

Curriculum Vita

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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

Ph.D., Department of Philosophy (March, 2007).

Dissertation: “The History of the Rational Reconstruction of Science.”

Supervisors: Margaret Morrison, Ian Hacking, and Jim Brown.

External Examiner: Alan Richardson

Areas of Specialization: Philosophy of Science, Kant

Areas of Competence: Introduction to Philosophy, Ethics, Medical Ethics, Kant and Neo-Kantian Philosophy

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH

MA, 1997. Philosophy. Dean’s List Award.

Thesis: “When Seeing is Believing: Bas van Fraassen and the

Observable/Unobservable Distinction.” (Department nomination for “Outstanding Thesis” in the School of Arts and Sciences.)

Supervisor: Dr. Paul Tang

CATAWBA COLLEGE

B.A., 1989. Political Science and Psychology.

PUBLICATIONS

“Was ‘Truth’ Ever Meant to Explain Much? A Critique of Nancy Cartwright.” (With Dr. Paul Tang). *The Journal of Social Science*, Vol. 36, No. 4, October 1999.

Review of *Philosophy of Science: An Introduction* by Alexander Bird, *International Studies in the Philosophy of Science*, December 1999.

HONORS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

University of Toronto, Dissertation Fellowship, 2000-2001.

Research Grant awarded by The University of Toronto, School of Graduate Studies, June 2000. (For research at the Imré Lakatos Archives in the British Library for Political and Economic Science, London School of Economics, London, England.)

Research Grant awarded by The Joint Initiative in German and European Studies, University of Toronto, June 2000. (For research at the Institute Vienna Circle archives for the history of the Vienna Circle, in Vienna, Austria.)

Department of Philosophy Tuition Award, 1999-2000, University of Toronto.

International Student Award, 1997-2001, University of Toronto.

Dean's List Award, 1996-1997, Graduate Schools of Arts and Sciences, California State University, Long Beach. Awarded to top 1% of graduate students.

Exceptional Academic Achievement Award, 1997, Department of Philosophy, California State University, Long Beach.

Student Philosophy Association Award for Outstanding Service, 1997, Department of Philosophy, California State University, Long Beach.

Whittington Scholarship, 1995-1996, Department of Philosophy, California State University, Long Beach.

PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

Comment on Ravit Dotan (UC Berkeley) "Machine learning, theory choice, and non-epistemic values", Eastern APA, Jan 2020

"Rational Reconstruction and the 'foundedness' problem in Carnap's *Aufbau*." History of the Philosophy of Science conference (HOPOS, 2006) Paris, France. June, 2006.

"The History of the Rational Reconstruction of Science." European Conference on Analytic Philosophy (ECAP5), Lisbon, Portugal. August, 2005.

"Repaying Lakatos' Debt to Carnap." 2000 History of Philosophy of Science (HOPOS 2000). Vienna, Austria July 7.

"Causal Models and Causal Explanation." 1999 Western Social Sciences Association annual conference.

"Reconsidering Justification in Experimental Contexts." 1998 Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science.

"Kuhn's Wittgenstein: One Confusion at the Roots of the Social Construction of Science." 1998 Western Social Sciences Association annual conference.

"A Critique of Nancy Cartwright's 'The Truth Doesn't Explain Much'." 1997 Western Social Sciences Association annual conference.

Chair and organizer of interdisciplinary graduate student panel: "Philosophy and the Humanities: Interdisciplinary approaches to Philosophical Texts." 1996 California State University, Long Beach Student Philosophy Association's Spring Symposium, "Philosophy and the Humanities."

Moderator of lecture and discussion by Dr. David Theo Goldberg. 1995 California State University, Long Beach Student Philosophy Association's Spring Symposium, "Race: A Philosophical Perspective."

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

THE UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

Adjunct Lecturer (2007 – present): Developed and instructed full courses.

