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Educational History

Ph.D., Philosophy, Indiana University, 1983.
M. A., Philosophy, Indiana University, 1979.
(Appalachian Trail Hiker, April, 1975 - September, 1975)
B. A., Colby College, Waterville, Maine, 1975.

Professional Experience

Colby College, Waterville, Maine

Professor of Philosophy, 2000-
Chair, Department of Philosophy, 1993-9.
Associate Professor of Philosophy, 1991-2000.
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 1988-91.
Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 1983-1988.

Victoria University at Wellington, New Zealand

Visiting Lecturer, July-November, 1996.

University College Cork, Cork, Ireland

Visiting College Lecturer, 1988-1989.

Wye Faculty Fellowship, 1985.

Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana

Associate Instructor, Mathematics, 1981-1983; (named Outstanding
Associate Instructor out of 128 -- 1982-1983)
Research Assistant, Philosophy, 1977-1980.
Associate Instructor, Philosophy, 1976-1981;
Instructor, Summer High School Institute, 1980-1983.

Areas of Specialization

Logic, Analytic Philosophy, Philosophy of Language, Wittgenstein, Argumentation Theory.

Areas of Competence

(other areas in which I have taught or published)

Philosophy of Science, History of Science, Medieval Philosophy, Modern Philosophy, Epistemology.

Philosophy Courses Taught

Undergraduate Level

Introduction to Philosophy	Medieval Philosophy
Introductory Logic	Early Modern Philosophy
Advanced Logic	Contemporary Analytic Philosophy
Modal Logic	Epistemology
Argumentation Theory	Philosophy of Language
Philosophy of Science	Puzzles and Paradoxes
History of Science	Seminar: Cartesian Legacies
Atheism, Deism, & Other Heresies	Seminar: Wittgenstein
Nature and God	

Graduate Level

Analytic Philosophy (At University College, Cork, Ireland)
 Philosophy of Language, Seminar: Metaphors (At Victoria University, Wellington, NZ)

Dissertation

Title: *The Logic of Conditional Assertion.*

Committee: N. D. Belnap, Jr. and J. M. Dunn, co-chairs,
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Abstract:

It has been claimed that the ordinary use of at least some conditionals involves not a categorical assertion of a conditional but rather a conditional assertion of its consequent. If the antecedent of a conditional assertion is true, there is a commitment to the consequent; otherwise, no assertion has been made. It has also been claimed that a conditional of this kind can be used to effect restricted quantification. In this dissertation I explore the assumptions about language-use implicit in the first claim and I develop formal systems to support the second, including a “multi-conditional” logic with connectives for both conditional assertion and relevant implication.

Publications

"Logical Fallacies, Dialectical Transgressions, Rhetorical Sins, and Other Failures of Rationality in Argumentation," *Proceedings of the 5th International Conference of the International Society for the Study of Argumentation* (Amsterdam, Netherlands: SIC SAT, 2003).

"Putnam, Truth and Logic," *Philosophica* (Belgium), forthcoming (co-authored with Jeffrey Kasser).

"Arguments and Metaphors," in *Arguing, Communication and Culture*, Volume One, G. Thomas Goodnight, Ed. (Washington, D.C., National Communication Association, 2002).

"Informal Logic and the Surprise Exam," *Informal Logic*, forthcoming.

Review of Colin Bruce's *Conned Again, Watson!*, MAA Online;
<http://www.maa.org/reviews/connedagain.html>. April 2001.

"Evaluating Arguments and Making Meta-Arguments," *Informal Logic*, forthcoming.

"Once Upon an Argument," *Argumentation at Century's End: Proceedings of the 1999 Meetings of the Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation*, St. Catharines, Ontario (CD-ROM) (co-authored with John Rosenwald).

"How To Lose an Argument," *Proceedings of the 4th International Conference of the International Society for the Study of Argumentation* (Amsterdam, Netherlands: SIC SAT, 1999).

"Schoolhouses, Jailhouses, and the House of Being: The Tragedy of Philosophy's Metaphors," *Metaphilosophy*, Vol 29, Nos. 1/2 (January / April 1998), pp. 6-19; to be reprinted in *When Plot Meets Knot*, M Hanne, ed., (Ohio State University Press, forthcoming).

"The Argument Against Rhetoric (Or: Proof Shall Make You Free)," *Argumentation and Rhetoric: Proceedings of the 1997 Meetings of the Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation*, St. Catharines, Ontario (CD-ROM).

"*Tractatio Logico-Philosophica: Engendering Wittgenstein's Tractatus*," in *Feminist Interpretations of Ludwig Wittgenstein*, Naomi Scheman and Peg O'Connor, eds., The Pennsylvania State University Press, 2002, pp. 138-158.

