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PERSONAL DETAILS:

Born - 1954 in Cleveland, Ohio

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:

Moral Philosophy, Metaphysics, and Wittgenstein

AREAS OF COMPETENCE:

Philosophy of Mind, Greek Philosophy, Political Philosophy, 20th Century Analytic
Philosophy, Philosophy and Literature, and Logic.

EDUCATION:

College of William and Mary
A.B. with Highest Honors in Philosophy, 1976.
Honors Thesis: "Some Remarks Concerning Logical Form"
Chair: F. Robert Bohl; Committee: James F. Harris, James Cargile

University of California, Los Angeles
M.A. in Philosophy, 1980.
Ph.D. in Philosophy, 1983
Dissertation: "Moral Properties: Foundation of the Metaphysics of Morals"
Chair: Warren S. Quinn; Committee: Rogers Albritton, Donald A. Martin.

EMPLOYMENT:

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Associate, or Fellow, University of California, Los
Angeles, 1978-1983.
Acting Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of California, San Diego, 1983-
1985.

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, 1985-1991.
Associate Professor of Philosophy, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, 1991-2001.
Professor of Philosophy, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, 2001-present. (VA Tech Center for European Studies and Architecture, Riva San Vitale, Switzerland, Spring, 2004)
Chair, Department of Philosophy, Virginia Tech, 2007-2013.

HONORS AND AWARDS:

Omicron Delta Kappa (William & Mary Chapter), 1975
Phi Beta Kappa (Alpha of Virginia—William & Mary Chapter), 1976
Danforth Graduate Fellow, 1976-1980
Charlotte Newcombe Dissertation Fellow (awarded by Woodrow Wilson Foundation) 1981-1982.
Rudolf Carnap Essay Prize, UCLA, 1983.
Virginia Tech Humanities Summer Stipend (\$2750), 1987: “Supervenience and Indeterminacy in Evaluation and Interpretation.”
N.E.H. Summer Seminar on “Supervenience and Its Philosophical Applications,” directed by Jaegwon Kim, Brown University, 1990.
Matchette Foundation Grant (\$4000) for “Wittgenstein: Biography and Philosophy” Conference, VA Tech, March 1999.
Virginia Tech Humanities Summer Stipend (\$3500), 1999: “Wittgenstein’s Lectures.”
Virginia Tech International Conference Travel Stipend (\$1500), 1999.
Rev. Alfred C. Payne Leadership and Service Award, VA Tech OΔK, April 2001.
Virginia Tech Research Assignment, Spring, 2007: “Wittgenstein in Exile.”
Virginia Tech Humanities Summer Stipend (\$4000), 2007: “Cultural, Scientific, and Philosophical Background to Wittgenstein.”
Virginia Tech International Conference Travel Stipend (\$1500), 2009.
Rev. Dr. Lisa Tabor Community Award: for Exemplary Contributions to Diversity through Community Service Involvement & Civic Engagement, Black Graduate Student Organization, VT, April 2011.
“Scholar of the Week,” Office of the Vice President for Research and Innovation, Virginia Tech, September 12-18, 2011.
Guest Professor, Bergen Wittgenstein Archive, University of Bergen, Norway, March 2012.
Niles Research Grant, CLAHS, VT (\$1500), Spring 2012: “Wittgenstein’s Influences and Lectures.”
Franklin Travel Grant, American Philosophical Society (\$2000), March 2012: Travel to Archives in Bergen and Helsinki.
Excellence in Research and Creative Scholarship Award, CLAHS, VT (\$500), April 2012.
Visiting Scholar, Masaryk University Department of Philosophy, Brno, Czech Republic, November 2014.

