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## POSITIONS

Tenured Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of South Alabama (8/2004-present)  
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of South Alabama (8/1999–8/2004)  
Post-Doctoral Research Fellow in Epistemology in Amsterdam with the Faculteit der  
Wijsbegeerte (Philosophy) at the Vrije Universiteit (Free University) (1998-1999)

## EDUCATION

PhD, Philosophy 1998 University of Notre Dame  
Dissertation: *Knowledge and Norms: A Defense of Epistemic Justification*  
Director: Philip L. Quinn  
MA, Philosophy 1994 University of Notre Dame  
BA, *Summa Cum Laude*, 1991 Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois  
Major: Philosophy (Departmental Honors)

## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Epistemology, Early Modern Philosophy, Philosophy of Religion

## AREAS OF COMPETENCY

Metaphysics, Ethics, Logic, Philosophy of Science

## PUBLICATIONS

### BOOK

*The Philosophical Challenge of Religious Diversity*, edited with Philip L. Quinn  
(Oxford University Press, 2000)

### REFEREED PAPERS

- “Hume on Certainty, Knowledge, and Probability: Anticipating the Disintegration of the Analytic/Synthetic Divide?” *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 88 (June 2007): 226-242
- “Pluralism, Exclusivism, and the Theoretical Virtues”, *Religious Studies* 42 (June 2006): 193-206 [with a reply from John Hick]
- “Was Hume a Proper Functionalism?”, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 72, 1 (January 2006): 120-136
- “Justification and the Social Nature of Knowledge”, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 69, 1 (July 2004): 156-172
- “Truth, Justification, and the Epistemic Way”, *Journal of Philosophical Research* 28 (2003): 287-309
- “Is Hume’s Epistemology Internalist or Externalist?”, *Dialogue* 40, 1 (January 2001): 125-146
- “Hume’s Iterative Probability Argument: A Pernicious *Reductio*”, *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 38, 2 (April 2000): 221-238
- “Knowledge from Gossip?”, *Philosophia* 27, 3-4 (November 1999): 537-539
- “Hume: Radical Sceptic or Naturalized Epistemologist?”, *Hume Studies* 24, 1 (April 1998): 31-52

- “Chisholming Away at Plantinga’s Critique of Epistemic Deontology”, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 76, 1 (March 1998): 90-96
- “Should We Abandon Epistemic Justification?”, *Southwest Philosophy Review* 13, 1 (January 1997): 129-136
- “William Alston’s Epistemology of Religious Experience: A ‘Reformed’ Reformed Epistemology?”, *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 35, 2 (April 1994): 89-110

#### BOOK/PROCEEDINGS CONTRIBUTIONS

- “Religious Diversity, Ethics, and Epistemic Arbitrariness”, in *Pluralism, Change and Religious Traditions*, edited by Andy F. Sanders and Luco van den Brom (forthcoming; invited)
- “Supervenience, Materialism, and Scepticism: Critiquing Some Key Epistemological Underpinnings of Chalmers’ Dualistic Philosophy of Mind”, in *Knowledge and Belief: 26<sup>th</sup> International Wittgenstein Symposium*, edited by Winfried Loeffler and Paul Weingartner (Austrian Ludwig Wittgenstein Society, Kirchberg am Wechsel, Austria, 2003), 224-226 (refereed)
- “Exclusivism, Pluralism, and Anarchy”, in *God Matters: Readings in the Philosophy of Religion*, edited by Ray Martin and Chris Bernard (New York: Longman, 2003), 524-534 (invited)
- “Religious Epistemology: An Introduction”, in *Philosophy of Religion: A Contemporary Reader and Guide*, edited by William Lane Craig (Edinburgh University Press, 2001), 7-16 (also editor for the Religious Epistemology section; invited)
- “Introduction” (co-authored with Philip L. Quinn), in *The Philosophical Challenge of Religious Diversity* (Oxford University Press, 2000), 1-28

#### REVIEWS

- Review of Duncan Pritchard’s *Epistemic Luck*, *Mind* (forthcoming)
- Review of Paul Helm’s *Faith with Reason*, *International Philosophical Quarterly* 42, 1 (March 2002): 126-128
- Review of Paul Helm’s *Faith and Understanding*, *Theology Today* 57, 3 (October 2000): 441-442
- Review of Georges Dicker’s *Hume’s Epistemology and Metaphysics: An Introduction*, *Hume Studies* 25, 1/2 (April/November 1999): 250-255
- Review of Keith Lehrer’s *Self-Trust: A Study of Reason, Knowledge, and Autonomy* (co-authored with René van Woudenberg), *Philosophical Books* 40, 4 (October 1999): 252-256
- Review of Daniel Howard-Snyder’s *The Evidential Argument from Evil*, *Faith and Philosophy* 15, 1 (January 1998): 117-123

#### SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- “Hume on Hume: Consistency, Charity and Context”, 34<sup>th</sup> International Hume Conference at Boston University (August 2007)
- “Hume’s Hyper-Cartesianism”, 32<sup>nd</sup> International Hume Conference at the University of Toronto (July 2005)
- “Pluralism, Exclusivism, and the Theoretical Virtues”, Society for Philosophy of Religion Meeting, Hilton Head, South Carolina (February 2005)
- “Hume, Virtue Epistemology, and Proper Functionalism”, Virtue Epistemology Conference in Stirling, Scotland (November 2004)
- “Hume’s Universal Acid: Subversive Naturalism”, 31<sup>st</sup> International Hume Conference at Keio University in Tokyo, Japan (August 2004)
- “On Environmentalism, Essentialism, and Epistemic Humility: A Response to Dilley,

- Schilbrack, and Peppers-Bates”, response to a book panel on *The Philosophical Challenge of Religious Diversity* at the Society for Philosophy of Religion Meeting, Mobile (March 2004).
- “Back to the Future: Contemporary Naturalism and Humean Naturalism”, Presidential Address for the Alabama Philosophical Society (October 2003)
- “Supervenience, Materialism, and Scepticism: Critiquing Some Key Epistemological Underpinnings of Chalmers’ Dualistic Philosophy of Mind”, *Knowledge and Belief: 26<sup>th</sup> International Wittgenstein Symposium*, Kirchberg amWeschel, Austria (August 2003)
- “Hume on Certainty, Knowledge, and Probability: Anticipating the Disintegration of the Analytic/Synthetic Divide?” 30<sup>th</sup> Hume Conference in Las Vegas (August 2003).
- “Was Hume a Proper Functionalist?”, 29<sup>th</sup> International Hume Conference in Helsinki, Finland (August 2002).
- “Science Founded on Scepticism: Is Hume Entitled to the Title Principle?”, Colloquium Paper, Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association in Chicago (April 2002).
- “Doxastic Responsibility and the Normativity of Knowledge: Epistemic Deontology versus Proper Function?”, Auburn Philosophical Society (October 2001).
- “The Revenge of the Kantians: Postmodernism, Religious Pluralism, and Properly Basic Theistic Belief”, The Epistemology of Basic Belief Conference in Amsterdam, The Netherlands (June 2001).
- “Supervenience, Materialism, and Conceivability: Critiquing the Context of Chalmers’ Dualistic Philosophy of Mind”, Colloquium Paper, Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association in San Francisco, California (March 2001). Also presented at the Alabama Philosophical Society (October 2000).
- “Justification, Context, and the Social Nature of Knowledge”, Royal Irish Academy’s National Committee for Philosophy 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Epistemology in Dublin (May 2000).
- “Justification and the Social Nature of Knowledge”, Symposium paper, Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association in Albuquerque, New Mexico (April 2000).
- “Truth, Justification, and the Epistemic Way”, Alabama Philosophical Society (October 1999).
- “On the Unity of Normativity: Ethical and Epistemic Justification”, Philosophy Faculty Colloquium, Vrije Universiteit (November 1998).
- “Religious Diversity, Ethics, and Epistemic Arbitrariness”, Philosophy of Religion Symposium, Rijksuniversiteit Groningen (September 1998).
- “Alston on Justification and the Epistemic Point of View”, Colloquium Paper, Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association in Los Angeles, California (March 1998).
- “Chisholm’s Critique of Plantinga’s Critique of Epistemic Deontology”, Indiana Philosophical Association at Ball State University (November 1997).
- “Hume’s Iterative Probability Argument: A Pernicious *Reductio*”, 24<sup>th</sup> International Hume Conference in Monterey, California (July 1997).
- “Hume’s Sceptical Internalism”, Colloquium Paper, Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association in Berkeley, California (March 1997).
- “Should We Abandon Epistemic Justification?”, Southwestern Philosophical Society Meeting (November 1996).
- “William Alston’s Attack on Epistemic Justification”, 1996 Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference at Oklahoma State University (September 1996).
- “Is Hume’s Epistemology Internalist or Externalist?”, 23<sup>rd</sup> International Hume Conference in Nottingham, United Kingdom (July 1996).

“Hume’s Scepticism about Reason and Naturalized Epistemology”, Colloquium Paper, Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association in Seattle, Washington (April 1996).

