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HIGHER EDUCATION DEGREES:

- * PhD in Philosophy, University of Reading, England, December 1994. Thesis: Descartes on the Substantial Union of Mind and Body (supervisors: John Cottingham and Tom Sorell; external examiner: Desmond Clarke).
- * MA in Philosophy, University of Reading, 1991. Thesis: Triptych On the Soul: Aristotle; Descartes; Nagel (supervisor: John Cottingham).
- * BSc in Mathematics, University of Texas at El Paso, 1990.
- * BSc in Computer Science, University of Texas at El Paso, 1987.

PUBLICATIONS:

BOOK:

- * *Triptych On the Soul: Aristotle; Descartes; Nagel* (Monterey: Monterey Press, 1993).

EDITOR OF BOOK:

- * *Descartes: Key Philosophical Writings* (Ware, England: Wordsworth, 1997), xxiv + 407 pp.

ARTICLES:

- * 'The Principle of Causality in the Third Meditation', *Sapientia* 49 (1994), pp. 357-64.
- * 'Descartes' Concept of Sense-Perception', *Cogito* 10.1 (1996), pp. 15-21.
- * 'Descartes' Interactionism and his Principle of Causality', *The European Legacy* 2.7 (1997), pp. 959-976. (Journal published by MIT Press.)

* 'Descartes' Life and the Evolution of His Philosophy', in E. Chávez-Arviso (ed.), *Descartes: Key Philosophical Writings* (Ware, England: Wordsworth, 1997), pp. vii-xxiv.

· 'The Utrecht Controversy and the Descartes-Regius Affair', *The British Society for the History of Philosophy Newsletter* 3.1 (March 1998), pp. 1-5.

BOOK REVIEWS:

* 'Review of D. L. Sepper's *Descartes's Imagination: Proportion, Images, and the Activity of Thinking* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1996)', *Isis* 88.1 (1997).

* 'Review of S. Gaukroger's *Descartes: An Intellectual History* (Oxford: Oxford University [Clarendon] Press, 1995)', *Journal of the History of Philosophy* (1997).

EDITOR OF SCHOLARLY NEWSLETTER:

* Newsletter of The British Society for the History of Philosophy, since 1995. Recent contributors include Stuart Brown, Vere C. Chappell, Stephen Gaukroger, Tad M. Schmaltz, Steven Wagner, and Richard A. Watson. ISSN 0951-5151.

New Series: Vol. 1, No. 1, March 1996, pp. 1-49.

New Series: Vol. 1, No. 2, October 1996, pp. 1-35.

New Series: Vol. 2, No. 1, March 1997, pp. 1-39.

New Series: Vol. 2, No. 2, October 1997, pp. 1-39.

New Series: Vol. 3, No. 1, March 1998, pp. 1-43.

New Series: Vol. 3, No. 2, October 1998, pp. 1-43.

New Series: Vol. 4, forthcoming 1999.

OTHERS:

* 'Analytical Index' and 'Bibliography' commissioned for J. G. Cottingham, *A Descartes Dictionary* (Oxford: Blackwell, 1993).

* 'Analytical Index', 'Bibliography', and 'Table of Citations' commissioned for J. G. Cottingham (ed.), *Reason, Will, and Sensation* (Oxford: Oxford University [Clarendon] Press, 1994).

* 'Analytical Index' commissioned for J. G. Cottingham (ed.), *Western Philosophy: An Anthology* (Oxford: Blackwell, 1996).

* 'Cosmos and Daimón: Unifying Aspects of Empedocles' Philosophy' translation of an article by M. R. Wright, commissioned for A. Vargas (ed.), *Presocratic Philosophy* (Mexico City: Autonomous-Metropolitan University Press, forthcoming, 1999).

PAPERS DELIVERED:

- ‘Le Sentiment des Animaux et le Corps Machine’, delivered at the Sorbonne (in September 1996) at a conference on L’esprit Cartésien.
- ‘Descartes’ Interactionism and his Principle of Causality’, delivered at San Diego State University, Union College, and Villanova University (all in 1997).

WORK IN PROGRESS:

Recently, I have submitted a paper – ‘Descartes on Mind-Body Interaction and Free Will’ --, to a philosophy journal. I am waiting for a response. Also, I am working on a paper on ‘Descartes’ Doctrine of the Three Primitive Notions’ which I hope to submit for publication in the near future. My current long-term project is to rework and extend much of the material which went to make up my doctoral thesis into a full-length book on Descartes’ philosophy of mind.

