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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Louisiana State University, Associate Professor, Spring 2007 to Present.

Louisiana State University, Assistant Professor, Spring 2001 to Fall 2006.

Louisiana State University, Instructor, Fall 1999 to Fall 2000.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Philosophy, The Ohio State University (1999).

Dissertation: *Slouching Towards Vienna: Michael Dummett and the Epistemology of Language*. Committee: Neil Tennant (Chair), Stewart Shapiro, William Taschek.

B.A. in Philosophy, The University of Texas at Austin (1993).

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Metaphysics, Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Logic.

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Aesthetics, Epistemology, Logic, Philosophy of Mind.

BOOKS

J. Cogburn and M. Silcox, *Philosophy of Video Games*, Routledge (2009).

Positive reviews in *Choice* (July, 2009) and *Library Journal* (April, 2009; <http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6646633.html>).

(Edited) J. Cogburn and M. Silcox, *Dungeons and Dragons and Philosophy*, under contract with Open Court.

ARTICLES, CHAPTERS, AND CRITICAL NOTICES

J. Cogburn and J. Roland, "Strong, Therefore Sensitive: Misgivings about a Proposed Marriage between Contextualist and Anti-Luck Epistemologies," *Grazer Philosophische Studien* (forthcoming).

J. Roland and J. Cogburn, "Anti-Luck Epistemologies and Necessary Truths." *Philosophia: Philosophical Quarterly of Israel*, (forthcoming).

- N. Hebert and J. Cogburn, "Role Playing Magic and Paradoxes of the Inexpressible" forthcoming in *Dungeons and Dragons and Philosophy* ed. J. Cogburn and M. Silcox.
- J. Cogburn, "Alignment in the 4.5th Edition Dungeons and Dragons," forthcoming in *Dungeons and Dragons and Philosophy* ed. J. Cogburn and M. Silcox.
- J. Cogburn, "The Last Positivist: Critical Notice of Robert Brandom's *Reason in Philosophy*," in *The Journal of Value Inquiry*, (forthcoming).
- J. Cogburn, "Moore's Paradox as an Argument Against Anti-Realism," in *The Realism-Antirealism Debate in the Age of Alternative Logics (Logic, Epistemology, and the Unity of Science)*, ed. Shahid Rahman, Giuseppe Primiero, and Mathieu Marion, Springer (2011).
- J. Cogburn and M. Silcox, "The Emergence of Emergence: Computability and Ontology," *American Philosophical Quarterly*, 48.1 (2011): 63-74.
- J. Cogburn and J. Megill, "Are Turing Machines Platonists? Inferentialism and the Philosophy of Mind," *Minds and Machines*, 20.3 (2010): 423-440.
- J. Cogburn, "Critical Notice of Robert Brandom's *Between Saying and Doing: Towards an Analytic Pragmatism*" in *Philosophical Books*, 51.3 (2010): 160-174.
- M. Silcox and J. Cogburn, "Azeroth versus the Experience Machine," in *World of Warcraft and Philosophy: Wrath of the Philosopher King*, Open Court (2009).
- M. Silcox and J. Cogburn, "Computability Theory and Literary Competence," *The British Journal of Aesthetics*, 46.5 (2006): 369-386.
- J. Cogburn, "The Logic of Logical Revision: Formalizing Dummett's Argument," *The Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, 83.1 (2005): 15-32.
- J. Megill and J. Cogburn, "Easy's Getting Harder all the Time: Human Emotions and the Frame Problem," *Ratio*, 17.3 (2005): 306-316.
- J. Cogburn and M. Silcox, "Computing Machinery and Emergence," *Minds and Machines*, 15.1 (2005): 73-89.
- J. Cogburn and R. Cook, "Inverted Space: Minimal Verificationism, Propositional Attitudes, and Compositionality," *Philosophia: Philosophical Quarterly of Israel*, 32 (2005): 73-92.
- J. Cogburn, "Inferentialism and Tacit Knowledge," *Behavior and Philosophy*, 32 (2005): 503-524.
- J. Cogburn, "Tonking a Theory of Content: An Inferentialist Rejoinder," *Logic and Logical Philosophy*, 13 (2005): 31-36.
- J. Cogburn, "Paradox Lost," *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, 34.2 (2004): 195-216.
- J. Cogburn, "The Philosophical Basis of What? The Anti-Realist Case For Dialethism," in *The Law of Non-Contradiction*, ed. Graham Priest, J.C. Beall, and Bradley Armour-Garb, Oxford University Press, (2004): 217-234.
- J. Cogburn, "Manifest Invalidity: Neil Tennant's New Argument for Intuitionism," *Synthese*, 134.3 (2003): 353-362.
- J. Cogburn, "Logical Revision Re-revisited: The Wright/Salerno Argument for Intuitionism," *Philosophical Studies*, 60.1 (2002): 5-12.
- J. Cogburn, "Deconstructing Dummett's Anti-Realism: A New Argument Against Church's Thesis," *The Logica Yearbook* (2002): 57-68.

