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EDUCATION:

Ph.D. in philosophy, Brown University
B.A. in mathematics, University of California at Santa Barbara

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Affiliate, (2020-), SETI Institute, Mountain View, CA.
Director (1/17-), Center for the Study of Origins, University of Colorado Boulder.
Visiting Fellow (spring semester, 2016), Center for the Philosophy of Science, University of Pittsburgh, PA
Full Professor (2006-present), University of Colorado Boulder, Philosophy Department, Boulder, CO 80309.
Associate Professor (1993-2006), University of Colorado Boulder, Philosophy Department, Boulder, CO 80309.
Visiting Researcher (2002-2003), Centro de Astrobiologia, Madrid, Spain
Exchange Professor (1998-99), Australian National University, Philosophy Department, Canberra, ACT, Australia
Assistant Professor (1986-1993), University of Colorado Boulder, Philosophy Department, Boulder, CO 80309.
Postdoctoral Fellow in Philosophy and Computer Science (1985-86), Center for The Study of Language and Information (CSLI), Ventura Hall, Stanford University, Stanford, CA 94305
Software Engineer (1984-85), Motion Analysis Corporation, Santa Rosa, CA, 95401.
Assistant Professor (1981-84), Wheaton College, Department of Philosophy, Norton, MA 02766.
Visiting Lecturer (1979-81), Wheaton College, Department of Philosophy, Norton, MA 02766.

AREAS OF TRAINING:

Areas of Specialization
Philosophy of Science, Philosophical Logic, Metaphysics

Areas of Competence
Logic, Epistemology, History of Modern Philosophy (Descartes, Leibniz and Hume), History of Analytic Philosophy

SCHOLARLY WORK:

Volumes:

5. *Universal Biology*, Cambridge University Press (under contract). [monograph for Ramsey, G. and M. Ruse, eds., *Elements in the Philosophy of Biology*] (in progress).
4. *The role of Anomalies in Scientific Discovery* (in progress).
3. *The Quest for a Universal Theory of life: Searching for life as we don't know it*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press (2019).

Book Reviews

3. Parke, E. (2022), "Review of Cleland, Carol E., *The quest for a universal theory of life: searching for life as we don't know it*", *Philosophy of Science* (in press).
2. Pilcher, C. (2020), "Review of *The Quest for a Universal Theory of Life: Searching for Life as we Don't Know it* by Carol E. Cleland", *Astrobiology* **20** (7): 922-23.
1. Schultze-Makuch, D., "The Quest for a Universal Theory of life", *Basic and Applied Ecology* (2020): <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.baae.2020.02.009>
2. *The Nature of Life: Classic and Contemporary Perspectives from Philosophy and Science* (Bedau, M. A. & C. E. Cleland eds.), Cambridge: Cambridge University Press (2010). [English edition reprinted in paperback 2019; Spanish Language edition published in 2016]
1. *Effective Procedures*, (guest editor) special volume of *Minds and Machines* 12 (2002).

Articles (forthcoming or in progress)

50. "Time in Historical Natural Science" (invited). In Lestienne, R. & P. Harris (eds.), *Time and Science*, World Scientific Publishing (forthcoming 2022).

Articles (published)

49. "Historical Natural Kinds and Mineralogy: Systematizing contingency in the context of necessity" (Cleland, C. E., Hazen, R. M. & S. M. Morrison), Perspective Article, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS)* 118 (2021), pp. 1-9.
48. "Is it possible to scientifically reconstruct the history of life on Earth? The biological sciences and deep time. In Kampourakis, K. and T. Uller (eds.), *Philosophy of Science for Biologists*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press (2020), pp. 193-215.
47. "Hidden Concepts in the History and Philosophy of Origins-of-Life Studies" (Mariscal, C., ..., Cleland, C. E., ... & H. J. Cleaves) *Origins of Life and Evolution of the Biospheres* (2019) <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11084-019-09580-x>

