

CURRICULUM VITAE

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PRESENT POSITION

2004-Present Sam Houston State University
Lecturer

AREAS OF SPECIALTY

Applied Ethics
Contemporary Philosophy of Mind and Cognitive Psychology

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Critical Thinking, Ethics, Epistemology

EDUCATION

June 2000 Doctor of Philosophy, Philosophy
State University of New York at Buffalo

1992 Master of Science, Philosophy
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

1988 Bachelor of Science
Worcester Polytechnic Institute

PUBLICATIONS, REFEREED

“Rawls and the Distribution of Human Resources By Those in the Animal Rights Community,” International Journal of Applied Philosophy, vol. 28, no. 2, Fall 2014, pp. 251-266.

"Deeper Problems for Noonan's Probability Argument against Abortion: On a Charitable Reading of Noonan's Conception Criterion of Humanity," Bioethics, vol. 25, no. 5, June 2011, pp. 280-289.

"Using the World to Understand the Mind: Evolutionary Foundations for Ecological Psychology," The Journal of Mind and Behavior, vol. 29, no. 1-2, Summer and Autumn 2008, pp. 139-157.

"A Challenge to the Plausibility of a Fruitful Scientific Intentional Psychology," Facta Philosophica, vol. 9, no. 1-2, 2007, pp. 79-101.

"Justification of Empirical Belief: Problems with Haack's Foundherentism," Philosophy, vol. 72, no. 281, July 1997, pp. 460-463.

"A Critical Assessment of Varner's Proposal for Consensus and Convergence in the Biomedical Research Debate," Between the Species, vol. 12, no. 1-2, Wint-Spr 1996, pp. 34-39.

"Biomedical Testing on Nonhuman Animals: An Attempt at a Rapprochement between Utilitarianism and Theories of Inherent Value," The Monist, vol. 79, no. 2, April 1996, pp. 230-246.

PUBLICATIONS, PROCEEDINGS

"Prospects for a Scientific Intentional Psychology," in the proceedings of The 147th Meeting of The New York State Philosophical Association, The Creighton Club at Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, October 20, 2001.

"Intentional Explanation of Rational Behavior: The Circularity Problem Revisited," in the proceedings of the 23rd International Wittgenstein Symposia in Kirchberg, Austria, August 13-19, 2000.

"Saving Behaviorism through Evolutionary Theory," in the proceedings (CD-ROM) of the 14th Annual Interamerican Congress of Philosophy held at The Autonomous University of Puebla, Puebla, Mexico, August 16-20, 1999.

**PUBLICATIONS,
BOOK REVIEWS**

“Finding One’s Way through Wayfinding,” Psychology, 11(058) Cognitive Mapping (2), April 2000 (<http://cogprints.ecs.soton.ac.uk/cgi/psyc/newpsy?authors>). A Review of Wayfinding Behavior: Cognitive Mapping and Other Spatial Processing, Reginald G. Golledge, ed. (Baltimore and London: The John Hopkins University Press, 1999).

“Mental Disorder and It’s Cause,” in Psychology, 13(018) Mental Disorder (3), March 2002, (<http://cogprints.ecs.soton.ac.uk/cgi/psyc/newpsy?authors>). A Review of Mind, Meaning and Mental Disorder, Derek Bolton and Jonathan Hill (Oxford, New York, Tokyo: Oxford University Press, 1998).

**CONFERENCE PAPERS,
REFEREED**

- February 2017 Commentator on Paul Thompson’s “A Better Life for Food Animals: Why Our Ethical Theories Must be Non-Ideal,” Texas State University Workshop on Food, Animals, and the Environment.
- March 2012 “Assessing the Landscape: Frameworks for Achieving Justice For Animals through Activism,” delivered at the 21st Meeting of the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics in Cincinnati, OH.
- March 2011 “Applying Rawls’ Theory of Justice: Distributing Human Resources within the Animal Rights Community,” delivered at the 20th Meeting of the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics in Cincinnati, OH.
- October 2005 “Deeper Problems for Noonan on Abortion: On a Charitable Reading of the Conception Criterion of Humanity,” delivered at the Alabama Philosophical Society’s 43rd Annual Conference in Montevallo, AL.
- March, 2003 "Intentional Laws and Vindicating Folk Psychology," delivered at the Spring 2003 Meeting of the Eastern Pennsylvania Philosophical Society, College Misericordia, Dallas PA.
- Oct. 20, 2001 “Prospects for a Scientific Intentional Psychology,” delivered at The 147th Meeting of The New York State Philosophical Association, The Creighton Club at Cornell University, Ithaca, NY.
- Sept. 1-5, 2000 “Evolutionary Theory: From Behaviorism to Ecological Psychology,” delivered at the Ninth Annual Meeting of the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Salzburg, Austria.

- August 13-19, 2000 “Intentional Explanation of Rational Behavior: The Circularity Problem Revisited,” delivered at the 23rd International Wittgenstein Symposia in Kirchberg, Austria.
- July 24, 1999 “Some Groundwork for a Method in Behavioral Science,” delivered at the Eighth Annual Meeting of the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Warwick University, England.
- April 1, 1999 “Ecological Psychology: The Case from Evolutionary Theory,” delivered at the 91st annual meeting of the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Louisville, Kentucky.
- Dec. 28, 1995 “Nonhuman Animal Rights: An Attempt at a Rapprochement Between Utilitarian and Inherent Value Views,” delivered at the meeting of the Society for the Study of Ethics and Animals in conjunction with the Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association.
- Oct. 28, 1995 “The Ethics of Xenografting OR When a Chinchilla Eats the Leggo Set of an Orphan Boy,” delivered at the Tri-State Philosophical Conference held at Mercyhurst College, Erie PA.
- April 29, 1995 “Proslogion II and III: The Best Anselm Can Hope For,” delivered at ZEPHIRUS: The Fifth Annual Graduate Student Conference on Medieval Studies, State University of New York at Stony Brook.

