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EDUCATION

1982-1989 MA, PhD (Philosophy), CUNY Graduate Center
1978-1979 BA (Philosophy), Union College, Schenectady, New York
1977 (Fall) Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium
1975-1977 Catholic University of America, Washington, D. C.

AREA OF SPECIALIZATION

Ecospheric Philosophy

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Professional Ethics, Medical Ethics, Moral Theory, History of Philosophy, World Religions

PUBLICATIONS

Books

The Virtues of Ignorance: Complexity, Sustainability and the Limits of Knowledge. Co-edited with Wes Jackson. Lexington, KY: The University Press of Kentucky, 2008.

Rooted in the Land: Essays on Community and Place. Co-edited with Wes Jackson. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1996.

Promising. Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 1993

Applying Philosophy. Co-edited with Terrell Ward Bynum. Poughkeepsie, NY: Metaphilosophy Foundation, 1988.

Articles

“Joyful Ignorance and the Civic Mind.” In *The Virtues of Ignorance: Complexity, Sustainability and the Limits of Knowledge* (2008), pp. 213-229.

“Taking Ignorance Seriously.” Co-authored with Wes Jackson. In *The Virtues of Ignorance: Complexity, Sustainability and the Limits of Knowledge* (2008), pp. 1-17.

“Abandon Environmentalism for the Sake of the Revolution.” *Conservation Biology*, Volume 18, No. 6, December 2004: 1-2.

“You Can Get There from Here—Sustainable Engineering: Precursors, Principles & Prospects.” Co-written with Ross Whaley. Introductory Essay to *Strategic Environmental Management for Engineers*. New York: Wiley & Sons, 2004.

"Privacy's Place: The Role of Civility and Community in a Technological Culture." *Ethics & Behavior* 7(3) (1997): 265-270. Excerpted and reprinted in *Plain: The Magazine of Life, Land and Spirit* 18 (1998): 11-13.

"Rediscovering the Landscape." In *Rooted in the Land* (1996), edited by Vitek and Jackson, New Haven: Yale University Press, 1-7.

"Community and the Virtue of Necessity." In *Rooted in the Land* (1996), edited by Vitek and Jackson, New Haven: Yale University Press, 176-184.

"From Genesis to Garbage: The Conceptual Roots of our Solid Waste Crisis." In *Environmental Ethics: Discourses, and Cultural Traditions: A Festschrift to Arne Naess*. Edited by P. B. Singh. Varanasi, India: National Geographical Society of India, 1993, pp. 75-84. Reprinted in *The Environment: Global Problems, Local Solutions*. Edited by James Hickey, et al. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1994, 469-480.

"Virtue Ethics and Mandatory Birth Control." In *Biomedical Ethics Reviews*. Eds., James Humber and Robert Almeder. Clifton, NJ: Humana Press, 1993, pp. 173-213.

"Converging Theory and Practice: Example Selection in Moral Philosophy." *Journal of Applied Philosophy* 9 (1992): 189-200.

"Teaching Environmental Ethics." *Teaching Philosophy* 15 (June 1992): 151-173.

"The Humean Promise: Whence Comes Its Obligation?" *Hume Studies* 12 (1986): 160-176.

Essays

“God or Nature: Desire and the Quest for Unity.” *Minding Nature*, 4:2 (August 2011): 20-25. <http://www.humansandnature.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/Minding-Nature-v4n2-August-2011.pdf>

“These Revolutionary Times.” *The Land Report* 91 (Summer 2008): 13-17. Reprinted in *Minding Nature* 2:2 (August 2009): 29-33.

“Civic Agriculture: A Cart in Need of Horses.” *The Land Report* (82) Summer 2005: 3-5.

"Clarkson is the Place." *Clarkson Magazine* (Spring 1999): 8-11.

"Still, in Place." Essay for the “Ideal City” column. *Preservation*, May/June 1997: 46-49.

"Nowhere Man." Review of James Howard Kunstler's *Home from Nowhere: Remaking Our Everyday World for the Twenty-First Century*. *Preservation*, November/December 1996: 108-110.

