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Curriculum Vitae

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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Ethics and Leadership in Public Policy; Social and Political Philosophy; and American Philosophy.

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Epistemology, Logic, Philosophy of Education, and Human Rights.

EMPLOYMENT

The University of Mississippi (Ole Miss), Oxford, MS, 2007 – present
Assistant Professor (tenure-track), Department of Public Policy Leadership.

The Clarion Ledger, Major Mississippi newspaper out of Jackson, MS, 2010 – present
Freelance writer / regular columnist on contract, Editorial Desk.

Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL, 2004 – 2007
Teaching Assistant, Webmaster, and I.T. support, Dept. of Phil. and Center for Dewey Studies.

Ohio University, Athens, OH, 2002 – 2004
Teaching Assistant, Department of Philosophy, Ohio University.

EDUCATION

Southern Illinois University, Ph.D., Philosophy, 2007.

Ohio University, M.A., Philosophy, 2004.

Vanderbilt University, B.S., double-major: Philosophy and Communication Studies, 2001.

AWARDS & HONORS

Honored with the Thomas F. Frist Student Service Award for “going the extra mile in unwavering dedication to students,” The University of Mississippi, May 2012.

Honored with the Cora Lee Graham Award for the Outstanding Teaching of Freshmen for “excellence of class instruction, intellectual stimulation of students, and concern for students’ welfare,” College of Liberal Arts, The University of Mississippi, May 2011.

Honored with Distinguished Membership in the National Society for Collegiate Scholars for “outstanding contributions to the classroom, the campus, and the community,” September 2009.

Visiting Research Fellow, Center for Inquiry Transnational, Amherst, NY, July 14 – 17, 2008.

Invited to the Greek Life luncheon in recognition for “Outstanding service to Ole Miss,” spring 2008.

Andrew P. Smith Writing Award, SIU, 2005.

S. Morris Eames Philosophy Graduate Student Award, SIU, 2004 – 2005.

GRANTS

Preparing to apply for a Kellogg Foundation grant to support “The MS Expectations Project,” 2012.

Developing a grant proposal for the Delta Regional Authority for Charleston, MS, spring 2012.

Applying for a Templeton Foundation grant to support SOPHIA’s “Civility Project,” 2012.

Applied for a grant from the MS Department of Agriculture and Commerce for a joint project titled “Enhancing the Competitiveness of Specialty Crops in Lafayette County, MS: Targeting University Students and the Community,” submitted 3/30/12.

UM College of Liberal Arts Summer Research Grant for *A Culture of Justice*, summer 2012.

Grant from the College of Liberal Arts to support SOPHIA for 2012, \$3,500, January 2012.

Faculty Travel Grant, ORSP, U. M., \$861.80 for travel to the S. Poli. Sci. Ass. for an “Author Meets Critics” panel on my *Rawls, Dewey, and Constructivism*, in New Orleans, LA, January, 2012.

Research Grant, Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, U. of MS, \$1,000 plus \$2,500 matching funds, July 2011.

Departmental Summer Research Grant, Public Policy Leadership, U. of Mississippi, summer 2011.

Faculty Travel Support Grant, O. of Research and Sponsored Programs, U. M., \$500 for travel to the Soc. for the Adv. of Am. Philosophy's Summer Institute, in Eugene, OR, July, 2011.

American Philosophical Association grant to support “Democracy and Civic Participation: Two Symposia on Philosophy and Public Engagement,” awarded \$4,000 for events in 2011.

Mississippi Humanities Council grant to support a SOPHIA symposium titled “Disability, Civic Responsibility, and Community Friendship,” awarded \$5,000 in fall of 2010 for the event in 2011.

Faculty Travel Support Grant, O. of Research and Sponsored Programs, U. M., \$1,500 for travel to the Soc. for the Adv. of Am. Philosophy's Summer Institute, in Eugene, OR, July 26-31, 2010.

Departmental Summer Research Grant, Public Policy Leadership, U. of Mississippi, summer 2010.

American Philosophical Association Grant for 3 projects for the Society of Philosophers in America (SOPHIA), \$2,400 with \$3,700 match, 2009.

Mississippi Humanities Council Grant for SOPHIA symposium on “Ethics at the End of Life,” with Jo Ann O’Quin, \$1,994 with \$2,700 match, January 2009.

Departmental Summer Research Grant, Public Policy Leadership, U. of Mississippi, summer 2009.

Mississippi Humanities Council Grant for the Mississippi Philosophical Association’s Medical Ethics Conference, \$2,920 with \$5,900 match, November, 2008.

Departmental Summer Research Grant, Public Policy Leadership, U. of Mississippi, summer 2008.

College of Lib. Arts/Provost Summer Research Grant, The U. of Mississippi, \$8,400 for summer 2008.

Faculty Travel Support Award, Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, U. of Mississippi, \$1,500 for travel to “Transforming Regional Economies,” in Baltimore, MD, October 2007.

N.E.H. Young Scholars Summer Research Grant Award, summer 1996.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Democracy and Leadership: On Pragmatism and Social Intelligence, under contract with Lexington Books, a division of Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, for publication in late 2012 or early 2013.

Morality, Leadership, and Public Policy: On Experimentalism in Ethics, Continuum International Publishing Group, London, April (U.K.) / July (U.S.) 2011 in hardback, Winter 2012 in paperback, ix + 188 pages.

