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POSITIONS HELD

Head of the Critical Thinking Center	University College, UW-Stevens Point September 2019 to Present
Critical Thinking Program Director	College of Letters and Sciences, UW-Stevens Point September 2017 to September 2019
Assistant / Associate Dean	College of Letters and Sciences, UW-Stevens Point August 2010 to September 2017
Department Chair	Department of Philosophy, UW-Stevens Point Summer 2007 to August 2010
Professor of Philosophy	Department of Philosophy, UW-Stevens Point August 1995 to present

EDUCATION

- ◆ University of Minnesota, Ph.D. (philosophy), 1995.
- ◆ University of Minnesota, M.A. (philosophy), 1991.
- ◆ Moorhead State University, B.S. summa cum laude (mathematics), 1987.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION AND COMPETENCE

- ◆ Specialization: Critical Thinking. The Scholarship of Teaching and Learning.
- ◆ Competence: Symbolic Logic. Epistemology. Philosophy of Religion.

TEACHING

Honors and Awards

- ◆ UW-Stevens Point Eugene Katz Letters and Science Distinguished Faculty Award, 2020
- ◆ UW-Stevens Point Excellence in Teaching Award, 2014-2015.
- ◆ UW System Regents' Teaching Excellence Award, 2009-2010.
- ◆ UW- Stevens Point Excellence in Teaching Award, 1997-1998.

Primary Courses Taught

- ◆ Philosophy 121, Critical Thinking – Taught every semester since the fall of 1995.
- ◆ Philosophy 322, Symbolic Logic

Other Courses Taught

- ◆ Philosophy 100, Introduction to Philosophy
- ◆ Philosophy 310, Metaphysics
- ◆ Philosophy 312, Epistemology
- ◆ Philosophy 318, Philosophy of Language
- ◆ Philosophy 320, Philosophy of Religion
- ◆ Philosophy 360, Philosophy and Psychotherapy
- ◆ Philosophy 490, Philosophical Problems of Religious Diversity
- ◆ Philosophy 490, Philosophy, Disagreement, and Civil Discourse

Graduate Work Supervised

- ◆ Master's Thesis Reader for Cory Rusch, Humboldt State University, 2015-2016.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

- ◆ "Critical Thinking," for the Western Region for Economic Assistance Consortium, 2023
- ◆ "Critical Thinking in the Short Term Helping Professions," for the Northern Income Maintenance Consortium, 2022.
- ◆ "How to Have Productive Conversations with People Who Disagree with You", LIFE Presentation, 2022.
- ◆ "H.L. Mencken's 'The Penalty of Death,'" ThinkerAnalytix Instructional Coach Program, 2022.
- ◆ "Evolution of a Sustainable General Education Curriculum," with Shanny Luft and Vera Klekovkina, Higher Learning Commission Annual Conference 2022.
- ◆ "'Are you fluent yet?' and other bad questions," Harvard Argument Mapping Seminar, 2021.
- ◆ "Introducing the Critical Thinking Center," Presentation to Kiwanis, 2021.
- ◆ "How to Teach Argument Mapping Online," Harvard Argument Mapping Seminar, 2020.
- ◆ "How to Fight Like a Philosopher," UWSP Continuing Education and Outreach, 2020.
- ◆ "Critical Thinking in the Workplace," Business X-Change Workshop 2020.
- ◆ "Critical Thinking Workshop: How to See what your Students are Thinking," workshop for secondary educators in the Stevens Point Public School, 2020.