"Budget Cuts an Opportunity to Encourage Civic Involvement." Opinion essay, *Watertown Daily Times* (July 9, 1996): 5.

"Budget Concerns Stir Debate Over Value of Public Goods." Opinion Essay, *Watertown Daily Times* (February 12, 1996): 5.

"Community Shopping, Community Goods." *North Country This Week*, December 1995: 8-10.

"Working Landscapes: People, Places, Partners." *Chrysalis*, 8 (1993): 102-107. Revised and reprinted as "Working Landscapes and the Importance of Place" in *Small Farmer's Journal* 18 (Winter 1994): 4-5.

"Home Territory: Communities Social and Ecological." *The Land*, No. 46 (Spring 1993): 26-28.

"Reflections on the Teaching Art." *Teaching for Learning* 2 (February 1992): 4. Reprinted in *The National Teaching and Learning Forum* 1 (1992): 11-12.

"What's Good About Farming." *Small Farmer's Journal* 15 (Fall 1991): 17-18. Reprinted in *American Agriculturist*, 190 (January 1993): 58.

"A Modest Defense of Livestock Agriculture." *Small Farmer's Journal* 15 (Spring 1991): 28-30. Revised and reprinted in *American Agriculturist* 189 (January 1992): 42.

"A Question of Value." *Small Farmer's Journal* 15 (Summer, 1991); reprinted in *Watertown Daily Times*, July 20, 1991.

"In Search of an Environmental Ethos." *Albany Report* 9 (May/June 1990): 5-7.

"Western Heritage, Western Habits: Our View from the Top." *Albany Report* 8 (July/August 1989): 4-10.

WORK IN PROGRESS

The Perennial Imagination: Hard Wired for Eternity. Book manuscript.

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Rockefeller Family Fund Teaching-Sabbatical Grant, Perennial Project. 2017-18.

W. Ford Schumann '50 Professor in Democratic Studies, Williams College, 2010-2011

Co-Investigator, National Science Foundation Research Experience for Undergraduates in Environmental Science and Engineering (\$290,000 for three years; 2008-2010). Developed and taught sustainability seminar.

Center for Humans and Nature Scholar, \$25,000, Fall 2007.

Land Institute Scholar, \$10,000, Fall 2007.

NEH Summer Seminar participant. "Peak Oil and the Coming Transformation of Society," with Richard Heinberg. Potsdam College, Summer 2006.

NEH Summer Seminar participant, "Reflection on American Values, Society, and Politics," Potsdam College, Summer 2004.

Co-Investigator, National Science Foundation Research Experience for Undergraduates in Environmental Science and Engineering (\$300,000 for six years; 2002-2007). Developed and taught sustainability seminar.

Co-Investigator, NSF IGERT Grant (\$2,000,000): "Environmental Manufacturing Management MS/PhD Program" (1999).

Co-Investigator, National Science Foundation Research Experience for Undergraduates in Advanced Materials (\$350,000 for three years; 1999-2001). Developed and taught Professional Ethics Seminar.

A.C. Walker Foundation North Country Research Fellowship (\$1,000) for "A Community Health Index: Assessing North Country Civic, Social, and Ecological Vital Signs," 1999. Declined.

The Clarkson University Outstanding Advisor Award, 2002, 1998.

The Clarkson University Distinguished Teaching Award, 1996.

The Clarkson University Student Association Outstanding Teacher Award, 1996.

NEH Summer Seminar. "The Idea of Progress: 18th Century Definitions, 21st Century Applications." Director: Kristin Shrader-Frechette. Potsdam College, 1992.

Outstanding New Teacher Award, Clarkson University, 1991.

NEH Summer Institute. "David Hume and the Enlightenment." Director: Wade Robison. Dartmouth College, 1990.

GTE Foundation Lectureship Program Grant, 1990 (co-authored with Francis Weller Bailey): "The Ethics of Technology in a Disposable World."

Clarkson University Phalanx Award, 1990. “For outstanding leadership qualities and quality participation in organizations associated with Clarkson and the Potsdam community.”

