

*Curriculum Vitae*

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**EDUCATION**

Ph.D. Philosophy, Vanderbilt University, 2001  
M.A. Philosophy, Vanderbilt University, 1999  
B.S. Psychology, Mississippi College, 1996

**AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION**

Epistemology  
Early Modern Philosophy (*especially Hume*)  
History & Significance of Skepticism (*both Ancient & Modern*)

**ADDITIONAL AREAS OF INTEREST**

Philosophy of Religion (*especially the problem of evil & contemporary religious epistemology*)  
Ancient Philosophy (*especially the Hellenistic & Imperial periods*)  
Moral & Epistemic Psychology (*emotions, intellectual akrasia, intellectual modesty*)

**AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS**

2009	Outstanding Teacher Award for 2008-2009 (College of Arts & Sciences), University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
2009	Summer Research Fellowship, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
2005	Summer Research Fellowship, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
2004	APA Rockefeller Prize (for my paper "Skeptical Parasitism and the Continuity Argument")
2001	Franklin J. Matchette Award for Excellence in Teaching, Vanderbilt University
2000–2001	Interdepartmental Teaching Fellowship (Philosophy & English), Vanderbilt University
1999–2000	Burke Fellowship for Teaching Excellence, Vanderbilt University
1997–1999	Department of Philosophy Teaching Fellowship, Vanderbilt University
1996	Psychology Student of the Year, Mississippi College

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2008-2010 UC Foundation Assistant Professor in Philosophy & Religion, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Chattanooga, TN
- 2004-2008 Assistant Professor in Philosophy & Religion, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Chattanooga, TN
- 2003-2004 Lecturer in Philosophy, Belmont University, Nashville, TN
- 2002-2003 Lecturer in both Philosophy & English, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
- 2001-2002 Visiting Assistant Professor in Philosophy, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV
- 1997-2001 Teaching Assistant in Philosophy (& also in English in 2000-2001), Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN

## PUBLICATIONS: ARTICLES

1. "Montaigne on Witches and the Authority of Religion in the Public Sphere," *Philosophy and Literature* 33 (2009): 235-251.
2. "Hume's Changing Views on the 'Durability' of Skepticism," *Journal of Scottish Philosophy* 7 (2009): 215-236.
3. "A Consistency Challenge for Moral and Religious Beliefs," (with Scott Aikin) *Teaching Philosophy* 32 (2009): 127-151.
4. "A Distance Theory of Humour," *Think* 7 (2008): 139-148.
5. "How Often Do We (Philosophy Professors) Commit the Straw Man Fallacy?," *Teaching Philosophy* 31 (2008): 27-38.
6. "Hume's Standard of Taste and the *de gustibus* Sceptic," *British Journal of Aesthetics* 47 (2007): 16-28.
7. "Must the Radical Skeptic Be Intellectually Akratic?," *Facta Philosophica* 8 (2006): 207-219.
8. "Clarke and Stroud on the Plane-Spotter," *Southwest Philosophy Review* 22 (2006): 25-32.
9. "Skeptical Parasitism and the Continuity Argument," *Metaphilosophy* 35 (2004): 714-732.
10. "Is Pyrrhonism Psychologically Possible?," *Ancient Philosophy* 22 (2002): 319-331.
11. "Cartesian Skepticism and the Epistemic Priority Thesis," *The Southern Journal of Philosophy* 40 (2002): 573-586.
12. "Epistemological Skepticism(s) and Rational Self-Control," *The Monist* 85 (2002): 468-477.

## **PUBLICATIONS: REVIEWS**

1. Review of Bryan Frances's *Scepticism Comes Alive*, *Philosophical Books* 47 (2006): 370-372.
2. Review of Duncan Pritchard's *Epistemic Luck*, *Philosophical Books* 47 (2006): 372-374.
3. Review of Louis Loeb's *Stability and Justification in Hume's Treatise*, *The British Journal for the History of Philosophy* 12 (2004): 348-351.
4. Review of John Greco's *Putting Sceptics in Their Place*, *Review of Metaphysics* 55 (2002): 632-634.
5. Review of Panayot Butchvarov's *Skepticism about the External World*, *Review of Metaphysics* 54 (2000): 422-424.