GRANT ACTIVITY:

- Union College Faculty Travel award to travel to Paris to deliver paper at the Sorbonne, at a conference on L’esprit Cartésien, 1996.
- PSC-CUNY Annual Award to fund work on ‘Descartes on Animal Sentience’, 1998.
- PSC-CUNY Annual Award to fund travel to the Bibliothèque Nationale de France and continuation of work on ‘Descartes on Animal Sentience’, 1999.
- Recently, I have applied to the Rockefeller Foundation for a one-month residency at its Bellagio Center (in Italy) award to continue, in the summer of 2000, work on my Descartes’ philosophy of mind book project. I am waiting for a response.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Associate Professor & Chairperson, Department of Philosophy, present
Assistant Professor in Philosophy (tenure-track), Department of Art, Music, and Philosophy, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, The City University of New York, 899 Tenth Avenue, New York, NY 10019, since September 1997 to present.

At John Jay College of Criminal Justice I teach seven courses per academic year. I teach Introduction to Philosophy (Philosophy 231) and an intermediate course on Ethics and Law (Philosophy/Law 310). I have full responsibility for teaching and examining these courses.

Visiting Assistant Professor in Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, Union College, Schenectady, NY 12308, from July 1996 to August 1997.

At Union I taught two courses per quarter, six courses in all. I taught Applied Ethics, Ancient to Medieval, and Enlightenment to Kant, at introductory level, and Philosophy of Mind, Epistemology, and Leibniz to Kant, at advanced level. I had full responsibility for teaching and examining these courses.

Adjunct Professor in Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, University of Hertfordshire, Watford WD2 8AT, England, from February 1995 to February 1996.

At Hertfordshire I taught a course and two seminars on Philosophy of Mind to advanced philosophy students. Also, I taught a course and two seminars on Philosophy of Cognition to advanced Cognitive Science students. I had full responsibility for teaching and examining these courses.

Adjunct Professor in Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, The University of Reading, Whiteknights, Reading RG6 2AA, England, from October 1992 to July 1996.

At Reading I taught undergraduate seminars on Plato, Descartes, Mill, Applied Ethics, and Philosophy of Mind. I also taught Plato and Aristotle, Locke to Kant, and Epistemology within tutorials -- the Oxford system of teaching -- on a one-to-one basis. As part of my responsibilities, I evaluated and graded students' essays, tests, and examinations.

Adjunct Professor in Mathematics, Superior School of Psychology at the Autonomous University of Juárez, Mexico, from January 1988 to May 1990.

In this university I taught over a period of two years on Formal Logic, Sets and Relations, and Descriptive and Inferential Statistics. I had full responsibility for teaching and examining these courses.

Voluntary Open Secondary School Teacher, National Institute of Adult Education, Juárez, Mexico, from September 1986 to June 1988.

My work here was to teach secondary level mathematics to adults in shanty towns in Juárez. My duties involved two two-hour lectures per week, evaluating and marking tests and examinations.

OTHER INFORMATION:

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION WITHIN PHILOSOPHY: Descartes, Early Modern Philosophy, and Philosophy of Mind.

AREAS OF COMPETENCE WITHIN PHILOSOPHY: Ancient Philosophy, Medieval Philosophy, Mill, Applied Ethics, Epistemology, Philosophy of Law, and Formal Logic.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS: I am a member of the British Society for the History of Philosophy (England, since 1991), the Seventeenth Century Research Group (London, since 1991), the Aristotelian Society (London, since 1994) and the American Philosophical Association (USA, since 1994).

KNOWLEDGE OF LANGUAGES: Native Spanish speaker. English as a second language.

VOLUNTARY WORK: Amnesty International (AI), Juárez, Mexico, from May 1987 until May 1990.

General Secretary of AI in Juárez (1987-90). President of the National Advisory

Committee for AI's Mexican Section (1987-8). Mexican Representative to AI's International Council, Aguas de Lindoia, Brazil (1987). International Guest to the Annual General Meeting of AI's U.S.A. Section, San Francisco. Mexican Representative to AI's International Meeting of Campaign Co-ordination, London (1987). Mexican Representative to AI's International Meeting on the Death Penalty, London (1987).