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### **EDUCATION:**

Ph.D., Philosophy, University of Colorado, August 1996

B.A., (*cum laude*, Departmental Honors) Philosophy, University of California at Los Angeles, 1988

### **AREAS OF TRAINING:**

#### *Areas of Specialization*

Philosophy of Food

#### *Areas of Additional Research Interest*

Social Epistemology, Testimony (especially as it concerns an audience's resultant knowledge claims), Pragmatism, Feminist Pragmatism, Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Forensic Science, Philosophy of Agriculture.

#### *Areas of Competence*

History of Science (especially the period from the Pre-Socratics to Newton, Applied Ethics.

### **Dissertation Title & Director**

Trustworthiness and Explanation: The Role of Morality in Solving Problems of Explanatory Relevance; directed by Carol Cleland, Department of Philosophy, University of Colorado, Boulder.

I argue that problems of explanatory relevance within erotetic accounts of explanation can be resolved when the uniquely moral dimensions of explanatory requests and contexts are properly recognized. I explore the accounts of van Fraassen, Achinstein and Sintonen and show how each can avoid the inclusion of the metaphysical realist's conception of objective relevance by relying on the enriched pragmatic resources shown to attend all requests for explanation.

### **HONORS AND AWARDS:**

Forensic Science Initiative Research Grant, NIJ / West Virginia University 2002-2004.

NSF/APA Summer Research Grant Recipient (PI): Revealing Favored Voices: Internet Search Technology and Privileged Access. 2001

NEH Summer Seminar Fellowship, Tucson, Arizona, July-August 2000, "The Philosophical Foundations of Social Epistemology", Alvin Goldman, Director

George F. Reynolds (Humanities) Fellowship, AY 94-95

Jentzsch Prize (CU Boulder, Philosophy Department Essay Competition), April, 1992

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

#### **Senior Instructor: Fall 2002 - Present**

Philosophy and the Sciences; Critical Thinking and Writing for Majors; History of Science: Ancients to Newton, History of Science: Newton/Einstein.

#### **Instructor: Fall 2000 - Spring 2002**

Philosophy and the Sciences Honors Section (Spring 2001); History of Science from Newton to Einstein (Spring 2001, Spring 2002); Critical Thinking: Contemporary Issues (Spring 2001); Independent Study and Honors Theses; Social and Political Philosophy (Theory of the Social Contract; upper division); Philosophy and Women; Major Social Theories.

#### **Part-Time Honorarium Instructor: Fall 1996 - Spring 2000**

Social and Political Philosophy (Theory of the Social Contract; upper division); Marxism (upper division); Philosophy and the Sciences (lower division); Environmental Ethics (Philosophy Department and Baker Hall Residence Academic Program); Critical Thinking: Contemporary Issues (non-majors, Spring 1998-1999); History of Science from Newton to Einstein (Summer 1998 - Spring 1999, CU Boulder Continuing Education and Baker Hall Residence Academic Program); Philosophy and Women.

#### **Graduate-Part-Time-Instructor: Fall 1992 - Spring 1994**

Ethics, Philosophy and Society (three semesters).

#### **Teaching Assistant: Fall 1989 - Spring 1992**

Intro to Philosophy (Ancient), Philosophy and Psychology (upper division), Intro to Philosophy and Society (two semesters), Intro to Philosophy (Modern), Intro to Philosophy (Topics), Political Philosophy (two semesters).

### **COURSES DEVELOPED:**

**PHIL 2260:** Philosophy and Food. The aim of our investigation is to see how it is that philosophy is able to inform our human experience of something as simple and ubiquitous as the food we eat. The hope is that we will discover something both about the nature of food, *and* about the nature of philosophy.

The course of study is divided into three main components: some history of philosophical and literary thinking about food, some metaphysics and epistemology where we examine questions about what food is and how we know this, and some issues in the ethics of growing food and eating it, including whether or not one has a right to food. In each segment, we will explore a set of philosophical concepts accompanied by a cluster of philosophical questions. Our aim will be to develop and hone our abilities to analyze both our own experiences and the arguments we and others make regarding them. The questions we will explore include (but are not limited to): what *is* food (and what isn't, and why)? How do we come to know what is and is not food? How do we identify *good* food? Is it acceptable to eat animals (and why or why not)? Is there a human *right* to access to food? How do we ensure that access to food is distributed justly? *Are* we what we eat? What does it mean to say this?