## **WORK UNDER REVIEW or IN PROGRESS**

- a. "The Problem of Disagreement in Philosophy," under review.
- b. "Sextus, Montaigne, and Hume," under review.
- c. "Epistemic Akrasia," in progress.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **2009**

1. "Skepticism and Epistemic Akrasia," Society for Skeptical Studies, at the Eastern Division meeting of the APA, December 29, 2009.
2. "I Don't Want to Go to Heaven (or Hell)," Main Program, Central Division meeting of the APA, February 21, 2009.

### **2008**

3. "Hume's Changing Views on the 'Durability' of Skepticism," Society for Skeptical Studies, at the Eastern Division meeting of the APA, December 28, 2008.
4. "I Don't Want to Go to Heaven (or Hell)," Tennessee Philosophical Association, November 15, 2008.
5. "I Don't Want to Go to Heaven (or Hell)," Departmental Symposium (Philosophy and Religion), University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, October 15, 2008.
6. "I Don't Want to Go to Heaven (or Hell)," Central Division meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers, Union University, May 9, 2008.
7. "Hume's Changing Views on the 'Durability' of Skepticism," Hume Society, at the Central Division meeting of the APA, April 17, 2008.

### **2007**

8. "Pyrrhonism and Religion in Sextus and Montaigne," Society for Skeptical Studies, at the Eastern Division meeting of the APA, December 28, 2007.

9. "Pyrrhonism and Religion in Sextus and Montaigne," Departmental Symposium (Philosophy and Religion), University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, November 12, 2007.
  10. "Pyrrhonism and Religion in Sextus and Montaigne," Tennessee Philosophical Association, October 27, 2007.
  11. Commentator: "Faith as an Intellectual Virtue," Tennessee Philosophical Association, October 27, 2007.
  12. "A Theory-Sketch for a Distance Theory of Humor," Popular Culture Association & American Culture Association, Joint National Meeting, April 6, 2007.
- 2006**
13. "Hume's Aesthetics: Or, Grappling with the *de gustibus* Skeptic," Society for Skeptical Studies, at the Eastern Division meeting of the APA, December 28, 2006.
  14. "Hume's Aesthetics: Or, Grappling with the *de gustibus* Skeptic," Departmental Symposium (Philosophy and Religion), University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, March 27, 2006.
- 2005**
15. "Clarke and Stroud on the Plane-Spotters," Society for Skeptical Studies, at the Eastern Division meeting of the APA, December 28, 2005.
  16. "Clarke and Stroud on the Plane-Spotters," Southwestern Philosophical Society, November 11, 2005
  17. "Clarke and Stroud on the Plane-Spotters," Tennessee Philosophical Association, November 5, 2005.
  18. Commentator: "An Evidence Puzzle," Tennessee Philosophical Association, November 5, 2005.
  19. "The Evolution of Hume's Position on the Livability of Skepticism," Conference on "Hume and His Critics" in the Scottish Enlightenment, Baylor University, April 15, 2005.
  20. "The Evolution of Hume's Position on the Livability of Skepticism," Departmental Symposium (Philosophy and Religion), University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, April 6, 2005.
- 2004**
21. "Thinking about Disagreement: Wittgenstein's Hard Cases," Society for Skeptical Studies, at the Eastern Division meeting of the APA, December 28, 2004.
  22. "What Should a Radical Skeptic Think about His Hand?," Invited Lecture, Connecticut College, November 4, 2004.
  23. "The Problem of Disagreement in Philosophy," Invited Lecture, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, January 30, 2004.
- 2003**
24. "What Should a Radical Skeptic Think about His Hand?," Society for Skeptical Studies, at the Eastern Division meeting of the APA, December 27, 2003.
  25. "What Should a Radical Skeptic Think about His Hand?," Tennessee Philosophical Association, November 1, 2003.

