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EDUCATION

The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio
Ph.D. in Philosophy **1978**
The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio
M.A. in Philosophy **1975**
University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin
B.A. in Philosophy **1973**

AWARDS

- Jewell Friend Lecturer for Annual College of Arts & Sciences Faculty Meeting **2009**
 - Faculty Award for Outstanding Teacher, ETSU, College of Arts and Sciences **2006-2007**
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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, TN
Professor **1989-2020**
Associate Professor **1983-1989**
Assistant Professor **1978-1983**

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, TN
Chair, Department of Philosophy **2004 - 2010**
Propose and administer budget; schedule classes for entire department; evaluate faculty and staff; run department meetings and retreats; represent department to college and university; coordinate academic audits; prepare all departmental reports

Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences **1993-1998**
Director of the Center for Undeclared Majors and University Advisement Center; administered the transition from the Center for Undeclared Majors to the University Advisement Center; responsible for all student issues including grade appeals, academic misconduct, General Education Core substitutions, academic probation hearings; responsible for leading all summer orientations

Academic Advisor, Center for Undeclared Majors **1991-1993**
Provided academic advisement for students who had not declared a major; advised at summer orientations

Chair, Department of Philosophy **1981-1987**
Propose and administer budget; schedule classes for entire department; evaluate faculty and staff; run department meetings; represent department to college and university; prepare all departmental reports

Academic Advisor, Philosophy Department **1978-2020**
Academic advisor for virtually all Philosophy majors; represented Philosophy Department at summer orientations

EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

- **Intopform Committee** 2013-2014
- **Chair, Intopform Search Committee** 2012-2013
- **Department Committee on Evaluation** 2012-2013
- **History Department Chair Search Committee** 2011-2013
- **Head, Honors-in-Discipline Program, Philosophy** 2011-2014
- **Arts and Sciences Representative to University Council of Chairs** 2006-2009
- **General Education Advisory Council** 2005-2008
- **Coordinator, Philosophy Department Academic Quality Initiative** 2004-2010
- **Curriculum Committee, Philosophy Department** 2002-present
- **Coordinator of Advisement, Philosophy Department** 1978-present
- **Academic Auditor for Tennessee Board of Regents** 2006-2007
- **Pre-Med Medical Committee** 1999-2008
- **University Faculty Mentor** 1999-2000
- **University Bridge Committee** 1992-1995
- **Committee on Admissions and Readmissions** 1991-1995
- **Faculty Senate** 1991-1995
- **Arts and Sciences Tenure and Promotion Committee** 1989-1990
- **University Committee on the Status of Women** 1989-1990
- **Arts and Sciences Tenure and Promotion Committee** 1987-1988
- **Arts and Sciences Dean Search Committee** 1987-1988
- **Intopform Committee** 2013-2014
- **Task Force on Academic Programs of Study** 1987-1988
- **Meet the Faculty Lecture Series, Co-initiator and co-coordinator** 1986-1990
- **Faculty Council, Arts and Sciences** 1994-1996
- **Tenure and Promotion Committee** 1985-1986
- **Tenure and Promotion Committee** 1983-1984
- **Chair, Kaldegg Lectureship Committee** 1980-1981
- **Kaldegg Lectureship Committee** 1980-1990
- **Academic Advisor for Undecided Majors** 1978-1982
- **Secretary, Educational Affairs Self-Study Committee** 1981-1982

SERVICE

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- **Mountain States Health Alliance Spiritual Integration Advisory Group** 2005-2010
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• Academic Auditor, Austin Peay State University	2006-2007
• President, Tennessee Philosophical Association	1990-1991
• President, Intermountain Philosophy Association	1986-1987
• President, Intermountain Philosophy Association	1981-1982

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

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| • Ancient Philosophy | • Philosophy of Religion |
| • Eastern Philosophy | • New Movements in American Religion |

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

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| • Analytic Philosophy | • Political Philosophy | • Metaphysics |
| • Ethics | • Philosophy of Language | • Philosophy of Religion |