R. Cook and J. Cogburn, "What Negation is Not: Intuitionism and ' $0=1$ '," *Analysis*, 60.1 (2000): 5-12.

J. Cogburn and R. Cook, Review of Piergiorgio Odifreddi (ed.), *Kreiseliana: About and Around Georg Kreisel*, (A.K. Peters Ltd. Stanford [1997]), in *Studia Logica* 63, (1999).

MANUSCRIPTS AT VARIOUS STAGES OF COMPLETION AND REVIEW

Not of This World: Anti-Representationalism and the New Metaphysics. [This won't be finished until 2013. The project is to motivate recent developments in continental realism (a.k.a. Speculative Realism) via a sympathetic critique of Pittsburgh Hegelianism (sympathetic to Brandom's inferentialism and McDowell's anti-naturalism, but critical of both philosophers' quietism).]

"Anti-Luck Epistemology, Necessary Truths, and the Brogaard-Salerno Theory of Counterpossibles."

"A Tu Quoque Defense of the Priority of Practical Inference."

"Tonk, Knot, and Varieties of Dummettian Harmony."

"S-Vagueness and R-vagueness: Some Results from Counterexamples to the Underlying Comparative Theory" (with Franklin Worrell).

"Safety and the True-True Objection" (with Jeffrey Roland).

"You might be a brain in a vat" (with Jeffrey Roland).

"Inferentialism and Etchemendy's Problem (with Jeffrey Roland).

"J.T. Ce Qui? Heck Style Gettier Cases and the Epistemic Internalism/Externalism Debate" (with Sean Whittington).

"Brandom, Singular Terms, and the Syntax-Semantics Interface" (with Pete Wolfendale).

"The Place of Morality in the Space of Reasons: Psychopathy, Brandom, Lance, and Levi" (with Joel Musser).

"A Euthyphro Dilemma for Lance and Hawthorne's Account of Morality" (with Joel Musser).

"Art Self Conscious Art: Irony and the Open Question Argument" (with Joel Musser).

PRESENTATIONS

J. Cogburn, "Phenomenological Ontology versus Ontological Phenomenology: Some Comments on Lee Braver's *A Thing of This World: A History of Continental Anti-Realism*," presented at Author Meets Critics session for Braver under the auspices of the Society for Realist/Anti-Realist Discussion, during the 2011 Central Division meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Minneapolis.

J. Cogburn and F. Worrell, "S-Vagueness and R-vagueness: Some Results from Counterexamples to the Underlying Comparative Theory," presented at the 2010 Eastern Division meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Boston.

J. Roland and J. Cogburn, "Anti-Luck Epistemologies and Necessary Truths," presented at the 2009 Alabama Philosophy Society, Orange Beach.

J. Cogburn, "Moore's Paradox as an Argument Against Anti-Realism," presented at the 2006 Anti-Realism conference in Nancy, France.

J. Cogburn, "Moore's Paradox as an Argument Against Anti-Realism," presented at the 2006 Central Division American Philosophical Association meeting, Chicago.

J. Cogburn, "Notes From the Ungerground," presented at the 2005 Central Division American Philosophical Association meeting, Chicago.

M. Silcox and J. Cogburn, "Does the Reader Make the Text? Some Thoughts on Literary Competence," presented at the 2005 Pacific Division American Philosophical Association meeting, San Fransisco.

J. Cogburn and M. Silcox, "Does the Reader Make the Text? Some Thoughts on Literary Competence," presented at Auburn University, Fall 2004.