26. Commentator: "The Gettier Problem Truly Solved," Tennessee Philosophical Association, November 1, 2003.
  27. "Skepticism as a Prelude to Faith and Submission in Michel de Montaigne's 'Apology for Raymond Sebond'," Invited Lecture to the Belmont University Honors Program, October 21, 2003.
  28. "Taking Skepticism Seriously," Invited Lecture, University of Tennessee at Martin, February 10, 2003.
- 2002**
29. "Putting Overly Ambitious Contextualism in Its Place," Society for Skeptical Studies, at the Eastern Division meeting of the APA, December 28, 2002.
  30. "Putting Overly Ambitious Contextualism in Its Place," Tennessee Philosophical Association, November 16, 2002.
  31. "Thinking about Disagreement: Wittgenstein's Hard Cases," Faculty Speaker at the Annual In-House Conference, Department of Philosophy, West Virginia University, April 4, 2002.
  32. "Cartesian Skepticism and the Epistemic Priority Thesis," Society for Skeptical Studies, at the Pacific Division meeting of the APA, March 30, 2002.
  33. "Is Pyrrhonism Psychologically Possible?," Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, at the Pacific Division meeting of the APA, March 28, 2002.
  34. "Humean Psychoanalysis," West Virginia Philosophical Society, Spring Meeting, March 16, 2002.
- 2001**
35. "Is Sextus Empiricus' Tranquility Argument (*Adversus Mathematicos* 11.110-140) Pyrrhonian?" West Virginia Philosophical Society, Fall Meeting, October 13, 2001.
  36. "Skepticism at Dusk: What Comes *After* the Skeptical Argument?" Invited Lecture Series, in three parts, Ashland University, April 19-21, 2001.
  37. "Minimal Epistemology: Prospects and Problems," delivered jointly with Derek Turner at the Philosophical Collaborations Conference, March 2, 2001.
  38. "Is Pyrrhonism Psychologically Possible?," Midsouth Philosophy Conference, February 24, 2001.
  39. Commentator: "Semantic Externalism and Privileged Access," Midsouth Philosophy Conference, February 24, 2001.
  40. "Epistemological Skepticism and Rational Self-Control," Colloquium Series, Department of Philosophy, Vanderbilt University, January 12, 2001.
- 2000**
41. "Skeptical Parasitism and the Continuity Argument," Tennessee Philosophical Association, November 11, 2000.
  42. "Brandom on Normativity, Objectivity, and Knowledge," Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, April 21, 2000.
- 1999**
43. "Brandom on Normativity, Objectivity, and Knowledge," Tennessee Philosophical Association, November 6, 1999.

44. Commentator: “‘Having within me the idea of God’: An Essay on Descartes’ Third Meditation,” Tennessee Philosophical Association, November 6, 1999.

## COURSES TAUGHT AT UTC

Western Philosophical Traditions I (PHIL 101)	F’04, Sp’05, Sum’05, F’07, Sp’08, F’09, Sp’10
Western Philosophical Traditions II (PHIL 102)	F’05, Sp’06, Sum’06, Sum’07, F’08, Sp’09
Introduction to Philosophy (PHIL 201)	F’06, Sp’07
Metaphysics (PHIL 341)	F’05, Sp’09
Epistemology (PHIL 345)	F’04, F’07
Modern Philosophy (PHIL 353)	Sp’05, Sp’06, Sp’07, Sp’10
Religious Epistemology (PHIL 491)	F’06
The Philosophy of David Hume (PHIL 491)	Sp’08
Philosophy of the Emotions (PHIL 491)	F’08
Atheism & Agnosticism (PHIL 491 / REL 492)	F’09

### PHIL 495r Courses (= Honors Theses)

“Wittgenstein’s Aesthetics” F’09–Sp’10 (with Devin Rutledge)

### PHIL 498r Courses (= Senior Theses)

“The Philosophical Significance of Comedy”	Sp’05 (with Hannah Rutledge)
“Meaning & Knowledge in the Later Wittgenstein”	Sp’05 (with Greg Smith)
“Pragmatism & Neo-Pragmatism”	Sp’07 (with Ty O’Grady)
“Goldman’s Social Epistemology”	Sp’08 (with John Davis)
“The Gettier Problem & Its Place in Epistemology”	F’08 (with Dan Cheon)
“God, Evil, & Theodicy”	Sp’10 (with Matt Bond)

## SERVICE

### Departmental Service

- ▶ Faculty Advisor to the Philosophy Club, August 2004 – *present*

### University Service

- ▶ Member of the Departmental Honors (DHON) Committee, August 2008 – May 2009
- ▶ Member of the Institutional Review Board [= Committee for the Protection of Human Research Subjects], February 2005 – May 2009
- ▶ Member of the Committee on Student Rating of Faculty Instruction, August 2006 – May 2008
- ▶ Member of the Adult Scholar Advisory Council, August 2007 – May 2008

### Professional Service

- ▶ Member of the American Philosophical Association’s Committee on the Teaching of Philosophy, July 2009 – *present*

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Philosophical Association  
Tennessee Philosophical Association  
Society for Skeptical Studies  
Hume Society

**REFERENCES**

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