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### APPOINTMENTS

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- 2008–present Chair, Department of Philosophy, University of Memphis
- 2008–present Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Memphis
- 2008–present Co-Founder and Faculty Advisor, Philosophical Horizons Program, University of Memphis  
<http://www.memphis.edu/philosophy/philhorizons.php>  
Philosophical Horizons is an outreach program that aims to introduce children (K-12) to the history and methodology of philosophy and help teachers to implement philosophical and critical thinking within their classrooms.
- 2007–present Institute for Intelligent Systems, Faculty Affiliate, University of Memphis
- 2007–present Women and Gender Studies Program, Faculty Affiliate, University of Memphis
- 2007–present Center for Research on Women, Faculty Affiliate, University of Memphis
- 2002–2008 Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Memphis

### EDUCATION

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- 1995–2002 Ohio State University
- PhD in Philosophy, June 2002
  - Graduate Certificate in Cognitive Science
- 1992–1995 University of South Carolina
- MA in Philosophy, May 1995
- 1988–1992 St. Anselm College
- BA in Philosophy, May 1992
  - Graduated *cum laude*

### AREAS OF RESEARCH

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#### **Areas of Specialization**

Philosophy of Mind and Psychology, Feminist and Social Epistemology, Collective Intentionality

#### **Areas of Competence**

Philosophy of Language, History of 20th Century Analytic Philosophy, Early Modern Philosophy

### AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

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- Course Redesign Fellowship, University of Memphis, 2009

- Nominated for Early Career Research Award, University of Memphis, 2007 and 2008
- Participant, NEH Summer Institute on Consciousness, Santa Cruz, CA, 2002
- Cognitive Science Summer Fellowship, Ohio State University, Summer 2001
- Departmental Dissertation Fellowship, Ohio State University, Spring 2001
- Professional Development Grant, Ohio State University, Fall 2000
- Departmental Summer Fellowship, Ohio State University, Summer 1998
- William H. Fink Award, Second Place, Ohio State University, 1999 and 1998
- Graduate Essay Award, University of South Carolina, 1995
- James W. Oliver Award, University of South Carolina, 1994
- Joseph P. McDonald Award, St. Anselm College, 1992
- Member, *Delta Epsilon Sigma*, 1992

## GRANTS

- NSF Grant, Co-PI, with Rick Dale (PI), Roger Kruez, and Andrew Olney, 2008–2012 (\$673,079).
- American Philosophical Association Grant, PI, 2009 (\$4,500).
- Tennessee Board of Regents Access and Diversity Grant, PI, 2008–2011 (\$93,500).
- Travel Grant, University of Memphis, 2006–2007 (\$500).
- Marsden Fast-Start Grant, Royal Society of New Zealand, with Sondra Bacharach (PI), 2007–2010 (\$70,000 NZ).
- Professional Development Assignment, University of Memphis, Spring 2006.
- Faculty Research Grant, University of Memphis, Summer 2005 (\$5,000).
- National Science Foundation Travel Grant, November 2004 (\$500).
- International Studies Travel Grant, University of Memphis, Fall 2003 (\$500)

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Articles

(Refereed unless otherwise noted.)

- “We Did It Again: A Reply to Livingston,” co-authored with Sondra Bacharach, *Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism*, 69, no. 2 (2011) (Invited)
- “Naturalizing Joint Action: A Process-Based Approach,” co-authored with Rick Dale, *Philosophical Psychology*, 2011 (in press).
- “Groups as Rational Sources,” in *Collective Epistemology*, edited by Hans Bernhard Schmid, Daniel Sirtes, and Marcel Weber (Heusenstamm, Germany: Ontos Verlag, 2011). (Invited)
- “We Did It: From Mere Contributors to Co-Authors,” co-authored with Sondra Bacharach, *Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism* 68, no. 1 (2010): 23–32.
- “Wikipedia and the Epistemology of Testimony,” in “Epistemology of Mass Collaboration,” edited by Don Fallis and Larry Sanger, special issue, *Episteme* 6, no. 1 (2009): 8–22.
- “Knit Two, Ponder Three: Reflections on Knitting, Family, and Philosophy,” *APA Newsletter on Feminism and Philosophy*, edited by Sally J. Scholz, 8, no. 1 (Fall 2008): 4–5.
- “Collaborative Arts and Collective Intention,” co-authored with Sondra Bacharach, in *Concepts of Sharedness: Essays on Collective Intentionality*, edited by Hans Bernhard Schmid, Katinka Schulte-

Ostermann, and Nikos Psarros, 21–40 (Heusenstamm, Germany: Ontos Verlag, 2008).

