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## EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy                      Philosophy, University of Tübingen, Germany, July 1990  
Dissertation Title: *Die Hermeneutische Dimension der Wahrheit: Donald Davidsons Projekt einer Theorie der Bedeutung (The Hermeneutic Dimension of Truth: Donald Davidson's Project of a Theory of Meaning)*

Staatsexamen/  
Master of Arts                              Philosophy, University of Tübingen, October 1987  
Thesis: *Putnam im Kontext der gegenwärtigen analytischen Philosophie (Putnam in the Context of Contemporary Analytic Philosophy)*  
German literature, University of Tübingen, April 1988  
History (Minor), University of Tübingen, October 1988

Abitur    Fördegymnasium Flensburg, Germany, 1980

**Areas of Specialization:** Philosophy of Mind and Psychology, Philosophy of Social Science  
Philosophy of Language, Epistemology, Meta-Ethics

**Areas of Competence:** History of Philosophy, Ethics, Logic, Philosophy of Science

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Chair of Department, College of the Holy Cross, July 2007-2015, February 2019-July 2019, 2024-25  
Professor, Department of Philosophy, College of the Holy Cross, September 2008-  
Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, College of the Holy Cross, September 1996-  
Visiting Scholar, Department of Philosophy, Columbia University, Fall 1992  
Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, College of the Holy Cross, September 1990-1996

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

Ford Batchelor Summer Fellowship, 2024  
Publication Support Grant (for Indexing: \$1039 for Ethical Sentimentalism Anthology, Cambridge UP),  
Committee on Research and Publication, Spring 2017  
Faculty Fellowship for *Facts of Reason* Book Project, 2015-16  
Ford Batchelor, Summer Fellowship, 2014  
Travel Grant, Committee on Research and Publication, College of the Holy Cross, Spring 2004  
Ford Batchelor Summer Fellowship, 2001  
National Endowment for the Humanities Institute, "The Idea of a Social Science-40 Years Later,"  
University of Missouri-St. Louis, Summer 1998  
Faculty Fellowship, College of the Holy Cross, Fall 1998  
Travel Grant, Committee on Research and Publication, College of the Holy Cross, 1995  
Hewlett-Mellon Presidential Discretionary Fund Grant, College of the Holy Cross, 1993  
Graduiertenförderung, (Dissertation Writing Fellowship from the State of Baden-Württemberg),  
University of Tübingen, 1988-1990  
Tübingen - Stony Brook Exchange Fellowship, State University of New York at Stony Brook, 1984-85

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

*Moral Sentimentalism*, co-editor together with Remy Debes (Cambridge University Press 2017).

*Rediscovering Empathy: Agency, Folk-Psychology and the Human Sciences* (MIT Press: 2006; 2<sup>nd</sup> edition 2010).

*L'empatia* (Il Mulino, 2010; Italian translation of *Rediscovering Empathy*)

*Debating Dispositions: Issues in Metaphysics, Epistemology, and Philosophy of Mind*, co-edited with Robert Schnepf and Gregor Damschen (Berlin/New York: De Gruyter Publishers, 2009).

*Empathy and Agency: The Problem of Understanding in the Human Sciences*, co-edited with Hans Herbert Kögler (Boulder: Westview Press, 2000).

*Philosophie der Skepsis* (Philosophy of Skepticism), co-edited with Thomas Grundmann (Paderborn: UTB, Ferdinand Schöningh, 1996).

*Donald Davidsons Theorie sprachlichen Verstehens* (Frankfurt: Anton Hain, 1993).  
(Donald Davidson's Theory of Linguistic Competence)

### Articles

"Practice, Indeterminacy, and Private Language: Wittgenstein's Dissolution of Scepticism," in *Philosophical Investigations* 17 (1994): 14-36.

"Donald Davidson: Die transzendente Verortung der Gewißheit des Selbstbewußtseins" (Donald Davidson: The Transcendental Status of the Certainty of Self-Consciousness), in *Analytische Theorien des Selbstbewußtseins*, edited by Manfred Frank, (Frankfurt: Suhrkamp, 1994): 623-634.

"Understanding Truth and Objectivity: A Dialogue between Donald Davidson and Hans Georg Gadamer," in *Hermeneutics and Truth* edited by Brice Wachterhauser, (Evanston, Ill.:Northwestern University Press, 1994): 172-189

"Indeterminacy and the First Person Perspective," in *Verdad: logica, representacion y mundo*, edited by C. Martinez Vidal, (Universidade de Santiago De Compostela, 1996): 333-341

"Introduction to *Philosophie der Skepsis*," co-authored with Thomas Grundmann, in *Philosophie der Skepsis* (Paderborn: UTB, Ferdinand Schöningh, 1996): 8-57.

"Holism and Radical Interpretation: The Limitations of a Formal Theory of Language," in *Analyomen 2*, edited by Georg Meggle (DeGruyter: Berlin and New York, 1997): 290-298.

"Psychologische Erklärungen im Spannungsfeld des Interpretationismus und Reduktionismus," (Psychological Explanations in the Context of Interpretationism and Reductionism) in *Die Philosophische Rundschau* 44 (1997): 304-328.

"Understanding Other Minds and the Problem of Rationality" in *Empathy and Agency: The Problem of Understanding in the Social Sciences*, edited by H. Kögler and K. Stueber (Boulder: Westview Press, 2000): 144-162.

"Introduction: Empathy, Simulation and Interpretation in the Social Sciences" co-authored with Hans Herber Kögler, in *Empathy and Agency: The Problem of Understanding in the Social Sciences*, edited by H. Kögler and K. Stueber (Boulder: Westview Press, 2000): 1-61.