"Argument is War... and War is Hell: Philosophy, Education, and Metaphors for Argumentation," *Informal Logic*, Vol. 17, No. 2 (Spring 1995). pp. 177-188.

Review of *Analysis and Metaphysics*, by P. F. Strawson, in *International Journal of Philosophical Studies*, 1993, vol. XXXV, pp. 385-386.

- "Nonsensical Representation and Senseless Interpretation: Wittgenstein on Nonsense Judgments," *Philosophia* (Israel), vol. 22, nos. 3-4 (December 1993), pp. 407-424..
- "Relevant Implication and Conditional Assertion," in *Entailment*, Vol, II, A. R. Anderson, N. D. Belnap, Jr., and J. M. Dunn, eds., Princeton University Press, 1992, §75, pp. 472 - 487.
- Review of *If P, Then Q: Conditionals and the Foundations of Reasoning*, by D. Sanford, in *Philosophy of Science*, Vol. 59, no. 2 (June, 1992), pp. 331-332.
- "Conditionals, Quantification, and Strong Mathematical Induction," *Journal of Philosophical Logic*, Vol. 20, No. 3 (August 1991), pp. 315 - 326.
- "Who, What, and Other Essential Questions," *Colby Quarterly*, Vol. XXVII, No. 2 (June, 1991), pp. 106 - 116.
- "The Word as Will and Idea: Semantics in Wittgenstein's *Tractatus*," *Philosophical Studies* (Dublin), Vol. XXXII (1988-90), pp. 126 - 140.
- "On What Cannot Be," in *Truth or Consequences*, J. M. Dunn and A. Gupta, eds., Kluwer Publishing Co., 1990, pp. 123-132.
- "Wittgenstein and W. C. Fields," *Lyceum*, Vol. II., No. 1, (Spring 1990), pp. 15 - 30.
- Review article of "A Farewell to Entailment," by R. K. Meyer, in *Journal of Symbolic Logic*, Vol. 55, No. 1 (March 1990), pp. 352-353.
- "Gödelian Incompleteness and Paraconsistent Logics," *Irish Mathematical Society Bulletin*, Galway, Ireland (1990).
- Review article of *Relevant Logics and Their Rivals* by R. Routley, et. al, *Journal of Symbolic Logic*, Vol. 54, No. 1 (March 1989), pp. 293-296.
- "A Reply to Cahn on Divestiture," *Analysis*, Vol. 48, no. 2 (March 1988), pp. 109-110; Reprinted in *University Neutrality and Academic Ethics*, R. L. Simon, ed. (Rowman and Littlefield, 1993).
- "The Problem of Counterpossibles," *Notre Dame Journal of Formal Logic*, Vol. 29, no. 1 (winter, 1988), pp. 91-101.
- "Stalking the Wild Paradox," *Metaphilosophy*, Vol. 19, no. 1 (Jan. 1988), pp. 25-31.
- Review article of *Assertion and Conditionals* by Anthony Appiah, *Journal of Symbolic Logic*, Vol. 52, no. 4 (Dec. 1987), pp. 1051-1052.
- "A New Axiomatization of Belnap's Conditional Assertion," *Notre Dame Journal of Formal Logic*, Vol. 27, no. 1, (Jan, 1986) pp. 124-132 .
- "Semifactuals, Even-ifs, and Sufficiency," *International Logic Review*, No. 32 (Dec. 1985), pp. 102-111.

"Putting Paradoxes to Pedagogical Use in Philosophy," *Teaching Philosophy*, Vol. 8, no. 4, (October, 1985) pp. 309-317.

Presentations

"Logical Fallacies, Dialectical Transgressions, Rhetorical Sins, and Other Failures of Rationality in Argumentation," The International Society for the Study of Argumentation, Amsterdam, Netherlands, (June 23-26, 2002).

"Arguments and Metaphors," the 12th NCA/AFA Conference on Argumentation, Alta, Utah, August 2-5, 2001.

"Arguing With God," Northern New England Philosophical Association, Saint Anselm College, Manchester, NH, October 2-3, 1999; Revised for the Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation, Windsor, Ontario, May, 2001.

"Natural Language Argumentation: Commentary on Menashe Schwed's 'Naturalized Argumentation and Philosophical Skepticism'," Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation, Windsor, Ontario, May, 2001.

"Francis Bacon, Scientific Methodology, and the Scientific Revolution," University of Maine, Orono, Maine, November 16, 2000.

"Once Upon an Argument," Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation, St. Catharines, Ontario, 13-15 May, 1999 (with J. Rosenwald).

"Persuasive Storytelling: a Commentary on Michael Kagan's 'Persuasive Stories'," Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation, St. Catharines, Ontario, 13-15 May, 1999.

