The Society for Philosophers in America (SOPHIA)
Grant Application Submitted for the American Philosophical Association Grant Fund RFP
June 27, 2013

“The Poverty and Justice: Two Public Symposia Concerning Shelter and Food Security for the Poor”

I. Names and Affiliations

The SOPHIA project steering committee for this grant proposal consists of:

Dr. Douglas Anderson, Trustee of SOPHIA and Professor of Philosophy at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Carbondale, IL.

Dr. Jackie Kegley, Trustee of SOPHIA and Professor of Philosophy at California State University, Bakersfield, Bakersfield, CA.

Dr. John J. McDermott, Trustee of SOPHIA, Distinguished Professor of Philosophy and Humanities and Abell Professor of Liberal Arts, Texas A & M University, College Station, TX.

Dr. Eric Thomas Weber, Executive Director and Trustee of SOPHIA and Principal Investigator for this proposal, Associate Professor, Department of Public Policy Leadership, The University of Mississippi, 105 Odom Hall, University, MS, 38677, 662.915.1336 (office), 662.915.1954 (fax), etweber@olemiss.edu.

If you have any questions regarding this proposal, please contact Dr. Weber. If you would like to learn more about SOPHIA, visit our Web site at http://www.philosophersinamerica.com.
II. Abstract

In 2014, SOPHIA will engage in dialogue with the communities surrounding our organizers’ universities, this year focusing on poverty and justice. We are requesting $5,000 of support total for two events, which we will divide evenly to support each event. The funds would support keynote participants’ honoraria and travel in part, in combination with funding from host institutions, and, we hope, with funding from further agencies and foundations. The first event titled “Poverty and Justice in California's Central Valley” will be held at California State University at Bakersfield in February, 2013. Bakersfield has been designated as the 4\textsuperscript{th} poorest large metro area in the United States, and some CSUB students struggle to provide food and shelter for themselves. The second proposed event is titled “Food Security and Justice” and will be held Pacific Lutheran University. This event follows on a very successful 2012 Food Symposium. Each of these projects seeks to demonstrate the value of publicly engaged philosophy for our communities and of interaction with fellow community members for informing scholarship.

III. Account of the Project’s Purpose and Timeline

In the last five years, economies around the world have experienced great instability. Unemployment rates have been central issues in public election debates. Questions about public support and poverty have raised controversy. In 2014, SOPHIA will support two public symposia aimed at engaging the public in dialogue about poverty.

Our first event will be at California State University at Bakersfield, on the subject of poverty, shelter, and access to food. The event will feature Victor Davis Hanson, Martin and Illie Anderson Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution, Professor, CSU, Fresno (Web site:
The second event will be titled “Food Symposium II: Food Security and Justice,” and will take place at Pacific Lutheran University in the spring of 2014. This event will build on the success of SOPHIA’s first Food Symposium at PLU, for which you can find a brochure here: http://www.philosophersinamerica.com/Food%20Symposium%20Brochure%202-21-12-2.pdf. Participants in this year’s events will include representatives from Tacoma area food banks and the Emergency Food Network, local farmers, PLU faculty from multiple disciplines, and more.

Guiding questions for this second symposium will include:

- In 1948, the UN stated that the right to adequate food is a basic human right. Is access to nutritious food a human right and what is the basis for this claim? Does the state have a duty to protect this right?
- How do contemporary challenges such as soil erosion, genetic engineering, food deserts, and wealth inequality relate to this right?
- How does the right to food differ from other rights like free expression and property ownership?
- What are the moral obligations of states, corporations, food producers, grocers, and private citizens to prevent hunger?
- Should food security be addressed on a national or international level, or can it only be solved locally?

This second event will be organized by Dr. Sergia Hay of Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, WA.

As in SOPHIA’s previous programs supported by the APA, our goals with these events will include bringing together philosophers and non-philosophers to talk about shared interests.
and problems. Already from exchanges undertaken in SOPHIA’s previous work, there have been many relationships and networks built and strengthened, which have widened opportunities for philosophers as well as community members where our events have occurred. For some events, SOPHIA has been able to offer continuing education credits for ethics to people like doctors, nurses, physical therapists, attorneys, and school teachers. Beyond such offerings to surrounding communities, relationships have formed and strengthened, such as with doctors and medical centers, who have created fellowship programs for students of philosophy, focusing on ethics or community engagement, particularly with non-profit organizations at CSU, Bakersfield. CSU, Bakersfield has two very successful public institutes which have forged excellent relationships with the community and these two institutes will be co-sponsors of the event along with the School of Arts and Humanities and the Office of the Provost. The Pacific Lutheran University event will be sponsored by the PLU Department of Philosophy and PLU’s Center for Community Engagement and Service and will have as its audience the larger Tacoma community, the PLU community and the University of Puget Sound community.

IV. Funding Request

Budget Narrative.

At present, we are requesting a total of $5,000 from the APA to support both events, which we will divide evenly. The funds will contribute to key debate participants’ honoraria and travel support. Our events in the past have garnered further support, which has been necessary, and we will seek such support once again. The APA would be sponsoring only a portion of our events’ costs. Aside from the financial contributions the APA would be making to these particular events, furthermore, the funding would symbolize a continued endorsement on the part
of the APA for the kind of work that SOPHIA does. This has proven valuable already in our pursuit of funding from foundations.

V. Designation of the Fiscal Agent

Given that the principal investigator for this grant is Dr. Eric Thomas Weber at the University of Mississippi, who serves as Executive Director of SOPHIA, the fiscal agent for this grant application is:

Nina Jones, Director of Accounting, Accounting, The University of Mississippi, 318 Martindale, University, MS 38677, nina@olemiss.edu, 662.915.7078 (phone).

VI. Information about Other Funding Obtained or Sought

Leaders of SOPHIA are currently seeking funding from several funding agencies for regular support for our organization’s efforts. At present we have encouragement from both home institutions (CSUB and PLU) for these events. CSUB is seeking commitment from local business firms and the Levan Institute at the Bakersfield Community College as well as the School of Business and Public Administration is also pledging support along with the School of Arts and Humanities and the Office of the Provost. Presently, we have already secured a commitment of shared support from the Kegley Institute of Ethics at CSUB. In addition, for past events we have been able to increase support for our events from state humanities councils because of the APA’s sponsorship. In addition, foundations are beginning to take an interest in funding SOPHIA in a continuing fashion, but we have yet to solidify such sponsorship. With a few further examples of our efforts, our case will be stronger for such support.
VII. Promotional Plan

For each event, we will seek wide participation from members of local communities, in Bakersfield, CA and in Tacoma. Both the Kegley Institute of Ethics and the Institute for Religion, Education and Public Policy have excellent community presence and support. Event organizers will contact their Public Relations departments as well as departments on campus that would be interested in participating in our events. SOPHIA will also post information about these events on SOPHIA’s Web site, under “events.” The Web site is found here: http://philosophersinamerica.com. Beyond these efforts, organizers, with the help of their PR departments, will issue press releases to announce the events. In Bakersfield, we have been successful in getting interviews on the state affiliate of National Public Radio, as well as with other radio and TV media. We will seek such publicity avenues once again. Finally, SOPHIA will make announcements about each of these events through various electronic distribution channels, including Web sites, such as PublicPhilosophyNetwork.org, and email listservs for philosophy.

VIII. Assessment

SOPHIA will plan to have a philosopher who is not a member or trustee of SOPHIA attend each event and provide an independent assessment of the meeting. Our report requested will ask the evaluator to assess the impact of the debate-style format of this form of SOPHIA meeting, as well as to what extent it worked well in conjunction with the conversational session that will follow the debate portion of each event.

As usual, we will also prepare surveys that we will distribute to participants at the events to assess the quality of SOPHIA’s meeting, such as on the clarity and usefulness of the
philosophical content addressed at the meetings, as well as the quality of the philosophical engagement achieved with persons beyond the field of philosophy. Our report will reflect feedback, therefore, both from the non-SOPHIA evaluator and from our surveys of participants.

On pages that follow:

IX. Photo collage from previous APA sponsored SOPHIA symposia

X. Curriculum Vitae for Each Member of the Project Steering Committee
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“Disability, Civic Responsibility, & Community Friendship”
The University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS, February 25th and 26th, 2011.

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II. EDUCATION:

B.A. Moravian College, Honors, 1980.

III. PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Wittenberg University, 1984-90.
Director of American Studies, Wittenberg University, 1987-90.
President (1986-87) and Acting Administrator (1987-88), Faculty Development Organization, Wittenberg University.
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Penn State University, 1990-93.
Acting Graduate Officer, Penn State University, 1993-94.
Undergraduate Officer, Penn State University, 1995-96 and 2000-2003.
Graduate Officer, Penn State University, 1996-98.
Associate Professor of Philosophy, Penn State University, 1994-2005.
Professor of Philosophy, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, 2005-
Department of Philosophy Undergraduate Advisor, SIUC, 2007-2009.

IV. RESEARCH AND CREATIVE ACTIVITY:


Areas of Competence: Aesthetics, Ethics, History of Philosophy, American Studies.

D. Grants Received:

John William Miller Research Fellowship, for a book length study on the philosophy of John William Miller.

APA grant (with University of Mississippi Department of Public Policy), $800 for workshop on local environmental issues. April 2009.

F. Papers and Presentations at Professional Meetings:

Speaking Engagements

Speaker

“Reflections on the St. Louis Hegelians,” Webster University, February 2010.


“Peirce and Transcendentalists on the Art of Teaching,” (two lectures) Summer Institute in American Philosophy, University of Oregon, July 2009.