- “Affectivity, Moral Agency, and Corporate–Human Relations,” *APA Newsletter on Philosophy and Law*, edited by Steven Scalet and Christopher Griffin, dedicated to the work of Peter French, 7, no. 2 (Spring 2008): 9–13. (Invited)
- “Group Testimony,” *Social Epistemology* 21, no. 3 (2007): 299–311.
- “The Need for Collective Epistemology,” *Facets of Sociality: Philosophical Analysis*, edited by Nikos Psarros and Katinka Schulte-Ostermann, 309–330 (Frankfurt, Germany: Ontos Verlag, 2006).
- “Group Deliberation, Social Cohesion, and Scientific Teamwork: Is There Room for Dissent?” in “Epistemic Diversity and Dissent,” edited by Alison Wylie, special issue, *Episteme* 3, no. 1–2 (2006): 37–51.
- “The Rationality of Collective Guilt,” in “Shared Intentions and Collective Responsibility,” edited by Peter A. French and Howard K. Wettstein, *Midwest Studies in Philosophy* 30 (September 2006): 222–39.
- “From Extended Mind to Collective Mind,” *Cognitive Systems Research* 7 (2006): 140–50.
- “Let’s Pretend! Joint Action and Young Children,” *Philosophy of the Social Sciences* 35, no. 1 (2005): 75–97.
- “Collective Intentionality,” *Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, 2004, <http://www.iep.utm.edu/coll-int/>.
- “Collective Epistemic Agency,” *Southwest Philosophy Review* 20, no. 1 (2004): 55–66.
- “Participant Reactive Attitudes and Collective Responsibility,” *Philosophical Explorations* 6, no. 3 (2003): 218–34.
- “Rejecting Rejectionism,” *Protosociology* 18 (2003): 389–408.
- “Organizations as True Believers,” *Journal of Social Philosophy* 33, no. 3 (2002): 395–411.
- “Challenging Epistemic Individualism,” *Protosociology* 16 (2002): 86–117.
  - Translated into German as “Herausforderungen an den Epistemischen Individualismus” in *Kollektive Intentionalität: Eine Debatte über die Grundlagen des Sozialen*, edited by Hans Bernhard Schmid and David P. Schweikard (Wissenschaft: Suhrkamp Taschenbuch, 2009).
- “Collective Intentionality and the Social Sciences,” *Philosophy of the Social Sciences* 32, no. 1 (2002): 25–50.
- “Princess Elisabeth and the Problem of Mind–Body Interaction,” *Hypatia: A Journal of Feminist Philosophy* 14, no. 3 (1999): 59–78.

## Book Reviews

- Commentary on Ann Cudd’s *Analyzing Oppression*, in “Spring 2009 Symposium: Cudd,” *Symposia on Gender, Race and Philosophy* 5, no. 1 (Spring 2009), <http://sgrp.typepad.com/sgrp/spring-2009-symposium.html>.
- Review of *Folk Psychological Narratives: The Sociocultural Basis of Understanding Reasons* by Daniel D. Hutto, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 2008, <http://ndpr.nd.edu/review.cfm?id=12745>.
- Review of *Collective Rationality and Collective Reasoning* by Christopher McMahon, *The Journal of Economics and Philosophy* 20 (2004): 409–16.
- Review of *The Philosophy of Social Practices* by Raimo Tuomela, *Theoria* 103 (April 2004): 151–55.
- Review of *On the Nature of Social and Institutional Reality*, edited by Eerik Lagerspetz, Heikki Ikaheimo, and Jussi Kotkavirta, *Philosophy of the Social Sciences* 33 (September 2003): 406–11.

