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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Philosophy, University of Toronto (2001)
Thesis: *Thoughts Animals Can Think: Attributing Beliefs and Describing Content*
Supervisor: Professor Ronald de Sousa

B.A. English and Philosophy, Willamette University (1988)

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

University of Alaska Southeast, Juneau, Alaska
Assistant Professor (1998-2005), **Associate Professor** (2005-2017) **Professor** (2017-current)

Co-Director of Outdoor Studies (1999-current)

Since 2000 my position at the University of Alaska Southeast has been divided between Outdoor Studies and Philosophy.

Publications

Book

Philosophy and Nature Sports. Routledge: New York 2019.

Academic Journal Articles

“Book Symposium: Kevin Krein’s *Philosophy and Nature Sports*.” For book symposiums, the journal invites prominent philosophers to provide critical commentary on a recent book. Comments are published along with author’s responses. Commenters: Gunnar Breivik, Jim Parry and Irena Martinkova, and Rebekah Humphreys. *Sport, Ethics and Philosophy*. December 2022.

“High-level Enactive and Embodied Cognition in Expert Sport Performance.” Co-authored with Jesus Ilundain-Agurruza. *Sport Ethics and Philosophy*. Vol. 11, Issue 3. June 2017. (370-384). Subsequently included as a book chapter in Jeffrey Fry & Mike McNamee (eds.) *Sport, Ethics and Neurophilosophy*. Routledge. 2019. (112-126).

“Alternative Chicks: Examining Women Freeskiers and Empowerment.” Co-authored with Charlene Weaving. *Fair Play: Philosophy, Ethics, and Sport Law*, Vol. 3, No. 2. October 2015 (pp.1-23).

“Reflections on Competition and Nature Sports.” *Sport, Ethics and Philosophy*. Vol. 9, No. 3. August 2015 (pp.271-286).

“Nature Sports.” *Journal of Philosophy of Sport*. Vol. 41, No. 2, May 2014 (pp.193-208).

“Sport, Nature and Worldmaking,” *Sport, Ethics and Philosophy*. Vol. 2, No. 3, December 2008 (pp.285-301). Subsequently included in *Philosophy of Sport*. Scott Kretchmar and Peter Hopsicker (eds.) Routledge. 2014.

Academic Book Chapters

“COVID-19, Risk, and Nature Sports: Pandemic Dilemmas.” in Andrew Edgar and Jeff Fry (eds.) *Philosophy, Sport, and the Pandemic*. Routledge. 2022.

“Excellence without mental representation: High performance in risk sports and Japanese swordsmanship.” Co-authored with Jesus Ilundáin-Agurruza, & Karl Erickson. In Massimiliano Capuccio (ed). *Handbook on Embodied Cognition and Sport Psychology*. MIT Press. 2019.

“An East-West Comparison of *Mushin* and Flow.” Co-authored with Jesus Ilundain-Agurruza. In Graham Priest and Damon Young (eds.) *Philosophy and the Martial Arts*. Routledge. 2014 (pp.139-164).

“Nature and Risk in Adventure Sports.” in Mike McNamee (ed.) *Philosophy and Adventure Sports: Meaning, Motivation, and Sporting Danger*. Routledge. 2007 (pp.80-93).

Book Chapters Written for General Readership

“Climbing and the Stoic Conception of Freedom.” in Stephen Schmid (ed.) *Climbing: Philosophy for Everyone*. Wiley-Blackwell. 2010 (pp.13-23).

“Sparring with Emptiness: Existentialism and the Martial Arts.” In Graham Priest and Damon Young (eds.) *The Martial Arts and Philosophy*. Open Court Press. 2010 (pp.81-91).

“Just Like a Woman: Dylan, Authenticity, and the Second Sex.” co-authored with Abigail Levin. In Peter Vernezze (ed.) *Bob Dylan and Philosophy*. Open Court Press. 2005 (pp.53-65).

Conference Proceedings

“Nature Sport and Wilderness Experience.” Keynote address *Sport and the Environment: Philosophical Dimensions: Conference Proceedings*. G. Tymowski and C. Weaving (Eds.) Antigonish Nova Scotia: ISBN #: 978-1-55131-146-3, 2012 (pp. 2-9).

“Solving the Specificity Problem: Possible Worlds and the Attribution of Beliefs to Non-Language-Using Animals.” in Libor Behounek (ed). *Logica Yearbook 2003*. Filosofia. 2004 (pp.171-181).

