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Title: Professor of Philosophy
Department: Psychology and Philosophy
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Degrees Earned

- (1) B. A. (Honors) Dual majors in Philosophy and Classical Languages, Xavier University (Cincinnati), 1966
- (2) M. A. in Philosophy, Boston College, 1968
- (3) Ph. D. in Philosophy, University of Georgia, 1971

Professional Licensure and Certifications—None to list

Peer-Reviewed Publications:

Articles:

- (1) "TACTS: Developing a New Critical Thinking Assessment Instrument" is co-authored with Valerie Muehsam, John Miller, and Wendy McCoy and is forthcoming in *Inquiry*, Vol. 25, Issue No. 1.
- (2) "Buddhism, Christianity, and Modern Science: A Response to Masao Abe," in *Buddhist-Christian Studies*. Vol. 25 (2005), pp. 67-74.
- (3) "There is More to Quality than Continuous Improvement: Listening to Plato," co-authored with Vic Sower as first author, appeared in *Quality Management Journal*. Volume 12, Issue 1 (January 2005), pp. 8-20.
- (4) "Trading Lives: Consequentialism, Deontology, and Inevitable Trade-offs" presented at the XXth World Congress of Philosophy, 1998. The Congress presentations are published electronically at the XXth World Congress website.
- (5) "Morality on the Line: The Role of Ethics and Police Decision-Making," (co-author Wayland Pilcher), *American Journal of Police*, Vol. X, No. 2, 1991.
- (6) "On Interpreting a Philosophy of Science: A Response to Gareth Nelson," in *Systematic Zoology*, Vol. 26, No. 1 (March 1977), pp. 89-91.
- (7) "Two Problems with Chisholm's *Perceiving*," in *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, Vol. XXXVI, No. 4 (June 1976), pp. 547-550.
- (8) "J. J. Katz' Logic of Questions: New Departure or Dead End?" in *Philosophical Studies*, Vol. 27, No. 4 (April 1975), pp. 283-290.
- (9) "The Fallacy of Many Questions: Or, How to Stop Beating Your Wife," in the *Southwestern Journal of Philosophy*, Vol. IV, No. 1 (Spring, 1974), pp. 89-92.

Book Chapters:

- (1) "Post-Tenure Review in Texas: An Evolving Response to the Legislature's Challenge" co-authored with the other members of the SHSU Post-Tenure

Review Research Group: Debra Price, Dennis Longmire, Jo Ann Duffy, Paul Reed, Laverne Warner, and William Fleming. In *Post-Tenure Review: Experienced Voices*, eds. Christine Licata and Joseph Morreale. American Association for Higher Education, 2002.

(2)“Affirmative Action: Arguing with Lisa Newton” was published in *TR 5*, a collection of essays illustrating the process of research and writing in various disciplines. The collection was edited for use as a textbook by Diane Dowdey et al. and was published by Simon & Schuster, 1998.

Research Monographs and Technical Reports

Final Project Report: PTR in Texas State-Supported Universities: Responding to the Legislative Challenge. I co-authored the report along with Dr. Dennis Longmire and Dr. JoAnn Duffy in the summer of 2001. The report presented the research findings and policy recommendations resulting from a grant from the American Association for Higher Education (AAHE) as described below. Copies of the research report were sent to the AAHE and to all of the universities that participated in our study.

Final Project Report: Post Tenure Review in the Texas State University System. I co-authored the report along with Dr. Debra Price in the summer of 2000. The report presented the research findings and recommendations for action resulting from a grant from the American Association for Higher Education (AAHE) as described below. Copies of the research report were sent to the AAHE, to the System Office of the Texas State University System (TSUS), and to the Chief Academic Officers and Faculty Senate heads of the component universities in the TSUS

Funded External Grants:

“Post Tenure review in Texas State-Supported Universities: A Broader View.” After completion of an initial two-year project studying post-tenure review in the Texas State University System, in the summer of 2000 I wrote an application for an AAHE funded follow-up grant. The application was successful, and so we were funded for an additional year to extend our research on post-tenure review to other state-supported universities in Texas during 2000-2001. TAMU, SFA, U of H, Texas Tech, UT Tyler, UT Arlington, and UT Pan American are all collaborated with the project.

“Post Tenure Review in the Texas State University System” was funded in 1998 as part of the New Pathways II project of the American Association of Higher Education. I was the principal investigator along with Dr. Debra Price. Other members of the SHSU PTR Research group are Dr. Laverne Warner, Dr. JoAnn Duffy, Dr. Paul Reed, Dr. Bill Fleming, and Dr. Dennis Longmire. This was a two-year project during which I led the team members in a study the operation of the post tenure review process first on the SHSU campus and then on the other campuses of the Texas State University System. The study employed a

combination of faculty surveys and structured interviews with key stakeholders, including legislators, administrators, and faculty.