"Die anti-skeptischen Strategien des semantischen und epistemischen Externalismus und ihre Bedeutung für die Erkenntnistheorie," in *Erkenntnistheorie: Positionen zwischen Tradition und Gegenwart*, edited by Thomas Grundmann (Paderborn: Mentis Verlag, 2001): 210-224.

"The Psychological Basis of Historical Explanation: Reenactment, Simulation, and the Fusion of Horizons," in *History and Theory* 21 (2002): 25-42. (Reprinted in *The Philosophy of Social Science Reader*,

edited by F. Guala and D. Steele (London: Routledge, 2010)).

“The Problem of Self-Knowledge,” in *Erkenntnis* 56 (2002): 269-296.

“Intentional Explanation, Psychological Laws, and the Irreducibility of the First Person Perspective,” in *Monism*, edited by Andreas Bächli & Klaus Petrus, (Frankfurt a. M.: Ontos Verlag, 2003): 255-279.

“Agency and the Objectivity of Historical Narratives,” in *The Philosophy of History: A Reexamination*, edited by William Sweet (Aldershot, UK :Ashgate Press, 2004): 197-222.

"Mental Causation and the Paradox of Explanation," in *Philosophical Studies* 122 (2005): 243-277.

“How to Think about Rules and Rule-Following,” in *Philosophy of the Social Sciences* 35 (2005): 307-323.

“Theories Explain, and so do Historical Narratives: But there are Differences,” in *Journal of the Philosophy of History* 2 (2008), 237-243.

“Reasons, Generalizations, Empathy, and Narratives: The Epistemic Structure of Action Explanation,” in *History and Theory* 47 (2008): 31-43.

"Empathy", *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, Edward N. Zalta (ed.), URL = <http://plato.stanford.edu/archives/fall2008/entries/empathy/>. First published March 2008, substantially revised in 2013 and 2019.

“Intentionalism, Intentional Realism, and Empathy,” in *Journal of the Philosophy of History* 3 (2009), 290-307.

“The Ethical Dimension of Folk Psychology,” in *Inquiry*, 52 (2009), 532-547.

“Empathy, Mental Dispositions, and the Physicalist Challenge,” in *Debating Dispositions: Issues in Metaphysics, Epistemology, and Philosophy of Mind*, edited by Gregor Damschen, Robert Schnepf, and Karsten Stueber (Berlin/New York: DeGruyter, 2009), 257-277.

“Imagination, Empathy, and Moral Deliberation: The Case of Imaginative Resistance,” in *Southern Journal of Philosophy* 49 (2011), Spindel Supplement, 156-180.

“Empathy, Rationality, and Explanation,” (with Mark Bevir), in *Journal of the Philosophy of History* 5 (2011), 147-152.

“Moral Approval and the Dimensions of Empathy: Comments on Michael Slote’s *Moral Sentimentalism*, *Analytic Philosophy* 52 (2011), 328-336.

“Empathie et Narration: Repenser la Différence entre Sciences Naturelles et Sciences Humaines,” in *Les Paradoxes de l’Empathie. Philosophie, Psychanalyse, Sciences Sociales*, ed. by Patricia Attigui and Alexis Cukier (CNRS Editions 2011)

“Varieties of Empathy, Neuroscience and the Narrativist Challenge to the Contemporary Theory of Mind Debate,” in *Emotion Review* 4 (2012), 55-63.

"Author's Reply: Empathy versus Narrative: What Exactly is the Debate about? Response to my Critics," in *Emotion Review* 4 (2012), 68-69.

“Social Cognition and the Allure of the Second Person Perspective: In Defense of Empathy and Simulation,” *Joint Attention: New Developments*, ed. by A. Seemann (Cambridge, Mass.: MIT Press, 2012), 265-292.

“Understanding vs. Explanation? How to Think about the Difference between the Human and the Natural Sciences,” in *Inquiry* 55 (2012), 17-32.

“The Causal Autonomy of Reason Explanations and How not to Worry about Causal Deviance,” *Philosophy of the Social Sciences* 43 (2013), 24-45.

“Entry on Empathy,” *International Encyclopedia of Ethics*, Wiley- Blackwell 2013.

