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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:

Epistemology, Philosophy of Religion

AREAS OF COMPETENCE:

Asian Philosophy, Buddhism, Feminism

EDUCATION:

Diploma in Buddhist Studies, University of Sunderland (UK)	August 2006
PhD Philosophy, Syracuse University dissertation: Natural Theology, Religious Experience and the Reference of 'God'; William Alston, committee director	December 1991
MA Philosophy, Texas Tech University	December 1986
MA Classical Humanities, Texas Tech University thesis: Cicero's <i>Paradoxa Stoicorum</i> : a new translation with philosophical commentary	May 1985
BA Philosophy/Latin, Texas Tech University (cum laude)	August 1982

PUBLICATIONS:

1. *A Comparative Doxastic-Practice Epistemology of Religious Experience*, under contract with Springer press.
2. "Religious Experience," forthcoming in the *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*.
3. "Perfect Being Theology," *A Companion to Philosophy of Religion*, 2nd ed., Blackwell Publishing, Paul Draper and Charles Taliaferro, eds., 227-234.
4. "An Eliminativist Theory of Religion," *Sophia* 48 (2009), 35-42.
5. "Meeting Others in the Space of Reasons," in *The Self-Correcting Enterprise: Essays on Wilfrid Sellars*, Amsterdam: Rodopi, 2006. (Revision and expansion of "Giving Up on Certainty," published earlier)
6. "In Defense of Anselm: a Reply to Truncellito," *Philo* 8 (2005), 54-57.
7. "An Empirical Challenge to Dissatisfaction Theodicy," *Southwest Philosophy Review*, 21 (2005), 197-203; reprinted in *Sophia* 44 (2005), 23-29.
8. "Can Epistemology Help? The Problem of the Kentucky-fried Rat," *Social Epistemology*, 18 (2004), 51-58.
9. "Jain Philosophy," *Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*.
<http://www.utm.edu/research/iep/j/jain.htm>
10. (edited, with Heidi Grasswick) *Feminist Epistemology as Social Epistemology*, a special issue of *Social Epistemology* 16 (2002); "Feminist Epistemology as Social Epistemology," introductory essay to above, 185-196.

11. "Feminist Epistemology as Whipping-Girl," in *Theorizing Backlash: Philosophical Reflections on the Backlash Against Feminism*, edited by Ann Cudd and Anita Superson, New York: Rowman and Littlefield, 2002, 49-65.
12. "Giving Up on Certainty," *Colloquia Manilana* 7 (1999), 86-97. Portions of this article appeared in 17, below.
13. (with Suzanne Clarke) "Anatomy of an Anomaly," *Disputatio* 6 (1999), 3-18.
14. "Social Epistemology and Political Critique," *Southwest Philosophical Studies* 20 (1998), 92-98.
15. "Trust, Tolerance, and the Concept of a Person," *Public Affairs Quarterly* 11 (1997), 415-429.
16. "A Suggestion for Doxastic Practice Epistemology," *Southwest Philosophical Studies* 18 (1996), 150-160.
17. "Fallibilism is not a Thesis," *Southwest Philosophy Review* 12 (1995), 45-52.
18. "Feminist Epistemology and the Extent of the Social," *Hypatia* 10 (1995), 85-98.
19. "Does the Sanctity of Christian Mystics Corroborate Their Claims?" *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion*, 37 (1995), 63-71.
20. "Nota Sobre Buridan's *Sophismata* 8.4," *Patristica et Mediaevalia* 15 (1994), 39-44.
21. "The Legitimacy of Laws: A Puzzle for Hart," *Vera Lex* 14 (1994), 57-59.
22. "Why I Know About as Much as You: A Reply to Hardwig," *Journal of Philosophy* 90 (1993), 260-270. Portions of this article appeared in 23, below.
23. "The Epistemology of Trust and the Politics of Suspicion," *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 73 (1992), 390-400.
24. "Natural Theology and the Concept of Perfection in Descartes, Spinoza, and Leibniz," *Religious Studies* 25 (1989), 459-475.
25. (with Sarah McLaughlin) *A Word Index to the Poetry of C. S. Lewis*, West Cornwall, CT: Locust Hill Press, 1988.
26. "Religious Experience as Doubt Resolution," *The International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 18 (1985), 81-86.
27. "The Rape of Time," *Southwest Philosophical Studies* 7 (1983), 147-154.