COURSES TAUGHT

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| • Introduction to Philosophy | • Philosophy of Religion | • Ancient Philosophy |
| • Introduction to Logic | • Saints, Sages, and Mystics | • Medieval Philosophy |
| • Introduction to Ethics | • Yoga and Kabbalah | • Analytic Philosophy |
| • Social & Political Philosophy | • Eastern Philosophy | • Philosophy in Literature |
| • Introduction to Humanities | • Mysticism | • Language and Thought |
| • Humanities & the Modern World | • Earth Centered Mysticism | • Contemporary Philosophy |
| • Humanities Film Seminar | • Mysticism and Liberation | • Theories of Liberation |
| | • Seminar on Plato | |

PUBLICATIONS

- "Suffering, Self-Hate, and the Implicit Association Test: A Critical Assessment into the Zen Philosophy of Cheri Huber" *International Journal of Religion and Spirituality in Society*, Volume 6, Issue 2, 2015, pp. 1-14.
- "A Critical Glimpse at the American Appropriation of Asian Meditative Traditions: Confessions of an Unsuccessful Meditator" *International Journal of Religion and Spirituality in Society*, Volume I, Issue 2, summer, 2011, pp. 139-148
- "A Mystical Interpretation of the Binding of Isaac," *Esoteric Quarterly*, Volume I, Number 4, summer, 2005, pp. 25-31.
- "Mind Viruses and the Importance of Cultural Diversity," (with Niall Shanks), *Community, Diversity and Difference: Implications for Peace*, Rodopi, 2002, pp. 187-199.
- "Plato in the Light of Yoga," *Philosophy East & West*, 46:1, January, 1996, pp. 17-32.
- "Utilitarian and Deontological Approaches to Criminal Justice Ethics," in *Justice and Ethics*, Second Edition, edited by M. Braswell, B. R. McCarthy, B. J. McCarthy, Anderson Publishing Company, pp. 9-21, 1996.
- "Peacemaking, Justice and Ethics," (with M. Braswell), in *Justice and Ethics*, Second Edition, edited by M. Braswell, B. R. McCarthy, B. J. McCarthy, Anderson

Publishing Company, pp. 23-37, 1996.

- "The Heroic Transformation of Bilbo Baggins," in *Journey Through Fantasy Literature II*, edited by Roberta Herrin and Sarah Davis, East Tennessee State University Press, 1992, pp. 77-81.
- "The Soul's Relation to the Forms: Plato's Account of Knowledge," in *Philosophies of Being and Mind: Ancient and Medieval*, edited by James Martin, Caravan Books, 1992, pp. 59-86.
- "Spiritual Zionism," *Dialogue and Alliance* 5:2, summer, 1991, pp. 52-65.
- "Is Fukuyama a Liberal?" in *The End of History*, edited by H. Antkiewicz and D. Drinkard-Hawkshawe, East Tennessee State University Press, 1991, pp. 69-77.
- "Criminal Justice Ethics: A Survey of Philosophical Theories," in *Justice, Crime and Ethics*, edited by M. Braswell, B. R. McCarthy, B. J. McCarthy, Anderson Publishing Company, 1991, pp. 3-23.
- "It's Just a Story: Reflections on a Culture That Does Not Value Storytelling," in *Journey Through Fantasy Literature*, edited by R. Herrin, East Tennessee State University Press, 1989, pp. 47-51.
- "Bringing Students Out of the Cave: The First Day," *Teaching Philosophy* 11:1, March, 1988, pp. 25-31.
- "What is the Task of the Historian of Philosophy?" *Metaphilosophy* 17:4, October, 1986, pp. 241-258.
- "Socratic Definition: Real or Nominal?" *Philosophy Research Archives* 10, March, 1985, pp. 573-588
- "Using Teaching Stories to Explore Philosophical Themes in the Classroom," *Metaphilosophy* 14, July, 1983, pp. 341-352 (co-authored with William Kirkwood).
- "The Ambiguity of 'Name' in Plato's *Cratylus*," *Philosophical Studies* 34, 1978, pp. 223-251.

