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EDUCATION:

Ph.D. in Philosophy, Washington University in St. Louis, December 2004
    Dissertation Title: *Contexts, Intentions, and Content: The role of intentions in human semantic competence*
M.A. in Philosophy, Washington University in St. Louis, December 1999
B.A. in Philosophy, Carleton College, June 1997

ACADEMIC POSITIONS:

2019-present: Head, Dept. of Philosophy & Religion, Mississippi State University
2014-present: Associate Professor, Mississippi State University
2008-2014:   Assistant Professor, Mississippi State University
2007-2008:   Visiting Assistant Professor, Wabash College
2005-2007:   Visiting Assistant Professor, Rice University
2004-2005:   Visiting Assistant Professor, Denison University
2003-2004:   Visiting Lecturer, University of Pennsylvania

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:

Philosophy of Mind and Language
Philosophy of Cognitive Science

AREAS OF COMPETENCE:

History of Philosophy (Early Modern, 20th Century Analytic)
Philosophy of Science (esp. Psychology and Linguistics)
Epistemology
Logic

PUBLICATIONS:

EDITED VOLUME:

The Routledge Handbook of Philosophy and Implicit Cognition. (to appear 2023). New York: Routledge.

PEER-REVIEWED PAPERS:

"Believe it or not: On multiplying classes of belief-like states" (2016), *Studia Philosophica Estonica*, 9 (1), 79-110.

"Causing Trouble: Theories of Reference and Theory of Mind" (2016), *Philosophy of Science*, 83, 119-130.

"Ruling Out Behavior Rules: When theoretical virtues and empirical evidence collide" (2015), *Review of General Psychology*, 19(1), 14-29.

"Signature Limits in Mindreading Systems" (2014), *Cognitive Science*, 38(7), 1432-1455.

"Meaning and Mindreading" (2014), *Mind & Language*, 29(2), 167-200.

"Implicit Mindreading and Embodied Cognition" (2012), *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences*, 11(4), 449-466.

"Speech Acts and Sub-Sentential Speech" (2011), *Critica*, 43(129), 65-91.

"Grades of Meaning" (2008), *Synthese* 161(2), 283-308.

EDITOR-REVIEWED CHAPTERS/PAPERS:

(with Tim Crane), "Implicit Cognition and Unconscious Mentality" In J. Robert Thompson, ed. *The Routledge Handbook of Philosophy and Implicit Cognition.* (to appear 2023). New York: Routledge: 56-68.

"Introduction: In Search of the Implicit" In J. Robert Thompson, ed., *The Routledge Handbook of Philosophy and Implicit Cognition.* (to appear 2023). New York: Routledge: 1-30.

"Defending Quine's Naturalistic Ontology", in C. Wrenn (ed.), (2008), *Naturalism, Reference and Ontology: Essays in Honor of Roger F Gibson*, New York: Peter Lang Publishing Group.

"Still Relevant: H.P. Grice's Legacy in Psycholinguistics and the Philosophy of Language" (2007), *Teorema*, 26 (2), 77-109.

"Reviving Communication and Convention", in J. Saagua (ed.), (2005), *The Explanation of Human Interpretation*, Lisbon: Colibri Press.

EDITOR-REVIEWED COMMENTARIES, ENTRIES:

"Narrative fictions" (2012), *American Journal of Bioethics: Neuroscience*, 3 (4), 84-85.

"On behalf of the Eliminativist" (2010), *American Journal of Bioethics: Neuroscience*, 1 (4), 39-40.

"Philosophy of Mind" in L. Cummings (ed.). (2009), *The Pragmatics Encyclopedia*, New York: Routledge, p. 353-354.

PRESENTATIONS:

REFEREED PRESENTATIONS:

"Failing to Measure Up? Clarifying challenges to implicit Theory of Mind" *Online short talk due to COVID*, Integrating Quantitative and Qualitative Methods in the Cognitive and Language Sciences, Warsaw, Poland, September 2021

"What is a referential intention, that a person may grasp it?" *Poster*, Future of Social Cognition, Bochum, Germany, June 2014

"Believe it or Not: On multiplying classes of belief-like states", Mid-South Philosophy Conference, Memphis, TN, February 2014.