Introduction to Philosophical Problems (PH010)
Philosophy of Science (PH112)
Kant Seminar (PH205)
Philosophy of Science and the Environment (PH125)
Introduction to Ethics (PH105)
Philosophical Approaches to Death and Dying (PH109)
Ways of Knowing (HCOL 85)
Scientific Ways of Knowing HCOL 86)
Film and Philosophy (FTS 134)
Film Theory (FTS 121)
Ethics and Evolution (HCOL 185)
Art and Aesthetics (IFA Phil 10)
Thesis Proposal Seminar (HON 101)
Introduction to Logic (Phil 013)
The Existential Film (FTS 122)

ALBANY COLLEGE OF PHARMACY AND HEALTH SCIENCES (VERMONT CAMPUS)

Adjunct (2011-present): Developed and instructed full course for Doctoral graduate students
Health Care and Human Values (HCHV103)

COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF VERMONT

Adjunct (2004 – 2011): Developed and instructed full courses.
Introduction to Philosophy (PHI 1010)
Introduction to Ethics (PHI 1040)
Bioethics (HU 1040)

CHAMPLAIN COLLEGE

Adjunct (2004 – 2006): Developed and instructed full courses.
Critical Thinking (PH200)
Introduction to Ethics (PH160)

CASTLETON STATE COLLEGE

Adjunct (2006): Developed and instructed full courses.
Introduction to Philosophy (PHI 1010)

SAINT MICHAEL'S COLLEGE

Adjunct (2003) and Visiting Instructor (2004 – 2006): Developed and instructed full courses.
Introduction to Philosophical Problems (PH 103).
Philosophy of Society (PH 205)

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, OSHKOSH

Visiting Instructor (2001-2003): Developed and instructed full courses.
Introduction to Ethics (Phil 105)
Introduction to Philosophy (Phil. 109)
Elementary Logic (Phil. 101)
Philosophy of Science (Phil 315)
Philosophy of Language (Phil. 409).

MARIAN COLLEGE OF FON DU LAC

Adjunct Professor (2000): Developed and instructed full course.
Philosophy and Values (Phil. 201.)

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

Teaching Assistant (1997 -1998): Led 2 weekly tutorial sessions, graded all papers, quizzes, midterms and final exams for each class.

Summer 1999: Introduction to Philosophy (Phil. 201).

Fall 1999: Modes of Reasoning: An Introduction to Argumentation (Phil.200Y).

Spring 1999: Science and Social Issues (Phil. 193S).

Spring 1998: Science and Social Issues (Phil. 193S).

Teaching Assistant: Grading of all papers, midterms and finals.

Fall 1997 Science and Pseudo-Science (Phil. 355F).

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH

Teaching Assistant, University Scholars Program, 1996 - 1997.

Taught a methodology and writing course for 130 honors students. Duties included classroom lectures and individual instruction in the development of a Bachelor's Thesis, including outline, prospectus, and final documentation, as well as all grading.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Teaching through the Web, 2001. A 9-hour seminar devoted to on-line and new media instruction. Instruction in the use of "Blackboard," "Powerpoint," and other digital media in the classroom. The seminar focused on developing an online component for current courses.

Teaching Philosophy, 1999. A one-term course devoted to pedagogic issues in the teaching of philosophy. Course included weekly 3-hour sessions of practice lectures, workshops, seminars and various related presentations, each focusing on developing skills for teaching philosophy.

Teaching Assistant Workshop, University of Toronto, 1997, 1998. Instruction in teaching and classroom enhancement for teaching assistants.

MEMBERSHIP

American Philosophical Association, 1998 – present

History of the Philosophy of Science Association, 2000 - present

Canadian Philosophy Association, 1998 - 2001

Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science, 1998 - 2001

Long Beach Circle, 1995 - 1996

Western Social Sciences Association, 1996 - 1999

LANGUAGE SKILLS

German: fluent.

REFERENCES

Don Loeb, Department of Philosophy, University of Vermont, 70 South Williams Street, Burlington, VT, 05401. 802-656-4142

Louis DeRossett, Acting Chair, Department of Philosophy, University of Vermont, 70 South Williams Street, Burlington, VT, 05401. 802-656-4142

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