46. "Moving beyond Definitions of Life in the Search for Extraterrestrial Life" *Astrobiology* 9 (2019), pp. 722-729.
45. "Should We Call E.T.? An Ethical-Political Analysis of METI" (Wilson, E. M. and **C. E. Cleland**) *Theology and Philosophy* 17 (2019), pp. 382-394.
44. "Traces of the Past: Drumlins", *Extinct: The Philosophy of Paleontology Blog* (2016): <http://www.extinctblog.org/extinct/2016/3/14/18vx759zkrz8jdm86uq3h5pmyiaued>
43. "The Moral Subject of Astrobiology: Guideposts for exploring our ethical and political responsibilities towards extraterrestrial life" (Wilson, E. M. & **C. E. Cleland**) in Dick, S. J. (ed.), *The Impact of Discovering Life Beyond Earth*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press (2015), pp. 207-221.
42. "Common cause explanation and the search for a smoking gun," in Baker, V. (ed.) *125th Anniversary Volume of the Geological Society of America: Rethinking the Fabric of Geology*, Special Paper 502 (2013), pp. 1-9.
41. "Lessons from Earth: Towards an Ethics of Astrobiology," (**Cleland, C. E.** & M. E. Wilson), in Impey, Spitz, and Stoeger (eds.), *Encountering Life in the Universe: Ethical Foundations and Social Implications of Astrobiology*. Tucson: University of Arizona Press (2013), pp. 17-55
40. "Conceptual Challenges for Contemporary Theories of the Origin of Life," *Current Organic Chemistry* 17 (2013), pp. 1704-1709.
39. "Science and the Messy, Uncontrollable World of Nature" (**Cleland, C. E.** & S. Brindell), in Pigliucci, M and Boudry, M. (eds.), *Philosophy of Pseudoscience: Reconsidering the Demarcation Problem*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press (2013), pp. 183-202.
38. "What is life?" (**Cleland, C. E.** & M. Zerella), in Kampourakis, K. (ed.), *The Philosophy of Biology: A Companion for Educators*, Springer (2013), pp. 31-48.
37. "Is a General Theory of Life Possible? Seeking the nature of life in the context of a single example," *Biological Theory* 7 (2013), pp. 368-379.
36. "Pluralism or Unity in Biology: Do microbes hold the secret to life?" *Biology & Philosophy* 28 (2013), pp. 189-204.
35. "Life without Definitions," *Synthese* 185 (2012), pp. 125-144.
34. "Prediction and Explanation in Historical Natural Science," *British Journal of Philosophy of Science* 62 (2011), pp. 551-582.
33. "Justification in Historical Natural Science," *EUI Working Papers*, Max Weber Programme, (2010), pp 17-29.
32. "Signatures of a shadow biosphere" (Davies, P., Benner, S., **Cleland, C.**, Lineweaver, C. & C. McKay), *Astrobiology* 9 (2009), pp. 241-249.

31. "Philosophical issues in natural history and its historiography" in Tucker, A. (ed), *Blackwell Companions to Philosophy: A Companion to the Philosophy of History and Historiography*. Oxford: Blackwell Pub. (2009), pp. 44-62.
30. "Epistemological issues in the study of microbial life: alternative biospheres?," *Stud. Hist. Phil. Bio. & Biomed. Sci.* 38 (2007), pp. 847-861.
29. "Does 'life' have a definition?" (Cleland, C. & C. Chyba), in Sullivan and Baross (eds.), *Planets and Life: The Emerging Science of Astrobiology*, Ch. 5. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. (2007), pp. 119-131.
[Reprinted in C. E. Cleland & M. A. Bedau (eds.) *The Nature of Life: Classical and Contemporary Perspectives from Philosophy and Science*. Cambridge (2010), pp. 326-339.]
28. "A Shadow Biosphere," *Astrobiology Magazine*, December 1, 2006, pp. 1-4.
27. "The Church-Turing Thesis: A last vestige of a failed mathematical program," in Olszewski, A., Wolenski, J. and R. Janusz (eds.), *Church's Thesis after Seventy Years*. Berlin: Ontos Verlag (2006) pp. 119-146.
26. "Understanding the Nature of Life: A Matter of Definition or Theory?," in Seckbach, J. (ed.), *Life as We Know It*. (Vol. 10 of the *Cellular Origins, Life in Extreme Habitats and Astrobiology Series*). Berlin: Springer (2006), pp. 589-600.
25. "The Possibility of Alternative Microbial Life on Earth," (Cleland, C. E. & S. D. Copley), *International Journal of Astrobiology* 4 (2005), pp. 165-173.
[Reprinted in C. E. Cleland & M. A. Bedau (eds.) *The Nature of Life: Classical and Contemporary Perspectives from Philosophy and Science*. Cambridge (2010), pp. 198-209.]
24. "Review of Keith M. Parsons, *Drawing Out Leviathan: Dinosaurs and the Science Wars*" *Philosophy of Science* 71 (2004), pp. 605-607.
23. "The Concept of Computability," *Theoretical Computer Science* 317/1-3 (2004), pp. 209-225.
22. "Why it is a mistake to define 'life'," in Bedau, Husbands, et al. (eds), *Artificial Life IX Workshop Proceedings* (2004), pp. 93-95.
21. "Defining 'Life'" (with Christopher Chyba), *Origins of Life and Evolution of the Biosphere* 32(4) (2002), pp. 387-93.
20. "Methodological and Epistemic Differences Between Historical Science and Experimental Science," *Philosophy of Science* 69 (2002), pp. 474-496.
19. "Effective Procedures," *Minds and Machines* 12 (2002), pp. 159-179.
18. "Reply to Kevin Kilty's 'Comment on: Historical science, experimental science, and the scientific method'," *Geology* 30 (2002), pp. 951-952.
17. "Reply to R. J. Bailey's 'Comment on: Historical science, experimental science, and the scientific method'," *Geology* 30 (2002), pp. 953-

