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Education

Ph.D.	Philosophy, Boston University	2005
M.A.	Philosophy, Boston College	1992
B.A.	Philosophy, English and Theology, Boston College	1984

Areas of Specialization

Meta-Ethics, Epistemology, Metaphysics, and Analytic Philosophy
with special attention to Logic, Language, Science and Mind

Areas of Competence

Ethics, Philosophy of Science, American Pragmatism, Social and Political Philosophy

Able to teach a wide variety of courses in the history of philosophy, including
Modern Philosophy and 20th Century Philosophy.

Dissertation

The Tacit and the Ineffable: Frege and Wittgenstein on the Distinction between Language as a Calculus and Language as the Universal Medium, Boston University Library, 2005

Fellowships

- Frueauff Teaching Fellowship, Stonehill College, Easton, Massachusetts, 2004/5
 - Involved teaching two courses per semester while completing dissertation.
- Fellowship at the Institut für die Wissenschaften vom Menschen, Vienna, Austria, 1996
 - A six month residency in Vienna engaging in scholarly work and conferences.
- Teaching Fellowship, Boston University, 1993, 1994
 - Involved teaching course sections, grading, while engaged in Ph.D. coursework.

Teaching

Washington and Lee University, Lexington, VA: Visiting Assistant Professor

- Fall 2011: 'Poverty and Human Capability'; 'Fieldwork in Poverty Studies'; 'Introduction to Logic' (two sections)
- 2010-2011: 'Ethics and the Environment'; 'Poverty and Human Capability'
- 2009-2010: 'Ethics and the Environment' (two courses); 'Introduction to Logic' 'Poverty and Human Capability'; 'Art and Authenticity'
- 2008-2009: 'Ethics and the Environment', 'Wittgenstein' (upper level seminar)

Stonehill College, Easton, MA: Visiting Assistant Professor

- Spring 2006: Full-time; teaching two sections of 'Critical Encounters', 'Introduction to Moral Reasoning', and 'Problems in Moral Philosophy' (upper level seminar)

Stonehill College, Easton, MA: Professor/Frueauff Teaching Fellow

- Fall 2005 & Spring 2005 & Fall 2004: 'Critical Encounters' (five sections total)

Boston University, Boston, MA: Adjunct Professor

- Fall 2005: 'History of Ethics'
- Summer 2003: 'Introduction to Philosophy'

Brandeis University, Waltham, MA: Teaching Assistant

- Fall 2000: 'Medical Ethics' Professor: Troy Catterson
- Spring 1999: 'Medical Ethics' Professor: Gregory Fahy
- Fall 1998: 'History of Philosophy' Professor: Gregory Fahy

Boston University, Boston, MA: Teaching Assistant

- Fall 1994: 'Philosophical Inquiry' Professor: Judson Webb
- Spring 1994: 'Logic and Reasoning' Professor: Richard Devlin
- Fall 1993: 'Politics and Philosophy' Professor: Bernard Elevitch

Administrative Skills

Academic:

- Organizing the 4th Regional Wittgenstein Workshop for Spring 2012.
- Member of the Board of Directors of the Polanyi Society. Elected to a three year term, November, 2009. Elected Treasurer of Polanyi Society, October 2010.
- Organized interdisciplinary conference in Vienna entitled "Identities in Change" at the Institut für die Wissenschaften vom Menschen, held in November, 1996.
 - Edited conference papers with co-contributors in history, sociology and political philosophy into book, *Identities: Theoretical Considerations and Case Studies*, 1998. IWM focuses on political, social and economic changes in Eastern Europe.
- Vice-president of philosophy graduate students at Boston University (1994-1996)
 - Initiated a program in which philosophy is taught in high schools by Boston University doctoral candidates (program successfully instituted at BU Academy, 1995)

Business:

- Owner and manager Carleton Circle Motel, Falmouth, MA (1986 to sale in 2007)
 - Successfully argued case in highest court of appeal regarding illegality of imposing luxury tax on long-term motel residents. (Lowney v. Commissioner of Revenue at <http://caselaw.lp.findlaw.com/scripts/getcase.pl?court=ma&vol=appslip/16619&invol=1>)
- President of Carleton Lounge, Inc., Falmouth, MA (1986-2007)
- Vice-president and chief instructor Safety and Fitness Educators, Inc., (1995- 2005)
 - As a fourth degree black belt in Shaolin Kempo Karate, co-founded S.A.F.E. Inc. and taught self-defense programs at corporations (e.g., Reebok, General Dynamics), Fitness Centers (e.g., Fitcorp, Superfitness) and at our central location in Newton, MA.

