

## RESUME

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### EDUCATION

Reed College	B.A.	1968
Yale University	M.Phil.	1972
Yale University	Ph.D.	1972

Dissertation: Knowledge and Freedom (1972)

### ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Bates College

Professor of Philosophy 1988-  
Associate Professor of Philosophy 1980-1988  
Assistant Professor of Philosophy 1972-1980

### Postdoctoral AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS (Selected)

Faculty Member, NEH Institute - Analytic and Continental Critiques of the Cartesian Tradition: Heidegger and Davidson - University of California, Santa Cruz, July-August 1990

NEH Summer Writing Fellowship, 1988

NEH Fellowship for College Teachers, 1984-85

### PUBLICATIONS

Books:

*Heidegger's Pragmatism: Understanding, Being, and the Critique of Metaphysics.* Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press, 1988.

*Rational Animals: The Teleological Roots of Intentionality.* Athens, Ohio: Ohio University Press, 2007.

*Nature and Normativity: Biology, Teleology, and Meaning.* New York: Routledge, 2017.

Articles and Book Chapters: Selected out of approximately 40-45

\*\*\*\*“On Being a Human Self” in *Normativity, Meaning, and The Promise of Phenomenology*, edited by Mathew Burch, Jack Marsh, and Irene McMullin. New York: Routledge, 2019, 157-173.

“Practices, *Technai*, and Two-Dimensional Norms” in *Questions of Practice in Philosophy and Social Theory*, edited by Anders Buch and Theodore Shatzki. New York: Routledge, 2019, 83-97.

“On Layer Cakes: Heidegger’s Normative Pragmatism Revisited” in *Pragmatic Perspectives on Phenomenology*, edited by Jakub Capek and Ondrej Svec. New York: Routledge, 2017, 24-45.

“On the Doctrine: ‘... all awareness even of particulars is a linguistic affair’. Sachs’ *Intentionality and The Myths of The Given*”, *International Journal of Philosophical Studies*, 24 (2016) 566-575.

“Responsiveness to Norms”. In *Normativity and Naturalism in The Social Sciences*, edited by Mark Risjord, 135-151. New York: Routledge, 2016.

“Heidegger’s Pragmatism Redux”. In *The Cambridge Companion to Pragmatism*, edited by Alan Malachowski, 228-285. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, October, 2013.

“Davidson, Heidegger, and Truth”. In *Dialogues with Davidson: Acting, Interpreting, Understanding*, edited by Jeff Malpas, 198-245. Cambridge: MIT Press, 2011.

“The Truth, The Whole Truth, and Nothing But the Truth.” In *Richard Rorty (Critical Assessments of Leading Philosophers, Volume 1)*, edited by James Tartaglia. London: Routledge, 2010. Reprint of “The Truth, The Whole Truth, and Nothing But the Truth”, *Inquiry*, 36, No. 4 (1993): 381-404.

“The Third Dogma of Rationalism”. In *Rethinking Kant: Volume I*, edited by P. Muchnik, 265-293. Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Press, 2008.

“The ‘I Think’ and the ‘For-the’Sake-of-Which’”. In *Transcendental Heidegger*, edited by S. Crowell and J. Malpas, 151-168. Palo Alto: Stanford University Press, 2007.

“Acquaintance and Cognition”. In *Aesthetics and Cognition in Kant’s Critical Philosophy*, edited by R. Kukla, 85-110. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006.

“How Transcendental Philosophy Becomes Pragmatic”. In *From Kant to Davidson: Philosophy and the Idea of the Transcendental*, edited by J. Malpas, 122-138. London: Routledge, 2003.

“Equipment, World, and Language” in *Inquiry*, 45, No 1, (2002), 195-204.

“Intentionality, Teleology, and Normativity”. In *Appropriating Heidegger*, edited by James Falcouner, 191-206. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2000).

“Heidegger and Korsgaard on Human Reflection”. *Philosophical Topics* 27, No. 2 (1999): 47-76. (Published March 2001).