954.

16. "Historical science, experimental science, and the scientific method," *Geology* 29 (2001), pp. 987-990.
15. "Recipes, Algorithms, and Programs," *Minds and Machines* 11 (2001), pp. 219-237.
14. "[Review of] David Miller, 'Critical Rationalism,'" *The Philosophy Quarterly* (1997), pp. 400-404.
13. "Standards of Evidence: How High for Ancient Life on Mars?," *The Planetary Report Vol. XVII No.1* (1997), pp. 20-21.
12. "[Review of] Moore, G. E., 'Lectures on Metaphysics 1934-35,'" *The Review of Metaphysics*, March (1995), pp. 671-673.
11. "Effective Procedures and Computable Functions," *Minds and Machines* 5 (1995), pp. 9-23.
10. "[Review of] John Carroll, *Laws of Nature*," *The Review of Metaphysics*, December (1995), pp. 406-408.
9. "[Review of] Jonathan Bennett, *Events and their Names*, *Noûs* Vol. XXVIII, No. 1 (1994), pp. 103-109.
8. "Is the Church-Turing Thesis True?" *Minds and Machines* 3 (1993), pp. 283-312.
7. "The Church/Turing Thesis: Procedures, Processes and Causation," *ICS Technical Report*, No. 92-04 (1992), pp. 1-38.
6. "On the Individuation of Events," *Synthese*, Vol 86 (1991), pp. 229-254. [Reprinted in R. Casati & A. Varzi (eds.) *Events*. Dartmouth (1996), pp. 373-400].
5. "The Difference Between Real Change and *Mere* Cambridge Change," *Philosophical Studies*, Vol 60 (1990), pp. 257-280.
4. "Is Smolensky's Treatment of Connectionism on the Level?" *Behavioral and Brain Sciences* 11:1 (1988), pp. 27-28.
3. "Change, Process and Events," *CSLI Report*, No. CSLI-87-95 (1987), pp. 1-36.
2. "Causality, Chance and Weak Non-Supervenience," *American Philosophical Quarterly*, Vol. 22 (1985), pp. 287-298.
1. "Space: An Abstract System of Non-Supervenient Relations," *Philosophical Studies*, Vol. 46 (1984), pp. 19-40

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS:

“Answering the question: What is life?” (invited), Crossroads of Ideas Public Lecture Series, Department of Philosophy, University of Wisconsin, Oct 12, 2021.

“Searching for Extraterrestrial Life without a Definition of Life” (invited), Cambridge Life in the Universe Initiative (Seminar), Cambridge University, UK, April 15, 2021.

“How to Search for Extraterrestrial Life without a Definition of Life” (invited), CHES Seminar, Department of Philosophy, Durham University, UK, March 23, 2021.

Author-Meets-Critic Session: “Cleland’s *The Quest for a Universal Theory of Life*”, American Philosophical Association (APA), Eastern Division Meeting, Jan 2021.

Panelist, "What is Life", Dartmouth's *Institute of Cross-disciplinary Engagement*. Oct.13, 2020

Panelist, Asimov Memorial Debate 2020, American Museum of Natural History, New York City, Sept 9, 2020.

“Searching for unfamiliar forms of life without a definition of life” (invited), Geophysical Lab Seminar, Carnegie Institution for Science, Washington DC, June 3, 2019.