Other Publications

“Wildely Platonic Pots.” *Fusion*. Vol. 28 No. 2. April 2004.

“Review of Laurence Goldstein’s, *Clear and Queer Thinking: Wittgenstein’s Development and His Relevance to Modern Thought*.” *Philosophy in Review*. Volume XXI, No. 3, June 2001 (pp. 180-182).

“Review of Jaakko Hintikka’s *Principles of Mathematics Revisited*.” *Philosophy in Review*. Volume XVII, No. 5, October 1997 (pp. 333-335).

Professional Activities

Academic Conference Presentations

“The Glide Experience: A Phenomenological Account.” Annual Meeting of the International Association for the Philosophy of Sport. Penn State – August 2022.

“Aesthetic Experience in Nature Sports.” Annual Meeting of the International Association for Philosophy of Sport. Kyoto, Japan – Sept. 2019.

“Two Approaches to Fear in Sport.” Annual Meeting of the International Association for Philosophy of Sport. Norwegian Institute of Sport Science – Sept. 2018.

“Sport, Nature, and the Practice of Worldmaking.” Annual Meeting of the International Association for Philosophy of Sport. Whistler, BC – Sept. 2017.

“Nature Sports and the Experience of Beauty: An Approach to Interactive Aesthetic Experiences.” American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting. Seattle – April 2017.

“Work, Play, and High-Risk Sports.” Annual Meeting of the International Association for Philosophy of Sport. Ancient Olympia – Sept. 2016.

“High Performance, Risk Sports, and Japanese Thought and Culture: Excellence without Cognitive Content.” Co-authored with Jesus Ilundain-Aguruzza. Annual Meeting of the International Association for the Philosophy of Sport. Cardiff, UK – September 2015.

“Sport’s Flow and Martial Art’s *Mushin*: A Dynamic, Historical, and Generative Phenomenological Analysis.” Co-authored with Jesus Ilundain-Aguruzza. Annual Meeting of the International Association for the Philosophy of Sport (Natal, Brazil – September 2014).

“Extreme Chicks: Examining Women Athletes and Worldmaking Potential.” Co-authored with Charlene Weaving. Annual Meeting of the International Association for the Philosophy of Sport (California State University, Fullerton – September 2013).

“Reflections on Formal Competition in Nature Sports.” Annual Meeting of the International Association for the Philosophy of Sport. University of Porto, Portugal – September 2012.

“Nature, Sports, and Wilderness.” Association for the Study of Literature and the Environment Symposium: Environment, Culture, and Place in a Rapidly Changing North. University of Alaska Southeast, Juneau – June 2012.

“Quieting the Mind Chatter: An East-West Analysis of *Mushin* and Peak Performance States.” Co-authored with Jesus Illundain-Agurruza,.Annual Meeting of the International Association for the Philosophy of Sport (SUNY Brockport – September 2011).

Keynote Address, “Nature Oriented Sport and Wilderness Experience.” Sport and Environment: Philosophical Dimensions. Saint Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, Nova Scotia – June 2011.

“What are Nature Sports and Why are They Important?” American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting. San Diego – April 2011.

“Worldmaking in the Martial Arts,” Philosophy and the Martial Arts Conference. University of Melbourne – July 2010.

“Competing with Ourselves?” Annual Meeting of the International Association for the Philosophy of Sport. Foro Italico, Rome – August 2010.

“Worldmaking Through Alternative Sport Films.” co-authored with Kevin Maier. Annual Meeting of the International Association for the Philosophy of Sport. Seattle University – August 2009.

“A Definition of Naturesport.” Annual Meeting of the International Association for the Philosophy of Sport. Tokyo Metropolitan University – September 2008.

“Adventure Sports and the Stoic Conception of Freedom.” Annual Meeting of the International Association for the Philosophy of Sport. Ljubljana Portoroz, Slovenija – September 2007.

“Sport, Nature, and the Metaphysics of Worldmaking.” Annual Meeting of the International Association for the Philosophy of Sport. Brock University, Niagara Falls, Canada – September 2006.

“Adventurous Changes – Rethinking Sport in the Age of Extreme.” Annual Meeting of the International Association for the Philosophy of Sport. Faculty of Physical Culture, Palacky University, Olomouc, Czech Republic – September 2005.

“Getting High: Relating to Wilderness Through the Sport of Climbing.” Annual Meeting of the International Association for the Philosophy of Sport. University of Gloucestershire, UK – September 2003.