- “Explaining Human Agency: Reasons, Causes and the First Person Perspective” in *Reasons and Causes: Causalism and Anti-Causalism in the Philosophy of Action*, ed. by G. D’Oro and C. Sandis (Palgrave/Macmillan 2013), 199-225.
- “Naturalism and the Normative Domain: Accounting for Normativity with the Help of 18<sup>th</sup> Century Empathy-Sentimentalism,” *Rivista Internazionale Di Filosofia e Psicologia* 6 (2015), 24-36.
- “The Cognitive Function of Narratives,” *Journal of the Philosophy of History* 9 (2015), 393-409.
- “Agents, Reasons, and the Nature of Normativity,” *Normativity and Naturalism in the Social Sciences*, edited by Mark Risjord (London: Routledge 2016), 96-113.
- “Empathy and Imagination,” in *The Routledge Handbook of Philosophy of Imagination*, ed. by Amy Kind (London: Routledge 2016), 368-380.
- “Empathy and Understanding Reasons,” in *Routledge Handbook of Philosophy of Empathy*, ed. by Heidi Maibom (London: Routledge, 2017), 137-147.
- “Fremdverstehen und Fremdbewerten: Zur epistemischen und moralischen Relevanz der Empathie,” in *Information Philosophie* 2017 (Heft 2), 18-35.
- “Smithian Constructivism: Elucidating the Reality of the Normative Domain,” in *Moral Sentimentalism*, co-edited by R. Debes and K. Stueber (Cambridge University Press 2017), 192-209.
- “Understanding Individual Agency: How Empathy and Narrative Competence Cooperate,” in *Philosophical Perspectives on Empathy: Theoretical Approaches and Emerging Challenges*, ed. by A. Waldow and D. Matravers (London/New York: Routledge 2018), 129-143.
- “Davidson, Reasons, and Causes: A Plea for a little bit more Empathy,” *Journal of the History of Analytic Philosophy* 7 (2019), 59-75.
- “The Ubiquity of Understanding: Dimensions of Understanding in the Social and the Natural Sciences,” *Philosophy of the Social Sciences* 49 (2019), 265-281.
- “Thinking about the Darker and Brighter Sides of Empathy”, Invited commentary on Throop, C.J. and D. Zahavi’s “Dark and Bright Empathy: Phenomenological and Anthropological Reflections,” *Current Anthropology* 61, 3 (2020). 297-98.
- “The Moral Stance, Our Moralizing Nature, and the Hermeneutic and Empathic Dimension of Human Relations,” in *Hans-Herbert Koegler’s Critical Hermeneutics*, ed. by K.C.M Mertel and L. Dunaj, Bloomsbury Press (London/New York: Bloomsbury 2022): 105-122.
- “Our Admiration for Exemplars and the Impartial Spectator Perspective: Moral Exemplarism Adam Smith’s *Theory of Moral Sentiments*,” in *Argumenta* (Journal of the Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy) 19 (2024): <https://www.argumenta.org/article/our-admiration-for-exemplars-and-the-impartial-spectator-perspective-moral-exemplarism-and-adam-smiths-theory-of-moral-sentiments-2/>
- “The Structure of Rational Agency and the Phenomenal Dimensions of Empathic Understanding” in *Empathic Understanding*, ed. by Christiana Werner and Thomas Petraschka (New York and London, Routledge 2024): 119-137.
- “Empathy and Sympathy,” in *Emotion Theory: The Routledge Comprehensive Guide*, vol. 2, ed. by Andrea Scarantino, Routledge 2024: 135-159.
- “On Empathy, Morality, and Transformative Experiences” in *Imagination and Experience: Philosophical Explorations*, ed. by Ingrid Vendrall Ferran and Christiana Werner, Routledge 2024: 346-368.
- “Being Me and Understanding You: Comments on Samuel Fleischacker’s *Being Me Being You*,” in *Adam Smith Review* 14 (2025): 195-200.

“Empathy, Imaginative Resistance, and Fragmentary Understanding: Trying to Make Sense of Extremism,” in *Explaining Extreme Belief and Behavior*, edited by R. Peels and L. Dawson, forthcoming, Oxford University Press.

### Reviews and Review Essays

Heidi Maibom, *The Space Between: How Empathy Really Works*, September 2022, <https://junkyardofthemind.com/blog/2022/9/22/book-symposium-stueber-commentary-with-response>

John Deigh, *From Psychology to Morality: Essays in Ethical Naturalism*, in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, May 2019.

Heidi L. Maibom (ed.), *Empathy and Morality*, in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, July 2015.

Amy Coplan and Peter Goldie (eds.): *Empathy*, in *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 6 (2014), 777-781.

“How to structure a social theory? A Critical Response to Anthony King’s *The Structure of Social Theory*,” in *Philosophy of the Social Sciences* 36 (2006): 95-104.

William Child and David Charles (eds.): *Wittgensteinian Themes: Essays in Honour of David Pears*, in *Philosophical Investigations* 27 (2004): 282-286.

Mark Risjord, *Woodcutters and Witchcraft*, in *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 57 (2003): 230-233.

Beth Savicki, *Wittgenstein's Art of Investigation*, in *Philosophical Investigations* 23 (2000): 351-354.

Gary Ebbs, *Rule-Following and Realism*, in *Zeitschrift für Philosophische Forschung* 53 (1999): 476-480.

David Stern, *Wittgenstein on Mind and Language*, in *Philosophical Investigations* 20 (1997): 159-164.

Henry Harris(ed.), *Identity: Essays based on Herbert Spencer Lectures Given in the University of Oxford*, in *Ethics* (June 1997).

Günter Abel, *Interpretationswelten. Gegenwartsphilosophie jenseits von Essentialismus und Relativismus*, in *Zeitschrift für Philosophische Forschung* 49 (1995): 339-343.

H. Putnam, *Repräsentation und Realität*, in *Die Philosophische Rundschau* 40 (1993): 148-153.

### Work in Progress

*The Moralizing Animal: Empathy and the Foundation of Morality?* (Book Project, Advance Contract with MIT Press)

### Miscellaneous

*Short Term Fellow*, Center for Advanced Studies, Ludwig Maximilian Universität München, Germany, October 12-15, 2022

Teaching *Philosophy of Science* at Sera Jey/Mey Monastic University, Bylakuppe, India (A week-long lecture course for 120 Tibetan Buddhist monks within the context of the Emory-Tibetan Science Initiative), May/June 2014, May 2016 and May 2018.

Conversation (with Shaun Gallagher) about Empathy on Philosophy TV (March 2012)

<http://www.philostv.com/shaun-gallagher-and-karsten-stueber/>

Invited Comment on Dan Batson “Empathic Concern and Altruism in Humans,” in *On the Human* (A Project of the National Humanities Center), 2009, <https://nationalhumanitiescenter.org/on-the-human/2009/10/empathic-concern-and-altruism-in-humans/>

Taped Lecture on *Empathy and Morality* for the Academic Institute for Higher Education (AIHE), Lübeck, Germany.

## Organization of Conferences

*Debating Dispositions: Issues in Metaphysics, Epistemology, and Philosophy of Mind*, Leucorea, Wittenberg, Germany, June 12-16, 2006. Co-organizer with Robert Schnepf and Gregor Damschen (University of Halle, Germany). The Conference was funded by the DFG (German Science Foundation).

