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**Areas of Specialization**

Philosophy of Mind and Psychology, Epistemology

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**Areas of Competence**

Logic, Metaphysics, Ethics

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**Academic Employment**

Senior Lecturer

Department of Philosophy and Religion, Central Michigan University (2018-present)

Lecturer

Department of Philosophy and Religion, Central Michigan University (2008-18)

Post-Doctoral Lecturer

The Critical Writing Program, University of Pennsylvania (2007-08)

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**Education**

- Ph.D., Philosophy, University of Pennsylvania (2007)  
Dissertation: “Numerical Competence and the Format of Mental Representation”  
Committee: Scott Weinstein (supervisor), Gary Hatfield, Michael Weisberg
- M.S., Philosophy, University of Utah (2002)  
Thesis: “Warrant: Reliability in Context” (supervisor: Ram Neta)
- B.A., Philosophy, Fort Lewis College (1995)

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**Publications**

“Analog Representations and Their Users.” *Synthese* 193:3, 851-71 (2016).

“Jerry Fodor and the Representational Theory of Mind.” In *Philosophy of Mind: The Key Thinkers*, ed. Andrew Bailey. Bloomsbury (2014).

“Mental Magnitudes and Increments of Mental Magnitudes.” *The Review of Philosophy and Psychology* 4:4, 675-703 (2013).

“Rethinking the Language of Thought.” (with Susan Schneider). *Wiley Interdisciplinary Reviews: Cognitive Science* 3:2, 153-62 (2012).

“The Language of Thought Hypothesis.” *The Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, eds. James Fieser and Bradley Dowden (2009).

“Analog and Digital Representation.” *Minds and Machines* 18:3, 403-08 (2008).

### **Presentations**

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#### *Peer-reviewed:*

“A Dilemma for Intentional Psychology.” Northwest Philosophy Conference. Pacific University. October, 2019.

“Can Wide Content Save Intentional Psychology?” Alabama Philosophical Society. Pensacola, FL. September, 2018.

“Intentional Generalizations without Concept Publicity.” Northwest Philosophy Conference. Gonzaga University. October, 2016.

“Concepts, Generality, and Digital Representation.” Northwest Philosophy Conference. North Idaho College. October, 2015.

“Goodman on Analog Representation.” European Society for Philosophy and Psychology. University of London. August, 2012.

“Can Developmental Psychology Reveal that Arithmetic is Known A Priori?” Conference on Interdisciplinary Approaches to Philosophical Issues: At the Crossroads of Philosophy and Psychology. University of South Alabama. September, 2008.

“Analog and Digital Representation” (poster). Society for Philosophy and Psychology. University of Pennsylvania. June, 2008.

“Systematicity and Analog Representation.” Athens Institute for Education and Research. Athens, Greece. June, 2007.

“Understanding Infant Numerical Competence” (poster). Society for Philosophy and Psychology. Wake Forest University. June, 2005.

#### *Invited:*

“Writing and Reading Mental Magnitudes.” Conference on *The Number Concept: Axiomatization, Cognition, and Genesis*. Université Nancy 2, November, 2010.

“How to Use the Analog-Digital Distinction.” Département d’études cognitives. École Normale Supérieure. November, 2010.

“The Analog-Digital Distinction, and Its Use (and Misuse) in Cognitive Psychology and Philosophy of Mind.” Philosophy Department Colloquium. Central Michigan University. October, 2009.

“Mental Magnitudes and the Language of Thought Hypothesis.” Philosophy Department Colloquium. Oakland University. February, 2009.

“Numerical Competence and Mental Magnitudes.” Experimental Psychology Brownbag Series. Central Michigan University. November, 2008.

*Comments:*

Comments on Brian Porter’s “Proportional Causation and the Exclusion Problem.” Northwest Philosophy Conference. Pacific University. October, 2019.

Comments on Derek Andersen’s “Does Carey’s Bootstrapping Account Explain Concept Acquisition?” Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology. Charleston, SC. February, 2014.

Comments on Ron Mallon’s “Moral Rules and Two Kinds of Evolved Moral Minds”. A Symposium on Moral Philosophy and Psychology. Central Michigan University. March, 2013.

### Teaching Experience

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| • Philosophy of Science                       | • Introduction to Philosophy                               |
| • Advanced Symbolic Logic                     | • Moral Problems   |
| • Philosophy of Mind                          | • Business Ethics  |
| • Philosophy of Psychology                    | • Business Ethics (online course)                          |
| • 20 <sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy         | • Identity and the Self in Film (freshman writing seminar) |
| • Theory of Knowledge                         | • Conceptions of Mind (freshman writing seminar)           |
| • Decision Theory                             | • Ethics   |
| • Philosophy of Psychiatry (Directed Reading) | • Reasoning and Rational Decision Making (online course)   |
| • Introduction to Symbolic Logic              |  |
| • Introduction to Logic (online course)       |  |
| • Critical Reasoning in Everyday Life         |  |

### Honors, Awards, Grants

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Gold Excellence in Teaching Award, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, Central Michigan U. (2019).

Faculty Research and Creative Endeavors Grant, Central Michigan U. (2016).

Faculty Research and Creative Endeavors Grant, Central Michigan U. (2015).

Gold Excellence in Teaching Award, College of Humanities and Social and Behavioral Sciences, Central Michigan U. (2014).

Faculty Research and Creative Endeavors Grant, Central Michigan U. (2012).

Critical Writing Award for Distinguished Teaching, U. Penn (2008).

Critical Writing Fellowship, U. Penn (2006-2007).

School of Arts and Sciences Dissertation Fellowship, U. Penn (2005-2006).

School of Arts and Sciences Travel Grant, U. Penn (2005).

Graduate Student Advisory Council Travel Grant, U. Penn (2005).

William Penn Fellowship, U. Penn (2001-2006).

Geo L. Harrison Fellow, U. Penn (2001).

Philosophy Department Teaching Assistantship, U. Utah (1999-2001).

Presidential Scholarship, Fort Lewis College (1990).

**Service**

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Department:

Lecturer Review Committee (2017, 2015, 2013)

Philosophy Area Website Management (2015 – present)

Curriculum Development and Maintenance (I have either created, co-created, updated, or co-updated each of the following):

- PHL 105: Critical Reasoning in Everyday Life
- PHL 141QR: Introduction to Logical Problem Solving
- PHL 335: Philosophy of Psychology
- PHL 348: Decision Theory
- PHL 404WI: Twentieth Century Philosophy
- Undergraduate Certificate in Critical Reasoning

University:

Union of Teaching Faculty, Bargaining Committee, Co-Chair (2020)

Union of Teaching Faculty, Contract Enforcement Committee, Chairperson (2017- 2020)

Union of Teaching Faculty, Interim President (2019)

Union of Teaching Faculty, Contract Enforcement Committee, Member (2015-2017)

Union of Teaching Faculty, Bargaining Committee, Member (2015)

Profession:

Referee: Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology

*Theoria*

*Minds and Machines*

*Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism*

*Philosophical Psychology*

*Dialectica*

Society for Philosophy and Psychology