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EDUCATION:

University of Wisconsin - Madison, Ph.D. in Philosophy; May 1998.

Dissertation Title: *Plato v. Aristotle: Is the Form of the Good Relevant to Ethics?*

Thesis Advisor: Dr. Terrence M. I. Penner

University of Wisconsin - Madison, MA in Philosophy, Minor in Ancient Greek; May 1994.

University of Michigan - Ann Arbor, BA in Philosophy and Psychology; May 1986.

Graduated Magna Cum Laude.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Professor of Philosophy (Appointive Residential Faculty)

Mesa Community College – Mesa, AZ

Introduction to Philosophy (PHI101): Every semester (including summers) since Fall 2000.

Introduction to Ethical Theory (PHI 105): Fall 2000, Summer II of 2001, Fall 2001, Summer II of 2002, Summer I of 2003 and 2004, Spring 2006, Fall 2006, Spring 2007, Summer I of 2008, Fall 2008, Spring 2009, Spring 2010, Summer I of 2010, Summer I of 2011, and Spring 2012.

History of Ancient Philosophy (PHI 201): Spring 2009 and Spring 2011.

Contemporary Moral Issues (PHI 212): Spring 2003, Spring 2004, Spring 2005, Spring 2006, Fall 2006, Spring 2007, Fall 2008, Fall 2009, Spring 2010, Fall 2010, Spring 2011, Fall 2011, and Spring 2012.

Medical and Bio-Ethics (PHI 213): Spring 2001, Fall 2001, Spring 2002, Spring 2003, Fall 2003, Spring 2004, Spring 2009, Spring 2010, Spring 2011, and Spring 2012.

Business Ethics (PHI 214): Spring 2002 and Fall 2002.

Environmental Ethics (PHI 216): Fall 2003, Fall 2010, and Fall 2011.

Plato (PHI 234AA): Fall 2005, Fall 2009, and Fall 2011.

Adjunct Instructor

Kendall College of Art and Design – Grand Rapids, MI

Introduction to Philosophy; Spring 1998.

Lecturer

University of Wisconsin – Madison, WI

Contemporary Moral Issues; Fall 1995.

Teaching Assistant

University of Wisconsin – Madison, WI

Contemporary Moral Issues, Professor Lester Hunt; Spring 1995.

Introduction to Philosophy, Professor Steven Nadler; Fall 1992.

Ethics in Business, Professor Lester Hunt; Spring 1992

Contemporary Moral Issues, Professor Daniel Hausman; Fall 1991.

AREA OF SPECIALIZATION:

Ancient Philosophy (Metaphysics, Epistemology and Ethics)
Philosophies of Buddha, Plato, and Plotinus

AREA OF COMPETENCE:

Applied Ethics (Contemporary Moral Issues, Bio-Ethics, Business Ethics, and Environmental Ethics)
Ethical Theory
Buddhist Philosophy
Philosophy of Religion

PUBLICATIONS:

“Plotinus” (Chapter 48, a biographical entry), *Meet the Philosophers of Ancient Greece*. Burlington: Ashgate Publishing, 2005.

Submitted *What Would Plato Do?* manuscript to Prometheus Books; currently under review.

PRESENTATIONS AND ACTIVITIES:

Interviewed on The Romi Nelson Show, “Ingredients for Life #87,” by Cameron Bradford (guest host), about psychological motivation and philosophy of desire, January 19, 2012.

Presented a substantial portion of, “Heaven: A Philosophical Study” for the MCC Philosophy Club, at Mesa Community College, October 27, 2011.

Presented, “Mysticism in Plato and Plotinus” at the April 2011 Pacific *American Philosophical Association* Meeting, April 20, 2011.

Presented “Mysticism in Plato and Plotinus” for the MCC Philosophy Club, at Mesa Community College, September 30, 2010.

Presented, “Emanation (or Lack Thereof?) in Plato and Plotinus” at the March-April 2010 Pacific *American Philosophical Association* Meeting, March 31, 2010.

Presented “Emanation (or Lack Thereof) in Plato and Plotinus(?)” for the MCC Philosophy Club, at Mesa Community College, March 11, 2010.

Presented “Nibbāna, the Good, and the One: The Similarity Among Buddha, Plato, and Plotinus’ Ultimate Experience” for the MCC Philosophy Club, at Mesa Community College, October 8, 2009.

Panelist for comments following a Screening of “Bill Maher’s ‘Religulous,’” for the MCC Philosophy Club and CGTE: The Engagement Project, at Mesa Community College, March 19, 2009.

Invited to present, “Plato’s Forms v. Aristotle’s Universals” for the MCC Philosophy Club, at Mesa Community College, March 5, 2009.

Invited to present, “What is Ethics?” for the MCC Philosophy Club, at Mesa Community College, September 18, 2008.

Presented, “Is the One of Parmenides’ First Hypothesis Best Interpreted as The Form of the Good?” at the March 2008 Pacific *American Philosophical Association* Meeting, March 19, 2008.

Invited to present, “Is the One of Parmenides’ First Hypothesis Best Interpreted as The Form of the Good?” for the *Richard Wood Conference On Ancient Thought*, at Northern Arizona University, March 8, 2008.

