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Curriculum Vitae (electronic: 10/02)

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Department of Philosophy

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Educational record:

PhD Philosophy, 1991

Dissertation: "On Possibility and Possible Worlds"; supervisor: Michael Jubien
University of California, Davis (1986 - 1991)

MDiv Theology, 1983 *magna cum laude*

Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (1979 - 1982)

BA Physics, 1979 *cum laude*

University of California, San Diego (1974 - 1979)

Areas of specialization and competence:

Research specialization: Metaphysics, Philosophy of Language, Epistemology

Teaching competence (through graduate level): the above and Logic, Philosophy of Logic,
Philosophy of Mathematics, Philosophy of Religion

Written work:

Published articles

"Things and *De Re* Modality." *Noûs* 34 (2000): 56-84.

"In Defense of Linguistic Ersatzism." *Philosophical Studies* 80 (1995): 217-242.

"Worlds and Modality." *The Philosophical Review* 102 (1993): 335-61.

Published book review

Modalities: Philosophical Essays, by Ruth Barcan Marcus. *The Philosophical Review*
104 (1995): 330-332.

Conference papers

"Meaningful but False," presented in response to a paper by L. Goldstein at a colloquium
of the 1991 Pacific Division meeting of the American Philosophical Association.

"A Traditionalist's Response," presented in response to a paper by E. Zalta at a symposium
of the 1998 Pacific Division meeting of the APA /Association for Symbolic Logic.

"Can Yablo Get Off the Hook?" presented in response to a paper by G. Ray at a colloquium
of the 1994 Pacific Division meeting of the American Philosophical Association.

"A 'Skeptical' Comment," presented in response to a paper by P. Bricker at a symposium
of the 1991 Eastern Division meeting of the American Philosophical Association.

"Linguistic Ersatzism Lives!" presented at a colloquium of the 1990 Eastern Division
meeting of the American Philosophical Association.

Main Research Program:

Since my dissertation, I have been working toward a book on necessity and possibility. In different places, I have allowed that there are “possible worlds,” and that possible worlds have a certain utility. However, I claim, possible worlds do not ground modal truth. Rather, grounds for modal truth, both *de dicto* and *de re*, are to be found in the non-modal way ordinary things and properties are. This thesis has pushed me, in recent times, to thinking about properties. I now see some property theory as an essential component of my overall approach to necessity and possibility.

Also, somewhat to my surprise, I am producing texts for upper-division (and early graduate) metaphysics, and for intermediate to advanced logic. For metaphysics, my aim is to engage with, and provide a pathway through, central original works—and so to make accessible topics which may seem initially mysterious or bizarre, including reality and truth, abstract objects, possible worlds, and the like. A special emphasis on method, with extended discussion of Quine’s, “On What There Is,” motivates the working title, *About What There Is: An Introduction to Contemporary Metaphysics*. For logic, my aim is to bridge the gap between introductory courses, where students do derivations, and advanced ones, where students are already expected to be familiar with mathematical induction, etc.—without sacrifice of rigor.

Work Record:

California State University, San Bernardino
 Associate Professor (1998--), and Department Chair (1999--)
 Assistant Professor (1992 - 1998)

University of California, Riverside
 Lecturer (2 courses, on a part-time basis, in 94/95)

University of California, Davis
 Lecturer (6 courses, on a full-time basis, in 1991/92)
 Associate Instructor (7 courses, on a part-time basis, over 1988 - 1991)

Teaching Record:

Metaphysics (upper division), Su/92, F/93, F/95, F/97, F/99, F/01
 Theory of Knowledge (upper division), Sp/92, F/92, F/94
 Philosophy of Language (upper division), Sp/94, F/96, F/98, F/00
 Philosophy of Religion (upper division), Su/88, Sp/89, Su/89, Sp/90, Sp/91, Su/91, F/91, Sp/00
 Abstract Objects (upper division), Sp/98
 Contemporary Philosophy (upper division), Sp/93
 Moral Realism (upper division, with C. Naticchia), Sp/01
 Advanced Logic (upper division), W/95
 Intermediate Logic (upper division), F/94, Sp/95, Sp/96, Sp/98, Sp/00, Sp/01
 Predicate Logic (upper division), 10 sections, once each year at CSUSB in Winter
 Sentential Logic (lower division), over 20 sections scattered across different years
 Critical Reasoning (lower division), F/91, W/92
 Philosophy of Religion (lower division), F/92 2x, W/95, Sp/96, W/00
 Self and Mind (lower division), Sp/92
 Introduction to Philosophy (lower division), W/92, Sp/94, Su/94, F/96, Sp/97 2x, F/97
 Many independent studies, mostly on topics in logic and philosophy of religion.