- Reviewed by Royce Jones in *The Journal of Speculative Philosophy*, forthcoming 2012.

Rawls, Dewey, and Constructivism: On the Epistemology of Justice, Continuum International Publishing Group, London, September 2010 in hardback, February 2012 in paperback, vi + 168 pages.

- Reviewed by Tom Rockmore in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, July 2011, <http://ndpr.nd.edu/review.cfm?id=24270>
- Reviewed on *H-Net Reviews* in the Humanities and Social Sciences, October 2011, <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showpdf.php?id=33740>
- Reviewed by Richard Cotter in *Political Studies Review*, Volume 10, January 2012, p. 103, available also here: <http://nuim.academia.edu/RichardCotter/Papers/472598/>.
- Subject of a proposed “Author meets critics” panel at the 2012 Southern Political Science Association.
- The Independent Publishers Guild honored Continuum with the 2011 Independent Publisher of the Year Award and the 2011 Ingram Academic and Professional Publisher of the Year Award. URL: <http://www.ipg.uk.com/>

Books in Preparation

A Culture of Justice: On Fairness and Pragmatism, proposal completed, draft in progress.

Culture Bound: Overcoming Self-Fulfilling Prophecies of Failure in Education, in discussions with a literary agent for representation for the book. Proposal draft completed, revising.

The Meaning of Moderation: On the Virtue of Centrism in Politics, proposal in progress.

Ten Philosophical Lessons for the Good Life (long-term project).

Journal Articles

“What Experimentalism Means in Ethics,” *The Journal of Speculative Philosophy*, Volume 25, Issue 1, 2011, p. 98 – 115.

“The Third Enlightenment as American: A Reply to Kondylis,” *Skepsis*, Volume 21, Issue 2, 2011, p. 97 – 107.

“On Applying Ethics: Who’s Afraid of Plato’s Cave?” *Contemporary Pragmatism*, Volume 7, Issue 2, December of 2010, p. 91 – 103.

“A Historical Mandate for Expanding Broadband Internet Infrastructure,” *Review of Policy Research*, Volume 27, Issue 5, September 2010, 681 – 689.

“James, Dewey, and Democracy,” *William James Studies*, Volume 4, Issue 1, summer 2009, p. 90 – 110, Full paper is available at URL: <http://williamjamesstudies.org/4.1/weber.pdf>.

- “Social Contract Theory, Old and New,” *Review Journal of Political Philosophy*, Volume 7, Issue 2, 2009, p. 1 – 23.
- “The Responsibilities and Dangers of Pragmatism,” *Philosophy in the Contemporary World*, Volume 16, Issue 1, April 2009, p. 122 – 129, published with response, “What Can Philosophers Contribute?” on p. 130 – 134 by John Lachs.
- “Religion, Public Reason, and Humanism: Paul Kurtz on Fallibilism and Ethics,” *Contemporary Pragmatism*, Volume 5, Number 2, December 2008, p. 131 – 147.
- “Learning from Others: What South Korean Technology Policy Can Teach Mississippi,” *Review of Policy Research*, Volume 25, Issue 6, December, 2008, p. 608 – 613.
- “Dewey and Rawls on Education,” *Human Studies*, Volume 31, Issue 4, December, 2008, p. 361 – 382.
- “Lessons for Leadership from Keping and Dewey,” *Skepsis*, Volume 19, Issues 1 & 2, 2008, p. 100 – 111.
- “Proper Names and Persons: Peirce’s Semiotic Consideration of Proper Names,” *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society*, Volume 44, Issue 2, Spring 2008, p. 346 – 362.

Book Chapters

- “On Pragmatism and International Relations: Empiricism, Stoic Optimism, and Collaborative Culture,” in *Philosophical Pragmatism and International Relations: Essays for a Bold New World*, edited by Shane Ralston, Lanham, MD: Lexington Books (a division of Rowman and Littlefield Publishers), forthcoming 2012.
- With David Rutherford, “Ethics and Environmental Policy,” Chapter 9 in *Handbook of Climate Change Mitigation*, ed. by Chen, Seiner, Suzuki, and Lackner, Heidelberg, 39 pages (~ 20,000 words), Netherlands: Springer, 2011.
- “Deweyan Experimentalism and Leadership,” Chapter 19 in *Dewey’s Enduring Influence: Essays on America’s Philosopher*, ed. by John Shook and Paul Kurtz, 293 – 301, Amherst, NY: Prometheus Books, 2011.
- “Civil Religion,” with Richard Couto, Chapter 57 in *Political and Civic Leadership*, edited by Richard Couto, Washington, D.C.: Sage Press, 2010, p. 505 – 512.
- “Democratic Political Leadership,” Chapter 13 in *Political and Civic Leadership*, edited by Richard Couto, Washington, D.C.: Sage Press, 2010, p. 105 – 110.
- “Clearing the Path to Human Rights.” *Humanity at the Turning Point*, Sonja Servomaa, ed., Renvall Publications Series no 23, Helsinki, Finland: Renvall Institute, University of Helsinki, 2006.

Popular Media Publications – Op-Eds and Published Extended Interviews

- “Greening Industry and Green Industries,” *ProBizMS.com*, April 8, 2012, <http://goo.gl/sis9j>.
- “TFA & MTC Draw Top Students, Funding, But Are Not Panaceas,” *The Clarion Ledger* (Jackson, MS), April 8, 2012, 1C-2C, <http://goo.gl/bOC3A>.
- “Modern universities are devaluing acquisition of knowledge: Weber,” *The Tehran Times* (major English speaking newspaper in Iran), 2/22/12, p. TBA, <http://goo.gl/OOLVj>.

