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Curriculum Vitae

ROBERT BASIL TALISSE

Vanderbilt University
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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2010- Professor of Philosophy, Vanderbilt University
2006-09 Associate Professor of Philosophy, Vanderbilt University
2001-05 Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Vanderbilt University

EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

PhD Philosophy, City University of New York, 2001
MA Philosophy, New York University, 1995
BA Philosophy, William Paterson University, 1993

Area of Specialization: Contemporary Political Philosophy
Areas of Competence: Pragmatism; Ethics; Ancient Philosophy

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

Summer Stipend (2011), Vanderbilt, for research on “The Epistemology of Extremism”
Research Scholar Fellowship (2009-10), Vanderbilt, for sabbatical leave
Visiting Scholar, PhD Program in Philosophy, CUNY Graduate School (2009-2010)
VIO Grant (2009), Vanderbilt, for “New Directions in Freedom” lecture and workshop
Ethics Center Grant (2008), Vanderbilt, for “Global Justice” lecture series
Ethics Center Summer Stipend (2007), Vanderbilt, for summer research
Ethics Center Grant (2007), Vanderbilt, for “Democracy and Religion” lecture series
Research Fellow (2004-05), Murphy Institute of Political Economy, Tulane University
University Grant (2004), Vanderbilt, for “The Legacy of John Rawls” lecture series
Matchette Grant (2003), for “Varieties of Pluralism” conference
Research Scholar Grant (2003), Vanderbilt, for “Varieties of Pluralism” conference

PUBLICATIONS

a. Authored Books

Pluralism and Liberal Politics. 179pp. Routledge, 2012

Reasonable Atheism. Authored with Scott Aikin, 219pp. Prometheus Books, 2011

Reviews: *Kirkus Reviews* (April 1, 2011)

Democracy and Moral Conflict. 216pp. Cambridge University Press, 2009 (softcover 2010)

Nominated for the 2011 APA Book Prize

Reviews: *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* 10.07 (2010) (T. Ball)

Philosophy in Review 30.6(2010): 445-448 (R. Sirvent)

Perspectives on Politics 19.1(2011): 176-177 (M. Morrell)

Ethics 121.3 (2011): 685-690 (S. Cabulea May)

Social Theory and Practice 37.2(2011): 363-370 (A. Lister)

The Philosophical Quarterly 61(2011): 666-668 (K. Ahlstrom)

Logos & Episteme 2.2(2011): 313-318 (V. Tutui)

Res Publica 17(2011):297-302 (A. Smith)

Metaphilosophy, forthcoming (H. Rydenfelt)

Pragmatism: A Guide for the Perplexed. Authored with Scott Aikin, 192pp. Continuum, 2008

Reviews: *Human Affairs* 19 (2009):105-110 (S. Pilhstrom)

Metapsychology Reviews Online 13.9(2009) (B. Lane)

A Pragmatist Philosophy of Democracy. 174pp., Routledge, 2007 (softcover 2008)

Reviews: *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* 08.19 (2008) (D. Hildebrand)

Social Theory and Practice 35.1 (2009): 133-140 (R. Mayorga)

Political Theory 37.3 (2009): 423-431 (M. J. Moore)

Journal of the History of Philosophy 47.4 (2009): 631-633 (P. Olson)

Journal of Moral Philosophy 8.1(2011): 161-164 (J. Forstenzer)

Philosophy and Phenomenological Research (2011) (R. Gale)

Democracy After Liberalism. 180pp. Routledge, 2005

Reviews: *New Political Science* 27.4(2005): 543-45 (D. Beggs)

Journal of Speculative Philosophy 19.4 (2005): 266-27 (M. McGandy)

Contemporary Pragmatism 3.1 (2006): 180-82 (C. Koopman)

Journal of Moral Philosophy 41.1 (2007): 105-07 (M. Festenstein)

Metaphilosophy 38.5 (2007):714-18 (E. MacGilvray)

b. Edited Books

Political Philosophy in the 21st Century. Edited with Steve Cahn. Westview, 2012

The Pragmatism Reader. Edited with Scott Aikin. Princeton University Press, 2011

Thinking About Logic. Edited with Steve Cahn and Scott Aikin. Westview, 2011

Political Problems. Edited with Steve Cahn. Prentice Hall, 2010

A Teacher's Life: Essays for Steve Cahn. Edited with M. Eckert, co-authored introduction and chapter ("Mentoring"), Lexington Books, 2009

American Philosophy: An Encyclopedia. Edited with John Lachs. Routledge, 2008

John Dewey's Essays in Experimental Logic. Edited with Micah Hester, co-authored introduction. Southern Illinois University Press, 2007

