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### Curriculum Vitae

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**CAREER OBJECTIVE:** To introduce students to the challenges and practical character of philosophy by creating an imaginative critical learning environment both in the classroom and via available technology; and to carry the same to the community through research, writing, articles, and presentations for both general audiences and fellow professionals.

**SPECIALIZATION:** Ethics and Epistemology

**COMPETENCIES:** Ethics; Philosophy of Knowledge; Contemporary Continental Philosophy; American Philosophy; Existentialism; Philosophy of Language and Literature; Aesthetics; Critical Thinking; Logic; the Enlightenment (Kant); 19th Century German Philosophy; Buddhist Philosophy; History of Modern Philosophy, Medieval, and Ancient Philosophy, World Religions, Gender Studies.

**EDUCATION:**

**1993 Ph.D., Philosophy**, DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY, Pittsburgh, PA. Graduate Teaching Assistant to Professors Tom Rockmore (1987) and Edward Gelblum (1988-1989). Dissertation Major Professor - Wilhelm Wurzer; Title: **Friends, On The Streets Of Larissa - Practicality, Judgment, Politics And Play...From Unfathomable Free Space To Kant.**

**1976 M.A., Philosophy**, OHIO UNIVERSITY, Athens, OH. Graduate Teaching Assistant, **Moral Philosophies** (1971-1972). Thesis Major Professor - Algis Mickunas; Title: **The Problem Of Language And Worldviews In The Philosophy Of Wilhelm Dilthey**, including English translation of Dilthey text on historical consciousness.

**1970 B.A. Philosophy** OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY, Delaware, OH

**1969 CULTURAL STUDIES ACADEMY**, Salzburg, Austria. Summer program for study of German language and culture.

**1968 McKENDREE COLLEGE**, Lebanon, IL, Spring Semester.

**1966 Diploma** CHARLES F. BRUSH HIGH SCHOOL, South Euclid-Lyndhurst, OH. College Preparatory.

**LANGUAGE****COMPETENCIES:**

German (Reading/Spoken) and French (Reading).

**TECHNOLOGY:**

July, 2006, HCC Advanced Teaching And Technology Certificate with Portfolio Review. Lead developer for Distance Education “Introduction to Humanities” Master Course. WebCT, Blackboard, and Moodrooms expertise.

**TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE:****Courses by Title:**

Introduction to Philosophy  
 Philosophy of Knowledge  
 Critical Thinking (Principles of Reasoning)  
 Introduction to Logic  
 Introduction to Ethics/Moral Philosophies  
 Current Moral Issues  
 Existentialism  
 Introduction to Symbolic Logic  
 Political and Social Philosophy  
 Plato and Neoplatonism  
 Philosophy of Religion  
 Existence and Faith (Contemporary Philosophy of Religion)  
 World Religions  
 Philosophy of Art and Criticism  
 Aesthetics in the Community (Service Learning Course)  
 Gender and Community Values (Service Learning Course)  
 Introduction to Humanities

**TEACHING 2001 - PRESENT**

Professor and Assistant Department Chair for Philosophy and Humanities, HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE/NORTHWEST COLLEGE, Houston, TX. In addition to my assistant chair duties, I teach a full load of five courses each long semester and two courses during one of the college's summer sessions, including courses in both Philosophy and Humanities. I also served as Philosophy Program Chair for the six-college, Houston Community College System since my hiring in August 2001 through August 2011, and am a founding member of the HCC Humanities Program Committee.

**1995-2001**

Lecturer (Philosophy), LAMAR UNIVERSITY, Beaumont, TX. A renewable, non-tenure track, full-time teaching position. Taught core requirement in Philosophy of Knowledge. I also taught a GRE Tutorial for Lamar's **McNair Scholars Program**. Left to assume position at HCC/Northwest College.

**2001**

Adjunct (Philosophy), HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM/SOUTHWEST, CENTRAL, and NORTHWEST COLLEGES.

**1995**

Adjunct (Philosophy), UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON-DOWNTOWN, Houston, TX.