Medical Ethics Fellowship (1983-87), Mount Sinai Medical Center, Departments of Geriatrics, Pediatrics, and Neurosurgery.

Travel Grant, American Council of Learned Societies, 1986.

Teaching Assistantship, Hunter College, 1985-87.

Research Assistantship, CUNY Graduate Center, 1982-85.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

1987-present: Instructor, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, Professor of Philosophy, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Clarkson University

1996-2016: Visiting Professor, Union College, Schenectady, New York (One course every spring.)

2013-15: Visiting Adjunct Professor, Saint Lawrence University’s Sustainability Semester (<http://www.stlawu.edu/sustainability-semester>)

1985-1987: Instructor, Department of Philosophy, Hunter College

1985: Adjunct Lecturer in Philosophy, La Guardia Community College, Dutchess County Community College, and Hunter College's Department of Dance Therapy

1984-1987: Lecturer in Medical Ethics, Mount Sinai Medical Center

COURSES TAUGHT

Environmental

Sustainability Theory and Practice: A Critical Assessment

Where the Wild Things Are: Ecosystems Ontology and the Emergence of the Ecosphere

Energy and Society

Managing the St. Lawrence River (Honors course; co-taught)

Environmental Philosophy Seminar: The Works of Aldo Leopold

Environmental Leadership

Adirondack Computer Simulation Course (Honors course; co-taught)

Valuing the Earth: Economics, Ecology, and Ethics (co-taught)

No Nature: Zen Buddhism and the Works of Gary Snyder

Thinking Globally, Acting Locally: A Primer in Environmental Activism

Introduction to Environmental Science and Policy Issues and Professions

Creating Environmental Policy

Risk Assessment (graduate course; co-taught)

Environmental Ethics

Environmental Literature and History
Adviser to the ES&P Capstone Project Seminar
Adviser to Multidisciplinary Project (MP) courses: Clarkson Garden, Clarkson Recycling Initiative, Nature's Course, and Campus Sustainability.
PhD committee member for Tom Seager (Thermodynamics and the Pollution Potential), and Hilary Grimes (Extended Product Responsibility).
Sustainability Seminar (2002-2004 NSF REU in Environmental Science and Engineering)

Other Courses

World Religions
History of Western Philosophy
Professional Ethics Seminar (1999-2001, NSF REU Summer Program in Advanced Materials)
Citizenship and the American Tradition
The Philosophy of the American Founding
The Good Citizen and the Good Life (Honors course)
The Business of Success: Corporate and Individual Perspectives
Ethics Within and Across Cultures (graduate course, School of Business)
Moral Philosophers of the Scottish Enlightenment
The Skeptical Tradition in Western Philosophy
Professional Ethics Business Ethics
Medical Ethics Social and Political Philosophy
Eastern Philosophy Medieval Philosophy
History of Philosophy Philosophy and Literature
Introduction to Philosophy Introduction to Ethics
Introduction to Logic Great Ideas in Western Culture

PAPERS, TALKS AND LECTURES

“Ecosphere Studies and the Perennial Mind.” Invited. Prairie Festival, September 2016, The Land Institute, Salina, Kansas. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a8KoDvaJEqw>

“Dandelions are Divine.” Unitarian Universalist Church, Canton, New York August 2016.

“The Perennial Imagination and the Creative Ground: Cultivating Deep Roots in Land and People.” Invited. Symposium Against Indifference: Environmental Sustainability, Ashland University Biennial Lecture Series, Ashland, Ohio, March 2016.

“The Perennial Imagination.” The Strachan Donnelley Lecture on Conservation and Restoration, Prairie Festival, September 2014, The Land Institute, Salina, Kansas <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLkdlYKze00hBtWfPwb1IGpR3Vc1icY2La>

“Perennialism: Deep Roots for a Resilient Culture.” Sustainable Agricultural Symposium, Cayuga Community College, November 2012. Invited.