“Intending the Intender: Or Why Heidegger Isn’t Davidson”. In *Heidegger, Authenticity, and Modernity: Papers Presented in Honor of Hubert Dreyfus*, edited by M. Wrathall and Jeff Malpas, 279-301. Cambridge, Mass: MIT Press, 2000.

“Verso una teoria pragmatica del contenuto” translation of “Towards a Pragmatic Theory of Content”. In *Il Neopragmatismo*, edited by G. Marchetti. Firenze: LaNuova Italia, 1999.

“Why the Mind Isn’t a Program (But Some Digital Computers Might Have a Mind)” *The Electronic Journal of Analytic Philosophy*, Issue 4, 1996.

“The Truth, The Whole Truth, and Nothing But the Truth.” *Inquiry* 36, no. 4 (1993): 381-404. Reprinted in: *Richard Rorty (Critical Assessments of Leading Philosophers)*, edited by James Tartaglia. London: Routledge, 2010.

“Teleological Underdetermination.” *American Philosophical Quarterly*, 28, no. 2 (1991): 147-155.

“Individuation and Intentional Ascriptions.” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 50, no. 3 (1990): 461-480.

“Heidegger and Davidson (and Haugeland).” *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, XXVIII, Supplement, 1990: 75-82.

“The Metaphilosophical Consequences of Pragmatism.” In *The Institution of Philosophy*, edited by A. Cohen and M. Dascal, 177-198. La Salle, Illinois: Open Court, 1989).

“Relativism, Context, and Truth,” *The Monist*, Volume 67, Number 3 (July, 1984), pp. 341-358.

“Hermeneutics, Transcendental Philosophy, and Social Science,” *Inquiry*, Volume 27, Number 1 (March, 1984), pp.23-49.

“The Truth of Being and the History of Philosophy.” *The Monist* 64, no. 4, (1981), 500-516. Reprinted in: *Heidegger: A Critical Reader*, edited by H. Dreyfus and H. Hall, 143-158. Oxford: Basil Blackwell, 1992.

“Consciousness and Objective Spirit in Hegel's *Phenomenology*. ” *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 18, no. 1 (1980): 39-55.

“Work, Play, and Technology.” *The Philosophical Forum* 10, no. 2-4 (1979): 321-340.

“The Becoming of Being.” *Man and World* 2, no. 3-4 (1978): 281-298.

## Reference Articles

"Being." In the *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy*. London: Routledge, 1998.

“The In Itself/For Itself Distinction.” In *A Companion to Epistemology*, 194-195. Oxford: Basil Blackwell, 1992.

## PRESENTATIONS, PAPERS, COMMENTARIES, AND REVIEWS (Selected)

\*\*\*\*“On Being a Human Self” at conference of the International Society for Phenomenological Studies at Kennebunkport Maine, July 2018.

”Practices, *Technai*, and Two-Dimensional Norms” at Connecticut College colloquium, New London, Connecticut, March 2018.

”Practices, *Technai*, and Two-Dimensional Norms” at Interdisciplinary Symposium on Practices at Aalborg University, Copenhagen, September 2017.

“*Technai* and Two-Dimensional Norms” at Rice University colloquium, Houston, Texas, March, 2017.

“*Technai* and Two-Dimensional Norms” at conference of the International Society for Phenomenological Studies at Kennebunkport Maine, July 2016.

“Rouse in Context”, Invited Keynote Address at International Workshop on Articulating the World: Intentionality – Language – Nature, organized by Department of Philosophy, Free University, Berlin, Germany, March, 2016.

“Carl Sachs’ *Intentionality and The Myths of The Given*” in *International Journal of Philosophical Studies*, Eastern Division Meetings American Philosophical Association, Washington, D.C., January 2016.

Review of Robert Brandom’s *From Empiricism To Expressivism: Brandom Reads Sellars*, in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, June 2015.