"What, What-if, and So-what?" Paideia: The World Congress of Philosophy, Boston, MA (August 1998).

"How To Lose an Argument," The International Society for the Study of Argumentation, Amsterdam, Netherlands, (June 16-19, 1998).

"The Argument Against Rhetoric (Or: Proof Shall Make You Free)," Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation, St. Catharines, Ontario, 14-17 May, 1997.

"What Would Happen If I Did a Thought Experiment Alone in the Woods and No One Was There to Respond? A Commentary on Lawrence Souder," Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation, St. Catharines, Ontario, 14-17 May, 1997.

"Bad Questions, Good Explanations, and Other Philosophical Worries," Chemistry Department Colloquium Series, Colby College, February 20, 1997.

- "American Political Idioms," Fudan University, Shanghai, China, October 1996.
- "The Unspeakable and the Unsayable," Victoria University, Wellington, NZ, Philosophy Department Colloquium Series, September 11, 1996.
- "Unsayable Interpretations: Wittgenstein's *Tractatus* and Contemporary Feminism," Australasian Association for Philosophy (NZ Division), Massey University, Palmerston North, NZ, 26-29 August, 1996.
- "Schoolhouses, Jailhouses, and the House of Being: Philosophy and Metaphors," Maine Philosophical Institute, University of Maine, Farmington, May 5, 1996; Conference on Narrative and Metaphor Across the Disciplines, Auckland, NZ, July 7-10, 1996.
- "Argument is War... and War is Hell: Philosophy, Education, and Metaphors for Argumentation," Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation, St. Catharines, Ontario, May 5-6, 1995.
- "Why Doesn't God Have a Sense of Humor," Northern New England Philosophy Association, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH, Oct., 1992; invited lecture at Saint John's College, Colledgeville, MN, March, 1993; Colby College, Departmental Colloquium, May, 1994.
- "Analysis, Essentialism and First Philosophy," International Association for Philosophy and Literature, Berkeley, California, April 30, 1992.
- "On 'Monkey's Uncle' Conditionals," American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meetings, Portland, Oregon, March 26, 1992.
- "The Heirs of Analysis," Northern New England Philosophical Association, Colby College, Waterville, Maine, October 18, 1991.
- "Wittgenstein and W. C. Fields," Northern New England Philosophical Association, St. Joseph's College, North Windham, ME, October 21, 1989.
- "Proposition 5.542: Juggling Beliefs," Irish Philosophical Society, Galway, Ireland, April 6, 1989.
- "Intensional Contexts in the *Tractatus*," University College Cork, Cork, Ireland, March 15, 1989.
- "Gödel's Dilemma," University College Cork, Cork, Ireland, March 9, 1989.
- "The Impossibility of Philosophy," Colby College, Waterville, ME, May 4, 1988.
- "A Job for Job: A Cautionary Tale of Affirmative Action and Negative Reaction," Unity College, Unity, Maine, February 5, 1987.
- "Using Paradoxes in Philosophy," American Philosophical Assoc./ American Association of Philosophy Teachers, Washington, D. C., Dec., 1985.

"Puzzles, Paradoxes, and Pedagogy," Fifth International Workshop/Conference on the Teaching of Philosophy, Toledo, Ohio, August, 1984.

"On Comparing Conditionals," Northern New England Philosophical Association, University of Maine, Farmington, October 23, 1983.

Selected Professional Service

Book Review Editor, *Informal Logic*, 2002-.

Reviewing/ Abstracting (49 articles or books) for *Mathematical Reviews*. (Titles on request.)

Referee for *Journal of Philosophical Research*, *Journal of Philosophical Logic*., *Nous*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*.

Manuscript reviewer for Wadsworth Publishers and West Educational Publishing.

President, Maine Philosophical Institute, 1992-1993, 1998-99.

Session Moderator, Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation, St. Catharines, Ontario, 1997, 1999, Windsor, Ontario, 2001.

Session Moderator, Narrative and Metaphor Across the Disciplines, Auckland, NZ, July 1996.

Session Moderator, "Platonism and the Philosophy of Mathematics," American Philosophical Assoc., Eastern Division Meetings, Boston, MA, Dec., 1994.

Session Moderator, Northern New England Philosophical Association, 1987.

Review Abstracts For Mathematical Reviews
(Date Reviewed)

"A Relevant Theory of Conditionals," by Edwin D. Mares and André Fuhrmann.

"On Conditionals," Dorothy Edgington (5/96).

"A Star-Free Semantics for \mathbf{R} ," by Edwin D. Mares (3/96).

"Schurz on Hypothetico-Deductivism" by Ken Gemes and "Relevant Deduction and Hypothetico-Deductivism: A Reply..." by Gerhard Schurz (10/95).

