

Blake Hestir

Curriculum Vitae

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Academic and Experiential

- **Education**

Ph.D., Florida State University (1998)
M.A., Florida State University (1996)
B.A., Texas Christian University (1988)

- **Present Rank**

Professor

- **Year of Appointment/Rank**

2017, Professor; 2005, Associate Professor; 2001, Assistant Professor

- **Honors and Awards**

College nominee for the TCU Deans Research Award, 2018
Departmental nomination for the TCU Deans Teaching Award, 2003, 2011, 2014, 2023
TCU Honors Faculty Recognition Award, 2003–2004

- **Certifications/Trainings**

Yoga Instructor, Yoga Alliance RYT 200
Mindfulness Meditation Instructor training, The Koru Center for Mindfulness
Trauma-Informed Mindfulness training, The Koru Center for Mindfulness
Nature-based meditation training, Rocky Mountain Ecodharma Retreat Center

Research and Creative Activity

- **Refereed Publications**

- *Plato on the Metaphysical Foundation of Meaning and Truth* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2016).
- "Aristotle's Conception of Truth: An Alternative View," *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, 51 (2013), 193–222.
- "Aristotle on Truth, Facts, and Relations," *Newsletters for the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy* 11 (2010), 5–16.
- "A Few Remarks on 'The Philosopher-Ruler'," *Southwest Philosophy Review* 26 (2010), 71–76.
- "A Few Philosophical Ruminations on the Human Condition and Choosing to Live Well," *Advances in Latin American Psychology* 26 (2008), 30–42.

- "Plato and the Split Personality of Ontological *Alêtheia*," *Apeiron* 37 (2004), 109–50.
- "A Conception of Truth in Plato's *Sophist*," *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 41 (2003), 1–24.
- "Some Remarks on 'Of Two Minds'," *Southwest Philosophy Review* 18 (2002), 1–10.
- "A Conception of Truth in *Republic V*," *History of Philosophy Quarterly* 17 (2000), 311–22.
- "Plato's Beard: Protagoras's Not-So-Secret Doctrine," *Southwest Philosophy Review* 16 (2000), 11–22.
- "A Few Remarks on 'Plato's Naiveté'," *Southwest Philosophy Review* 15 (1999), 109–12.
- **Editor Refereed**
 - "Searching for Sacred Mountain," with David Aftandilian and Mark Dennis, *Asia's Environments: National, Regional, and Global Perspectives*, 21 (2022).
- **Work Under Review**
 - "The Semantics and Dynamics of Statement in Plato's *Sophist*," revise and resubmit at *Ergo*.
 - "Capacity, Being Relative-to, and Truth in Plato's *Sophist*," for an edited collection at Cambridge University Press.
- **Work in Progress**
 - *Are We Experiencing? Climate Change, Sustainability, and Flourishing*, monograph
 - "Flourishing as Practice: Self, Interdependence, and Flourishing," journal paper, co-authored with Mark Dennis, Yuria Celidwen, and Christine Wamsler.
 - "Self and Sustainability," journal paper
 - "The TCU Student Flourishing Initiative," co-authored with Mark Dennis for *Mindful Flourishing*, special issue on Mindful Flourishing for *The ASIA Network Exchange, A Journal of Asian Studies in the Liberal Arts*, forthcoming 2023.
- **Papers Presented, Commentaries, Participation**

Invited Presentations

- "Nature-based Practice, Sustainability, Flourishing," panel discussion, Shift Network Summit, February 11, 2022.
- "A Conception of Statement in the *Sophist*," Congress of the German Society for Philosophy, September 5–9, 2021, Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg.
- "Plato on the Metaphysics of the Spoken Word," Symposium on Plato's *Sophist*, Brown University, May 12, 2019.
- APA Book Symposium, *Plato on the Metaphysical Foundation of Meaning and Truth*, Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Vancouver, B.C., April 19, 2019. I responded to three commentators.