Aristotle's Politics Today. Edited with Lenn Goodman, co-authored introduction, contributed chapter ("Why Democrats Need the Virtues"), SUNY Press, 2007 (softcover 2008)
Review: *Journal of Value Inquiry* 44, 2010 (Carrie Ann Biondi)

Sidney Hook on Pragmatism, Democracy, and Freedom. Edited with Robert Tempio, co-authored introduction. Prometheus Books, 2002.
Reviews: *Policy Review* 120, 2003 (T. Main)
Transactions of the C. S. Peirce Society XL.2, Spring 2004 (J. Capps)

Dewey's Logical Theory. Edited with Tom Burke and Micah Hester, co-authored introduction. Vanderbilt University Press, 2002.
Reviews: *Choice* November 2002 (R. Ward)
Metaphilosophy 37.1, January 2006 (D. Hildebrand)

c. Monographs for Students

On James. Authored with Micah Hester. Wadsworth, 2004.

On Rawls. Wadsworth, 2001

On Dewey. Wadsworth, 2000. Japanese translation, Zhong Hua (2002)

d. Articles

- “Religion, Respect, and Eberle’s Agapic Pacifist,” *Philosophy & Social Criticism* (in press)
- “Towards a New Pragmatist Politics,” *Metaphilosophy* (in press)
- “On Epistemic Abstemiousness,” with Scott Aikin, Michael Harbour, and Jonathan Neufeld, *Logos & Episteme* (in press)
- “Comment on Clanton and Forcehimes,” *Southwest Philosophical Review* (in press)
- “Democratization and Just Cause,” in *Morality, Jus Post Bellum, and International Law*, Larry May, ed. Cambridge University Press (in press)
- “5 Answers,” in *Pragmatism: 5 Questions*, Jim Johnson, ed. Automatic Press (in press)
- “Peirce and Democratic Theory,” *Applying Peirce*, Henrik Rydenfelt, ed. (in press)
- “Pragmatism and Political Theory,” *A Handbook of Social and Political Theory*, Stephen Turner, ed. Routledge (in press)
- “Deliberation,” *Oxford Handbook of Political Philosophy*, David Estlund, ed., Oxford University Press (in press)
- “Democracy,” *Routledge Handbook of Political Theory*, Gerald Gaus and Fred D’Agostino, eds, Routledge (in press)
- “A Farewell to Deweyan Democracy,” *Political Studies* 59.3 (2011): 509-526
- “Self-Reflexive Epistemic Norms,” *Twin Cities Review of Political Philosophy* 1.1(2011): 1-9
- “Value Pluralism and Liberal Politics,” *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 14.1(2011): 87-100
- “Argument in Mixed Company,” with Scott Aikin, *Think* 27(2011): 31-43
- “Three Challenges to James’s Ethics,” with Scott Aikin, *William James Studies* 6 (2011)
- “Epistemic Abstainers, Epistemic Martyrs, and Epistemic Converts,” with Scott Aikin, Michael Harbour, and Jonathan Neufeld, *Logos and Episteme* 1.2 (2010): 211-219
Response by Alex Bundy, “In Defense of Epistemic Abstemiousness,” *Logos and Episteme*, II.2 (2011): 277-292
- “Does Value Pluralism Entail Liberalism?,” *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 7.3 (2010): 303-320
- “Why I am Not a Pluralist,” *Southwest Philosophical Review* 26.1(2010): 5-15