## CURRENT RESEARCH

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### Under Review

- “A Dynamic Theory of Shared Intention,” invited essay for a volume on Collective Intentionality, under

review at Oxford University Press.

### Articles in Progress

- Chapter on Social Ontology for a Philosophy of the Social Sciences textbook (November 2011), edited by Nancy Cartwright and Eleonora Montuschi (invited), Oxford University Press.
- Chapter on Teaching Ethics through Sport, co-authored with Paul Wright and Michael Burroughs, for a volume on Physical Education and Sport.
- "Group Testimony Revisited," (invited) for a volume edited by Miranda Fricker and Michael Brady, Oxford University Press.
- "Experimental Philosophy and Joint Action," co-authored with Rick Dale, Roger Kreuz, and Andrew Olney.
- Review article on the cognitive science of joint action (invited) to be published in *Cognitive Systems Research*.
- "Collective Intentionality," 3000-word entry (invited) for the *Encyclopedia of the Philosophy and the Social Sciences*, Sage Publishing, due October 2011.
- Article on pluralistic approaches to the study of consciousness, co-authored with Rick Dale (invited).

### DOCTORAL DISSERTATION

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- *Organizations as True Believers*, defended May 2002  
Committee: William Taschek (Director), George Pappas, and Diana Raffman

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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#### Dissertation Advising

##### Director

- Michael Burroughs, in progress
- Clifton Granby, in progress

##### Reader

- Matthew Bower, University of Memphis, in progress.
- Caroline Arruda, Stony Brook University, *What We Can Intend: Recognition and Collective Intentionality*, 2010 (external)
- Çigdem Yazici, University of Memphis, *The Becoming of a Historical People in Heidegger*, 2010
- David M. Scott, University of Memphis, *The Naïveté of Thought*, 2008
- Kristie Dotson, University of Memphis, *On the Limit and Scope of Epistemic Partiality in Testimony*, 2008
- Bryan Bannon, University of Memphis, *Developing a Theoretical Framework for an Ethical Understanding of Nature Through the Phenomenologies of Heidegger and Merleau-Ponty*, 2008
- Ryan Clark, University of Memphis, *Reading for Intention: Why Authors Still Matter in Criticism*, 2007
- Suzanne Antley, University of Memphis, *Collective Utterers and Meaning in Legislative Language*, 2006
- Deborah Zeller, University of Memphis, *A New Conception of the Intellectual and Moral Virtues*, 2006
- Steve Tammelleo, University of Memphis, *Constructing a Social Ontology of Ethnic Identity*, 2005

#### Course Instructor

Department of Philosophy, University of Memphis, 2002–present

*Graduate Seminars*

- Epistemology of Ignorance
- Collective Agency and Responsibility
- Feminist Epistemology
- Wittgenstein
- Animal and Human Minds
- Joint Action and Intentionality
- Testimony and Trust
- Anglo-American (Frege-Quine)

*Undergraduate Courses*

- Classical Issues, PHIL 1101
- Values in the Modern World, PHIL 1102
- Elementary Logic, PHIL 1611
- Nature, Mind, and Knowledge, PHIL 3460
- Human and Divine, PHIL 3701
- Recent Anglo-American, PHIL 4462