- ◆ Review of *Introduction to Logic, 3rd Edition* by Harry Gensler, *Teaching Philosophy*, 2019, Vol. 24, No. 4.
- ◆ “Introducing the Critical Thinking Center,” Presentation to the Stevens Point Area Human Resources Association, 2019.
- ◆ “Tracking the Reasoning, Inference Indicator Expressions, and Ordering Effects,” Harvard Argument Mapping Seminar, 2019.
- ◆ "Critical Thinking, Problem Solving, and Decision Making" with Lyna Matesi, a session in the Leadership Certificate Program through UWSP Continuing Education and Outreach, April 2019.
- ◆ “The Critical Function of Critical Thinking,” College of Letter and Science Community Lecture Series, April 2019.
- ◆ “Mapping Reasoning for Critical Thinking Instruction across Disciplines and Institutions,” with Vera Klekovkina and Jeanne Ryan, Higher Learning Commission 2018 Annual Conference, Chicago, April 2018.
- ◆ “Argument Mapping: What it is and Why it matters,” at the Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, February 2019.
- ◆ “Deliberating for the Common Good,” with Paula DeHart, at the UW-Stevens Point Teaching Conference, January 2018.
- ◆ “The Marketplace of Ideas In and Out of the Classroom,” with John Blakeman, Keynote Presentation at the UW-Stevens Point Teaching Conference, January 2018.
- ◆ “Critical Thinking in the Nursing and Allied Health Classroom,” with Vera Klekovkina, Wade Mahon, and Jodi Olmsted at Gateway Technical College, Kenosha, WI, August 2017.
- ◆ “Critical Thinking in the Secondary and Post-Secondary Classroom,” with Vera Klekovkina, Wade Mahon, and Jodi Olmsted at Gateway Technical College, Kenosha, WI, August 2017.
- ◆ “Argument Mapping to Enhance Critical Thinking,” with Jeanne Ryan, at Mid-State Technical College in Wisconsin Rapids, August 2017.
- ◆ “Mapping the Reasoning: Argumentation, Decision Making, and Problem Solving,” With Todd Huspeni, Vera Klekovkina, Nancy LoPatin-Lumms, Wade Mahon, UW-Stevens Point, July 2017.
- ◆ “Using Argument Mapping to Teach Critical Thinking Across the Curriculum,” with Todd Huspeni and Cade Spaulding, Higher Learning Commission 2017 Annual Conference, Chicago, April 2017.
- ◆ “Seeing What You, and Your Students, are Thinking: Using Argument Maps to Conceptualize, Teach, and Assess Critical Thinking Across the Curriculum,” University of Wisconsin System Faculty College Seminar, Summer 2016.
- ◆ “You Are Here: A Brief Introduction to Argument Mapping,” University of Wisconsin System Faculty College Morning Seminar, Summer 2016.
- ◆ “Teaching and Assessing Critical Thinking Across the Curriculum with Computer Assisted Argument Mapping Tools,” panel presentation at the UW System OPID Spring Conference, April 2016.

- ◆ “Here there be Dragons: Exploring the Potential of Argument Mapping in Logic Based Therapy,” presentation at the group meeting of the National Philosophical Counseling Association held in conjunction with the American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, March 2016.
- ◆ “Teaching and Assessing Critical Thinking Across the Curriculum with Argument Mapping,” presentation at the UW-Stevens Point Teaching Conference, January 2016.
- ◆ “Making the University Safe for Civility: Grounding Civility Initiatives in the Intellectual Virtues,” presentation at *Educating for Intellectual Virtues*, Loyola Marymount University, 2013.
- ◆ “Civility and Philosophy,” presentation at the group meeting of the National Philosophical Counseling Association held in conjunction with the American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, December 2012.
- ◆ “Marco Polo, Moby Dick, and Teaching Critical Thinking: An Applied Approach,” invited keynote, UW-Whitewater, August 2012.
- ◆ “What to do? What to do?: Decision Making, Problem Solving and Wellness,” presentation with James Sage at the National Wellness Conference, UW-Stevens Point, Summer 2009.
- ◆ “Thinking Well: Exploring the Intersection between Critical Thinking and Cognitive Therapy,” College of Letter and Science Community Lecture Series, March 2009.
- ◆ “Participating in a critical thinking course: Is it related to performance on a standardized critical thinking test?” with Shari Ellertson at *Creative and Critical Thinking*, UW-Green Bay Faculty Development Conference, January 2009.
- ◆ “Thinking Well: Uncovering our Hidden Assumptions,” presentation at the National Wellness Conference, Summer 2008.
- ◆ “Relativism (and Skepticism) Reconsidered: Exploring Some Consequences of Reasonable Disagreements,” presentation at *The Christian Worldview: Analysis, Assessment & Development; A Conference in Honor of Keith Yandell*, Madison, WI, September 2005.
- ◆ “Philosophy and Religious Disagreements in the College Classroom,” *Encountering Faith in the Classroom*, edited by Miriam Rosalyn Diamond, Stylus Publishing, Sterling Virginia, 2008.
- ◆ “If You Say that I’m Over-reacting, I’ll Scream! – How the Concept of Over-reaction Undermines the Examined Life” *Practical Philosophy*, Spring 2002.
- ◆ “Healing Thrasymachus: The Psychotherapeutic Use of Dialogue,” in *Thinking Through Dialogue*, edited by Trevor Curnow, Practical Philosophy Press, 2001.
- ◆ “Philosophical Counseling and the Halting Problem,” presented at the American Association for Philosophy, Counseling and Psychotherapy group meeting at the Eastern Division meeting of the APA, December 2001.
- ◆ “Healing Thrasymachus: Philosophy in Therapy,” revised version of “Healing Thrasymachus: The Psychotherapeutic Use of Dialogue,” presented at the American Association for Philosophy, Counseling and Psychotherapy group meeting at the Eastern Division meeting of the APA, December 1999.