BOOK REVIEWS:

- Review of K. Brad Wray, *Knowledge and Inquiry*, in *Philosophy in Review* 23 (2003), 317-318.
- Review of Jonathan Adler, *Belief's Own Ethics*, in *Metapsychology* 6, November 22, 2002.
<http://mentalhelp.net/books/books.php?type=de&id=1424>
- Review of Paul J. Griffiths, *Problems of Religious Diversity*, in *Philosophy in Review*, 22 (2002), 116-118.
- Review of Oliver Leaman, *Key Concepts in Asian Philosophy*, in *Essays in Philosophy*, vol. 3, no. 1 (2002).
- Review of Trudy Govier, *Dilemmas of Trust*, *Philosophy in Review*, 20 (2000), 110-111.
- Review of Trudy Govier, *Social Trust and Human Communities* and Martin Hollis, *Trust Within Reason*, in *Philosophy in Review* 19 (1999), 258-260.

- Review of Richard Mason, *The God of Spinoza*, in *Canadian Philosophical Reviews* (1998), 279.
- Review of George Wall, *Religious Experience and Religious Knowledge*, in *Southwest Philosophical Studies* 20 (1998).
- Review of Barbara Laslett, Sally Kohlstedt, Helen Longino, and Evelyn M. Hammonds, eds., *Gender and Scientific Authority*, in *Research in Philosophy and Technology*, vol. 18 (1999), pp. 353-355.
- Review of E. Clinton Gardner, *Justice and Christian Ethics*, in *Journal of Church and State*, 39 (1997), 799-800.
- Review of Alan P. F. Sell, *Philosophical Idealism and Christian Belief*, in *Canadian Philosophical Reviews* 16 (1996), 210-211.
- Review of E. M. Adams, *Religion and Cultural Freedom*, in *Canadian Philosophical Reviews*, 14 (1994), 227-228.

PRESENTATIONS:

- “Identifying Persons and the Epistemology of Moral Categorization,” to be presented at the Center for the Study of Mind and Nature, Oslo, Norway, June 9, 2011.
- “Diversity, Hizmet, and Hoşgörü: the Philosophical Foundations of the Gülen Movement,” presented at *Global Perspectives on the Religious, Cultural, and Societal Diversity in the Balkans*, Tirana, Albania, March 25, 2011.
- “The Genius and Vulnerability of the Gülen Movement,” presented at *Peace Through Faith-Based Grassroots Organization? Exploring the Gülen Movement*, University of Texas—Pan American, March 27, 2010.
- “Incremental Hope: the Gülen Movement in Diyarbakır, Elazığ, and Malatya as a Model for Social Reform,” presented at *Fifth International Conference on Islam in the Contemporary World: The Fethullah Gülen Movement in Thought and Practice* at LSU, Baton Rouge, LA, March 5-6, 2009.
- “Religion, Propaganda, and Human Nature,” was accepted for presentation at the Second International Conference on Religion and the Media, Tehran, Iran, November 9-12, 2008. The conference was cancelled.
- “The Epistemology of Vipassana,” to be presented at the Southwest Commission on Religious Studies meeting in Dallas, March 15-16, 2008.
- “Human Decency: the Philosophical Foundation of Religious Tolerance” presented at conference “The Role of Education and Media: From Intercultural Dialogue to Living Together,” Kiev, Ukraine, April 27-29, 2007.
- “The Buddha and Women in the Pali Canon,” presented at the Southwest Commission on Religious Studies meeting in Dallas, March 3-4, 2007.
- “Fethullah Gülen’s Use of Philosophical and Scriptural Resources for Tolerance” at the *International Conference on Islam in the Contemporary World: The Fethullah Gülen Movement in Thought and Practice*, University of Oklahoma, November 4-5, 2006
- “Personalism as ‘Right View’” presented at Southwest Commission on Religious Studies meeting in Dallas, February 3-4, 2006; submitted to *Contemporary Buddhism*.