- “Mississippians Are Ready for Comprehensive Sex Education,” *Science Progress*, Tuesday, February 14th, 2012, <http://scienceprogress.org/2012/02/mississippians-are-ready-for-comprehensive-sex-education/>. This piece was republished on ProBizMS.com on April 20th, 2012.
- “Religious reasons against Initiative 26,” *The Oxford Eagle*, October 24, 2011, 4A, <http://erichthomasweber.org/ETW-ReligiousReasonsAgainstInitiative26-sml2.pdf>.
- “Forward Rebels, or a big step back?” *The Commercial Appeal* (Memphis, TN), Guest Columnist, October 22, 2011, A11, <http://erichthomasweber.org/ETW-ForwardRebelsOrABigStepBack.pdf>.
- “Some great Persian philosophers were closely connected to Western phil.,” *Tehran Times*, 11/10/11, p. 7.
- “Rand’s Appeal Curious,” *The Clarion Ledger* (Jackson, MS), Contributing Columnist, July 24, 2011, 1-2 C, <http://erichthomasweber.org/ETW-RandsCuriousAppeal.pdf>.
- “Mysteries arise in all areas of inquiry: professor,” *Tehran Times*, 7/3/11, p. 5.
- “Philosophy inspires life of careful thinking,” *Tehran Times*, 4/21/11, p. 15.
- “Freedom and choice are central to people’s happiness,” *Tehran Times*, 2/22/11, p. 15.
- “Liberty, Health Care Reform Fit,” *The Clarion Ledger* (Jackson, MS), Contributing Columnist, January 30, 2011, 13B, <http://www.erichthomasweber.org/ETW-LibertyHealthCareReformFit.pdf>.
- “Weber says Philosophy Creates Stable, Adaptable Societies,” *Tehran Times*, 12/6/10, p. 15.
- “Difference is important tool ‘for arriving at truth’: professor,” *Tehran Times*, 11/2/10, p. 15.
- “Health Law Repeal Would Toss Out Baby with Bathwater,” *The Clarion Ledger*, Guest Column, October 23, 2010, 9A, <http://www.erichthomasweber.org/ETW-Healthcare.pdf>.
- “Choosing Civility: The Lemonade Lesson,” *The Clarion Ledger*, September 19, 2010, pages 8-9B, with editors’ contribution in support on 10B. Online here: <http://tinyurl.com/2fvpm9>
- “Fundamental tool in education is communication: professor,” *Tehran Times*, 9/21/10, p. 12.
- “Rawls revived idea of social contract theory: professor,” *Tehran Times*, 8/25/10, p. 15.
- “Disability’s Financial Crisis,” *The Oxford Eagle*, July 6, 2010, p. 4A, Online here: <http://www.erichthomasweber.org/ETW-DisabilitysFinancialCrisis.pdf>
- “Cultural Divides: Barriers Remain to Educational Attainment,” *The Clarion Ledger*, Guest Column, June 6, 2010, C1-2, <http://www.erichthomasweber.org/ETW-BarriersRemainToEducationalAttainment-Scan-060610.pdf>.
- “Charters as Step and Experiment,” Guest Columnist for the *Clarion Ledger* (Jackson, MS), 3/6/2010, scan of the article: <http://www.erichthomasweber.org/ETW-Charters-CL.pdf>.
- “Head’s Constitutional Challenge to Healthcare Reform: Bunk,” *The Daily Mississippian*, 11/17/09, <http://tinyurl.com/yev6lkf>.
- “The DM Should Not Promote Cheating,” *The Daily Mississippian*, 10/30/09, <http://tinyurl.com/yce4enx>.
- “Social Spending Better than War,” *The Daily Mississippian*, 2/13/09. <http://smc.olemiss.edu/?p=786>.
- “Meeting Set to Tackle Tough End of Life Issues,” *The Daily Mississippian*, “Inside Ole Miss,” Jan. 26th, 2009. <http://www.philosophersinamerica.com/InsideOleMissArticle-OnEEL.pdf>.
- “Fallacies Wrong for DM,” *The Daily Mississippian*, 4/28/2008.

“Think First, Then Write,” *The Daily Mississippian*, October 18th, 2007.

“Kick open the doors of opportunity, but don't you dare knock!” *The Southern Illinoisan*, 4/28/2007.
http://www.thesouthern.com/articles/2007/04/28/opinions/voice_of_the_reader/20103504.txt

Articles in Preparation

“The Role of Philosophers in Shaping Public Policy,” drafting.

“A Culture of Justice: On Rorty and Rawls,” drafting.

“Fundraising for Hire: On The Ethical Limits of Outsourced Fundraising,” revising to resubmit to *Public Affairs Quarterly*.

“The Great Benefits of Stoicism, with All Its Faults,” to be sent to the *Journal of Philosophy*.

“A New Way to Teach Argumentative Writing,” to be sent to *Teaching Philosophy*.

Encyclopedia Entries

“John Dewey,” in *Encyclopedia of Science and Technology Communication*, 216 – 218, Sage Press, 2010.

“Deductive Logic,” in *Encyclopedia of Science and Technology Communication*, 206 – 207, Sage Press, 2010.