“Peirce and Experimentation,” NEH Workshop on Experimentalism and Philosophy, Northern Arizona University, August 2008.
“Influence of the St. Louis Hegelians on Pragmatism,” Conference on St. Louis Hegelians, Webster University, St. Louis, April 2008.
“Reading Russon and Philosophy Americana,” Western Canadian Philosophical Association, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Canada, October 2007.
“What is a Living Tradition?” NEH Summer Seminar, University of New Mexico, July 2007.
“Emerson’s Natures,” Center for Pragmatism Studies, Pontifical Catholic University of Sao Paulo, Sao Paulo, Brazil, November 2006.
“Peirce’s Idealistic Nature,” University of the State of Sao Paulo, Sao Paulo, Brazil, November 2006.
“Public Intellectuals as Pragmatic Teachers,” Keynote Address, Baptist Association of Philosophy Teachers, Georgetown College, Georgetown, KY, October 2006.
“Peircean Faith,” American Philosophical Association, Central Division, Chicago, April 2006.
"Philosophy Americana (2 lectures)," SAAP Summer Institute, University of Oregon, July 2003.
"James and Endurance Sport," International Association for the Philosophy of Sport, Ohio State University, June 2003.
"Performance Art and Dick Butkus," International Association for the Philosophy of Sport, Penn State, October 2003.
"Peirce's Neglected Argument (2 lectures)," SAAP Summer Institute, Vermont, 2000.
"Hocking, Bugbee, Marcel," Personalist Summer Institute, Western Carolina University, June 2000.
"Bugbee's Inward Wildness," SPEP, Penn State University, October 1999.


"Dewey and American Musics," co-presented with Crispin Sartwell of Vanderbilt University, Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy with APA Central Division, Louisville, April 1992.


**Respondent—Chair**

Chair, Peirce Society Meeting, Eastern APA, December 2003.
Organizer and Chair: Personalist Discussion Group Meetings with Eastern APA, 1999-2006.
Organizer and Chair: Symposium on Pragmatism and Feminism. APA Central Division, Louisville, April 1992.

V. **PUBLICATIONS AND CREATIVE WORKS:**

A. **Books:**


**Edited Books**

* Springsteen and Philosophy*, co-edited with Randall Auxier, Open Court, 2008.

B. **Articles in Professional Journals:**
"Peirce on Berkeley’s Nominalistic Platonism,” co-authored with Peter Groff, ACPQ, Fall 1998.
"Peirce’s Telos of Realism,” co-authored with Carl Hausman, Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society, Fall 1994, pp. 825-838.
"Three Appeals in Peirce's Neglected Argument," Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society,


C. Chapters in Professional Books:


**D. Book Reviews:**


*Racing the Sunset*, Scott Tinley, for the *Journal for the Philosophy of Sport*, XXXII, 1, 2005, pp. 116-118.


*Truth, Rationality, and Pragmatism*, Christopher Hookway, for *Philosophical Review* (111.2), April 2002.


*The Felt Meanings of the World*, Quentin Smith, for *American Journal of Theology and*


Peirce, Christopher Hookway, for the Newsletter of the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, June 1990.


F. Other:

On-line Writing

“For You the War is Over: Stories of American Airmen Interned in Switzerland in World War II,” linked at the home site for the American Swiss Internees Association.

Children’s Literature

VI. TEACHING EXPERIENCE:


Areas of Competence: Aesthetics, Ethics, History of Philosophy, American Studies.

B. Teaching and Training Grants:


Rock Ethics Institute New Course Award, for team taught course on food and values, 2004.

D. Current Graduate Faculty Status: direct dissertations

E. Number of Master’s & Ph.D. Committees on which you have served: 14 as director, 13 committees.

F. Names of Students who have completed Master’s Theses and Doctoral Dissertations under your direction:


Daniel Campos, PhD, “Creativity and Discovery in Mathematics,” co-director with Emily Gorsholz, 2005.


Lara Trout, PhD, “Peirce and Affectivity,” 2005.


Michael Ventimiglia, PhD, ”'Evolutionary Love' in Theory and Practice," 2001, co-director with
VII. UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE:
A. Department Committees:
Graduate Placement Committee, 2005-2006
Undergraduate Committee, 2005-2009
Ad hoc Graduate Student Acceptance Committee, 2006
Adviser to *Kinesis* 2005-
Adviser to the Philosophical Society, 2007-2008
Undergraduate Advisor, 2007-2008

B. College and University Committees and Councils:
COLA Fellowship Committee, SIU, 2006-8
Adviser to Martial Arts Club 2005-2006
Review Committee, SIU Dissertation Award, 2005-2006
Liberal Arts Tenure and Promotion Committee, SIU, 2006-2007
Undergraduate Philosophy Club Advisor, Penn State, Spring 2000-2003
Department Graduate Officer, Penn State, 1996-1998.
Department Undergraduate Officer, Penn State, 1995-96.
Acting Graduate Officer, Penn State, 1993-94.
President (1986-87) and Acting Administrator (1987-1988), Wittenberg Faculty Development Organization.
Director of American Studies (1987-90), Wittenberg University

VIII. PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:
A. Membership in Professional Association:
The Personalist Discussion Group
American Philosophical Association
Charles S. Peirce Society
Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy
Society of Philosophers in America
Highlands Institute for American Religious and Philosophical Thought
The Metaphysical Society of America
The William James Society
The Josiah Royce Society

B. Offices Held and Honors Awarded in Professional Associations:
Co-Chair Program Committee, SAAP 2010
Executive Committee, Charles S. Peirce Society, 2008-
APA Eastern Division Program Advisor, American Philosophy, 2008, 2009
Executive Committee, SAAP, 2008-
Executive Director, SOPHIA, 2007-
NEH Summer Seminar Participant, University of New Mexico, 2007.
Penn State University Milton Eisenhower Award for Distinguished Teaching, 2001.
PSEA Friend of the Schools Award, State College Area School District, 1998.
Local Arrangements Committee, International Association for the Philosophy of Sport, 2002.
President, The Charles Peirce Society, 2004
Chair, The Personalist Discussion Group of the APA, 1999-
Executive Committee Member, Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, 1996-1999.
Organizer, Third International Conference for Theology and Philosophy, Bad Boll, Germany, 1998.
Program Committee, APA Central Division, 1992.
Chair of Program Committee, Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, 1994 meeting.

C. Consultantships:
Outside reviewer for Philosophy program at the University of Oregon, 2008.
Outside reviewer for Philosophy program at West Chester University, 1999.

D. Evaluation of Manuscripts for Journals and Book Publishers and of Grant Proposals for Agencies:

Editing
Editor in Chief, Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society, 2008-
Co-editor of Book Series in American Philosophy, Fordham University Press, 2000-
Contributing Editor, The Peirce Edition Project, Volumes V, VI.

Reviewing
NSF, 2009
Fordham University Press
Indiana University Press
Oxford University Press
SUNY Press
Vanderbilt University Press
Illinois University Press
Inquiry
The Pluralist
Journal of Speculative Philosophy
Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society
Journal of Social Philosophy
Journal for the Philosophy of Science
Sophia

F. Other:
Radio

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EDUCATION

1971  Ph.D. Philosophy. Columbia University
1964  MA summa cum laude, Philosophy. Rice University
1960  BA cum laude, English & History, Allegheny College.

TEACHING

1981-  Professor of Philosophy, California State University, Bakersfield
1977-1981  Associate Professor of Philosophy, California State University, Bakersfield
1973-1977  Assistant Professor of Philosophy, California State University, Bakersfield
1969-1973  Adjunct Lecturer, Philosophy, California State University Bakersfield
1966-1968  Visiting Professor of Philosophy, University of the Philippines

AREAS OF SPECIALITY

Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Technology, Bioethics, Philosophy of Medicine, Neuroethics, American Philosophy, Critical Thinking, Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy and Literature.

Awards

2006  Herbert W. Schneider award from the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy- this award is for making “career-long outstanding contributions to American philosophy.”
2000  California State University Wang Family Excellence award for excellence in Teaching, Research and Service

1997  California State University Faculty Leadership and Service Award

1987  California State University Outstanding Professor Award

1987  CSU, Bakersfield Outstanding Professor of Award

RESEARCH, PUBLICATION AND CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

Books and Text Materials


Introduction to Logic, (with Charles W. Kegley), Lanham, Maryland, University Press of America. 1982.


A New Challenge to the Educational Dream: The Handicapped, (Editor), Bakersfield, California: California State University of Bakersfield Press. 1980.

The Doctrine of Interpretation: Building Community Out of Conflict, (Ed.) Hayward, California: California State University, Hayward Press. 1978.

Introduction to Logic, (with Charles W. Kegley), Columbus, Ohio: Charles E. Merrill Company. 1978.
Instructors’ Manual to Introduction to Logic, (with Charles W. Kegley), Columbus, Ohio: Charles E. Merrill Co. 1978.

Cassette Tapes for Introduction to Logic, (with Charles W. Kegley), Columbus, Ohio: Charles E. Merrill Co. 1978.

**Articles and Chapters.**

The “Ethical Subject/Agent” as ‘rational individual’ but also as so much more!, *The Journal of Speculative Philosophy*, Volume 24, No. 2, 2010


“Genetic Information and Genetic Essentialism: Will We Betray Science, the Individual, and the Community?” J. Kegley, (Editor), Genetics and Human Values. New York: Paragon. 1998.


GRANTS

Principal Writer and Director, Three Year Grant, “Infusing Ethical Political and Economic Knowledge and Skills into the Nursing Curriculum,” Fund for Improving Post Secondary Education (FIPSE), Department of Education. September 1994.


Principal Writer and Director, “Ethical and Legal Issues in Psychotechnology,” University Research Council, California State University, Bakersfield, 1991.

Principal Writer and Director, “Nursing Research and Philosophy of Science Lectures,” Lottery Funds, California State University, Bakersfield, 1987-88.

Principal Writer and Director, “Justice in Health Care for the Elderly Lectureship,” Lottery Funds, California State University, Bakersfield, 1986-87.


Principal Writer and Director, “Research on Self and Mind,” University Research Council, California State University, Bakersfield, 1978-1979.