*Understanding Other Minds and Moral Agency*, April 19- 21, 2007, Center for Ethics, Religion, and Culture, College of the Holy Cross.

*Celebrating Philosophy: A Dialogue on the Nature of Morality, Reality and Knowledge* (An Undergraduate Philosophy Conference), College of the Holy Cross, March 28-29, 2014, co-organizer together with four of our departmental honors students.

*Moral Sentimentalism and the Foundations of Morality*, College of the Holy Cross, November 14-14, 2014.

*Seven Hill Workshop on Mind, Metaphysics, Ethics*; together with Profs. Borghini and De Caro (Tufts/Roma Tre) College of the Holy Cross, November 5, 2016.

*Autonomy, Norms, and Emotional Attunement*, Workshop, June 24-24, 2019, University of Milan, co-organized with Professors Carla Bagnoli (Modena and Reggio Emilio), Andrea Borghini (Milan), and Mario DeCaro (Roma Tre).

## Conferences and Invited Talks

“A Smithian Validation of the Moral Stance,” World Congress of Philosophy, Rome, Italy, Aug. 5, 2024 (Within the context of organizing a panel on *Situating Agency: Agents in Relations to Each Other and the World.*)

"Empathy's Dark and Bright Sides in its Relation to Morality," Tel-Hai College, Israel, July 10, 2024 (Online Presentation)

Invited Keynote Speaker: “Empathy with Evil and Moral Judgment,” Workshop on *Empathy for Evil: Social Science and the Empathy Dilemma* University of Toulouse, France, June 27-28, 2024

Empathy and its Limits, Lecture (on Zoom) for the AIHE Academic Institute for Higher Education, Lübeck, May 21, 2024.

Chair, ASA/Danto Lecture, American Philosophical Association Conference, Eastern Division, New York City, January 16, 2024.

Invited Keynote Speaker: “Social Cooperation, Our Moralizing Nature, and the Moral Stance,” *Emotions, Empathy, and Normativity Workshop*, Dec. 14-15, 2023, Ifilnova, Universidade Nova De Lisboa.

“Social Cooperation, Our Moralizing Nature, and the Moral Stance,” June 28, 2023, University of Vienna.

“Empathy, Imaginative Resistance, and Fragmentary Understanding: Trying to Make Sense of Extremism,” June 22, 2023, Free University of Amsterdam.

“Don't Always Blame Empathy: On Compassion, Pity and Empathy,” invited speaker for Workshop on *The Philosophy of Empathy: Recent Trends and New Developments*, Center for Advanced Studies, Ludwig Maximilian Universität München, Germany, October 14-15, 2022

“The Aesthetic and Phenomenal Dimensions of Empathic Understanding: Making Sense of Rational Agents and What They Care About,” invited speaker for Workshop on *Empathic Understanding* at the University Duisburg/Essen, Essen, Germany, May 17-19, 2022.

“Social Cooperation, our Moralizing Nature, and the Moral Stance,” paper for a panel on *Collective Intentionality and Normativity*, organized by the APA Committee on Lectures, Publication, and Research, APA Central Division, Chicago, Feb. 23-26, 2022.

“Being Me and Understanding You,” Comments on Samuel Fleischacker’s Book *Being Me Being You*, Conference of the International Adam Smith Society, Madison, WI, Oct. 15-17, 2021

“Polarizing Disagreements: Philosophical and Psychological Considerations about a Political Conundrum,” Departmental Colloquia, Department of Philosophy and the McFarland Center for Religion, Ethics, and Culture,” College of the Holy Cross, Oct. 4, 2021.

Chair and Organizer (For the *APA Committee on International Cooperation*), Symposium on Empathy and Morality (with participants from Germany and the US), APA Central Division Meeting (Online Format), February 2021.

“Facetten der Empathie: Sich Selbst und Andere Verstehen,” Philosophische Gesellschaft Bremerhaven, October 8, 2020 (online).

Chair and Organizer (For the *APA Committee on International Cooperation*), Symposium on Empathy and Morality (with participants from Germany and the US), April 11, 2020. (Cancelled because of Corona Virus)

Chair, Panel on Adam Smith, APA Central Division Meeting, Chicago, February 27, 2020.

Invited Speaker, “The Moral Stance and the Aesthetic Dimension of Empathic Understanding: Recognition, the Reactive Attitudes, and the Appreciation of Otherness,” Workshop on *Hermeneutics, Critique, and Dialogue*, University of North Florida, Feb. 21-22, 2020

Invited Speaker, “Empathic Understanding: Evaluating and Appreciating Otherness,” Workshop on *Empathy, Trust, and Cultural Difference*, UCL London (SOAS), June 28, 2019.

“The Moralizing Animal and the Moral Stance: In-Group Bias, Empathy, and the Sensus Communis,” *Autonomy, Norms, and Emotional Attunement*, University of Milan, June 24-25, 2019.

Invited Speaker, Workshop on Humane Understanding, Fordham University, May30-June 1, 2019, “Expanding Conceptions of Our Selves: Understanding, Appreciating, and Evaluating Otherness.”

Invited Keynote Address, Workshop on *Fühlen und Verstehen*, University Göttingen, February 21-23, 2019. “Appreciating Otherness: Empathic Understanding and the Sensus Communis.”

Invited Talks at San Raffael University, Milan and Roma Tre, Rome, January 2019.

“Thinking about the Foundations of Morality: Empathy, Sympathy, and the Impartial Spectator Perspective” and “Empathy, Morality, and Evolution”

“The Ubiquity of Understanding: Dimensions of Understanding in the Social and the Natural Sciences,” European Network for the Philosophy of the Social Sciences, Leibniz University Hannover, August 30 – September 1, 2018.