- “An Epistemological Defense of Democracy,” *Critical Review* 22.2-3 (2010): 279-289
- “Reply to Festenstein,” *Contemporary Political Theory* 9.1 (2010): 45–49
- “Nagel on Public Education and Intelligent Design,” with Scott Aikin and Michael Harbour, *Journal of Philosophical Research* 35 (2010): 209-219
- “Can Liberals Take Their Own Side in an Argument?,” in *Philosophy of Education in the Era of Globalization*, Yvonne Raley, ed. Routledge, 2010
- “Saving Pragmatist Democratic Theory (From Itself),” *Etica & Politica* (Italy), special issue on Pragmatism and Democracy, guest-edited by Roberto Frega and Fabrizio Trifirò, XII. 1 (2010): 12-27
- “Reply to Clanton and Forcehimes,” *Contemporary Pragmatism* 6.2(2009): 185-189
- “Deception and Patient Autonomy,” with Micah Hester, *American Journal of Bioethics* 9.12 (2009): 22-23
- “Evolution, Intelligent Design, and Public Education,” with Scott Aikin and Michael Harbour, *Spontaneous Generations* 3.1 (2009): 35-40
- “Questions about Normative Consent,” with M. Harbour, *The Good Society* 18.2 (2009): 48-53
- “Précis,” contribution to a symposium on *A Pragmatist Philosophy of Democracy. Transactions of the C. S. Peirce Society* 45.1 (2009): 45-49
- “Reply to My Critics,” contribution to a symposium on my *A Pragmatist Philosophy of Democracy*. Critics are T. Brooks, M. Festenstein, C. Koopman, R. Mayorga, C. McBride, M. Rogers, and M. Van Hollebeke. *Transactions of the C. S. Peirce Society* 45.1 (2009): 90-108
- “Folk Epistemology and the Justification of Democracy,” in *Does Truth Matter?*, Ronald Tinnevelt and Raf Geenens, eds. Springer, 2009
- “Pragmatism and the Cold War,” *Oxford Handbook of American Philosophy*, Cheryl Misak, ed. Oxford University Press, 2009
- “Toward a Social Epistemic Comprehensive Liberalism,” *Episteme* 5.1 (2008): 106-128
- “Abortion Activism and Civil Discourse,” with Steven Maloney, *Critical Review* 20.1-2 (2008): 167-179, with a response by Jon Shields
- “Modus Tonens,” with Scott Aikin, *Argumentation* 22.4 (2008): 521-529
- “Rockmore on Analytic Pragmatism,” with Scott Aikin, *Metaphilosophy* 39.2 (2008): 155-162

- “A Critique of Deweyan Democracy,” *Southwest Philosophy Review* 24.1 (2008): 181-190
- “Skepticism and the Democratic Ideal,” *Think* 16 (2008): 7-17
- “Kitcher on the Ethics of Inquiry,” with Scott Aikin, *Journal of Social Philosophy* 38.4 (2007): 654-665, with a response by Philip Kitcher
- “From Pragmatism to Perfectionism,” *Philosophy & Social Criticism* 33.3 (2007): 387-406
- “Two Democratic Hopes,” *Contemporary Pragmatism* 4.2 (2007): 19-28
- “Democracy and Ignorance,” *Critical Review* 18.4 (2007): 453-466
- “Richard Flathman’s *Pluralism and Liberal Democracy*” (Review Essay), *Social Theory and Practice* 33.1 (2007): 151-158
- “Two Forms of the Straw Man,” with Scott Aikin, *Argumentation* 20.3 (2006): 345-352
- “Social Epistemology and the Politics of Omission,” *Episteme* 2.2 (2006): 107-118.
- “A Mistake in Political Liberalism,” *Southwest Philosophy Review* 22.1 (2006): 139-147
- “Socratic Citizenship,” *Philosophy in the Contemporary World* 13.2 (2006): 4-10
- “Deliberative Democracy Defended,” *Res Publica* 11.2 (2005): 185-199
- “Deliberativist Responses to Activist Challenges,” *Philosophy & Social Criticism* 31.4 (2005): 423-444
- “Liberalism, Pluralism, and Justification,” *Harvard Review of Philosophy* 13.2 (2005): 57-72
- “Does Public Ignorance Defeat Deliberative Democracy?,” *Critical Review* 16.4 (2005): 453-461
- “Why Pragmatists Cannot Be Pluralists,” with Scott Aikin, *Transactions of the C. S. Peirce Society* 41. 1 (2005): 101-118. With responses by Cheryl Misak, Henry Jackman, Michael Eldridge, and John Lysaker and Michael Sullivan
- “Still Searching for a Pragmatist Pluralism,” with Scott Aikin, *Transactions of the C. S. Peirce Society* 41.1 (2005): 145-160
- “Stout on Public Reason” (and “Postscript”), with Caleb Clanton, *Soundings* 87.3-4 (2005): 349-368. With a response from Jeffrey Stout
- “Dilemmas of Public Reason,” *The Legacy of John Rawls*, Thom Brooks and Fabian Freyenhagen, eds. Continuum Books (2005)