Principal Writer and Director, “Process Studies Research,” University Research Council, California State University, Bakersfield, 1977-78.

BOOK REVIEWS


The fetal position: a rational approach to the abortion issue by Chris Meyers, Prometheus Books, 2010, Choice,


Dorsality: thinking back through technology and politics by David Willis, Minnesota University Press, 2008, Choice,


Philosophical and ethical problems in mental handicap, Peter Byrne, St. Martin, 2000, Choice, 38:3, February, 2001.


**SELECTED PROFESSIONAL & UNIVERSITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

**Administrative**

President, Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, 2010-2012.
Vice President, Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, 2008-2010.
Chair, Advisory Board, Critical Edition of the Works of Josiah Royce Project, 2009-
Faculty Athletics Representative 2006- present
Chair, Compliance and Rules Committee, NCAA Self-Certification, 2008-2009
Member, Steering Committee, NCAA Self-Certification
Chair, Committee on Academic Standards and Requirements, 2007-2009
Chair, Theme 2 General Education Committee, 2007-2009
Member, Committee on Academic Standards and Requirements, 2007- present
Chair, General Education Task Force, 2006-2007
Chair, Department of Philosophy & Religious Studies, 2004-
Member, Executive Committee, Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, 2004-2006.
Member, Executive Committee, CSU Academic Senate, 2003-2004
Chair, CSU Academic Senate, 2000-2003
Chair, Fiscal & Government Affairs Committee, CSU Academic Senate, 2006-7.
Chair, Committee on the Teaching of Philosophy, American Philosophical Association, June, 1999-June 2002.
Chair, Academic Technology Advisory Committee, CSU, 2000-2002. Member of this committee, 2004- present.
Co-Chair, WASC Steering Committee, CSUB 1997-1999
Member, Committee on the Teaching of Philosophy, American Philosophical Association, 1995-1998.
Member, Editorial Board, The Library of Living Philosophers, 1996-present.
Member, Research Team, International Center for Health, Law and Ethics, University of Haifa, Israel, 1996-
Member, Editorial Board, Journal of Medicine and Law, 1996-
Member, Foundation Board, California State University, Bakersfield, 1995-2000.
Member, Academic Senate, CSUB, 1986 to 2006; 2010-present
Chair, Academic Affairs Committee, Academic Senate, CSUB, 2010 to present.
Member, Executive Committee, CSU Academic Senate, 1999-2003.
Chair, Faculty Affairs Committee, Academic Senate, CSUB, 1994-1996.
Chair, Academic Affairs Committee, Academic Senate, CSUB, 1993-1995.
Senator, Academic Senate, California State University, 1989-2006.
Vice Chair, Academic Senate, California State University, Bakersfield, 1999-2000.
Member, CSU Commission on the Extended University, 1999-2001.
Member, CSU Commission on Community Service Learning, 1999-2000.
Chair, Academic Affairs Committee, Academic Senate, CSUB, 1994-1996.
Member, Advisory Board, Institute for Teaching and Learning, CSUB, 1994-1997.
Member, Task Force on Incentives Systems, CSU, 1997.
Chair, Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Board, CSUB, 1995-2000.
Co-Chair, 25th Anniversary Celebration, CSUB, 1994-95.
Faculty Co-Chair, CSU Institute for Teaching and Learning Advisory Board, 1989-1993.
Chair, University Program Review Committee, CSUB, 1994-1997.
Chair, Evaluation Committee for Vice President for Academic Affairs, 1989-90.
Chair, Educational Policies Committee, 1987-88, 1989-90.
Chair, Department of Philosophy & Religious Studies, CSUB, 1985-1992.
Chair, College Council, CSUB, 1977-1981.
Vice Chair, College Council, CSUB, 1981-83.
Chair, Curricular Policy Committee, College Council, CSUB, 1980-1981.
Chair, Long Range Planning Committee, College Council, California State University, Bakersfield, 1980-81.
Chair, Development Committee, Academic Senate, CSUB, 1983-1984.
Chair, University Program Review Committee, CSUB, 1994-1997.
Chair, Evaluation Committee for Vice President for Academic Affairs, 1989-90.
Chair, Educational Policies Committee, 1987-88, 1989-90.
Chair, Department of Philosophy & Religious Studies, CSUB, 1985-1992.
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Vice Chair, College Council, CSUB, 1981-83.
Chair, Curricular Policy Committee, College Council, CSUB, 1980-1981.
Chair, Long Range Planning Committee, College Council, California State University, Bakersfield, 1980-81.
Chair, Development Committee, Academic Senate, CSUB, 1983-1984.
Chair, University Program Review Committee, CSUB, 1994-1997.
Chair, Evaluation Committee for Vice President for Academic Affairs, 1989-90.
Chair, Pacific Division, Josiah Royce Society, 2006-2008.

Community and University Presentations

“The “Ethical Subject/Agent” as ‘rational individual’ but also as so much more!” presentation at the American Philosophies Forum, “The Future of Ethics,” Atlanta, Georgia, April, 2009.


“The Concept of Mind as an Individual and Communal Notion,” this is an invited talk for an International Symposium on Themes in American Philosophy: Josiah Royce, Opole, Poland, June, 2008.

“Race as a Contextual Matter,” this is an invited address for the Central Division, American Philosophical Association meetings, Chicago, April, 2008.


“Josiah Royce: Representative American Philosopher,” this was an invited lecture, Fulbright Institute on American Thought, San Francisco State University, 2007.

“Science and Philosophy: The Unspoken Quest for Certainty,” this was an invited lecture, Texas A & M University, November, 2007.


“Personhood in Process,” an invited address for the International Personalist Symposium, Warsaw, Poland, 2006.

Is A Coherent Racial Identity Essential to Genuine Individuals and Communities?” invited address, International Conference on Josiah Royce, Vanderbilt University, 2005.


“Teaching Ethics Across the Curriculum: An Ethical Responsibility We Cannot Avoid,” 9th Annual Southern Utah Faculty Development Conference, Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah, August, 2001.

“Exciting Classroom Techniques in the Humanities Classroom,” workshop at the Summer Teacher-Scholar Institute, CSU Institute for Teaching and Learning, Cal Poly, SLO, June, 2001.


“Community Service Learning: A Challenge to Philosophy,” presented at workshop on Community Service Learning, sponsored by the Campus Compact and the APAS, Central Division, Minneapolis, April, 2001.


“Ethics Across the Curriculum,” a workshop at the Summer Scholars Institute of the CSU Institute for Teaching and Learning, Long Beach, June, 2000.


“Informed Consent in an Information Age,” Presented at the International Conference on “Ethics Education in Medical Schools,” February 14, 2000 in Eilat, Israel.

Genetics for Medical Education, a chapter and teaching module to be presented at an International Conference on “Ethics Education in Medical Schools,” February 13-16, 2000 in Eilat, Israel.


“Preparing Entry Level Nurses to Address Complex Ethical Issues,” with Peggy Leapley, Ethics in Nursing: Discovery, Controversy and Actualization, Loyola University Chicago, November 15, 1996.


“Choices, Changes, Challenges: Ethics in Managed Care.” CEWAER (California Elected Women’s Association for Education and Research) Conference. November 1, 1996.

“Ethics and Public Service,” The Public Service Speakers Series, The Public Service Institute, CSUB School of Business & Public Administration, October 29, 1996.

“Infusing Ethical, Political and Economic Knowledge and Skills in the Nursing Curriculum,” The Third Kern County Nursing Research Conference, October 26, 1996.


“It’s Great To Be Silver,” Video program on 25 years at CSUB. Directed, helped edit, presented September, 1994.

Edited, Retrospective: 25 Years at CSUB. September, 1994, CSUB Press.
“Good People for Bad Times,” with Robert Woods, Mel Rubin, Milt Clift, CSUB 60+ Club. TV Program, June, 1994


“Technology and Person,” Faculty Seminar, San Jose State University, January, 1990.


“Ethical Issues in Genetic Screening,” College Day Program. CSUB, April 1987.


**Community Service**


Member, Board of Directors, Kern County Mental Health Association, 1982-84.

Member, Grant Advisory Committee, Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Board, 1985-1992.


Chair, Board of Directors, Musica DA Camera Musical Group, 1988-1995.

Member, Board of Directors, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 1992-1997.

Member, Board of Directors, Meridian Ranch Group Home, 2000.
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PERSONAL

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EDUCATION AND DEGREES

B.A. (Cum Laude) St. Francis College, 1953, Philosophy

M.A. Fordham University, 1954, Philosophy

Ph.D. (With Great Distinction) Fordham University, 1959, Philosophy

Post-Doctoral Fellow: Union Theological Graduate School, 1964-1965, American Studies

L.L.D. (Honoris Causa) University of Hartford, 1970 (for Contribution to Higher Education)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Loughlin High School - Latin & English, 1953-1954

St. Francis College - Philosophy & English, 1954-1957

Queens College, C.U.N.Y.- Philosophy, 1956-1977; Member of Doctoral Faculty, C.U.N.Y., 1970-77

Texas A & M University - Professor and Head, Department of Philosophy and Humanities, 1977-1981

Distinguished Professor, Philosophy and Humanities, 1981-

Abell Professor in Liberal Arts, 1986 - Professor, Family and Community Medicine, College of Medicine, 1981-1982

Professor and Head, Department of Humanities in Medicine, College of Medicine, 1982 - 1990

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Professor, Department of Humanities in Medicine,
College of Medicine, 1990 -
(Since 1981, Professor McDermott has had a joint appointment in College of Liberal Arts and College of Medicine.)

