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Faculty Director, University Honors Program, UVU

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Education

Ph.D. Philosophy, Villanova University, 2006
M.A. Philosophy, Villanova University, 1998
B.A. Philosophy, Bates College, 1994

Areas of Interest

AOS: Ancient Greek Philosophy, especially Plato and Aristotle
AOC: Modern Philosophy, 19th and 20th Century Continental Philosophy, History of Metaphysics and Epistemology

Dissertation

2006: “Ὁρέγεσθαι and Natural Teleology: The Role of Desire in Aristotle’s Ontology.” Committee: Walter A. Brogan (director), Helen S. Lang, Julie R. Klein.

Publications

2008: “Madness, Art, and the End of History: Epistemic Transformation in Nietzsche and Foucault,” *Philosophy Today, SPEP Supplement*. Eds. Peg Birmingham and James Risser. Vol. 52, 2008: 158-167.
2006: “Madness and *Politeia*: Aesthetic Disruption in Foucault and Plato,” *Philosophy Today, SPEP Supplement*. Eds. Peg Birmingham and James Risser. Vol. 50, 2006: 12-21.

Awards

2007: Dean’s Scholarship Award for Humanitarian Service, 2007, The School of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences, Utah Valley State College
2007: Wolverine Achievement Award for Distinguished Volunteer Service, 2006-2007, Utah Valley State College
2003: John Tich Memorial Award for Excellence in the Graduate Philosophy Program, 2002-2003, Villanova University

Awards, cont.

2002: Graduate Philosophy Teaching Award, 2001-2002, Villanova University

Invited Speaker

2008: "Generation and Life in Aristotle's Psychology,"

2008: "Are We Any Better Than Plants? An Aristotelian Question,"

2008: "On Participation," Keynote Lecture, Salt Lake Community College Undergraduate Philosophy Conference: *A Platonic Symposium*, Salt Lake City, UT, November, 2008

2005: "Madness and *Politeia*: Insanity, Death, and Art in Plato's *Republic*," the Mike Ryan Lecture Series, Kennesaw, GA, February, 2005.

2005: "The Opposition of Science and Art in Nietzsche and Foucault," the Oglethorpe Museum of Art Lecture Series, Atlanta, GA, February, 2005.

Presentations

2007: "Madness, Art, and the End of History: Epistemic Transformation in Nietzsche and Foucault" paper to be presented at the at The Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP), Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois, November 2007.

2007: "Socrates and Sophistry: Imitation, Ignorance, and Injustice in Plato's *Republic*," paper presented at The Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy (SAGP), Annual Meeting, New York, New York, October 2007.

2006: "Nutrition and Teleology in *De Anima* B.4," paper presented at the Ancient Philosophy Society (APS), Chicago, Illinois, April 2006.

2006: "Forms without Motion in Metaphysics A," paper presented at the Society For The Contemporary Assessment of Platonism, American Philosophical Association (APA), Pacific Division Meeting, Portland, Oregon, March 2006.

2005: "Madness and *Politeia*: Aesthetic Disruption in Foucault and Plato," paper presented at The Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP), Annual Conference, Salt Lake City, Utah, October 2005.

2005: "Leo Strauss and the Ignoble Lie," paper presented at the Society for the Contemporary Assessment of Platonism, American Philosophical Association (APA), Pacific Division Meeting, San Francisco, California, March 2005.

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- 2005: Comments on “The Reflexivity of Hume’s Perceptions: A Deweyan Reading of Hume’s ‘Distinctions of Reason,’” by Phillip Olson, Georgia Continental Philosophy Circle, February 2005.

Presentations, cont.

- 2004: “Motion and Metaphysics: Aristotle’s Prime Mover as an Internal Moving Cause,” paper presented at the Utah Valley State College Philosophy Colloquium.
- 2003: “To Drink From the Cup of Wisdom: Plato’s Use of ‘Ορέγω in the *Phaedo*,” paper presented at the Ancient Philosophy Society, Hartford, Connecticut, April 2003.
- 2003: “Paradoxes of Knowledge and Individuality in Aristotle’s *Metaphysics*,” paper presented at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, January 2003.
- 2002: “Settling the Debt Between Socrates and Agathon,” presented in conjunction with the Collegium Phaenomenologicum. Perugia, Italy, July 2002.
- 2002: Comments on “Platonic *Agôn*,” by Bernard Freydberg, “Plato’s *Protagoras*: The Authority of Beginning an Education,” by Daniel Price, and “On δόξα and the Absence of Objective Being in Plato,” by Sean Kirkland, for, “The Character of Plato’s Thought,” Ancient Philosophy Society, Denver, Colorado, April 2002.
- 2002: “Ἐρωσ and Participation in the *Symposium*,” paper presented at the Society for the Contemporary Assessment of Platonism, American Philosophical Association (APA), Pacific Division Meeting, Seattle, Washington, March 2002.
- 2001: “Forgetting Recollection: Is a Unified Platonic Epistemology Possible?” paper presented at the Society for the Contemporary Assessment of Platonism, American Philosophical Association (APA), Pacific Division Meeting, San Francisco, California, March 2001.
- 2000: “Particular Forms in *Metaphysics Zeta*,” paper presented at the Fifth Annual Villanova Graduate Student Philosophy Conference: Aristotle at the Millennium, Villanova, Pennsylvania, April 2000.

