*, Boston University. Majors in Philosophy and Religion. Theses on Speech Act Theory (philosophy) and Spirituality of the Desert Fathers (religion). Substantial coursework in linguistics (pragmatics, sociolinguistics, philology, classical languages).

Areas of Specialization:

Philosophy of Mind/Psychology/Cognitive Science, Moral Psychology, Philosophy of Language, Metaphysics, Modern Philosophy

Fellowships and Awards

1997-1998. NEH Fellowship for College Teachers and Independent Scholars.
1997-1998. Visiting Scholar, Princeton University.
May, 1998. Visiting Scholar, Center for the Study of Language and Information, Stanford University.
Spring, 1997. Keck Mentor for Development of Technology in the Humanities, Wesleyan University.
Summer, 1995. NEH Summer Seminar on Causation, Explanation and Empiricism, University of Virginia (declined due to schedule conflicts).
Fall, 1993. Visiting Scholar, Center for Adaptive Systems, Boston University.
July-August 1993. NEH Summer Institute on Meaning, Rutgers University.
June-July 1993. NEH Summer Institute on Naturalism, University of Nebraska.
June-August 1991. NEH Summer Seminar for College Teachers on Mental Representation, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ.

Publications

BOOKS

In Print:

1996. *Symbols Computation and Intentionality: A Critique of the Computational Theory of Mind*, University of California Press.

In Preparation:

Mind and the World of Nature. (A critique of contemporary naturalism in the philosophy of mind, set against an account of its development from 17th century scientific thought. Currently eleven chapters in draft form. Some extant chapters available through my web page at <http://www.wesleyan.edu/phil/shorst.html>)

JOURNAL ARTICLES AND ANTHOLOGIZED WORKS:

In Print:

- 1999. "Symbols and Computation." *Minds and Machines*, Volume 9, No. 3, pages 347-381.
- 1999. "Evolutionary Explanation and the Hard Problem of Consciousness." *Journal of Consciousness Studies*. Vol. 6, No. 1, pp. 39-48.
- 1998. "Comments on Zytkow's article." *Foundations of Science* Vol 3., No. 1 (1998): Reduction in Science. Pages 103-107.
- 1998. "Our Animal Bodies", for *Midwest Studies in Philosophy, Vol. XXII: Philosophy and the Emotions*, edited by Peter French.
- 1998. "The Computational Theory of Mind", for *MIT Press Encyclopaedia of Cognitive Science*.
- 1996. Review of Jerry Fodor, *The Elm and the Expert*, in *Philosophical Quarterly*, 1996.
- 1995. "Eliminativism and the Ambiguity of 'Belief'", *Synthese* 104(123-145), July 1995.
- 1992. "Notions of 'Representation' and the Diverging Interests of Philosophy and Empirical Research," *Proceedings of the Conference on Cognition and Representation*, Technical Report of the SUNY at Buffalo Center for Cognitive Science, 1992.

Papers Delivered and Participation in Conferences:

