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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy: Philosophy

McMaster University, August 1999

Ph.D. Dissertation: "Deflationary Approaches to Scepticism"

Supervisor: Dr. Nicholas Griffin

Committee: Dr. Mark Vorobej, Dr. Peter Loptson

Master of Arts: Philosophy

The University of Calgary, June 1993

M.A. Thesis: Nominated best M.A. thesis, The University of Calgary, 1992, "Is There a Problem About the External World?"

Supervisor: Dr. Brian Grant

Examiners: Dr. John Baker, Dr. Hugo Meynell

Bachelor of Arts (with Great Distinction): Philosophy

The University of Calgary, June 1991

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor (Teaching), University of Calgary, 2020-present

Senior Instructor, The University of Calgary, 2013-2020 (Tenure Stream

Sessional Instructor, The University of Calgary, 2003-2013

TEACHING AWARDS

Faculty of Arts Outstanding Teaching Award (Established), University of Calgary, 2015

Nominated for University of Calgary Teaching Award, University of Calgary, 2016

Nominated for Students' Union Teaching Excellence Award, 2016-2017

ACADEMIC AWARDS

McMaster Graduate Scholarship, McMaster University, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996

Travel Grant, McMaster University, 1995, 1996

Research Assistant Grant, The University of Calgary, 1991, 1992

Graduate Travel Grant, The University of Calgary, 1992

Rhonda F. Blythe Undergraduate Scholarship, The University of Calgary, 1988

AREA OF SPECIALIZATION

Epistemology and Metaphysics: Primarily contemporary analytical approaches to traditional epistemological and metaphysical problems.

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Ethics/Applied Ethics

Logic/Philosophy of Language

Early Modern Philosophy

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor: "Information Technology Ethics," "Bioethics," "Early Modern Philosophy," Fall, 2022

Instructor: "Information Technology Ethics," "Bioethics," "Epistemology," Winter, 2020

Instructor: "Information Technology Ethics," "Bioethics," "Early Modern Philosophy," Fall, 2021

Instructor: "Information Technology Ethics," "Contemporary Ethical Issues," "Philosophy of Religion," Winter, 2021

Instructor: "Information Technology Ethics," "Contemporary Ethical Issues," "Epistemology," Fall, 2020

Instructor: "Information Technology Ethics," "Contemporary Ethical Issues," "Epistemology," Winter, 2020

Instructor: "Information Technology Ethics," "Contemporary Ethical Issues," Fall, 2019

Instructor: "Information Technology Ethics," "Contemporary Ethical Issues" "Philosophy of Religion," Winter, 2019

Instructor: "Information Technology Ethics," "Epistemology," "Early Modern Philosophy," The University of Calgary, Fall, 2018

Instructor: "Contemporary Ethical Issues" Winter, 2017
Instructor: "Information Technology Ethics" "Philosophy and Music," "Philosophy of Religion," Fall, 2016
Instructor: "Epistemology," "Early Modern Philosophy," The University of Calgary, Winter, 2016
Instructor: "Early Modern Philosophy" "Philosophy of Religion," The University of Calgary, Fall, 2015
Instructor: "Contemporary Ethical Issues" "Philosophy of Religion," "Epistemology" The University of Calgary, Winter, 2015
Instructor: "Contemporary Ethical Issues" "Early Modern Philosophy," "Bioethics," (2 sections) The University of Calgary, Fall, 2014
Instructor: "Contemporary Ethical Issues" "Philosophy of Religion," "Bioethics," (2 sections) The University of Calgary, Winter, 2014
Instructor: "Bioethics," (2 sections) The University of Calgary, Fall, 2013
Instructor: "Contemporary Ethical Issues," (2 sections) "Philosophy of Religion," The University of Calgary, Winter, 2013
Instructor: "Bioethics," "Philosophy of Religion," The University of Calgary, Fall, 2012
Instructor: "Epistemology," "Bioethics," The University of Calgary, Winter, 2012
Instructor: "Contemporary Ethical Issues" (2 sections) "Early Modern Philosophy," The University of Calgary, Fall, 2011
Instructor: "Early Modern Philosophy," "Philosophy of Religion," The University of Calgary, Winter 2011
Instructor: "Contemporary Ethical Issues," "Bioethics," "Philosophy of Religion," The University of Calgary, Fall 2010
Instructor: "Bioethics," The University of Calgary, Spring, 2010
Instructor: "Early Modern Philosophy," "Mind, Matter and God," "Evidence," The University of Calgary, Winter 2010
Instructor: "Advanced Topics in Epistemology," "Bio-ethics 1" (Web-based course) "Bio-ethics 2," The University of Calgary, Fall, 2009
Instructor: "Introduction to Logic," The University of Lethbridge, Fall, 2009
Instructor: "Environmental Ethics," The University of Lethbridge, Summer, 2009
Instructor: "Early Modern Philosophy," "Contemporary Ethical Issues" "Problems of Philosophy," The University of Calgary, Winter 2009
Instructor: "Introduction to Logic," The University of Lethbridge, Fall, 2008
Instructor: "Early Modern Philosophy," "Bio-ethics" "Wittgenstein," The University of Calgary, Fall 2008
Instructor: "Bioethics," The University of Calgary, Summer, 2008
Instructor: "Environmental Ethics," The University of Lethbridge, Summer, 2008
Instructor: "Problems of Philosophy," "Early Modern Philosophy," "Bio-ethics," The University of Calgary, Winter, 2008
Instructor: "Introduction to Logic," The University of Lethbridge, Fall, 2007
Instructor: "Philosophy of Religion," "Bio-ethics," The University of Calgary, Fall 2007
Instructor: "Environmental Ethics," The University of Lethbridge, Summer, 2007
Instructor: "Early Modern Philosophy," The University of Calgary, Summer 2007
Instructor: "Philosophy of Religion," The University of Calgary, Spring 2007

