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APPOINTMENTS: Lecturer, Georgia State University, 2004—current;
Affiliate Faculty Status, Women’s Studies Institute at GSU, 2005—current
Temporary Lecturer, GSU, 1993—1995; Visiting Instructor, 1999—2004
Visiting Assistant Professor, UALR, 1995—1998
Part-time Instructor, Georgia Perimeter College, 1998—1999;
GSU, 1989—1993; Agnes Scott College, Spring, 1989

EDUCATION: Emory University Ph.D., May, 1995; M.A., May, 1993 in Philosophy,
James Madison University B.A. with distinction, June, 1982

Dissertation: “Hannah Arendt’s Distinction Between the Social and the Political:
The Locus of Freedom” Director: Professor Thomas R. Flynn

RESEARCH AREAS

Of Specialization: Critical Thinking; Ethics; History of Western Philosophy;
Philosophy of Hannah Arendt
Of Competence: Applied Ethics; Twentieth Century Philosophy
Of Interest: Feminist Criticism; Pedagogy

SERVICE

2004—current Coordinator of Graduate Teaching
Department Library Liaison, MA thesis committee reader,
2006 Served on Phil dept Triennial Chair Review committee, VI Search committee,
Women’s Studies Institute Undergraduate Studies Committee
2005 Chair, Committee on Lecturer Policy, Women’s Studies Institute
Phil Dept Library Liaison;
2002-2003 Member, Department Critical Thinking Committee, GSU
1995—1998 Member, College Committee for Faculty Excellence Awards;
Advisor for Philosophy and Liberal Studies Majors;
Department Assessment Specialist; authored Philosophy Program Assessment
Plan;
Member, Core Curriculum Committee and Critical Thinking
Subcommittee; Member, Applied Ethics Committee;
Member, Philosophy Chair Search Committee, UALR

TEACHING

Courses Taught

(listed Alphabetically)

(* = Regularly Taught)

Independent Studies

(selected)

*Business Ethics (upper level)
Contemporary Analytic and Continental Philosophy (upper level)
Contemporary Social & Political (upper level)
*Critical Thinking; Deductive Logic; (lower level)
Ethics (lower and upper level); Great Questions (lower level)
*History of Western Philosophy: Modern; Ancient (upper level)
*Teaching Philosophy (pedagogy and practicum: graduate level)
Autonomy v. Authority (Nozick v. Wolff)
Phenomenology: Realism or Idealism?
Foucault and Healthcare
Descartes' *cogito*: argument or intuition?
Moral Realism
Aristotle & Sankara on Causality (resulted in Honors thesis)
The Concept of Race (Outlaw, Sartre, West, Zack)
"Intrinsic Good" in Selected Classics

WORKS IN PROGRESS

(1) *Critical Thinking in College* working title, co-author with George W. Rainbolt, under contract with Thomson/Wadsworth, custom edition to be published Fall 2007; national edition Fall 2009.

(2) *Business Ethics Today* working title, currently writing textbook under contract with *Humanities—Ebooks.co.uk*; Philosophy Insights Division, General Editor, Mark Addis, University Central England.

Publications, Conference Papers and Invited Talks

"Logic, Theory & Critical Thinking: Notes Toward Discussion on their Roles in Nursing Research," invited lecture to MSN candidates, GSU School of Nursing, January 17, 2006.

"Notes Toward Incorporating Critical Thinking into Physics Labs," invited talk to Physics department, GSU, September 7, 2004.

"Recycling: Waste or Production? New or Ancient Practice," *Co-Options* 9:10 (December 1998), 7. *Co-Options* is the monthly newsletter published by Sevananda Natural Foods Co-Operative in Atlanta, GA.

"World Farm Animals Day & Other Acts of Conscience," *Co-Options* 9:9 (October 1998), 4,7.

"Perceiving & Proposing: Fine-tuning the Difference/Equality Debate," co-authored with Suzanne Antley, J.D., Assistant Attorney General, State of Arkansas (now Texas), presented at the annual conference of the Arkansas Philosophy Association, Batesville, Arkansas, November 14—15, 1997.

"Teleological Ethics ≠ Consequentialism" presented at the annual conference of the Arkansas Philosophy Association, Fayetteville, Arkansas, November 22-23, 1996.

"Critical Thinking in Higher Education: A Few Preliminaries," invited lecture to the Graduate Department of Educational Leadership, UALR College of Education, November 21, 1996.

"Metapedagogy and the Mystique of the Egalitarian Classroom," co-authored with Zenia Chavez, Candidate at the Women's Studies Institute, GSU, a discussion/workshop presented at the 11th International

Conference of the American Association for Philosophy Teachers, Old Dominion University, July 31-August 4, 1996.

“Is Hannah Arendt an Elitist?” Mid-South Philosophy conference, University of Memphis, February 23-24, 1996; also commented on “Existentialist Virtue Ethics.”

“Does Political Freedom Entail the Existence of Poverty?” presented at the Arkansas Philosophy Association conference, University of Central Arkansas, October 17-18, 1995.

“The Impossibility of Social Freedom,” delivered at Philosophy Forum, a weekly presentation open to the University and the Public, sponsored by the Department of Philosophy and Religion, Georgia State University, Spring, 1994.

“Causes of Poverty: Distribution or Production?” invited lecture to graduate class in “Culture and Agriculture,” Morehouse College, Spring, 1990.

“Canadian Food Banking: Planning Its Own Demise?” *Seeds* 13 (May/June, 1990), 13-17. *Seeds* is a nonprofit quarterly magazine dedicated to issues of world food security.

“The New ‘Minimum Wage’ or Congress as the Wizard of Oz,” Editorial in *Seeds* 12 (Jan/Feb 1990), 3.

Review of *Bridging the Global Gap: a Handbook to Linking Citizens of the First and Third Worlds* by Medea Benjamin and Andrea Freedman (Cabin John, MD and Washington, DC: Seven Locks Press, 1989, 338pages). *Seeds* 12 (Jan/Feb 1990), 35.

“The Priority of Resemblance in Kant’s Notion of Apriority,” delivered to spring meeting of the Graduate Philosophy Club, Emory University, 1986.

Awards

UALR Philosophy Department Assessment Plan received highest score of the 108 programs
Recipient of Curriculum Reform Grant for workshop on Metapedagogy, UALR
Graduate Fellowship and Tuition Scholarship, Emory University

Affiliations

Member of American Philosophical Association
Member of American Association of Philosophy Teachers