- “Plato’s Conception of Propositions,” Philosophy Department Colloquium, Northern Arizona University (March 8, 2018). Solo speaker.
- “Plato’s Conception of Propositions,” Philosophy Department Colloquium, University of Kentucky (Oct. 20, 2017). Solo speaker.
- “Plato on Definitions, Meaning, and Truth,” Philosophy Department Colloquium, Berea College Colloquium (Oct. 19, 2017). Solo speaker.
- “Plato’s Conception of Propositions,” Plato Centre, Trinity College Dublin (May 26–31, 2017). Keynote speaker.
- Author-Meets-Critics session on *Plato on the Metaphysical Foundation of Meaning and Truth*, Veritas Research Center, Yonsei University (June 20, 2016). Solo speaker, with commentators.
- “Plato on the Metaphysical Foundation of Truth,” Tokyo Forum for Analytic Philosophy, Tokyo, Japan (June 17, 2016). Solo speaker.
- “Being as *Dunamis* and the Good,” Lake Tahoe Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, (May 20–24, 2016).
- “The Problem of Predication and Truth in the *Sophist*,” Plato Centre, Trinity College, Dublin (June 12, 2015). Solo speaker.
- “Plato on Meaning and Truth,” Veritas Research Center, Yonsei University (June 5, 2015). Solo speaker.
- “Plato on Truth,” San Diego State University (May 28–30, 2014). Gave three presentations on various chapter drafts from *Plato on the Metaphysical Foundation of Meaning and Truth*.
- Symposiast for APA Book Symposium: Mary Louise Gill, *Philosophos: Plato’s Missing Dialogue*, Pacific Division, American Philosophical Association (April 18, 2014).
- “The Foundation of Plato’s Semantic Theory,” Werkmeister Workshop in Ancient Philosophy in Honor of R. M. Dancy, Florida State University (Feb. 24–25, 2012).
- “Plato’s Late Semantic Theory,” Williams Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, Williams College (August 11–14, 2011).
- “Aristotle on Truth,” Aristotle on Meaning and Truth Seminar, Philosophy Department, Harvard University (March 27, 2011). Solo speaker.
- “Aristotle on Truth and the Synthetic Structure of Language, Thought, and Reality,” Second Annual Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, University of Alaska, Anchorage (May 28–30, 2008).
- “Aristotle on Truth and the Synthetic Structure of Language, Thought, and Reality,” Annual Meeting of the Society of Ancient Greek Philosophy, Fordham University, New York, NY (Oct. 19–21, 2007).

Invited Commentaries

- Commentary on Ian McCready-Flora, “How Man Is the Measure: Protagoras in *Metaphysics Iota*,” American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division (April 1–4, 2015).
- Commentary on Chad Weiner, “Plato’s Methodology in *Republic II–IV*,” American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, San Francisco (March 31–April 3, 2010).

- Commentary on Betsy Jelinek, "The Philosopher-Ruler: From Theory to Action," Southwestern Philosophical Society annual meeting, Dallas, TX (Nov. 13–15, 2009).
- Commentary on Nathanael Stein, "Aristotle on the Homonymy of Cause," The American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, San Francisco, California (April 4–7, 2007).
- Commentary on Matthew Cashen, "Happiness, *Eudaimonia*, and Descriptive Adequacy," The American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, Portland, Oregon (March 22–26, 2006).
- Commentary on Margaret Scharle, "The Role of the Elements in Understanding Aristotle's Natural Teleology," The American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, San Francisco, California (March 22–27, 2005).
- Commentary on Clancy Martin, "Can A Sceptic Have Fun?" 26th Annual Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas (March 27–29, 2003).
- Commentary on Michael Parker, "A Problem with *Republic* 470b–471c." 27th Annual Midsouth Philosophy Conference, University of Memphis, Memphis, Tennessee (February 21–22, 2003).
- Commentary on Eva Dadlez, "Of Two Minds: Plato's Analogy Between Painting and Poetry," 63rd Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Philosophical Society, Dallas, Texas (November 2–4, 2001).
- Commentary on "Aristotle on Knowledge of Singulars." Midsouth Philosophy Conference, University of Memphis, Memphis, Tennessee (February 23, 2001).
- Commentary on "Fourth-Century Flux Theory and the Origins of Pyrrhonism," 22nd Annual Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas (April 12–13, 1999).
- Commentary on "Plato's Naiveté: The Foundation of Heidegger's Teaching," 61st Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Philosophical Society, Tulsa, Oklahoma (October 1998).

Presentations at Conferences and Workshops¹

- "Flourishing as Practice," Inaugural meeting of the International Society of Contemplative Research, University of San Diego, February 2–5, 2023. Was unable to attend due to ice in North Texas, but paper was accepted and scheduled.
- "Predication and Truthmakers in the *Sophist*," TCU Workshop in Ancient Philosophy (April 13, 2014).
- "The Foundation of Plato's Semantic Theory," Colloquium for Ancient Philosophy, University of Alberta, Edmonton (May 3–5, 2012).*
- "The Foundation of Plato's Semantic Theory: *Parmenides* 135bc," 35th Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, The Joint Program in Philosophy and Classics, The University of Texas at Austin (Mar. 22–24, 2012).*
- "Aristotle on Truth, Facts, and Relations," Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy,

¹ Blind-reviewed as marked '**'.