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Community Service Award, Montgomery County-Radford City-Floyd County NAACP, January 2016.
“Favorite Faculty” Award, from Housing and Residence Life, Division of Student Affairs, VT, April 2016.
Virginia Tech Research Assignment, Fall 2016: “Wittgenstein’s Artillery.”
Virginia Tech International Conference Travel Stipend (\$1600), 2016.
Nannie B. Hairston Community Service Award, Montgomery County-Radford City-Floyd County NAACP, October 2018.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Advisory Board Member, University of Iowa Tractatus Map, 2016-
Advisory Board Member, Nordic Wittgenstein Studies Book Series, 2014-
Advisory Board Member, Publications from the Wittgenstein Archives at the University of Bergen, 2013-

On-line Expert for “Simply Charly” website—Wittgenstein expert:

<https://simplycharly.com/>

Referee for *Ethics*, *Synthese*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Noûs*, *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, *Society for Philosophy and Technology*, *HOPOS: Journal of the International Society for the History of the Philosophy of Science*, *Journal of Philosophical Research*, *Dialogue*, *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, *Erkenntnis*, *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, *Perspectives on Science*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Theory Culture and Society*, *Nordic Wittgenstein Review*, *Distinktion: Scandinavian Journal of Social Theory*, *Intellectual History Review*, *Journal of Family Theory and Review*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Grazer Philosophische Studien*, *Ethical Perspectives*, *Philosophical Imprint*, *Techné: Research in Philosophy and Technology*, and *Philosophia*.

Referee for Harvard University Press, Cornell University Press, Cambridge University Press, Blackwell, Routledge, Edwin Mellen Press, Continuum Books, Acumen Publishing, Bloomsbury Press, and Oxford University Press.

Evaluation Panel for Austrian Science Fund (2009); Research Council of Norway (2004, twice in 2006, 2011); Ford Foundation Predoctoral, Dissertation, and Post-Doctoral Fellowships for Minorities, National Research Council (1991-1994, 2005-2006, 2011); and Woodrow Wilson Foundation, Charlotte Newcombe Dissertation Fellowships (2007-present)..

PUBLICATIONS:

Books:

Wittgenstein in Exile, MIT Press, 2011; Kindle Edition, September 2011; second printing, with corrections, February, 2013; paperback edition, January 2014.
Persian edition: ویتگنشتاین در تبعید, translated by Ehsan Sanaei including interview with author, نشر ققنوس (i.e. Phoenix Publishing), September 2015.

Simply Wittgenstein, New York: Simply Charly Books, Kindle Edition June 2016, paperback edition July 2016, and audio edition March 2017.

Articles Published:

- “Convention T Regained,” *Philosophical Studies*, November 1977, pp. 377-381.
- “An Alleged Difficulty Concerning Moral Properties,” *Mind*, July 1984, pp. 370-380; reprinted in **Meta-Ethics**, edited by Michael Smith, The International Research Library of Philosophy Series, Dartmouth Publishing Company, 1995, pp. 61-71.
- “Marx’s Realms of ‘Freedom’ and ‘Necessity’,” *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, December 1986, pp. 769-777.
- “Supervenience: Perspectives vs. Possible Worlds,” *Philosophical Quarterly*, July 1987, pp. 312-315.
- “Moral Realism and Dummett’s Challenge,” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, March 1988, pp. 545-551.
- “Supervenience: Ontological and Ascriptive,” *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, December, 1988, pp. 461-470; reprinted in **Supervenience**, edited by Jaegwon Kim, The International Research Library of Philosophy Series, Ashgate Publishing Company, 2002, pp. 211-220.
- “Wittgenstein and Neuroscience,” *Synthese*, March 1989, pp. 319-343.
- “The Good Old Days,” in **Technological Transformation: Contextual and Conceptual Implications**, edited by J. Pitt and E. Byrne, Kluwer Academic Publishers, 1989.
- “Davidson’s Troubles with Supervenience,” *Synthese*, November 1990, pp. 339-352.
- “Rationalism, Supervenience, and Moral Epistemology,” *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, Supplementary Volume, 1991, pp. 25-28.
- “Editor’s Prologue,” in **Methods of Interpreting Plato and His Dialogues**, 1992, pp. 1-12.
- “Supervenience: Model Theory or Metaphysics?” in **Supervenience: New Essays**, eds. Ü. Yalçın and E. Savellos, Cambridge University Press, 1995, pp. 60-72.
- “An Unexplored Concept in Wittgenstein,” *History of Philosophy Quarterly*, October 1995, pp. 469-486.
- “When Are Ideologies Irreconcilable? Case Studies in Diachronic Anthropology,” *Philosophical Investigations*, July 1998, pp. 268-279.
- “Wittgenstein’s Community,” in **Metaphysics in the Post-Metaphysical Age: Papers of the 22nd International Wittgenstein Symposium, vol. VII (1)**, eds., U. Meixner and P. Simons, Austrian Ludwig Wittgenstein Society, 1999, pp. 333-337.
- “Wittgenstein on Non-Mediative Causality,” *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, October 1999, pp. 653-667.
- “Editor’s Preface,” in **Wittgenstein: Biography and Philosophy**, Cambridge University Press, 2001.
- “The Wittgenstein Lectures,” in **Public and Private Occasions**, co-edited with Alfred Nordmann, Rowman and Littlefield, 2003, pp. 331-372.
- “The Puzzle of Goethe’s Influence on Wittgenstein,” in **Goethe and Wittgenstein: Seeing the World’s Unity in Its Variety**, eds., F. Breithaupt, R. Raatzsch, and B. Kremberg, Wittgenstein-Studien v. 5, Frankfurt: Peter Lang, 2003, pp. 19-26.