“Inductive Logic,” in *Encyclopedia of Science and Technology Communication*, 392 – 393, Sage Press, 2010.

“Education: American Philosophers on,” in *American Philosophy: An Encyclopedia*, edited by John Lachs and Robert Talisse, 206 – 209, New York, Routledge, 2008.

“Intelligence,” in *American Philosophy: An Encyclopedia*, edited by John Lachs and Robert Talisse, 403 – 405, New York, Routledge, 2008.

“Temperament,” in *American Philosophy: An Encyclopedia*, edited by John Lachs and Robert Talisse, 754 – 756, New York, Routledge, 2008.

Editing

Revised Robert Hahn's, *Conduct and Constraints*, 8th ed., Pearson, 2008, from 7th Ed., see p. xiii.

Reviews

Clanton, J. Caleb. *Religion and Democratic Citizenship: Inquiry and Conviction in the American Public Square*. In *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society*, forthcoming.

Frank, Jill. *A Democracy of Distinction*. In the *Review of Metaphysics*, LX, No. 2, Issue 238, p. 396-397, December 2006.

Kellogg, Frederic R. *Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr., Legal Theory, and Judicial Restraint*. In *The Pluralist*, forthcoming 2012.

Lachs, John. *A Community of Individuals*. In *Teaching Philosophy*, 29:1, p. 72 – 74, March 2006.

Putnam, Hilary. *Ethics without Ontology*. In *The Journal of Value Inquiry*, Vol. 41, No. 2 – 4, p. 359 – 361, December, 2007.

Tong, Rosemary, A. Donchin, and S. Dodds, editors. *Linking Visions: Feminist Bioethics, Human Rights, and the Developing World*. In *Teaching Philosophy*, 29:4, p. 367 – 369, December 2006.

PRESENTATIONS

- “A Culture of Justice: On Rawls, Dewey, and Rorty,” on a Soc. for the Adv. of Am. Phil. Panel at the Eastern Div. meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Atlanta, GA, December 2012.
- “Key Tools for Effective Verbal and Written Communications in the Workplace,” The Ole Miss Association of Educational Office Professionals, Oxford, MS, March 29, 2012.
- “Traditional Scholarship to Public Intellectualism: Engaging Wider Publics,” Soc. for the Adv. of American Philosophy annual conference, Fordham University, NY, March 15-17, 2012.
- “Reply,” Author Meets Critics panel on *Rawls, Dewey, and Constructivism*, Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, January 2012.
- “The Limits of Engagement?: World Philosophy Day in Tehran, 2010,” Panel Co-sponsored by the APA’s Committees on Public Philosophy and Internal Cooperation, Washington, D.C., Dec. 2011.
- “Philosophical Influence on Culture,” Public Philosophy Network, “Advancing Publicly Engaged Philosophy,” Washington Plaza Hotel, Washington, D.C., October 6-8, 2011.
- “Avenues for Engaged and Pragmatic Public Philosophy: The Need for Cultural, Intellectual, and Moral Leadership,” S.A.A.P. Summer Institute, U. of Oregon, Eugene, OR, July 12, 2011.
- “Humanism and Leadership,” The Metaphysical Society of America’s annual conference, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, March 12, 2011.
- “Leadership and Liberal Arts Education,” The Midsouth Philosophy Conference, The University of Memphis, Memphis, TN, March 5, 2011.
- “Leadership and Ethics,” invited presentation, Leadership Series, Ole Miss Women’s Council for Philanthropy, Oxford, MS, February 17, 2011.
- “Public Philosophy and the Benefits of Media Engagement,” on the APA’s Committee on Public Philosophy panel at the Eastern Division meeting of the American Philosophical Association, December 30, 2010.
- “Democracy and Culture in Mississippi: How to Combat Self-Fulfilling Prophecies of Failure,” North American Society for Social Philosophy panel at the Eastern APA, December 28, 2010.
- “The Moral, Political, Educational, and Economic Promise of Expanding Broadband Internet Infrastructure in Rural America,” Policy Studies Organization, The Dupont Summit conference, Washington, D.C., December 3, 2010.
- “Signature Civility: President Obama’s Strength,” The Obama Presidency: A Preliminary Assessment, The University of Southern Mississippi and the Center for Policy and Resilience, Long Beach, MS, November 19, 2010.
- “On Poverty and Educational Failure in Mississippi,” invited talk, Philosophy Outreach Conference, Columbia University’s Teacher’s College, New York City, NY, October 16, 2010.
- “On Poverty and Educational Failure in Mississippi,” invited talk, as Luckyday Residential Faculty Fellow, The University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS, September 30, 2010.