J. Cogburn, "Notes From the Ungerground," presented at the 2004 Alabama Philosophical Society convention, Mobile.

J. Cogburn and M. Silcox, "Computing Machinery and Emergence: Prolegomena to Any Future Metaphysics (of Video Games)," presented at the 2003 Alabama Philosophical Society convention, Orange Beach.

J. Cogburn and J. Megill, "Are Turing Machines Platonists? Inferentialism and the Computational Theory of Mind," presented at the 2002 Alabama Philosophical Society convention, Orange Beach.

J. Cogburn, "Deconstructing Dummett's Anti-Realism: A New Argument Against Church's Thesis," presented at the 2002 LOGICA conference in the Czech Republic, sponsored by the Czech National Academy of Sciences, Prague.

J. Cogburn, "Dummett's Argument for Logical Revision," presented at the 2001 Alabama Philosophical Society convention, Orange Beach.

J. Cogburn, "Paradox Lost: God, Fitch's Proof, and a New Paradox of Knowledge," presented at the 2000 Alabama Philosophy Society convention, Orange Beach.

J. Cogburn, "Finding Holism Where You Least Expect It: Some Meditations on the Limits of Formal Semantics," presented at the 1999 Louisiana Philosophy Association meeting, Baton Rouge.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY)

Note: syllabi and other course materials at <http://www.projectbraintrust.com/cogburn/currentcourses.html>.

Freshman Level

Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 1999, Spring 2000, Fall 2000).

Honors Introduction to Philosophy (Spring 2001, Fall 2001, Spring 2002, Fall 2002, Spring 2003, Fall 2003, Spring 2004, Fall 2005, Spring 2006, Fall 2006, Fall 2009, Spring 2010).

Introduction to Logic (Summer 2003).

Sophomore Level

Symbolic Logic I (Summer 2003, Fall 2003, Spring 2005, Spring 2007, Spring 2011).

Contemporary Moral Problems (Fall 2003, Spring 2004).

Philosophy of Art (Spring 2009, Fall 2010, Fall 2011).

Junior and Senior Level

Note: Some of these were survey courses taught at the Junior level and some topical courses taught at the Senior level. The latter were all taught for graduate credit.

Introduction to Epistemology (Spring 2006, Spring 2007)

Symbolic Logic II (Spring 2003)

Non-Classical Logics (Spring 2004)

Philosophy of Language (Spring 2000, Spring 2002, Fall 2005, Spring 2005, Fall 2008, Fall 2011)

Philosophy of Mind (Fall 1999, Fall 2002, Fall 2005, Fall 2005, Spring 2001, Spring 2005, Fall 2010)

Metaphysics (Fall 2008, Spring 2009)

Aesthetics (Fall 2009, Fall 2010).

Special Topics: Cognitive Science (Fall 2001) [Note: this was part of an interdisciplinary Student Learning Community, taught in conjunction with Michael Hegarty and Janna Oetting].

GRADUATE COMMITTEES

Chair of five successfully defended M.A. thesis committees:

1. Joseph Dartez (Fall, 2009) *Ficta as Mentalia: Surveying Theories of Fiction in Search of Plausible Ontology*
2. Neal Hebert (Fall, 2008) *Representation and its Limit*
3. Jason Glenn (Spring 2005), exam option
4. Michael Aristidou (Spring, 2004) *Irrationality and Human Reasoning*
5. Jason Megill (Spring 2003) *A Hybrid Theory of Vision*

Member of fourteen successfully defended M.A. thesis committees:

1. Damon McGregor (Fall 2011)
2. Geoffrey Bain (Spring 2010)
3. Andrew Johnson (Spring 2009)
4. Erin Kraus (Spring 2008)
5. Franlin Worrell (Spring 2007)
6. Nathan Schneider (Spring 2006)
7. Robert Rose (Spring 2006)
8. John Tall (Spring 2006)
9. Casey Edler (Spring, 2005)
10. Charles Hollingsworth (Spring 2005)
11. Gabe Cate (Spring 2003)
12. Troy Fassbender (Spring 2002)
13. Robert Anderson (Spring 2001)
14. James Donovan (Spring 2000)

External member of three successfully defended PhD dissertation committees:

1. Karen Marroli (Fall 2010, Music)

2. Jessica Clarke (Spring 2010, Education)
3. Denese Vlotsky (Fall 2003, Human Ecology)

[Note: Nearly every year I am Dean's rep for one or more candidacy exams, and I have been member of three Undergraduate Honors Thesis committees: Franklin Worrell (Philosophy), Joseph Calvisina (English), and Joseph Falcon (Anthropology).]