“Solving the Specificity Problem: Possible Worlds and the Attribution of Beliefs to Non-Language-Using Animals.” Logica 2003 Conference. Prague, Czech Republic – May 2003.

“The Value of Wilderness: Considering the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.” Annual Conference of the Centre for Interdisciplinary Research in the Liberal Arts: Playing the Wild Card: Un/Disciplined Thoughts on Wild(er)ness. The Banff Centre – May 2002.

“Threading Faculty into Student Affairs.” Presented with Timi Hough. Alaska Student Affairs Conference. University of Alaska Anchorage – July 1999.

“Animal Concepts, Animal Content: The Attribution of Beliefs to Non-Language-Users.” Annual Congress of the Canadian Philosophical Association. University of Quebec at Montreal – June 1995).

Public Presentations

“Natural Academics: UAS’s Innovative Approach to Outdoor Studies” Presented with Forest Wagner. US Forest Service Fireside Series. Juneau, AK – January 2023.

“Risky Business: Can We Talk Meaningfully About Risk?” Public lecture presented in conjunction with the film, *The Sanctity of Space*. Science on Screen series. Goldtown Theater, Juneau, AK – July 2022.

“Environmental Values in Outdoor Recreation.” Panel Discussion. Public Philosophy Network. Online from Rochester Institute of Technology – 2020.

“Going Deep: Skiing, Climbing, and Philosophy” Evening at Egan Lecture Series. University of Alaska Southeast –2018.

“Outdoor Studies Capstone 2013: Ski Mountaineering in Ecuador.” Evening at Egan Lecture Series. University of Alaska Southeast – September 2013.

“What is a Liberal Arts Approach to Outdoor Studies?” Evening at Egan Lecture Series. University of Alaska Southeast – November 2008.

“Freedom in the Extreme: Where Adventurous Athletes Meet Stoic Philosophers.” Evening at Egan Lecture Series. University of Alaska Southeast – November 2007.

“Simple Minds, Simple Thoughts: The Content of the Mental States of Non-Human Animals.” University of Alaska Anchorage Philosophy Club – February 2004.

“Healthy Commerce Requires Trails and Open Space.” Panel Discussant. Alaska Recreation and Parks Association’s Annual Conference. Juneau, Alaska – October 2004.

“Language, Logic, and the Content of Animal Thought.” Evening at Egan Lecture Series. University of Alaska Southeast – September 2003.

Professional Affiliations

American Philosophical Association
American Avalanche Association
International Association for the Philosophy of Sport
British Philosophy of Sport Association

Avalanche, Outdoor, and Medical Certifications

Pro/Av/SAR Professional Rescue Course. American Avalanche Institute (2020)
NOLS Risk Management Training (2018)
American Avalanche Association Level III. American Avalanche Institute (2012)
Rope Rescue I. Rigging for Rescue (2010)
Wilderness First Responder Certification (with AED and CPR certification), Wilderness Medicine Institute/NOLS Wilderness Medicine (maintained since 2007)

SELECTED UNIVERSITY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

University of Alaska

UAS Co-Director of Outdoor Studies (1999-current)
Provost Search Committee (2021-22)
UA Statewide System Office Administrative Review Committee (2020-21)
UAS Administrative Review Committee (2020-21)
UAS Lead on Articulation Agreement between UAS ODS and PWSC Outdoor Leadership (2019-current)
UA Statewide Academic Structure Change Management Working Group for the Arts, Humanities, and Natural and Social Sciences (2019-20)
Faculty Senate - Humanities Representative (2019-20 and 2020-21)
Expedited Review Committee – Geography (2019-20)
Chancellor Search Committee (2019-20)
Chair – UAS Institutional Review Committee – Construction Technology (2019-20)
Chair – Faculty Peer Review Committee – Humanities and Social Science (2019-20)
UA Strategic Pathways Review Team – Arts and Humanities (2016-2017)
UAS Faculty Senate President (2014-15)
University of Alaska Statewide Faculty Alliance (Fall 2013- Spring 2016)
UAS Coordinator, Bachelor of Liberal Arts Degree Program (2010-2014)
Co-Chair Juneau Campus Master Plan Implementation Committee (2013-Current)
UAS Humanities Department Chair (2007-2009)
UA Statewide Social Sciences, Arts, and Humanities Budget Planning Committee (2009-2011)
Bachelor of Liberal Arts Degree Revision Committee (2007-2010)
Humanities 120 – First Year Seminar Coordinator (2007-2008, 2013-2014)
Coordinator, UAS Interdisciplinary Conference on Economics and the Environment (2005)
UA System Governance Council, UAS Representative, (2002-2003)
UAS Faculty Senate, Humanities Department Representative (2001-2002)
First Year Seminar Development Committee (1998-1999)