- “On Civility,” invited talk, Dr. Bowman’s class on Africa and International Policy, The University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS, September 30, 2010.
- “Works in Progress Presentation: On *Morality, Leadership and Public Policy and Democracy and Leadership*,” Soc. for the Adv. of Am. Philos. Summer Institute, Eugene, Oregon, July 28, 2010.
- “Can Leadership be Taught?” an invited talk, keynote address for the Oxford Chamber of Commerce’s Leadership LaFayette Program, Oxford, MS, June 3, 2010.
- “Leadership and Liberal Arts Education,” an invited talk given before the National Society for Leadership and Success, UM chapter, Oxford, MS, April 25, 2010.
- “Origins of the Academy in Philosophy and the Value of Liberal Arts Education,” an invited talk given before graduating seniors at the Knowledge Is Power Program (KIPP) Delta Collegiate High School in Helena – West Helena, Arkansas, April 13, 2010.
- “Leadership in Education,” an invited talk given before select teachers in the DeSoto county schools, MS, as part of a special teacher training program, March 23, 2010.
- “The Method of Intelligence in Ethics: A Reply to Nozick on Patterns of Social Behavior and the Place of Justice,” Conference on Value Inquiry, SIU Carbondale, Carbondale, IL, April 16 – 18, 2010.
- “What Experimentalism Means in Ethics,” American Philosophies Forum, “The Future of Ethics,” Emory University, Atlanta, GA, April 8, 2010.
- “The Great Benefits of Stoicism, Despite All Its Faults,” accepted for presentation at the Midsouth Philosophy Conference, University of Memphis, Memphis, TN, March 5th and 6th, 2010.
- “Ethics and Environmental Policy,” Invited presentation, Presidential Address, Mississippi Philosophical Association, Environmental Ethics Conference, Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS, February 5, 2010.
- “Pragmatism, Deontology, and Market Regulation,” Society of Philosophers in America panel, Eastern Division meeting of the Am. Philosophical Assoc., New York, NY, December 28, 2009.
- “A Historical Mandate for Expanding Broadband Internet Infrastructure,” Policy Studies Organization, Dupont Summit, Carnegie Institution for Science, December 4, 2009.
- “Deweyan Experimentalism and Leadership,” Panel on “Dewey and Public Policy” at John Dewey’s 150th Birthday Celebration, Amherst, NY, October 24, 2009.
- “Democracy, Education, and Economic Growth: Rethinking Causal Relationships in Mississippi,” The Arkansas Political Science Association and P.C.C.U.A., “The Delta: Poverty, Education, and Economic Development,” Helena - West Helena, AR, October 10, 2009.
- “Fiscal Responsibility and the ‘Use it or Lose it’ Rationale for Spending,” The Midsouth Philosophy Conference, The University of Memphis, Memphis, TN, April 18, 2009.
- “Fundraising for Hire: On the Ethical Limits of Outsourced Fundraising,” College of Liberal Arts Faculty Forum Series, University of Mississippi (Oxford), University, MS, February 17, 2009.
- “On Philosophy and Public Policy: Who’s Afraid of Plato’s Cave?” renamed “On Applying Ethics,” Eastern div. conference of the Am. Phil. Ass., Philadelphia, PA, December 28, 2008.
- “Learning from Others: What South Korean Technology Policy Can Teach Mississippi,” The Policy Studies Organization: Dupont Summit, Washington Club, Washington, D.C., December 5, 2008.

- “Democracy, Education, and Economic Growth: Rethinking Causal Relationships in Mississippi,” World Congress of Philosophy, Seoul National University, Seoul, South Korea, August 3, 2008.
- “Religion, Public Reason, and Humanism: Paul Kurtz on Fallibilism and Ethics,” Invited presentation, Paul Kurtz symposium, Center for Inquiry Transnational (CFI), Amherst, NY, July 16, 2008.
- “Secular Ethics,” Invited presentation, “The Phronesis Workshop,” The Center for Inquiry Transnational (CFI), Amherst, NY, July 15, 2008.
- “Activist or Active Judges,” 35th Conference on Value Inquiry, Values and Medicine, The College of New Jersey, Ewing, New Jersey, April 5, 2008.
- “Construction, Art, and Politics,” Richard R. Baker Colloquium, “Building Coalitions Across Difference,” University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio, March 8, 2008.
- “Democracy, Leadership, and Higher Education,” Cave Hill Philosophy Symposium: Conversations IV: Reflections on Tertiary Ed., U. of the W. Indies at Cave Hill, Barbados, February 29, 2008.
- “‘Stop him!! He stole my *internet connection*!!’: Hume, Hegel, and Dewey on the Historical Origins of Political Concepts,” MS. Philosophical Association Conference, held in conjunction with the Midsouth Philosophy Conference, The University of Memphis, Memphis, TN, February 23rd, 2008.
- “Philosophy and Public Policy Prioritization,” Midsouth Philosophy Conference, The University of Memphis, Memphis, TN, February 23, 2008.
- “Human Rights and Immigration: Is Everyone’s Responsibility Anyone’s Responsibility?” Invited presentation, Fall Leadership Conf., The U. of Mississippi, Oxford, MS, November 7, 2007.
- “The Responsibilities and Dangers of Pragmatism,” Tennessee Philosophical Association, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, October 27, 2007.
- “Worlds Apart: On Realism and Constructivism in Political Theory,” International Society for Universal Dialogue, “Collective Memory, Philosophical Reflection, and World Peace,” American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, Washington, D.C., December, 2006.
- “Differences in Reason-Giving,” The Society for the Study of Difference, “Humanity, Individuality and Difference,” Panel at the Annual Conference of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Philadelphia, PA, October 12, 2006.
- “Who Wants to Read a Handbook?” Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World, Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, North Carolina, July 27, 2006.
- “Political Dimensions of Traditional Economic Liberalism,” The 33rd Conference on Value Inquiry “Market Values and Moral Values,” Molloy College, Rockville Centre, NY, April 7, 2006.
- “Making Bread and Making Love: Aristotle, Dewey and Lachs on Activity, Means and Ends, and Intimacy,” Love in the Public Square, at Molloy College, Rockville Center, New York, April 1, 2006.
- “Human Rights without Natural or Moral Rights Theory,” James Madison University, “Human Rights: A Growing World without Them,” 2006 Conference, Harrisonburg, VA, March 30, 2006.
- “Proper Names and Persons,” Symposium on the Semiotic Writings of Charles S. Peirce, San Antonio, Texas, held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the S.A.A.P., March 12, 2006.
- “Tools for Democracy: Differences in the Importance of Education for Dewey and Rawls,” Midsouth Philosophy Conference, The University of Memphis, Memphis, TN, February 24, 2006.

