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Education:

Ph.D. (Philosophy), University of Michigan (1980)  
M. A. (Philosophy), University of Michigan (1976)  
B. S. (Mathematics and Philosophy), Syracuse University (1973)

Teaching Positions:

Indiana University, Professor (2001-)  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Professor (1992-2001)  
    Associate Professor (1986-92)  
    Assistant Professor (1980-86)  
University of Michigan, Visiting Associate Professor (Winter 1987)  
    Visiting Assistant Professor (Spring 1981)  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Visiting Lecturer (1978-80)  
University of Southern California, Visiting Instructor (1977-78)  
University of Michigan, Instructor (Summer 1977)

Research Positions:

Department of Philosophy, Fellow, University of Melbourne (1995)  
Center for Cultural Values and Ethics, Fellow, University of Illinois (1993)  
Center for Advanced Study, Fellow, University of Illinois (1984)  
Ohio State University, University Postdoctoral Fellow (1982)

Institute:

NEH Institute on Hume and the Enlightenment, Hanover, New Hampshire (1990)

Editorial Positions:

Editorial Board, *Social Epistemology* (1987-1994)  
Consulting Editor, *Episteme* (2003-5)  
Associate Editor, *Episteme: A Journal of Social Epistemology*, (2005-)

Publications:

Books:

Authored:

*Knowledge and Belief*, Series: The Problems of Philosophy, ed. Ted Honderich, London: Routledge, 1992, pp. xii + 278.

*Truth: A Primer*, Series: Focus, ed. Keith Lehrer and Norman Daniels, Boulder, Colorado: Westview Press, 1995, pp. xi + 251.

Edited:

*Socializing Epistemology: The Social Dimensions of Knowledge* edited, Series: Epistemology and Cognitive Theory, ed. Paul Moser, Lanham, Maryland: Rowman and Littlefield, 1994: pp. 315.

*Socializing Metaphysics: The Nature of Social Reality* edited, Lanham, Maryland: Rowman and Littlefield, 2003: pp. viii + 389.

*Theories of Truth* edited, Series: Blackwell Readings in Philosophy, ed. Steven Cahn, Oxford: Basil Blackwell, 2004, ix + 319.

Journal Issue Edited:

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Articles:

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"Justification as Reliable Indication or Reliable Process?" *Philosophical Studies* Special Issue: Current Issues in Epistemology 40, 3 (November 1981): 409-417.

"Against Epistemic Indolence," *Mind* 92, 367 (June 1983): 424-429.

"Knowledge, Justification, and Reliability," *Synthese* Special Issue: Justification and Empirical Knowledge, ed. Robert Audi, 55, 2 (May 1983): 209-229.

"Events," *Erkenntnis* 20 (November 1983): 281-293.

"Reliability, Objectivity and the Background of Justification," *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*

62, 1 (March 1984): 1-15.

"Consensus, Respect, and Weighted Averaging," *Synthese* Special Issue: Rational Consensus, ed. Barry Loewer, 62, 1 (January 1985): 25-46.

"Knowledge as Tracking?" *Topoi* 4, 1 (March, 1985): 73-80.

"Why Was Descartes a Foundationalist?" *Essays on Descartes's Meditations*, ed. Amelie Rorty (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1986), 491-512.

"Justification, Sociality, and Autonomy," *Synthese* Special Issue: Social Epistemology, 73, 1 (November, 1987): 43-85. Reprinted in *Knowledge and Justification*, ed. Ernest Sosa, vol. 1 of The International Library of Philosophy (Aldershot, England: Dartmouth Publishing Co, 1995).

"Epistemic Dimensions of Self-Deception," *Perspectives on Self-Deception*, ed. Brian McLaughlin and Amélie Rorty (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1988), 183-204.

"Back to Relativism?" *Social Epistemology* 2, 3 (September, 1988): 252-255.

"On the Road to Social Epistemic Interdependence," *Social Epistemology* 2, 4 (March, 1989): 297-307.

