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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2003–2009 Department of Philosophy, University of Wyoming, Assistant Professor  
2009– Department of Philosophy, University of Wyoming, Associate Professor

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## EDUCATION

2003 Ph.D., University of Colorado, Ph.D. (Philosophy).  
Dissertation: *Communication, Meaning and the Attitudes: Toward a General Theory of Content*.  
Advisor: Bealer. Committee: Tooley, Oddie, Shields, Michaelis (linguistics).

2002 University of Colorado, M.A. (Philosophy).

1993 New Mexico State University, B.A. (Philosophy, Psychology; minor Mathematics).

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## CURRENT RESEARCH INTERESTS

Metaphysics of epistemology, the diachronic/modal dimensions of knowledge, knowledge-how, intuition, and the relationship between linguistic and philosophical analysis.

## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Epistemology, philosophy of language

## AREAS OF COMPETENCE

*Graduate*: Metaphysics, philosophical logic, philosophy of mind.

*Undergraduate*: Mathematical logic, 20<sup>th</sup> Century analytic, philosophy of science (esp. biology), applied ethics.

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## PUBLICATIONS

### Edited Volumes

1. *Know How: Essays on Knowledge, Mind and Action*. Co-edited with John Bengson. Under contract, Oxford University Press.
2. *Synthèse*, 176 (2010)—Selected papers from the 36<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the *Society for Exact Philosophy*. [On-going, annual commitment through 2013.]

### Articles

1. "Non-propositional intellectualism" (w/ John Bengson)  
In Moffett & Bengson (Eds.), *Know How: Essays on Knowledge Mind and Action*, Oxford, (forthcoming)
2. "Two conceptions of mind and action" (w/ John Bengson)  
In Moffett & Bengson (Eds.), *Know How: Essays on Knowledge Mind and Action*, Oxford, (forthcoming)
3. "Against a posteriori functionalism"  
*Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, **40** (2010): 83–106.
4. "The folk on knowing how" (w/ John Bengson & Jen Wright)  
*Philosophical Studies*, **142** (2009): 387–401.
5. "Reasonable disagreement and rational group inquiry"  
*Episteme: A Journal of Social Epistemology*, **4** (2007): 352–367.
6. "Know-how and concept possession" (w/ John Bengson)  
*Philosophical Studies*, **136** (2007): 31–57.
7. "Constructing attitudes"  
*Protosociology* (Compositionality, Concepts and Representations I: New Problems in Cognitive Science), **21** (2005): 105–128.
8. "Language, communication, and the paradox of analysis: Some philosophical remarks on Plato's *Cratylus*"  
*Logical Analysis and History of Philosophy: Epistemology*, **8** (2005): 58–67.
9. "Knowing facts and believing propositions: A solution to the Problem of Doxastic Shift"  
*Philosophical Studies*, **115** (2003): 81–97.
10. "A note on the relationship between Mates' Puzzle and Frege's Puzzle"  
*Journal of Semantics*, **19** (2002): 159–166.

### Encyclopedia Entries, Reviews, Abstracts & Miscellaneous

1. Review of Jeff King, *The Nature and Structure of Content* (Oxford)  
In the *Polish Journal of Philosophy*, commissioned.
  2. "Know how" (w/ John Bengson)  
In Feiser & Dowden (Eds.), *The Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, commissioned.
  3. "Introduction: Proceedings of the 36<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the *Society for Exact Philosophy*"  
*Synthese*, **176** (2010): 151–152.
  4. "Addendum to Synonymity"  
In D. Borchert (Ed.), *The Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (Supplement), 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. New York: Macmillan (2006).
  5. "Generalized quantifiers and NP conjunction in intensional algebraic logic (Abstract)"  
*Bulletin of Symbolic Logic*, **10** (2003).
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**WORKS-IN-PROGRESS****Articles**Completed/Under review

“Act-centered epistemic conservatism”  
Draft completed.

“Purposive knowledge”  
Draft completed.

In progress

“Objectual semantics for *wh*-attributions”

“Optimality-theoretic metasemantics”

“Conceivability, intuition, and the alethic gap”

**PAPERS PRESENTED** (excluding job talks)

- May 2011      TBA  
*Bled Conference on Epistemology*, Bled, Slovenia (Invited)
- July 2011      TBA  
*Arché: Know-how Workshop*, University of St. Andrews, UK (Invited).
- Feb. 2011      TBA  
University of Colorado, Boulder (Invited).
- Nov. 2010      TBA  
University of Manitoba, Canada (Invited).
- Aug 2008      Symposium on epistemic conservatism and metaepistemology  
*UT Austin Methodology Workshop*, University of Texas, Austin (Invited).
- Sept. 2007      “Valuing the wasteland”  
*Red Desert Symposium*, University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY (Invited).
- Sept. 2007      “Conservatism, stability, and the metaphysics of belief”  
Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, CO (Invited).
- July 2007      “Conservatism, stability, and self-trust”  
*Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference*, Western Washington University.
- June 2007      “A paradox of ideal rational inquiry”  
*Episteme Conference 2007: Testimony*, Rutgers University.
- May 2007      “Conservatism, stability, and self-trust”  
*Society for Exact Philosophy: Time, Logic and Exact Philosophy*, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC.
- May 2007      “Stability as an irreducible component of knowledge”  
*International Conference on Linguistics and Epistemology*, University of Aberdeen.