“Common Cause Explanation and the Search for a Smoking Gun” (invited), Department of Philosophy, University of Auckland, N.Z., April 20, 2019.

“Searching for Potentially Biological Anomalies using Tentative Criteria for Life” (Keynote Speaker) Workshop: Perspectives on the origin, nature and limits of life, University of Auckland, New Zealand, April 19, 2019.

“Searching for *potentially* biological anomalies using tentative criteria” (invited), Life Detection Challenge Workshop (for NASA scientists and engineers), NASA-Ames, Moffett Field, CA, April 25, 2018.

“Scientific Realism & Common Cause Explanation” (invited), Workshop on Contemporary Scientific Realism and the Earth Sciences”, University of Durham, England, January 16, 2018.

“Life without Definitions” (invited), Science Colloquium Series, NASA-Goddard, Maryland, October 4, 2017.

“Prediction and Explanation in Historical Science” (invited), Department of Philosophy, University of Bern, Switzerland, June 7, 2017.

“Searching for Extraterrestrial Life without a definition of life” (invited), Center for Space and Habitability, University of Bern, Switzerland, June 6, 2017.

“The Quest to Find Extraterrestrial Life” (invited), *Brain Bar Budapest 2017*, Budapest, Hungary, June 2, 2017.

- “Microbial Life on Earth: Tree or Forest,” Shadow Biosphere and the Nature of Life (Invited Symposium), American Philosophical Association (APA), Pacific Division Meeting, April 14, 2017.
- “Developmental Plasticity and Common Cause Explanation”, Philosophy of Science Association (PSA), Atlanta, Georgia, Nov. 4, 2016.
- “Models of the origin(s) of Life: Scientific puzzles or philosophical confusions” (invited), History and Philosophy of Origins Research Workshop, August 24, 2016, ELSI Tokyo, Japan.
- “Microbial Life on Earth: Tree or Forest” (invited), Workshop on Understanding Life, May 27, 2016, University of Bern, Switzerland.
- “Common Cause Explanation and the Search for a Smoking Gun, Department of Geology and Environmental Science, University of Pittsburgh, Feb. 18, 2016.
- “Is Earth Host to a Shadow Biosphere?” (invited), University of Mississippi Medical School, Jackson, Miss., Feb. 3, 2016.
- “Searching for Extraterrestrial Microbial Life: Will we recognize it if we encounter it?” (invited), Dunbar Lecture, Millsapp College, Jackson, Miss, Feb 2, 2016.
- “Microbial Life on Earth: Tree or Forest” (invited), Center for Philosophy of Science, University of Pittsburgh, PA, Jan 26, 2016.
- “Searching for a Shadow Biosphere” (invited), Workshop: Exploring the Diversity of Life, Joint Genome Institute & Boundaries of Life Initiative (Lawrence-Berkeley Laboratory), Pacifica, CA, Dec.17, 2015.
- “Life without Definitions” (invited keynote), Second Conference on History and Philosophy of Astrobiology, Höör, Sweden, May 8-10, 2015.
- “Prediction and Explanation in Historical Natural Science” (invited), Department of Philosophy, University of Pennsylvania, Jan. 30, 2015.
- “Scientific Theories: Structure & Function” (invited), Graduate Reading Seminar, Department of History and Philosophy of Science, Indiana University (Bloomington), Oct. 29, 2014.
- “Lessons from Earth: The moral status of nonhuman organisms” (invited), Astrobiology and Society Symposium, Library of Congress, Washington DC, Sept. 19, 2014.
- “Could there be alternative forms of microbial life on Earth?” (invited), Molecular Biology Roundtable, University of Colorado Medical School, Denver, Colorado, June 17, 2014.
- “Scientism and the Peculiar Case of Possible Worlds Semantics” (invited), Workshop on Scientism, City University of New York, May 16, 2014.
- “Prediction and Explanation in Historical Science” (invited), IHPST Seminar, University of Paris Sorbonne, April 29, 2014.