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Blogger with NewApps (<http://www.newappsblog.com/>).

Member of Editorial Board of *Teaching Philosophy*.

Blind reviewer of articles for *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *American Philosophical Quarterly*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Logique et Analyse*, *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, and the Philosophy of Computer Games conference (<http://2012.gamephilosophy.org/>).

Blind reviewer of books for Acumen Publishing, Routledge, Rowman and Littlefield, and Oxford University Press.

Area Editor for Philosophy of Mind section of the *Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, 2004-2006.

SELECTED UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Member university level group that evaluated NEH Summer Stipend proposals, Fall, 2010.

First Vice President Arts and Sciences Faculty Senate, 2008-2009.

Member Arts and Sciences CAPPE Committee, 2008-2009.

LSU Faculty Senate Arts and Science Member at Large (2002-2005). Served on Committee for Administration. Authored bill to voice faculty support of renovation of LSU Student Union Theater.

Webmaster for LSU Cognitive Science Group (<http://www.artsci.lsu.edu/cogsci/index.html>), 2001-2005.

Member of LSU Center for Computation and Technology (<http://www.cct.lsu.edu/>) Laboratory for Creative Arts and Technology Labs (<http://www.lcat.lsu.edu/>) steering committee, 2002-2004. Helped draft proposals for Digital Media Arts and Sciences B.A. degree and LSU Creative Technology Labs to create and fund interdisciplinary research projects at the intersection of I.T., the arts, and cognitive science. Spearheaded efforts to create interdisciplinary group in Human Computer Interface and Intelligent Systems. Working closely with Student Video Game Alliance to design appropriate curriculum. With other steering committee members. traveled to MIT Media Lab, SIGGRAPH 2004, University of Southern California, and meetings with entertainment executives in Los Angeles to help in planning initiative.

Webmaster for LSU Interdepartmental Linguistics Program (<http://www.artsci.lsu.edu/ling/>), 2001-2004.

Member Center for Computation and Technology Core I.T. hiring committee, 2002-2003. Charged with hiring senior members for the Core Information Technologies cluster section of Governor Foster's CAPITAL information technology initiative.

SELECTED DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Assistant Chair (Philosophy Section Head) LSU Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies. 2010-present. Schedule classes. Manage faculty review and promotions. Help other departmental officers.

Director of Undergraduate Studies, Philosophy Section. Spearheaded efforts to assign all undergraduate majors to faculty advisors. Collected and distributed course descriptions each semester. Maintained list of undergraduate major e-mails and kept them apprised of departmental events. Managed transfer credits for students. During the time of the instituted reforms, number of philosophy majors increased by approximately one third. Currently taking initiative on SACS assessment issues relating to undergraduate major. 2002-2004, 2009-2010.

Member of Philosophy Section Graduate Committee. Helping craft and implement strategies to increase M.A. enrollment and improve program, 2005- 2007, 2009-present.

Listserv owner for LSU Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, 2000-present.

Co-chair of ad hoc committee to compare the LSU Philosophy Section with peer institutions, 2004.

Webmaster for Philosophy Section (<http://www.artsci.lsu.edu/phil/phil1/PHome.html>), 2001-2007.

Chair of ad hoc committee to write curriculum section of departmental program review, 2000-2001.

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

LSU Sabbatical leave for academic year Fall 2007-Spring 2008.

Participated in first annual LSU CxC Summer Institute, for Summer 2005.

Nominated by department for Tiger Athletic Foundation Honors College teaching award, 2004.

Nominated by department for Phi Beta Kappa teaching award, 2003.

Proposed Student Learning Community, Proseminar in Cognitive Science, authorized by Center for Excellence in Learning and Provost Fogel, taught in Fall of 2001.

Official acknowledgment for superior instruction of freshman students by Alpha Lambda Delta freshman honor society, 2000.

Recipient Ogden Government Services Dependent Scholarship 1993-1998.

National Merit Finalist, 1988-1992.

REFERENCES

Lee Braver, Hiram College (braverlj@hiram.edu)

Edward Henderson, Louisiana State University (ehender@lsu.edu)

John Protevi, Louisiana State University (protevi@lsu.edu)

Neil Tennant, The Ohio State University (tennant.9@osu.edu)