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**EDUCATION**

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Ph.D. University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2001  
B.A. University of Toronto, Philosophy, 1992

**CURRENT POSITION**

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Assistant Professor, University of Indianapolis, 2006-

**PUBLICATIONS**

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**ARTICLES**

“Rewriting the A Priori/A Posteriori Distinction,” forthcoming in *Journal of Philosophical Research*.

“In Defense of Sensitivity” (with Tim Black), *Synthese* 154 (2007): 53-71.

“A Strategy for Assessing Closure,” *Erkenntnis* 65 (2006): 365-383.

“Coherentism,” *The Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (posted October 2006).

“Reliability Connections Between Conceivability and Inconceivability,” *Dialectica* 60 (2006): 195-205.

“Closure Failures for Safety,” *Philosophia* 33 (2005): 331-334.

“A Sceptical Rejoinder to Sensitivity-Contextualism,” *Dialogue* 44 (2005): 693-706.

“Avoiding the Dogmatic Commitments of Contextualism” (with Tim Black), *Grazer Philosophische Studien* 69 (2005): 165-182.

**ETHICS**

“Authenticity or Happiness? Michael Scott and the Ethics of Self-Deception,” (with Jonathan Evans) forthcoming in *The Office and Philosophy*, ed. J. Wisniewski.

“French Abortion Opinion and the Possibility of Framing Effects,” forthcoming in *American Journal of Bioethics*.

“Are Patients’ Decisions to Refuse Treatment Binding on Health Care Professionals?,” *Bioethics* 19 (2005): 189-201.

## **BOOK REVIEWS**

Review of Michael Bergmann, *Justification Without Awareness: A Defense of Epistemic Externalism*, forthcoming in *Philosophy in Review*.

Review of Cass Sunstein, *Laws of Fear*, forthcoming in *Journal of Value Inquiry*.

Review of Scott Soames, *Philosophical Analysis in the Twentieth Century Volumes 1 and 2*, forthcoming online at *Essays in Philosophy* 8 (2007).

Review of Richard Fumerton, *Epistemology*, in *Philosophy in Review* 27 (2007): 121-123.

Review of Nuccetelli (ed.), *New Essays on Semantic Externalism and Self-Knowledge*, online at *Essays in Philosophy* 7 (2005).

Review of Broughton, *Descartes's Method of Doubt*, online at *Essays in Philosophy* 6 (2005).

Review of Collins, Hall, and Paul (ed.s), *Causation and Counterfactuals*, online at *Metapsychology Online* (posted May 15 2005).

Review of Resnik, *Owning the Genome: A Moral Analysis of DNA Patenting*, in *Politics and the Life Sciences* 23 (2004): 75-77.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

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### **REFEREED**

“The Justification Scale”

American Philosophical Association, Central Division, April 2007

Canadian Philosophical Association, May 2006

“An Evidence Puzzle” (with Allen Coates)

Tennessee Philosophical Association, November 2005

“A Strategy for Assessing Closure”

Society for Exact Philosophy, May 2005

“Effective Skeptical Scenarios”

Tennessee Philosophical Association, November 2004

“Epistemological Sensitivity Training” (with Tim Black)

Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference, May 2004

“A Skeptical Rejoinder to Sensitivity-Contextualism”

Society for Skeptical Studies, December 2003

Canadian Philosophical Association, May 2000

“The Explanatory Power of Skeptical Hypotheses”

American Philosophical Association, Central Division, April 2003

Society for Skeptical Studies, March 2003

“Reliabilism and Skepticism”

Western Canadian Philosophical Association, October 2001

“A Resilient Paradox of Dogmatism”

Lethbridge University Tenable Absurdities Conference, September 2001

“Paradoxes of Dogmatism”

American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, December 2000

- Mid-South Philosophy Conference, February 2000  
“Qualia Skepticism”  
Canadian Philosophical Association, June 1999  
“Skeptical Scenarios for Targeting Qualia Beliefs”  
American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, April 1999

### **INVITED**

- “Affirmative Action”  
The National Society of Black Engineers (UTK chapter), February 2006  
“The Justification Scale”  
University of Tennessee, November 2005  
“Effective Skeptical Scenarios”  
University of Tennessee, October 2004  
“External Welfare”  
Augustana College, March 2004  
“Tough Organ Shortages, Autopsies, and Consequentialism”  
Utah State University, November 2003  
“Reliabilism and Skepticism”  
University of Utah, February 2003  
“How to Show a Retributivist that Capital Punishment is Wrong”  
Utah State University, November 2002  
“Paradoxes of Dogmatism”  
University of Calgary, November 2000

### **COMMENTS**

- Comments on Brian Ribeiro’s “Clarke and Stroud on the Plane-Spotters”  
Tennessee Philosophical Association, November 2005  
Comments on Brendan O’Sullivan’s “Perry’s Take on the Modal Argument”  
Tennessee Philosophical Association, November 2004  
Comments on Richard Feldman’s “Contextualism and Freedom”  
Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference, April 2001  
Comments on Joseph Campbell’s “Compatibilist Alternatives”  
Western Canadian Philosophical Association, October 2000

### **COURSES TAUGHT**

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| Introductory Level Courses:                                 | Ethics Courses:                |
| Introduction to Philosophy                                  | Medical Ethics                 |
| Introduction to Applied Ethics                              | Philosophy of Law              |
| Critical Thinking   | Business Ethics                |
| Honors Course on Paradoxes                                  | Moral and Political Philosophy |
| History of Philosophy Courses:                              | Core Courses:                  |
| Early Modern Philosophy                                     | Epistemology                   |
| History of Analytic Philosophy                              | Metaphysics                    |
| History of 19 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> C. Philosophy | Philosophy of Mind             |

## **SERVICE**

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Paper referee for *Synthese* (2006), *The American Journal of Bioethics* (2006), *Philosophia* (2006), *Metaphilosophy* (2005), Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference (2004), *Topics in Contemporary Philosophy* (2001, 2002), *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* (2000)

Secretary/Treasurer for Indiana Philosophical Association, 2007-2008

Book manuscript referee for Blackwell Press, 2000

Assistant to Central States Philosophical Association Program Chair, 1999

Graduate Student Liaison for Academic Program Review for the Department of Philosophy, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, March 1999

Graduate Student Representative on College Faculty Instructional Development Committee, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 1997-1998

## **AWARDS**

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Finalist for 2007 *Young Epistemologist Prize*

Summer Research Grant, University of Indianapolis, Summer 2007

Graduate Student Travel Stipend, American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, December 2000

Graduate Student Travel Stipend, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, April 1999

Hinman Fellowship in Philosophy, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 1998-1999

St. Michael's College Scholarship, University of Toronto 1991-1992