“Hume: Radical Sceptic or Naturalized Epistemologist?”, 22<sup>nd</sup> International Hume Conference in Park City, Utah (July 1995). Also presented at the University of Notre Dame Faculty Colloquium (April 1995).

#### OTHER CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Chair of Session at Phil Quinn Memorial Conference (December 2005)

Chair of Session on Hume and Cognitive Science at 31<sup>st</sup> International Hume Conference at Keio University in Tokyo, Japan (August 2004)

Chair of Epistemology Sections at *Knowledge and Belief: 26<sup>th</sup> International Wittgenstein Symposium*, Kirchberg am Wechsel, Austria (August 2003)

Commentator on Anthony Perovich’s “Alan Donagan on the Relation of Religion to Morality”, 43<sup>rd</sup> Wheaton Philosophy Conference (November 1996).

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE (Teaching evaluations available upon request)

Courses taught at Goshen College, Indiana University of South Bend, St. Mary’s College, University of Notre Dame and University of South Alabama

Introduction to Ethics

Introduction to Philosophy (regular and on-line)

Epistemology

Ethical Implications of Scientific Progress

Philosophy of Religion

Philosophy of Science

Renaissance and Enlightenment

#### Directed Studies at the University of South Alabama

Early Modern Philosophy

Environmental Ethics

Epistemology

Natural Law

Philosophy of Religion

Problem of Evil

Recent Religious Epistemology

Religious Diversity

Scepticism in Film and Literature

#### ACADEMIC FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, GRANTS, AND HONORS

Award for Teaching Excellence for College of Arts and Sciences 2007 (\$3,000)

University of South Alabama Research Council 2003-04 Research Grant for travel to conferences while writing *Hume’s Radical Scepticism* (\$1500)

Arts and Sciences Summer 2003 Research Award (\$3625)

Arts and Sciences Support and Development Grant to attend the 2003 Rutgers Epistemology Conference (\$650)

Junior Faculty Teaching Award for College of Arts and Sciences 2003 (\$1,000)

Junior Faculty Scholarship Award for College of Arts and Sciences 2002 (\$1,000)

Pacific Division of the APA (1997): Graduate Student Award and Travel Grant for “Hume’s Sceptical Internalism” (\$300)

Pacific Division of the APA (1996): Graduate Student Award and Travel Grant for  
“Hume’s Scepticism about Reason and Naturalized Epistemology” (\$300)

## SERVICE

### DEPARTMENT

Chair, Departmental Search Committee (2007-2008)  
Member, Search Committee (2007)  
Chair, Tenure Committee of Dr. Eric Loomis (2006)  
Library Liaison (1999-2006)  
Member, Departmental Search Committee (2005-2006)  
Departmental Secretary (Fall 2000; Spring 2002; Spring 2005)  
Chair, Third Year Review of Dr. Eric Loomis (2004)  
Member, Departmental Search Committee (2000-2001)  
Member, Academic Standards Committee (2000-present)  
Member, Curriculum Committee (2000-present; Chair 2002-2003)  
Member, Evaluation Committee (2000-present)  
Member, Merit Committee (2000-present; Chair 2001-2002)

### COLLEGE

Chair, Sabbatical Committee (AY 2006-2007)  
Member, Tenure Committee (AY 2004-05)  
Member, Summer Research Grants (AY 2004-05)  
Member, Arts and Sciences Support and Development Committee (AY 2000-01; 01-02)  
Member, APPC (October 2002-2003; took over after Dr. Youngblood’s illness)

### UNIVERSITY

Member, University Writing Committee (2006-2007)  
Member, Master’s Committee for Pritham Chenchelgudem “Global Ethics and Public Relations: International Code of Ethics – A Content Analysis”; Defense Date: 11/13/04  
Member, Master’s Committee for Jessica L. Ross “The Role of Public Relations Practitioners in the Creation and Implementation of Corporate Social Responsibility Codes”; Defense Date: 6/16/06  
Member, British and Irish Studies Program (2002-present)  
Member for Arts & Sciences, University Honor Code (2004)

### PROFESSION

President of the Alabama Philosophical Society (October 2002-October 2003)  
Vice President of the Alabama Philosophical Society (October 2001-October 2002)  
Secretary/Treasurer of the Alabama Philosophical Society (October 2000-October 2001)  
Journal Referee for the *American Philosophical Quarterly*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Faith and Philosophy* (2x), *Hume Studies* (5x), *Journal of Ethics*, *Journal of Philosophical Research*, *Philosophical Papers*, *Sophia* and *Synthese*  
Reviewer for the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (2002)  
Program Committee for 32<sup>nd</sup> International Hume Conference in Toronto (2005)  
Referee for 2006 Southwestern Philosophical Society Meeting