- Apr. 2007 "Know-how and concept possession" (with John Bengson)  
Symposium, *Pacific Division APA*, San Francisco, CA.
- Sept. 2006 "Domain-specific epistemic conservatism"  
*Rationality in Contemporary Epistemology*. Canadian Society for Epistemology, Université de Sherbrooke, Sherbrooke, QC.
- Sept. 2006 "Know-how and concept possession" (with John Bengson)  
*Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference*, Washburn University, Topeka, KS.
- Dec. 2003 "A semantic analysis of the Gettier Problem"  
Colloquium, *Eastern Division APA*, Washington, D.C.
- July 2003 "Outline of a nonDavidsonian semantics for events"  
*It's About Time: Theoretical and Experimental Perspectives on Tense, Aspect, Modality and Events*, Michigan State University.
- June 2003 "Knowledge attributions as generic sentences"  
*Third Barcelona Workshop on Issues in the Theory of Reference* (Topic: General Terms).
- Mar. 2003 "A solution to the problem of doxastic shift"  
Colloquium, *Pacific Division APA*, San Francisco, CA.
- Dec. 2002 "Are 'that'-clauses really singular terms?"  
Colloquium, *Eastern Division APA*, Philadelphia.
- Nov. 2002 "Knowing facts and believing propositions: A solution to the problem of doxastic shift"  
*Illinois Philosophical Association*, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville.
- Oct. 2002 "Knowing facts and believing propositions: A solution to the problem of doxastic shift"  
*The Creighton Club (New York Philosophical Association)*, Cornell University.
- Oct. 2001 "That-clauses, syntax and singular terms"  
*Northwest Conference on Philosophy*, Washington State University.

**PRESENTED COMMENTARIES**

- April 2009 Comments on Kevan Edwards, "Keeping Reference in Mind"  
Colloquium, *Pacific Division APA*, Vancouver, BC
- April 2008 Comments on Don Fallis, "What is Lying?"  
Colloquium, *Pacific Division APA*, Pasadena, CA
- May 2004 Comments on Richard Feldman, "Reasonable Disagreement"  
*Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference*, University of Idaho.
- Sept. 2003 Comments on Daniel Korman, "On the modal flexibility of causal laws"  
*Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference*, University of Wyoming.
- Oct. 2002 Comments on James Sage, "Two senses of 'reliability' in evolutionary epistemology"  
*Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference*, University of Nevada, Las Vegas.
- Oct. 2001 Comments on Franz-Peter Griesmaier, "On explaining phenomenal consciousness"  
*Northwest Conference on Philosophy*, Washington State University.

**GRANTS, AWARDS & HONORS**

- Extraordinary Merit in Research Award, College of Arts & Sciences, University of Wyoming, 2007
  - Nominated for an Extraordinary Merit in Teaching Award, University of Wyoming, 2007.
  - Basic Research Grant, University of Wyoming, College of Arts & Sciences, 2003.
  - Graduate Student Presentation Award, the Creighton Club, 2002.
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**COURSES TAUGHT****Graduate**

- Epistemology Seminar: Perception and Objectivity
- Epistemology Seminar: Modal Epistemology
- Epistemology Seminar: Contextualism
- Epistemology Seminar: Know-how
- Metaphysics Seminar: Time, Identity & Persistence
- Metaphysics Seminar: Philosophical Analysis
- Metaphysics Seminar: Metametaphysics
- Philosophy of Language Seminar: Formal Semantics for Natural Languages
- Philosophy of Language Seminar: Problems of Intensionality
- Introduction to Mathematical Logic
- Proseminar in Contemporary Analytic Metaphysics [6 weeks]

**Upper Division**

- Symbolic Logic
- Philosophy in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century: Foundations of Analytic Philosophy
- Philosophy of Mind
- Introduction to Epistemology
- Introduction to Metaphysics
- Introduction to Metaphysics & Epistemology.
- Philosophy of Hunting/Fishing [animal rights, environmental ethics/aesthetics as applied to topic]
- American Indian Philosophy
- Philosophy of Biology

**Lower Division**

- Introduction to Philosophy
  - Introductory Logic
  - Introduction to Ethics
  - Philosophy & Society [introduction to social and political thought]
  - Critical Thinking: Puzzles & Paradoxes
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**SERVICE TO PROFESSION**

Local Organizer & Program Chair, 36<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the *Society for Exact Philosophy*, Laramie, WY.

Refereeing: *Mind*, *Noûs*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Synthèse*, *Philosophical Papers*, *Dialogue*, *Journal of Philosophical Research*, *Philosophy Compass*, MIT Press, Oxford University Press.

Session Chair: *Pacific Division APA*, 2004; *Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference*, Western Washington University, August 2006.

Conference Refereeing: *Society for Exact Philosophy*; *Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference*; *Canadian Philosophical Association*.

#### DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2010– Department of Philosophy, Library Liaison  
 2003–2009 Philosophy Club Faculty Mentor, University of Wyoming.  
 2003– Director, Philosophy Colloquium Series  
 2003– Graduate Admissions Committee  
 2004– Graduate Assessment Committee  
 2005–2009 Undergraduate Advisor  
 2005, 2006 Ancient Philosophy Search Committee  
 2007– Junior Faculty Mentor

#### MASTER'S THESIS COMMITTEES

##### Chair

2010, Ian Harmon, *Specificity and Know-how Attribution*  
 2010, Andrew Seremitis, [TBD, *Extended Mind*]  
 2010, Wilson Schersten, [TBD].  
 2008, Erik Hoversten, *Disagreement in Context*.

##### Reader

2008, Thomas S. Dixon, *Problems for Presentism*.  
 2007, Robert Jason Williams, *Spinoza on the Relation between Substance and Attribute*.  
 2007, Adam Thompson, *Groundwork for a Concept-based Theory of Confirmation*.  
 2007, Michael Farnsworth, *Improving Improvability*.  
 2005, Chris Gaffney, *The Problem of Prior Probabilities in Bayesian Confirmation Theory*.  
 2004, John Bengson, *From Inner Perception to Direct Attention*.

#### REFERENCES

Available on request