

**CURRICULUM VITAE**  
**DOUGLAS EDEN PATTERSON**

**EDUCATION**

Ph.D., Philosophy, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, December, 2000.  
B.A., Philosophy, Reed College, Portland, OR, May, 1991.

**AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION**

Philosophy of Language, Philosophical Logic.

**AREAS OF COMPETENCE**

Metaphysics, Philosophy of Mathematics, Philosophy of Mind, Epistemology,  
Ancient Philosophy, History of Analytic Philosophy.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Associate Professor of Philosophy, Kansas State University, from Fall 2006.  
Humboldt Fellow, Institut für Philosophie, Universität Leipzig, Germany,  
Summers 2009 through 2011.  
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Kansas State University, 2002-2006.  
Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Reed College, 2001-2002.  
Lecturer, University of California at San Diego, 2000-2001.  
Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy, West Virginia University, Fall 1998.

**MONOGRAPHS**

*Alfred Tarski: Philosophy of Language and Logic*, forthcoming in the Palgrave-  
MacMillan History of Analytic Philosophy Series, Michael Beaney, series  
editor.

**PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS**

*Papers*

- “Meaning, Communication and Knowledge by Testimony”, forthcoming in  
Schantz ed., *Prospects for Meaning*, DeGruyter.
- “Truth as Conceptually Primitive”, forthcoming in Wright and Pederson eds.,  
*New Waves in Truth*, Palgrave-MacMillan.
- “Inconsistency Theories of Semantic Paradox”, *Philosophy and Phenomenological  
Research* 79, 2009.
- “Tarski on Definition, Meaning and Truth”, in Lapointe, Marion, Miskiewicz and  
Wolenski eds., *The Golden Age of Polish Philosophy: Kazimierz Twardowski’s  
Philosophical Legacy*, Springer, 2009.
- “Tarski’s Conception of Meaning”, in Patterson ed. *New Essays on Tarski and*

- Philosophy*, Oxford University Press, 2008.
- “Truth-Definitions and Definitional Truth”, French and Wettstein eds., *Truth and its Deformities: Midwest Studies in Philosophy* XXXII, 2008.
- “Representationalism and Set Theoretic Paradox”, *Protosociology* 25, 2008.  
Volume also published as *Philosophy of Mathematics: Set Theory, Measuring Theories and Nominalism*, Ontos Verlag 2008.
- “Understanding the Liar”, Beall ed., *The Revenge of the Liar*, Oxford University Press, 2007.
- “Inconsistency Theories: The Significance of Semantic Ascent”, *Inquiry* 50: 6, 2007.
- “On the Determination Argument Against Deflationism”, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 88: 2, 2007.
- “Theories of Meaning and Semantic Paradox”, *The Logica Yearbook 2005*, Prague: Filosofia, 2006.
- “Tarski on the Necessity Reading of Convention T”, *Synthese* 151: 1, 2006.
- “Tarski, the Liar and Inconsistent Languages”, *The Monist* 89: 1, 2006.
- “Finn Collin and Finn Guldmann’s *Meaning, Use and Truth: Introducing the Philosophy of Language*”, *Philosophy in Review* 26: 1, 2006.
- “Sentential Truth, Denominalization and the Liar: Aspects of the Modest Account of Truth”, *Dialogue* 44: 3, 2005.
- “The Assertibility Conditions of Indicative Conditionals, Robust and Genuine”, *Southwest Philosophy Review* 21: 2, 2005.
- “Deflationism and the Truth Conditional Theory of Meaning”, *Philosophical Studies* 124: 3, 2005.
- “Learnability and Compositionality”, *Mind and Language* 20: 3, 2005.
- “Gerald Vision’s *Veritas: The Correspondence Theory and its Critics*”, *Philosophy in Review*, 25: 2, 2005.
- “American Thought about Truth”, in *Keywords: Truth*, New York: Other Press, 2004. Also published by Éditions La Découverte, France, Shanghai Literature and Arts Publishing House, China, Arab Cultural Center, Morocco and Lebanon, Sage India Publishing, India, and Double Storey Books, South Africa.
- “Correspondence and Metaphysics: Andrew Newman’s *The Correspondence Theory of Truth*”, *Inquiry* 47: 5, 2004.
- “The Status of Convention T”, *The Logica Yearbook 2003*, Prague: Filosofia, 2004.
- “Wolfgang Künné’s *Conceptions of Truth*”, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* 2004.03.08.
- “What is a Correspondence Theory of Truth?”, *Synthese* 137: 3, 2003.
- “Theories of Truth and Convention T”, *Philosophers’ Imprint* 2: 5, 2002.
- “John Perry’s *Knowledge, Possibility and Consciousness*”, *Philosophy in Review* 22: 4, 2002.
- “Two Arguments Against Disquotationalism”, *Dialectica* 56: 2, 2002.