Instructor: "Introduction to Philosophy," The University of Lethbridge, Spring, 2007
Instructor: "Bio-ethics," "Business Ethics," The University of Calgary, Winter 2007
Instructor: "Introduction to Philosophy," Mount Royal College, Winter, 2007
Instructor: "Philosophy of Religion," The University of Calgary, Fall 2006
Instructor: "Business Ethics," (2 sections) Mount Royal College, Fall 2006
Instructor: "Introduction to Logic," The University of Lethbridge, Fall, 2006
Instructor: "Environmental Ethics," The University of Lethbridge, Summer, 2006
Instructor: "Early Modern Philosophy," "Bio-ethics" The University of Calgary, Spring 2006
Instructor: "Bio-ethics," "Contemporary Ethical Issues" "Business Ethics," The University of Calgary, Winter 2006
Instructor: "Bio-ethics 1" (Web-based course) "Bio-ethics 2," The University of Calgary, Fall, 2005
Instructor: "Introduction to Logic," The University of Lethbridge, Fall, 2005
Instructor: "Environmental Philosophy," The University of Lethbridge, Summer, 2005
Instructor: "Early Modern Philosophy," "Bio-ethics" The University of Calgary, Spring 2005
Instructor: "Epistemology," The University of Calgary, Spring, 2005
Instructor: "Bio-ethics" The University of Calgary, Winter 2005
Instructor: "Introduction to Logic," The University of Lethbridge, Spring, 2005
Instructor: "Philosophy of Religion," "Bio-ethics 1"(Web-based course) "Bio-ethics 2," The University of Calgary, Fall, 2005
Instructor: "Contemporary Ethical Issues," "Philosophy of Religion," The University of Calgary Summer, 2004
Instructor: "Introduction to Logic," The University of Lethbridge, Summer 1, 2004
Instructor: "Early Modern Philosophy," "Bio-ethics" The University of Calgary, Winter 2004
Instructor: "Bio-ethics" and "Contemporary Ethical Issues" The University of Calgary, Summer, 2003
Instructor: "Bio-ethics" The University of Calgary, Spring, 2003
Instructor: "Environmental Philosophy" The University of Lethbridge, Summer, 2003
Instructor: "Business Ethics (2 sections)," "Introduction to Philosophy," "Introduction to Logic," The University of Lethbridge, Fall 2002/Winter 2003
Instructor: "Problems of Philosophy," The University of Calgary, Summer, 2002
Instructor: "Business Ethics (3 sections)," "Introduction to Philosophy," "Introduction to Logic," The University of Lethbridge, Fall 2001/Winter 2002
Instructor: "Bio-ethics" The University of Calgary, Spring, 2001
Instructor: "Introduction to Logic," The University of Calgary, Winter , 2001
Instructor: "Introduction to Logic," The University of Lethbridge, Winter , 2001
Instructor: "Humanistic Issues in Commercial Practice" The University of Calgary, Fall, 2000
Instructor: "Epistemology," The University of Calgary, Spring, 2000
Instructor: "Introduction to Logic," (2 sections) and "Introduction to Philosophy," The University of Lethbridge, Winter, 2000
Instructor: "Introductory Logic," The University of Calgary, Fall, 1999
Instructor: "Problems of Philosophy," The University of Calgary, Summer, 1999
Instructor: "Introduction to Logic," The University of Lethbridge, Spring, 1999
Instructor: "Introduction to Logic," The University of Lethbridge, Summer, 1998
Instructor: "Introduction to Logic," The University of Lethbridge, Spring, 1998

Faculty Assistant: "Collective Learning 120," Devry Institute, Calgary, Winter 1996-1999

Teaching Assistant: McMaster University

1996, Moral Issues (Dr. Elisabeth Boetzkes)

1995-1996, Descartes to Hume (Dr. Wilfred Waluchow)

1994-1995, Problems in Philosophy (Dr. Sami Najm)

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1993, Moral Issues (Dr. Elisabeth Boetzkes)

Teaching Assistant: The University of Calgary

1992, Problems in Philosophy (Dr. Robert Ware)

1992, Introductory Ethics (Dr. Robert Jewell)