Search Committee Member – Served on seven full-time faculty search committees, one dean search committee, one provost search committee, and one chancellor search committee (1999-2021)
Faculty Tenure and Promotion Evaluation Committees – Served on three peer-level and three university-level faculty evaluation committees (2005-2021)

Other Professional Service

Board of Directors: Eaglecrest Ski Area (2020-current)
Board of Directors: Southeast Alaska Avalanche Center (2010-17)
Editorial Board Member: *Sport, Ethics, and Philosophy* - Official Journal of the British Philosophy of Sport Association (2015-current)
Editorial Board Member: *Journal of Philosophy of Sport* - Official Journal of the International Association for Philosophy of Sport (2015-current)
Chair: Honors, Awards, and Future Sites Committee of International Association of the Philosophy of Sport (2015-2019)

TEACHING

Selected Regularly Taught Courses:

Introduction to Philosophy (PHIL 201)
Ethics (PHIL 301)
Eastern Philosophy (PHIL 313)
Perspectives on the Natural World (PHIL 371)
Existentialism (PHIL 390)
Sport, Leisure, and Culture (HUM 271)
Backpacking in Southeast Alaska (ODS/PE 114)
Introduction to Sea Kayaking (ODS/PE 113)
Avalanche Hazard Evaluation and Theory – Level I (ODS/PE 118)
Mountaineering (ODS/PE 222)
ODS Expedition I (ODS 245)
ODS Expedition II – Major Expedition (ODS 445)
Ocean Studies: Images of the Environment (ODS 373)
Mountain Studies: Philosophy, Literature, and Practice (ODS 393)

ODS Expedition Courses Taught:

Major expedition courses including 2-4 weeks in the field and an attempt at a significant mountaineering other outdoor objective. Courses are typically co-led by Outdoor Studies faculty and include 8-12 students.

Sea Kayaking in Glacier Bay (Glacier Bay, Alaska) May 2022

Ski Mountaineering in the Coast Range (Gilkey Glacier Area, Alaska) May 2021

Ski Mountaineering in the Ramparts (Alaska Range) May 2019

Juneau Icefield Traverse – May 2018

Ski Mountaineering on Knik Glacier (Chugach Range) May 2017

Ski Mountaineering on Juneau Icefield – May 2016

14-Day Backcountry Skiing Expedition (Northern Alps, Japan) January 2016.

Denali, Alaska Range (20,320 ft./6,194 m.) May 2015.

Nelchina Glacier Capstone Course - Climbed **Mt. Fafnir** (10,472 ft./3,192 m.) May 2014.

Ecuador Capstone Course - Climbed **Cotopaxi** (Ecuador - 19,347 ft./5,897 m.) and Climbed and Skied **Cayambe** (Ecuador 18,996 ft./5,790 m.) January 2013.

Marcus Baker (Chugach Range 13,176ft./4,167m.) May 2011.

Denali (Mt. McKinley, Alaska Range 20,320 ft./6,194 m.) May 2010.

14-Day Sea Kayaking/Climbing Expedition (Sitka Region, Southeast Alaska) Two weeks sea kayaking and camping on the islands around Sitka, Alaska. Trip culminated in climb and ski descent of Mt. Edgecumbe. May 2009.

Mt. Sanford (Wrangell Mountains, 16,327 ft./4,977 m.) May 2007.

Mt. Bona (St. Elias Mountains, 16,421 ft./5,005 m.) Led two students in ski descent of the peak. May 2006.

Winter Ski Traverse of the Juneau Icefield (Atlin, B.C. to Juneau, Alaska) March 2002.

OTHER SELECTED CLIMBS AND SKI DESCENTS

Khuiten Peak (Mongolia, 14,350 ft) Guided Group on Climb and Ski Descent – July 2016.

Mendenhall Towers (Mendenhall Glacier, Juneau, Alaska) Ski Descent North Edge Route – February 2009.

Aconcagua (Argentina, 22,841ft.) Summited via Falso Polacos Route – January 2003.

Denali (Alaska Range, 20,320ft.) Summit and Ski Descent via Rescue Gully Route – June 2000.