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EDUCATION

- Ph. D. in Philosophy, University at Buffalo, April 2002
- M.A. in Philosophy, University at Buffalo, September 1999
- B.A. in Psychology and Philosophy, Le Moyne College (Syracuse, NY), May 1997

AREAS OF CONCENTRATION

- Ethical Theory, Humanities, Philosophy of Religion

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

- Ancient Philosophy, Modern Philosophy, World Civilizations, Biomedical Ethics, Logic
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UNIVERSITY POSITIONS

- August 2007 – present: Lake Superior State University – *Associate Professor* (with tenure), Sault Ste. Marie, MI
- May 2006 – present: Lake Superior State University – *Honors Program Director*, Sault Ste. Marie, MI
- August 2002 – August 2007: Lake Superior State University – *Assistant Professor*, Sault Ste. Marie, MI

OTHER TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENTS

- Summer 2002: Nazareth College – *Instructor*, Rochester, NY
- 2000 – 2002: SUNY College at Buffalo – *Instructor*, Buffalo, NY
- 2000 – 2002: SUNY College at Brockport – *Instructor*, Brockport, NY
- 1998 – 2001: SUNY University at Buffalo – *Lecturer and Teaching Assistant*, Buffalo, NY
- 1999 – 2000: Jamestown Community College – *Instructor*, Dunkirk, NY
- 1998 and 2000: SUNY University at Buffalo – *Lecturer*, Buffalo, NY

COURSES TAUGHT

- Ancient Western Philosophy
- Biomedical Ethics
- Critical Thinking
- Deductive Logic
- Directed Studies in World Religions and Immortality Studies
- Ethical Theory and Practice
- Existentialism
- George W. Bush: Current Issues in Philosophy
- Honors Thesis Guidance
- Humanities I (Humanities through the Renaissance)
- Humanities II (Humanities since the Renaissance)
- Introduction to Philosophy
- Introduction to Social and Moral Philosophy
- Logic
- Modern and Contemporary Philosophy
- Moral Issues
- Music: Guitar I
- Philosophy of Religion
- Philosophy of Science (team-taught with Dr. George Denger: Spring 2010)
- The Varieties of Immortality
- World Civilizations I
- World Civilizations II (teaching assistant with Dr. James Lawler)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Search Committee for Director of Education Faculty, Lake Superior State University (LSSU) 2009
- Search Committee for Education Faculty, Lake Superior State University (LSSU) 2009
- Higher Learning Commission Assessment Committee (Teaching and Learning Subcommittee Chair), LSSU 2007 – present.
- Vice-President, Michigan Honors Association (MHA) 2009 – 2010
- Four Year University Representative, Michigan Honors Association (MHA) 2008 – 2009
- Conference Planning Committee, Michigan Honors Association (MHA) 2007 – 2008
- Orientation Committee, LSSU 2007 – present.
- Director of University Honors Program, LSSU 2006 – present:
 - Curriculum
 - Budget
 - Advising
 - Conference
 - Website
- Honors Council, Chair, LSSU 2006 – present.
- Alpha Chi (AX) National Honor Society Sponsor, LSSU 2006 – present.

- Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship Faculty Sponsor, LSSU 2006 – present.
- SAILS (Student Alumni Involved for Lake State) “Parent of the Year” Committee (September 2009)
- Performing Arts Grant Committee, LSSU 2006.
- *Journal of Moral Education* referee, 2005 – present.
- Faculty Advisory Committee for Student Retention, (LSSU) 2004 – 2005.
- Ethicist for *Institutional Review Board for the Protection of Human Subjects*, LSSU 2003 – present.
- Alumni Association, University at Buffalo 2003 – present.
- Advisory Committee for campus Newman Center, 2003 – present.
- Author of successful Fulbright Visiting Specialist Grant Proposal for the program “Direct Access to the Muslim World”: Dr. Rachida El Diwani, a comparative literature scholar from Egypt, taught at many university and community events, LSSU 2004.
- Coordinator and Chair for on-campus and Northern Michigan outreach events for Fulbright scholar (see above).
- University Honors Council, Committee Member, LSSU 2004 – 2006.
- Successfully defended inclusion of Modern and Contemporary Philosophy for General Education distributional credit (in the Humanities Outcome category), LSSU 2004.
- Philosophy Film Night Coordinator, LSSU 2002 – 2003.
- American Philosophical Association Member 1999 – present.
- Advisory Committee for Campus Diversity, LSSU 2003 – 2004.
- Developed and successfully defended Philosophy Minor, LSSU 2003.
- Department representative on faculty focus group to increase student retention, LSSU 2003.
- SAILS (Student Alumni Involved for Lake State) award for contributions to students, LSSU 2003.
- Organized Graduate Intradepartmental Conference, SUNY University at Buffalo 2001.
- Service Award for work with students with disabilities, SUNY College at Buffalo 2001.
- Treasurer for Graduate Philosophical Association, SUNY University at Buffalo 1999 – 2001.

BOOKS

Jason K. Swedene, *Staying Alive: The Varieties of Immortality* (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishing Group, Inc.: Lanham, 2009). ISBN: 0-7618-4758-8

Jason K. Swedene, *A Philosophy of Moral Dilemmas: Why We Should Not Feel Guilty About Things We Have Done* (Lewiston, N.Y. & Wales, UK: Edwin Mellen Press, 2007). ISBN: 978-0773453463

BOOK REVIEWS

Gregory Pence, *The Elements of Bioethics* (Upper Saddle River, New Jersey: Prentice Hall, 2007).