"Goose Honks and Crane Clangor: Emergence, Convergence, and the Perennial Quest for Unity." Invited Keynote Address, Interdisciplinary Scholarship in Land Use and Ethics, SUNY ESF, Newcomb, NY, June 1, 2012.

"The Precautionary Principle: Engineering For a Living Planet." Invited Keynote Address, Central New York Air and Waste Management Association, Central New York, March 2012.

"Repairing the Ecosphere One Mind at a Time." Invited Keynote Remarks, Adirondack Residency Program, Empire State College, Blue Mountain Lake, NY., October 2011

“Food for Thought, Thought for Food: Toward a Culture of Limits and Prosperity.” Invited presentation, Local Living Festival ~ A Celebration of Resourceful Living! Canton, New York, September 2011

“Finding Our Place in a Sun-Powered Ecosphere.” Invited lecture, Wilmington College, Spring 2011.

“Loving the Creation One Limit at a Time.” Invited presentation, Wilmington College, Spring 2011.

“Toward a Philosophy of Limits: No Harm, No Hubris, No Hurry.” Log Lunch Presentation, Williams College, Fall 2010, invited.

“*God or Nature: Desire and the Quest for Unity.*” Unitarian Universalist Church, Canton, New York
August 2010

“The Real, the True and the Good.” Clarkson Baccalaureate Ceremony, May 2010. Invited.

“The Art of Living,” Remarks to the Clarkson Arête Class of 2010. April 2010. Invited.

“Loving God’s Creation One Limit at a Time.” The First Congregational Church, Burlington, Vermont. Invited. March 2010.

“Saying No. Or How I Learned to Love the Limits Principle.” North Country Energy Fair, April, 2009.

“These Revolutionary Times: Finding Our Way in a Post-Carbon World.” Invited lecture, Carroll University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, April 2009.

“Putting the Danger before the Opportunity.” North Country Symposium, Canton, New York, April 2009.

“These Revolutionary Times.”

- Invited lecture, Unitarian Universalist Church, Canton, New York. March 2008.
- Invited lecture at the “The Re-emergence of Emergence” conference, Mountain Sky, Montana, October 2008.
- Invited lecture, Unitarian Universalist Church, Saranac Lake, New York. November 2008.

“The Virtues of Ignorance and the Civic Mind.” Departmental lecture, Clarkson University’s Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, February, 2008.
<http://media.clarkson.edu/player.php?videoname=mms://nick9.surfernetwork.com/ClarksOnFiles/Misc/vitek.wmv> .

“The Engineer and the Ecosphere: Minding Nature, Changing Minds.” Keynote Address to the New York State Society of Professional Engineers, Syracuse, New York, June 2008.

“The Precautionary Principle: Engineering for a Living Planet.” Invited presentation for the New York State Society of Professional Engineers, Syracuse, New York, June 2008.

“Revolutionary Times in the Age of the Rapid Depletion.” North Country Energy Fair, Canton, New York. April 2008.

“These Revolutionary Times.” Invited lecture, Unitarian Universalist Church, Canton, New York. March 2008.

“Leadership and the Ecosphere: Minding Nature, Changing Minds. Keynote address for the Leadership and Sustainability Conference, St. Lawrence University, February 2008.

“Toss the Paddle! Looking for a Way out of Carbon Creek.” Invited address at the Adirondack Residency Program, Empire State College, October 2007.

“Curiosity, Education and the Still Unlovely Human Mind.” The Van Sickle Endowed Lecture, Clarkson University, August 2007.
<http://media.clarkson.edu/player.php?videoname=mms://nick9.surfernetwork.com/ClarksOnFiles/Misc/Convocation%20Ceremony%202007.wmv> .

“Engineering Principles for a Living Planet.” Invited presentation for the “Symposium on Exploring the New Curricula: Engineering Ethics, Bioengineering, Environmental Engineering, and Liberal Education.” Union College, June 2007.

“Putting Philosophy to Work for a Post-Carbon Future.” Public Lecture, Prairie Crossing, Illinois. June 2007.