- “Wittgenstein in Exile,” in **Religion and Wittgenstein’s Legacy**, ed. D.Z. Phillips & M. Ruhr, London: Ashgate, 2005, pp. 311-323.
- “‘Great White Wonder’: The Morality of Bootlegging Bob,” in **Bob Dylan and Philosophy** (Philosophy and Popular Culture Series), eds., Peter Vernezze and Carl J. Porter, Open Court Publishers, 2006, pp. 40-52.
- “Ludwig Wittgenstein,” entry in **Europe Since 1914: Encyclopedia of the Age of War and Reconstruction vol. 4**, eds. J. Winter and J. Merriman, New York: Charles Scribner’s Sons, 2006, pp. 2735-6.
- “Элиминативизм и сознание” [English: “Eliminativism and the Mental”], *Эпистемология и философия науки* [English: *Epistemology and Philosophy of Science*] (Moscow), v. 24, no. 2, Spring, 2010, pp. 17-27.
- “*Das Erlösende Wort*,” in **Wittgenstein, Language and World, Part Two: Signs, Minds and Actions**, eds. V. Munz, K. Puhl, and J. Wang, Frankfurt: Ontos-Verlag, 2010, pp. 245-256.
- “U.S. Power after 9/11: The Metaphor of Exile,” *Spectra* (on-line journal), vol. 2, no. 1, November 2012, pp. 51-56:
<https://spectrajournal.org/articles/10.21061/spectra.v2i1.276/>
- “Wittgenstein and His Audience: Esotericist or Evangelist?” in **The Textual Genesis of Wittgenstein’s Philosophical Investigations**, Routledge Studies in Twentieth Century Philosophy, ed. Nuno Venturinha, 2013, pp. 52-64 & 200-203.
- “Wittgenstein, Frazer and Temperament,” in **Wittgenstein’s Remarks on Frazer: The Text and the Matter**, edited by Lars Albinus, Josef G. F. Rothhaupt and Aidan Seery, de Gruyter Verlag, 2016, pp. 233-248.
- “Wittgenstein, Science and the Evolution of Concepts,” in **Wittgenstein and Scientism**, edited by Jonathan Beale and Ian James Kidd, Routledge, 2017, pp. 193-206.
- “Wittgenstein and von Wright on Goodness,” *Philosophical Investigations*, on-line: (<http://rdcu.be/GxQi>); paper publication: Vol. 41, no. 3, July 2018, pp. 291-303.
- “Wittgenstein and His Students: 1929-1933,” in **Wittgenstein in the 1930s: Between the Tractatus and the Investigations**, edited by David Stern, Cambridge University Press, 2018, pp. 109-122.

Edited Collections:

- Methods of Interpreting Plato and His Dialogues**, Oxford University Press, 1992
 Supplementary Volume to **Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy**, co-edited with Nicholas Smith.
- Ludwig Wittgenstein, **Philosophical Occasions: 1912-1951**, co-edited with Alfred Nordmann, Hackett Publishing Co., 1993; 2nd printing, with corrections, 1994; 3rd printing, with corrections, 2010.
Spanish edition: Ocasiones filosóficas: 1912-1951, translated by Ángel García Rodríguez, Madrid: Cátedra, 1997.
French bilingual edition: Philosophica (I-IV) in four volumes, translated by Jean-Pierre Cometti, Gerard Gramel, and Elisabeth Rigal, Trans-Europ-Repress, 2000, 2000, 2001, 2005.

