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EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of Kentucky	2006 — Present
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of Kentucky	1999 — 2006
Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Ohio University	1997 — 1999
Instructor & Teaching Assistant of Philosophy, Northwestern University	1991 — 1997

EDUCATION

Northwestern University M.A. 1993, Ph.D. in Philosophy, 1999
Dissertation: “Competence and Context: Conceptions of the Self in the Critical Social
Theories of Jürgen Habermas and Charles Taylor”
Thomas McCarthy, director; Jürgen Habermas; Christina Lafont; David M. Levin
Wesleyan University B.A. with Honors in Philosophy, 1989

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Social and Political Philosophy
Philosophy of Law
Contemporary European Philosophy

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Ethics
Aesthetics
History of Philosophy

PUBLICATIONS

MONOGRAPH

Deliberative Democracy and the Institutions of Judicial Review, (Cambridge University Press, 2007). <https://www.cambridge.org/us/catalogue/catalogue.asp?isbn=9780521867344>
Argues that a normative theory of deliberative democratic constitutionalism yields the best understanding of the legitimacy of constitutional review, and argues that this function should be institutionalized in a complex, multilocation structure across constitutional courts, the legislative and executive branches, and civic constitutional forums. Nine chapters; 366 pages. Reviewed in *Cambridge Law Journal*, *Ethics*, and *Law & Politics Book Review*.

EDITED BOOKS

New Waves in Political Philosophy, ed. Boudewijn de Bruin and Christopher F. Zurn (Palgrave Macmillan; 2008). <http://www.palgrave.com/PRODUCTS/title.aspx?PID=285840>
A volume comprised of original papers from 11 younger political theorists presenting readers with a broad cross-section of what is timely, innovative, and original across the diverse subject areas and approaches in contemporary political philosophy. Contributions from Amy Allen, Lena Halldenius, Lawrence Hamilton, Rahel Jaeggi, Simon Keller, Mika LaVaque-Manty, Kevin Olson, Fabienne Peter, Emmanuel Renault, Sarah Song, and Ajume Wingo.

Anerkennung, ed. Hans-Christoph Schmidt am Busch and Christopher F. Zurn. (Akademie Verlag, Berlin; in press). <http://www.akademie-verlag.de/olb/de/1.c.1495236.de>
A collection of 14 essays on both historical and contemporary issues in the social-philosophical employments of the concept of recognition. In German; English language version under review. Contributions from Jay Bernstein, Dan Brudney, Jean-Philippe Déranty, Nancy Fraser, Axel Honneth, Heike Ikäheimo, Arto Laitinen, Fred Neuhouser, Michael Quante, Terry Pinkard, Emmanuel Renault, Hans-Christoph Schmidt am Busch, Ludwig Siep, and Andreas Wildt.

ARTICLES

- “Jürgen Habermas” commissioned essay for *History of Continental Philosophy, Volume 6: Poststructuralism and Critical Theory: The Return of Master Thinkers*, ed. Alan D. Schrift (Acumen Press: forthcoming).
- “A Question of Institutionalization: Habermas on the Justification of Court-Based Constitutional Review,” invited contribution to *Habermas’ Discourse Theory of Law and Democracy: From the Nation-State to Europe and the Postnational Constellation*, ed. Klaus Günther, and Camil Ungureanu (Ashgate: forthcoming).
- “Social Pathologies as Second-Order Disorders,” invited contribution to *The Critical Theory of Axel Honneth*, edited by Danielle Petherbridge (Brill Academic Publishers, Leiden: forthcoming).
- “Einleitung,” to *Anerkennung*, (Akademie Verlag: in press).
- “Introduction,” to *New Waves in Political Philosophy*, co-written with Boudewijn de Bruin (Palgrave Macmillan; 2008): vii-xiv.
- “Schwerpunkt: Anerkennung,” Guest Editor’s introduction to a special section on recognition, translated from the English by Dirk Effertz, in the *Deutsche Zeitschrift für Philosophie*, Vol. 53, #3 (2005): 377-387.
- “Recognition, Redistribution, and Democracy: Dilemmas of Honneth’s Critical Social Theory,” *European Journal of Philosophy*, Vol. 13, #1 (April 2005): 89-126.
—A shortened version is published as “Anerkennung, Umverteilung und Demokratie. Dilemmata in Honneths Kritischer Theorie der Gesellschaft,” translated by Veit Friemert, in *Deutsche Zeitschrift für Philosophie*, Vol. 53, #3 (2005): 435-460.
—A shortened version is forthcoming in *Axel Honneth: Critical Debates*, ed. Gwynn Markle and Rasmus Willig (SUNY Press).
- “Group Balkanization or Societal Homogenization: Is There a Dilemma between Recognition and Distribution Struggles?” *Public Affairs Quarterly*, Vol. 18, #2 (April 2004): 159-186.
- “Arguing Over Participatory Parity: On Fraser’s Conception of Social Justice,” *Philosophy Today*, Vol. 47, Supplement (2003): 130-144.
—Also in *Adding Insult to Injury: Debating Redistribution, Recognition, and Representation*, ed. Kevin Olson (Verso: 2008).
- “Identity or Status? Struggles over ‘Recognition’ in Fraser, Honneth, and Taylor.” *Constellations*, Vol. 10, #4 (December 2003): 519-537.
- “Deliberative Democracy and Constitutional Review.” *Law and Philosophy*, Vol. 21 (2002): 467-542.
—Also in *Philosopher’s Annual*, vol. XXV, ed. Patrick Grim, Ken Baynes, Peter Ludlow, and Gary Mar (University of Chicago Press), <http://www.philosophersannual.org/> [an annual selection of the ten best articles in philosophy].
- “Anthropology and Normativity: A Critique of Axel Honneth’s ‘Formal Conception of Ethical Life’.” *Philosophy and Social Criticism*, Vol. 26, #1 (2000): 115-124.
- “The Normative Claims of Three Types of Feminist Struggles for Recognition.” *Philosophy Today*, Vol. 41, Supplement (1997): 73-78.