- “Can Value Pluralists be Comprehensive Liberals?,” *Contemporary Political Theory* 3.2 (2004): 127-139. With a response by William Galston
- “Towards a Peircean Politics of Inquiry,” *Transactions of the C. S. Peirce Society* 40.1 (2004): 21-38
- “Problems with Galston’s Pluralism,” *Southwest Philosophy Review* 20.1 (2004): 221-229
- “Politics without Dogmas,” *Sidney Hook Reconsidered*, M. Cotter, ed. Prometheus Books (2004)
- “Teaching *Euthyphro* Dialogically,” *Teaching Philosophy* 26.2 (2003): 163-175
- “Rawls on Pluralism and Stability,” *Critical Review* 15.1&2 (2003): 219-246
- “Sidney Hook, Pragmatism, and the Communist Party,” *Transactions of the C. S. Peirce Society* 39.4 (2003): 657-661
- “Can Democracy be a Way of Life?,” *Transactions of the C. S. Peirce Society* 39.1 (2003): 1-21
- “Plato, Pragmatism, and Democracy,” *Hypnos* 10.1 (2003): 71-84
- “Filosofia como Anti-dogmatismo,” *Filosofia Americana* (Brazil) (2003): 67-71
- “Two-Faced Liberalism,” *Critical Review* 14.4 (2000): 441-458
- “Misunderstanding Socrates,” *Arion* 9.3 (2002): 111-121
- “Two Concepts of Inquiry,” *Philosophical Writings* 19&20 (2002): 69-81.
- “*Truth, Politics, Morality* by Cheryl Misak” (Review Essay), *Recherches Semiotiques* 21.1 (2002): 334-345
- “On the Supposed Tension in Peirce’s ‘Fixation of Belief’,” *Journal of Philosophical Research* XXVI (2001): 561-569
- “A Pragmatist Critique of Richard Rorty’s Hopeless Politics,” *Southern Journal of Philosophy* 39.4 (2001): 611-626
- “Liberty, Community, and Democracy,” *Journal of Speculative Philosophy* 15.4 (2001): 286-304
- “Socrates’ Art,” with D. Goodyear, *Greek Philosophy and Art*. K. Boduoris, ed. Ionia, 2000

e. Popular Essays, Encyclopedia Entries, and Miscellany

“Peirce, Charles,” and “Hook, Sidney,” *Encyclopedia of Political Thought*, Wiley-Blackwell (forthcoming, 2011)

“Charles Taylor,” introduction to Taylor selection in *Political Philosophy: The Essential Texts*, Steve Cahn, ed. Oxford University Press, 2010

“The Simple Truth,” *This Side of the Pond*, (<http://www.cambridgeblog.org/>), December 2009

“The Truth about Hypocrisy,” with Scott Aikin, *Scientific American Mind*, January 2009

“Getting Duped,” with Yvonne Raley, *Scientific American Mind*, February 2008

“Pragmatism,” *The New Encyclopedia of Unbelief*, Tom Flynn, ed. Prometheus, 2007

Philosophy in the United States. Bibliographic essay, authored with John Lachs. US Department of State, *Currents in American Scholarship* series, 2005

“Pragmatism and Deliberative Politics,” introduction to a guest-edited issue of *Journal of Speculative Philosophy* on pragmatism and deliberative democracy, 18.1 (2004):1-8

“Dewey’s Defense of Democracy,” *Free Inquiry* 24.6(2004): 35-37

“The Relevance of Hook Today,” with M. Cotter and R. Tempio, *Free Inquiry* 23.1 (2003): 51

“John Rawls” and “Sidney Hook,” *Dictionary of Literary Biography*, Gale, 2003

f. Book Reviews

The Cambridge Companion to Dewey edited by Molly Cochran, *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society* (2011)

John Dewey’s Quest for Unity by Richard Gale, *The Philosophical Quarterly* 61 (2011):863-864

Dishonest to God by Mary Warnock, with Scott Aikin, *The Philosophers’ Magazine* (2011)

Empathy and Democracy by Michael Morrell, *Perspectives on Politics* 19.1(2011): 168-170

Liberal Democracy and the Social Acceleration of Time by William Scheuerman, *Political Science Quarterly* (2005)

Reconstructing Public Reason by Eric MacGilvray, *Journal of Politics* 67.3 (2005): 975-976

Puzzles and Perplexities by Steven Cahn, *Teaching Philosophy* 27.1 (2004): 87-88

John Dewey's Liberalism by D. Savage, *Transactions of the C. S. Peirce Society* 39.1 (2003):134-137

Charles S. Peirce's Philosophy of Signs by G. Deledalle, *Review of Metaphysics* 55.3 (2002): 624-625

Dewey on Democracy by William Caspary, *Transactions of the C. S. Peirce Society* 37.1 (2001):50-54

The Idea of a Political Liberalism by Victoria Davion and Clark Wolf, *Metaphilosophy* 32 (2001):548-552

Philosophy in Experience by D. Anderson and R. Hart, *Metaphilosophy* 30 (1999):115-119