Peer-Reviewed Presentations/Posters:

- (1) "Texas Assessment of Critical Thinking Skills (TACTS): A Quantitative Study of a Business School Accreditation Assessment Instrument," presented with John Miller of SHSU COBA at the 38th Annual Meeting of the Decision Sciences Institute, November 2007.
- (2) "Christianity, Buddhism, and Modern Science" presented at Dongguk University, Seoul Korea in October, 2002
- (3) "Meeting the Legislature's Challenge: Post-Tenure Review in State Supported Universities in Texas" was presented with Dr. Dennis Longmire at a Spring 2001 conference of the American Association for Higher Education.
- (4) "Post Tenure Review in the Texas State University System: Preliminary Results," was presented, with Dr. Dennis Longmire as a co-presenter, at the Spring 2000 American Association for Higher Education (AAHE) National Conference on Faculty Roles and Rewards.
- (5) "Reverse Discrimination: Arguing with Lisa Newton," read at the March 1997 meeting of the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology.
- (6) "Commentary on Alastair Norcross's 'Trading Lives'," read at the October 1996 meeting of the Southwestern Philosophical Society.
- (7) "How to Host an Academic Challenge Tournament," presented with Richard Eglsaer at the November 1994 meeting of the National Collegiate Honors Council.
- (8) "Collaborative Research: Working Together to Enhance Literacy/Thinking Skills of Junior High Students," presented with Sheila Cohen at the May 1988 meeting of the International Reading Society.
- (9) "Ethics and Affirmative Action," read at the 1985 meeting of the Western Social Science Association.
- (10) "Biotechnology's Promise and Peril: The Views of Jeremy Rifkin," accepted for the 1985 meeting of the Southwestern and Rocky Mountain region of the AAAS.
- (11) "Ethics and Nuclear Deterrence," read at the April 1982 meeting of the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology.
- (12) "The Fallacy of Many Questions: Or, How to Stop Beating Your Wife," read at the 1973 meeting of the Southwestern Philosophical Society.
- (13) "The Equal Right of All Men to be Free," read at the 1971 meeting of the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology.

Work or Professional Experiences:

Teaching Experience:

Courses Taught Regularly: Critical Thinking, Contemporary Logic, Philosophy of Science, Contemporary Moral Issues, Philosophy of Religion

Sample of Courses Taught Occasionally: Introduction to Philosophy, History of Science, Philosophy of Law, Recent Theories of Ethics (a doctoral seminar for Criminal Justice), Introduction to Psychology, History of Psychology, Readings in Sensation and Perception (a graduate course), Seminar on Theories of Ethics, Seminar on Theories of Knowledge and Reality

Special Course Team Taught every fall:

From Information to Decision: an Honors seminar, HON 231, on aspects of decision making in a complex world, taught with colleagues from Economics, Biology, Mass Communications, and Psychology

Sample of Professional Service:

SHSU Philosophy Program Coordinator, January 1999-2005, 2007-present.

Texas Association of College Teachers (TACT), State Vice President for Financial Affairs, 2001-present

SHSU Distinguished Lecturer Committee, 1999-2003, 2007-present

SHSU Honors Program Advisory Council Member, 1989-present

SHSU Constitution Day planning committee, Chair 2005-present

SHSU International Programs Committee, member 2001-present

SHSU Academic Challenge Program, creator & chief judge, 1991-present

SHSU American Democracy Project Steering Committee, member 2004-2007

SHSU Standing Faculty Tenure Committee, member 2002-2006

SHSU AAUP Chapter, Member, 1971-present. President 1984-86, 2002-2003, Secretary-Treasurer 1977-1980, President 2003-2004

SHSU Post Tenure Development Review Committee, Chair, 1996-1997

SHSU Committee for the Study of the Tenure Review Process. 1994-1995

SHSU University Strategic Planning Committee Member, 1990-1991

SHSU Core Curriculum Review Committee Member, 1990-1991

Consulting:

Regional Review Forum member for development of the Texas Academic Skills Program (TASP) examination. The TASP examination is given to all Texas public university students who expect to progress to junior level courses. Participated in test review sessions in January and August, 1988 and again in April, 1989.

Humanities Advisor and Script Consultant for *Doin' Life*, a 60-minute television documentary on issues of justice involved in cases of people serving life sentences in Texas prisons, 1979-1980. This documentary has been shown on PBS stations in Houston, Austin, Dallas-Fort Worth, and El Paso.

Served as a faculty member for the United States Chamber of Commerce's leadership development program: Institutes for Organization Management. The Institutes were held at the University of Georgia and Southern Methodist

University in the summer of 1980, and at Southern Methodist and the University of Colorado at Boulder in 1982.

Honors and Awards:

Received the Sam Houston State University Faculty Excellence in Service Award, 1992.

Received the Sam Houston State University Excellence in Teaching Award, 1989.

Other Competencies: None to list