INVITED PAPERS

- August 24, 1999 “Saving Behaviorism through Evolutionary Theory (Expanded Version),” delivered as a part of a colloquium on cognitive science at The Autonomous University of the State of Morelos, Cuernavaca, Morelos, Mexico.
- August 17, 1999 “Saving Behaviorism through Evolutionary Theory,” delivered at the 14th Annual Inter-American Congress of Philosophy held at The Autonomous University of Puebla, Puebla, Mexico.

INVITED TALKS, COMMUNITY

- October 13, 2018 “Distributing Resources on the Way to Abolition,” delivered at the Vegan Society of P.E.A.C.E. 2nd Saturday Vegan Potluck in Houston, TX.
- July 7, 2018 “Animal Abolition Activism: Philosophical Foundations for Distributing Our Resources,” delivered at the 44th Annual Conference of the North American Vegan Society (NAVS), University of Pittsburgh, Johnstown, PA.
- July 5, 2018 “What’s Wrong with Welfarism: Pragmatically and In Principle,” delivered at the 44th Annual Conference of the North American Vegan Society (NAVS), University of Pittsburgh, Johnstown, PA.
- April 23, 2017 “What Philosophers Say About Animals and Ethics,” delivered at the LSC-CyFair Center for Civic Engagement , Cypress, TX.
- October 22, 2016 “Abolitionist Animal Rights Activism,” delivered at the Vegan Society of P.E.A.C.E. October 2016 4th-Sunday Vegan Potluck in Clear Lake, TX.
- October 8, 2016 “Abolitionist Animal Rights Activism,” delivered at the Vegan Society of P.E.A.C.E. October 2016 2nd Saturday Vegan Potluck IN Houston, TX.
- July 19, 2014 “Cruelty-Free Animal Food Products? The False Hope of a Utilitarian, or Welfarist, Animal Ethic,” delivered at the 4th Annual Vegan Society of P.E.A.C.E. Vegfest Houston at the Pershing Middle School Houston TX.
- June 15, 2013 “Cruelty-Free Animal Food Products? The False Hope of a Utilitarian, or Welfarist, Animal Ethic,” delivered at the 3rd Annual Vegan Society of P.E.A.C.E. Vegfest Houston at the Pershing Middle School Houston TX.
- November 17, 2012 “Cruelty-Free Animal Food Products? The False Hope of a Utilitarian, or Welfarist, Animal Ethic,” delivered at the Vegan Society of P.E.A.C.E. Annual Gentle ThanksLiving Dinner at Saint Stephen’s Episcopal Church and School in Houston TX.

- June 9, 2012 “What Philosophers Say about Animals and Ethics” delivered at the 2nd Annual Vegan Society of P.E.A.C.E. Houston Vegfest at the Havens Center in Houston TX.
- January 8, 2012 “What Philosophers Say about Animals and Ethics” delivered at a meeting of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Huntsville, TX.
- March 5, 2009 “On Kenneth Miller’s *Finding Darwin’s God*” delivered at a meeting of the Lone Star College Philosophy Club, “Academy.”
- November 17, 2007 “Animals and Ethics,” delivered at the ThanksLiving Celebration of the Society of P.E.A.C.E., at the Field of Greens Restaurant in Houston, TX.
- March 21, 2007 “What Philosophers Say about Animals and Ethics” delivered at a monthly meeting of the Sam Houston State University Veg for Peace Club in building AB4, Huntsville, TX.
- January 12, 2007 “What Philosophers Say about Animals and Ethics” delivered at a monthly meeting of the Houston Vegetarian Meetup.com Group at Baba Yega Restaurant, Houston, TX.
- March 18, 2004 "Ethics and Animals," delivered at an Induction Ceremony of Phi Sigma Tau students and faculty, King's College, Wilkes Barre, PA.

SERVICE

Advisor to Student Group

August 2018 Vegans and Vegetarians on Campus
President: Tamarah Tucker

Honors Projects

Fall 2018 Tori Nun’s Video Project: Comparing conservative and liberal views (of two conservatives and two liberals) on moral issues before and after learning some ethical theories.

Philosophy Service

2018-2019 Committee to Revise PHIL2306 Moral Issues SACs Assessment Tool
2019 Committee to Award Grants to Philosophy Students

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Sam Houston State University (Instructor)

Fall 2004-present

Critical Thinking
Contemporary Moral Issues
Philosophy of Science
Introduction to Philosophy

Fall 2011 Honors Seminar: Animal Rights
Spring 2013 Honors Seminar: Animal Rights
Spring 2015 Honors Seminar: Animal Rights

College Misericordia (Visiting Assistant Professor)

Fall 2003-Fall 2004
Introduction to Philosophy
Social Ethics

SUNY College at Fredonia (Adjunct)

Fall 1995-2003
Philosophy of Mind
Bio-Medical Ethics
Business Ethics
Philosophical Inquiry
Life and Death
Human Happiness

Jamestown Community College (Adjunct)

Spring 2003
Contemporary Moral Problems
Introduction to Philosophy

ORGANIZATIONS

1992- American Philosophical Association
2011- Association for Practical and Professional Ethics

REFERENCES

Professor of Philosophy, Sam Houston State University
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