Young Sidney Hook by Christopher Phelps, *Transactions of the C. S. Peirce Society* 34.3 (1998):798-802

g. 3 Quarks Daily Blog Posts

"Philosophy and Failure," with Scott Aikin, *3 Quarks Daily* (September 19, 2011)

"Things You Cannot Believe," with Scott Aikin, *3 Quarks Daily* (August 22, 2011)

"The Dignity of Skepticism," with Scott Aikin, *3 Quarks Daily* (July 25, 2011)

"Men of Straw," with Scott Aikin, *3 Quarks Daily* (June 27, 2011)

"The Eclipse of Pragmatism," with Scott Aikin, *3 Quarks Daily* (May 30, 2011)

"Dishonest to Whom?," with Scott Aikin, *3 Quarks Daily* (May 2, 2011)

"Clifford and James on Evidence and Belief," with Scott Aikin, *3 Quarks Daily* (April 4, 2011)

"Take Two," with Scott Aikin, *3 Quarks Daily*, March 7, 2011

"Accommodationism and Atheism," with Scott Aikin, *3 Quarks Daily*, February 7, 2011

"Some Thoughts about Poe's Law," with Scott Aikin, *3 Quarks Daily*, January 10, 2011

"Open Letter to the National Punditry," with Scott Aikin, *3 Quarks Daily*, December 13, 2010

"Waging War on Christmas," with Scott Aikin, *3 Quarks Daily*, November 15, 2010

"Opposition to the 'Mosque'," with Scott Aikin, *3 Quarks Daily*, September 27, 2010

h. In Progress

Engaging Political Philosophy, book manuscript, under contract with Routledge

Public Argument, book manuscript authored with Scott Aikin, under contract with Prometheus

“Religion, Liberalism, and Public Reason: Was Rawls Right After All?,” in review

“Sustaining Democracy: Folk Epistemology and Moral Conflict,” in review

“Impunity and Republican Freedom,” in review

“A Pragmatist Defense of Rawlsian Justice”

“Deliberative Democracy for a Real World”

“The Ethics and Politics of Belief,” with Scott Aikin

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Democracy and Social Inquiry,” Nordic Pragmatism Network, Denmark, August 2011

“Religious Conviction and Conscience,” APA Pacific, Main Program, San Diego, April 2011

“Eberle’s Agapic Pacifist,” APA Eastern, Main Program, Boston, December 2010

“Justificatory Liberalism and Religious Reasons,” Rawls and Religion conference, Rome, December 2010

“Three Challenges to Jamesian Ethics,” APA Central, Main Program, Chicago, February 2010

“Crowder’s Diversity Argument,” APA Eastern, Main Program, New York, December 2009

“A New Pragmatist Politics,” Ethics Conference, Felician College, NJ, April 2009

“Response to Ralston,” comment on Shane Ralston’s “In Defense of Democracy as a Way of Life: A Response to Talisse’s Pluralist Objection,” which won the APA’s William James Prize, APA Eastern, Main Program, Philadelphia, December 2008

“The Ethics and Politics of Belief,” *The Epistemology of Liberal Democracy* conference, University of Copenhagen, Denmark, November, 2008

“Response to Critics,” Author Meets Critics session devoted to *A Pragmatist Philosophy of Democracy*, Political Studies Association, Wales, UK, April 2008

- “Does Pluralism Entail Liberalism?,” APA Pacific, Main Program, California, March 2008
- “Response to Critics,” Author Meets Critics session devoted to *A Pragmatist Philosophy of Democracy*, APA Pacific, California, March 2008
- “A Farewell to Deweyan Democracy,” APA Eastern, Main Program, Baltimore, December 2007
- “Deweyan Democracy,” Southwestern Philosophical Society, San Antonio, November 2007
- “Peirce and Pragmatist Democratic Theory,” *Applying Peirce* conference, Helsinki, June 2007
- “Kitcher on the Ethics of Inquiry,” with Scott Aikin, APA Eastern, Main Program, Washington D.C., December 2006
- “Democracy and Power,” APSA Meeting, Philadelphia, September, 2006
- “Why Pragmatists Must Be Perfectionists,” APA Central, Main Program, Chicago, April 2006
- “Westbrook on Democracy and Truth,” Author Meets Critics session on Robert Westbrook’s *Democratic Hope*, APA Pacific, March, 2006
- “Rawls’s Premise,” Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, January 2006
- “Does Political Liberalism Rest on a Mistake?,” APA Eastern, Main Program, New York, December 2005
- “Rawls’s Premise,” Southwestern Philosophical Society, November 2005
- “Public Reason and Group Polarization,” APA Eastern, Main Program, Boston, December 2004
- “Dilemmas of Public Reason,” Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2004
- “Problems with Galston’s Pluralism,” APA Pacific, Main Program, California, March 2004
- “Pragmatists Cannot be Pluralists,” with Scott Aikin, SAAP conference, Alabama, March 2004
- “Galston’s Liberal Pluralism,” Southwest Philosophical Society, Memphis, November 2003
- “Aristotle and Public Deliberation,” Panel presentation, *Aristotle’s Politics Today*, Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, New York, October 2003
- “Why Pragmatists Cannot Be Pluralists,” with Scott Aikin, Collaborations conference, Southern Illinois University, March 2003
- “Peirce and the Politics of Inquiry,” SAAP, Colorado, March 2003