"Behavior Rules and the Logical Problem: Striking Back" *Poster*, Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Providence, RI, June 2013
      **Semifinalist for Poster Prize

"Picking Perner's Puzzle to Pieces", Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Atlanta, GA, April 2010.

"The Role of Intentions in Early Linguistic Development", Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Pasadena, CA, June 2003.

"A New Defense of Intention-based Semantics", Main Program, Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Atlanta, GA, December 2001.

"Reviving Communication and Convention", Mind and Action III Conference, Lisbon, Portugal, May 2001.

"*Absolut* Communication", Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, New Orleans, LA, April 2001.

"The Citizen as Communicator", Mid-South Philosophical Association, Memphis, TN, February 2001.

"Making Sense of Communication and Convention", Central States Philosophical Association Conference, Lincoln, NE, October 2000.

"Do creator's intentions determine artifact categorization?" *Poster*, (with Lloyd Komatsu, Jeremy Gottlieb, Rebekkah Kerner, and Kevin Lee), American Psychological Society Annual Convention, Washington D.C., May 1997.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS:

Author Meets Critics, Shannon Spaulding's *How We Understand Others*, Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Cincinnati, OH, 2019

"Tacit Knowledge Revisited", University of Alabama, March 25, 2016

"The Humanities and Human Nature", Mississippi State University, recognition as MSU Humanities Teacher of the Year, awarded by Mississippi Humanities Council, November 30, 2015

"Learning how to Read a Mind", University of Southern Mississippi, November 13, 2015

"Abuses of Phylogeny", Presidential Address, Mississippi Philosophical Association, February 2013

"Shaping Intentions: A Proper Fit for Early Communication", Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, New Orleans, LA, March 2011

"Believe it or Not? Explaining why children fail the standard false belief task", University of Mississippi, March 2009; Mississippi State University, November 2007; Wabash College, March 2007

"Meaning and Mindreading: The Relationship between Theory of Mind and Semantic Competence", Rice University Colloquium Series, January 2006

"Grades of Meaning", Washington University Colloquium Series, April 2003.

"Communication without Intentions?", Presented to the Philosophy-Neuroscience-Psychology Research Group, Washington University, November 2001.

"Language, Thought, and Logical Form", Presented to the Philosophy-Neuroscience-Psychology Research Group, Washington University, February 2001.

"Removing the Distraction of Language: Intention-based Semantics, Models, and the Salvation of Representationalism", Presented to the Philosophy-Neuroscience-Psychology Research Group, Washington University, October 2000.

INVITED COMMENTS:

Comments on Dewey's "Architectural Functions in Judgment-Making" Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Louisville, KY, 2020 [moved online 12/20]

Comments on Berio's "Language learning and explicit false belief task: an associationist account of the syntactic bootstrapping hypothesis" Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Cincinnati, OH, 2019

Comments on Tinklenberg's "Primate Mindreading Revisited: A Dilemma for the Two Systems View of Social Cognition" Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, San Antonio, TX, 2018

Comments on Aizawa's "Extended Cognition and Extended Knowledge" Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Savannah, GA, 2017

Invited commentator for 2015 Minds Online Conference, Social Cognition Session http://mindsonline.philosophyofbrains.com/Sessions/session1/

"You can point, but don't touch: Comments on O'Madagain's 'Pointing, Demonstratives, and Indexicals: a semantic and developmental hypothesis'" Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, New Orleans, LA, 2015

"Racial terms: Comments on Anderson and Lepore's 'What did you call me? Slurs as prohibited words'" *Symposium on The Semantics and Ethics of Racial Language* University of Mississippi, 2013

"Making a Case for P-Conscious Emotions? Comments on Scarantino's 'The Case for Unconscious Emotions'" Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Savannah, GA, 2009

"The End of the World as We Know it? Comments on Bongrae Seok's 'Folk Psychology and External Attribution'" Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Atlanta, GA, 2007

"Comments on Alastair Norcross' 'Rationality, Moral Status, and Marginal Cases'", Mid-South, Memphis 2004

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

<u>Leadership:</u>
President, Mississippi Philosophical Association (2012-2013)

Vice President, Mississippi Philosophical Association (2011-2012)
       Organized annual meeting of MPA at MSU, October 7-8, 2011
       Budget: (roughly) $4000; 13 speaker sessions
          EXPERIMENTAL PHILOSOPHY AND ITS CRITICS: SURVEYS, NATURALISM, & TRADITION