<b>TEACHING</b> (Continued)	<b>1995 &amp; 1998</b>	Adjunct (Philosophy), TOMBALL COLLEGE, Tomball, TX.
	<b>1995</b>	Adjunct (Philosophy), NORTH HARRIS COLLEGE, Spring, TX.
	<b>1995</b>	Adjunct (Philosophy), HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE
	<b>1988-1993</b>	Part-time Instructor (Philosophy), UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH undergraduate degree program at state maximum security prison.
	<b>1993</b>	Adjunct (Philosophy), MERCY HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING/CARLOW COLLEGE, Pittsburgh, PA.
	<b>1992-1990</b>	Part-time Instructor (Philosophy), CLARION UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, Clarion, PA.
	<b>1992</b>	Part-time Instructor (Philosophy), INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, Indiana, PA..
	<b>1990-1991</b>	Part-time Instructor (Philosophy), DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY, Pittsburgh, PA..
	<b>1991</b>	Visiting Lecturer (Philosophy), WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY at Morgantown.
	<b>1989</b>	Visiting Lecturer (Philosophy), WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY at Morgantown, Morgantown, W. VA..
	<b>1987-1989</b>	Graduate Assistant (Philosophy), DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY.
	<b>1987-1988</b>	Adjunct (Philosophy), LA ROCHE COLLEGE, Pittsburgh, PA.
	<b>1985-1988</b>	Part-time Instructor (Philosophy), CLARION UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, College of Continuing Education.
	<b>1971-1972</b>	Part-time Instructor (Philosophy), OHIO UNIVERSITY at Athens.
<b>BUSINESS EMPLOYMENT:</b>	<b>1973-1988</b>	Founder, Major Partner and Manager, APOLLODORUS MUSIC, Clarion, PA. Wholesale and Retail prerecorded and printed music business serving northwestern Pennsylvania. Primary buyer and supervisor of sales and merchandising staff. Business was supplied directly by <b>all</b> major U.S. and foreign manufacturers and distributors — Sold.
<b>COUNSELING EMPLOYMENT:</b>	<b>1988-1990</b>	Drug and Alcohol Counselor, Shift Leader, and Diagnostics Counselor, ABRAXAS FOUNDATION, Marienville, PA. Responsible for psycho-social evaluations, treatment planning, one-on-one and group counseling, and staff coordination. Residential high school for court committed juveniles.
<b>LEGAL AND REGULATORY EMPLOYMENT:</b>	<b>1994</b>	Mortgage Technician, Legal Assistant, Data Processor, and Proofreader, LEGAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES and PITTSBURGH TEMPORARIES, Pittsburgh, PA. and TEMPORARIES, INC., Houston, TX. Temporary assignments with major bank, law firms specialized in banking and medical law, and a wholesale carpet company.
<b>JOURNALISM EMPLOYMENT:</b>	<b>1972-1973</b>	Sports and Outdoors Editor, Photographer, and Drama Critic, THE CLARION NEWS, Clarion, PA.

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**PUBLICATIONS: 2011**

**Article:** "Distance Learning and Philosophy: The Term-Length Challenge" An article outlining a case study of problems related to offering shorter and shorter online learning courses in philosophy including their comparison to outcomes in face to face instruction. American Philosophical Association Philosophy and Computers Newsletter, Vol. 11, No.1, Fall 2011. This article may be viewed online at: [http://www.apaonline.org/APAOnline/Publications/Newsletters/Past\\_Newsletters/Vol11/Vol\\_11.aspx](http://www.apaonline.org/APAOnline/Publications/Newsletters/Past_Newsletters/Vol11/Vol_11.aspx)

**2007**

**Paper: The Business of Philosophy**, a critical discussion on the content and work of contemporary academic philosophy, questioned in terms of its contributions and relevance to everyday life and advancement of human culture. *Southwest Philosophical Studies*, Vol. 27, Spring 2005.

**2004**

**Online Teaching Module: The Strife of Values in Bio-Ethical Decision Making.** This online resource created for *The Texas Collaborative for Teaching Excellence* focuses on the challenges facing decision-makers in the delivery of public health programs, with particular emphasis given to the crisis in funding for HIV-AIDS medical services to the under-insured and uninsured. This module may be viewed online: [http://www.texascollaborative.org/Urban\\_Module/overview.htm](http://www.texascollaborative.org/Urban_Module/overview.htm)

**2001**

**Abstract: Public and Private**, A paper on free speech and self-expression in terms of the public and private distinction found in Foucault, Kant, and Peirce, with examples from the photography of Robert Mapplethorpe and lesbian/gay rights. *Southwest Philosophical Studies*, Vol. 23, Spring 2001.