“The Limits Manifesto: No Harm, No Hubris, No Hurry”

Clarkson McNair Scholars Program, June 2007
North Country Sustainable Energy Fair, April 2007
Paul Smith's College, April 2007
St. Lawrence University, April 2007
Clarkson University, April 2007

“Curb Your Enthusiasm: Setting Boundaries in a Post-Carbon Transition.” Bioenergy and Rural Economic Development Conference, Clarkson University. June, 2006

“Recess is Over: Civic Education and the Sovereignty of Ecosystems.” Center for Humans and Nature Spring Meeting, New York, New York, May 2006.

“A Necessary Revolution: Civic Democracy in a Post-Carbon North Country.” Invited speaker, North Country Sustainable Energy Fair, Canton, New York, May 2006.

“What’s an Economy For?” Invited speaker at the 4th Annual North Country Symposium, St. Lawrence University. April 2006

“Apes in Lab Coats: Urging Precaution in the Church of Science.” Clarkson University Department of Biology Seminar. February, 2006.

“Is the Nation-State Obsolete?: Rethinking Political and Global Categories in the 21st Century.” Key-Note Speaker, Potsdam High School Model UN Convention. February, 2006

“Civic Democracy After the Gas Runs Out: Prospects for Life and Living Inside the Blue Line.” Invited guest speaker at the Association for the Protection of the Adirondacks Board Meeting, Keene Valley, New York, November 2005.

“Environmental Literacy: Limits, Hard Truths and a Most Necessary Revolution.” Invited speaker at the Environmental/Adirondack Studies Residency Program of Empire State College, Raquette Lake, New York, October 2005.

“Between a Rock and a Hard Place : Civic Democracy and the Oil Endgame.” Presented at the Southwestern Political Science Association meeting, March 2005, New Orleans.

“Brother Can You Paradigm?: Civic Democracy on Hubbert’s Backside” Invited Presentation at the Center for Humans and Nature inaugural meeting of the “Humans, Nature, and Democracy” project, New York, New York, October 22, 2004.

“Joyful Ignorance: Toward a Civic Epistemology.” Presenter and Co-Organizer of the Toward an Ignorance-Based Worldview Conference, Matfield Green, Kansas, June 2004.

“Running on Empty: Why We Can’t Have It All.” Guest speaker at the Philosophical Café, Union College, April 2004.

“3-D Campus Civics: People, Places, and the Ties that Bind.” Presented at the Fourteenth North American Interdisciplinary Conference on Environment and Community. Saratoga Springs, February 2004.

“What Do You Stand For: Ethics and Leadership.” Invited speaker, Shipley Center for Leadership and Entrepreneurship Workshop, Clarkson University, November 2003.

“3-D Civics: Growing Citizens One City at a Time.” Invited paper delivered at the Center for Humans and Nature “Cities” Conference, Chicago, October 2003.

“The Ethics of Sustainable Development.” (With Ross Whaley). SUNY Plattsburgh REU in Environmental Science. July 2003.

“Living and Learning in a Challenged World: Prospects and Possibilities for Higher Education.” Paul Smith’s College, June 2003.

“Sustainability and Higher Education: The Union Connection.” Earth Day Speaker, April 2003.

“Sustainability and Jefferson Community College: A Partnership of Possibilities.” Keynote address for campus convocation, January 2003.

“The Good Life: Where Did It Go?” College of New Rochelle, December 2002

Campus Sustainability Workshop. Presented to faculty and staff at Jefferson County Community College, November 2002.

“Boundary Walking to the New Revolution.” Natural Systems Agriculture Conference, Matfield Green, Kansas, July 2002.

“Learning Sustainability: The Clarkson Experience” (With EvMM graduate student Anahita Ahmadi), New York Water Environment Association (NYWEA) Spring 2002 meeting, Rochester New York.

“Sustainability: The New Environmental Ethic.” Invited lecture, University of Illinois at Chicago “Earth Month” Program, April 2002.

“Social Capital and Civic Infrastructure: Historical and Conceptual Perspectives.” Union College, February 2002.