“What’s the Matter with Political Liberalism?” APA Eastern, Main Program, Philadelphia, December 2002

“Pragmatism and Deliberation,” APA Central, Chicago, May 2002

“Against Hopeless Liberalism,” SAAP, Maine, March 2002; Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Nashville, May 2002

“Rawls’s New Liberalism,” Mid-South Conference, University of Memphis, February 2002

“The Need for a Moral Equivalent of War,” William James Society meeting APA Eastern, Atlanta, December 2001

“The Failure of Deweyan Politics,” SAAP, Nevada, March 2001

“Liberty, Community, Democracy,” APA Pacific, New Mexico, April 2000

“Socrates’ Art,” with Dwight Goodyear, International Greek Philosophy Association, Lesvos, Greece, August 1999

“Hook Reconsidered,” SAAP, University of Oregon, March 1999

“How James Kidnapped Peirce,” New York City Conference on the History of Philosophy, Hunter College, February 1998

“Tension in Peirce’s Fixation,” SAAP, University of New Mexico, March 1997

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

“Faith in Democracy,” Lunch Box Series, Nashville Public Library, December, 2011

“Faith in Democracy,” Constitution Day Lecture, Florida Atlantic University, September, 2011

“Religion in Politics,” Leonard Lecture, University of Reno, April, 2011

“How I Write Philosophy,” Vanderbilt Writing Studio, October, 2010

“Democracy and Just Cause,” Transitional Justice conference, Canberra, Australia, August, 2010

“Democracy, Epistemology, and Conflict,” Hofstra University, April, 2010

“Rawls and Pragmatism,” Rawls conference, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, February 2010

“Religion in Politics” Oxford Political Theory Conference, Oxford University, January, 2010

- “Self-Reflexive Social Epistemic Norms,” *The Epistemology of Free Speech*, University of Copenhagen, Denmark, December, 2009
- “Religion in Politics,” Ethics Center Annual Symposium on Philosophy and Public Policy, University of North Florida, November, 2009
- “Why I am Not a Pluralist,” Presidential address, Southwestern Philosophical Society annual meeting, Dallas, November, 2009
- “Religion in Politics,” Philosophy colloquium, CUNY Graduate Center, October 2009
- “Religion and Democracy,” Philosophy colloquium, William Paterson University, October 2009
- “Towards a New Pragmatist Politics,” Keynote Address, Nordic Pragmatism Conference, Iceland, August 2009
- “Political Pragmatism,” Murphy Center Five-Year Retrospective Conference, Tulane University, May 2009
- “Towards a New Pragmatist Politics,” Socratic Society Lecture, University of Arkansas Little Rock, February 2009
- “Epistemology and Democracy,” Phi Sigma Tau Lecture, College of Wooster, February 2009
- “Against Pluralism,” Keynote, Felician Ethics Conference, Felician College, May 2008
- “Democracy, Epistemology, and Ignorance,” colloquium presentation, University of Newcastle, April 2008
- “Is Liberal Education Elitist?,” University Day, William Paterson University, September 2007
- “Socratic Democracy,” Humanities Lecture, Corning College, November 2006
- “Epistemology, Democracy, and Justification,” keynote address, Southeastern Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, Austin Peay State University, April, 2006
- “The Ineliminability of Truth,” contribution to panel discussion on truth, Vanderbilt Philosophy Colloquium Series, November, 2005
- “A Folk Epistemic Justification of Democracy,” University of Leuven, *Truth and Public Space* conference, September, 2005
- “Can We Justify Democracy?,” Leonard Lecture, University of Reno, April, 2005
- Discussion of *Democracy After Liberalism* with Cheryl Misak and James Booth, Vanderbilt Philosophy Colloquium, February, 2005