- American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, San Diego (April 21, 2011).*
- “Aristotle’s Development of a Conception of Truth,” NEH Summer Seminar, “Aristotle on Truth and Meaning,” San Diego State University (July 12, 2010).
- “Plato on the Nature of Ontological Truth,” the American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, Washington, D.C. (December 27–30, 2003).*
- “Plato on the Nature of Ontological Truth,” 27th Annual Midsouth Philosophy Conference, University of Memphis, Memphis, TN (February 21–22, 2003).*
- “An Ancient ‘Conception’ of Truth: Aristotle’s *Metaphysics* Gamma 7,” 67th Annual Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, Seattle, Washington (March 27–31, 2002).*
- “A Conception of Truth in Plato’s *Sophist*,” 24th Annual Workshop in Ancient Philosophy. Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida (April 5–7, 2001).*
- “A Conception of Truth in Plato’s *Sophist*,” Midsouth Philosophy Conference, University of Memphis, Memphis, Tennessee (February 23, 2001).*
- “A Conception of Truth in Plato’s *Sophist*,” North Texas Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas (April 29, 2000).*
- “Plato’s Beard: Protagoras’s Not-So-Secret Doctrine,” 61st Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Philosophical Society, Houston, Texas (November 12–14, 1999).*
- “Protagorean Relativism and Plato’s Beard: A Preliminary Untangling of the Problem of Falsehood,” Florida Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL (November 1997).*
- “Of Things That Are and of Things That Are-Not: Plato on Truth and Falsehood,” Florida State University Department of Philosophy Colloquium (November 1997).
- **Editorships, referee, etc.**
 - Refereed papers for *Ancient Philosophy*, 2021; *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*, 2017, 2018, 2019; *History of Philosophy Quarterly*, 2017; *Journal of the History of Philosophy* (Johns Hopkins UP), 2004, 2016, 2018, 2021; *Apeiron*, 2021; *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* (Taylor & Francis), 2004; *Mind* (Oxford UP), 2013, 2014, *Southwest Philosophy Review*, 2015, 2021.
 - Co-editor with Mark Dennis, *Mindful Flourishing*, special issue on Mindful Flourishing for *The ASIA Network Exchange, A Journal of Asian Studies in the Liberal Arts*, forthcoming 2023.
 - Reader for monograph: *Plato’s ‘Phaedo’: Forms, Death, and the Philosophical Life* (Cambridge University Press) 2021. *The Phaedo: Plato’s Platonism* (Oxford University Press), 2018. *Truth and Falsehood in Aristotle’s Metaphysics* (SUNY Press) 2017.
 - Referee, Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology conference, 2012.
- **External Support Received**
 - 2010 NEH Summer Seminar, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA, June 21–July 16, 2010.

- 2003 NEH Summer Seminar, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA, June 30–Aug. 1, 2003.

Not received

- NEH Summer Institute: The Imagination and Imaginal Worlds in the Mirror of Buddhism, 2022
- NEH Summer Research Stipend, 2001. NEH Summer Stipend, 2014 (but with College nomination).

- **Internal Support**

Received

- “Experiential Philosophy: An Ecology Study Abroad,” Discovering Global Citizenship Grant, 2018.
- Mid-Career Summer Research Grant, 2014. Project: monograph completion, *Plato on the Metaphysical Foundation of Meaning and Truth*.

Not Funded

- “Teaching TCU Students to Flourish in Challenging Times,” TCU Inclusive Excellence Research Grant.