PAPERS PRESENTED

- "Spirituality in a world of violence turned inward: Cheri Huber's Zen," Third International Conference of the British Association for the Study of Spirituality, May 19-22, 2014.
- "Cheri Huber on Suffering," Kentucky Philosophical Association Summer Workshop, July, 2013
- "Is There a Role for Hope in Zen Buddhism," Conference on Hope, Viterbo University, LaCrosse WI, April, 2012
- "A Critical Glimpse at the American Appropriation of Asian Meditative Traditions" International Conference on Religion and Spirituality in Society, Chicago, February 17, 2011
- "Wisdom and Meditation," Conference on Wisdom, Viterbo University, LaCrosse, WI, April 16, 2010
- "Reflections on a 25 year Meditation Practice," Conference on Spirituality, Art and Global Peace, Davis and Elkins College, Elkins, West Virginia, November 13, 2009.
- "Patanjali and Plato on Liberation," Third Annual Conference on Mindful Living, Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Johnson City, TN, March 29, 2003.
- "Kabbalistic Perspectives on Non-Violence," Sixth Annual Conference on Wisdom from the East and West, sponsored by Regional Indo-American Community Center and Northeast Chapter United Religions Initiative, Johnson City Medical Center, October 3, 2002.
- "The History of Kabbalah," Radford University, June 13, 2000.
- "Isaac Luria's Myth of Divine Sparks," Annual Conference of the Coptic

Fellowship, Johnson City, TN, April 25, 1999.

- "Jewish Meditation," Annual Conference on Wisdom from East and West, sponsored by Regional Indo-American Community Center, Johnson City, TN, September, 1998.
- "Mind Viruses and the Importance of Cultural Diversity," (with Niall Shanks), keynote address at the Intermountain Philosophy Conference, October 6, 1995, Appalachian State University, Boone, North Carolina. Also presented at the Eighth Annual Conference of Concerned Philosophers for Peace, October 20, 1995, University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio.
- "Conceptual Imperialism and Mystical Experience," Tennessee Philosophical Association, Nashville, November, 1992.
- "The Absence of the Language of Obligation in Mystical Ethics," Tennessee Philosophical Association, Nashville, November 16, 1991.
- "Honk if You Love Kabbalah," Southern Jewish Historical Society, Charleston, SC, March 25, 1990.
- Served as commentator to "The Genesis of the Cosmos in the *Timaeus*," by Henry Teloh, American Philosophical Association, April 29, 1988, Cincinnati, Ohio.
- Invited Keynote Address "If You Meet the Buddha on the Road Argue with Him: The Role of Rationality in Mysticism and Philosophy," Tennessee Philosophical Association, Nashville, Tennessee, November 13, 1987.
- "Hermeneutics and the History of Philosophy," Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Atlanta, April, 1984.
- Invited Symposiast, "Greek and Hebraic Modes of Explanation," Tennessee Philosophical Association, Nashville, November 9, 1984
- "Interpretation," National Meeting of the Speech Communication Association, Chicago, November 3, 1984.
- "What is the Task of the Historian of Philosophy?" invited speaker, Ohio State University, June 1, 1984.
- "Plato's Concept of Piety," keynote address at Honors Banquet, Emmanuel School of Religion, Milligan, Tennessee, May 6, 1983.
- "Anachronism and the History of Philosophy," Tennessee Philosophical Association, Nashville, November 6, 1982.
- "Using Teaching Stories to Explore Philosophical Themes in the Classroom," The Intermountain Philosophy Conference, Boone, North Carolina, April 25, 1981 (with Bill Kirkwood).
- "Storytelling as an Educational Device," Southeast Philosophy of Education Society, Auburn, Alabama, February 8, 1981 (with Bill Kirkwood).
- Invited Symposiast on Teaching Philosophy, Intermountain Philosophy Conference, Johnson City, Tennessee, March 22, 1980
- "Socratic Definition," Tennessee Philosophical Association, Nashville, November 17, 1979.
- "Plato on Names: A Sellarsian Interpretation," American Philosophical Association, Cincinnati, April 28, 1978.