### *Presentations*

- “Truth as Conceptually Primitive”, *Meeting of the Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association*, New York, NY, December 27-30, 2009.
- “Communication and Linguistic Cognition”, *Mental Phenomena, Philosophy of Linguistics Workshop*, Interuniversity Center, Dubrovnik, Croatia, September 7-12, 2009.
- “Non-Factive Cognitivism in Semantic Theory”, *Meaning, Understanding and Knowledge*, Center for Cognitive Sciences and Semantics, University of Riga, Latvia, August 9-13, 2009.
- “Inconsistency Theories of Semantic Paradox”, University of Missouri, St. Louis, January 29, 2009.
- “Inconsistency Theories of Semantic Paradox”, University of Missouri, Columbia January 28, 2009.
- “Meaning, Communication and Knowledge by Testimony”, University of Miami, October 24, 2008.
- “Traitement sémantique et paradoxes sémantiques: ce que les paradoxes nous enseignent sur la compréhension linguistique”, Université de Sherbrooke, Québec, Canada, March 28, 2008.
- “Truth Definitions and Definitional Truth”, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV, February 1, 2008.
- “Truth Definitions and Definitional Truth”, Friedrich-Schiller-Universität, Jena, Germany, May 29, 2007.
- “Workshop on Semantics”, with Ernest Lepore, L’Institut d’Histoire et de Philosophie des Sciences et des Techniques, École Normale Supérieure, Paris, France, May 19, 2007.
- “Semantic Processing and Semantic Paradox”, Institut Jean Nicod, Paris, France, May 18, 2007.
- “Semantic Processing and Semantic Paradox”, City University of New York Graduate Center, New York, NY, July 7, 2006.
- “Inconsistency, Semantics and Ontology”, Tufts University, Medford, MA, March 31, 2006.
- “Understanding the Liar”, University of Glasgow, Glasgow, UK, March 7, 2006.
- “Understanding the Liar”, King’s College, University of London, London, UK, March 6, 2006.
- “Some Issues in the Definition of Truth”, Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, Kansas, December 9, 2005.
- “Understanding the Liar”, *Logica Symposium 2005*, Hejnice Monastery, Czech Republic, June 20-24, 2005.
- “Understanding and Communication via False Beliefs about Meaning”, *Understanding and Communication*, Lisbon, Portugal, June 4-6, 2005.
- “Understanding the Liar”, *Canadian Philosophical Association Congress*, London,

- Ontario, May 28-31, 2005.
- “Understanding the Liar”, *Meeting of the Society for Exact Philosophy*, Toronto, Ontario, May 19-22, 2005.
- “Understanding the Liar”, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario, January 21, 2005.
- “Understanding the Liar”, Queen’s University, Kingston, Ontario, November 24, 2004.
- “Semantic Pathology and the Universality of Natural Language”, Université du Québec à Montréal, Montréal, Québec, November 4, 2004.
- “Tarski, the Liar and the Possibility of Semantics”, *Logic, Ontology, Aesthetics: The Golden Age of Polish Philosophy*, Montréal, Québec, September 23-26, 2004.
- “Künne’s *Conceptions of Truth*”, roundtable on Wolfgang Künne’s *Conceptions of Truth*, at *Bolzano et la Vérité*, L’Institut d’Histoire et de Philosophie des Sciences et des Techniques, École Normale Supérieure, Paris, France, March 6, 2004.
- “Learnability and Compositionality”, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, October 10, 2003.
- “Tarski on the Necessity Reading of Convention T”, *Logica Symposium 2003*, Kravsko Chateau, Czech Republic, June 17-20, 2003.
- “Tarski on the Necessity Reading of Convention T”, *Meeting of the Society for Exact Philosophy*, Vancouver, British Columbia, May 15-18, 2003.
- “Epistemological Nonfactualism and Moore’s Paradox”, *Northwest Philosophy Conference*, Portland, Oregon, October 24, 2002.
- “What is a Correspondence Theory of Truth?”, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, February 2002.
- “Substantivalism and the Liar Paradox”, *Central States Philosophical Association Meeting*, St. Louis, Missouri, October 12-13, 2001.
- “What is a Correspondence Theory of Truth?”, Reed College, Portland, Oregon, April, 2001.
- “Theories of Truth and Convention T”, *Meeting of the Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association*, New York, New York, December 27-30, 2000.
- “Theories of Truth and Convention T”, University of California, San Diego, San Diego, California, October 6, 2000.
- “Truth and T-B conditionals”, *Mid-South Philosophy Conference*, Memphis, Tennessee, February 26, 2000.
- “Truth as a Success Property”, *Mid-South Philosophy Conference*, Memphis, Tennessee, March 6, 1999.