**2000**

**Abstract: What We Mean By Practical**, a paper on the relation of aesthetic concerns to practicality in Peirce's *pragmatism*. *Southwest Philosophical Studies*, Vol. 22, Spring 2000.

**1999**

**Review: Resisting Texts: Authority and Submission in Constructions of Meaning** by Peter L. Shillingsburg (Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 1997). *Southwest Philosophical Studies*, Vol. 21, Spring 1999.

**1999**

**Abstract: Peirce and the Joker: Questions of Self-worth and Character**, *Southwest Philosophical Studies*, Vol. 21, Spring 1999.

**PUBLICATIONS: 1998**  
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**Abstract: Firstness and Freedom**, a paper on C.S.Peirce's concept of universal categories and their relationship to claims for objective practical judgment. *Southwest Philosophical Studies*, Vol. 20, Spring 1998.

**1996**

**Review: Evolutionary Metaphysics** by Joseph L. Esposito (Athens: Ohio University Press, 1980) in *Southwest Philosophical Studies*, Vol. 18, Spring 1996.

**1993**

**Dissertation: *Friends, On The Streets Of Larissa***, Duquesne University, 333 pp. Major Professor: Wilhelm S. Wurzer. Ann Arbor: University Microfilms, ©1993 Georg Thomas Urban. This dissertation presents a speculative account of the relations between practical and aesthetic judgment in Kant's moral philosophy. Considered are Kant's claims on behalf of reason and taste in the context of a free or open community. It is argued that when and where moral well-being actually appears we find judgments which involve a sensible correlation between public affairs and beauty, private interest and self-program. The moral human is at once a person of cultivated reason and taste whose freedom is inconceivable apart from a correlative, character-rich disclosure of independent spirit and community well-being.

**PRESENTATIONS  
AND CONFERENCE  
PARTICIPATION: 2012**

**Session Chair: “Credentials Policy for Two-Year Colleges”** offered by the APA Committee for Philosophy in Two-Year and Community Colleges. AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL ASSOCIATION – CENTRAL DIVISION, Chicago, IL.

**2012**

**Co-chair:** Philosophy Student Colloquium, NEW MEXICO/WEST TEXAS PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY annual meeting, Las Cruces, NM.

**2012**

**Invited Workshop Participant:** Council on Foreign Relations “Academic Educators Workshop,” COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS New York headquarters, NYC, NY.

**2012**

**Conference/Workshop: N.I.S.O.D.** (National Institute for Staff and Institutional Development , Austin, TX.

**PRESENTATIONS 2012  
AND CONFERENCE  
PARTICIPATION:**  
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- Biennial Conference/Workshop:** AAPT (American Association of Philosophy Teachers), St. Edwards University, Austin, TX.
- 2011** **Panel Participant:** “How to obtain a position at a Community College” and “Credentialing”, both part of special sessions offered by the APA Committee for Philosophy in Two-Year and Community Colleges. AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL ASSOCIATION – CENTRAL DIVISION, Minneapolis, MN.
- 2011** **Co-chair and Facilitator,** Philosophy Student Colloquium, NEW MEXICO/WEST TEXAS PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY annual meeting, El Paso, TX. Regular program referee and commentator for paper “Attunement in Heidegger Understood as an Epistemic Virtue.”
- 2010** **Presentation:** “Virtual Bodies, Empty Minds...” a paper on Social networking and relational-based pedagogy, presented at THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE HUMANITIES ASSOCIATION (Southwest Division) meeting, Houston, TX.
- 2010** **Presentation:** “Credentialing: A Sound Approach” – part of a special session offered by the APA Committee for Philosophy in Two-Year and Community Colleges. AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL ASSOCIATION – CENTRAL DIVISION, Chicago, IL
- 2010** **Co-chair and Facilitator,** Philosophy Student Colloquium, NEW MEXICO/WEST TEXAS PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY annual meeting, Abilene, TX. Regular program referee and commentator for paper “Critique of Sarcastic Reason”.
- 2010** **Presentation:** “Workshop on Outcomes Assessment,” AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PHILOSOPHY TEACHERS, Coastal Carolina University, Conway, SC biennial meeting.
- 2009** **Presentation:** “The Right Fit” A paper on what to do and what not to do when applying for a fulltime teaching position at community colleges. A special session offered by the APA Committee for Philosophy in Two-Year and Community Colleges. AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL ASSOCIATION – CENTRAL DIVISION, Chicago, IL