SELECTED PUBLIC LECTURES

- "Prayer in Judaism," East West Conference, Johnson City TN, September, 2013
 - "Suffering and Self-hate in American Zen Buddhism," Holston Valley Unitarian Universalist Church, Kingsport TN, September, 2013
 - "Reflections on a 25 year Meditation Practice," Kingsport Adult Education, Kingsport, TN, October 14, 2009
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- "Socrates and Plato," Kingsport Adult Education, Kingsport, TN, November 18, 2009.
 - "Atheism and Ethics," ETSU Lecture Series, November 2007.
 - "Socrates and the Search for Wisdom," Holston Valley Unitarian Church, June, 2007.
 - "Yoga: A Personal Journey," Holston Valley Unitarian Church, February, 2007
 - "Elie Wiesel and Kabbalah," University School, Johnson City, TN, November, 2006.
 - "Kabbalistic Astrology," B'nai Sholom, Bristol, TN, October, 2006.
 - "Meditation," Holston Valley Unitarian Church, June, 2006.
 - "Atheism," First Methodist Church, Elizabethton, TN, March, 2006.
 - "Athens and Jerusalem," B'nai Sholom, Bristol, TN, October, 2005.
 - "Zen Buddhism," Lucille Clement Hall, ETSU, April 5, 2005.
 - "The Heart of Jewish Mysticism," First Methodist Church, Elizabethton, TN, March, 2005.
 - "Socrates and Plato," Four-part Series, First Methodist Church, Elizabethton, TN, March, 2005.
 - "Jewish Mysticism," Four-part Series, ETSU Presbyterian Campus Ministry, January-February, 2005.
 - "Meditation from Eastern and Western traditions," ETSU Presbyterian Campus Ministry, March 10 and 17, 2004.
 - "Thankfulness," sponsored by United Religions Initiative, Johnson City, TN, November 15, 2003.
 - "Jewish Mysticism," Holston Valley Unitarian Church, April 27, 2003
 - "A Kabbalistic Interpretation of the Creation Story," B'nai Sholom, Bristol, TN, January, 2001.
 - "The Role of Meditation in World Religions," The Institute for Continued Learning, East Tennessee State University, November, 1999.
 - "Meditation in Judaism and Christianity," Saint Columba's Episcopal Church, Bristol, TN, April, 1999.
 - "Mysticism," radio interview for "Ideas and Issues," hosted by Hugh LaFollette for WETS, East Tennessee Public Radio, March 1999.
 - "World Religions," a two-part lecture presented to Masters Degree Students, ETSU College of Education, February, 1999.
 - "Yoga," ETSU Residence Hall Students, January, 1998.
 - "Introduction to Judaism and Jewish Mysticism," sponsored by Bahai Community of Pennington Gap, January 25, 1997
 - "Kabbalah," Presentation to Jung Society, ETSU, Johnson City, TN, January 19, 1997.
 - "Mystical Interpretation of the Winter Solstice," Holston Valley Unitarian Church, December, 1995
 - Series of six lectures on the history of Philosophy to Kingsport Continuing Education Class, fall, 1994.
 - Series of six lectures on the lives and teachings of saints, sages, and Mystics to Kingsport Continuing Education Class, Spring, 1994
 - "The Absence of the Concept of 'Original Sin' in Judaism," Colonial Heights United Methodist Church, January 26, 1992.
 - "The Path of the Mystic," Holston Valley Unitarian Church, November 17, 1991.
 - "Mysticism," The Institute for Continued Learning, East Tennessee State
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University, November 6, 1991.

- "The History of Jewish Mysticism," B'nai Sholom Congregation, Blountville, Tennessee, October 15, 1991.
- "Abraham and Isaac," St. Columba's Episcopal Church, March, 1991, Bristol, Tennessee.
- "Joseph Campbell's Enchanted World," Jung Society, November 18, 1990, Johnson City, Tennessee.
- "A Critique of Liberalism," presented to the History Society, East Tennessee State University, April 4, 1990.
- "Spiritual Zionism," Emmanuel School of Religion, Milligan, TN, May 16, 1988.
- "John 14:6: A Kabbalistic Perspective," Episcopal University Ministry, East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, Tennessee, March 16, 1988.
- "A Kabbalistic Interpretation of the Exodus," B'nai Sholom, Blountville, Tennessee, March 22, 1986.
- "Jewish Mysticism," B'nai Sholom, Blountville, Tennessee, December, 1985.
- "Faith and Works," Holston Valley Unitarian Church, Gray, Tennessee, November 11, 1984.
- "Logical Positivism and the Meaningfulness of Religious Language," Emmanuel School of Religion, Milligan, Tennessee, March, 1984.

REFERENCES

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