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*Short Curriculum Vitae*

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## **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS:**

- Assistant Professor of Philosophy, **Western Illinois University**, (Fall 2005 – present)
- Co-Director, Program for the Study of Ethics at **WIU**, (Spring 2006- present)
- Course Director, Tennessee Governor's School for the Sciences @ **UTK**, (Summers 2005-present)
- Lecturer of Philosophy, **University of Tennessee, Knoxville**, (Fall 2003- Summer 2005)

## **EDUCATION:**

- Ph.D., Philosophy, **Florida State University**, Tallahassee, FL, 2003
- M.A., Philosophy, **San Diego State University**, San Diego, CA, 1998
- B.A., Philosophy, **University of California, Santa Barbara**, Santa Barbara, CA, 1996

**AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:** Ethics, Logic, & Philosophy of Science

**AREAS OF COMPETENCE:** Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Language, & Philosophy of Law

## **PUBLICATIONS:**

### ***Books***

- *The Stem Cell Controversy*, revised/2<sup>nd</sup> edition, co-edited with Michael Ruse (Prometheus), 2006.
- *The Stem Cell Controversy*, co-edited with Michael Ruse (Amherst, NY: Prometheus), 2003.

### ***Articles***

- "A Modern Analytic Socrates and Meno's Paradox: A Dialogue," *Inquiry: Critical Thinking Across the Disciplines* 21.3 (2002): 23-25.
- "Validity, Schema, and a *Modus Tollens* Paradox," *Southwest Philosophy Review* 18.1 (2002): 53-63.
- "Plato's *Republic*: A Tale of Two Cities" (with Donald C. Hodges), *Telos* 123 (2002): 175-182.

### ***Book Chapter***

- "Why Is There A Stem Cell Debate? And How to Depoliticize It" in *Philosophy of Biology*, edited by Michael Ruse, (Amherst, NY: Prometheus Books): November, 2007.

### ***Book Reviews***

- *Representing Electrons* by Theodore Arabatzis in *Journal of Chemical Education* (forthcoming).
- *Critical Thinking and Reasoning* by Daniel Fasko in *Inquiry: Critical Thinking Across the Disciplines* (forthcoming).

## PAPER PRESENTATIONS:

### *Refereed*

- “General Propositions and Triviality” (with Kenneth A. Presting)
- Logic and the Foundations of Game and Decision Theory (LOFT 06), 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Liverpool, England, July 2006.
- “Events, Mass Terms, and Logical Form”
- American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, San Francisco, CA, March 2005.
  - Tennessee Philosophical Association, 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Nashville, TN, October 2003.
- “Calling Carr’s Bluff or A New Model for Ethical Business Bluffing”
- Assn. for Practical & Professional Ethics, 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, Feb. 2005.
  - Tennessee Philosophical Association, 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Nashville, TN, November 2004.
- “The Logical Structure and Constitutional Function of the ‘Comity Clause’: A Dilemma”
- Florida Philosophical Association, 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Gainesville, FL, November 2002.
- “Validity, Schema, and a *Modus Tollens* Paradox”
- Southwestern Philosophical Society, 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX, November 2001.
- “Kant’s Second Proposition to the Categorical Imperative”
- Florida Philosophical Association, 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, DeLand, FL, November 2001.

### *Invited Talks and Commentaries*

- Comments on Christopher King’s “What Can Be Said for Democratic Obedience?”
- American Philosophical Association, Central Division, Chicago, IL, April 2007.
- Comments on Chris Tennberg’s “Personal Identity and DNA”
- Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World at the Pacific APA, San Francisco, CA, March 2005
- Comments on Sarah Miller’s “Rationality, Dignity, and Care”
- Tennessee Philosophical Association, 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Nashville, TN, November 2004.
- Comments on Ken Presting’s “Conditional Probability: The Next Generation”
- Tennessee Philosophical Association, 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Nashville, TN, October 2003.
- “Calling Carr’s Bluff or A New Model for Ethical Business Bluffing”
- Missouri Western State College, St. Joseph, MO, February 2005.
  - Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL, February, 2005.
- “Harming People Into Existence: Do Future People Have Present Rights?”
- Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK, January 2005.
  - Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Terre Haute, IN, January 2004.
  - University of Tennessee, Chattanooga, TN, February 2004.
- “From Frege to Scalia: A Legal Logicism for Judicial Review”
- The Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida, February 2003.
  - The University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV, March 2003.
  - Kent State University, Kent, OH, May 2003.
  - Southern Connecticut State University, New Haven, CT, May 2003.

## AWARDS, GRANTS & HONORS:

University of Tennessee Research Grant – “Responsible Conduct of Research” Spring & Summer 2004  
The Florida State University Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award April 2001  
Also nominated in 2003 for this one-time teaching award.

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

Florida Philosophical Association Fall 1998 to present  
American Philosophical Association Fall 1999 to present  
International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology Spring 2001 to present  
Southwestern Philosophical Society Summer 2001 to present

## REFERENCES:

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