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Education

Ph.D. 1983, Temple University
B.A. 1977, Rhode Island College

Experience

Saint Joseph's University, 1983-present. Rank: Professor.

Areas of Specialization/Competence

Philosophy of Mind/Analytic Philosophy.

Publications

Does God Exist?: A Dialogue, second edition, (Indianapolis, IN: Hackett Publishing Co., 2013).

Does God Exist?: A Dialogue, (Indianapolis, IN: Hackett Publishing Co., 1996).

Philosophy and Artificial Intelligence, (Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice Hall, Inc., 1993).

"Consciousness and the Mind-Body Problem," *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, 21:3-4 (Spring, 2014).

"Naturalism and the Problem of Consciousness," *The Pluralist*, 2:1 (Spring, 2007) 72-83.

"Consciousness and Complexity," *Progress in Complexity, Information, and Design: The Journal of the International Society for Complexity, Information, and Design* 2:3 (October, 2003), http://www.iscid.org/pcid/2003/2/3/pcid_contents_2003_2_3.php

"Intelligent Design: A Catechism," *Philosophy Now*, 31 (March/April, 2001) 31-33.

"Why Zombies Won't Stay Dead," [response to commentators in special symposium on "Conversations with Zombies," below] *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, 2:4 (December, 1995).

"Conversations with Zombies," *Journal of Consciousness Studies* 2:1 (December, 1994) 196-200.

"Distinguishing Consciousness," *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 47:2 (December, 1986) 289-295.

"The Objectivity of Transcendental Arguments," *Metaphilosophy* 17:2& 3 (Winter, 1986) 119-125.

"Progress in Philosophy," *The American Philosophical Quarterly* 23:1 (January, 1986) 35-46.

"Drawing Conclusions Against Conventionalism," *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*, 23:3 (Fall, 1985) 337-345.

Presentations

"An Exercise in Cognitive Phenomenology," presented at the Joint Sessions of the

Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, UK, on July 15, 2017.

"C-Theory and Life Boundaries," presented at the Joint Sessions of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association, University of Warwick, Warwick, UK, on July 11, 2015.

"Nagel, Naturalism, and Theism," presented at the Joint Sessions of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association, University of Exeter, Exeter, UK, on July 14, 2013.

"Brute Facts and the Cosmological Argument," presented at the Joint Sessions of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association, University of Stirling, Stirling, Scotland, on July 7, 2012.

"The Importance of Being Alive," presented at the Joint Sessions of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association, University of Sussex, Falmer, UK, on July 10, 2011.

"The Mind-Body Problem Problem," presented at the Joint Sessions of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association, University College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland, on July 10, 2010.

"The Mark of the Mental," presented at the Joint Sessions of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association, University of Aberdeen, Aberdeen, Scotland, UK, on July 12, 2008.

"Dualism: How Expensive?," presented at the Joint Sessions of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association, University of Southampton, Southampton, UK, on July 9, 2006.

"Dispositional Mental States," presented at the Joint Sessions of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association, University of Manchester, Manchester, UK, on July 9, 2005.

"Cognition, Consciousness, and Darwinism," presented at the "De-Naturing Darwin" conference at the International School of Philosophy, Amersfoort, Netherlands, on November 13, 2004.

"Two Paradoxes of Physicalism," presented at the Joint Sessions of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association, University of Kent, Canterbury, UK, on July 10, 2004.

"Persons, Identity, and RU-486," presented at the Spring meeting of the Eastern Pennsylvania Philosophical Association at King's College, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, April 6, 2002.

"Why Are We Here?" presented at the Sixth International Conference on Persons, in Gaming, Austria, on August 9, 2001.

"Naturalism and the Problem of Consciousness," presented at the "Nature of Nature" conference of the Michael Polanyi Society at Baylor University, Waco, Texas, April 13, 2000. Also presented to a departmental colloquium for faculty and students at LaSalle University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on April 6, 2000.

"Mind and Machines," presented at the Spring, 1993 meeting of the Philadelphia chapter of the American Catholic Philosophical Society, held at Villanova University, Villanova, Pennsylvania.

"Effective Belief," presented at the Spring, 1993 meeting of the New Jersey Regional Philosophical Association, held at Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, New Jersey.

"Innate Linguistic Ideas: A Case Study," presented at the Winter, 1987 meeting of the Fullerton Club, held at Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania.

"Does Science Matter to Philosophy (and vice versa)?" presented to the St. Joseph's University chapter of Sigma Xi science honors society, Spring, 1985.

"An Argument Against Eliminative Materialism," presented at the Spring 1980 meeting of the Eastern Pennsylvania Philosophical Association, at Bloomsburg State University.

Reviews

Deane W. Curtin, ed., *The Aesthetic Dimension of Science* (New York: Philosophical Library, 1982), in *The Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism*, Winter, 1983.

Leon Kass, M.D., *The Hungry Soul* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1999) for *Metapsychology: Mental Health Net Bookstore* at <http://www.mhnet.org/books/>.

Other Activities

Edited logic content of *The Trivium*, by Sr. Miriam Joseph, republished by Paul Dry Books, Philadelphia, PA, 2002.

Organized and chaired November, 1996 session of the Greater Philadelphia Philosophy Consortium on "Consciousness: The Hard Problem," at West Chester University. Participants were David Chalmers, William Lycan, and Jonathan Shear.

Chaired October 10, 1992 session of the Greater Philadelphia Philosophy Consortium on "Laws and Representations," at St. Joseph's University. Participants were Nancy Cartwright, Ronald Giere, and Joseph Rouse.

Associate Director, Greater Philadelphia Philosophy Consortium, 1991-1994.

Teaching Evaluations

Copies of the results of computerized student evaluations are available.

In April, 1988 I received a Merit Award for Teaching from St. Joseph's University.

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Projects

Current research interests are in the philosophy of mind and consciousness.