Referee Work

- 2000-2001: Refereed for the journal *Synthese* on topics involving Wittgenstein and Early Analytic Philosophy.
- August, 1998: Refereed submissions for *Paideia*, The Twentieth World Congress of Philosophy, held in Boston.

Language Competence

- German

Professional Memberships

- Polanyi Society
- Society for Post-Critical and Personalist Studies
- American Philosophical Association

Publications

- Forthcoming: "Ineffable, Tacit, Explicable, Explicit: Qualifying Knowledge in the Age of 'Intelligent' Machines" *Tradition and Discovery*, Fall 2011.
- "Rethinking the Machine Metaphor since Descartes: The Irreducibility of Bodies, Minds and Meanings" *Bulletin of Science, Technology and Society*, 31:3, Spring 2011, 179-192. [Peer-reviewed]
- "From Morality to Spirituality: Society, Religion and Transformation" *Tradition and Discovery*, 37:1, Fall 2010, 19-38. [Peer-reviewed]
- "Morality: Emergentist Ethics and Virtue *For Itself*", *Tradition and Discovery*, 36:3, Summer 2010, 52-65. [Peer-reviewed]
- "From Science to Morality: A Polanyian Perspective on the Letter and the Spirit of the Law" *Tradition and Discovery*, 36:1, Fall 2009, 42-54. [Peer-reviewed]
- "Authenticity and the Reconciliation of Modernity" *The Pluralist*, University of Southern Illinois Press, vol. 4:1, Spring 2009, 33-50. [Peer-reviewed]
- "The Tacit in Frege" *Polanyiana*, Budapest, 17:1-2, 2008, 19-37.
- "Seeing, Saying and *Being* the Gestalt" *Appraisal*, Journal of the Society for Post-Critical and Personalist Studies, 7:1, 2008, 21-38.
- "What I Learned the Day I Was Not a Philosopher" *Practical Philosophy*, Journal of the Society for Philosophy in Practice, vol. 8:2, 2007, 18-21. [Peer-reviewed]
- "The Silence After Kant" in *Wittgenstein and the Future of Philosophy: A Reassessment after 50 Years*, The Austrian Ludwig Wittgenstein Society, 2001, 33-38.
- "Wittgenstein and Polanyi: Metaphysics Reconsidered" *Tradition and Discovery*, 26:1, 1999-2000, 19-27. [Peer-reviewed]
- "Metaphysics Reconsidered" in *Metaphysics in the Post-Metaphysical Age*, Uwe Meixner and Peter Simons, editors, The Austrian Ludwig Wittgenstein Society, 1999, 385-391.
- "The Decline of the West: An Introduction to Epistemology" in *Identities: Theoretical Considerations and Case Studies*, 1998, 1-60.
- Identities: Theoretical Considerations and Case Studies*, Charles W. Lowney, editor, Institut für die Wissenschaften vom Menschen, Vienna, 1998.
- "Dewey's Criticisms of Traditional Philosophy" published on-line at <http://www.bu.edu/wcp/Papers/Amer/AmerLown.htm>; recommended by the *Philosophy Pages* entry on John Dewey, <http://www.philosophypages.com/ph/dewe.htm>.
- "Wittgenstein and Dewey: On the Usefulness of Philosophy" in *The Role of Pragmatics in Contemporary Philosophy*, Paul Weingartner, Gerhard Schirz and Georg Dorn, editors, The Austrian Ludwig Wittgenstein Society, 1997, 580-585.