“The Path to Sustainability.” Unitarian Universalist Church, Canton, NY, February 2002.

“What’s a Philosopher to Do?: Reflections on Interdisciplines and Applied Ethics.” Central Division American Philosophical Association “Meet the Authors” meeting, May 2001.

”Philosopher in Residence” (lecture, class visits), Warren Wilson College, Asheville, North Carolina, March 2001. Public lecture: “Sustainability and Citizenship: Converging Trends in Civic Environmentalism.”

Invited participant, Blue Mountain Conference on Ethics and the Precautionary Principle, Blue Mountain Lake, New York, November 2000. Co-author of and signatory to the “Blue Mountain Statement of Essential Values.”

“Success and the Good Life: The Case for Balance.” Professional Ethics Workshop presented at W.W. Grainger, June and September 2000, and the Northeast Colleges Admissions Staff Conference, Upper Saranac Lake, July 2001.

”Philosopher in Residence” (lecture, class visits, workshop), University of Vermont, April 2000. Public Lecture: “Getting from There to Here: Conceptual Roadblocks on the Sustainability Byway.”

“An Education to Take Home.” Citizens Bank Distinguished Lecture Series and Workshop (with Wes Jackson). San Juan College, Farmington, New Mexico, April 2000.

“Citizenship Renewed.” Unitarian Universalist Church, September 2000.

“The Ethical, Political, and Aesthetic Dimensions of Citizenship.” Invited lecture in the series “Celebrating the Humanities: Presentations on Political Issues with Ethical Implications.” Rochester Institute of Technology, October 2000.

“The Map is not the Territory.” Nature Conservancy’s Emerging Issues Forum: The Role of Information Technology in Understanding Global Sustainability. Washington, D.C, November 1999.

“Citizenship for a New Century.” Keynote address at the Monadnock Institute of Nature, Place and Culture Fall Conference on Citizenship of Place, October 1999.

Invited participant, "Goethean Science in Holistic Perspective," Teachers College, Columbia University, May 1999.

"Designing the Homecoming Major: A Workshop for the New Curriculum." (With Wes Jackson). Union College, Schenectady, NY, May 1999.

"Caring for the Earth One Place at a Time." Union College Earth Day Celebration, Schenectady, NY, April 1999.

"Knowing Your Place." Unitarian Universalist Church, Canton, New York, November 1998.

”Philosopher in Residence” (lecture, class visits), Sage Junior College of Albany, New

York, October 1998. Public lecture: "Building Communities and Citizenship for the 21st Century."

"Getting from There to Here: Conceptual Roadblocks on the Way to Place." Keynote address, 55th Annual Community Service Conference: "Nurturing a Sense of Place." Yellow Springs, Ohio, October 1998.

"The Community Concept in Environmental Ethics." Philosophy Colloquium, Union College, May 1997.

"Contemporary Assaults on Community." Public Lecture, Massena Public Library, March 1997.

Invited panelist, "Community, Computers, and the University Experience," Clarkson University's Inaugural Symposium, October 1996.

"The Ghost of Success: Failure as a Community Value." Fetzer Institute/Land Institute Roundtable at Matfield Green, Kansas, September 1996.

"Community Building: Preparing for the Long Haul." E.F. Schumacher Decentralist Conference, Williams College, June 1996

"Does Distance Learning Distance Learning?" Conference on Teaching, Learning, and Information Technology, Clarkson University, April 1996.

"Privacy's Place: A Reply to Michael Curry's 'Living in a Visible World: Geographic Information Systems and the Assault on Privacy'." Conference on Technological Assaults on Privacy, Rochester Institute of Technology, April 1996.

"Responsive Governments, Responsive Citizens." Presentation made to the St. Lawrence County Mayors Association, Potsdam, New York, April 1995.

"The Promise and Peril of Biotechnology: The Search For Dialogue." Invited respondent at the "Biotechnology and Food: A Public Issue" teleconference, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Canton, NY, May 1994.