**Lecturer/Graduate Teaching Associate**

Department of Philosophy, Ohio State University, 1996–2002

- Contemporary Moral Issues
- Introduction to Philosophy
- Introduction to Logic

**Teaching Assistant**

Department of Philosophy, Ohio State University, 1995–1996

- Introduction to Philosophy

**Lecturer/Graduate Teaching Associate**

Department of Philosophy, University of South Carolina, 1995

- Introduction to Logic
- Introduction to Philosophy

**Teaching Assistant**

Department of Philosophy, University of South Carolina, 1993–1995

- Introduction to Logic

PRESENTATIONS

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- “Playing with Metaphysics,” invited speaker, PLATO Institute, Columbia University Teacher’s College, June, 2011.
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- “Trusting Groups,” invited speaker, Conference on The Epistemic Life of Groups, University of London, March 2011.
- “Seen but Not Heard,” invited speaker, Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, MS, October 2010.
- “Alignment and Collective Memory,” Collective Memory Workshop, Sydney, Australia, October 2010.
- “Philosophical Reflections on Social Domain Theory,” co-authored with Sarah Clark Miller, Piaget Society, Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO, June 2010.
- “Starting and Sustaining Joint Action,” Berkeley Social Ontology Group, Berkeley, CA, May 2010.
- “Children and Testimony,” Philosophy of Social Science Roundtable, St. Louis, MO, March 2010.
- “Starting and Sustaining Joint Action,” Conference on Joint Attention, Bentley University, Waltham, MA, October 2009.
- “Groups as Rational Sources,” Workshop on Collective Epistemology, University of Basel, Basel, Switzerland, October 2008.
- “Collective Intentionality and Joint Authorship,” Collective Intentionality VI, University of California, Berkeley, CA, July 2008.
- “A Dynamic Theory of Shared Intention,” Southern Society of Philosophy and Psychology, New Orleans, LA, March 2008.
- “Collective Cognition,” Mid-South Philosophy Conference, University of Memphis, Memphis, TN, February 2008.
- “From Co-Authorship to Group Authorship,” American Society for Aesthetics, Los Angeles, CA, November 2007.
- “Shared Intentionality and the Discontinuity Thesis,” Ohio State Croatian Philosophy Conference, Dubrovnik, Croatia, May 2007.
- “Shared Intentionality and the Phenomenology of Joint Agency,” invited paper, American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting, Symposium on Shared Intention, Chicago, IL, April 2007.
- “Joint Action, Collective Intentionality, and Social Play in Non-human Animals,” Annual Joint Action Meeting, Rutgers, Department of Psychology, New Brunswick, NJ, April 2007.
- “Shared Intentionality and the Phenomenology of Joint Agency,” invited speaker, Departmental Speaker Series, Illinois State University, Normal, IL, March 2007.
- “Comments on Ann Cudd’s *Analyzing Oppression*,” Keynote, Roundtable Discussion, Society for Women in Philosophy, Eastern Division, and Society for Analytic Feminism, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL, December 2006.
- “Comments on Henry Jackman’s ‘Self-Knowledge and Incompatibility’,” Southwestern Philosophical Society Meeting, Nashville, TN, November 2006.
- “Collective Art and Intention,” Central States Philosophical Society Meeting, Memphis, TN, October 2006.
- “Group Deliberation, Social Cohesion, and Scientific Teamwork: Is There Room for Dissent?” *Episteme* Conference, Toronto, Canada, June 2006.
- “Collective Art and Collective Intention,” Annual Meeting of the American Society for Aesthetics, Providence, RI, October 2005.
- “Experimental Collaborations and Shared Collaborative Activity,” Philosophy of Science Association Annual Meeting, Austin, TX, November 2004.
- “From Extended Mind to Collective Mind,” Collective Intentionality IV, Siena, Italy, October 2004.
- “The Need for Collective Epistemology,” University of Leipzig, Leipzig, Germany, June 2004.