- 2000 Talk. "Laws and Idealization." Society for Philosophy and Psychology. Columbia University. June 2000.
- 1999 Chair. Session on Philosophy of Language, American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meetings. Boston, MA, December 27-30.
- 1999 Talk. "How (not) to Explain Concepts." University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT. November 11, 1999.
- 1999 Reply to Jesse Prinz, Society for Philosophy and Psychology. Stanford University.
- 1999 Talk. "Our Animal Bodies." SUNY Geneseo, March 5, 1999.
1999. Organizer and Moderator of Boston Colloquium in Philosophy of Science symposium on Naturalism, Boston University, January 1999.
1999. Talk. "Naturalism: Archaeology and Analysis" At Boston Colloquium in Philosophy of Science symposium on Naturalism, Boston University, January 1999.
1998. Reply to Sandeep Prasada. Society for Philosophy and Psychology. University of Minnesota. June, 1998.
1998. Talk. "Modularity and Disunity: What Do Philosophy and Cognitive Science Have to Say to One Another?" Stanford University Center for the Study of Language and Information. May, 1998. Talk. "Naturalism and its Discontents." University of California at Santa Cruz, May, 1998.
1997. Talk. "Naturalism and its Discontents." University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA, December 5, 1997.
1997. Talk. "Naturalism and its Discontents." Boston University, Boston, MA, October 24, 1997.
1997. Talk. "Why Naturalistic Metaphysics and Naturalistic Epistemology Make for Poor Bedfellows." Reasons to Believe conference, Elizabethtown College, Elizabethtown PA, July, 1997.
1997. Presenter. "Phenomenology and Psychophysics." Society for Philosophy and Psychology meetings, June 5, 1997, New School for Social Research, New York City.
1996. Session Chair. Rethinking Intuitions. Notre Dame, IN, April 1996.
1996. Comment. Reply to Thomas Bittner, APA Pacific Division Meetings, Seattle, WA. March, 1996.
1995. Comment. Reply to Evan Thompson, Conference on Embodiment, Stonehill College, April 1995.
1994. Session Chair. Conference on Mind, Notre Dame, IN, November 1994.
1994. Presentation and discussion of paper. "Computation, Naturalization and Psychological Explanation." PATF, Smith College, May 8, 1994
1993. Talk. "Computation, Naturalization and Psychological Explanation." St. Anselm College, Manchester, New Hampshire, November 9, 1993.
1993. Talk. "Computation, Naturalization and Psychological Explanation." Boston Colloquium for Philosophy of Science. Boston University, November 1, 1993.
1993. Talk. "Weak Naturalization and Realization: The Case against Strong Naturalism in the Philosophy of Mind," NEH Summer Institute on Naturalism, University of Nebraska, June, 1993.
1992. Talk. "Notions of 'Representation' and the Diverging Interests of Philosophy and Empirical Research," Conference on Cognition and Representation, SUNY Buffalo, April 3—5, 1992
1991. Talk. "Issues in the Notion of Representation," NEH Summer Seminar for College Teachers on Mental Representation, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ, June—August 1991
1988. Talk. "The Emergence of Cognitive Science (and the scars it bears)", Thirty-First Midwest Junto in the History of Science Annual Meeting, March 1988
1987. Talk. "Husserl's Noema, Metaphysics and the Transcendental Perspective: A Critique of Føllesdal", Society for Philosophy and Existential Philosophy Conference, October 1987
1983. Talk. "Divine Eternity and the Relativity of Space-Time", Indiana Philosophical Society Meeting, October 1983

Membership in Academic and Professional Societies:

Associate, *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*
American Philosophical Association
Society for Philosophy and Psychology
Phi Beta Kappa

Refereeing

Oxford University Press
Cambridge University Press
University of California Press
MIT Press
Rowman & Littlefield
Society for Philosophy and Psychology
Basil Blackwell Publishers
Philosophy and Phenomenological Research
Noûs
Synthese
Canadian Journal of Philosophy

Dissertation Reader

Yale University, 1996

Tenure and Promotion Reviews

Fairfield University
University of Hartford

Other Professional Activities

Participant in PATF discussion group, Smith College, 1993-present

Teaching Experience

Making of the Modern Mind. (Seminar) A course looking at historically important texts (generally pre-20th-century) in the philosophy of mind. In the past, this course has dealt with Descartes and Hobbes.

Recent Work in Philosophy of Mind (Seminar) A seminar devoted to reading important publications in the philosophy of mind. Emphasis is on book-length works. 1995 and 1996 installments devoted to books on consciousness.

Our Animal Bodies—The Interface Between Ethics and Cognitive Science (Seminar) An examination of applications of ideas from evolutionary biology, neuroscience, ethology, psychopharmacology and computer science to ethical issues. Includes readings by Dawkins, Wilson, Midgeley, Johnson, Flanagan and Horst.

Mind and Language (Seminar) A seminar looking at theories of meaning for thought and language from Tarskian semantics to speech act theory (Austin, Grice, Searle, Bach and Harnish) to Millikan's evolutionary approach.

Mental Representation (Seminar) An examination of the notion of mental representation, its use in contemporary philosophy of mind and cognitive science, and critiques of the representational metaphor for the mind.