Chinese edition: Volume 12 of **The Complete Works of L. Wittgenstein**, translated by Jiang Yi, series editor Jiliang Xu, Shijiazhuang, China: Hebei Educational Publishing House, 2003.

Wittgenstein: Biography and Philosophy, Cambridge University Press, 2001; E-book, April 2011.

Ludwig Wittgenstein, **Public and Private Occasions**, co-edited with Alfred Nordmann, Rowman and Littlefield, 2003.

Book Reviews:

Review of Ted Honderich, ed., **Morality and Objectivity: A Tribute to J.L. Mackie**, in *Ethics*, October 1986, pp. 278-279.

Review of Tom Regan, **Bloomsbury's Prophet: G.E. Moore and the Development of His Moral Philosophy** and G.E. Moore, **Early Essays**, edited by T. Regan in *Ethics*, April 1988, pp. 582-584; reprinted in **Twentieth Century Literary Criticism, vol. 89**, ed. Jennifer Baise, Gale Group Publishers, 2000, pp. 225-7.

Review of Roderick Chisholm, **Brentano and Intrinsic Value**, in *Philosophical Review*, July 1989, pp. 390-392.

Review of Torbjörn Tännsjö, **Moral Realism**, in *Philosophical Review*, October 1992, pp. 921-923.

Review of Tom Baldwin, **G.E. Moore** (The Arguments of the Philosophers), in *Ethics*, January 1993, pp. 391-393.

Review of John Barbour, **The Conscience of the Autobiographer: Ethical and Religious Dimensions of Autobiography**, in *Religious Studies Review*, October 1993, p. 341.

Review of James E. Tomberlin, ed., **Philosophical Perspectives, Vol. 6: Ethics, 1992**, in *Ethics*, January 1995, pp. 409-411.

Review of Simon Blackburn, **Essays in Quasi-Realism**, in *Philosophical Review*, January 1995, pp. 139-141.

Review of R. Hursthouse, et. al., eds., **Virtues and Reasons: Philippa Foot and Moral Theory, Essays in Honour of Philippa Foot**, in *Ethics*, July 1997, pp. 743-746.

“The Difficulty Here is: to Stop”: Essay-Review of David Bloor, **Wittgenstein, Rules and Institutions**, in *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science*, Fall 2000, pp. 551-7.

Review of D. Carr and J. Steutel, eds., **Virtue Ethics and Moral Education**, *Ethics*, October 2001, pp. 139-141.

Review of Robert C. Roberts, **The Emotions: An Essay in Aid of Moral Psychology**, *International Philosophical Quarterly*, April 2005, pp. 278-280.

Review of D. Stern and B. Szabados, eds., **Wittgenstein Reads Weininger**, *Philosophy in Review*, December 2005, pp. 407-10.

Review of V. Jankelevitch, **Forgiveness**, *Philosophy in Review*, February 2007, pp. 52-3.

Review of T. Chappell, ed., **Values and Virtues: Aristotelianism in Contemporary Ethics**, *Philosophy in Review*, April 2008, pp. 96-98.

- Review of C. Travis, **Thought's Footing: A Theme in Wittgenstein's Philosophical Investigations**, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, April 2, 2008, on-line: <http://ndpr.nd.edu/news/thought-s-footing-a-theme-in-wittgenstein-s-philosophical-investigations/>
- Review of Robert Adams, **A Theory of Virtue: Excellence in Being for the Good**, *Philosophy in Review*, August 2009, pp. 233-35.
- Review of R. Fox and J. Swazy, **Observing Bioethics**, *Philosophy in Review*, June 2010, pp. 259-262.
- Review of H. Lee, **Biography: A Very Short Introduction**, *Biography: An Interdisciplinary Quarterly*, Fall 2010, pp. 847-850.
- Review of B. F. McGuinness, ed., **Friedrich Waismann: Causality and Logical Positivism**, *Philosophy in Review*, August 2013, pp. 312-14.
- Review of Eugen Fischer, **Philosophical Delusion and Its Therapy: Outline of a Philosophical Revolution**, co-authored with Walter Ott, British Wittgenstein Society BookNOTES, posted January 2014, 10pp: <http://www.britishwittgensteinsociety.org/wp-content/uploads/documents/fischerreview.pdf>
- Review of S. Grève and J. Mácha, eds., **Wittgenstein and the Creativity of Language**, *Philosophy in Review*, October/December, 2017, pp. 197-199.
- Review of **Wittgenstein: Lectures, Cambridge, 1930-1933, From the Notes of G. E. Moore**, edited by David G. Stern, Brian Rogers, and Gabriel Citron, Cambridge University Press, 2016, and **Wittgenstein's Whewell's Court Lectures: Cambridge, 1938-1941, From the Notes by Yorick Smythies**, edited by Volker Munz and Bernhard Ritter, Wiley Blackwell, 2017, *Philosophy: Journal of the Royal Institute of Philosophy*, Vol. 93, No. 365, July 2018, pp. 471-475.