”The Biological Roots of Normativity”, Invited Keynote Address at International Colloquium on The Nature of Rules and Normativity, organized by The Department of Logic, Institute of Philosophy, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, Prague, September 2014.

"The Biological Roots of Normativity" at conference of the International Society for Phenomenological Studies at Kennebunkport, Maine, August 2014.

"Judging and Doing" at Free University of Berlin, June 2014.

"The Biological Roots of Normativity" at Phillips University Marburg Germany, June 2014.

Commentary on R. Harrison, "The Problem of Perception and Everyday Illusion in Merleau-Ponty's *Phenomenology of Perception*", Pacific Division Meetings American Philosophical Association, Vancouver, B.C., April, 2015.

"Some Remarks on the Concept "Non-Conceptual Content" at conference of the International Society for Phenomenological Studies at Kennebunkport, Maine, August 2013.

"Talk About Being" at American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Annual Meetings, Atlanta, December 2012, invited paper for session on Heidegger and Analytic Philosophy.

"Normative Responsiveness" at conference of the International Society for Phenomenological Studies at Kennebunkport, Maine, August 2012.

"Teleology, Naturalism, and the Explanation of Rational Action" at conference on Naturalism and Normativity in the Social Sciences at Hradec Kralove, Czech Republic, May 2012.

Review of Walter Hopp's *Perception and Knowledge A Phenomenological Account*, in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, January 2012.

"Instrumental Norms and The Institution of Semantic Meaning" at conference on The Normativity of Meaning at Prague, Czech Republic, May 2011.

"Judging and Doing" at conference of the International Society for Phenomenological Studies at Kennebunkport, Maine, July, 2011.

"On Allergic Reactions" at conference of the International Society for Phenomenological Studies at Asilomar, California, July, 2010.

Review of Robert Brandom's *Reason in Philosophy*, in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, January, 2010.

"Intentionality, Teleology, and Acting for Reasons" at University of New Hampshire, November, 2009.

“Heidegger’s Pragmatism Redux” at conference of the International Society for Phenomenological Studies at Asilomar, California, July 2009.

Review of S. Gallagher, *Brainstorming: Views and Interviews on the Mind*, in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, March, 2009.

“Intentionality, Teleology, and Acting for Reasons” at American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Annual Meetings, Philadelphia, December 2008, invited paper for an author meets critics session on Mark Okrent’s *Rational Animals*.

“Intentionality, Teleology, and Acting for Reasons” at Annual Conference of Northern New England Philosophical Association, Colby College, October 2008.

“Heidegger, Davidson, and Truth” at conference of the International Society for Phenomenological Studies at Asilomar, California, July 2007.

“On Layer Cakes” at conference of the International Society for Phenomenological Studies at Asilomar, California, July 2006.

“On Layer Cakes” at Annual Conference of Northern New England Philosophical Association, October 2006.

“Games and Workshops” at Charlton University, Ottawa, Canada, November 2006.

“The Third Dogma of Rationalism” at conference of the International Society for Phenomenological Studies at Asilomar, California, July, 2005.

“Rational Action and Second Order Intentions” at Colby College, February, 2005.

“Games and Workshops” at conference of the International Society for Phenomenological Studies at Asilomar, California, July, 2004.

“Acquaintance and Cognition” at Sheffield University, Sheffield, England, December 2003.

“The ‘I Think’ and the ‘For-the-Sake-of-Which’” at Conference on Heidegger and Transcendental Philosophy at Rice University, April, 2003.

“What is the ‘I Think’ Necessary For?” conference of the International Society for Phenomenological Studies at Asilomar, California, July, 2002.

”Goal-Directedness and Evolutionary Explanations” at Rice University, April, 2001.

“Acting for Goals and Evolutionary Explanations,” conference of the International Society for Phenomenological Studies at Asilomar, California, June, 2001.

