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- Expertise: Chinese Philosophy, Comparative Philosophy, Philosophy of Education
- Strengths: Greek Philosophy, German Idealism, History of Philosophy
- Languages: Ancient Chinese, Modern Chinese, Greek, Latin, French, German
- Education: Stanford University, Ph.D., Philosophy, 1987–1993
Dissertation: “Zhuangzi and Skepticism”
Adviser: Philip Ivanhoe
Committee: David Nivison, Lee Yearley
University of Hawaii, Winter and Spring, 1989
(working with A. C. Graham and Roger Ames)
Tunghai University, Taichung, Taiwan, 1986–87
(studying Chinese language and philosophy)
Yale University, B.A., Philosophy, 1982–86
(summa cum laude, phi beta kappa)
- Employment: Whittier College, Philosophy Department, 1993 to present
promoted to Associate Professor with tenure, 1997
Hsi Lai University, Faculty Member (part time), 1994 to present
Stanford University, Cultures, Ideals, and Values (CIV) Program
Lecturer in the Philosophy Track, 1992–93
Stanford Center for Teaching and Learning, Teaching Consultant, 1990–92
- Awards: Harvard Center for the Study of World Religion, Senior Fellowship, 1997–98
- Administrative responsibilities:
ASIANetwork, Executive Board member, 2002–04
(nominated by existing board for elections in April)
Philosophy Department Chair, Fall 1998–present
(usual fiscal, personnel, and organizational responsibilities, including departmental review)
Curriculum Committee, convener, Fall 2001–present
(coordinating existing discussions into campus-wide review)
Whittier College Strategic Planning Steering Committee, 2000–01
Faculty Executive Council, Humanities Representative, 2000–02
Asian Studies Program Chair, 1998–2001 (conducted program review)
Millennium Lecture Series, organizer, Fall 1999
Teaching Forum, organizer, Spring 1999–present
Presidential Search Committee, Fall 1998

(composed College Vision Statement and Presidential Profile)
 Educational Policies Committee, chair, 1998–99
 Faculty Executive Council, Humanities Representative, 1996–97
 Curriculum Review Committee, Summer, 1994

- Books: *A History of Chinese Skepticism: Zhuangzi and His Interpreters*
 (under review at University of Chicago Press)
Essays on Skepticism, Relativism, and Ethics in the Zhuangzi
 Kjellberg and Ivanhoe, eds., (Albany: SUNY Press, 1996)
- Articles: “Why committee work is good for you”
 Full length review of *Buddhist Peaceworks* (ed. David Chappell)
 Hsi Lai University Journal of Humanistic Buddhism, forthcoming
 “Selections from *Zhuangzi*” (translation)
 chapter in *Readings in Classical Chinese Philosophy*, eds. Van Norden and
 Ivanhoe, Seven Bridges Press, 2000
 “The butterfly’s flight through China”
 Journal of the North American Butterfly Association 7.2: 16–20
 Full length review of *Wandering at Ease in the Zhuangzi* (ed. Roger Ames)
 Journal of Chinese Religions, forthcoming
 “Multicultural Education and the Virtue of Comparative Philosophy”
Report from the Institute for Philosophy & Public Policy 16:3–4
 (Summer/Fall 1996): 19–23
 reprinted in *Oracle: Newsletter for Alumni and Friends of Philosophy*
 University of Idaho, 1997
 “Sextus Empiricus, Zhuangzi, and Xunzi on ‘Why Be Skeptical?’” in
Essays on Skepticism, Relativism, and Ethics in the Zhuangzi, 1–25
 Feature Review of *Chinese Texts and Philosophical Contexts*
China Review International, vol. 1, no. 2 (1994): 237–243
 “Skepticism, Truth, and the Good Life in Zhuangzi and Sextus Empiricus”
Philosophy East and West, vol. 44, no. 1 (Jan. 1994):111–133
 “Ludwig Wittgenstein Talks Private Language With a Black Friend” *Faultline*, vol. 2
 (1993):45–59
 Feature Review of Kwang-ming Wu's *The Butterfly as Companion*
Philosophy East and West, vol. 43, no. 1 (Jan. 1993):127–135
- Presentations: Buddhism in the Origin of the Cheng Brothers’s Neo-Confucianism
 Neo-Confucian Society, Beijing, June 2001
 “Why you can’t engage a Buddhist in a discussion of free will”
 University of Idaho Conference, May, 2001
 commentator at CSLB Conference
 “Is there American Confucianism?”
 International Conference on the Studies of Confucius
 Taipei, Taiwan, September, 1999
 “A philosophical perspective on the Buddha’s life”
 Hsi Lai University, February 1999
 “Teaching at Whittier”
 Whittier Boston Area Alumni Association, July 1998

- response to Roger Ames "Local and Focal in Realizing a Daoist World"
Taoism and Ecology Conference, Harvard University, June, 1998
- "Zhuangzi's Problem,"
Harvard Center for the Study of World Religion, February 1998
- "Cross-Cultural Philosophy and Relativism," panel organized and chaired for
American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, March, 1997
- "The Role of the Mind: Psychological and Political Leadership in Mencius"
Association of Asian Studies, Annual Meeting, March, 1997
- "Aristotle and Zhuangzi on Friendship"
California State University, Los Angeles, January 1997
- "Confucian and Daoist Ways of Being Human"
Religious Diversity Fair, U.C. Irvine, November, 1996
- "The Xiang-Guo Commentary: an Ancient Charge of Plagiarism Put to Rest"
Symposium on Thought and Textuality in Ancient China, UCLA November,
1996
- "Painting and the Metaphysics of Nonbeing"
Art 130: Advanced Drawing, UCLA, May, 1996
- "The Virtue of Comparative Philosophy"
Temple University, March, 1996
Reed College, February, February, 1996
University of Washington, November, 1995
- "Freedom East and West"
University of California at Riverside, June, 1995
Vassar College, February, 1995
- "Zhuangzi's Negative Project"
Association for Asian Studies, Washington D.C., April, 1995
- "Skepticism: The Science of Ignorance"
China Society of Southern California, Los Angeles, January, 1995
- "Roles of the Canon in the Chinese Tradition"
CIV Great Works Track, Stanford, October, 1992
- "Skeptical Problems and Problems with Skepticism"
Stanford Undergraduate Philosophy Club, March 1992
- "The Role of Philosophy in Everyday Life"
Palo Alto Older Women's League, November, 1991
- "Moral Failure in Mencius"
Paul Desjardins Seminar on Classical Texts, August, 1991
Asian Studies on the Pacific Coast, Stanford, June, 1990
- "Comparative Scepticisms of Zhuangzi and Sextus Empiricus"
American Oriental Society Conference, Berkeley, April, 1991
- "Ambiguity and Style in the *Dao De Jing*"
Stanford-Berkeley Graduate Student Conference, May, 1990
- "Nietzsche's Rhetoric"
Stanford-Berkeley Graduate Student Conference, May, 1988