Public Issues:

- "Sex Ed: Abstinence, yes, but also compassion," *Roanoke Times*, August 8, 1994, p. A5.
- "The courts, Bible, and abortion issue," *Roanoke Times*, November 16, 1994, p. A10.
- "Call to Renewal: Christians appeal for compassion," co-authored with Katy Scott, *Roanoke Times*, April 17, 1996, p. A9.
- "Evolution or not, we are accountable," *Roanoke Times*, November 13, 1996, p. A12.
- "Classroom inclusion in Montgomery County: Balancing the needs of special and regular students," co-authored with Fred S. Morton IV, *Roanoke Times*, March 13, 1998, p. A9.
- "Democracy on the Net," *Electronic School*, January 1999, pp. 24-25.
- "Violent media may have a cathartic role in healthy lives," *Roanoke Times*, May 7, 1999, p. A15.
- "Imagine a public school where Jesus is the principal," *Roanoke Times*, September 25, 1999, p. A13.
- "Find a new mascot for a new millenium," *Virginia Tech Spectrum*, December 1, 2000, "Conductor" insert.
- "School forum cultivates diversity," *Virginia Tech Spectrum*, February 2, 2001, "Conductor" insert.
- "Socrates wouldn't have survived the SOL's," *Roanoke Times*, February 18, 2001, pp. Horizon1 & H5.
- "A faulty criticism of gay life," *Roanoke Times*, July 17, 2002, p. A17.

- “Checking the Status of a Dream: The second part of the message gets whitewashed,” *Roanoke Times*, January 19, 2003, pp. Horizon1 & H5.
- “The most segregated hour in America?” *Roanoke Times*, *NRV Current*, April 27, 2003, p. 6; reprinted in *Virginia Tech Spectrum*, December 5, 2003, “Conductor” insert.
- “Me and my books,” *Roanoke Times*, September 4, 2014, p. A8:
http://www.roanoke.com/opinion/klagge-me-and-my-books/article_82c5b951-fbae-5172-abe1-1ef18169f4f8.html
 Reprinted as: “There are better ways to honor heritage,” *News Messenger*, September 30, 2015, pp. 4-5.
- “Heritage and hate,” *Roanoke Times*, October 28, 2015, p. Virginia 9 (same article as 9/30/15 above):
http://www.roanoke.com/opinion/commentary/klagge-heritage-and-hate/article_4882c28f-5ebf-5528-95d4-55ab97897f1c.html
- “A call to state legislators,” *Roanoke Times*, August 17, 2017, p. Virginia 5:
http://www.roanoke.com/opinion/commentary/klagge-a-call-to-state-legislators/article_9f81ab2c-0874-5252-90e0-67a50895f666.html
- “Does ‘why?’ matter?” *Roanoke Times*, November 10, 2017:
http://www.roanoke.com/opinion/letters/letter-does-why-matter/article_ea1d3f5d-00ee-55e1-9819-4c04d945e350.html
- “The pope’s temptation,” *Roanoke Times*, December 27, 2017:
http://www.roanoke.com/opinion/letters/klagge-the-pope-s-temptation/article_2ab1f659-9720-5da2-a811-345589115e18.html
- “Their tax dollars at work,” *Roanoke Times*, February 9, 2018:
http://www.roanoke.com/opinion/letters/letter-their-tax-dollars-at-work/article_56ab74cf-de50-5451-8562-8fac03c35380.html
- “Should teachers be armed?” *Roanoke Times*, May 1, 2018:
http://www.roanoke.com/opinion/letters/letter-should-teachers-or-administrators-be-armed/article_29739dba-4f68-5215-8e22-d219302fbd52.html
- “The meaning of symbols,” *Roanoke Times*, September 15, 2018:
https://www.roanoke.com/opinion/commentary/klagge-the-meanings-of-symbols/article_fbcfa0aa-333f-5110-817a-d8c5ac836bd5.html

