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Areas of Specialization: Environmental Philosophy, Environmental Ethics, Ethics

Areas of Competence: History of Philosophy, Philosophy of Biology, Philosophy of Mind, Cognitive Science, Political Ecology, Animal Studies, Introductory and Intermediate Logic, Critical Thinking

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## Education

2008 – 2016 University of Kentucky

2016 Ph.D. in Philosophy  
Dissertation: *Anthropocentrism as Environmental Ethic*  
2012 Graduate Certificate in Cognitive Science  
2011 M.A. in Philosophy

1986 – 1990 University of Kentucky

1990 B.A., cum laude, in Philosophy & Psychology, Departmental Honors in Philosophy

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## Teaching Experience

2008 – 2015 Teaching Assistant\* – University of Kentucky

<i>Introductory Logic</i> (PHI 120) – Two Sections	Spring 2015
<i>Business Ethics</i> (PHI 334)	Fall 2014
<i>Introduction to Philosophy: Knowledge &amp; Reality</i> (PHI 100)	Fall 2014
<i>Death, Dying &amp; the Quality of Life</i> (PHI 380) – Two Sections	Spring 2014
<i>Introduction to Philosophy: Morality &amp; Society</i> (PHI 130) – Two Sections	Fall 2013
<i>Introduction to Philosophy: Morality &amp; Society</i> (PHI 130) – Two Sections	Spring 2013
<i>Philosophy &amp; Science Fiction</i> (PHI 315)	Fall 2012
<i>Introduction to Philosophy: Knowledge &amp; Reality</i> (PHI 100)	Summer 2012
<i>Introduction to Philosophy: Knowledge &amp; Reality</i> (PHI 100) – Two Sections	Spring 2012
<i>Introduction to Philosophy: Morality &amp; Society</i> (PHI 130)	Fall 2011
<i>Introductory Logic</i> (PHI 120) – Two Sections	Spring 2011
<i>Introduction to Philosophy: Morality &amp; Society</i> (PHI 130) – Three Recitation Sections	Fall 2010
<i>Introductory Logic</i> (PHI 120) – Two Sections	Spring 2010
<i>Introduction to Philosophy: Morality &amp; Society</i> (PHI 130) – Three Recitation Sections	Fall 2009
<i>Introductory Logic</i> (PHI 120) – Three Recitation Sections	Spring 2009
<i>Introductory Logic</i> (PHI 120) – Three Recitation Sections	Fall 2008

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\* I am the sole Instructor of Record for all classes other than those which list *recitation* sections.

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## Publications

- “Anthropocentrism and Nature: An Attempt at Reconciliation.” *Teoria*, Rethinking ‘Nature,’ 2 (2015): 119—137.
- “Seeing the Na’vi way: Respecting Life and Mind in All Organisms.” In *Avatar and Philosophy: Learning to See*, edited by George A. Dunn, 89—103. Wiley-Blackwell, 2014.

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## Presentations

- “While Rome Burns – Denial and Responsibility in an Age of Ecological Dystopia.” Dimensions of Political Ecology, Interdisciplinary Conference on Nature/Society at University of Kentucky. Lexington, Kentucky. March 2014.
- “For Love of the Frivolous – Lifeboat Earth and the Myth of Anthropocentrism.” Dimensions of Political Ecology, Interdisciplinary Conference on Nature/Society at University of Kentucky. Lexington, Kentucky. March 2013.
- “No Place Like Home – Invasional Meltdown in the New Pangaea.” Dimensions of Political Ecology, Interdisciplinary Conference on Nature/Society at University of Kentucky. Lexington, Kentucky. April 2012.
- “Anthropogenic Mass Extinction: *Homo sapiens* and the Evolution of the Biosphere since the Pleistocene.” International Society for the History, Philosophy and Social Studies of Biology, Biennial Conference at University of Utah. Salt Lake City, Utah. July 2011.
- “Anthropogenic Mass Extinction: *Homo sapiens* and the Evolution of the Biosphere since the Pleistocene.” Dimensions of Political Ecology, Interdisciplinary Conference on Nature/Society at University of Kentucky. Lexington, Kentucky. February 2011.
- “Conceptualizing Organisms: An Enactive Approach.” Animals & Animality Across the Humanities and Social Sciences, Interdisciplinary Conference at Queens University. Kingston, Ontario, Canada. June 2010.

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## Professional Affiliations

American Philosophical Association  
 International Association for Environmental Philosophy  
 International Society for Environmental Ethics  
 International Society for the History, Philosophy and Social Studies of Biology

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## Academic Service

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| 2010        | Founding Member, Political Ecology Working Group, University of Kentucky  |
| 2012 – 2014 | Fellow Conference Organizer, Dimensions of Political Ecology Interdisciplinary Conference on Nature/Society, University of Kentucky |