—Reprinted in *Critical Theory, Volume IV: The Future of Critical Theory*, ed. David Rasmussen and James Swindal (Sage Publications, London: 2004): 351-360.

“The Intersubjective Basis of Morality.” Review Essay of William Rehg’s *Insight and Solidarity: The Discourse Ethics of Jürgen Habermas*, in *Philosophy and Social Criticism*, Vol. 22, #6 (1996): 113-126.

“*The Birth of Tragedy: The Origin of The Origin of the Work of Art?*” in *Proceedings and Addresses of the 29th Annual Heidegger Conference*, ed. Reginald Lilly (May 1995).

WORK IN PROGRESS

“Bootstrapping Paradoxes of Constitutional Democracy” (currently under review).

“Designing Democratic Constitutions”

“Habermas’s Philosophy of Law,” invited chapter for *Jürgen Habermas: Key Concepts*, ed. Barbara Fultner (Acumen Press).

“Legal De-Recognition as a Response to Unjust Social Institutions”

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Review of *Recognition and Power: Axel Honneth and the Tradition of Critical Social Theory*, ed. Bert van den Brink and David Owen, in *Constellations*, Volume 15, #2, June 2008: 271-274.

Review of Ajume Wingo’s *Veil Politics in Liberal Democratic States*, in *Ethics*, Vol. 118, #2 (January 2008): 367-371.

“Intersubjectivity,” entry for the *International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences*, ed. William A. Darity, 2nd edition, 9 vols. (Macmillan Reference: 2008), Volume 4: 116-117.

Review of Mitchell Aboulafia, Myra Bookman, and Catherine Kemp, eds., *Habermas and Pragmatism*, in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, March 7, 2004 (<http://ndpr.icaap.org/content/archives/2004/3/zurn-aboulafia.html>).

Review of Lewis Hahn, ed., *Perspectives on Habermas*, in *The Journal of the History of Philosophy*, Vol. 40, #2 (2002): 274-275.

Book Note on Pierre Bourdieu’s *Pascalian Meditations*, in *Ethics*, Vol. 112, #1 (2001).

Review of Amy Allen’s *The Power of Feminist Theory: Domination, Resistance, Solidarity*, in *The APA Newsletter on Feminism and Philosophy*, Vol. 00, #1 (2000): 53-55.

Book Note on F. R. Ankersmit’s *Aesthetic Politics: Political Philosophy Beyond Fact and Value*, in *Ethics*, Vol. 109, #2 (1999).

Book Note on Mathieu Deflem, ed., *Habermas, Modernity and Law*, in *Ethics*, Vol. 109, #2 (1999).

Review of James Risser’s *Hermeneutics and the Voice of the Other: Re-reading Gadamer’s Philosophical Hermeneutics*, in *Philosophy in Review/Comptes rendus philosophiques*, Vol. XVIII, #1 (1998): 57-59.