- **Other: Public Talks/Panels/Events**

- “Circle of Connection,” Invited circling event for the inaugural in-person meeting of the Flourishing Academic Network, 1440 Multiversity, Scotts Valley, CA, Dec. 1–4, 2023.
- Accepted to and attended, 2021 Mind and Life Institute Summer Research Institute: [The Mind, the Human-Earth Connection](#), and the Climate Crisis, online June 6–11, 2021.
- “TCU Contemplative Studies,” The Center for Healthy Minds, University of Wisconsin–Madison, Dec. 4, 2019.
- Facilitator, speaker, “Circling on Climate Change,” invited circling event for the TCU Honors College “Snow Globe” Series, November 19, 2019.
- Guest speaker, “Institutional Racism and White Fragility,” Fort Worth Woke Book Club, Jan. 13, 2019.
- Accepted to attend, 2018 Mind and Life Institute Summer Research Institute on the topic [Engaging Cultural Difference and Human Diversity](#), Garrison, NY, June 2–8, 2018.
- Invited panelist for “where is the power.” Fort Worth Contemporary Arts. Sept. 25, 2012.
- “*Ghost Dog*: Philosophical Practice vs. Philosophical Methodology.” Presentation for TCU Philosophy Club, Oct. 11, 2012.
- “Existentialism and Abstract Expressionism in the ‘40’s and ‘50’s.” Invited lecture for the docents at the Fort Worth Modern Art Museum, Oct. 31, 2011.
- “Artistic Protest and Protest Art.” Invited presentation for exhibit: “Electioneering,” Fort Worth Contemporary Arts, Nov. 18, 2008.

- “Long Shadows at High Noon: Socratic Truth in an Existential Desert.” Honors Faculty Recognition Presentation at 2005 Honors Banquet, April 7, 2005.
- “Parmenidean Nightmares: *Reductio ad Absurdum* in Dactylic Hexameter,” talk given as part of a panel discussion, “Philosophy and Poetry,” TCU Philosophy Club, April 22, 2005.
- “Reflections on the Conditions of Meaningfulness,” TCU Philosophy Club, March 2005.
- “Plato, God, Gods: Who’s the Boss?” invited presentation for the Chi Delta Mu Organization, TCU Department of Religion, February 25, 2002.
- “Protest Art and Artistic Protest: New Forms of Effective Campus Protest,” invited presentation for meeting of TCU’s Leftist Student Union, February 27, 2000.
- “John Stuart Mill on Liberty,” invited presentation for the Paschal High School student chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, April 12, 2000.
- “Noam Chomsky and the Media,” invited presentation for meeting of TCU’s Leftist Student Union, Nov. 2, 1999.
- **Other: Miscellaneous**
 - Chair, Symposium on Aristotle. American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Meeting, Savannah, Georgia, January 3–6, 2018.
 - Chair, Colloquium on Aristotle. American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting, March 27–30, 2013.
 - Chair, Colloquium on Aristotle. American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting, March 27–30, 2013.
 - Chair, Plato Colloquium Session, “Infallibilism and Contradiction in Plato’s *Theaetetus*,” Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, April 7, 2012.
 - Chair, Plato Colloquium Session, “Reason and Value in Plato,” Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Feb. 17, 2012.

Teaching

- **Courses Taught**
 - PHIL 10003: Philosophy One: The Meaning of Life
 - PHIL 10003: Philosophy One: Philosophy and Film
 - PHIL 10103: Mind, Meaning, and Morality
 - HITP 10113: Honors Intellectual Traditions I: Purpose
 - PHIL 10533: Honors Freshman Seminar: Politics, Morality, and Democracy
 - PHIL 10533: Honors Freshman Seminar: Right and Wrong
 - PHIL 10533: Freshman Seminar: Right and Wrong
 - PHIL 20103: Critical Reasoning
 - PHIL 20203: The Art and Science of Human Flourishing
 - PHIL 20343: Mind, Thought, Consciousness
 - PHIL 303463: Mind, Body, Ecology
 - PHIL 30970: Philosophical Studies: Socrates and the Socratic Tradition

PHIL 30373: Existential Philosophy
PHIL 40213: Ancient Greek Philosophy
PHIL 40213: Ancient Greek Philosophy: Flourishing
PHIL 40263: Socrates and the Socratic Tradition
PHIL 40253: Seminar in the History of Philosophy: Socrates
PHIL 40220: Advanced Issues in Human Nature: Phenomenology and Self
PHIL 40220: Contemporary Philosophy: Self and Sustainability
PHIL 40393: Ethical Theory
PHIL 40403: Seminar in Epistemology: Skepticism
PHIL 40223: History of Modern Philosophy
PHIL 40223: History of Modern Philosophy: The Scottish Enlightenment
ADRN 20970: Mindfulness and Modern Life (and one special for Pell grant recipients in 2020)
HCOL 40023: Mind, Consciousness, Self

PHIL 30003: Junior Honors Seminar: Philosophy of Language
PHIL 30003: Junior Honors Seminar: Aristotle's Ethics
PHIL 30003: Junior Honors Seminary: Self and Flourishing: Rethinking the U.S. Prison System
PHIL 50970: Directed Studies: Nietzsche
I have also done many directed studies under various course numbers.