C.S. Lewis (Seminar, Tutorial) A reading of Lewis' essays, literary criticism, theology and fiction. Offered first as a tutorial and then as a seminar both for undergraduates in philosophy and as a graduate course in the Wesleyan Graduate Liberal Studies Program.

Philosophy of Mind. (Discussion/Lecture) A course looking at the development of major trends in philosophy of mind in the 20th century (behaviorism, reductionism, functionalism, computationalism, eliminativism, connectionism) against a historical background of issues posed by Early Modern science and the philosophies of Hobbes and Descartes.

Moral Psychology (Discussion/Lecture) A course looking at discussions of moral psychology from classical sources (Plato, Aristotle), to the development of a moral psychology in the Christian spiritual tradition, to contemporary philosophical works and discussions arising from studies of animal behavior and sociobiology.

Philosophy of Language. (Discussion/Lecture) A survey of issues and movements in 20th century philosophy of language against a background of Frege and Mill and introductory material in descriptive linguistics. Discussion of sense and reference, names, indexicals, intentionality, speech acts and the relation between language and thought.

Philosophical Classics II: Descartes to Kant. (Lecture) A survey of Early Modern philosophy, reading complete texts from Hobbes, Descartes, Spinoza, Leibniz, Locke, Berkeley, Hume and Kant. The unifying theme of the course is the attempt to understand the relationships between mind and body, idea and world, facts and morals in light of the scientific revolution. Primarily a course in metaphysics and epistemology with approximately five sessions on ethics and political philosophy.

Beginning Philosophy. (Seminar for First-Year Students) Careful reading of philosophical texts, such as Plato's *Gorgias*, Descartes' *Meditations* and Lieber's *Can Animals and Machines be Persons?* Supplemented by fictional works (Neal Stephenson's *Snow Crash*, Stephen Bury's *Interface*) that illustrate philosophical points in the main texts.

Introduction to Philosophy (Lecture/Discussion) A large class introduction to philosophical ideas. Readings and format have varied from year to year, including a class devoted to reading seven of Plato's dialogues. Covers issues in ethics, metaphysics, epistemology and logic.

Academic and Professional Services

1999-2000 Chair of the Philosophy Department
Director of Pedagogical Renewal
Referee for Oxford University Press
Referee for Journal of Consciousness Studies

1998-1999 Chair of Philosophy Department
Director of Pedagogical Renewal
Referee for Oxford University Press
Referee for Australian Journal of Philosophy
Developed conference "Naturalism and its Discontents" for Robert S. Cohen Forum, a part of the Boston Colloquium for Philosophy of Science.

1998 Referee for Oxford University Press
Referee for Cambridge University Press
Referee for MIT Press Encyclopaedia of Cognitive Science
Referee for Kluwer Journals Division Proposal

- 1997 Referee for Rowman & Littlefield
 Referee for University of California Press
 Referee for *MIT Press Encyclopaedia of Cognitive Science*
 Referee for Society for Philosophy and Psychology Program Committee
 Keck Mentor for technology in the Humanities, Wesleyan University
 Began developing conference on naturalism for Boston Colloquium for
 Philosophy of Science 1998-99 program
- 1996 Reader for dissertation, Yale University
 Referee for Rowman & Littlefield
 Search Committee for Division I Computer Coordinator
- 1995-1996 Began planning for *History and Theory* conference and special issue on
 biblical criticism, historical method and epistemology
- 1995 Referee for *Noûs*
- 1993-1996 Participant in "Propositional Attitude Task Force" weekly discussion group at
 Smith College.
- 1993-1996 Philosophy Department representative on divisional Technology
 Committee.
- 1990-1996 Philosophy Department Speakers Committee.
- 1994 Referee for Blackwell Publishers.
- 1992 Referee for *Synthese*.
- 1990-1991 University Technology Committee

The following people (listed in alphabetical order) have offered to provide references on my professional work:

Lynne Rudder Baker, University of Massachusetts

David Chalmers, University of Arizona

Robert Cummins, University of California at Davis

Jay Garfield, Smith College (University of Tasmania until 12/98)

Hilary Putnam, Harvard University

Kenneth Sayre, University of Notre Dame