## **THESIS SUPERVISION:**

### **Undergraduate Honors Theses Directed:**

Shana Bergen (Identity and why we should care about future selves) 2003-2004 (Summa cum Laude)

Jon Haloin (IBE and the Realism / Anti-Realism Debate) 2001-2002 (Summa cum Laude)

Nicholas Mattison (Philosophy of Biology / Sociobiology) 2000-2001 (Summa cum Laude)

## **PUBLIC / CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:**

“Nietzsche (without the apologies): some potentially feminist themes”, Invited talk for undergraduate Philosophy Club, University of North Carolina, Asheville, April 2014.

“Are Women Allowed to Like Nietzsche (without having to apologize for it)? (Hint: Yes)”, Invited Guest for Faculty Table Talk Series, Oglethorpe University, October 2010.

“Provenance and Integrity: the role of background assumptions in historical sciences”, 20th Regional Conference on History and Philosophy of Science, April 2005.

“Criminal Investigation as Historical Science: a new view of Crime Type / Crime Token Models”, International Conference on Social Science Research, November 2004.

“Comments on Sven Walter’s “Who’s Afraid of Disjunctive Causal Properties?”, Mountain / Plains Philosophy Conference, October 2001.

“Trustworthiness in Explanation”, Mountain Plains Philosophy Conference presentation, October 1999.

Invited panelist, “Does Evolution Best Explain Gender Differences” (with Michael Ruse), University of Colorado, Boulder, Annual Morris Colloquium, April 1998.

## **SCHOLARLY WORK:**

### **Articles In Print:**

July 2000, *Science and Engineering Ethics* Vol. 6, #3; “Trustworthiness in Explanation: The Obligation to Explain Well” □

Summer, 2005, *Jurimetrics*: Invited Review of Susan Haack, *Defending Science: Within Reason*, Vol. 45, #4

“Science and the Messy, Uncontrollable World of Nature”, (Cleland, C.E., and S Brindell) in Pigliucci, M and Boudry, M. (Eds.), *Philosophy of Pseudoscience: Reconsidering the Demarcation Problem* (University of Chicago Press).

### **Reviews:**

Paid review for: Beyerstein, Dale, et al., *Thinking Critically*, Longman Publishing

Paid reviewer for: Pojman, Louis P., *Ethical Theory: Classical and Contemporary Readings*, (first edition) Wadsworth Publishing.

Paid reviewer for: Denise, T. et al *Great Traditions in Ethics* (ninth edition), Wadsworth Publishing.

Paid reviewer for: Kourany, Janet, et al., *Feminist Philosophies* (second edition), Prentice Hall.

Paid reviewer for: Rachels, James, *The Right Thing to Do* (second edition), McGraw Hill

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:**

Associate Chair for Undergraduate Studies Fall 2011- Spring 2014

Undergraduate Academic Advisor, Philosophy Su 2003 - Spring 2013

Director for Rocky Mountain Regional Ethics Bowl 2007- present

Member, Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl Executive Board 2007- present

Assistant Director of Outreach Programs, Philosophy 2001- 2005

Philosophy Undergrad Spring Retreat Coordinator 2001- 2014

Summer Philosophy Institute Faculty Director 2001- 2005

Graduate Admissions Committee (Graduate Representative) 93-94

Graduate Studies/Curriculum Committee (Graduate Rep) 92-93

Graduate Admissions Committee (Graduate Rep) 91-92

Department Colloquium Committee (Graduate Rep) 90-91

### **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:**

Association for Practical and Professional Ethics 2007-present

Philosophy of Science Association 2002-Present

American Philosophical Association (Full Membership) 96-Present

American Philosophical Association (Student Membership) 94-96

### **REFERENCES:**

#### **Scholarship**

Carol Cleland, Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of Colorado, Boulder

Graham Oddie, Professor of Philosophy, Associate Dean of Arts and Humanities, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Colorado, Boulder

Joseph Sneed, Professor, Department of Philosophy, Colorado School of Mines

Alvin Goldman, Regents Professor of Philosophy and Research Scientist in Cognitive Science, University of Arizona

## **Teaching**

Gary Stahl, (Deceased) Emeritus Professor of Philosophy, University of Colorado, Boulder

Claudia Mills, Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of Colorado, Boulder.

Luc Bovens, Professor, Department of Philosophy, Logic and Scientific Method, The London School of Economics and Political Science

Michael Tooley, Professor of Philosophy, University of Colorado, Boulder.

Wes Morrison, Professor, Philosophy, University of Colorado, Boulder.