Guest Professor (semester or more)- Fordham University Graduate School;
Manhattanville College; University of San Francisco; State University of New York at Stony Brook (American Literature); Froman Distinguished Visiting Professor - Russell Sage College; University of California at Berkeley

Fields - American Philosophy, Philosophy of Culture, Environmental Aesthetics, History of Philosophy, Humanities in Medicine

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Guidance Counselor - evening students, Queens College, 1958-1960

Fellowship Interviewer - Danforth Graduate Fellowship
Kent Fellowship
E. Harris Harbison Award
Cross-Disciplinary Fellowship - Society for Values in Higher Education (Selection Committee)

Consultant - Doctoral Program in Philosophy at Fordham University, 1960-1965
Founding of the First New York State Master's Degree of Interdisciplinary Arts, Manhattanville College, 1965
Doctoral Program in Philosophy at the State University of New York at Stony Brook, 1970
Founding of the Interdisciplinary Master's Degree in Philosophical Perspectives, S.U.N.Y., 1972
Founding of New Resources Program, College of New Rochelle, 1973
“Humanities Remedial Project,” Kingsborough Community College, City University of New York, 1973-1974
N.E.H. Grant for a Program on the Teaching of Philosophy in Secondary Schools, awarded Summer, 1977
Council of Philosophical Studies of the American Philosophical Association (Quincy College, Bergen Community College, Indiana University at Indianapolis, Waterbury Jr. College)
National Humanities Faculty, N.E.H., N.I.E., H.E.W.
Curriculum Reform Program sponsored by the Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education, at Ohio State University, June 1984
Annenberg Foundation for Media Grants in the Humanities, Washington, D. C., February 1985

Manuscript Referee - The University of Chicago Press; Rutgers University Press; Harcourt, Brace and Jovanovich; Illinois University Press; University of California Press;
University of Texas Press; Philosophical Forum; Purdue University Press; University of Massachusetts Press; Journal of the Behavioral Sciences; Random House; Southern Illinois University Press; Transactions of the C. S. Peirce Society; Iowa State University Press; Urban and Schwarzenberg; Texas Journal of Science; Yale University Press; Canadian Federation of the Humanities; S.U.N.Y. Press; NEH; NSF; American Studies; Catholic University Press; The Historian; Temple University Press; Southern Methodist University Press, Baylor University Press; Princeton University Press; Paragon House; Cambridge University Press; Rowman & Littlefield; University of Nebraska Press; International Philosophical Quarterly; Blackwell Publishing; University of Georgia Press; Journal of Speculative Philosophy; Texas Medical Association; University of Indiana Press

Grant Referee - National Endowment for the Humanities - Media Programs, State Based Humanities Program, Research Grants in Philosophy, American Council of Learned Societies, Guggenheim Foundation

Member - Conference on Science, Philosophy and Religion, Jewish Theological Seminary (Chairman - Institute for Religious and Social Studies Seminar, 1966-1967)

Board of Directors and National Vice-President, American Montessori Society, 1963-1965
National Advisory Board, Mary Holmes Junior College and the Child Development Group of Mississippi, 1965
Board of Directors, Youth Board, Town of Huntington, New York, 1973
Fellowship Advisory Council, American Council of Learned Societies, 1975, 1976, 1977
Board of Trustees, National Humanities Faculty
Executive Committee, American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, 1979-1982
Task Force, Texas Commission on the Humanities, The Humanities in the Public Schools of Texas, 1981
Affiliation Committee, Texas Association of College Teachers
Magna Carta Committee of Texas A & M University
History of Science
Philosophy of Education Committee
Senior Scholars Committee (Chair, 1983 - 1984)
Urban Affairs Faculty, Texas A&M University
Dean’s Advisory Committee, College of Medicine, Texas A&M University
John Dewey Society
International Advisory Council for Medical Ethics
Board of Advisors, Center for Advanced Research in Phenomenology, Inc.
Ph.D. Committees -
Fordham University (Mentor)
S.U.N.Y. at Stony Brook (Mentor)
City University of New York
University of Texas at Austin
Texas A & M University
Board of Editors - Journal of Speculative Philosophy, Cross Currents, Transactions of the Peirce Society
The European Society for Philosophy of Medicine and Health Care
The International Association for Philosophy and Literature
Philosophy of the Federal Commission for Preservation and Access
National Faculties Conference for planning High School Curriculum
Executive Committee of the Texas Council for the Visual and Performing Arts
The National Board of Officers, American Philosophical Association, 1989-1992
William James Society
Josiah Royce Society
Society of Philosophers in America

Appointed - Five Member National Board of Referees, Advanced Philosophy Test, Graduate Record Examination, Educational Testing Service, 1972-1973 (Resigned)
Texas A&M University Delegate - Association of American Colleges
Advisory Board of the John Dewey Correspondence Project, The Center for Dewey Studies, May 1998 – Present
Advisory Board of the Critical Edition of The Works of George Santayana. Present

External Evaluator - Merger of Sir George Williams and Loyola, Montreal, Canada, Fall 1973
National American Studies Faculty
Smithsonian Institute - International Programs

President - The Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, 1977-1980
Texas A&M Chapter, American Association of University Professors, 1982-1983
The William James Society, 2002
The Josiah Royce Society, 2005

Tenure and Promotion Referee - University of Delaware, Stanford University, University of Michigan, University of Pennsylvania, Texas A&M University, Northwestern University, Denison University

Chairman - Ad Hoc Committee for the Founding of a Faculty Senate, Texas A&M University
Advisory Council for International Programs, Texas A&M University, 1983
American Philosophical Association Program Committee, 1989-1992
American Philosophical Association Standing Committee on Lectures, Research and Publications, Oral History Committee, 1996

Committees, Texas A&M University - Search for Provost, University Lecture Committee, University Honors Committee, Presidential Committee for Recruitment of Minorities, American Studies Committee, Search Committee for Dean of College of Liberal Arts, Distinguished Professors—Sub-committee for evaluation of promotions, Numerous Departmental Committees, Presidential Search Advisory Committee, Dean of Faculties Search Committee, Enlightened and Shared Governance Task Force
Campus Representative - Mellon Fellowships of the Woodrow Wilson Foundation

Faculty Representative - Long Range Planning Committee, Texas A&M University

Elected - Academic Council, Texas A&M University 1977-1981
   Senator, Texas A&M University Faculty Senate, 1983-1986
   Speaker of the Senate, Texas A&M University Faculty Senate, May 1983-1984
American Association for the Advancement of Science

Invited Reviewer - “The Peirce Project,” sponsored by the University of Indiana and the National Endowment for the Humanities, November 1982
   “The Dewey Project,” sponsored by Southern Illinois University and the National Endowment for the Humanities, November 1982
   “The Santayana Project,” sponsored by the University of Tampa and the National Endowment for the Humanities, November 1982
   “The Einstein Correspondence Project,” sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities, October 1994

Attended - Annual Meeting of the American Association of Medical Colleges, active in the formation of the new organization known as Humanities in Medical Education, November 1982
   First Texas Bioethics Consortium in Bryan, Texas, May 5-6, 1983

Contributing Editor - Texas Committee on the Humanities
   Texas Humanist
   William James Studies


General Editor, Project Director, and Principal Investigator – The Correspondence of William James, 12 vols. (University of Virginia Press, 1992-2004)

(Both of these serial works were published as Critical Editions and were sponsored in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Council of Learned Societies.)

Moderator - Session I of the Southern Regional Meeting of the Society for Health and Human Values, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, April 1984

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Queens College, C.U.N.Y.

Most major departmental and college-wide committees, e.g., Faculty Council, 1960-1969; College Curriculum Committees, Educational Policies Committee; Departmental Personnel and Budget Committee, 1959-1972; Summer Session Supervisor, 1966-1967; Department Graduate Program Advisor, 1965-1967; College

Acting Chairman, Philosophy Department, 1967-1968

Director of Honors and Interdisciplinary Studies, June 1968-June 1970  (Ranged from 600-1000 students participating in seventy-five courses and several hundred tutorials.  Provided the basis for extensive revision of the college curriculum and was influential on the City University programs of Independent Study and Work-Study B.  A.  Provided for guest lecturers, symposia and interdisciplinary colloquia.)

Texas A & M University –
Department Head, Philosophy and Humanities 1977-1981

As Department Head, I was responsible for an operating, maintenance and staff salary budget of approximately $400,000.  We used zero-based budgeting procedures for operating and maintenance funding.  I was also personally responsible for approximately $25,000 in equipment.  In addition to the standard preparation of schedules, evaluations, and departmental policy, I also supervised the use of media materials for our program in Technology and Human Values, and I was responsible for the Humanities programs in Music and Library Science.

From 1977-1984, at Texas A & M University, I sponsored several hundred colloquia guests.  Many came as a result of two annual meetings, The Southwestern Philosophical Society and The Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy.  The remainder, on the average of one every two weeks, have represented philosophy, religion, literature, education, public policy and environmental ethics.

Texas A & M University College of Medicine -
Department Head, Humanities in Medicine.  1983-1990

As Professor and Head of Humanities in Medicine for the College of Medicine at Texas A&M University, I taught a 96-hour curriculum, arranged for colloquia and coordinated site visits to hospitals, clinics and nursing homes.  I supervised one colleague here in College Station and two at Scott and White in Temple.  The departmental budget was $125,000 per year.

Texas A & M University – Charter Speaker of Faculty Senate 1983-1984

As Speaker of the first Faculty Senate at Texas A & M University, I supervised new by-laws, renovation of office space, budget allocations, committee assignments and other assorted start-up tasks.  The Senate has eighty-five faculty members.

Extra-mural Administration

Assignments in professional societies, arranging for conferences and service on Grant Steering Committees.
GRANTS

Awarded grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities as Principal Investigator, Project Director and General Editor of a multi-volume Critical Edition of The Correspondence of William James to be published by The University Press of Virginia. Awards received biennially starting in 1988 and continuing through 2001. Total award approximately $1,400,000.