- “Social Epistemic Liberalism,” Tulane Philosophy Colloquium, January, 2005
- “Can We Justify Democracy?,” William Paterson Philosophy Colloquium, November, 2004
- “Stout and Public Reason,” *Democracy and Tradition Symposium*, University of Tennessee, October 2004.
- “Socratic Citizenship,” Lee University Humanities Lecture, April, 2004
- “Dilemmas of Public Reason,” University of Colorado, Denver Philosophy Colloquium, March 2004; also presented at Vanderbilt, January 2004
- “Democracy, Deliberation, and Dissent,” Vanderbilt Undergraduate Philosophy Club, October and November, 2003
- “A Peircean Politics of Inquiry,” SUNY Buffalo Philosophy Colloquium, September 2003
- “Pluralism and Liberalism,” Vanderbilt Philosophy Colloquium, February, 2003; William Paterson Philosophy Colloquium, April 2003
- “Forward-Looking Reflections,” *The Legacy of Sidney Hook*. NYU, December 2002.
- “Dewey’s Defense of Democracy,” *The Legacy of John Dewey* conference, Center for Inquiry, Amherst, NY, November 2002
- “Hook’s Ideals,” *Sidney Hook Reconsidered* conference, CUNY Graduate Center, October 2002
- “Why Executions Should be Televised,” Vanderbilt University Project Dialogue Series, Debate with Timothy Wise, March, 2002
- “Defending Democracy Pragmatically,” Oklahoma State University colloquium, February 2002
- “The Necessity of Hope,” and “Taking Philosophy Personally,” Creative Minds Humanities Lecture, Amarillo College, February 2002
- “Plato, Pragmatism, and Democracy,” Vanderbilt Philosophy Colloquium, September 2001
- “Justice and Healthcare,” Austin Peay State University, April 2001
- “Liberalism and Community,” Vanderbilt Philosophy Colloquium, February 2001

WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION

“Misak’s *Pragmatism*,” two-day workshop on Misak’s manuscript, Vanderbilt, November 2011

“Folk Epistemology and Democratic Theory,” workshop on my work for graduate students in Political Science and Philosophy, Florida Atlantic University, September 2011

Symposium on Jerry Gaus’s *Order of Public Reason*, Georgia State University, April 2011

“Republicanism and Economics,” Murphy Institute, April 2005

“The Morality of Capitalism,” Chapel Hill Workshop, April, 2004

“The Pursuit of Perfection in Mill and Arnold,” Liberty Fund, January 2004

“Hook as Public Intellectual,” Summer Institute in American Philosophy, Oregon, July, 2003

DISSERTATION COMMITTEES

Director: Michael Harbour (defended 8/10)
Mason Marshall (defended 12/07)
Joshua Crites (defended 7/07)
Chris King (defended 5/07)
Caleb Clanton (defended 12/04)
Allen Coates (defended 12/03)

Reader: Matthew Whitt (defended 7/10), James Bednar (defended 3/07), Dylan Suzanne (defended 6/06), Steve Faison (defended 3/06), Scott Aikin (defended 10/05), Robert Sharp, (defended 6/05), Steven Carden (defended 10/04), Matt Fitzsimmons (defended 3/04), Derek Ohlms (Peabody College, defended 3/04)

MEMBERSHIPS AND OFFICES

American Philosophical Association (*Advisory Committee*, Eastern Division, 2009-11)
American Political Science Association
Southwest Philosophical Society (*Vice President*, 2008; *President*, 2009)

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Service to the Department and University

Department Chair (Philosophy), Fall 2011-
Director of Graduate Studies (Philosophy), Fall 2008-Summer 2011
Graduate Recruitment Director, Spring 2008-2011
Second Year Review Committee (faculty in Communication Studies), Spring 2011
Search Committee, Jones Chair Search, 2008-2009
Reviewer of Dissertation Enhancement Grant Proposals, Spring 2009
JARC Committee, 2008-2009
JARC Committee, 2007-2008
Undergraduate Admissions Committee, Fall 2007-Spring 2008
Pre-major Adviser, College of Arts and Science, Fall 2002-Spring 2008
Graduate Teaching Supervisor, Philosophy Department, Fall 2003-Spring 2007
Search Committee Chair, Ancient Philosophy Search, Fall 2006
Webmaster, Department website, 2001-2006