- “The Philosopher’s Fallacy and the Importance of Metaphysics,” The Society for Classical Pragmatism Studies, 2005 Conference on American Philosophy, at the University of South Florida, November 5, 2005.
- “A Human Right to Food?” The 2005 Alabama Philosophical Society Conference, at the University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL, October 21, 2005.
- “Job and Prometheus: Foundational Legends and Their Influence,” Living in Antiquity: Jews, Greeks and Christians, Villanova University, Villanova, PA, October 6, 2005.
- “Liberal Arts Education and the Foundations of Democracy,” The Idea of Education, the CERGE-EI of Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic, August 9, 2005.
- “Clearing the Path to Human Rights,” International Society for Universal Dialogue, Sixth World Congress, “Humanity at the Turning Point: Rethinking Nature, Culture, and Freedom,” Helsinki, Finland, July 18, 2005.
- “Combination of Church and State,” Intl Soc. for the Compar. Study of Civs., “Civs., Rels. and Human Survival,” U. of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN, June 9, 2005. I first gave this paper at The Intl Assoc. for the Study of Environment, Space and Place, Towson University, Towson, MD, April 30, 2005.
- “Facing Fears of Relativism,” 32nd Conference on Value Inquiry: Reason and Evaluation, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA, April 9, 2005.
- “Thinking for a Better Life,” Cave Hill Philosophy Symposium: Conversations I: Conceptualizing Philosophy, University of the West Indies at Cave Hill, Barbados, April 1, 2005.
- “On William James’s Replies to Theories of the Unconscious,” Midsouth Philosophy Conference, The University of Memphis, Memphis, TN, February 18, 2005.
- “Clearing the Path to Human Rights,” Agora, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL, February 11, 2005.

TEACHING

The University of Mississippi

Ethics and Public Policy (PPL 300), fall 2008, 2009, 2010, spring 2012.

Philosophy of Leadership: Classics of Ethics & Politics (PPL 370), fall 2011.

Critical Thinking, Communication, & Public Policy (PPL 212), F&S ‘07–‘09, S ‘10 & ‘11, & F&S ‘11–‘12.

Self and the Cosmos, S. M. B. Honors College (Honors 102), S 2008, 2009, 2010, & 2011.

Self and Society, S. M. B. Honors College (Honors 101), F 2007, 2008, 2009, & 2010.

Advising for undergraduate and graduate students’ theses at the University of Mississippi (major professor unless specified, and undergraduate **unless specified**):

Defended or Not Completed:

Ben Rowley, on affordable housing in Oxford, MS, defended spring 2009.

Jake McGraw, on educational injustice in Mississippi, defended in spring 2010.

Brent Caldwell, served as second reader, defended spring 2010.

Vince Chamblee, on ethics in international development, defended in Nov. of 2010.

Sarah Rogers, on comparative study of food regulations, defended in April of 2011.
Alyssa Yuen, for Croft Institute thesis, service as third reader, defended in April of 2011.
Hemdeep Dulthummon, on leadership for socially oriented student orgs, defended in Nov. 2011.
Abby Olivier, on sex education and policy in MS, defended in spring 2012.
Davis Gates, on foreign aid policy, fall 2011.
Meghan Litten, for Honors College and Croft, second reader, fall 2010 to spring 2011.
Taylor McGraw, on cultural difference and narrative nonfiction, defended spring 2012.
Kaylen Addison, on marriage policy and justice, defended spring 2012.
Alex McLelland, on Lewis's *What Went Wrong*, defended spring 2012.
Mary Alex Street, on charter schools policy, defended spring 2012.
Parker Capps, on the removal of contaminants from soil, external reader, spring 2012.

In Progress:

Charles Woods, on international comparison in education policy, spring 2012–.
Wynne Campbell, on the *Citizens United* case and the *Constitution*, spring 2012–.
Courtney Washington, on school consolidations and integration, starting summer 2012–.
Brian Barnes, on tort reform, spring 2012–.
Dan Blazo, on social and political influences on atheism, external reader, **Ph.D. candidate**, 2012–.

Southern Illinois University

Introduction to Ethics (Phil 104), Teaching Assistant, spring 2007.
American Mind, History of American Intellectualism (Phil 210), Instructor, fall 2006.
Philosophy of Science, Nature, and Technology (Phil 307i), Instructor, spring 2006.
Philosophy of Politics, Law, and Justice (Phil 309i), Instructor, fall 2005.
Introduction to Logic (Phil 105), Teaching assistant, 2004 – 2005.

Ohio University

Introduction to Logic, Instructor, 5 successive quarters, 2002 – 2004.
Introductory Philosophy, Teaching assistant, 2 successive quarters, winter 2003 – spring 2004.