Bruce N. Waller, *You Decide: Current Debates in Ethics* (New York: Pearson Longman, 2006).

Laurie Schneider Adams, *Exploring the Humanities: Creativity and Culture in the West* (Upper Saddle River, New Jersey: Prentice Hall, 2006).

ARTICLES AND SYMPOSIA

“Assigning and Grading the Argumentative Essay in the Humanities”

Writing Across the Curriculum Committee Presentations, LSSU (*Sault Ste. Marie, MI: October 2009*)

“Felicific Calculus: A Philosopher at Hockey Camp”, June 16, 2009, in *Soo Today*, accessible at http://www.sootoday.com/content/news/full_story.asp?StoryNumber=40001.

“Love and Forever”

Michigan Academy of the Arts and Sciences (*Detroit, MI: March, 2009*)

“Fame and Its Discontents”

Lake Superior State University Elders Association (*Sault Ste. Marie, MI: January 2008*)

“Are You in a Dilemma?: What Disturbing Choices Say about our Character”

Reason Papers, 29: 2, Fall 2007

“Creative Legacy”

Lake Superior State University Faculty Forum (*Sault Ste. Marie, MI: December 2006*)

“Feeling Better about Moral Dilemmas”

Journal of Moral Education, 25:1, March 2005

“When is it Acceptable to Judge Others by the Content of Their Health Status?”

Accepted at American Public Health Association Meeting and Exposition (San Francisco, CA: November 2003)

“Why Pamphilus Matters: Religious Education in Hume’s ‘Dialogues’ ”

Wesleyan Theological Seminary (Lexington, KY: March 2003)

“Philosophical Reflections on Proving Negatives and the War against Iraq”

Radio interview on WLSO 90.1 (Sault Ste. Marie, MI: March 2003)

“Are You in a Dilemma?: What Disturbing Choices Say about our Character”

Northern Illinois Ethics Consortium (DeKalb, IL: September 2002)

Commentary: “Social Practice from an Emotional Point of View”

Comments delivered at the SUNY Buffalo Graduate Conference (Buffalo, NY: April 2001)

“Can Virtue Ethics Accommodate Moral Dilemmas?”

Presented at Dr. Jiyuan Yu’s PHI 356 Virtue Ethics Seminar (Buffalo, NY: March 2001)

“Aristotle and Mill: Compatibility, Comparability, and Reconciliation”

SUNY Buffalo Graduate Conference (Buffalo, NY: May 2000)

“Anthropomorphism, ‘Irony,’ and Hume’s Critique of the Argument from Design”

SUNY Buffalo Graduate Conference (Buffalo, NY: April 1999)

DISSERTATION

Title: *How Should One Feel?: Moral Dilemmas and Normative Emotion Theory*

Keywords: moral dilemmas, emotions, cognitivism, quandaries, virtue ethics

Dissertation Director: Dr. Carolyn Korsmeyer

Dissertation Advisors: Drs. Jiyuan Yu and Pablo De Greiff

Award: *Hourani Fellowship Award*, Dissertation Fellowship Award, SUNY University at Buffalo 2001 – 2002

M.A. PROJECT

Title: *18th Century Cosmological Arguments: Clarke, Leibniz, and Wolff*

Keywords: philosophy of religion, proofs for the existence of God, first cause, infinite regress

Project Advisors: Drs. Jorge J.E. Gracia and Kenneth F. Barber

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

School Commissioner, St. Mary's Catholic School (K – 8), Sault Ste. Marie, 2007 – present.

- Vice President, School Commission, St. Mary's Catholic School, Sault Ste. Marie, 2008 – present.
- Additional School Commission Committees: Finance Council, Executive Council

Coach, Sault Soccer Association, Sault Ste. Marie, 2007 – present.

REFERENCES

Dr. Thomas E. Schirer, Professor of Humanities, Lake Superior State University, 650 W. Easterday Ave., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783, 906-635-2593, tschirer@lssu.edu.

Dr. James Zukowski, Associate Professor of English (Honors Council member), 650 W. Easterday Ave., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783, 906-635-2115, jzukowski@lssu.edu.

Dr. Barbara Keller, Professor of Chemistry and Department Head (former Honors Council member), Lake Superior State University, 650 W. Easterday Ave., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783, 906-635-2438, bkeller@lssu.edu.

Dr. Carolyn W. Korsmeyer, Professor, Philosophy Department, University at Buffalo, 106 Park Hall, Buffalo, NY 14260, 716-645-2444, ext. 106, ckors@acsu.buffalo.edu.

Dr. Mark Terwilliger, Professor, School of Mathematics and Computer Science, Lake Superior State University, 650 W. Easterday Ave., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783, 906-635-22058, mterwilliger@lssu.edu.

Dr. Bruce T. Harger, Provost (retired), Lake Superior State University, 650 W. Easterday Ave., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783, 906-635-2211, bharger@lssu.edu.

Dr. Jiyuan Yu, Associate Professor, Philosophy Department, University at Buffalo, 122 Park Hall, Buffalo, NY 14260, 716-645-2444, ext. 122, jyyu@acsu.buffalo.edu.