"Community Life and the Virtue of Necessity." Invited speaker at the Land Institute's "Prairie Festival 1993: Becoming Native: Our Paleolithic Past: Modern Gatherer/Hunters, Subsistence Farmers." Salina, Kansas, May 1993.

Invited respondent to Holmes Rolston's "Value in Nature, The Nature of Value." "Ethics in the Environment" conference, Union College, Schenectady, New York, May 1993.

"Have We Lost the Art of Medicine?" "Condition Critical: Cross Border Issues in Health Care" Conference cosponsored by the American Association of University Women and the Canadian Federation of University Women, Ogdensburg, New York, October 1992.

"Outlines of an Environmental Ethic." Paper delivered to a meeting of the International Society of Environmental Ethics, American Philosophical Association Central Division Meetings, Louisville, Kentucky, April 1992.

"Aristotle and Agriculture: Outlines of an Environmental Ethic." Keynote speaker for a student conference titled "Philosophy and the Environment," Siena College, February 1991.

"Environmental Ethics: Expanding the Moral Circle." Invited paper presented to the American Association of Philosophy Teachers, American Philosophical Association Eastern Divisional Meetings, Boston, MA, December 1990.

"A Limited Defense of Livestock Agriculture." Presented at the Environmental Planning Lobby's "Environment '90" Conference, Albany, New York, October 1990.

"Teaching Environmental Ethics." Presented at the Ninth International Workshop/Conference on the Teaching of Philosophy, Bloomington, Indiana, August 1990.

"The Conceptual Roots of Our Solid Waste Crisis." Paper presented at a conference titled "The Environment: Global Problems, Local Solutions," Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY, May 1990.

"Promise as Practice: Another Look at Hume." Union College Philosophy Colloquium, Schenectady, NY, March 1990.

"The Conceptual Roots of Our Solid Waste Crisis." Public lecture, Union College, Schenectady, NY, March 1990.

"Environmental Education: Helping Americans to Expand the Moral Circle." National Conference on Ethics in America, Long Beach, California, January 1990.

"Environmental Education: A Framework for the Future." Testimony presented to the New York Assembly and Senate Environmental Conservation Committees, Albany, New York, December 1989.

"A Rights Approach to Teaching Introductory Ethics." Presented at the Seventh International Workshop/Conference on the Teaching of Philosophy, Amherst, MA, July 1988.

"The Humean Promise: Whence Comes Its Obligation?" Presented at the Fourteenth Hume Conference, Edinburgh, Scotland, August 1986.

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

2009-Present: Chairman, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences

Multidisciplinary department with 21 faculty members, two disciplinary majors and four interdisciplinary majors, 100 students. Manage teaching schedules, tenure and promotion cases; develop new programs.

2004-2005: Director, Clarkson Ethics Initiative

Campus coordinator of academic and co-curricular programs focused on ethics and the professions. Disseminated the Clarkson Values; designed new ethics courses; chaired Cyberethics Advisory Committee; worked with students on creating new campus honor code.

2001-2004: Associate Director, Clarkson Center for the Environment (CCE)

Worked with the Director to advance the mission of CCE, including the promotion of the Center within and external to Clarkson, fundraising, and program development. Primarily responsible for developing and promoting CCE's educational mission, including the maintenance and creation of graduate and undergraduate degree programs, short courses and summer programs, workshops and conferences, campus environmental initiatives, and educational outreach. The Center had an annual operating budget of \$130,000, two undergraduate programs (Environmental Science & Policy, and Environmental and Occupational Health), an NSF-supported (\$2 million) graduate program in Environmental Manufacturing Management, an NSF-supported (\$3 million) K-12 educational outreach program, and a Great Rivers Center. CCE is home to thirty associated Clarkson faculty members with teaching and research interests in environmental management and sustainability. (<http://www.clarkson.edu/cce/index.html>)

2000-2002: Chair, Clarkson Environmental Sustainability Initiative

Developed "Sustainability White Paper;" coordinated campus activities, including a seminar series, a campus-wide environmental audit, and on-campus/off-campus promotional materials; developed new courses and research opportunities.