Commentator on Tom Douherty’s “On Liking,” American Philosophical Association Conference, Central Division, Chicago, February 24, 2018.

“Empathy and Morality: Kantian Questions, the Second-Person Perspective, and Smithian Constructivism,” Panel on the Work of Stephen Darwall, Conference of Northern New England Philosophical Association, Stone Hill College, Nov. 3-4, 2017.

“Naturalism and the Normative Authority of the Moral Point of View.” Participant in a Symposium on “Empathy and Moral Judgment,” European Conference for Analytic Philosophy, Munich, Germany, August 21-26, 2017.

“Reasons, Causes, and the Norms of Rationality.” Philosophy of Social Science Roundtable, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada, May 19-20, 2017.

Commentator on Denis Buehler’s “Guidance of Visual Attention.” American Philosophical Association Conference, Pacific Division, Seattle, April 14, 2017.

“Empathy: Folk Psychology, Social Cognition, and Normative Attitudes.” Invited presentation in Research

Seminar of Shaun Gallagher, University of Memphis, March 27, 2017.

Commentator on Heidi Maibom's "Coming to Grips with Perspective Taking," Taft's Research Symposium, University of Cincinnati, March 2, 2017.

Invited Speaker: "Empathy (veridical or illusory) and the Moral Point of View," Conference on the "Objects of Empathy," University of Stuttgart, Germany, July 27-29, 2016.

Invited Speaker: "Empathy as the Foundation of Morality?," Conference on "Norms of Indignation," University of Flensburg, July 4-5, 2016.

"Smithian Constructivism: Elucidating the Reality of the Normative Domain," Research Seminar, University of Erlangen, Germany, June 28, 2016.

Organizer of Panel on "Narrative Explanations and Historical Objectivity," European Social Science History Conference, Valencia, Spain, March 30-April 2, 2016, Paper presented: "The Cognitive Function of Narratives."

Invited Colloquium Speaker on "Selbst- und Fremdverstehen," Conference of the Gesellschaft für Analytische Philosophie (GAP.9), September 14-17, 2015, Osnabrück, Germany.

"Knowledge of Other Minds and the Reality of Normativity," Bled Philosophical Conference on *The Intersection of Epistemology and Philosophy of Mind*, Bled, Slovenia, June 1-6, 2015.

"The Cognitive Function of Narratives," Philosophy of Social Science Roundtable, May 8-10, 2015 University of Washington, Seattle, May 8-10, 2015.

Commentator on "Davidson on Dialogue and Metaphilosophy," APA Pacific Division, Vancouver, Canada, April 1-4, 2015.

"Smithian Constructivism: Elucidating the Reality of Reasons," Conference on *Moral Sentimentalism and the Foundations of Morality*, College of the Holy Cross, Nov. 14-15, 2014.

Invited Presenter, "Naturalism and Normativity: The View from the First Person Perspective," Workshop on *Forms of Naturalism*, Università Roma Tre, Rome, Italy, October 30-31, 2014.

Invited Presenter, "The Empathic Mind: At the Interface between Philosophy, Psychology, and Neuroscience," Italian Society for Neuroethics, May 14-16, 2014, Padua.

"Sympathy and the Impartial Spectator: A Constructivist Interpretation of Adam Smith," Conference on *Adam Smith: Moral Philosopher and Economic Theorist*, April 2-4, 2014, College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Mass.

"Understanding Agency and the Reality of Normativity," Workshop on Naturalism and Normativity in the Social Sciences, Atlanta, Georgia, Oct. 4-6, 2013.

"No Reason for Despair: Causal Deviance and the Causalist Conception of Reason Explanations," XXIII World Congress of Philosophy, Athens, Greece August 4-1-, 2013.

Invited Presenter, "Free Will and the Person," Faculty Seminar on "Free Will and Moral Virtue," Assumption College, May 22, 2013.

Commentator on Robert Kane's "Ethics and the Quest for Wisdom in a Culturally Pluralistic World," Metaphysical Society of America Meeting, College of the Holy Cross, April 13, 2013.

"Historicism and Narrative Explanations," Society for the Philosophy of History, American Philosophical Association, San Francisco, March 28, 2013.

Invited Speaker, "Empathic Understanding: Its Scope and Reliability," Conference on Empathy in Context, Organized by the Center for Subjectivity Research, University of Copenhagen, October 2012.

"The Empathic Mind: Between Understanding and Evaluating Other Agents," Center for the Study of Scottish Philosophy, Princeton Theological Seminary, March 16-18, 2012.



“Explaining Human Agency,” Philosophy of Social Science Roundtable, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, March 9-11, 2012

Commentator on John Brunero’s “Reasons as Explanations,” American Philosophical Association Meeting, Central Division, Chicago, February 15-15, 2012.

“Sympathy, the Impartial Spectator, and Conversing with Mankind,” Workshop “From Sympathy to Empathy: Hume and Beyond,” Universiteit Antwerpen, June 2-3, 2011

Invited Speaker, Book Symposium on Michael Slote’s *Moral Sentimentalism*; Pacific APA Meeting, San Diego, CA, April 2011.

“Cognitive Science, Mirror Neuron Research and the Philosophical Armchair in the Philosophy of Social Science,” Social Science Roundtable, Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris, March 18-20, 2011.

Invited Speaker, “Empathy, Knowledge of Other Minds, and Social Cognition,” Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, New Orleans, March 10-12, 2011.

Invited Speaker, “Imagination, Empathy, and Moral Deliberation: The Case of Imaginative Resistance,” Spindel Conference, University of Memphis, October 7-9, 2010.

Invited Speaker, “Social Cognition and the Allure of the Second Person Perspective,” Institute for Intelligent Systems, University of Memphis, October 6, 2010.

