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*Curriculum Vitae*

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**Areas of Specialization:** philosophy of language, 20<sup>th</sup> century analytic, philosophy of logic, philosophy of mathematics, logic, philosophy of game theory

**Areas of Competence:** ethics, modern philosophy, epistemology, environmental ethics, philosophy of science

**Dissertation:** *Logical Truth and Consequence*, 1999

**Adviser:** Dr. Arthur Skidmore

**Education:**

Ph. D. in philosophy (with honors); December, 1999  
University of Kansas

M. A. in philosophy (with honors); December, 1995  
University of Kansas

B. A. S. in Mathematics and Philosophy; December, 1991  
University of California at Davis

**Publications:**

“Finding Meno: Frege and Quine on Teaching Logic to Young People”  
*Far Western Philosophy of Education Society Journal*  
Forthcoming

“Tarski’s Theory of Logical Consequence – A Reply to Bates”  
*Southwestern Philosophy Review*; winter 2000

**Presentations:**

“Tarski Meets Gödel: Paradoxes and the Meta World”  
BYU Honors Conference and BYU Honors Colloquia; September 2006

“Mormonism and Animal Rights”  
All Are Alike Unto God: Conference on Mormonism and Social Justice  
Salt Lake Community College; Winter 2006

“Philosophy of Mathematics”  
BYU Philosophy Club; January 2005

“Finding Meno: A Socratic Approach to Teaching Logic”

Far Western Philosophy of Education Society Conference; January 2004

“The Ethics of Hunting”  
BYU Philosophy Club; November 2003

“Truth and Meaning – Donald Davidson’s Theory of Language”  
UVSC Undergraduate Philosophy Conference; Fall 2002

“The Iterated Prisoners’ Dilemma Backwards Induction Paradox”  
BYU Philosophy Club and UVSC Faculty Forum; Winter 2002

“Truth and Paradox”  
BYU Philosophy Club and UVSC Philosophy Colloquium; Winter 2000

“Tarski’s Theory of Logical Consequence – A Reply to Bates”  
Southwestern Philosophical Society; Houston, Texas; Fall 1999

“Truth and Consequence – Toward a New Interpretation of Tarskian Semantics”  
University of Kansas Graduate Student Colloquium; Fall 1998

“One Language, No Paradox: A Satisfying Resolution to the Liar”  
University of Kansas Graduate Student Colloquium; Fall 1997

**Reviewer:**

*Auslegung: A Journal of Philosophy*  
University of Kansas; December, 1999 to June, 2001

**Teaching Experience:**

Philosophy 420: *Philosophy of Language*  
*Topics:* Frege, Russell, Strawson, Quine, Tarski, Davidson, Putnam, Kripke, Hempel, Chomsky, Searle, Rorty, Austin, Lewis, Dummett, Wittgenstein.  
Brigham Young University; Summer 2002 to present

Philosophy 405: *Metalogic*  
*Topics:* model theory, soundness and completeness proofs, Gödel’s incompleteness theorems, computability, alternative logics, philosophical topics in logic  
Brigham Young University; Winter 2001 to present

Philosophy 205: *Deductive Logic*  
*Topics:* informal reasoning, validity tests, propositional logic, predicate logic; deductive proof systems, critical reasoning  
Brigham Young University; Summer 2000 to present

Philosophy 110: *Introduction to Philosophy*  
*Topics:* ancient philosophy, modern philosophy, metaphysics, epistemology, philosophy of mind, philosophy of language, existentialism  
Brigham Young University; Summer 2006 to present

Philosophy 105(H): *Reasoning and Writing*

*Topics:* inductive reasoning, fallacies, deductive validity, critical thinking, informal analysis, grammar, writing skills, research, philosophical reasoning, rhetoric  
Brigham Young University; Winter 2000 to present

Philosophy 2050: *Ethics and Values*

*Topics:* ethical theory, metaethics, applied ethics, writing skills, critical reasoning  
Utah Valley State College; Winter 2000 to Fall 2001

Philosophy 1010: *Introduction to Philosophy*

*Topics:* ancient philosophy, metaphysics, modern philosophy, epistemology, philosophy of mind, philosophy of science and mathematics, philosophy of language  
Utah Valley State College; Summer 2001

Philosophy 1060: *World Religions*

*Topics:* Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, pagan religions, Sikhism, Zoroastrianism, philosophies of religion  
Utah Valley State College; Winter 2001

Philosophy 360: *Environmental Ethics* (grader)

*Topics:* ethical theory, ecology, holistic ethics, deep ecology, feminist theory, political ecology  
For: Professor Arthur Skidmore; University of Kansas; Fall 1998

Philosophy 160: *Introduction to Ethics*

*Topics:* relativism, divine command ethics, ethical egoism, psychological egoism, utilitarianism, deontology (Kant), social contract theory, virtue ethics, subjectivism (Hume), applied topics  
University of Kansas; Fall 1997 to Spring 1999

Philosophy 148: *Reason and Argument*

*Topics:* inductive reasoning, deductive reasoning, critical thinking, formal logic, fallacies, probability theory, writing skills, speech act theory, rhetorical devices  
University of Kansas; Winter 1993 to Spring 1997

### **Professional References:**

Dr. James Page (207) 827-4456  
Master's Thesis Adviser (207) 827-5377

Dr. Anthony Genova (785) 864-2329  
Department Chair, University of Kansas

### **Faculty Seminars:**

Ethics Across the Curriculum: faculty training seminar  
*Topic:* The Ethics of Ecology (with J. Baird Callicott)  
Utah Valley State College; Summer 2002

Ethics Across the Curriculum: faculty training seminar  
*Topic:* Religious Diversity and Pedagogy  
Utah Valley State College; Summer 2001

Faculty Summer Seminar  
*Topic:* Religion After Onto-Theology  
Brigham Young University; Summer 2001

## Graduate Coursework:

### *philosophy of language/20<sup>th</sup> century analytic*

Philosophy of Language (2 courses)	(Page, Genova)
(guest lecturer: Noam Chomsky)	
Graduate Tutorial (philosophy of language/mind)	(Bricke)
Concept, Thought, and Language	(Bricke, Genova, Page)
(guest lecturers: Christopher Peacocke, James Higginbotham, and John McDowell)	
Metaphysics and Knowledge: Dummett	(Page)
Frege	(Page)
(guest lecturers: George Boolos and Crispin Wright)	
Quine	(Genova)
*Davidson	(Bricke)
(guest lecturer: Donald Davidson)	
Philosophy of Science	(Skidmore)
Theory of Knowledge: Common Knowledge	(Cudd)

### *philosophy of logic/mathematics*

Philosophy of Logic (2 courses)	(Page)
Philosophy of Mathematics	(Page)
M.A. Tutorial: the concept of truth	(Page)
Symbolic Logic (advanced)	(Skidmore)
Automated Theorem Proving	(Brown)
*Seminar on Intuitionistic Logic	(Skidmore)
*Seminar on Fuzzy Logic	(Skidmore)
*Seminar on Gödel's Incompleteness Theorems	(Skidmore)

### *ethics*

Topics in Ethics: Metaethics	(Shafer-Landau)
(guest lecturers: Michael Smith, Peter Railton, David Brink, and Simon Blackburn)	
History of Ethics	(Marquis)
*Environmental Ethics	

(Skidmore)

### *continental*

Contemporary Continental Philosophy	(Willet)
Hegel	(Willet)
Existentialism	(Woelfel)

### *history of philosophy*

Themes in Ancient Philosophy	(Cole)
Themes in Modern Philosophy	(Cole)

\*audited courses