Public Lectures and Presentations

- "Sense and Silence in the Semantics of Early Wittgenstein" *Third Regional Wittgenstein Workshop*, Virginia Polytechnic University and State School, September, 2010
- "Population, Climate Change, and Global Hunger: What Then Should We Do?" panel on *Global Hunger*, Washington and Lee University, November, 2009
- "Of One Mind? Merleau-Ponty and Polanyi on the Reduction of Mind to Body" Polanyi Society Meeting, Montreal, November, 2009
- "From Science to Spirituality: A Polanyian Perspective on the Moral Law and Virtue for Itself" Polanyi Society Meeting, APA Eastern Division, Philadelphia, December, 2008
- "Is There 'Something' to See that Can't be Said?" *Second Regional Wittgenstein Workshop*, Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, September, 2008.

- “Frege and the Tacit: A Defense of Michael Polanyi’s Thought from within Analytic Philosophy, Part II”, a keynote speech at *Polanyi Reconsidered*, Budapest, June, 2008 [An invited presentation]
- “Frege and the Tacit: A Defense of Michael Polanyi’s Thought from within Analytic Philosophy, Part I”, *Personal Knowledge at Fifty*, Chicago, June, 2008
- “On the Very Idea of Relativism”, Meeting of the Georgia Philosophical Society, Atlanta, March 8, 2008 [One of four talks given, selected by blind-review]
- “The Authentic Self as a Beautiful Work of Art”, 9th *International Conference on Persons*, Ashville, August, 2007
- “Self-Transcendence in Knowledge and Action: Taking the Sin out of Synderesis” Commentary on John Hofbauer’s “Living the Truth: Is Aquinas’ Ethical Theory a ‘Personal’ One?”, 9th *International Conference on Persons*, Ashville, August, 2007
- “Nothing Beyond the Ordinary”, an invited presentation for “Mysticism: The Experience of Transcendence”, a Religious Studies class at Stonehill College, February, 2007
- “On the Limits of Scientific Exploration: From ‘Logic as Language and Logic as a Calculus’ to ‘Language as the Universal Medium versus Language as Calculus’”, *The Classical Model of Science*, Amsterdam, January, 2007
- “Michael Polanyi’s Epistemology”, *Teleology Workshop*, Boston University, May, 2005
- “What I Learned the Day I Was Not a Philosopher”, *Philosophy as a Way of Life*, University of Liverpool Graduate Student Philosophy Conference, Liverpool, England, Nov., 2004
- “For the Love of Semantics”, *Experience and Analysis*, 27th International Wittgenstein Symposium, Kirchberg am Wechsel, Austria, August, 2004
- “The Silence After Kant”, 24th International Wittgenstein Symposium, Kirchberg am Wechsel, Austria, August, 2001
- “Seeing, Saying and *Being* the Gestalt”, Polanyi Society Annual Meeting, Nashville, Tennessee, November, 2000 [An invited presentation]
- “Is Relativism Ineffable?”, Prague International Colloquium, *Pragmatism and Semantics*, Prague, Czech Republic, June, 2000
- “Metaphysics Reconsidered”, 22nd International Wittgenstein Symposium, *Metaphysics in the Post-Metaphysical Age*, Kirchberg am Wechsel, Austria, August, 1999
- “Polanyi and Wittgenstein”, 39th Boston Colloquium for Philosophy of Science, *Michael Polanyi Reconsidered*, Boston, May, 1999 [An invited presentation]
- “A Social Call for Metaphysical Philosophy”, Mid-South Philosophy Conference, Memphis, March, 1999
- “Dewey’s Criticisms of Traditional Philosophy”, *Paideia*, The Twentieth World Congress of Philosophy, Boston, August, 1998 [<http://www.bu.edu/wcp/Papers/Amer/AmerLown.htm>]
- “Plato’s *Philebus*: A Satire of Precision”, University of North Florida Philosophy Conference, Jacksonville, March, 1998
- “Wittgenstein and Dewey on the Usefulness of Philosophy”, 20th International Wittgenstein Symposium, *The Role of Pragmatics in Contemporary Philosophy*, Kirchberg am Wechsel, Austria, August, 1997
- “A Use for General Words: The ‘Essence’ of an Identity”, Junior Fellows Conference, *Identities in Change*, Institut für die Wissenschaften vom Menschen, Vienna, Nov., 1996