- “Common Cause Explanation and the Search for a Smoking Gun” (invited), Department of History and Philosophy of Science, Indiana University (Bloomington), February 14, 2014.
- “Common Cause Explanation and the Search for a Smoking Gun” (invited), Department of Philosophy, University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign), Jan 31, 2014.
- “Common cause explanation and the search for a smoking gun,” International Doctoral Summer School in Forensic Science and Criminology, Arolla Switzerland, August 27, 2012.
- “Differences in the methodology and justification of the field sciences and classical experimental science” (keynote talk), Teaching the Methods of Geoscience (workshop), sponsored by InTeGrate (Interdisciplinary Teaching of Geoscience for a Sustainable Future), Montana State University (Bozeman), July 2012.
- “Common Cause Explanation and the Search for a ‘Smoking Gun’” (invited), Van Tuyl Lecture, *School of Mines*, Golden, CO, April 19, 2012.
- “Conceptual Challenges for Contemporary Theories of the Origins of Life” (invited), *American Chemical Society*: Special Session on Prebiotic Chemistry, San Diego, CA, March 26, 2012.
- “Is a General Theory of Life Possible? Understanding the nature and origin of life in the context of a single example” (invited), Konrad Lorenz Institute (KLI) Workshop, Vienna, Austria, July 2, 2011.
- “Philosophical Perspectives on the Mono Lake Arsenic Paper” (invited “testimony”), Meeting of the *National Research Council’s Committee on the Origins and Evolution of Life (COEL)*, Washington D.C., March 2, 2011.
- “Conceptual Challenges for Contemporary Theories of the Origin of Life” (invited), Symposium on the Origin of Life, *CEES Colloquia on Ecology and Evolution*, University of Groningen, Netherlands, Dec. 2, 2010.
- “The Methodology of Historical Science” (invited), Special Session: High Country of the Geological Mind, *Geological Society of America*, November 2, 2010.
- “Prediction and Explanation in Historical Science” (Plenary Talk). Integrating Complexity: Environment and History, *Rotman Institute for Science and Values*, University of Western Ontario, Ontario, Oct 10, 2010.
- “Historical Science” (invited), Workshop: Types of Explanation in the Special Sciences: The Case of Biology and History, Universität zu Köln, Germany, Sept. 30, 2010.
- “Towards an Ethics of Astrobiology” (invited), NASA Planetary Protection Workshop, Princeton University, June 8, 2010.
- “Common Cause Explanation and the Asymmetry of Overdetermination” (invited), Karl Popper and Beyond, *Max Weber Programme*, European University, Florence, Italy, Feb, 2009.

- “What is life?” (invited), *Astrobiology: Expanding our Views of Society and Self, Biosphere II*, University of Arizona, May 9, 2008.
- “The Evolution of Microbial Life on Earth: Tree or Forest” (invited), Darwin Day Symposium: Origin & Early Evolution of Life, *National Evolutionary Synthesis Center*, Feb. 8, 2008.
- “Could there be undetected alternative forms of microbial life on Earth?,” *International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology*, Exeter, England, July 12, 2007.
- “Has alien life been detected already? (invited), Tree or Forrest? Searching for Alternative Forms of Life on Earth (workshop), Arizona State University, Tempe, Dec. 9, 2006.
- “Epistemological issues in the study of microbial life: Alternative Terran Biospheres (invited), Philosophical and Social Dimensions of Microbiology (workshop), University of Exeter, England, July 14, 2006.
- “Answering the question ‘what is life?’” (invited), *Templeton Lecture*, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona, May 11, 2006.
- “Answering the Question ‘What is life?’” (invited), *AAAS*, Feb 18, 2006.
- “Epistemic and methodological differences between historical science and classic experimental science” (invited), Center for the History and Philosophy of Science, University of Minnesota, October 21, 2005.
- “What is life?” *International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology*, Guelph, Canada, July 16, 2005.
- “Answering the Question ‘What is life?’,” (invited), Center for Astrobiology and the Origin of Life, Harvard University, May 23, 2005.
- “Searching for a General Theory of Living Systems” (invited presenter), *Dibner Seminar in the History and Philosophy of Biology*, MBL, Woods Hole, MA, May 20, 2005.
- “Defining ‘Life’” (invited), *American Philosophical Association (Pacific Division)*, March 25, 2005.
- “Why it is a mistake to define ‘life’” (invited), *ALIFE9*, Boston, MA, Sept. 12, 2004.
- “The Advent of Historical Science” (invited), Woodfest (The New Astronomy: Opening the Electromagnetic Window and Expanding our View of Planet Earth), University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, June 16, 2004.
- “Rethinking the justification of phylogenetic methods” (invited), *A. Watson Armour III Spring Symposium: Systematics at a Crossroads Again: Biological and Philosophical Arguments in Contemporary Phylogenetics*, Chicago, May 10, 2003.