- ◆ “Healing Thrasymachus: The Psychotherapeutic Use of Dialogue,” presentation at the Fifth International Conference on Philosophy in Practice, Wadham College, Oxford, July 1999.
- ◆ “How Many Angels Can Dance on the Head of a Pin?: The Many Kinds of Questions in Philosophy.” *Teaching Philosophy*, September 1998.
- ◆ “Those Who Can, Do: A Response to Sidney Gendin’s ‘Am I Wicked?’” *Teaching Philosophy*, 1996.

SELECTED SERVICE

Service Related to Critical Thinking

- ◆ Serve as webmaster for AILACT, 2023 to present.
- ◆ Host the online speaker series for AILACT and maintain the AILACT YouTube channel, 2023 to present.
- ◆ Administered and analyzed, with Shanny Luft, an assessment of the critical thinking skills of first year and graduating students at UWSP, 2023-2024.
- ◆ Created and maintain UWSP’s Library Guide for Critical Thinking, 2023 – present.
- ◆ Vice President of the Association for Informal Logic and Critical Thinking (AILACT), 2022 – present.
- ◆ Member of the Advisory Board for Thinker Analytix, 2022 – present.
- ◆ Collaborated with the Center for Inclusive Teaching and Learning to host the virtual conference “Wisconsin Dialogues: Structured Dialogues for Classroom Learning,” 2023.
- ◆ Co-taught a critical thinking class with Sarah Ross for the LEAD bridge program, 2023.
- ◆ Presented mock critical thinking classes to admitted students for Admitted Student Days, 2023.
- ◆ Served as Subject Matter Expert for Lumina Datamatics, 2022.
- ◆ Co-taught a critical thinking class with Dave Dettman, Alex Ingersoll, and Sarah Ross for the LEAD bridge program, 2022.
- ◆ Organized a series of Critical Thinking Events at UWSP, 2021-2022
- ◆ Organized a community read of *Beyond Your Bubble*, including a Zoom presentation with the Author, 2021.
- ◆ Serve as critical thinking representative on the General Education Committee, 2021 to present.
- ◆ Co-taught a critical thinking class with Dave Dettman, Alex Ingersoll, and Sarah Ross for the LEAD bridge program, 2021.
- ◆ Presented mock critical thinking classes to admitted students for Admitted Student Days, 2021.
- ◆ Guest on “The Larry Meiller Show,” Wisconsin Public Radio (Topic: Vaccination hesitancy), 2021.
- ◆ Provided workshops for CT GEP instructors, Spring, Summer, and Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Winter 2023, Summer 2023, Fall 2023.
- ◆ Collaborated with faculty and administrators to develop a critical thinking general education requirement, 2020-2021.