PRESENTATIONS AND PAPERS:

Interviews:

Interview of James C. Klagge and Alfred Nordmann “On Ludwig Wittgenstein,” on Cosmoetica Channel on YouTube: Dan Schneider Video Interview #212: On Ludwig Wittgenstein (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=moU4IhkKOhw>) (1:19:33), recorded and posted September 16, 2017.

Invited:

“In What Sense is Virtue Knowledge?” University of California at Los Angeles, January 1979.

- “Moral Realism,” University of California at San Diego, February 1984.
- “The Ethical Argument of Plato's *Republic*,” San Diego State University, April 1984.
- “Supervenience: Ascriptive and Descriptive,” Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, January 1985; and U. C. San Diego, February 1985.
- “Wittgenstein, Conceptual Change, and Neuroscience,” Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, December 1986.
- “Davidson's Troubles with Supervenience,” Vanderbilt University, February 1988.
- “Eliminativism and the Mental,” NEH Seminar, Brown University, August 1990
- “Virtue: Aristotle or Kant?” Williams Memorial Conference, VA Tech, Blacksburg, VA, January, 1995.
- “Wittgenstein on Causality,” University of South Carolina, April 1994; and VA Tech Philosophy Department, April 1996.
- “When are Ideologies Irreconcilable? Case Studies in Diachronic Anthropology,” Conference on “Knowledge and Practice: Wittgenstein’s Treatment of Knowledge in *On Certainty*,” University of Minnesota, October 1996.
- “Wittgenstein’s Community,” presented to the Philosophical Academy, Charles Univ., Prague, Czech Republic, August 1999.
- “Wittgenstein in Exile,” lead paper for symposium on “Wittgenstein and Culture,” Claremont Philosophy of Religion Conference on “Religion and Wittgenstein’s Legacy,” Claremont Graduate School, Claremont, California, February 2000; and The Philosophical Academy, Prague, Czech Republic, March 2004.
- “Competing Preferences: Politics and Morality,” VA Tech Philosophy Department, Spring Conference: “Caring About Nature,” Blacksburg, VA, April 2001.
- “Can We Understand Wittgenstein?” VA Tech Philosophy Colloquium Series, September 2005.
- “*Das Erlösende Wort: Genug*,” VA Tech Philosophy Department, Spring Conference: Regional Working Conference on Wittgenstein,” April 2007; 32nd International Wittgenstein Symposium, Kirchberg am Wechsel, Austria, August 2009.
- “No One Understands Me,” Western Carolina University, October 2007.
- “Philosophy and Life,” Virginia Philosophical Association, invited address, Norfolk, VA, October 2007.
- “Wittgenstein in the 21st Century,” 2nd Regional Working Conference on Wittgenstein, VMI, Lexington, VA, September 2008.
- “Wittgenstein: Esotericist or Evangelist?”:
<http://wab.uib.no/agora-wab/article/view/3170>
- “Socrates vs. Wittgenstein”:
<http://wab.uib.no/agora-wab/article/view/3171> or
https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=27&v=ZOuLLAPhyvw)
- and “Supervenience: from Synchronic to Diachronic”:
<http://wab.uib.no/agora-wab/article/view/3172>
- Wittgenstein Archive at Bergen, University of Bergen, Norway, March 2012.
 (Abstracts and Audio Recordings at links given above.)
- “Wittgenstein: Esotericist or Evangelist?” University of Helsinki, Finland, March 2012.
- ASPECT Book Talk, VT Library at Greenberry’s, Blacksburg, VA, April 2012.
- “Wittgenstein, Science, and the Evolution of Concepts,” 5th Regional Working Conference on Wittgenstein, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WVA,

October 2013.