“The Ideality of History and the Reality of Thought: Reenactment, Empathy, and Understanding” R.G. Collingwood Society Conference, Prato, Italy, July 19-22, 2010.

Invited Talk: “Varieties of Empathy, Neuroscience and the Narrativist Challenge to the Theory of Mind Debate” Universität Köln, June 21, 2010 and Freie Universität Berlin, Excellence Cluster “Language of Emotions,” July 1, 2010.

Invited Speaker, Conference on *Current Topics in the Philosophy of Human Sciences*, TU Berlin, Germany, June 17-19, 2010.

“On a Supposed Difference between the Human and the Natural Sciences: Rethinking the Distinction between Understanding and Explanation,” Society for the Philosophy of History, APA Pacific Division Meeting, San Francisco, March 31- April 3, 2010.

*Understanding Others: Limits and Possibilities*, University of Nebraska at Lincoln, March 4, 2010.

“Imaginative Resistance and Its Empathic Dissolution,” Northern New England Philosophical Association Meeting, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH, October 17-17, 2009.

Invited Speaker: “Joint Attention and Theory of Mind,” Conference on *Joint Attention*, Bentley University, October 1-4, 2009.

Invited Speaker: “Empathy, Folk Psychology, and Neuroscience,” Conference on *Neuroethics*, University College London, May 8, 2009.

“Empathy, Mental Dispositions, and the Physicalist Challenge,” Department of Philosophy, Brown University, Graduate Student Mellon Workshop on Neuroscience, April 24, 2009.

Chair and Commentator, Panel on “Narrative, History and Identity,” Society for the Philosophy of History, APA Pacific Division Meeting, Vancouver, Canada, April 8-12 2009.

Invited Speaker: “Concepts of Empathy and Neurobiology,” Conference on Transcultural Universals IV: Empathy; Hanse Wissenschaftskolleg Delmenhorst, Germany, April 1-4, 2009.

Invited Speaker: “Circumscribing the Scope of Empathy: The Puzzle of Imaginative Resistance,” Workshop on *Varieties of Empathy in Science, Art, and Culture*, Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies, University of British Columbia, Canada, October 10-12, 2008.

Commentator for Domenic Murphy’s “The Narrative Self, Cognitive Architecture and Moral Philosophy,” Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, June 26-29, 2008.

“Empathy and Intentional Realism,” invited participant for a session organized by the *Society for Philosophy of History*, APA Pacific Division, March 18-23 2008.

Invited Speaker: “Reasons, Generalizations, Reenactment, and Narratives: Collingwoodian Considerations on the Nature of Action Explanation,” Collingwood Conference, University of Montreal, October 18-21, 2007.

Invited Speaker: “Self-Knowledge: Empirical Achievement or Conceptual Necessity?” Conference on *First Person Authority*, Universität Duisburg-Essen, Germany, September 10-13, 2007.

“The Ethical Dimension of Folk Psychology,” April 2007, Conference on *Understanding Other Minds and Moral Agency*, College of the Holy Cross.

Invited Speaker: “Empathy and Other Minds,” February 2007, Clark University, Worcester, MA.

“Dispositions and Rational Explanations” Conference on *Debating Dispositions: Issues in Metaphysics, Epistemology, and Philosophy of Mind*, June 2006, Wittenberg, Germany.

“Empathy and Reason Explanations” in Panel on *The Nature of Historical Explanations and Historical Narratives*, European Social Science History Conference, March 2006, Amsterdam

Invited Participant for “Meet the Author Session” European Social Science History Conference, March 2006, Amsterdam. Commentator on Aviezer Tucker’s *Our Knowledge of the Past: A Philosophy of Historiography* and Martin Davies’s *Historics: Why History Dominates Society*

Chair for Colloquium “Ontological Issues in the Philosophy of Mind” American Philosophical Association (Eastern Division), New York, December 2005

“Empathy and Folk Psychological Explanations” Invited Participant for Conference on “Examining Folk Psychology,” University of York, Canada September 2005

Commentator on William Seeley’s “Naturalizing Aesthetics: Art and the Cognitive Neuroscience of Vision,” Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Wake Forest University, June 2005

“The Simulation Theory” Invited Speaker for “A Symposium on Other Minds,” University of Cincinnati, May 2005

“Rediscovering Empathy” College of the Holy Cross, Colloquia Series, April 2005

“Empathy and Knowledge of Other Mind,” Penn State University, Department of Philosophy, March 2005

Chair, Panel on Rationality, Philosophy of Social Science Roundtable, Barnard College, March 2005

“On Empathy.” Invited Participant: Phenomenology, Intersubjectivity, and Theory of Mind: An interdisciplinary conference sponsored by the *Association for Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences* and the *Cognitive Sciences Program* at the University of Central Florida, January 14-15, 2005.

“Eliminativism and the Allure of the Detached Conception of Folk Psychology,” Northern New England Philosophical Association, Dartmouth College, November 2004

“Empathy and Knowledge of Other Mind,” Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Memphis, October 2004

“Mindreading, Psychological Concepts, and Mirror Neurons,” Invited Symposium on Agency for the Joint Conference of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology and the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology: Barcelona, July 2004:

“The Central Arguments for Narrative Antirealism and their Shortcomings,” European Social Science History Conference, Berlin, March 2004

“Rule-Following and the Epistemology of Normative Explanations,” Philosophy of Social Science Roundtable, St. Louis, March 2003.