Invited to present, “What is Aesthetics, and aesthetics in Plato and Aristotle” for the MCC Philosophy Club, at Mesa Community College, February 7, 2008.

Presented, “Adventures in Philosophical Research: One Geek’s Journey,” a session in which I explained my research for my *Plotinus: The Platonist* manuscript, at an MCC CTL Faculty Scholars Seminar, February 14, 2007.

Panel Member for “Rethinking the Humanities: Becoming Human in an Inhumane World,” MCC, September 28, 2006.

Invited to McClintock High School, and discussed Plato’s philosophy with Mr. Turturice’s World History Honor’s class, August 31, 2006.

Presented “A Fair and Balanced Argument in Favor of Gay Marriage: One Philosopher’s Perspective,” MCC, April 19, 2006.

Presented “Why the United States Should Remain in the United Nations,” Center for Global Tolerance & Engagement Panel Discussion, MCC, September 30, 2004.

Chaired Ellen Wagner’s “Compulsion in the *Republic* Again” Plato session at the *Pacific American Philosophical Association*, Pasadena, March 27, 2004.

Panel Member for a debate on cloning; presented “Arguments Against Reproductive Cloning and ‘Therapeutic’ Cloning.” Other panel members were Dr. Barry F. Vaughan of MCC and Mr. Thomas Kaenzig, Clonaid’s Vice President, February 25, 2004.

Chaired a session at the *Ninth Annual Arizona Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy*, University of Arizona, February 22, 2004.

Conducted a workshop entitled, “Thinking Critically about Critical Thinking,” for MCC Faculty and Staff, February 17, 2004.

Presenter, “An Innovative Approach to Student-Centered Learning in Humanities Courses,” *League for Innovation in the Community College*, March 2003.

Commented on Jyl Gentzler’s paper entitled, “Plato’s Form of the Good and the Defense of Justice in the Republic: A Sketch of a Defense,” *Pacific American Philosophical Association*, March 2003.

Panel Member for “Crisis in Iraq: Is War Inevitable?” Center for Global Tolerance & Engagement Panel Discussion, MCC, February 2003.

Presented, “The Ethics of Terrorism: One Philosopher’s Perspective,” Center for Global Tolerance & Engagement Talk, MCC, December 2002.

Presented, “Socrates and Plato on Desire for the Good,” MCC Colloquium, November 2001.

Invited to present, “Philosophy, Ethics, Stem Cell Research, and Cloning,” to the *New Frontiers of Learning in Retirement* organization, Mesa Community College, October 2001.

Presented “The Relation between Plato’s Good and the ‘Human Good’,” *Midwest Southern Philosophy Conference*, University of Memphis, February 1995.

ACADEMIC AWARDS AND HONORS:

Phi Theta Kappa Mentor Awards, October 27, 2011 and November 13, 2009.

Sabbatical awarded to research for and submit *Plotinus: The Platonist*; Fall 2007 – Spring 2008.

Academy for Leadership and Development Certificate; October 2005.

MCC Club Advisor of the Year; May 2003.

Arizona Community College Lifetime Teaching Certificate; July 2001.

Phi Beta Kappa, University of Michigan; inducted April 19, 1986.

Class Honors, University of Michigan; 1983-1986.

James B. Angell Scholar, University of Michigan; 1985.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

Consulting Professor, The Saylor Foundation, Spring 2012.
Applied Ethics Textbooks and Course Applications Consultant, Cengage Learning, Fall 2011 – Spring 2012.
MCC Success Coach (one-on-one student mentoring program), Fall 2011.
Participated in a tenure review for Dr. George Harvey of Indiana University Southeast as an outside expert, Fall 2010.
Acting Chair, Summer II of 2011, and Summer I & II of 2010.
MCCCD Philosophy Instructional Council Chair (maintaining academic standards and competencies), Fall 2008 – Present.
MCC Sustainability Committee (environmental committee), Fall 2008 – Present.
MCC Philosophy Club Advisor, March 2003 to May 2007; Fall 2008 – Present.
Admissions and Standards Committee (considered appeals for refunds), Fall 2002 – May 2007.
Chair of MCC Philosophy and Religious Studies, May 2004 – May 2007.
Curriculum Committee Alternate (for Communication and Humanities School; maintains academic standards, reviews/approves/disapproves proposals for new courses, certificates, or revisions thereof), Spring 2005 – May 2007.
Night Chair of MCC Philosophy and Religious Studies (scheduling and evaluations of adjunct instructors), Fall 2001 – May 2004.
Faculty Advocacy Committee on Technology, Fall 2001 – Spring 2002.
Student Outcomes Assessment Committee (evaluation of student achievement outcomes), Fall 2002.
University of Wisconsin-Madison Graduate Philosophy Club Co-President, Fall 1993 – Spring 1994.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

American Philosophical Association, Lifetime Member.
University of Michigan Alumni Association, Lifetime Member.
Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, Fall 1994 – Present.
International Society for Neoplatonic Studies, 1993 – Present.
MCCCD Faculty Association, Fall 2000 – Present.
American Philological Association, 2009.
MCC Department Chair Association, September 2004 – May 2007.