SERVICE

To the Profession

Serving as Chair of the American Philosophical Association's Committee on Public Philosophy, July 2011 – June 2014, having served as Associate Chair from July 2010 – June 2011. URL: <http://www.apaonline.org/governance/committees/public/index.aspx>. Also, designed and maintained a Web site for the committee, available here: <http://www.publicphilosophy.org>.

Serve as Executive Director, Trustee, Treasurer, and Webmaster for SOPHIA, The Society for Philosophers in America, non-profit corp., 2008 – present (Exec. Dir. since June 2010). Organized SOPHIA symposium, titled "Ethics at the End of Life," hosted in Oxford, MS, in January of 2009, then a symposium titled "Disability, Civic Responsibility, and Community Friendship," put on in January of 2011. Authored four successful grants, two from the A.P.A. and two from the M.H.C. for SOPHIA activities. Created <http://www.philosophersinamerica.com>.

As a volunteer for the American Philosophical Association, I helped Dr. John Lachs of Vanderbilt University in a final fundraising effort to complete the Berry Fund matching gift challenge in support of the APA's efforts at promoting public philosophy, September and October 2010.

President of the MS. Philos. Assoc., February 2009 – 2010. Served as V.P. and Program Chair for the MPA conference from 2008 – 2009. Serve as Webmaster (<http://www.olemiss.edu/orgs/mpa>). Received an MHC grant (state affiliate of the NEH) for the 2008 Medical Ethics Conference.

External Reviewer for *Politics and Religion*, *The Continuum International Publishing Group* (London), *The European Journal of Political Theory*, *Contemporary Pragmatism*, *The Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society*, *The Pluralist*, *The Southwest Philosophical Review*, *The Review Journal of Political Philosophy*, *Bentham Science Publishers*, the *Journal for Peace and Justice Studies*, and the *Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology*.

Attended and served in the National Humanities Alliance's Annual Meeting and Humanities Advocacy Day, March 2010, 2011, and 2012, George Washington U., Wash., D.C., to "meet national leaders and others who shape humanities policy ... and make sure [our voices are] heard in support of the humanities." This was in partial service for the APA's Committee on Public Philosophy.

Volunteered contributions to the APA's Committee on Public Philosophy, Spring 2009.

Organized the "Dewey and Public Policy" panel for John Dewey's 150th Birthday Celebration, Amherst, NY, October 22 – 24, 2009.

Web-Design consultant to the Communications Director of the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy (S.A.A.P.), summer 2005 – 2007 (<http://www.american-philosophy.org>).

Editorial Board, *Kinesis*, 2004 – 2007.

To the Department and to the University

With Abby Loden, petitioned the UM Chancellor to create a Committee on Accessibility, which began as an advisory committee and becomes a Chancellor's Standing Committee in the fall of 2012. Served on the advisory committee. Helped draft mission statement and execute several goals.

Served on the Strategic Planning Council's Working Group on Undergraduate Education and Success at the University of Mississippi, spring 2011 – present.

Served as Chair of the Search Committee for the department of Public Policy Leadership's hiring process in the spring of 2011.

Lead a discussion, upon invitation, for the Chancellor's Standing Committee on Sensitivity and Respect, covering the subject of civility and challenges for the university, March 3, 2011.

Serve as a Luckyday Residential College Fellow, spring 2010 – present.

Promoted a discussion on "Dialogue Day," for the Black History Month programs at UM, 2/24/10, televised interview aired on 2/22/10 (see Popular Media Engagements below).

Steering committee member for the Men's Leadership Series, sponsored by the Ole Miss Women's Council for Philanthropy, summer 2009 – spring 2010.

Lecture Series committee member, The University of Mississippi, spring 2008 – fall 2011.

Serve on the U.M. National Scholarship Advisory Committee, spring 2009 – present.

Web Planning committee member, The University of Mississippi, spring 2009 – present.

Served as moderator for the Ole Miss College Republicans' and College Democrats' Student Debate in '08, held on September 4th of 2008.

Presented "Keeping Them Honest: How to Use SafeAssignments and Why It's Good for the University of Mississippi" to the S.M.B. Honors College writing faculty, spring 2009.

Founded and lead U.M. Agraphia, a group of academic researchers that meets every two weeks to talk about writing goals and challenges for mutual support and feedback, fall 2008 – present.

Served as a faculty advisor for student orgs.: Respect Mississippi, Minority Affairs Committee Awards Gala (planning), and the UM chapter of the Roosevelt Institution, Fall 2007 – 2009.

Dept. of Public Policy Leadership at U.M.: (1) Designed and maintain the Web site for the Dept. (<http://www.olemiss.edu/depts/leadership>), Summer 2007 – present. (2) Represented the Department of Public Policy Leadership at Ole Miss on Fall Visit Day, 2007. (3) Participated in 3 hiring committees for the department, spring 2008. (4) Worked on department's curriculum, course design, and assessment plan, continuing since fall 2007. (5) With Professor Melissa Bass, designed PPL's internship policies, spring 2009. (6) Organized events for our opening meetings of the PPL Speaker Series, spring 2009.

Participated in SIU Lobby Day in Springfield, Illinois, lobbying state senators and state house representatives for greater funding for higher education in Illinois, April 23rd and 25th, 2007.