“Heidegger in America, or, How Transcendental Philosophy Becomes Pragmatic,” invited paper at Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Pennsylvania State University, October 2000. The paper was not delivered because my flight was canceled.

“Heidegger and Korsgaard on Human Reflection,” conference of the Northern New England Philosophical Association at University of New Hampshire, October, 2000.

”Heidegger in America, or, How Transcendental Philosophy Becomes Pragmatic”, conference of the International Society for Phenomenological Studies at Asilomar, California, July 2000.

“Heidegger and Korsgaard on Human Reflection,” conference of the International Society for Phenomenological Studies at Asilomar, California, July 1999. Also given at the University of Essex, England, 1999 and Warwick University, England, 1999.

“Intentionality, Teleology and Normativity,” given at the “Appropriating Heidegger” conference, Park City, Utah, May, 1999.

Commentary on M. Lucht, “Later Heidegger and Phenomenology,” Pacific Division Meetings of the American Philosophical Association, Berkeley, April, 1997.

Commentary on A.Hance, “Dasein’s Animality,” Pacific Division Meetings of the American Philosophical Association, Seattle, April, 1996.

“The Action Oriented Account of Intentionality” at University of New Hampshire, April, 1996.

“Intentionality, Consciousness and Meaning: Or Why Heidegger Isn’t Davidson,” delivered at a conference on Crossing the Divide: New Perspectives on Continental and Analytic Philosophy, Cambridge University, Cambridge, England, July 1995; Also delivered at the conference of the Heidegger Circle, University of New Hampshire, May, 1996.

“Intentional Content and Purposive Action,” in an author meets critics session on Hubert Dreyfus’ Being-in-the World, Pacific Meetings, American Philosophical Association, San Francisco, Mar. 1993.

Review of H. Dreyfus, Being-in-the-World, The Philosophical Review, 1992.

“Heidegger's Externalism,” “Davidson's Externalism,” and “Teleology and Intentionality,” all presented at the NEH Institute on Heidegger and Davidson, University of California, Santa Cruz, July-August, 1990.

“Heidegger and Davidson (and Haugeland),” comments on J. Haugeland, “Dasein's Disclosedness” at The Spindel Conference for 1989 at Memphis State University, October, 1989.

“Teleology and the Concept of an Agent,” Vassar College, September, 1989.

“Heidegger and Aristotle on Individuals,” The Heidegger Conference, Notre Dame University, May, 1989.

Commentary on J. Jalbert, “Motivation: A Point of Conversion in Husserl and Dilthey,” Western Division Meetings, American Philosophical Association, Cincinnati, April, 1984.

Commentary on H. Longino, “On the Notion of Value Free Science,” Pacific Division Meetings, American Philosophical Association, Oakland, March 1983.

Review of J. Loscerbo, Being and Technology, Review of Metaphysics, December, 1983.

Commentary on H. Dreyfus, “Why a Science of Human Behavior is Impossible,” Boston Colloquium for the Philosophy, October, 1982.

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

Several articles in various stages of completion. Versions of all have been presented at conferences:

“Judging and Doing”

“The Biological Roots of Normativity”

“Instrumental Norms and the Institution of Semantic Meaning”

“Games and Workshops”

## SELECTED OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

External reviewer, Philosophy Department Review, Swarthmore College, April 2018.

Referee for philosophical journals, including, among others, Nous, Inquiry, European Journal of Philosophy, Mind and Language, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, and Archiv fur Geschichte der Philosophie.

Referee of book manuscripts for several Presses, including, among others, Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, Harvard University Press, MIT Press, Routledge, and University of Chicago Press.

Referee of grant proposals for the National Humanities Center.



Research Associate, Philosophy Department, University of California, Berkeley, 1984-85.

Referee for Tenure and Promotion reviews at a variety of schools, including, among others, Middlebury College, Columbia University, Barnard College, Georgetown University, Bowdoin College, University of California Riverside, Franklin and Marshall College, Northwestern University, and the University of Kentucky.