**PRESENTATIONS 2009  
AND CONFERENCE****PARTICIPATION:**

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**Meeting/Event Planner, the NEW MEXICO/WEST TEXAS PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.** Responsible for all local arrangements for the organizations 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting, including hotel negotiations, receptions, guest travel, program publishing, and meeting underwriting. Co-chair of Society's first "Philosophy Student Colloquium", a special session for undergraduate and first year graduate students in philosophy. Attendees at this professional conference included scholars from 30 colleges and universities across the United States.

- 2009**      **Presentation:** "Reward or Punishment"    A paper on **Socrates'** exclusion of punishment from our concept of justice. NEW MEXICO/WEST TEXAS PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, Houston, TX.
- 2009**      **Panel Participant:** "Philosophy and Distance Learning", a special session of the APA Committee for Philosophy in Two-year and Community Colleges. AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL ASSOCIATION – CENTRAL DIVISION, Chicago, IL.
- 2008**      **Program Committee Reviewer:** Reviewed and rated all program proposals for five-day conference/workshop. AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PHILOSOPHY TEACHERS, Guelph, Ontario (Canada).
- 2008**      **Commentary:** "Authorship and Artifact on Kierkegaard's Book on Adler". NEW MEXICO/WEST TEXAS PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, El Paso, TX.
- 2007**      **Commentary:** "Rosenzweig's Debt to Wilhem Dilthey". NEW MEXICO/WEST TEXAS PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, INC, Austin, TX.
- 2006**      **Conference/Workshop:** AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PHILOSOPHY TEACHERS (AAPT), Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, PA.
- 2005**      **Presentation:** "HIV Drug Access and the Problem of Waiting Lists in the United States" **2005 IASSCS Conference on Sexual Rights and Moral Panics** (THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF SEXUALITY, CULTURE AND SOCIETY) San Francisco State University, San Francisco, CA.

**PRESENTATIONS 2005  
AND CONFERENCE  
PARTICIPATION:**  
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**Presentation:** “The Creation and Adaptation of Program-Specific Teaching Modules”. TEXAS COLABORATIVE FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE retreat, Northeast Texas Community College, Naples, TX.

**2005**      **Workshop Presentation:** “The Strife of Values in Bio-Ethical Decision-Making”. Adaptation of published online teaching module created for TEXAS COLABORATIVE FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE conference, Delmar Community College, Corpus Christi, TX.

**2004**      **Presentation:** “The Business of Philosophy” Presidential Address. THE NEW MEXICO/WEST TEXAS PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY. San Antonio, TX

**2003**      **Presentation:** “Pondering the Primordial: Kant, Heidegger and Practical Freedom” THE NEW MEXICO/WEST TEXAS PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, Santa Fe, NM.

**2002**      **Meeting/Event Planner, The New Mexico/West Texas Philosophical Society.** Responsible for all local arrangements for the organizations 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, including hotel negotiations, receptions, guest travel, program publishing, and meeting underwriting. Galveston, TX.

**2002**      **Presentation:** “Mary Wollstonecraft and Enlightened Aesthetic Education” SOUTH CENTRAL EIGHTEENTH CENTURY STUDIES Conference, South Padre Island, TX.

**2001**      **Presentation: Pleasure and Human Freedom.** A further development of themes laid out in a paper on Foucault’s analysis of Kant’s essay **What Is Enlightenment?** In particular, this paper focuses on the aesthetic of the sensible experience of human freedom and its implications for political and social rights. NEW MEXICO/WEST TEXAS PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, Las Vegas, NM.

**2000**      **Presentation: Public and Private.** A paper that questions about free speech and self-expression in terms of the public and private distinction as found in writings by Foucault, Kant, and Peirce, featuring the photography of Robert Mapplethorpe and lesbian/gay rights concerns. NEW MEXICO/WEST TEXAS PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, Dallas-Fr.Worth, TX.