External Funding Representative of the Graduate Philosophy Student Union at SIU, since 2005, and Treasurer, since 2006. Designed and implemented the G.P.S.U.'s first fundraising effort. Raised approximately \$25,000. The G.P.S.U. can now establish an endowment with the SIU Foundation.

Dept. of Phil., Ctr for Dewey Studies, and C. of Lib. Arts at SIU: (1) Designed and offered an introduction to Web-design for department faculty and graduate students; (2) Organized a customized seminar with the O. of Res., Dev. and Admin. on grant writing for graduate students in Phil., 2004 – 2005. (3) Designed and maintained dept. Web site (<http://www.siu.edu/~philos>), Ctr. for Dewey Studies Web site (<http://www.siu.edu/~deweyctr>). (4) Sum. 2005, Web-Design Project for SIU's CoLA (<http://www.siu.edu/~cola>), and Video Proj. Mgr. for Dr. Schedler (Logic).

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Fluent in French, written and spoken – native speaker with 15 years of study.

Conversational in Spanish, written and spoken – 7 years of study.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

With students, met with the MS State House Committee on Education, re: Charter Schools, 1/13/10.

Attended the "Seizures and Epilepsy Education Program," Oxford, MS, March, 2009. URL: <http://www.theseeprogram.com/>.

Attended the "Transforming Regional Economies" conference, in Baltimore, MD, October 2007.

Attended the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy's Summer Institute, summer 2006.

Own and operate Tempest Records, a small music business, summer 2000 – present.

Certified as a Competent Toastmaster, Toastmasters International, Southern Illinois Chapter (Public Speaking Club), 2005 – 2007.

Trained as a Civil Mediator at the Nashville Conflict Resolution Center (N.C.R.C.). Volunteered mediation services to the Metro Nashville General Sessions Court, 2001 – 2002.

Emory University in Paris, June through August, French Literature, summer of 2000.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Philosophical Association, *Chair* of the Committee on Public Philosophy, from 2011 – 2014 (served as *Associate Chair* from 2010 –11).

The Charles S. Peirce Society.

The International Society for Universal Dialogue.

The International Leadership Association.

The John Dewey Society.

Mississippi Economic Development Council.

Mississippi Philosophical Association, *V.P.*, 2008 – 2009, *President* 2009 – 2010.

The Metaphysical Society of America.

The National Society of Collegiate Scholars, *Distinguished Member*.

Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy.

Society of Philosophers in America (SOPHIA), *Executive Director, Trustee, and Treasurer*.

Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World.

The William James Society.

POPULAR MEDIA ENGAGEMENTS (Beyond writings)

Honored with invitation to serve on the masthead of *ProBizMS.com*, Jack Criss’s electronic publication formed as the print version of the Greater Jackson Business periodical goes through changes.

Interviewed by *The Wall Street Journal*, which published a quote from the interview in Evan Goldstein’s article, “Celebrating Philosophy in Tehran?” on page C3 of the journal’s Saturday/Sunday issue, October 9/10, 2010, <http://www.ericthomasweber.org/Goldstein-Scan-2010sml.pdf>

Interviewed on MS’s National Public Radio affiliate, Mississippi Public Broadcasting, for its MS Edition program, to talk about the subject of February 2011 SOPHIA symposium, concerning ethics and disability in rural America, February 24, 2011.

Interviewed for ESPN’s coverage of the selection of a new mascot at the University of Mississippi to replace Colonel Reb, July 2010. Included in the longer ESPN advertisement spot that will soon be available on YouTube. Available here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U7ljrGXktR4>.

Interviewed for Melanie Addington’s article on my work, “Poor Doesn’t Equal Failure,” *The Oxford Eagle*, June 7, 2010, page 1A and 3A. Taken up by Associated Press. You can find a scan here: <http://www.ericthomasweber.org/Addington-PoorDoesntEqualFailure-OxfordEagle060710.pdf>

Television interview with Memphis Channel 3’s “Live at Nine” show to talk about the “Day of Dialogue” event at UM, for which I served as a facilitator, 2/22/10. Available online here: <http://www.ericthomasweber.org/engagement.htm#outreach>.

With Annie Davis Weber, Radio interview on the “Seizures and Epilepsy Education Program,” Mississippi Public Broadcasting’s Morning Edition, National Public Radio, 3/12/09.
<http://www.mpbonline.org/news/MississippiEdition/2009/March.htm>.

Newspaper interview with Emily LeCoz of the *N.E. Mississippi Daily Journal* (Tupelo, MS), cited in “Like officials, experts split on value of Tupelo ethics study,” 10/5/08. <http://tinyurl.com/lgzk3s>.

Radio interview in French with the BBC’s World Service International Program for francophone Africa on the first 2008 Presidential Debate held at the University of Mississippi, Sept. 26th, 2008.

Newspaper interview with *Helsingin Sanomat* on the first 2008 Presidential Debate, September 26th, 2008. Then, on November 5th, 2008, my “A More Perfect Union,” was published on the paper’s Web site here: <http://blogit.hs.fi/USA2008/?p=198>. Was quoted in a related article (same day).

REFERENCES

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Dr. John Lachs, Centennial Professor of Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, 111 Furman Hall, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, 37240, john.lachs@vanderbilt.edu, 615.322.2637.

Dr. William Lawhead, Chair and Professor, Department of Philosophy and Religion, The University of Mississippi, 100 Bryant Hall, University, MS, 38677, wlawhead@olemiss.edu, 662.915.7020.