"Testimony and Evidence," *Social Epistemology* 2, 4 (March, 1989): 323-326.

"How Psychology is Relevant to Epistemology," *New Ideas in Psychology* 9, 3 (1991): 315-320.

"Social Cognitive Psychology and Social Epistemology," *Social Epistemology* 5, 2 (April-June 1991): 111-120.

"Epistemic Perspectivism," *Rationality, Morality, and Self-Interest: Essays Honoring Mark Carl Overvold*, ed. John Heil (Savage, Maryland: Rowman and Littlefield, 1993), pp 3-27. Reprinted in *Epistemology: Internalism and Externalism*, ed. Hilary Kornblith (Oxford: Basil Blackwell, 2001), pp. 180-206.

"The Justification of Group Beliefs," *Socializing Epistemology*, ed. F. Schmitt (Savage, Maryland: Rowman and Littlefield, 1995), pp. 257-287.

"Socializing Epistemology: An Introduction Through Two Sample Issues," *Socializing Epistemology*, ed. F. Schmitt (Savage, Maryland: Rowman and Littlefield, 1995), pp. 1-27.

"Consensus Theories of Justification: The Publicity Argument," *Esperienza e conoscenza: Introduzione all'epistemologia sociale*, ed. and trans. Guido Piazza (Milan: LCS, 1995), pp 147-172.

"Rational Persuasion and Group Belief," *Fenomenologia e societa* 20, 3 (1997): 66-93.

“Realism, Antirealism, and Epistemic Truth,” *Social Epistemology* Special Issue on Linda Alcoff’s *Real Knowing: New Versions of the Coherence Theory*, ed. Michael Lynch 12, 3 (1998): pp. 267-287.

"Social Epistemology," *Blackwell Guide to Epistemology* (in Blackwell Guides to Philosophy), ed. John Greco and Ernest Sosa (Oxford: Basil Blackwell, 1999), pp. 354-382.

“Truth,” *Metaphysics: Contemporary Readings*, ed. Steven Hales (New York: Wadsworth, 2000).

“Veritistic Value,” *Social Epistemology* Special Issue on Alvin Goldman’s *Knowledge in a Social World*, ed. Francis Remedios 14, 4 (2000): pp. 259-280.

“Intelligence,” *Philosophical Topics* The Philosophy of Alvin Goldman, ed. Christopher Hill, Hilary Kornblith and Tom Senor, 29, 1 & 2 (2001): 345-382.

“Testimonial Justification: The Parity Argument,” *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science* Special Issue on Testimony in the Natural Sciences, ed. Martin Kusch and Peter Lipton 33 (2002): 385-406.

“Justification and Consensus: The Peircean Approach,” *Protosociology: An International Journal of Interdisciplinary Research* Special Issue on Understanding the Social, ed. Philip Pettit and Gerhardt Preyer 16 (2002): pp. 241-286.

(with Reza Lahroodi) “Comment on John Greco’s *Putting Skeptics in Their Place*,” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 66, 2 (March 2003): 458-466.

“Socializing Metaphysics: An Introduction,” *Socializing Metaphysics: The Nature of Social Reality*, ed. F. Schmitt (Lanham, Maryland: Rowman and Littlefield, 2003): pp. 1-37.

“Joint Action: From Individualism to Supraindividualism,” *Socializing Metaphysics: The Nature of Social Reality*, ed. F. Schmitt (Lanham, Maryland: Rowman and Littlefield, 2003): pp. 129-165.

"Epistemology and Cognitive Science," *Handbook of Epistemology*, ed. Ilkka Niiniluoto, Matti Sintonen, and Jan Woleński (Dordrecht: Kluwer, 2004): pp. 841-918.

“Truth: An Introduction,” *Theories of Truth*, ed. F. Schmitt (Oxford: Blackwell, 2004): pp. 1-38.

“What Is Wrong with Epistemic Circularity?” *Philosophical Issues*, ed. Ernest Sosa and Enrique Villanueva, Supplement to *Nous* Epistemology (Oxford: Blackwell, 2004): pp. 379-402.