**PRESENTATIONS 2000  
AND CONFERENCE**

**PARTICIPATION:**

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- Presentation: Foucault and the Unfinished Work of Freedom.** A paper on Foucault's analysis of Kant's essay *What Is Enlightenment?* that focuses on Foucault's idea of *transgression* as a means to extend limits for personal freedom. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VALUE THEORY, Beaumont, TX.
- 1999 Presentation: Genesis and Judgement: the Fix.** SOUTHERN CONFERENCE ON CHRISTIANITY AND LITERATURE, Beaumont, TX.
- 1999 Presentation: What We Mean By Practical.** A paper on the relation of aesthetic concerns to practicality in Peirce's pragmatism. NEW MEXICO/WEST TEXAS PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, Albuquerque, NM.
- 1998 Presentation: Peirce and The Joker: Questions of Self-worth and Character.** A paper on Peirce's negative regard for claims of intrinsic self-worth. NEW MEXICO/WEST TEXAS PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, El Paso, TX.
- 1997 Presentation: Firstness and Freedom** — on C.S. Peirce's universal categories of experience and their relation to claims for objective practical judgment. NEW MEXICO/WEST TEXAS PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, Albuquerque, NM.
- 1996 Presentation: Objectivity and Common Sense** —a paper on the collapse of the subjective/objective distinction in American philosophy and correlative loss of common sense. NEW MEXICO/WEST TEXAS PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, Austin, TX.
- 1992 Presentation: Augustine On Questioning** — a paper outlining St. Augustine's use of questioning in his text on language and learning **Concerning the Teacher.** PENNSYLVANIA STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION (SSHE) Philosophy and Religious Studies Conference, Bloomsburg University, Bloomsburg, PA.
- 1991 Presentation: The Slaughterhouse and Other Things**— a paper concerning political violence on the Colonial American frontier. SSHE Philosophy and Religious Studies Conference, Lock Haven University, Lock Haven, PA.

**LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE**

- 2011-2012**      **President, Houston Community College Faculty Association Council and Senate.** Past-President 2012-2013; President-Elect 2010-2011; Treasurer, 2009-2010. Delegate since 2003 with service on compensation, policies and procedures, faculty handbook, and faculty development committees, and annual fund fundraising auction.
- 2001-2011**      **Chair, Houston Community College Philosophy Program Committee.** During my tenure, our inventory of courses grew from five to twenty distinct course offerings, with an AA-degree plan for pre-majors in philosophy. Additionally, I researched and wrote the full academic program reviews of the program in 2001, 2003, and 2011. I was a co-developer of the interdisciplinary Houston Community College Humanities program in 2003. More recently, I crafted strict credentialing guidelines for hiring adjunct faculty, and was lead developer of a comprehensive “course-based” outcomes assessment plan. Other duties include managing text selections and orders for all HCC philosophy departments and for maintaining the program’s WebPages.
- 2010-Present**      **Member, HCC SACS Reaffirmation Steering Committee;** co-chair of Faculty subcommittee.
- 2004-Present**      **Assistant Department Chair for Philosophy and Humanities, HCC/Northwest College.** Responsible for adjunct recruitment and staffing of all sections of philosophy and humanities at college, course scheduling, and book orders. In addition, I facilitate a bi-weekly “Seminar in Teaching Philosophy” for all college philosophy faculty.
- 2003-Present**      **Member, Houston Community College Humanities Program Committee.** As a founding member of this committee and Philosophy Program Chair, I successfully fought for the inclusion of philosophy faculty in the HCC Humanities program, and in 2005-2006 facilitated a Title V grant project to develop an online *Humanities Master Course* in WebCT for use in distance education and hybrid-courses.
- 2005-2007**      **Member, Houston Community College Values/Ethics Committee.** Chair, Subcommittee on Ethical Principles.
- 2005-2007**      **Member, Houston Community College Bookstore Committee.**

**LEADERSHIP 2012-Present  
AND SERVICE:**  
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**Associate Chair, APA Committee for Philosophy in Two-Year and Community Colleges. American Philosophical Association.** Committee member **2008-2011.**