- Comments on Jeff Jordan's "Why the Evidential Argument from Evil Fails," American Philosophical Association Central Division, Chicago, April 2005.
- "Revenge of the Kentucky-Fried Rat," presented at University of Central Oklahoma philosophy symposium, December 2004.
- "An Empirical Challenge to Dissatisfaction Theodicy," Southwest Philosophical Society, New Orleans, November 2004. See publication 5.
- Comments on Robert Newman's "Harman's Unknown Evidence," North Texas Philosophical Association, April 2004.
- Comments on Aaron Meskin's "Aesthetic Testimony," North Texas Philosophical Association, Dallas, TX, April 2002.
- "An Empirical Challenge to Dissatisfaction Theodicy," Society for Christian Philosophers, Boulder, CO, October 2001.
- "Giving up on Certainty," Presidential Address, North Texas Philosophical Association, April 1999. See publication number 10.
- Comments on Ram Nehta's "How to be an Infallibilist," North Texas Philosophical Society, April 1999.
- "The Problem of the Kentucky-Fried Rat," presented at University of Central Oklahoma philosophy symposium, September 2000; accepted for presentation at the Value Inquiry Conference at the University of Montevallo, April 1998; presented at the North Texas Philosophical Association, April 1998. See publication number 6.
- Comments on Kevin Meeker's "Alston on Justification and the Epistemic Point of View," American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, March 1998.
- "A Peace Plan for the Science Wars," *Webs of Discourse: the Intertextuality of Science Studies*, Texas Tech University, February, 1998
- "Two Concepts of Science," North Texas Philosophical Association, April 1997.
- Comments on Joe Barnhart's "Hume on Miracles: His Intellectual Roots," North Texas Philosophical Association, April 1997.
- "Social Epistemology and Political Critique," New Mexico and West Texas Philosophical Society, April 1997. See publication number 12.
- Comments on Ron Wilburn's "Posits and Positing," Southwestern Philosophical Society, November 1996.
- "Trust, Toleration, and the Concept of a Person," Southern Methodist University, April, 1996; Texas Tech University, October 1996. See publication number 13.
- Comments on Alastair Norcross's "Comparing Harms: Headaches and Human Lives," North Texas Philosophical Association, April 1996.
- "Fallibilism is not a Thesis," Southwestern Philosophical Society, November 1995. See publication number 15.
- "A Suggestion for Doxastic Practice Epistemology," New Mexico and West Texas Philosophical Society, April 1995. See publication number 14.
- "Hasty Socialization," Southwest Philosophical Society, November 1994.
- "A Suggestion for Doxastic Practice Epistemology," Intermountain Philosophical Society, November 1993.
- "How to Tolerate: A Plea for Fallibilism," presented at conference *Intolerance and Toleration* at Mary Washington College, November 1993.

- “Does the Sanctity of Christian Mystics Corroborate Their Claims?” North Carolina Philosophical Society, February 1993. See publication number 16.
- “The Epistemology of Trust and the Politics of Suspicion,” Le Moyne College, April, 1992. See publication number 21.
- Comments on Steve Maitzen’s “The Real Epistemic Aim,” New York State Philosophical Association, April, 1992.
- “Perceptually Recognizing God,” Conference at Wheaton College, October 1989.
- “Religious Experience as Doubt Resolution,” Eastern Division of the Society of Christian Philosophers, March 30, 1985. See publication number 24.
- “The Rape of Time,” New Mexico and West Texas Philosophical Association, April 1982. See publication number 25.

WORK EXPERIENCE:

Chairman of the Philosophy Department	July 2009-present
Associate Chairman of the Philosophy Department	August 2006-July 2009
Associate Professor of Philosophy, Graduate Faculty, Texas Tech University	2005-present
Director of Graduate Studies, Philosophy	2005-2006
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Graduate Faculty, Texas Tech University	1998-2005
Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Graduate Faculty, Texas Tech University	1994-1998
Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of Nebraska	Spring 1994
Lecturer in Philosophy, Appalachian State University	1992-93
Adjunct Instructor in Philosophy, Le Moyne College	1991-92
Teaching Assistant in Philosophy, Syracuse University	1990-91, 88-89
Instructor in Philosophy, Syracuse University	1989-1990
Instructor in Philosophy, Texas Tech University	Summer 1988, 87, 86
Teaching Assistant in Philosophy, Texas Tech University	1984-85, 85-86
Instructor in Philosophy, Texas Tech University	Summer 1984