- ◆ Facilitated a reading group with Ki Mobility on the book *HBR's 10 Must Reads on Making Smart Decisions*, 2020 - 2021.
- ◆ Facilitated a reading group with Holy Spirit Parish on the book *Beyond Your Bubble*, 2021.
- ◆ Lead two faculty development workshops for Harper College, 2020-2021.
- ◆ Consulted with Elodin and Elite Retirement Group, 2020.
- ◆ Facilitated a Critical Thinking Summer Working Group, Summer 2020.
- ◆ Prepared and taught a critical thinking course for the UW System Collaborative AAS degree, 2019-2020.
- ◆ Maintain social media sites for the Critical Thinking Center, 2019 to Present.
- ◆ Presented mock critical thinking classes to admitted students for Admitted Student Days, 2020.
- ◆ Produced a series of Alumni College Experience Videos, 2020.
- ◆ Member of the *Teaching Philosophy* editorial advisory board, 2018 to Present.
- ◆ Director-at-Large for the Association for Informal Logic and Critical Thinking, AILACT, 2016-2022.
- ◆ Facilitated discussion and training sessions for instructors in the critical thinking pilot during the 2018-2019 academic year.
- ◆ Reviewer for *Informal Logic*, 2017-2018.
- ◆ Spearheaded and collaborated on UW-Stevens Point's Quality Initiative, "Developing and Assessing Critical Thinking at UW-Stevens Point," 2015-2018.
- ◆ Facilitated discussion and training sessions for instructors in the critical thinking pilot, Spring 2017-2018.
- ◆ Developed the critical thinking course pilot working with Todd Huspeni, Vera Klekovkina, Nancy LoPatin-Lummis, Paula DeHart, and Lindsay Bernhagen, Fall 2017-2018.
- ◆ Facilitated lunchtime discussion and training sessions about critical thinking instruction during the 2016-2017 academic year.
- ◆ Facilitated Summer Working Group funded with OPID Argument Mapping Grant, "The Use of Argument Mapping Tools to Support Critical Thinking Instruction and Assessment in the General Education Program," Summer 2015.
- ◆ Received OPID Argument Mapping Grant, "The Use of Argument Mapping Tools to Support Critical Thinking Instruction and Assessment in the General Education Program," 2014-2015.
- ◆ Facilitated the public forum, "A Civil Discourse on Public Vaccination Policy and the First Amendment," as part of the *Making Our Point: A Civility Initiative* grant, September 2013.
- ◆ Hosted *Critical Thinking and Civil Discourse*, a critical thinking conference at UW-Stevens Point, October 2011.
- ◆ Facilitated the Faculty Learning Community *Critical Thinking: What is it? How can we teach it? And how can we assess it?* at UW-Stevens Point, 2011-2012.
- ◆ Reviewed the CEU-Lopez Critical Thinking Test for validity, 2010-2011.
- ◆ Hosted *Helping Students Reason Better: Using Argument Models in the Classroom*, a critical thinking conference at UW-Stevens Point, 2010.

- ◆ Served as a consultant to an education professor at UW-Stout who was working on a critical thinking project, 2009-2010.
- ◆ Served as a consultant to an interdisciplinary group of professors at UW-Stout working on an OPID grant to study critical thinking pedagogy, 2009-2010.
- ◆ Hosted *Assessing Critical Thinking: Performance*, a critical thinking conference at UW-Stevens Point, October 2009.
- ◆ Hosted *Assessing Critical Thinking: From Course to Campus*, a critical thinking conference at UW-Stevens Point, 2008.
- ◆ Hosted *Critical Thinking Across the Curriculum*, a critical thinking conference at UW-Stevens Point, 2007.

Other Service

- ◆ Serve on the Chancellor's Commission on Freedom of Expression and Civil Discourse, 2023-2024.
- ◆ Served on the *ad hoc* UW System Free Speech Survey Group at UWSP - 2023
- ◆ Served on Search and Screen Committee for an Instructional Designer for the Center for Inclusive Teaching and Learning, 2023.
- ◆ External Reviewer for Simon Cullen's promotion at Carnegie Mellon University, 2023.
- ◆ External Reviewer for the Department of Philosophy at the University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh, 2023.
- ◆ Chaired Post-Tenure Review Committee for Chris Diehm, 2023.
- ◆ Member of the HLC Year Four Assurance Argument Team, 2022.
- ◆ Member of the Doctor of Physical Therapy Advisory Board, 2021 - present.
- ◆ Member of Search and Screen Committee for Instructional Designer, 2020 – 2021.
- ◆ Served on the Academic Planning Working Group for Low Residency Teaching, May 2020.
- ◆ External Reviewer for Kristian Simcox, tenure decision, 2020.
- ◆ Member of the advisory group for the Wisconsin Idea Collaborative, 2018-2020.
- ◆ Member of UW-Stevens Point's Center for Inclusive Teaching and Learning's Advisory Board, 2017-2018.
- ◆ Presented "What is the Purpose of Education?" for Upward Bound, October 2018.
- ◆ Member of UW-Stevens Point's HLC Reaffirmation Report Writing Team, 2017-2019.
- ◆ Served on UW-Stevens Point January Teaching Conference Planning Committee 2015-2016.
- ◆ Served on UW-Stevens Point Advising Council, 2013-2017.
- ◆ Served on the Convocation Planning Committee, 2011-2017.
- ◆ Chair of the College of Letters and Science Undergraduate Research Symposium Organizing Committee, 2010-2017.
- ◆ Served on advisory group for the Bachelor of Applied Studies Degree, 2013-2014.
- ◆ Chaired an *ad hoc* group convened by the Chancellor to discuss veterans' credit, 2013.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- ◆ American Philosophical Association
- ◆ Association for Informal Logic and Critical Thinking

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