Service to the Profession

Co-host, *New Books in Philosophy* podcast (June 2011-)
Editor, *Public Affairs Quarterly* (2008-2011)
Editorial Board, *APA Newsletter on Teaching Philosophy* (2008-)
Advisory Committee, Eastern Division APA Program Committee (2009-11)
Referee, 2008, National Endowment for the Humanities
Participant, 2008 *Philosophical Gourmet Report* faculty survey
Lecture Series Organizer, *Global Justice*. Lecture series; Spring 2008
Lecture Series Organizer, *Democracy and Conviction*. Lecture Series; Spring 2007
Local Arrangements Coordinator, *Southwestern Philosophical Society* 2006 conference
Participant, 2006 *Philosophical Gourmet Report* faculty survey
Referee, 2006, National Endowment for the Humanities
Lecture Series Organizer, *The Legacy of John Rawls*. Lecture series; Spring, 2004
Conference Organizer, *Varieties of Pluralism*. Two-day conference; October, 2003
Participant, 2004 *Philosophical Gourmet Report* faculty survey
Referee, 2003, National Endowment for the Humanities
Reviewer (Journals), *Ethics*; *Journal of Moral Philosophy*; *Politics, Philosophy, & Economics*; *Social Theory & Practice*; *Journal of Social Philosophy*; *Res Publica*; *American Political Science Review*; *Journal of Politics*; *Political Studies*; *Ethics and International Affairs*; *Journal of Philosophical Research*; *Transactions of the C. S. Peirce Society*; *Journal of the History of Philosophy*; *History of Philosophy Quarterly*; *Journal of Speculative Philosophy*; *Southwest Philosophy Review*; *American Journal of Education*; *Arion*; *William James Studies*
Reviewer (Presses), Oxford; Cambridge; Princeton; MIT; Michigan; Routledge; Palgrave; Lexington; Seven Bridges; Prentice Hall; Wadsworth

COURSES TAUGHT AT VANDERBILTUndergraduate:

<i>Honors Seminar: Democracy</i> (100)	Spring 2006
<i>Introduction to Philosophy</i> (100W)	Fall 2001
<i>Introduction to Ethics</i> (105)	Fall 2003
<i>Freshman Seminar: Democracy</i> (115W)	Fall 2002
<i>Formal Logic and Applications</i> (202)	Fall 2001, 02, 03, 05, 06, 07, 08
<i>American Philosophy</i> (222)	Spring 2002, 03, 11
<i>Social and Political Philosophy</i> (252)	Fall 2006, 07, 08, 10, 11
<i>Contemporary Political Philosophy</i> (282)	Spring 2008
<i>Plato's Republic</i> (294)	Fall 2003
<i>Multiculturalism</i> (294)	Fall 2005

Graduate Seminars:

<i>Pragmatism</i>	Spring 2002
<i>Rawls and His Critics</i>	Spring 2003
<i>Political Theory After Rawls</i>	Spring 2004
<i>Deliberative Democracy</i>	Spring 2006
<i>Democracy and Conviction</i>	Spring 2007
<i>Socrates</i>	Spring 2007
<i>Responsibility and Global Justice</i>	Spring 2008
<i>Pragmatism and Politics</i>	Spring 2009
<i>Contemporary Political Philosophy</i>	Spring 2011

MEDIA APPEARANCES

- Television** **PBS Think Tank with Ben Wattenberg**, “John Rawls,” September 2, 2004
FOX WBRC (Birmingham, AL) *9 O’clock News*, Civil Rights, March 4, 2004
C-SPAN Book TV, “Sidney Hook Symposium” December 15, 2002
- Radio** **WYPL**, Memphis Public Radio, *Book Talk*, “Reasonable Atheism,” July 3, 2011
WOSU, Ohio Public Radio, *All Sides with Ann Fisher*, “Reasonable Atheism,”
April 14, 2011
WBEZ, Chicago Public Radio, *Odyssey*, “The Value of Truth,” August 10, 2005
- Web** *New Books in Philosophy*, host (monthly podcast), June 2011 to present
3 Quarks Daily, monthly columnist, November 2010 to present
Philosophy Bites, podcast, on pragmatism, February 2010
- Print** **The Tulanian**, “Do Not Go Gentle,” by Harrison Scott Key, Summer 2005
San Francisco Examiner, “Philosophy Professors Ponder Hotel Labor Issues,”
by J. K. Dinnen, March 24, 2005
Albany Times Union, “The Mourning After,” by W. Brantley, November 4, 2004
New York Times, “An Invitation Ruffles Philosophical Feathers,” by Emily
Eakin, June 29, 2002
Boston Globe, “On the Hook,” by Matthew Price, November 3, 2002
Chronicle of Higher Education, “Sidney Hook, Intellectual Street Fighter,
Reconsidered,” by Danny Postel, November 8, 2002
The Nation, “Who’s Afraid of Cornel West?,” by Eric Alterman, June 27, 2002