- “Supervenience: from Synchronic to Diachronic,” Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic, November 2014.
- “Wittgenstein’s Thought Experiment about Seeds,” Book Colloquium on Wittgenstein’s Whewell’s Court Lectures, Alpen-Adria-University, Klagenfurt, Austria, March 2015.
- “New Sources for Wittgenstein,” 6th Regional Wittgenstein Workshop, University of North Carolina, Asheville, April 2015.
- “Wittgenstein and His Students: 1929-1933,” Obermann Summer Seminar, University of Iowa, May 2015.
- “Wittgenstein and von Wright on Goodness,” von Wright and Wittgenstein in Cambridge: von Wright Centenary Symposium, Lucy Cavendish College, Cambridge, UK, September 2016.
- “Wittgenstein and Writing Philosophy as Poetry,” 7th Regional Working Conference on Wittgenstein, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WVA, October 2016.
- “Wittgenstein’s Poems,” 8th Regional Working Conference on Wittgenstein, VMI, Lexington, VA, April, 2018.

Refereed:

- “Wittgenstein, Folk Psychology and Neuroscience,” Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, April 1987.
- “The Good Old Days,” Society for Philosophy and Technology, 4th Biennial International Conference, Blacksburg, Virginia, July 1987.
- “Davidson’s Troubles with Supervenience,” American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting, Cincinnati, Ohio, April 1988.
- “An Unexplored Concept in Wittgenstein,” Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, March 1989.
- “Virtue: Aristotle or Kant?” American Philosophy Association, Eastern Division Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, December 1989.
- “Does Supervenience Entail Principles?” Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Memphis, Tennessee, April 1992.
- “Wittgenstein on Causality,” Virginia Philosophical Association, Williamsburg, Virginia, October 1993.
- “Wittgenstein’s Community,” 22nd International Wittgenstein Symposium, Kirchberg am Wechsel, Austria, August 1999.
- “Beyond Your Board’s Code of Ethics,” Meet the Experts Session, National School Boards Association Conference, San Francisco, CA, April 2003; and Virginia School Boards Association Conference, Williamsburg, VA, November 2003.
- “The Metaphor of Exile,” International Social Theory Consortium, Roanoke, VA, May 2006.
- “Supervenience: from Synchronic to Diachronic,” American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting, Pasadena, CA, March 2008.

STUDENT SUPERVISION

Chair of MA Thesis Committee

Robert Eiben, "Understanding Dead Languages," May 2005.

Joseph Frazier, "Kantianism and Its Connection to Non-Naturalism," May 2016.

Brayton Hall, "A Language-Game Justification for Narrative in Historical Explanation," May 2017.

J.C. Wright, "Philosophical Zombies Don't Share Our Epistemic Situation," May 2018.

SERVICE and OUTREACH

To Community

Talk in Recognition of Bob Dylan's 2016 Nobel Prize for Literature, "Dylan Fest" sponsored by Life-Long Learning Institute and English Department, Hillel Center at VT, February, 2017.

Mediator (Certified by VA State Supreme Court for Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court, December 2002-November 2008)

Volunteer mediator for Better Agreements, Inc., in Blacksburg, and Conflict Resolution Center in Roanoke (2002-2008).

Talk on "Conflict and Mediation" to various local community groups, Spring 2006.

Silver Life Member, NAACP; Chair of Communications Committee (2003-present); 1st Vice President (2017-2018).

School Board Representative, Montgomery County, District F, elected to 2 terms: 1996-1999, 2000-2003.

Chair, Montgomery County School Board, 1998-2000.

Montgomery County Schools Diversity Forum (1998-2003)

New River Valley Advisory Council member, Planned Parenthood, 1997-2000.

Board of Directors, Christiansburg Institute, Inc., 2000-2003; Capital Campaign 2008.

Board of Directors, Blacksburg Electronic Village, 2000-2003.

Panel on "Dying with Dignity", Blue Ridge Public Television, Roanoke United Methodist Home, September 2000.

Talk on "Correcting a Vision," Blacksburg Lions Club, December 1999.

Panel on Virginia Standards of Learning and SoL Tests, VA Tech, April 1999 (portions broadcast on NPR).

Panel on Funding for Local Schools, Democratic Party Education Project, Christiansburg Library, October 1998.