Award in name of John J. McDermott as Principal Investigator to the American Council of Learned Societies for $100,000, from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. This award to provide ‘matching funds’ for NEH grant awards to the William James Correspondence Project. Additional Award from the Mellon Foundation for ‘matching funds,’ $75,000 in 2002. This 12 volume Critical Edition was completed in 2004.


PUBLICATIONS

Books:


General Editor, The Correspondence of William James, 1856-1877, Volume IV. Edited by Ignas Skrupskelis and Elizabeth Berkeley. (Charlottesville: The University Press of Virginia, 1995), lii, 714. (Foreword, xv-xvii).

General Editor, The Correspondence of William James, 1878-1884, Volume V. Edited by Ignas Skrupskelis and Elizabeth Berkeley. (Charlottesville: The University Press of Virginia, 1997), lvi, 677. (Foreword, xvii-xx).


General Editor, The Correspondence of William James, 1885-1889, Volume VI. Edited by Ignas Skrupskelis and Elizabeth Berkeley. (Charlottesville: The University Press of Virginia, 1998), xlvi, 746. (Foreword, xvii-xx).

General Editor, The Correspondence of William James, 1890-1894, Volume VII. Edited by Ignas Skrupskelis and Elizabeth Berkeley. (Charlottesville: The University Press of Virginia, 1999), lix, 745. (Foreword, xvii-xx).
General Editor, The Correspondence of William James, 1895-June1899, Volume VIII. Edited by Ignas Skrupskelis and Elizabeth Berkeley. (Charlottesville: The University Press of Virginia, 2000), lxiii, 762. (Foreword, xix-xxii).

General Editor, The Correspondence of William James, July 1899-1901, Volume IX. Edited by Ignas Skrupskelis and Elizabeth Berkeley. (Charlottesville: The University Press of Virginia, 2001), lvi, 752. (Foreword, xvii-xx).


General Editor, The Correspondence of William James, April 1905-1908, Volume XI. Edited by Ignas Skrupskelis and Elizabeth Berkeley. (Charlottesville: The University of Virginia Press, 2003), lxiv, 772. (Foreward, xix-xxii).

General Editor, The Correspondence of William James, April 1908- 1910, Volume XII. Edited by Ignas Skrupskelis and Elizabeth Berkeley. (Charlottesville: The University Press of Virginia, 2004), lxi, 793. (Foreword, xix-xxiii; Afterword, 577-579).


Articles:


“Privacy and Social Therapy,” Soundings 51, no. 2 (summer 1968): 346-357.


“The Cultural Immortality of Philosophy as Human Drama,” Faculty Lecture Series (College Station, Texas: Texas A&M University, 1980), 1-28.


Foreword to The Pluralistic Philosophy of Stephen Crane, by Patrick K. Dooley (Chicago: University of Illinois Press, 1993), ix-xii.


“Peter Hare: A Eulogy” in Remembering Peter Hare ed. James Campbell. The Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, 32-33.

“A Lost Horizon: The Perils and Possibilities of the Obvious”, The Pluralist, Volume 5, No 2, Summer 2010, pp 1-17


Reviews:


MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS


Interview: Lee Graham Show, WNYC, January 1970.


Television Interviews: NBC (John Chancellor) and CBS (Howard Cosell) relating to the problems in collegiate athletics, 1983.


Address: To the Faculty at University Faculty Meeting, Texas A&M University, *Fortnightly* 14 (June 1, 1984): 20.

Address: State of the Senate, Faculty Senate, Texas A&M University, *Fortnightly* 14 (June 1, 1984): 33-36.


Meeting with Dean of Humanities to discuss alternative education, Queens University – Belfast, Belfast, Northern Ireland, February 10, 1999.


Conducted evaluation of Middle Tennessee State University Philosophy Department for Higher Education Authority of the State of Tennessee, March 24-26, 1999.


Presentation of the Schneider Award to Bruce Wilshire, SAAP Newsletter #89, 2001, pp. 20-21.


“Reminiscences on 20 Years of the Faculty Senate,” Texas A&M University, May 2003.

Presentation of Herbert Schneider Award to Ignas Skrupskelis, March 2004, Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, Birmingham, Alabama

“American Pragmatism” episode of Philosophy Talk radio program. Ben Manilla Productions. Aired December 3, 2006 on San Francisco's KALW (91.7 FM)


Teleconference with students from St. Mary’s University, Indiana under the supervision of Professor Charles Hobbs. This consisted in a discussion of Professor McDermott’s book The Drama of Possibility and allied issues. March 31st 2009.

Reviews of The Drama of Possibility in Transactions of C.S. Peirce Society, William James Studies, Foucault Studies

Hundreds of citations of annotated bibliographies on William James and Josiah Royce

Commentary on McDermott’s influence by John Kaag in “Everything Dies: Facing Fatalism in Atlantic City” and Erin McKenna and Scott Pratt “Living on the Edge: A Reason to Believe” as found in Bruce Springsteen and Philosophy: Darkness on the Edge of Truth. Open Court Publishers. 2009

Robert Richardson’s The Heart of William James features a frontispiece dedication to John J. McDermott


VISITING PROFESSOR AND PUBLIC LECTURES


Faculty Lecturer, North Carolina State University, March 7-9, 1966. Three Lectures and Seminars on the generic theme “Technology and Community.”


“From Impressionism to Media,” Graduate School of Philosophy Colloquium, Pennsylvania State University, April 1967.

Danforth Co-Lecturer in Residence, Danforth Scholars Conference, Illinois, September 4-9, 1967. Delivered one major lecture and offered weeklong seminars on aesthetics.

Visiting Professor in American Philosophy to colleges in Winona, Minnesota, January 21-26, 1968. Grant provided by Title III, Department of Health, Education and Welfare.


Visiting Professor, Marquette University Graduate School of Philosophy, November 25-26, 1968. Lectures and Seminars on aesthetics and American philosophy.

Visiting Professor, MacMurray College, March 27-28, 1969.


Visiting Professor, Indiana University, Indianapolis, March 24-25-26, 1970. Invitation from the University and on a grant from the Council of Philosophical Studies of the American Philosophical Association for the purpose of giving lectures and aiding in departmental curriculum revision.

“Prophecy and Social Protest,” Loyola University, Montreal, March 1970.

Commencement Address, St. Joseph’s College, Brooklyn, New York, June 1970.

“The Virus of Cynicism,” Commencement Address, University of Hartford, June 1970. The speaker was chosen by the students and awarded an L.L.D. for service to Higher Education.


Visiting Professor, University of Maine at Portland, May 1971.

Lecturer, Antioch College, New York Conference for European Teachers, 1971.

Visiting Professor, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, April 1971. Public Lecture, Classroom Lectures, and Symposia.

Baccalaureate Convocation Address, Queens College, 1968, 1971.

Philosophy Commencement Address, State University of New York at Stony Brook, June 1971.


Visiting Professor, John Carroll University, February 1972.
Visiting Professor, University of Missouri at Kansas City, March 1972.

“Philosophical Problems in Social Diagnosis,” Graduate School of Philosophy, Southern Illinois University, April 1972.

Graduation Address, Huntington High School, June 1972.


Lecture, C. W. Post College, October 1972.


Visiting Professor, Graduate Philosophy Colloquium, University of Texas at Austin, April 1974.

Visiting Professor, Wilkes Barre College, 1974.

Visiting Professor, Villanova College, 1974.

Visiting Professor, S.U.N.Y. at Buffalo, April 1974.

Guest Lecturer, Annual Meeting of the Three Village School District, September 1974.

Guest Lecturer, Nassau County Art Council, November 1974.

Visiting Professor, University of Bridgeport, March 1975.

Participant, Colloquium on Urban Aesthetics, Furman University and the City Council of Greenville, South Carolina, March 1975.

Chairman, Panel Discussion on American Philosophy, Annual Meeting of The Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, New York City, March 1975.

Elton Lecturer, George Washington University, March 1975.

Visiting Professor, University of Connecticut at Storrs, April 1975.

Guest Panelist, University of Connecticut Medical Center at Farmington, April 1975.

Keynote Address – Founding of the Medical School at the University of Maine - Orono, May 1975.


Visiting Professor, University of Dayton, September 1975.

Visiting Professor, Lecture Series in American Philosophy, School of Philosophy, Catholic University, October 1975.

Lecturer, Conference on American Pragmatism, University of South Carolina, October 1975. With W.V.O. Quine, J. Gouinlock, E. Gellner and H. S. Thayer.


Visiting Professor, University of Maine at Portland, March 1976.

Visiting Professor, Colby College, Maine, March 1976.


Commencement Address, Department of English and Comparative Literature, S.U.N.Y. at Stony Brook, May 1976.


Lecture, Plenary Session of the Bicentennial Congress on American Philosophy, New York City, October 1976.
Coordinator and Participant, Semester-long Lecture Series on American Philosophy, Fordham University Graduate School, Fall 1976.


Seminar Presentations, “Philosophy in the Classroom Project,” Queens College, City University of New York, January and June, 1978. Funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

“Perspectives on Recent American Culture,” Swarthmore College, March 1978.


“Philosophy and Politics,” Sam Houston State University, April 1978.

“Spires of Influence: Emerson and the Classical American Philosophers,” The University of California at Santa Cruz, December 1978.

Presentation, David Miller Festschrift, Department of Philosophy, University of Texas at Austin, 1978.

“Plato’s Cave,” Teaching Workshop for Philosophy Instructors, Richland College, Dallas, November 1979.

“Philosophical Dimensions of Contemporary American Culture,” The University of Northern Colorado at Greeley, February 1979.


Presidential Address, Seventh Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, Texas A&M University, February 1980.


“A Look at the Humanities,” Southwest Humanities Consortium, Southern Methodist University, April 1980.


Honors Convocation Lecturer, Sam Houston State University, April 1980.

Visiting Professor and Theatre Critic, Austin College, Sherman, Texas, January 1980.

Banquet Lecture, American Montessori Society, June 1980.