- “The Concept of Computability” (invited). *American Mathematical Society* (Special Session: “Beyond classical Boundaries of computability”), May 4, 2003.
- “Defining ‘life’” (invited). Inaugural Ceremonies, *Centro de Astrobiologia*, Madrid, Spain, January 16, 2003.
- “Historical Science, Experimental Science, and the Scientific Method” (invited), Department of Earth Resources, Colorado State University, October 7, 2002.
- “Defining ‘life’” (invited), *ISSOL '02* (13th International Conference on the Origin of Life). Oaxaca, Mexico, July 4, 2002.
- "What is Life?" (invited). *AAAS* (workshop on the nature of life), Washington D.C, March 5, 2001.
- “Effective Procedures and Causal Processes” (invited), *Hypercomputation Workshop*, London, England, May 24, 2000.
- “Life in ALH84001: Confirming the Best Explanation”, *NASA Institute of Astrobiology* (Video-Seminar), Jan. 20, 2000.
- “Recipes, Algorithms, and Programs” (invited), *American Philosophical Association* (Eastern Division), Dec. 28, 1999.
- “Recipes, Algorithms, and Programs” *Australasian Association of Philosophy*, Melbourne (Logic Stream), Australia, July 10, 1999.
- "Standards of Evidence" (invited). Mars Meteorite Symposium, University of Colorado (Boulder), August 29, 1996.
- "On the Nature of Computation" (invited). Symposium on Computation, *Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, San Francisco State University, June 1996.
- "Response to Horsten's "Can Turing Machines Bake Cakes?" (invited). *American Philosophical Association* (Midwest Division), April 29, 1995.
- "The Convenience of Spatial Relations" (invited). Symposium on Symmetrical Universes, *American Philosophical Association* (Pacific Division), March 30, 1995.
- "The Church/Turing Thesis: Procedures, Processes and Causation" (invited). University of California (Davis), Nov. 22, 1991.
- "Events and Modes of Change," Center for the Study of Language and Information, Stanford University, April, 1986.
- "Space as an Abstract System of Non-Supervenient Relations" (invited) Symposium on Space and Time, University of California at Davis, June 6, 1985

HONORS, AWARDS & GRANTS:

- Co-investigator on NSF grant (#2123995) “Collaborative Research: synthetic and Systems Biology Approaches to semi-synthetic Cells with Expanded DNA alphabets, Steven Benner (PI), Foundation for Applied Molecular Evolution (Fflame), Florida, Aug. 2021-2024.
- Co-Investigator on Templeton Grant (#61783) “Frequency distributions in complex organic molecular mixtures: A search for biological anomalies and their meaning”, Robert Hazen (PI), Carnegie Institute for Science, Jan. 2021-2024.
- Co-Investigator on Templeton Grant (#60645) “Chance, Necessity, and the Origins of Life”, Robert Hazen (PI), Carnegie Institute for Science, June 2017-2020.
- Visiting Fellowship, Center for Philosophy of Science, University of Pittsburgh, spring 2016
- BFA (Boulder Faculty Assembly) Award for Excellence in Research, 2013.
- Co-Investigator NASA Astrobiology Institute (NAI) Teams, 1st & 2nd round funding (Grant to Cleland, PI, and the University of Colorado’s Center for Astrobiology, CO-I), 1999-2008.
- GCAH (Graduate Committee on the Arts and Humanities) Grant, University of Colorado (Boulder), 1991 (spring), 1998 (spring).
- Nominated for SOAR Outstanding Teacher Award, 1992 (spring).
- Institute of Cognitive Science Grant, University of Colorado (Boulder), 1987 (winter) & 1989 (fall).
- CSLI (Center for the Study of Language and Information) Postdoctoral Fellowship in Philosophy and Computer Science, Stanford University, 1985-86.
- Mellon Grant, Wheaton College, 1982 (summer) & 1980 (summer).
- FIPSE Grant, Wheaton College, 1982 (spring).
- NEH Postdoctoral Fellowship, Institute on Psychology and Philosophy of Mind, University of Washington, 1981 (summer).
- Fellowships, Philosophy Department, Brown University, 1975-78.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate

Courses: Philosophy of Science (introductory & advanced); Metaphysics (introductory & advanced); Epistemology (introductory & advanced); Logic (introductory & advanced); History of Modern Philosophy; Twentieth Century Philosophy; Critical Thinking; Philosophy of Mind; Introduction to Philosophy; Senior Seminar on Leibniz; Senior Seminar (What is life?).