Panel on "Promise-Keepers," various Blacksburg groups, Fall 1997.

Talk on "Executive Sessions and the Freedom of Information Act," League of Women Voters, Blacksburg, VA, October, 1997.

Talk on "The Future of Blacksburg Middle School: Education and Politics," Conference on Evaluating the Use of Existing Educational Facilities, CEC, Blacksburg, VA, March 1997.

Panel for "Quest for Quality in Public Schools," Montgomery County Rotary Club,

April 1996.
Legislative Representative for Kipps Elementary School PTA Board, 1994-1995.
Panel for “Friends & Neighbors” Project, Mainstream Citizens of Montgomery County, 1994-1995.
Talk on “Men and Spirituality,” to various Blacksburg groups, 1994-1995.
Talk on “Thinking About Morality,” Forum on Values and Identity, Blacksburg H.S. and M.S. PTA, April 1990.
Seminar on Religion and Personal Decision-Making, for Planned Parenthood, Blacksburg, VA, September 1989.
Forum on Ethics in Business and Professions, Discussion Leader on "Case Studies," Hotel Roanoke, February 1989.
Member of Medical Ethics Committee and Task Force on Care for Defective Newborns, University Hospital, San Diego, California, 1984-1985.
Member of Amnesty International—La Jolla, CA, Branch, 1983-1985.

To College Students:

“Ethics and Collectives,” College of Architecture and Urban Studies, VA Tech, November, 2018.
“Ethics and Autonomous Vehicles,” VA Tech Philosophy Club, December 2017.
“Ethical Toolbox for Engineers,” Engineering Education Seminar, VA Tech, November 2017: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p6CsCRI4Pcw>
Graduation speech to Philosophy Graduates: “Taking Philosophy with You”, VA Tech, May 2013.
Keynote Address: “Leaving Our Comfort Zones,” for Circle K Induction Ceremony, VA Tech, December 2003.
“The Philosophy of Tattoos,” VT European Studies Center, February 2004; VT Philosophy Club, April 2001, September 2010, & November 2015.
“The Meaning of Life,” University of California at San Diego, February 1985; William and Mary, November 1985; VA Tech Philosophy Club, December 1985, October 2006, November 2011 & February 2017; West Virginia University, October 1990; Western Carolina University, October 2007; and Masaryk University, November 2014.
Talks on “Responsibility and the Future: Environmental Issues and Psychological Distancing,” Department of Mechanical Engineering, VA Tech, February 1992, Feb. 1994 & March 2000.
Graduation speech to Philosophy Graduates: “Never Oversimplify”, VA Tech, May 1999.
“Politics and Principle: What Do We Want from Our Politicians?” VA Tech Philosophy Club, October 1999.
“What’s Wrong with Bootlegs? The History, Value, and Ethics of Bootleg Recordings,” VA Tech Philosophy Club, September 1997; and xyz [gallery], Blacksburg, VA, October 2002.
Talk on “E-Mail and the Politics of Education,” CSTS Lunch Discussion, VA Tech, October 1999.
“Does Bertrand Russell Corrupt the Youth?” VA Tech Philosophy Club, April 1996.

Faculty Advisor to Students for a Better Education, 1991-1992.
Faculty Advisor to Westminster Fellowship, 1990-1991.
Chair, and other Leadership, on Board of United Campus Ministries of Blacksburg
(Cooper House) 1987-1993.
Talk to VT Architecture College on Wittgenstein, January 1994.
“Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Wittgenstein,” VA Tech Philosophy
Club, November 1994.
Talk for Engineers Week, sponsored by NSPE, “Can an Engineer be Morally
Conscientious and Live to Tell About It?” February 1991.
“Is There Progress in Philosophy?” Virginia Tech Philosophy Club, January 1990.
“The Moral Status of Abortion,” Campus Forum on Abortion, VA Tech Philosophy Club,
March 1990.
Panel on “Population: Who Lives, Who Dies?” VT Campus Dorms, November 1990
Talk on Religion and Morality, Student “Y” Series on Exploring Alternative Beliefs,
October 1990.
Panel on “Becoming Your Own Person,” VT Campus Dorms, 1989-1990.
Panel on “God & the Laws of Nature,” VT Campus Dorms, Spring 1987.