“Psychological Concepts, Simulation and the Question of the Explanatory Gap, ”Towards a Science of Consciousness Conference, Tucson, April 2002

“The Epistemology of Normative Explanations,” European Social Science History Conference, Den Haag, February/March 2002

“The Importance of Simulation for Understanding Linguistic and Rational Agency, ”American Philosophical Association, Central Division, Minneapolis, May 2001

"Understanding Rational Thoughts: The Debate between Simulation Theory and Theory Theory, "European Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Salzburg, Sept.1-5, 2000

Organizer of and Commentator for the Panel "The Simulating Mind" (Other Participants: Paul Harris, Alvin Goldman, and Robert Gordon), Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Barnard College & Columbia University, June 15-18, 2000

"The Psychological Basis of Historical Explanation, "University of Alberta, Edmonton, Conference on the Philosophy of History, May 25-26, 2000

"Mental Causation and the Paradoxes of Explanation, "City College of the City University of New York, Department of Philosophy, April 1999

American Philosophical Association, Central Meeting, New Orleans, May 1999, Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, New Orleans, April 1998

"Understanding Other Minds and the Problem of Rationality, "University of North Florida, Department of Philosophy, February 1999

"Skepticism and the Scope of the Externalist Response, "Invited Speaker, Conference on Epistemology, University of Tübingen, Germany, January 1999

"Simulation or Interpretation: Is the Simulation Theory Philosophically Tenable?" European Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Lisbon, Portugal, September 1998, American Philosophical Association, Central Division, Chicago, May 1998, Society for Philosophy and Psychology, New York, June 1997

"Externalism, Skepticism and Self-Knowledge, "Society for Realism and Antirealism, American Philosophical Association (Central Division), Pittsburgh, April 1997

“The Problem of Self-Knowledge, "European Society for Analytic Philosophy, Leeds, England, September 1996

Chair and Commentator: Society for Realism and Antirealism: Panel on Metaphysical Pluralism, American Philosophical Association (Central Division), Chicago, April 1996.

Commentator on T. Schatzki's "Minding Practices, "Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Nashville, April 1996

"Indeterminacy and the First-Person Perspective, "Conference on *Truth: Logic, Representation and the World*, celebrating the Vth Centenary of the University of Santiago de Compostela, Spain, January 1996

"A Constitutive Account of Self-Knowledge," Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Stony Brook, June 1995

"Self-Knowledge and Intentionality, "American Philosophical Association (Central Division), Chicago, April 1995, Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Virginia Beach, March 1995

"Holism, Atomism and Radical Interpretation," Conference of the German Society for Analytic Philosophy, Leipzig, Germany, September 1994, Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Atlanta, March 1994, Clark University, Department of Philosophy, November 1993

"A Dialogue between Donald Davidson and Hans Georg Gadamer," Society for Phenomenological and Existential Philosophy, New Orleans, October 1993

Chair and Commentator: Panel on "Philosophy of Language," New Jersey Regional Philosophical

Association, Stevens College, May 1993

"A Shopper's Choice: Holism, but Well-Defined," American Philosophical Association (Pacific Division), San Francisco, March 1993

"Practice, Indeterminacy, and Private Language: Wittgenstein's Dissolution of Scepticism," American Philosophical Association (Pacific Division), Portland, March 1992

"On Understanding Truth and Objectivity," College of the Holy Cross, Colloquia Series, October 1991

"The Hermeneutic Dimension of Truth: The Shortcomings of the Antirealist Challenge to a Truth Conditional Theory of Meaning," New Jersey Regional Philosophical Association, Rutgers University, November 1989

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **COURSES TAUGHT**

#### **Introductory Level/First Year Students**

Freedom of the Will

Foundations of Moral Reasoning

Self and Society (First Year Program, Fall 1999)

Understanding the World, Understanding Other Minds (First Year Program, Spring 2000)

Introduction to Philosophy

The Structure of Mind (within the Natural World Cluster of the Montserrat Program)

#### **Intermediate Level**

Foundations of Ethics

Free Will

Introduction to Logic

Logic and Language

Philosophy of Language

Philosophy of Mind

Philosophy of Science

#### **Seminars**

Philosophy of the Social Sciences

Philosophy of Psychology (Team Taught)

Wittgenstein

Truth

Consciousness and the Emotions (Honors Seminar Fall 2001)

Moral Psychology

Narrative, History, and Agency

The Nature of Morality

Humane Understanding (New Seminar Spring 2022)

#### **Tutorials and Theses Supervision**

Tutorial in the Philosophy of Mind and Language (Fall 1994)

Tutorial on Mind and Meaning (Fall 2000)

Tutorial on Free Will (Fall 2001)

Tutorial "Davidson on Mind and Meaning" (Fall 2005)

Tutorial on Free Will (Fall 2006)

Tutorial on Empathy (Fall 2006)

Tutorial on Nature of Rationality (Spring 2012)

Tutorial on Moral Sentimentalism (Spring 2014)

Erin O'Brien (Honors Thesis on Metaphor), Spring 1994  
 Simon Dembitzer (Honors Thesis on Consciousness), Clark University, Spring 1994  
 Beau Lescott (Senior Thesis on Intentionality with associated tutorial), Spring 1995  
 Federico Gatti (Senior Thesis on Skepticism with associated tutorial), Spring 1996  
 Carlynn Magliano (Reader for Senior Thesis on Feminist Epistemology), Spring 1996  
 Francis Orlando (Reader for Fenwick scholar thesis "Depressed Minds, Disordered Brains," Fall 2000/Spring 2001 with associated tutorial)  
 Alex Mehrle (Honors Thesis on Consciousness), Spring 2002  
 Ryan Fealy (Senior Thesis on Free Will with associated tutorial, Spring 2002  
 Second Reader for Washington Thesis, Spring 2002  
 Supervisor for CISS Capstone "Empathy and Gender Differences," Spring 2006  
 Reader for Senior Thesis "Rethinking the Pro-Choice Paradigm: Abortion and Ethics of Care," Spring 2008  
 Adriana Sarni (College Honors Thesis) "Rational Agency and the Foundation of Morality," Fall 2012 & Spring 2013  
 Michael Lodato (Departmental Honors Thesis) "Language and the World: Wittgenstein's Elucidation of Metaphysics in the *Tractatus*," Fall 2013 & Spring 2014  
 Lauren Berard (Departmental Honors Thesis), "Empathy and Facets of the Social World: You, I, and We," Fall 2017-2018.  
 MaryGrace King (Departmental Honors Thesis), "The Importance of Narrative for Life," 2019-2020.  
 Carina Gregori Asadourian (College Honors Thesis), "Respecting a Person's Dignity: Kantian Approaches, 2022-23  
 Max Hendrix (Fenwick Scholar Thesis) "Intricacies of Agency: Rational Choice, Behavioral Economics, and Our Normative Commitments," 2022-2023