- “Dogmatism and Knowledge: A Response to Veber,” invited comments, Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, New Orleans, LA, April 2004.
- “The Problem of Mental Causation,” Philosophical Collaborations, University of Southern Illinois, Carbondale, IL, April 2004.
- “Do You See What I See? Joint Action and Joint Attention,” Philosophy of Social Science Roundtable, St. Louis University, St. Louis, MO, March 2004.
- “From Extended Mind to Collective Mind,” South Carolina/North Carolina Society for Philosophy Conference, North Carolina State, Raleigh, NC, February 2004.
- “Collective Epistemic Agency,” Southwest Philosophy Conference, Memphis, TN, October 2003.
- “Putting the Cart before the Horse: Reactive Attitudes, Collective Responsibility, and Collective Personhood,” International Conference on Persons, University of Memphis, Memphis, TN, August 2003.
- “Collective Epistemic Agency,” Mid-South Philosophy Conference, University of Memphis, Memphis, TN, March 2003.
- “Response to Natika Newton’s ‘Time, Space, and the Hard Problem of Consciousness,’” invited comments, Mid-South Philosophy Conference, University of Memphis, Memphis, TN, March 2003.
- “Participant Reactive Attitudes and Collective Responsibility,” Collective Intentionality III, Erasmus University, Rotterdam, Netherlands, December 2002.
- “Speed Philosophy: Collective Intentionality,” NEH Summer Institute on Consciousness and Intentionality, University of Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, CA, June–August 2002.
- “Collective Intentionality and the Social Sciences,” St. Louis Philosophy of Social Science Roundtable, Washington University, St. Louis, MO, April 2001.
- “Metaphysics and Social World: Response to Thomasson’s ‘Realism and the Social World,’” invited comments, American Philosophical Society, Central Division Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, May 2001.
- “Organizations as True Believers,” American Philosophical Society, Eastern Division Meeting, New York, NY, December 2000.
- “Group Belief and Artifacts: A Response to Meijers,” invited comments, Erasmus Summer School in Social Ontology, Erasmus University, Rotterdam, Netherlands, July 2000.
- “Reconsidering Collective Belief,” North Carolina/South Carolina Philosophy Conference, Charlotte, NC, February 1998.
- “Princess Elisabeth and the Problem of Interaction,” Midwest Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Chicago, IL, 1997.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### Research and Editorial Experience

- *Social Epistemology*, with David Henderson, Spindel Supplement, *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*, 44, 2005.

### Conference Organization

- Spindel Conference, *Social Epistemology*, University of Memphis, Memphis, TN, Fall 2005. Participants: Alvin Goldman, George Pappas, Miriam Solomon, Alison Wylie, Robert Brandom, Mark Risjord, Christian List, Philip Pettit, Don Ross, Sandy Goldberg, Kay Mathiesen, Margaret Gilbert, Christopher McMahan, Paul Thagard, and Don Fallis.

### **Seminar / Workshop Organization**

- Philosophy for Children Workshop, University of Memphis, Fall 2009.
- Philosophy for Children Workshop, University of Memphis, Fall 2010.

## SERVICE

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### **Professional Service**

- APA Committee on Pre College Instruction of Philosophy, July 2011–present.
- Journal Reviewer (\* signifies more than once): *Philosophical Psychology\**, *Theoria\**, *Journal of Social Philosophy\**, *Journal of the Philosophy of Social Sciences\**, *Journal of the Review of Philosophy and Psychology*, *Social Theory and Practice\**, *Cognitive Systems Research\**, *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences*.
- Manuscript and Book Proposal Reviewer: Cambridge University Press, Rowman and Littlefield, Oxford University Press

### **University and Department Service**

- Member, Grant Review Committee, Hooks Institute, Fall 2010.
- Chair, Department of Philosophy, August 2008–present.
- Member, Graduate Committee, Women and Gender Studies, Fall 2008–present.
- Director, Philosophical Horizons Program, 2007–present.
- Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Philosophy, 2007–2008.
- Member, Faculty Research Grant Review Committee, 2006–present.
- Women’s Studies Steering Committee, 2004–2005.
- Departmental Lecture Series Coordinator, Department of Philosophy, 2004–2005.
- Member, Humanities Lecture Series Committee, 2003–2004.
- Placement Director, Department of Philosophy, 2002–2003.
- Graduate Teaching Mentor, Department of Philosophy, 2002–present.

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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- The American Philosophical Association
- Society for Analytic Feminism
- American Society for Aesthetics

## REFERENCES

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- Dr. Alison Wylie, Professor of Philosophy, University of Washington, Seattle, WA  
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- Dr. Hans Bernhard Schmid, Professor of Philosophy, University of Vienna, Austria  
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- Dr. Miranda Fricker, Senior Lecturer in Philosophy at Birkbeck, University of London, United Kingdom  
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