"Introduction to Issue 1, 2," *Episteme: A Journal of Social Epistemology* 1, 2 (October, 2004): 91-94.

"Loeb on Stability and Justification in Hume's *Treatise*," *Hume Studies*, Symposium on Louis Loeb’s *Stability and Justification in Hume’s Treatise* 30, 2 (November, 2004): 297-327.

"What Are the Aims of Education?" *Episteme: A Journal of Social Epistemology* 1, 3 (February 2005): 223-233.

"Testimonial Justification and Transindividual Reasons," *Testimony*, ed. Jennifer Lackey and Ernest Sosa, Oxford: Oxford University Press (forthcoming).

#### Encyclopedia Articles:

"Naturalism," *Companion to Metaphysics*, ed. Jaegwon Kim and Ernest Sosa (Oxford: Basil Blackwell, 1995) pp. 343-345.

"Social Epistemology," *The Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, ed. Edward Craig (London: Routledge, 1998).

"Memory," *Macmillan Supplement to The Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, ed. Ernest Sosa (New York: Macmillan, 1998).

"Goldman," *Cambridge Dictionary of Philosophy*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edn, ed. Robert Audi (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1999): p. 350.

"Truth," *New Dictionary of the History of Ideas*, ed. Maryanne Cline Horowitz (New York: Scribner & Sons, 2005).

"Naturalized Epistemology," *Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edn, ed. Donald Borchert (New York: Macmillan, 2005).

#### Bibliographies:

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(with James Spellman) "Naturalizing Epistemology: A Bibliography" (by topic), *Naturalizing Epistemology*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edn, ed. Hilary Kornblith, (Boston: Bradford Books/MIT Press, 1994): pp. 427-473.

(with James Spellman) "Socializing Epistemology: A Bibliography", *Socializing Epistemology: The Social Dimensions of Knowledge*, ed. F. Schmitt (Savage, Maryland: Rowman and Littlefield, 1994): pp. 289-310.

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#### Book Reviews:

Benson Mates, *Skeptical Essays* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1981). *Philosophical Review* 92, 3 (July 1983): 466-468.

Marshall Swain, *Reasons and Knowledge* (Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press, 1981). *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 64, 1 (September 1983): 139-142.

Robert Shope, *The Analysis of Knowing: A Decade of Research* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1983). *Ethics* 94, 4 (July 1984): 729-730.

Roger Gibson, *The Philosophy of W. V. Quine* (Tampa: University of South Florida Press, 1982). *Ethics* 94, 4 (July 1984): 730.

Jonathan St. B. T. Evans, ed. *Thinking and Reasoning: Psychological Approaches* (London: Routledge and Kegan Paul, 1983). *Ethics* 95, 1 (October 1984): 184.

M. Jaime Ferreira, *Skepticism and Reasonable Doubt* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1987). *Philosophical Review* .

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Ernest Sosa, *Knowledge in Perspective: Essays on Epistemology* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1991). *Philosophical Review* .

William Alston, *A Realist Conception of Truth* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1995). *Philosophical Review* 106, 4 (October 1997): 617-619.

Mirian Solomon, *Social Empiricism* (Cambridge, Mass.: MIT Press, 2002). *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 70, 2 (March 2005): 495-498.

#### Work in Progress:

*True to the End: Hume's Veritistic Epistemology in the Treatise*

#### Courses Taught:

Introductory Philosophy (large and small lectures)

Logic and Reasoning (large and small lectures)

Introductory Symbolic Logic (large and small lectures)

Introductory Ethics  
Thought and Emotion  
Philosophical Conceptions of Human Nature  
17th and 18th Century Philosophy  
Metaphysics and Epistemology  
Introduction to Philosophy of Mind  
Theory of Knowledge  
Philosophy of Psychology  
Continental Rationalism  
Descartes and Spinoza  
Hume  
Social Metaphysics

Current Research Interests:  
Social Epistemology, Social Metaphysics, Hume's Epistemology