- **New Courses Developed for TCU**

PHIL 40220: Contemporary Philosophy: Self and Sustainability, approved spring 2022
PHIL 20203: The Art and Science of Human Flourishing. Approved fall 2021
PHIL 303463: Mind, Body, Ecology. Approved fall 2019
Mind Consciousness Self: A Contemplative Jungle Odyssey, Costa Rica. Study abroad program, approved summer 2019
HCOL 40023: Mind, Consciousness, Self. Invited Honors Colloquium. Approved spring 2018
PHIL 20343: Mind, Thought, Consciousness. Approved fall 2016
PHIL 40213: Ancient Greek Philosophy. Approved fall 2010
PHIL 40263: Socrates and the Socratic Tradition. Approved fall 2009
PHIL 10113: Mind, Meaning and Morality II. Approved fall 2009
PHIL 10103: Mind, Meaning, and Morality. Approved fall 2007
PHIL 20210: Philosophy and Film. Approved fall 2006
A Celtic Odyssey: Scotland and Ireland's Role in the Making of Modern Western Civilization, TCU Study Abroad Program: Honors PHIL 40223: Modern Philosophy (Hestir) and Honors 18th Century British Literature (Blackwell). Course developed 2005–2006 and taught July 9–Aug. 11, 2006
PHIL 10003: Philosophy and Film, fall 2005 (later PHIL 20213)
PHIL 40253: Seminar in the History of Philosophy, approved fall 2003

- **Guest Lectures**

SOCI 30743: Men, Women, and Society (Jeannine Gailey), “Simone de Beauvoir” (fall 2013)
 GRMN 20973: Greek Traditions (Honors, Scott Williams), “Socrates” (every fall when taught 2009–2022); “Stoicism” (spring 2011, 2014–2022)
 ENGL 30733: Satire (Bonnie Blackwell), “Satire in Punk and Post-Punk Music and Film” (spring 2003)
 FREN 30063: French Genre (Marie Schein), “Sartrean Existentialism” (fall 2006)
 PSYC 30493: Evolutionary Psychology (Mauricio Papini), “Aristotle on Happiness” (spring 2003)
 PHIL 30970: Ideas of Leadership: An Interdisciplinary Study (Carol Thompson, Gregg Franzwa), “Plato on Leadership” (spring 2003, fall 2003, spring 2005, fall 2005, 2006)
 HHIT 20123: Honors Intellectual Traditions: *Order* (Nowell Donovan), “Pythagoreanism” (fall 1999, spring 2000)
 HHIT 10113: Honors Intellectual Traditions: *Purpose* (Bonnie Blackwell, Gregg Franzwa). Various topics (spring 1999, fall 1999)

- **Honors Projects**

Bonnie Talbot, 2001–2; Amanda Emerson, 2002–2003; Jacob Jewusiak 2004–2005; Jeff Sebo, 2004–2005; Janna Pate, 2005–2006; Tyler Brown, 2006–2007; Jeremy Wyatt, 2006–2007 (Chair); Chelsea Wilson, 2011–2012; Kendall Gilfillan (Chair), 2014–2015, Dylan Barth, 2018.

- **Academic Advising**

- Regular academic advising for majors/minors. We divided advising equally among all faculty beginning their second or third year
- Regular graduate school advising for majors

Service

- **Departmental**

- Chair, Search Committee, 2022–2023
- Member of tenured faculty committee, 2015–current
- Departmental Outcomes Assessment chair, 2016–current
- Department Chair, fall 2008–spring 2015, and summer, 2005, 2009–2015
- Job Search Committee, fall 2015
- Organizer and Convener, TCU Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, Keynote Mary Louise Gill (Brown University), April 13–15, 2014
- Co-Organizer and Convener, Moore Humanities Symposium: Consciousness, Keynote Jesse Prinz (CUNY), March 27–29, 2014
- Chair, Florsheim Lecture in Ethics Committee, 2010–2014. Alastair Norcross (CU Boulder), Jan. 31–Feb 1, 2012. Bernard Boxhill (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill), Nov. 7, 2013