Review of *The Cambridge Companion to Habermas*, ed. Stephen K. White (Cambridge University Press: 1995), in *Canadian Philosophical Reviews / Revue Canadienne de Comptes rendus en Philosophie*, Vol. XVI, # 2 (1996): 151-153.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Selected as an Alternate for Frederick Burkhardt Residential Fellowships for Recently Tenured Scholars from the ACLS (American Council of Learned Societies), 2007 competition.

Research Fellowship from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Bohn, Germany. 10 months of full support while a guest at the Department of Philosophy, Goethe University of Frankfurt am Main, Germany (2004-2005).

Language Course Fellowship from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Bohn, Germany,
Four months of course work at the Goethe Institute, Mannheim-Heidelberg (2004).
Summer Faculty Research Fellowship, University of Kentucky (2000).
Research Grant for Ph.D. Candidates and Recent Ph.D.'s, German Academic Exchange Service
(DAAD), Three Month Scholarship for Research in Germany. Declined (1996).
Graduate Affiliate in The Center for the Humanities, Northwestern University (1994-1995).
University Fellow, (1990-1991); University Scholar (1991-1994), Northwestern University.
Student Fellow in the Center for the Humanities, Wesleyan University (1988-1989).

CONFERENCE AND INVITED PAPERS

- “Legal De-Recognition as a Response to Unjust Social Institutions,” invited paper at conference on ‘Recognition and the Dynamics of Social Conflict: Diagnostic and Normative Frameworks,’ Queen’s University, Belfast, Northern Ireland (June 25-27, 2009).
- “Designing Democratic Constitutions,” Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (April 2, 2009).
- “Discussant: Law, Institutions, and the State,” Association for Political Theory, Middletown, CT (October 11, 2008).
- “Legitimacy Paradoxes of Constitutional Democracy,” Law & Society Association and Canadian Law & Society Association, Montreal Canada (May 30, 2008).
- “*Deliberative Democracy and the Institutions of Judicial Review: A Précis*,” invited presentation for New Books Panel, Kentucky Philosophical Association, Louisville, KY (November 17, 2007).
- “Bootstrapping Paradoxes of Constitutional Democracy,” invited presentation, Filosofisch Instituut, Rijksuniversiteit Groningen, The Netherlands (October 10, 2007).
—Also presented at the 16th Annual Critical Theory Roundtable, St. Louis University, MO (October 20, 2007).
—Also presented by invitation to the Philosophy Department, University of Massachusetts, Boston (February 6, 2008).
- “Deliberative Majoritarianism and the Paternalism of Judicial Review: Assessing Waldron's Formal Argument from Democracy,” American Philosophical Association, Central Division, Chicago, IL (April 21, 2007).
- Comment on Erinn Gilson’s “Beyond Status: Toward a Need-Based Theory of Recognition,” American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, Washington, D.C. (December 28, 2006).
- “Beyond Judicial Review: Assessing Alternative Institutionalizations of Constitutional Review,” Law & Society Association, Baltimore, MD (July 6, 2006).
- “The Pathology of Reification as a Second-Order Disorder and the Tasks of Critical Social Theory,” Philosophy and Social Sciences Conference, The Institute of Philosophy of the Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague, the Czech Republic (May 20, 2006).
—Also presented at Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Philadelphia, PA (October 14, 2006).
- Comment on David Vessey’s “Disconnecting Intersubjectivity and Ethics,” American Philosophical Association, Central Division, Chicago, IL (April 28, 2006).
- Comment on Charles Wright’s “Moral Perception and Identity Structure: An Essay in Habermasian Moral Psychology,” Central States Philosophical Association, Lexington, KY (October 8, 2005).