**2003-2004**

**President, The New Mexico/West Texas Philosophical Society.** As president of this regional professional society, organized in 1949, I led a successful effort to adopt new by-laws and articles of incorporation, which culminated in the organization becoming a Texas-based non-profit 501(c)(3) public educational charity. I personally authored the Society's 501(c)(3) application to the U.S. Internal Revenue Service. The 60-page application was approved by that agency twenty days after it was submitted, and without any requested changes. The usual turn-around time for this process is at least four months. **Vice President 2002-2003.**

**2007-2011**

**Member, Board of Directors, The New Mexico/West Texas Philosophical Society;** co-chair of annual Philosophy Student Colloquium; Blind Referee *Southwest Philosophical Studies*. Liaison with Texas State agencies.

**2008**

**Member, Program Committee,** American Association of Philosophy Teachers.

**2003-2005**

**President, Grey Party, Inc.,** a non-profit 501 (c)(3) charity organized in the 1980's to raise funds for local HIV-AIDS charities in Houston, TX.

**1999-2005**

**Member, Houston Area HIV- Services Ryan White Planning Council,** Houston, TX. Member, Priorities and Allocations Committee. Chair, Public Input Committee. Responsible for initiating and arranging the first ever televised sessions of Planning Council's public hearings.

**1998-1999**

**Editor, The Lamar University Arts and Sciences News ;** College of Arts and Sciences newsletter.

**1997-1999**

**Chair, Arts And Sciences Council,** Lamar University, Beaumont, TX. Faculty council to advise the Dean of Arts and Sciences on matters of policy and faculty concern. Wrote new Charter that gave council an expanded purpose and authority. Re-elected chair for second term.

**LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE:**  
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- 1998-1999**      **Interim Business Manager, *Lamar Journal of the Humanities***, blind-refereed journal sponsored by Lamar University for scholars residing throughout the United States.
- 1996-1997**      **Secretary, SACS Review Undergraduate Program Subcommittee**, Lamar University, Beaumont, TX. University self-study project for re-accreditation purposes. **Independent of my capacity as subcommittee secretary**, I was asked by the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and University Self-Study steering committee to research and write the draft version of the project report's **Undergraduate Program** section as well as the introductory overview for the entire **Educational Program** assessment.
- 1982-1986**      **President, Clarion County Historical Museum and Library**, Clarion, PA. A not-for-profit community organization promoting the preservation and teaching of local history. The president was chair of the Board of Directors and Executive Council, and supervisor of professional staff which included director/curator and professional librarian. Leadership included securing more comprehensive expertise in the management of the Society's finances and endowment, grant proposal writing, and initiation of capital fund drive for the purpose of further raising the endowment. Served as Vice President for two years with responsibilities which included organizing and directing community educational programs, special conferences and an annual dinner.
- 1979**              **Chair, Clarion County Board of Elections**, Clarion County, PA. Initiated and helped to conclude more equitable and efficient division of voting districts. Chaired all meetings, and was board spokesperson.
- 1976-1978**      **President, Clarion, Forest, Venango, and Warren Counties Drug and Alcohol Council**, Pennsylvania. Council member 1972-1978.
- 1971-1972**      **Member, Philosophy Department Faculty Graduate Committee and Ph.D. Program Proposal Committee**, Ohio University, Athens, OH.

<b>HONORS:</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>N.I.S.O.D. Award for Excellence and Leadership in Staff and Institutional Development</b> (National Institute for Staff and Institutional Development), N.I.S.O.D. Conference, Austin, TX. Award voted by HCC/Northwest College colleagues. <b>Outstanding Student Evaluations</b> in Fall 2006 and Fall 2009. Recent evaluations available on request.
<b>RESEARCH INTERESTS:</b>		My research focuses on issues relative to human freedom and social/political responsibility, particularly the relations of ethics to knowledge and practical judgment, including aesthetic judgment. These concerns primarily involve the cultivation of judgment in matters which define presentations of character and our grasp of human rights. Complementing this is an ongoing interest in effective teaching and the integration of technology into the learning environment.
<b>AFFILIATIONS:</b>		American Philosophical Association (Central Division) American Association of Philosophy Teachers The New Mexico/West Texas Philosophical Society Community College Humanities Association
<b>REFERENCES:</b>		On Request.