"Counterfactuals, Ambiguities, True Premises, and Knowledge," by Igal Kwart (7/95).

"The Logical Structure of Linguistic Commitment-I: Four Systems of Non-Relevant Commitment Entailment," by Mark Norris Lance and Philip Kremer (6/95).

"The Semantics of Entailment 0," by Robert K. Meyer and Edwin D. Mares (2/95).

"Formal and Material Consequence," by Stephen Read (10/94).

"Stalnaker-Lewis Conditionals: Three Grades of Holistic Involvement," by Claudio Pizzi (8/94).

"Sentential Constants in Systems Near \mathbf{R} ," by John Slaney (8/94).

"Failure of Interpolation in Relevant Logics," by Alasdair Urquhart (6/94).

"The Meaning of 'If' in Conditional Propositions," by Geoffrey Hunter (1/94).

"Process and Action: Relevant Theory and Logics," by R. Sylvan (6/93).

"Blending Semantics for IF as a One Place Nonassertive with Semantics for the Conditional," by R. Sylvan (5/93).

"Implication: A Survey of the Different Logical Analyses of 'If... then...'," by H.C.M. de Swart and R.P. Nederpelt (4/93).

"The First Axiomatization of Relevant Logic," by Kosta Dosen (2/93).

"The Admissibility of \Box in $\mathbf{R4}$," by Edwin D. Mares and Robert K. Meyer (1/93).

"Relevant Deduction," by Gerhard Schurz (2/92).

"Models for Relevant Modal Logics," by André Fuhrmann (10/91).

- "The Logical Status of Modal Reductionism," by Paul K. Moser and Arnold vander Nat (8/91).
- "Toward a Modal-Structural Interpretation of Set-Theory," by Geoffrey Hellman (6/91).
- "Characterization of Prime Numbers in Lukasiewicz's Logical Matrix," by A. Karpenko (3/91).
- "Sets as Singularities in the Intensional Universe," by K. Daynes (7/90).
- Mathematics Without Numbers* by G. Hellman (6/90).
- "Deduction Theorems for $T^\circ_{\hat{a}}$, $E^\circ_{\hat{a}}$, $R^\circ_{\hat{a}}$, $S4^\circ_{\hat{a}}$, and $I^\circ_{\hat{a}}$ " by J. Mendez (6/90).
- "Is Lewis's 'Genuine Modal Realism' Magical, Too?" by A. Rosenberg (12/89).
- "The Meaning of Pure Mathematics," by J. Mycielski (11/89).
- "On the Logic of Contingent Relevant Implication," by M. Lance (6/89).
- "Semantics for Quantified Relevance Logic," by K. Fine (5/89).
- "Answering Another Alleged Dilemma Destroying Dialethism," by R. Sylvan and G. Priest (4/89).
- "Precisification by Means of Vague Predicates," by R. Sorensen (11/88).
- "Relevant Implication and the Weak Deduction Theorem," by D. Batens (10/88).
- "Model Existence Theorem in Superrelevant Predicate Logic," by M. Szatkowski (6/88).
- "Reduced Models for Relevant Logics without WI," J. K. Slaney (6/88).
- "On an Implication Connective of RM," by A. Avron (8/87).
- "Negation and Contradiction," by R. Routley and V. Routley (8/87).
- "On the Logic of Belief," by G. Fitch (7/87).
- "Referential Presupposition within Ulrich Blao's Three-Valued Logic System," by E. Mioduszewska (1/87).
- "A Pragmatic Requirement for Classically Valid Arguments," by J. Mackenzie (8/86).
- "On the Relevant Systems P and P* and Some Related Systems," by A. I. Arruda and N. Costa (6/86).

"What's in a Belief?" by J. I. Biro (2/86).

"The Undecidability of Entailment and Relevant Implication," by A. Urquhart (11/85).

"Inconsistent Models for Relevant Arithmetics," by R. K. Meyer and C. Mortensen (7/85).

Relevant Logics and Their Rivals, by R. Routley, *et al.* (5/85).

"Foundations of Conditional Logic," Johan van Benthem (3/85).

"Paradox-Tolerant Logic," by R. E. Jennings and D. K. Johnston (10/84).

"The Fundamental S-Theorem - A Corollary," by R. K. Meyer, E. P. Martin, and R. Dwyer (8/84).

"The Problem of Non-existents: I--Internalism," by K. Fine (7/84).

"Referential Consistency as a Criterion of Meaning," by Steven J. Bartlett (5/84).

"Some Strong Omnitemporal Logics," by G. E. Hughes (1/84).

"The Relativization of Truth to Functions," by R. A. Eberle (1/84).