- Comment on William Schumann's "Approximating a Mirror of Difference: An Anthropological Critique of Weber, Habermas, and the Problem of Legitimacy in Western Democratic Institutions," Committee on Social Theory's Working Papers, University of Kentucky (September 28, 2005).
- "Social Pathologies as Second-Order Disorders," invited presentation, Workshop: "Sozialphilosophie der Anerkennung" at the Institut für Sozialforschung, J.W. Goethe Universität, Frankfurt am Main, Germany (July 15, 2005).
—Also presented at the 14th Annual Critical Theory Roundtable, Dartmouth College, Dartmouth, NH (November 6, 2005).
- "Liberal Multiculturalism on Both Sides of the Atlantic: Appiah and Balibar on the Dilemmas of Religious Pluralism at the Beginning of the 21st Century," invited presentation, Axel Honneth's Doktorand Kolloquium, J.W. Goethe Universität, Frankfurt am Main, (June 23, 2005).
- "Institutionalizing Deliberative Constitutional Review: Some Proposals," Philosophy and Social Sciences Colloquium, The Institute of Philosophy of the Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague, the Czech Republic (May 20, 2005).
- "Recognition and Economic Dynamics: Dilemmas of Integrative Critical Social Theory," invited presentation, Axel Honneth's Doktorand Kolloquium, J.W. Goethe Universität, Frankfurt am Main, (January 20, 2005).
- "Causes and Experiences: What Kind of a Connection Exists between the Structural Mechanisms of, and the Moral Reactions to, the Dislocations of Contemporary Capitalism?," invited presentation, 32nd Congress of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Soziologie, Munich, Germany (October 5, 2004).
- "Deliberative Democracy and the Seductions of Juristic Discourse" Law & Society Association, Chicago, IL (May 28, 2004).
- "Distorting Democracy and Contorting Constitutionalism: Recent Excuses for Judicial Review," invited presentation, Williams College, Williamstown, MA (March 11, 2004).
- "Arguing Over Participatory Parity: On Fraser's Conception of Social Justice," invited presentation, Scholar's Session on Nancy Fraser, Society for Phenomenological and Existential Philosophy, Boston, MA (November 6, 2003).
- "Identity or Status? Struggles over 'Recognition' in Fraser, Honneth, and Taylor," American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA (August 28, 2003).
- "Societal Emancipation and Spiritual Enlightenment: Concerns about Re-Enchanting Critical Theory in Giri's 'Knowledge and Human Liberation'," invited comments, Committee on Social Theory's Working Papers Series, University of Kentucky (November 19, 2002).
- "Recognition without Ethics?," Tenth Annual Critical Theory Roundtable, St. Louis University (October 26, 2002).
- "Rejecting the Ring: The Injustice of the Social Institution of Marriage," invited presentation, Agnes Scott College, Decatur, GA (March 25, 2002).
- "Is There a Dilemma between Recognition and Distribution Struggles?," American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, Atlanta, GA (December 29, 2001).
- "Deliberative Democracy and Constitutional Review," Philosophy and Social Sciences Colloquium, The Institute of Philosophy of the Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague, the Czech Republic (May 26, 2001).
- "Lingering Paternalism in Habermas's 'Purely Procedural' Account of Judicial Review," Seventh Annual Critical Theory Roundtable, University of Toronto (October 23, 1999).
- Comment on Jeffrey L. Hoover's "Complex Diversity: Group Recognition within Democratic Society," American Philosophical Association, Central Division, Chicago, IL (May 7, 1998).

- “Recognition, Redistribution, and Identity: Honneth’s Democratic Theory and the World of Work,” Conference on Democracy and Social Cohesion, Tilburg University, Amsterdam, The Netherlands (1998).
- “The Normative Claims of Three Types of Feminist Struggles for Recognition,” Fourth Annual Midwest Critical Theory Roundtable, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (1996).
—Also presented at Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY (1997).
- “Anthropology and Normativity: A Critique of Axel Honneth’s ‘Formal Conception of Ethical Life’,” Second Annual Midwest Critical Theory Roundtable, Saint Louis University (1994).
—Also presented at Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, DePaul University (1995).
- “*The Birth of Tragedy: The Origin of The Origin of the Work of Art?*” Conference on ‘Nietzsche’s Wake: On Those Who Are Born Posthumously,’ DePaul University (1994).
—Also presented at the 29th Annual Heidegger Conference, Skidmore College (1995).
- “Identity Politics as a Struggle for Recognition: The Moral Claims of Bodily Integrity, Rights, and Esteem,” Conference on ‘Identity Formations: An Interdisciplinary Conference,’ sponsored by The Center for Interdisciplinary Research in the Arts, Northwestern University (1994).