Seminars on my published writings, Community College Consortium of the National Humanities Faculty, Wells College, July 1980.

“A Philosophy of American Culture,” Faculty of the University of Arkansas, September 1980.


Annual University Faculty Lecturer, “The Cultural Immortality of Philosophy as Human Drama,” Texas A&M University, October 1980.


“Content is the Message,” International Association of Business Communicators, January 1981.


“Person in the Philosophy of William James,” The University of Kansas, February 1981.


“Why Is Dying More Expensive Than Living: Reflections on Medical Humanities,” Unitarian Fellowship, College Station, Texas, October 1981.

“The Role of Medical Humanities in Pre-Medical Programs,” Texas A&M University Pre-Medical and Pre-Dental Society, November 1981.


Panelist, “Christianity in a Scientific Age,” Conference sponsored by Campus Ministries, Texas A&M University, February 12, 1982.


O’Brien Distinguished Visiting Lecturer, Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio, March 20-April 1, 1982. Gave one Classroom Lecture, a Faculty Seminar on “Death Without Immortality” and a Public Lecture on “Philosophy as Cultural Drama.”


Distinguished Visiting Speaker and Critic at the Fine Arts Festival, The University of Texas at Tyler, April 22-23, 1982. Presented a classroom lecture, judged art works and delivered a public lecture, “The Evolution of Modern Consciousness.”

“The Two Cultures Revisited,” Beta Beta Beta, Honor Society of the Department of Biology, Texas A & M University, April 29, 1982.

“The Significance of Philosophy,” Interdisciplinary Studies Program, University of Houston at Clear Lake City, April 30, 1982.


“The University: The Nectar is in the Journey,” August Commencement Address, Texas A&M University, 1982.

Panelist, Conference on Clinical Medical Ethics, The University of Tennessee at Knoxville, August 15-18, 1982.

Keynote Address, “America? The Loneliness of the Quest,” Conference on The Individual and the Community, Minnesota Committee on the Humanities, Moorhead State University, September 23, 1982.


“The Landscape of Medical Humanities,” Medical Staff, Olin Teague Veterans Hospital, Temple, Texas, December 1982.

Participant, Seminar on “Palliative Care for the Terminally Ill,” Olin Teague Veteran’s Hospital, Temple, Texas, December 1982.


“Medicine as an Art,” The Humanities in Pre-Medical Education, Texas Association of Advisors for the Health Professions, February 1983.


“The Importance of Medical Humanities,” School of Medicine, The University of Hawaii, Manoa Campus, April 1983.

“The Landscape of Professional Ethics,” Texas Veterinary Medicine Society, Texas A&M University, April 1983.

“Landscape and Personscape,” Annual Honors Banquet of the Department of Landscape Architecture, Texas A&M University, April 1983.

“Contemporary American Culture,” Department of Philosophy, Memphis State University, April 1983.


“The Nature of Interdisciplinary Education,” Faculty of Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, June 24, 1983.

“Engineering and Culture,” Banquet Lecture, Pi Tau Sigma, Mechanical Engineering Honor Society, Texas A&M University, July 1983.

“Personscape,” Bryan-College Station Kiwanis Club, Bryan, Texas, July 26, 1983.

“Pragmatism and World Civilization,” World Congress of Philosophy, Montreal, Canada, August 22, 1983.

“William James as Contemporary Critic,” American Psychological Association, Anaheim, California, August 30, 1983.
Visiting Professor for the North Carolina Center for Independent Higher Education to Davidson College, Wake Forest University and Elon College, October 1983. Lectures and Seminars on Medical Humanities and the Philosophy of Culture.

“Abortion,” First Presbyterian Church, Bryan, Texas, October 2, 1983.

“The Nature of the University,” Staff of the Division of Student Services, Texas A&M University, October 1983.

“Individual and Community in American Philosophy,” University of Texas at Austin, November 1983.

“High Technology and Medicine,” Faculty of Humanities in Medicine, American Association of Medical Colleges, Washington, D. C., November 1983.

“The Nectar is in the Journey,” Pi Tau Sigma, Mechanical Engineering Honor Society, Texas A&M University, December 1983.


“Landscape of Professional Ethics,” The American Academy of Veterinary Pharmacology and Therapeutics, Fourth Symposium, Texas A & M University, College Station, Texas, April 1984.


“Philosophy of American Culture,” Annual Summer Humanities Lecture, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, June 1984.
“The Nature of the Contemporary Student,” Division of Student Services Conference, Texas A & M University, July 1984.


“Eating the World,” Unitarian Church, College Station, Texas, September 1984.


“Insight and Oversight: Implications of the Revolution in Pharmacology,” Department of Pharmacology, College of Medicine, Texas A&M University, September 1984.


“Does Business Have Any Obligation to the Community: A Social - Political Perspective,” Department of Management, College of Business Administration, Texas A&M University, October 1984.


“Person-Parks,” Conference on Leisure, Department of Recreation and Parks, Texas A&M University, January 1985.


“Personscape: Housing for People,” Association of College and University Housing Officers, Texas A & M University, College Station, Texas, March 1985.


“Philosophy of American Culture,” Faculty and Graduate Students, Department of Philosophy, Fudan University, Shanghai, China, September 1985.

“Pragmatism and Marxism,” Seminar, Fudan University, Shanghai, China, September 1985.

“Contemporary American Medical Practice,” Seminar, Faculty of the Nanjing Medical College and Hospital, Nanjing, China, September 1985.

“Care of Defective Neo-natal Children,” Symposium Speaker, Conference for the Young President’s Organization, Winnipeg, Manitoba, October 1985.


“Possibility or Self-Deception: A Philosophical Approach to Late Nineteenth Century American Culture,” American Studies Association, San Diego, California, November 1985.

McVean Lecturer, “Philosophy of Medicine,” Department of Philosophy, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, November 1985.

Classroom Lectures on the philosophy of John Dewey, Department of Philosophy, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, November 1985.


Major Consultant and Speaker, “Euthanasia,” Canadian radio in British Columbia with other guests: Jacob Javits, former Senator from New York; Derek Humphrey, Hemlock Society; and Host, David Barrett, former Premier of British Columbia, January 1986.


Seminar on AIDS, Department of Medical Microbiology, College of Medicine, Texas A&M University, March 1986.


Session at the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada, October 1986

Seminar on the Philosophy of Plato, Students and Faculty, University of Tulsa, Tulsa, Oklahoma, November 1986.

Faculty Seminar addressed to the Work of John J. McDermott, University Faculty at the University of Tulsa, Tulsa, Oklahoma, November 1986.


“Person: Creation or Mock-up,” The Personalist Discussion Group, American Philosophical Association, Boston, Massachusetts, December 1986.

Visiting Lecturer, to Principals, Superintendents, Teachers, and Students of Washington and Tacoma school districts, January 1987.


“A Diagnosis of Human Loneliness,” Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina, April 1987.

“Educational Issues and National Faculty Possibilities,” Board of Trustees of the National Faculty of Arts, Sciences and Humanities, Atlanta, Georgia, April 1987.

“Their Foot Shall Slide in Due Time,” Lion’s Club, College Station, Texas, August 1987.

“The Aesthetics of the Ordinary,” Unitarian Fellowship, College Station, Texas, August 1987.

“Possibilities and Perils,” New Faculty Meeting, Texas A&M University, August 1987.


Participant, AIDS Seminar, sponsored by the Texas A&M Department of Biochemistry, October 1987.


Lectures and Seminars, to Superintendents, Principals, School Psychologists, Teachers and Students in Public Schools of the greater Seattle area, January 1988.


Presentations and lectures, Capital High School Faculty and Staff, Charleston, West Virginia, August 1988.


Lecturer, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma, September 1988. Delivered papers, presented a public lecture on medical ethics and taught seminars.


“Humanities in Medicine,” John Carroll University, Cleveland, Ohio, April 1989.

“Rethinking Classical American Philosophy,” University of Virginia at Clinch Valley, April 1989.


“Palliative Care,” Veteran’s Administration Conference, Reno, Nevada, April 1989.


Presenter, Seminars for Faculty and Students, Alfred University, New York, October 1989.


“Work’ as a Metaphor in American Culture,” American Studies Program, University of California, Berkeley, April 1990.


“Vulnerability, Arrogance, Affection, Ambiguity,” University of Illinois, Medical School, Chicago Circle, June 1990.

“Vulnerability, Arrogance, Affection, Ambiguity,” Loyola University, June 1990.


“Herman Melville’s Confidence Man: A Critique of American Culture,” and “William James: Style and Substance,” Graduate Seminars, English Department, University of California at Berkeley, November 1990.

Convocation Lecturer, Blackburn College, Carlinsville, Illinois, February 1991.


Commentator, The Personalist Society, Oxford University, September 1991.

Visiting Professor, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas, November 1991. Public lecture, seminar, and class presentations.


Banquet Lecturer, American Chemical Society, Texas A&M University Section, December 1991.


“The Right to Die,” with Dax Cowart, College of Medicine, Texas A&M University, January 1992.

Seminar on Philosophy of Leisure, Department of Recreation and Parks, Texas A&M University, January 1992.


“Pragmatism and Feminism,” American Philosophical Association, Central Division, Louisville, Kentucky, April 1992.


Presentation to Landscape Architects, Department of Architecture, Texas A&M University, September 1992.

Presentation to the Minority Pre-Medical Society, College of Medicine, Texas A&M University, November 1992.


“Everyone Comes From Somewhere--Multicultural Sensibility,” Seattle University, April 1993.


“Philosophy of Plato,” NEH Teacher’s Seminar, State University of New York at Stony Brook, July 1993.
“All We Seem to Get is Life. Implicitness: The Practical as Ontological,” Festschrift for Professor Douglas Browning, Department of Philosophy, University of Texas at Austin, September 1993.