Secretary, Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology (2014-2022)

<u>Referee (Journals):</u>
American Journal of Bioethics: Neuroscience
British Journal for the Philosophy of Science
Canadian Journal of Philosophy
Cognitive Science*
dialectica
Erkenntnis
The Journal of Medicine and Philosophy
Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences
Philosophical Psychology*
Philosophy of Science
Review of Philosophy and Psychology
Synthese*

<u>Referee (Organizations/Presses):</u>
Routledge*
Norton
Oxford University Press
Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology*
Society for Philosophy and Psychology*
Mississippi Philosophical Association*
    *multiple reviews

UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE SERVICE:

Senator, Robert Holland Faculty Senate (University-level) (2014-2019)
> University Resources Committee
> Ancillary Affairs Committee

Representative, Search Committee for Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences (2016-17)
Charter Member, Gamma Chapter of *Phi Beta Kappa* at MSU (2019)
Resident Member, Gamma Chapter of *Phi Beta Kappa* (2019-present)
Member, *Phi Beta Kappa* Application Subcommittee on Students, Enrollment,
> Admission, and Financial Aid (2013)

Member, Society of Scholars Selection Committee (2008-2018)
Senator, College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Senate (2009-2013)
Member, Mississippi State University Honor Code Council (2009-2011)
Member, Internal Review Committee: Department of Psychology (2010)
Reviewer, Henry Family Research Fund Proposals (2014)
Dissertation Committee member, Winston Jones, Ph.D. in Cognitive Science (2016)

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE:

Acting Head (Spring 2018)
Chair, Department Promotion and Tenure Committee (2014-2017)
Member, Department Curriculum Committee (2013-2019)
Undergraduate Program Coordinator (Philosophy) (2010-2016)
Chair, Search Committee in Moral Psychology (2013-2014)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

OIDI Workshop on Underrepresented Faculty, September 2020
OIDI Workshop on Trauma, August 2020
Academic Administrator Training, Summer 2020
CTL/Gender Studies/OIDI Event: Teaching in the Age of Trump: Addressing fake news
> and emotionally skewed knowledge claims in the classroom, 2018

CTL 101 Best Practices in Online Instruction, 2017
OIDI Event: Supporting Diverse Faculty, 2017

AWARDS:

MSU Humanities Teacher of the Year, awarded by Mississippi Humanities Council, 2015
MSU, College of Arts & Sciences, Researcher of the Month (October 2014)
MSU State Pride Award, 2010
Graduate Student Travel Stipend, Main Program, Eastern Division Meeting of the
> American Philosophical Association, Atlanta, GA, December 2001

Dissertation Fellowship, Washington University, (2001-02)
University Fellowship, Washington University, (1997-98)
Graduated with Distinction on Thesis and in Major, Carleton College (1997)
Inducted into *Phi Beta Kappa* (1997)

COURSES TAUGHT:

Graduate Courses:

Theories of Mind and Intentions	Rice University
Meaning and Mental Representation	Rice University
Mind, Language, and Reality	Rice University

Advanced and Intermediate Undergraduate Courses:

History of Western Philosophy II	MSU
Philosophy of Science	MSU; Wabash College
Nature vs. Nurture: Recent Philosophical and Empirical Theories	MSU; Wabash College
Philosophical Aspects of Cognitive Science	MSU; Rice University
History of Analytic Philosophy	Wabash College
Seminar in History of Philosophy: Pragmatism after Quine	Wabash College
Topics in Metaphysics and Epistemology: Skepticism	Wabash College
Philosophy of Mind	University of Pennsylvania; Denison University; Rice University
Philosophy of Language	Rice University
Epistemology	University of Pennsylvania; Denison University
Business Ethics	University of Missouri—St. Louis

Topical Introductory Courses:

Freshman Seminar: Skepticism about Morality and the External World	University of Pennsylvania
Introduction to Philosophy	MSU; Washington University; Denison University
Problems in Philosophy	Washington University

Historical Introductory Courses:

Great Philosophers	Washington University

Logic and Critical Thinking Courses:

Elementary Symbolic Logic	Wabash College
Introduction to Logic and Critical Thinking	Washington University
Introduction to Critical Thinking	Webster University
Introduction to Logic	MSU