OTHER PRESENTATIONS

- “Deliberative Democracy and Constitutional Review,” and “Remarks on the European Constitution,” interviews by Felicia Herrschaft, broadcast Redaktion Universal program on Radio X (101.4 fm), Frankfurt am Main, Germany (June 3 and July 22, 2005).
- “Otherness and International Relations: Hegel, Nietzsche, Schmitt, and the Frankfurt School,” presented to Professor Mike Desch’s Seminar on “Great Books in International Relations,” University of Kentucky (November 27, 2002; November 26, 2003).
- “Hope or Hypocrisy? Bush v. Gore as a *Legal* Decision,” presented at the forum ‘The 2000 U.S. Presidential Election Revisited,’ University of Kentucky (March 1, 2001).
- “The Difficulties of Overcoming Nationalism in a Cosmopolitan Institutionalization of Human Rights,” presented at Ohio University (1998).
- “The Philosophical Bases of Human Rights,” read at the symposium ‘A Commemoration of Mahatma Gandhi and his Philosophy of Satyagraha,’ Ohio University (1998).
- “Just War Theory and the Iraqi Crisis,” read at the symposium ‘Is Bombing Iraq Justified?,’ Ohio University (1998).
- “Three Normative Models of Democracy,” presented at Ohio University (1997).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

ASSOCIATE AND ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY 1999 — PRESENT

130: Introduction to Political and Moral Philosophy (3x)

337: Introduction to Legal Philosophy (6x)

519: Critical Social Thought (3x)

535: Topics in Social and Political Philosophy: Classics of Social and Political Philosophy (7x)

535: Topics in Social and Political Philosophy: Liberalism and Exclusion

537/Law 837: Topics in Philosophy of Law: Theories of Legal Interpretation (2x)

537/Law 837: Topics in Philosophy of Law: Democracy and Judicial Review

573/Law 837: Topics in Philosophy of Law: Constitutionalism and Democracy
537/Law 837: Topics in Philosophy of Law: Theories of U.S. Constitutional Interpretation
537/Law 837: Topics in Philosophy of Law: Designing Democratic Constitutions
680: Seminar: Special Topics in Philosophy: Identity and Normativity
715: Seminar on Recent Philosophy: Habermas
715: Seminar on Recent Philosophy: The Frankfurt School
715: Seminar on Recent Philosophy: Habermas's Political Philosophy
ST 600: Social Theory Seminar: Civil Practice/Civil Societies
Independent Study: Political Theory and Hate Speech

Dissertation Committee Chair:

- Aaron German: (Philosophy) "The Global Scope of Justice"

Dissertation Committee Co-Chair (with Joan Callahan):

- Eric Smaw (Ph.D., 2005, Philosophy): "Rational Social Constructivism as the Proper Justification for Human Rights."

Dissertation Committee Member:

- Brandon Absher; David Bird (Hispanic Studies); Larry Erickson; Kamper Floyd; Linette Lowe; Martin Mills; Josh Mills-Knutsen; Lee Remington (Political Science); Brett Smith.
- Ron Mercer (Ph.D., 2007, Philosophy): "The Infinite as Originative of the Human as Human: A Transcendental Phenomenological Explication of the Philosophy of Emmanuel Levinas"
- Bob Sandmeyer (Ph.D., 2007, Philosophy): "The Promised Land: The Problem of Edmund Husserl's True Philosophy"
- Robert Shields (Ph.D., 2003, Philosophy): "Understanding, Culture, and the Challenges of Learning: An Account of the Role of Practices in Understanding within and between Cultures"
- Jeffery Nicholas (Ph.D., 2002, Philosophy): "Reason, Tradition, and the Good: Toward a Concept of Substantive Reason for a Critical Theory of Society"

Outside Reviewer, Dissertation Committee:

- William J. West (Ph.D., 2008, Geography): "'We are Obligated to Think that the State is Just:' The AKP's Geographies of Islam and the State in Turkey"
- Sarah Wilkins (Ph.D., 2007, Educational Policy Studies): "Faculty Identity: An Exploratory Study Using Social Identity Theory"

Masters Thesis Committee Member:

- Christopher Kays (M.A., 2004, Political Science): "The Convergence of Hermeneutics and Critical Theory in the Gadamer—Habermas Debate"

VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, OHIO UNIVERSITY

1997 – 1999

Introduction to Ethics (4x)

Fundamentals of Philosophy (2x)

Social and Political Philosophy (4x)

Seminar: Political Liberalism and Exclusion

Seminar: Habermas on Law and Democracy

Philosophy Tutorial: History of Political Theory (2x)

Philosophy Tutorial: 19th and 20th Century Aesthetic Theory

Master's Thesis Committee:

- Glenn Mackin (M.A., 1998, Philosophy): “Labor and Social Interaction: Toward a Reconstruction of Marx’s Critique of Capitalism”
- Jorge Rodriguez (M.A., 1999, Philosophy): “The Constitution of a Multi-Discursive Public Sphere”

Senior Thesis Director:

- Tom Jones (B.A., 1998, Philosophy) “Moral Arguments Concerning Affirmative Action”

INSTRUCTORSHIPS, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

1993 – 1995

Seminar: The Persistent Critique of Modernity

Introduction to Philosophy

History of Philosophy: Ancient and Medieval

Analytic Philosophy of Art

The Socratic Turn: Greek Tragedy, Plato’s Philosophy, and Nietzsche

TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

1991 – 1997

Philosophy of Law (Reginald Allen)

Seminar on Moral Reasoning (Jürgen Habermas)

German Philosophy in the Twentieth Century II (Jürgen Habermas)

Philosophy of Law (John Deigh)

Social and Political Philosophy (Nancy Fraser)

History of Ancient Philosophy (Kenneth Seeskin)

History of Modern Philosophy (Meredith Williams)

Introduction to Philosophy (David Levin)

Introduction to Ethics (Samuel Todes)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editorial Board member: *Critical Horizons* (2007-present).

Reviewer: Broadview Press (2001-present); *Constellations* (2004-present); Routledge (2004-present); *Social Philosophy Today* (2004-present); *Social Theory & Practice* (2004-present); *Inquiry* (2005-present); Cambridge University Press (2006-present); State University of New York Press (2006-present); Oxford University Press (2007-present); Columbia University Press (2007-present); *Theoria: A Journal of Social and Political Theory* (2007-present); *Journal of Social Philosophy* (2007-present); Kentucky Philosophical Association (2007-present); *Journal of Politics* (2007-present); Polity Press (2008-present); *European Journal of Political Theory* (2008-present).

External Reviewer for Promotion and Tenure Case, Hofstra University, NY (October 2007).

External Assessor, Promotion Case, University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa (August 2007).

Local Organizer, Spring 2008 meeting of the Kentucky Philosophical Association, Lexington, KY (April 12, 2008).

Organizer, Eighth Annual Critical Theory Round Table, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY (October 27-29, 2000).

Co-Organizer of Symposium: “Is Bombing Iraq Justified?”, Ohio University, Athens, OH (February 26, 1998).

Co-Organizer, Third Annual Midwest Critical Theory Round Table, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL (October 27-29, 1995).

- Chair of Panel on “Cosmopolitanism, For and Against,” Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (April 4, 2009).
- Chair of Panel on “Deliberative vs. Agonistic Democracy,” Association for Political Theory, Bloomington, IN (November 4, 2006).
- Chair of Panel on “North and South: Law, Participation, and Global Governance,” Law and Society Association, Baltimore, MD (July 6, 2006).
- Chair of Panel on “Reason, Religion, and Enlightenment Legacies” at Social Theory 2000 Conference, Lexington, KY (May 13, 2000).
- Chair, Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Geography, American Philosophical Association, Central Division, Chicago, IL (May 8, 1998).
- Chair, Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Geography, American Philosophical Association, Central Division, Chicago, IL (April 25, 1996).

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- Department of Philosophy, University of Kentucky: Value Theory Comprehensive Examination Committee (1999-2007); SACS Evaluation Committee (2000-present); Pre-Law Undergraduate Advisor (2001-present); Prize Essay Committee (2004-present); Computer Liaison (1999-2002); Webmaster (1999-2001); Graduate Admissions Committee (2001-2004); Chair Search Committee (2005-2006); Executive Committee (2005-2006); Metaphysics and Epistemology Comprehensive Examination Committee (2005-2006); Newsletter Editor (2005-2006); Chair of Speakers Committee (2006-2007); Mind/Science Position Search Committee (2006-2007); Chair Search Committee (2007-2008); Ethics Position Search Committee (2007-2008); Director of Graduate Studies (2008-present); Graduate Placement Director (2008-present); Chairperson of Chair Search committee (2008-2009).
- University of Kentucky: Committee on Social Theory (1999-present), Faculty Advisor to Phi Alpha Delta (2002-2004), Ad Hoc 2000 Faculty Tour committee on Undergraduate Retention (2000-2002)
- Department of Philosophy, Ohio University: Awards Committee (1997-1999); Honors Tutorial Advisory Committees (1997-1999).

LANGUAGES

- German (reading and speaking)
 French (reading)