COURSES TAUGHT:

Asian Philosophy	Introductory Ethics
Beginning Logic	Philosophical Foundations of Western Thought
Beginning Philosophy	Philosophy of Language
Buddhist Life and Thought	Philosophy of Law
Ethics and the Health Professions	Philosophy of Religion
Ethics and Social Issues	Plato’s <i>Republic</i>
Epistemology	Reasoning
Feminism and Philosophy	Religions of the World
Introduction to Humanities	Theories of Knowledge and Reality
	World Religions and Philosophy

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Editorial Board, *Social Epistemology*, 2002-present.
- Consulting Editor, *Episteme*, 2002-present.

Member of Executive Council, Society for Analytical Feminism, 1999-2001.
 Vice-President of North Texas Philosophical Association, 2004-2005.
 Chair of session on Wittgenstein and Feminism, American Philosophical Association, Central Division, Chicago, IL, April 2002.
 Chair of “Women and Philosophy” at Conference on Women in the Eighteenth Century, Texas Tech University, January 2000.
 Chair of panel discussion, All University Conference for the Advancement of Women in Higher Education, April, 1999.
 Chair of Epistemology session, Central Division of the American Philosophical Association, April 1999.
 President of North Texas Philosophical Association 1998-1999.
 Chair of Philosophy of Religion session, Intermountain Philosophical Society, November 1993.
 Gave seminar on Medical Ethics at Sloop Memorial Hospital, Crossnore, NC, November, 1992.
 Developed correspondence course in Beginning Philosophy for use by Texas Tech University’s division of Continuing Education
 Reviewed manuscripts and proposals for Oxford University Press, Wadsworth Press, West Publishing Company, University Press of America, Rowman and Littlefield Publishing, Prentice-Hall, Longmans, McGraw-Hill.
 Refereed articles for *Erkenntnis*, *Philosophical Papers*, *Episteme*

Member, Institute for Inclusive Excellence, 2010-present
 Faculty advisor for Intercultural Dialogue Association, 2003-present
 Faculty advisor for Texas Tech Kuk Sool Won club, 2003-present
 Faculty advisor for Double T Fencing Club, 2001-present
 Faculty advisor for Texas Tech Chapter of Phi Sigma Tau, 1994-1997, 1999-2001
 Faculty advisor for Texas Tech Philosophy Club, Spring 2001
 Faculty advisor for Texas Tech Wisdom Studies Club, 1997-1998
 Member, Women’s Studies Council, Texas Tech University, 1995-present

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

American Academy of Religion
 American Philosophical Association

GRANTS AND AWARDS:

2010 President’s Excellence in Equity and Diversity Award
 2005 Participant, NEH Institute on Southeast Asia, Manoa, Hawai’i
 2004 Mortar Board “Outstanding Faculty” Award
 2003 Fulbright-Hays Group Study Abroad grant to travel to Indochina
 1999 Participant, NEH Seminar on Social Epistemology, Tucson, Arizona
 1993 Participant, NEH Naturalism Institute, Lincoln, Nebraska
 1987-88 Syracuse University Fellowship
 1986-87 Syracuse University Fellowship
 1981-82 Texas Tech University Undergraduate Research Award
 1980-81 Texas Tech University Undergraduate Research Award

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Personalism as ‘Right View’” under review by *Contemporary Buddhism*

According to the Personalists, while there is nothing that can rightly be called a ‘self’ (*atta/atman*), there is, in some sense, a real thing rightly called ‘person’ (*puggala/pudgala*) which gets its being somehow in relation to the *khandhas*. It is this that carries karma and is reborn. I argue that there is a reasonable way to understand truth and reality such that it is consistent to say both that a person is nothing above and beyond the *khandhas*, which are subject to conditioned co-arising, and that there really exists such a thing as a person, who is the agent in human action and the transmigrating bearer of karma. Personalism is therefore a valid Buddhist view.