1996-2004: Director, Environmental Science & Policy (ES&P) Program

Developed interdisciplinary BS degree program and two associated minors; academic adviser to all ES&P students (approximately 30); created promotional material; actively recruit students and develop professional/research opportunities for graduates. (www.clarkson.edu/esp)

1996-2001: Clarkson Honors Program

Member of the committee responsible for creating Clarkson's Honors Program. Invited to apply for the position of Honors Director (declined). Member of the Honors Steering Committee (1997-2000). Instrumental in creating the Sophomore Project Course, and a frequent instructor in the course. Taught the Honors Senior Seminar: "The Good Citizen and the Good Life." (www.clarkson.edu/honors)

UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES

University Tenure Committee (2008-2009)

Founded and organized Clarkson Philosophy Discussion Group (1987-1994).

Clarkson University Faculty Adviser to Circle K (2001-2007), Clarkson Garden Project (1998-2002), Omicron Pi Omicron Fraternity (2000-2007) Phalanx (1997-2000), Environmental Club (1988-1994), Clarkson Jazz Ensemble (1989-1992) and Zeta Nu Fraternity (1988-1996)

Chair, Clarkson Values Committee (1995)

Chair, Clarkson Prizes Committee (1998-2000)

Chair, Clarkson Academic Integrity Committee (1995-1999)

Member, Liberal Arts Tenure and Promotion Committee (1999-2003)

Member, Clarkson University Pre-med Advisory Committee (1996-2000)

Member, Clarkson University Human Subjects Committee (1996-2004)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

2003-present: Member, Editorial Board, Culture of the Land Agrarian Series, The University Press of Kentucky.

http://www.kentuckypress.com/series_agrarianism.cfm

2001-2002t: Environmental Education Consultant. Worked with Potsdam College on their Environmental Studies Program and with Mercy College to create an Honors-based Environmental Health Sciences Program with tracks in Safety and Health, Industrial Hygiene, Toxicology, and Ergonomics.

1997-2010: Member, Editorial Board, *Ethics, Place and Environment*.

1993-present: Manuscript referee for Yale University Press, Wadsworth Publishing, Prentice-Hall, University of Kentucky Press, *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, *Journal of Agricultural Ethics*, and *Ethics, Place, and Environment*.

1994: Theme Scholar for the American Century, a collaborative effort involving librarians and scholars in New York State committed to public humanities programming. Theme: Rediscovering the Landscape.

1992: Member, Environmental Ethics Advisory Committee, Systematics Agenda 2000 Project.

1990: Conference Organizer: "Goose Music: A Celebration of Aldo Leopold," Clarkson University.

1989-1992: Grant Evaluator, NEH Younger Scholars Program.

1987: Co-Organizer and Moderator, Second Annual New York Regional Medical Ethics Conference, Mount Sinai Medical Center, New York.

1986-1987: Ethics Consultant, American Association of Music Therapists.

1985-1986: Ethics Consultant, American Dance Therapy Association.

1984-1989: Book Review Editor for the journal *Metaphilosophy*.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Member, Potsdam Zoning Board of Appeals (Alternate)

Member, Potsdam Village Tax Equity Committee (2003-2004)

Member, Potsdam High School Agricultural Advisory Board (1994-2003)

St. Lawrence County Leadership Institute, Class of '94

Member, Cooperative Extension Agricultural Awareness and Profitability Committee (1995-1997)

Member, Canton-Potsdam Hospital Ethics Committee (1994-2012)

Member, St. Lawrence County Environmental Management Council (1992-95)

Quoted or featured in the following media:

“How to Think Like a Philosopher” (Interview on purposerockstar.com), 2014.

<http://purposerockstar.com/bill-vitek/>

“Exploiting Sustainability” (student project at Clarkson). 2012.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RW23FLwNk-M>

KFCF Fresno, California. Radio interview with Mike Beevers on *The Virtues of Ignorance*. July 2010.

"The Thursday Morning Report" on KZYX Community Radio in Mendocino County, California. Interview with Doug McKenty on *The Virtues of Ignorance*. July 2010

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