Thesis Supervision: 13 undergraduate theses.

Graduate

Courses: Causation, Causation and Events; Connectionism and the Mind/Body Problem; Philosophy of Quantum Mechanics; Is a naturalistic theory of intentionality possible?; The Nature of Scientific Explanation; Nature of Life; Philosophical Problems in Astrobiology; Historical Science; Emergence and Mechanism; Natural kinds and Scientific Theories.

Thesis Supervision

Principle Advisor: 4 Ph.D. students, 9 M.A. Students.

Member of Committees: 11 Ph.D. students (philosophy), 5 M.A. students (philosophy), 7 Ph.D. students in mathematics, 1 Ph.D. student in Astronomy, 1 Ph.D. student in Chemistry & Biochemistry, 1 Ph.D. student in geological sciences, 1 Ph.D. student in English, 1 Ph.D. student (computer science).

COMMUNITY, PROFESSIONAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE:Philosophy Department

Committee on the History and Philosophy of Science	Member	4/88-6/92, 6/03-8/03-1/16
Program Review ("Self Study")	Chair	6/95-96, 6/03-04, 6/08-09
Faculty Reappointment Committees		(circulates)
Post Tenure Review Committees		2016, 2018
Graduate Admissions Committee	Member	6/94-95, 7/14-15, 7/16-17
	Chair	8/04-6/05, 1/11-6/11
Departmental Honors Advisor		6/94-96
Ad Hoc Committee on Improving Teaching		8/92-6/93
Undergraduate Advisor		1991-96
Curriculum Committee	Chair	8/91-8/92
	Member	(circulates)
Salary Committee		(circulates)
Personnel Committee		(circulates)
Faculty Advisor to the Undergraduate Philosophy Club		9/87-6/91
Graduate Teaching Mentor		9/87-6/88
Fellowships and Appointments Committee		9/87-6/88
Ad Hoc Committee for Prelim Reform		1/87-6/87
Graduate Prelim Exam Committee on Metaphysics and Epistemology	Chair, Member,	9/86-6/87, 9/89-93 9/86-93
Colloquium Committee		9/86-6/88
Graduate Studies Committee		9/86-6/87, 9-6/2013

Center for AstrobiologyInstitute of Cognitive Science (ICS)

Member		1/87-2005
Curriculum Committee		10/89-91
Executive Committee		(circulates)
Personnel Committee (joint positions with Computer Science)		1/87-6/88
Joint ICS/Philosophy Colloquium Series Committee	Chair,	1/90-6/97

College of Arts and Sciences

Internal Reviewer for EBio (Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology) Program review		8/11-6/12
A & S Council		8/96-6/98
A & S Committee on Committees		1/97-6/98
A & S Budget Committee		1/97-6/98

University of Colorado

Director, Center for the Study of Origins		1/17-
Grand Challenge Steering Committee		9/14-6/15
Executive Advisory Council of the Graduate School		8/04-07
President's Fund for the Humanities		6/93-6/97
BFA		8/99-2003
Student Affairs Committee		8/99-2003
Committee on Women		7/92-6/94

Profession

Member, Galileo Project	2/22-
Member, Leverhulme Centre for Life (Cambridge University, UK)	8/21-
Member-at-Large, Section L (History & philosophy of Science), American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS):	2/2020-2/24
Program Committee, Philosophy of Science Association	6/2017-2018
External Reviewer, Department of Philosophy and Classics, University of Texas San Antonio:	2017
Editorial Board:	
<i>International Journal of Astrobiology</i>	03/16-9/21
<i>Philosophy & Theory in Biology</i>	10/08-
Philosophy of Science Association, Program Committee, member, November 2016 meeting:	8/15-11/16
Reviewer for NSF Proposals in Philosophy of Science	4/21, 11/06, 10/08, 4/16
NEH Summer Stipend Panelist	10/92-12/92
Philosophy Expert Reviewer, John Templeton Foundation	3/2015-12/2015
Reviewed philosophers for promotion to tenure	1/2016, 9/13/2020
Reviewed philosophers for promotion to full	10/2014, 11/2014
Reviewer for the following journals:	(varies from yr to yr)
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