- Organizer and Convener, Moore Humanities Symposium: “Nietzsche and the Philosophical Life,” fall 2006–spring 2008. Conference held April 17–9, 2008, Keynote Simon Blackburn (Cambridge)
- Chair, Green Chair Lecture Committee 2009–10, 2012–13. Michael Tooley (CU Boulder), Feb. 25–26, 2010; Elliott Sober (University of Wisconsin Madison), Jan. 30–31, 2013
- Chair, Faculty Search Committee, 2006–7, 2010–11, 2013–14
- Attended a Tableau workshop, Koehler Center, 2011
- Attended a “timesheet” workshop, 2011
- Attended CCAS Seminar for Department Chairs, San Diego, Oct. 9–11, 2008
- Chair, Outcomes Assessment Committee (2006–9)
- Search committee for Wright Chair in Applied Ethics, 2005–6
- Faculty Search Committee, 2005–6
- Organizer and Convener, TCU International Socrates Symposium, Keynote by Alexander Nehamas (Princeton), 2001–2004. Symposium held at TCU, April 1–3, 2004
- Organizer and Convener, 27th Annual Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, spring 2002 – spring 2004. Conference held April 1–3, 2004, in conjunction with Socrates Symposium
- Adjunct Faculty Search Committee, fall 2002, summer 2003
- Outcomes Assessment Committee, 2001–2
- Sponsor, TCU Philosophy Club, 2000–2007
- Organizer and Convener, 23rd Annual Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, TCU, March 23–25, 2000
- Department Web Manager, 1999–2007

- **College Service**
 - Director, Ronald E. Moore Humanities Symposium, “What Is Well-being?” 2018–current
 - Chair, AddRan Advisory Committee, 2022–current
 - Associate Director, TCU CALM Studies, 2018–current
 - Committee Member, AddRan Dean Search Committee, 2019–2020
 - Interim Chair, Department of Modern Languages, 2018–2020
 - Institutional Member, Council on Undergraduate Research, 2017
 - 200th Anniversary of Frankenstein committee member
 - Director, Moore Humanities Symposium, 2007–current. Formulated the Mission Statement and basic philosophy, Fall 2007
 - Co-organizer Moore Humanities Symposium, “What Makes Us Human,” Nov. 3–5, 2016
 - AddRan AdHoc Advising Committee, 2010–11
 - Committee Member, Donald Johanson Lecture, Sponsored by Ron Moore, 2011–12
 - Committee Member, Juan Carlos Rulfo Lecture, Sponsored by Ron Moore, 2011–12

- Committee Member, Moore Humanities Symposium: “Living by Poetry,” March 31–April 2, 2011
- Exploratory committee for possible Moore Symposium: “Cosmology,” 2008
- AddRan Lecture Committee, December 2007
- AddRan College Advisory Committee, appointed, 2006–2007
- Literary Traditions Faculty Learning Community, 2006–current
- AddRan Dean’s Teaching Award Committee, 2006
- Ad Hoc Committee, Dean’s Award for Research and Creativity

- **University Service**
 - University Academic Strategic Planning Committee as part of the *Vision in Action: Lead On* University review and campaign, 2017–2018
 - Research and Creative Activity Committee, 2017–2018
 - Judge, Boller Award, Honors Week Senior Scholar Presentations, spring 2010–2015
 - Multiple meetings with Honors administration during restructuring, 2014
 - Attended “Fired Up or Burned Out” Workshop sponsored by the Chancellor, April 2011
 - QEP Enhancement Meeting, June 1, 2010
 - Judge, Wassenich Founder’s Medal Award, TCU Honors Program, April 2006, 2007
 - Chair, Honors Week Committee, 2003–2004, 2004–2005, 2005–2006
 - Honors Week Committee, 2002–3
 - Campus Mentor, 2002–8
 - Focus Group for the Commission on the Future of TCU, Sept. 24, 1999
 - Judge, Wassenich Founder’s Medal Award, TCU Honors Program, April 1999, 2007

- **Community Service**
 - Co-founder and Director, [The Mind Body Ecology Institute](#), 2021–current
 - Fairmount Community Garden Board, Fort Worth, Texas, 2012–current
 - Public Art and Park Enhancement Committee, Fairmount Neighborhood Association, 2012–2013
 - Fairmount Community Garden member, current
 - “John Stuart Mill on Liberty,” invited presentation for the Paschal High School student chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, Fort Worth, April 12, 2000

- **Professional Service and Associations**
 - Committee member, [Flourishing Academic Network](#) planning committee, 2022
 - Member, [International Society of Contemplative Research](#), 2022–present
 - Member, [American Philosophical Association](#), 1998–current
 - Member, Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, 2007–current
 - Member, Society for Classical Studies, 2015–current