“The Right to Die” and “Addiction,” Seminars to the Students and Faculty of the S.U.N.Y. Downstate Medical Center, Brooklyn, New York, November 1993.

“Environmental Aesthetics,” Graduate Program, Department of Geography, Texas A&M University, November 1993.


Ralph W. Sleeper Symposium Chair, Annual Meeting of The Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, Houston, Texas, March 5, 1994.

The William James Synoptic Lectures, “Fearing the Vaudeville Hook: From the Street to the Academy,” Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids, Michigan, April 7, 1994.

Lectures and Seminars on Philosophy of Medicine, The San Antonio Health Science Center, San Antonio, Texas, April 15, 1994.


Chair and Commentator, Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, Waltham, Massachusetts, March 1995.
“Philosophy as Therapeia,” Department of Philosophy, Middle Tennessee State University, April 1995.


Chair and Commentator, American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, New York City, December 1995.


Public Lecture, Visiting Professor and Classroom Presentations, Baylor University, April 1996.

Presentation on editing of Critical Editions, C. S. Peirce Center, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis, May 1996.

“Plato’s Cave,” Visiting Lecturer, N.E.H. Seminar, State University of New York at Stony Brook, July 1996.


Classroom presentation, Josiah Royce, Vanderbilt University, November 1996.


“Career as Vision,” Student Leadership Conference, Texas A&M University, November 1996.

“Losing Our Way: Tao or Dow?,” University of South Carolina, January 1997.


“The Humanities: Ornament or Marrow,” NEH, University of California, Berkeley, July 26, 1997.


Presentations, Dewey’s Philosophy of Education, College of Education Graduate Students, Texas A&M University, October 2 and November 6, 1997.


Keynote Address, “Aesthetics Against the Grain,” American Society for Aesthetics, Rocky Mountain Division, Santa Fe, New Mexico, July 10, 1998.


“Philosophical Skepticism,” Department of Philosophy Colloquium, Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas, September 24, 1998.


Invited lecture on William James, University College - Dublin, Dublin, Ireland, February 9, 1999.

“The Erosion of Moral Sensibility,” Annual Lyceum Lecture, Middle Tennessee State University, March 26, 1999.

“On the Conflicted Membership Rights of the College of Medicine for the Charter Faculty Senate,” Faculty Senate, Texas A&M University, April 12, 1999.

“Sir William Osler and Medical School Education,” Renewed Osler Society, Texas A&M University, April 23, 1999.

“Administration as Caring,” presentation to group of school principals at Texas A&M University, June 1, 1999.

“John Dewey’s Philosophy of Education,” presentation to Ph.D. students in Educational Administration, Texas A&M University, June 8, 1999.

“Ill at Ease: No Ultimate Canopy of Explanation,” presentation to the American Philosophy Conference at the University of Vermont, July 1999.


Undergraduate Seminars on John Dewey, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, November 11 - 12, 1999.


Visiting Lecturer, California State University at Chico, February 2001. Selected as the first Lottery Visiting Professor at California State University. Chosen on the basis of national reputation as a classroom teacher.


Visiting Lecturer, The University of Oregon, May 2001. Seminar to Graduate Faculty and Students on “Death.”


“Globalization and Higher Education,” The University of Hawaii in Honolulu, Hawaii, February 20-25, 2002. Member of invitation only panel with conferees from Pakistan, Kashmir, Guatemala, China, Australia, Germany, Italy, among others.

Panel Presentation for “The Next 125 Years: What Will the University of the Future Look Like,” Texas A&M University, April 17, 2002.


Presentation – Commentator on papers by Jay Martin (John Dewey) and Robert Richardson (William James) at the Biographer’s Conference, Texas A&M University, October 18, 2002.


Presented “A University: The Loss of Marrow,” as the annual Humanities Lecture at California State University, Fresno, February 11, 2003. Also gave classroom presentations of “Plato’s Cave.”


Visiting Lecturer, Seattle University, April 10-12. Delivered the long-standing invited Toulouse Lecture on “The University at the ‘Turning’: The Loss of Marrow.” Lecture to the honors program. Presentation of seminar paper to a gathering of philosophers. Addressed the Northwest Phenomenological Society on “The Importance of the ‘Given’”. On April 11, a banquet was held in honor of Professor McDermott’s 50 years of teaching.

Annual Hurst Lecture at American University, April 2004

Remarks to the John Dewey Society, April 2004, San Diego, California

Presentation to TAMU Pre-Medical Honors Society (AEΔ), “Interpersonal Pitfalls and Possibilities of Medical Diagnosis,” December 2004


Presidential Address to the Josiah Royce Society, Vanderbilt University, April 2005.

Presentation of published work at the Annual Institute for American Philosophy, July 2005.

Presentation of completed set of the Correspondence of William James to the Glasscock Center for Humanities Research and reading of selected letters, November 4, 2005.


Commentary on Tragedies of Spirit by Theodore Dennis George. Author Meets Critic at TAMU Philosophy Colloquium. February 6th 2009
“Founders, Foundering, and Finding”  Founders Address to the Annual national/international meeting of the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy. College Station, TX March 14\textsuperscript{th} 2009.

“The Perils and Possibilities of the Ordinary”  The Annual Martin Benjamin University Lecture. Michigan State University. April 19\textsuperscript{th} 2009

On March 15\textsuperscript{th} 2009 national and international scholars, students, and university colleagues gathered to pay homage to the philosophical work and teaching of John J. McDermott. Presented as “The Nectar is in the Journey: A Celebration of the Life and Career of John J. McDermott.” This even featured five panel discussions with responses by Professor McDermott. A program is enclosed.

Inaugural Address for the installation of President Marvin Henberg at the College of Idaho in September 2009 entitled “Starting Over: The Humanities as Personal Implosion”

Delivered the New Faculty Orientation Keynote Address entitled Landholds – Yes, Footholds - ?: On Becoming a University Citizen. College Station, TX 2009


Invited Guest on radio panel at KEOS to discuss the issue of University Shared Governance.

“Disconnection as Furtive: William James and John Dewey on Relations.” Invited presentation for The Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences, Texas A&M University. January 29\textsuperscript{th}, 2010

“Introductory Remarks” at First International Conference on Pragmatism and the Hispanic/Latino World, Hosted by Texas A&M University. 2010

“Concluding Remarks: Cross-Cultural Pedagogy” at First International Conference on Pragmatism and the Hispanic/Latino World, Hosted by Texas A&M University. 2010

“Texas A&M University and the hallowed tradition of Muster” delivered as guest speaker for the Temple, Texas Muster community. April 21\textsuperscript{st}, 2010

Invited lecture to the Texas A&M College of Medicine on the autobiography of a recovering alcoholic. 2010

Invited lecture for the William James centennial at Harvard University Divinity School. “A Jamesian Personscape: The Fringe as Messaging to the “Sick Soul”. 2010
HONORS AND AWARDS

Post-Doctoral, Cross-Disciplinary Fellowship, American Studies, (Society for Values in Higher Education), 1964-1965

Queens College Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching, 1969-1970

E. Harris Harbison National Award for Gifted Teaching (Danforth Foundation) - 1970

L.L.D. (Honoris Causa) University of Hartford, 1970 (for Contribution to Higher Education)

Who’s Who in America, 1971

Teaching Award, State University of New York, Stony Brook, 1971

Appointed one of six senior editors for The Collected Writings of William James, sponsored by N.E.H. and A.C.L.S., 1974 -- 16 Volumes

Humanities Lecturer, representing Texas A&M University in the University Consortium of the Southwest Conference

Chosen as the first lifetime Fellow of the American Montessori Society

Selected as the 1980-1981 University Faculty Lecturer, Texas A&M University

Chosen as Editor, Ten-Year Proceedings of the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy

Commencement Address, Texas A&M University, August 1982

Received the Distinguished Achievement Award in Teaching from the Association of Former Students of Texas A&M University, May 1983

Elected, Charter Speaker, Faculty Senate, Texas A&M University, 1984

Nominated as candidate for Vice-President/President-Elect of the American Philosophical Association (Eastern Division) October 1985 (Lost by four votes)

Nominated to Steering Committee of The International Federation of Societies of Philosophy (FISP)

Elected, Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, 1986

The Honor Society of Phi Beta Delta, Alpha Beta Chapter, Texas A&M University

Named as George T. and Gladys H. Abell Endowed Professor in Liberal Arts, Texas A&M University, 1986
Accepted as member of International Society for the Study of Time

Awarded grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities as General Editor and Project Director of a multi-volume edition of The Correspondence of William James to be published by The University of Virginia Press

One of Two Texans nominated for the National Humanities Council. (Also nominated by the American Philosophical Association.)

Recipient of Former Students Research Award, Texas A&M University, May 1989


Received the Herbert W. Schneider Award for “Distinguished Contributions to the Understanding and Development of American Philosophy,” from the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, 1993

Received 20 Years of Service Award, Texas A&M University, October 1997

Morton N. Cohen Award given for A Distinguished Edition of Letters, Volume VI of The Correspondence of William James, from the Modern Language Association, 1999. (Given to the Editors of the Correspondence).


Received Distinguished Research Award. College of Liberal Arts, Texas A&M University. 2000.

Endowment of the Speakership of the Texas A&M Faculty Senate in the name of John J. McDermott (provided by Samuel H. Black), 2001.

Conference on the teaching and work of John J. McDermott held at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, October 2001.

Nominated by Texas A&M University as the sole candidate for the Kluge Foundation’s John W. Kluge Prize in the Human Sciences, 2002.

Conference on the teaching and work of John J. McDermott held at C.W. Post College – Long Island University, June 2002.

Received 25 Years of Service Award, Texas A&M University, October 2002

Received 20 Years of Service Award, College of Medicine, Texas A&M University Health Science Center, 2002.

Biographical feature in the Texas A&M University Football Program, October 26, 2002.
Featured in the Texas A&M University 125th Anniversary painting by Benjamin Knox, 2002.