Administrative Appointments

- 2008: Faculty Director, University Honors Program, Utah Valley University

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Faculty Appointments

2003-2008: Assistant Professor, Utah Valley University, Orem, UT

Courses: Ancient Philosophy, Early Modern Philosophy, Introduction to Philosophy, Honors Introduction to Philosophy, Ethics and Values, Honors Ethics and Values, Philosophical Figures: Foucault, Philosophical Figures: Nietzsche, Philosophical Figures: Plato, Ancient Legacies (Honors), Capstone Supervision. Independent Study: Aristotle's Theoretical Works, Beginning Ancient Greek Language, Plato's Late Dialogues, Foucault: The Order of Things

1996-2002 Instructor, Villanova University, Villanova, PA.

Courses: Plato and Aristotle, Aristotle's Philosophy of Nature, Philosophy and Literature, Introduction to Philosophy, Core Humanities Seminar: Ancient, Medieval, Renaissance Thought, Core Humanities Seminar: Modernity to Present. Independent Study: Plato's Late Dialogues, Plato, Greek Practical Philosophy, Metaphysics, Thesis Supervision

Service

Utah Valley University

Faculty Director, University Honors, 2008-Present
Scholarship Committee, 2008
Honors Steering Committee, 2005-2008
Committee on Interdisciplinary Studies, 2006-2008
School of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences Representative to the UVSC
College-Wide Institutional Effectiveness Committee, 2003-2007
Department of Philosophy and Humanities Assessment Representative, 2004-2007
Department of Philosophy and Humanities Scholarship Committee, 2005-2007
Department of Philosophy and Humanities Student Affairs Committee, 2003-2007
Department of Philosophy and Humanities Scheduling Committee, 2003-2007
Donner-Galbraith Memorial Scholarship Committee, 2006-2007
Donner-Galbraith Memorial Scholarship Teach-a-Thon Organizer, 2006-2007
Faculty Advisor of UVSC chapter of *Phi Sigma Tau* (Philosophy Honors Society), 2003-2007
Faculty Advisor for *Sophia*, the Undergraduate Journal of Philosophy, 2003-2007
Faculty Advisor for UVSC Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, 2007
Established G. Lawrence Anderson Memorial Undergraduate Philosophy Conference Keynote Address, 2007
Program Creation: Philosophy Minor (2005), Honors Legacies Seminars (2006), Classical Studies Minor (2008)
Hiring Committee for UVSC Humanities Professor, 2006
Hiring Committee for Director of UVSC Honors Program, 2005
Accreditation Liaison for the school of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences, 2004-2005
Presidential Honors Program Task Force, 2004

Other Professional Experience

Chapter President, Phi Kappa Phi, Utah Valley University, 2008.

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Assistant to Organizers of the meeting of the Society of Phenomenology
and Existential Philosophy (SPEP), hosted by UVSC, Salt Lake City,
October, 2006.

Co-Organizer, Annual Meeting of the Ancient Philosophy Society, Villanova
University, April 2001.

Student Representative, Graduate Philosophy Faculty Committee, Villanova
University, 1997-8.

Director, Philosophy Student Union, Villanova University, 1996-7.

Assistant Director, Philosophy Student Union, Villanova University, 1995-6
and 1997-8.

Director, First Annual Villanova University Graduate Student Philosophy
Conference, Spring 1996.

Foreign Languages

Ancient Greek (reading proficiency)

French (reading and speaking proficiency)

Professional Affiliations

The American Philosophical Association (APA), The Ancient Philosophy Society (APS),
Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy (SAGP), Aristotelian Society, The Society for
Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP), Phi Kappa Phi