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STUDENT SUPERVISION

Supervisor: Honour's Thesis, Brandon Beasley, 2009

Supervisor: Honour's Thesis, Jordan Erlendson, 2014

SERVICE

Faculty of Arts Graduate Scholarship Committee, The University of Calgary, 2022-2023

Philosophy for Everyone Committee (formerly Philosophy for Children) The University of Calgary, 2022-2023

Faculty of Arts Appeals Committee: The University of Calgary, 2021-2022

Philosophy for Children Committee: The University of Calgary, 2021-2022

Philosophy for Children Committee: The University of Calgary, 2020-2021

Faculty of Arts Graduate Scholarship Committee, The University of Calgary, 2018-2020

Faculty of Arts Library Liaison: The University of Calgary, 2018-2020

WCPA Organizing Committee: The University of Calgary, 2018

Faculty of Arts Appeals Committee: The University of Calgary, 2017-2019

Brian Grant Essay Competition Committee (Chair): The University of Calgary, 2017

Examiner: Preliminary Committee (History) The University of Calgary, 2017-2018

Examiner: Preliminary Committee (Epistemology/Metaphysics) The University of Calgary, 2016

Referee: Brian Grant Essay Competition Committee

External Referee: Russian Studies Limited Term Hire, University of Calgary, 2016

Undergraduate Studies/ Curriculum & Academic Review Committee: The University of Calgary, 2015

Brian Grant Essay Competition Committee (Chair): The University of Calgary, 2015

Timetabling Committee: The University of Calgary, 2015

Examiner: Preliminary Committee (Epistemology/Metaphysics) The University of Calgary, 2015

Examiner: Preliminary Committee (Epistemology/Metaphysics) The University of Calgary, 2014

Philosophy Undergraduate Program Advisor: The University of Calgary, 2014

Faculty Association Representative: The University of Calgary, 2012-2013
Examiner: Preliminary Committee (Epistemology/Metaphysics) The University of Calgary, 2012
Examiner: Preliminary Committee (Epistemology/Metaphysics) The University of Calgary, 2011
Coordinator: Dept. of Philosophy Visiting Speaker's Series, McMaster University, 1995-1996
Graduate Student Representative: Ph.D. Committee, Department of Philosophy, 1994-1996
Graduate Student Representative: Faculty of Humanities, McMaster University, 1995
Graduate Student Representative: Graduate Council, McMaster University, 1995-1996

GRADUATE WORK

McMaster University

Rene Descartes (Jill LeBlanc)
Inconvenient Truths (Nicholas Griffin)
Theory of Metaphor (Jill LeBlanc)
Ludwig Wittgenstein (Toby Chapman)
Bertrand Russell (Nicholas Griffin)

Realism/Anti-Realism (Nicholas Griffin)

The University of Calgary

Metaphilosophy (Kai Nielsen)
Beyond Foundationalism (Robert Jewell)
Theory of Autonomy (Robert Ware)
Social/Political Philosophy (Kai Nielsen)
The Mad Mind (Brian Grant)

Nietzsche's Aesthetics (Julian Young)

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

"Natural Doubts: Williams's Diagnosis of Scepticism," *Synthese* (Vol. 131:1, 2002)

"The Tension in Wittgenstein's Diagnosis of Scepticism," *Dialectica* (Vol. 54-fasc.3-2000)

"From the Familiar to the Mysterious: Putnam's Natural Realism," *Philosophia* (Volume 27: 3-4)

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

"Descartes' Epistemic Principles" accepted at Skepticism in Contemporary Epistemology Symposium, Universite de Sherbrooke, October 2003

"The Real Criterion: Epistemic Justification and Scepticism" presented at the Western Canada Philosophical Association Annual Conference, Lethbridge University, 2003

Commentary of "Correspondence Truth and Truth Makers" by James O. Young, Western Canada Philosophical Association Annual Conference, 2002

"Natural Doubts: Williams's Diagnosis of Scepticism," presented to the Department of Philosophy, University of Lethbridge, April, 2001

"Innocent Until Proven Guilty: Moore's Defence of Common Sense" presented to the Ontario Philosophical Society, Brock University, St. Catherines, Ontario, October, 1996

“Moore and Scepticism” accepted at the National Graduate Student Conference, Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri, October, 1996

Commentary of “Fleeing the Fly Bottle to Dwell in the Common: Putnam’s Attempt to Overcome Metaphysics” by L. Charlebois at the Canadian Graduate Student Conference in Philosophy, University of Toronto, April, 1996

“Putnam’s Return to Realism” presented to the Ontario Philosophical Society, University of Windsor, October, 1995

“Internalizing Truth: Putnam and the Way the World Is” presented to the Ontario Philosophical Society, York University, November, 1994

Commentary of “Modified Functionalism” by M. Murray at the Canadian Graduate Student Conference in Philosophy, University of Western Ontario, April, 1994

“The Resurrection of Philosophy” presented at “(Re:)Presenting the Political” Graduate Student Conference, York University, April, 1992

“Back to Firm Ground: Wittgenstein and Davidson on Scepticism About the External World” presented to the Department of Philosophy, University of Calgary, November 1991