My person and work as the feature story in *Pathways*, the annual publication of The College of Liberal Arts, Fall 2003.

Recipient of the 2004 John Dewey Society Achievement Award (presented in San Diego, April 12, 2004).

University Distinguished Achievement Award for Teaching from the Association of Former Students, May 2004.

Presidential Professor Award for Teaching Excellence in perpetuity, May 2004.

Selected as Piper Professor of 2005 by the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation for outstanding scholarly and academic achievement.

25-Year Pin and Ceremony, College of Medicine, Texas A&M University. December 20, 2006.

*The Nectar is in the Journey: A Celebration of the Life and Work of John J. McDermott*. An all day conference, College Station, Texas, March 15th, 2009 (Program attached)

Dedication to John J. McDermott in *Technology and Values* by Craig Hanks, (Malden, MA, Wiley Blackwell, 2010)

Awarded the Melbern G. Glasscock Chair in the Humanities. 2009

Selected as a Regents Professor. 2009

**TRAVEL**

All fifty of the United States

Eastern Canada, Central Canada, Western Canada, Yucatan, Mexico City, Acapulco

Ireland, Wales, England, France, Italy, Austria, Soviet Union, Switzerland, Germany, East Germany, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, Holland, Denmark, Sweden, China, Japan, Philippines, Hong Kong, Tonga, Fiji, New Zealand, Northern Ireland, Poland
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Curriculum Vitae

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University, MS 38677  Website: http://www.ericthomasweber.org

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION
Ethics & Leadership in Law and Public Policy; Soc. & Political Philosophy; and American Philosophy.

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

EMPLOYMENT
The University of Mississippi (Ole Miss), Department of Public Policy Leadership, Oxford, MS.
Associate Professor, starting July 2013.
Assistant Professor, July 2007 – June 2013.
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.

AWARDS & HONORS
Thomas F. Frist Student Service Award for “going the extra mile in unwavering dedication to students,” The University of Mississippi, May 2012.
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.
Member of the Advisory Board of the Public Philosophy Network and Chair of the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy’s Committee on Public Philosophy, 2013 – present.
Chair the American Philosophical Association’s Committee on Public Philosophy, 2011 – 2014.
Executive Director of the Society of Philosophers in America (SOPHIA), 2010 – present.
Elected President of the Mississippi Philosophical Association, 2009 – 2010.

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Inducted 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**

**In Preparation or Under Review**

*Applying for a* National Endowment for the Humanities Faculty Fellowship grant for work on *A Culture of Justice*, for January 2014 – December 2014.

*Applying to the* William T. Grant Foundation for support for “The Expectations Project,” 2013.

*Applying to partner with* GearUp Mississippi for “The Mississippi Expectations Project,” 2013.


**Grants Awarded**

Granted support for a Sabbatical Leave from the University of Mississippi, for Jan. through Dec. 2014.

UM College of Liberal Arts Summer Research Grant, for summer 2013.

American Philosophical Association grant for SOPHIA activities in 2013, $1,000.

Mississippi Humanities Council grant for a Fall 2013 SOPHIA symposium, $2,500 plus $2,500 match.

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.


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.


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*, forthcoming with Lexington Books, a division of Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, for publication in 2013, 10 chapters, ~150k words.


  • Reviewed by Tom Rockmore in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, July 2011, [http://ndpr.nd.edu/record.cfm?id=24270](http://ndpr.nd.edu/record.cfm?id=24270)
  • Subject of an “Author meets critics” panel at the 2012 Southern Political Science Association.

Books in Preparation

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


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


Book Chapters


**Popular Media Publications – Op-Eds and Published Extended Interviews**


“Some great Persian philosophers were closely connected to Western phil.,” *Tehran Times*, 11/10/11, p. 7.


“Freedom and choice are central to people’s happiness,” *Tehran Times*, 2/22/11, p. 15.


“Difference is important tool ‘for arriving at truth’: professor,” *Tehran Times*, 11/2/10, p. 15.


**Articles in Preparation**

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

**Encyclopedia Entries**


**Editing**


**Reviews**


**PRESENTATIONS**


“Philosophical Psychology and the Reconstruction of Culture,” Advancing Public Philosophy, the Public Philosophy Network, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, March 14 – 16, 2013.


“The Power of Institutions to Reconstruct Culture,” Philosophy Born of Struggle, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, October 26, 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.


“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, as Luckyday Residential Faculty Fellow, The University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS, September 30, 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.


“Ethics and Environmental Policy,” Invited presentation, Presidential Address, Mississippi Philosophical Association, Environmental Ethics Conference, Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS, February 5, 2010.


“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.


“Liberal Arts Education and the Foundations of Democracy,” The Idea of Education, the CERGE-EI of Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic, August 9, 2005.


TEACHING

Courses Taught
Introductory Philosophy (Phil 101).
Introduction to Logic (Phil 105).
Honors Writing (101), “Self and the Cosmos.”
Honors Writing (102), “Self and Society.”
Introduction to Ethics (Phil 104).
Critical Thinking, Communication, & Public Policy (PPL 212).
American Mind, History of American Intellectualism (Phil 210).
Ethics and Public Policy (PPL 300).
Philosophy of Leadership: Classics of Ethics & Politics (PPL 370).
Philosophy of Science, Nature, and Technology (Phil 307).
Philosophy of Politics, Law, and Justice (Phil 309).

Directed 14 undergraduate theses to completion, and served as external reader for 4 undergraduate theses, 2 master’s theses, and 1 dissertation.

SERVICE

To the Profession or Wider Public

Serve on the Advisory Board for the Public Philosophy Network (PPN), as a liaison to the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, for which I also serve as Chair of the (S.A.A.P.) Committee on Public Philosophy, to liaison with the PPN, SOPHIA, and the APA, 2013 – present.

On contract as a Freelance Writer / Regular Columnist, Editorial Desk, for the The Clarion Ledger, the major Mississippi newspaper out of Jackson, MS, 2010 – present.


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. Phil. 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: The Journal of Value Inquiry; Routledge Publishing; Social Philosophy Today; Ethical Theory and Moral Practice; Synthese; 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.


To the Department and to the University

Appointed by the Chancellor and served on the 2013 Thomas F. Frist Student Service Award selection committee, U of MS.

Moderated the Alexander Hamilton Society’s evening panel on “The Future of Afghanistan,” with Colonel Jim Bullion, Dr. Michael Rubin, and Danny Blanton, April 15, 2013.

Served on the 2013 College of Liberal Arts Teaching Awards committee, U of MS.

With Abby Loden, petitioned the UM Chancellor to create a Committee on Accessibility, which began as an advisory committee and became a Chancellor’s Standing Committee in the fall of 2012. Served on the advisory committee, and now serve on the new Chancellor’s Standing Committee. Helped draft mission statement and execute several goals, October 2010 – present.
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.

Led 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 – spring 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 led U.M. Agraphia, a group of academic researchers that meets every two to four weeks to talk about writing goals and challenges for mutual support and feedback, fall 2008 – spring 2011.

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) Participated in 3 hiring committees for the department, spring 2008; (3) Worked on department’s curriculum, course design, and assessment plan, continuing since fall 2007; (4) With Professor Melissa Bass, designed PPL’s internship policies, spring 2009; (5) Organized events for our opening meetings of the PPL Speaker Series, spring 2009.

Served as a faculty advisor for student organizations: Respect Mississippi, Minority Affairs Committee Awards Gala (planning), the UM chapter of the Roosevelt Institution, The International Justice Mission, the Secular Student Alliance, and the Alexander Hamilton Society, each at different times between 2007 – present.

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 “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.


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.


The Metaphysical Society of America.

The National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Distinguished Member.

The Public Philosophy Network, Advisory Board Member.

Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, Chair, SAAP Committee on Public 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, 2012.


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=U7jrGXktR4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U7jrGXktR4)

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](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](http://www.ericthomasweber.org/engagement.htm#outreach).


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.

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 1st 2008 Presidential Debate, 9/26/08.

**REFERENCES**

Dr. Robert Haws, Former Chair of Public Policy Leadership (retired in ‘11), The University of Mississippi. Current address: 4871 Fountain Street, Boulder, CO, 80304, [hshaws@olemiss.edu](mailto:hshaws@olemiss.edu), 662.801.7841 (mobile).

Dr. Larry A. Hickman, Director, Center for Dewey Studies, and Professor, Department of Philosophy, Southern Illinois University, Mailcode 6822, Carbondale, IL, 62901, [hickman@siu.edu](mailto:hickman@siu.edu), 618.453.2629.

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

Dr. John J. Stuhr, Arts and Sciences Distinguished Professor of Philosophy and American Studies, and Department Chair, Department of Philosophy, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, [jstuhr@emory.edu](mailto:jstuhr@emory.edu), 404.727.4199.
**Accessibility plan**

Two paragraphs will accompany any and all promotions of the events, including on the relevant posters and Web site announcing the event. Our organizers and their universities are committed to the following plans:

From Jackie Kegley, “There will be open access and free parking. If you have a disability and need accommodations to access this event, please contact Janice Clausen in the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD). She may be reached at 661-654-3360 (phone), 661-654-6288 (tty), or jclausen@csub.edu (email). Information on specific accommodations can be obtained by calling SSD. Sign language interpreters will be available for this event."

From Sergia Hay, “The ‘PLU Food Symposium II: Food Security and Justice’ will be held in campus locations that are physically accessible for students, staff, and guests. Requests for accommodations, including preferential seating, designated spaces for wheelchairs, portable amplification systems, sign language interpreters, and modified formats of printed materials, will be accepted prior to the event and will be coordinated through PLU’s Disability Support Services Office. Public announcements for the event will include information about location accessibility as well as contact information for requesting accommodations. Pacific Lutheran University complies with the American with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.”