## **COLLEGE AND DEPARTMENT SERVICE**

### **College-Wide**

Study Abroad Committee 1991-1994  
 Academic Affairs Council (Fall 1999-Spring 2002)  
 Academic Affairs Council's Priorities Committee (Fall 1999- Spring 2002)  
 Secretary of Academic Affairs Council, Spring 2001  
 Coordinator of the Interdisciplinary German Studies Major, Fall 2004 –2008  
 Committee for Interdisciplinary Major and Minors, Fall 2004-2008  
 Curriculum Committee, Fall 2005-2007  
 Chair of the Curriculum Committee (2006-2007)  
 FYE Implementation Committee (2006-2007)  
 Faculty Compensation Committee (Fall 2007-Spring 2009)  
 Co-Chair of Faculty Compensation Committee (Fall 2008-Spring 2009)  
 Center for Religion, Ethics, and Culture Advisory Committee (Fall 2007- Spring 2010)  
 Search Committee for new Director for Center for Religion, Ethics, and Culture (Fall 2008-Spring 2009)  
 Advisory Committee for CREC conference on the Biological Foundations of Morality (2009-2010)  
 Member of Chair's Ad-Hoc Committee for devising online system for Online Faculty Reporting 2014-2015  
 Committee on Distinguished Fellowships and Graduate Studies, Fall 2016-Spring 2018

### **Departmental Level**

Library Committee, 1990-92  
 Moderator of Philosophy Club, 1991-92, 1993-94  
 Advisor to Philosophy Honors Society, 1991-92, 1993-94  
 Graduate Study Advisor, 1993-95  
 Director of Philosophy Colloquia Series, Spring 1994-1996, 2006-2007, 2021-2022  
 Member of numerous Departmental Search Committees  
 Organizer (together with Prof. Cicovacki) of Departmental Colloquia Series

Chair of Search Committee for Epistemology, Metaphysics, and Philosophy of Science Position, 2019-2020.

Chair of Search Committee for Epistemology and Metaphysics TT Position, 2023-2024.

### **SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

Elected as Member of the APA Committee on Lectures, Publications, and Research (July 2020-July 2023)  
[Member of the APA Book Prize Committee for 2021 and Chair of the Gittler Book Prize Committee 2021  
Chair of Value Inquiry Journal Prize and Member of Lebkowitz Prize Committee]

Member of the APA Committee on International Cooperation (July 2018 – July 2021)

Secretary-Treasurer, Society for Philosophy and Psychology, 1998-2001

Member of the Executive Board, Society for Philosophy and Psychology, 2001-2004

Consulting Editor for the *Journal of the American Philosophical Association* (since 2015)

Member of the editorial board for the *Journal of the Philosophy of History* (first volume 2007)

Member of Consulting Board for *Facta Philosophica* (ed. by A. Burri and K. Petrus, University of Bern 1998 – 2008).

### **Tenure or Promotional Reviews**

Bentley University

Denison University

Emmanuel College

### **External Reviewer**

Stonehill College Philosophy Department (Spring 2022)

### **Refereed (Occasionally) for**

Acta Analytica

Analytic Philosophy

Analysis

Australasian Journal of Philosophy

Brain Research

Behavioral and Brain Sciences

Cambridge University Press

Canadian Journal of Philosophy

Constellations

Columbia University Press

Dialectica

Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG)

European Research Council (ERC)

Emotion Review

Erkenntnis

Ethics

Ethical Theory and Moral Practice

Facta Philosophica

Human Studies

Inquiry

International Journal of Philosophical Studies

Irish Research Council

Journal for the History of Analytic Philosophy

Journal of the American Philosophical Association

Journal of Consciousness Studies  
Journal of Moral Education  
Journal of Philosophy  
Journal of the Philosophy of History  
Journal of Theoretical and Philosophical Psychology  
Journal of Value Inquiry  
Mind  
Mind and Language  
MIT Press  
New Ideas in Psychology  
Nous  
Oxford University Press (1 Book Manuscript)  
Open Problems (Italian On-line Resource)  
Pacific Philosophical Quarterly  
Phänomenologische Forschungen  
Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences  
Philosopher's Imprint  
Philosophia  
Philosophical Explorations  
Philosophical Psychology  
Philosophy and Phenomenological Research  
Philosophical Papers  
Philosophy of Science  
Philosophical Studies (2 papers)  
Philosophy of the Social Sciences  
Philosophy and the Mind Sciences  
Ratio  
Res Philosophica  
Review of Social Economy  
Routledge  
Social Science and Humanities Council of Canada  
Southern Journal of Philosophy  
Swiss National Science Foundation  
Society for Philosophy and Psychology  
Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology  
Synthese  
The Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO)  
Topoi  
Volkswagen Stiftung  
Westview Press

#### **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

American Philosophical Association  
Society for Philosophy and Psychology  
European Society for Philosophy and Psychology  
Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology  
European Society for Analytic Philosophy

#### **REFERENCES**

Available upon Request