#### *Comments*

- “Comment on Clark Sexton, ‘Compositionality and Sense Meaning’”, *Meeting of the Kansas Philosophical Society*, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS, February 28, 2009.

- “Comment on Emil Badici, ‘On Truth, the T-Schema and Definiendum-Sensitive Definitions’”, *Meeting of the Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association*, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, December 27-30, 2008.
- “Comment on Alan Tomhave, ‘Salience and Chance’”, *Meeting of the Southwestern Philosophical Society*, Kansas City, Mo, November 14-16, 2008.
- “Comment on Kranti Saran, ‘Public Languages, Knowledge and Semantic Norms’”, *Meeting of the Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association*, Washington, D.C., December 27-30, 2006.
- “Comment on Marc Moffett and John Bengson, ‘Know-How and Concept Possession’”, *Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference*, Topeka, Kansas, September 27-28, 2006.
- “Comment on James McBain, ‘Epistemological Practice and the Internalism/ Externalism Debate’”, *Meeting of the Kansas Philosophical Society*, Wichita State University, Wichita, Kansas, February 18, 2006.
- “Comment on Paul Saka, ‘Quotation Matters’”, *Meeting of the Central Division of the American Philosophical Association*, Chicago, Illinois, April 27-30, 2005.
- “Comment on Paul Saka, ‘The Argument from Ignorance against Truth-conditional Semantics’”, *Meeting of the Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association*, San Francisco, California, March 23-27, 2005.
- “Comment on Ian Dove, ‘On Assertion and Robustness: Second Thoughts on Jackson’s Way Out’”, *Meeting of the Southwestern Philosophical Society*, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 12, 2004.
- “Comment on Dugald Owen, ‘How to Mean in Private’”, *Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference*, Fort Hays, Kansas, October 11, 2004.
- “Comment on Daniel Weiskopf, ‘Complex Nominals and Compositional Semantics’”, *Meeting of the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, New Orleans, Louisiana, April 8-10, 2004.
- “Comment on Dean Pettit, ‘Deflationism and Imperatives’”, *Meeting of the Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association*, Pasadena, California, March 24-29, 2004.
- “Comment on Frederick Adams and Laura Dietrich, ‘Objections to Tye’s Views on Swampman’”, *Central States Philosophical Association Meeting*, Chicago, Illinois, October 17-18, 2003.
- “Comment on Greg Ray, ‘Tarski, Soames and the Metalinguistic Liar’”, *Meeting of the Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association*, San Francisco, California, March 26-30, 2003.
- “Comment on James Woodbridge, ‘Truth as a Pretense’”, *Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference*, Las Vegas, Nevada, October 25, 2002.
- “Comment on David Meeler, ‘Fuzzy Knowledge and the Skeptic’s Mistake’”, *Northwest Philosophy Conference*, Portland, Oregon, October 24, 2002.
- “Comment on Philip Robbins, ‘Reverse Compositionality’”, *Central States Philosophical Association Meeting*, Columbia, Missouri, October 11-12, 2002.

## **EDITORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

*Meaning, Understanding and Knowledge: The Baltic International Yearbook of Communication, Logic and Cognition*, volume 5, with Bradley Armour-Garb and James Woodbridge. A set of papers arising from presentation at the symposium of the same title at the Center for Cognitive Sciences and Semantics, the University of Latvia, Riga, August 2009.

*New Essays on Tarski and Philosophy*, Oxford University Press, 2008. This is a collection of new critical and historical essays on the philosophical aspects of Tarski's work. Contributors: Jody Azzouni, Arianna Betti, Marian David, John Etchemendy, Solomon Feferman, Greg Frost-Arnold, Mario Gomez-Torrente, Wilfrid Hodges, Paolo Mancosu, Roman Murawski, Panu Raatikainen, Gila Sher, Peter Simons and Jan Wolenski.

*Inquiry* 50: 6, December 2007. Guest editor of a special issue on inconsistency theories of understanding. The issue focuses on the claim that problems in various areas of philosophy can be solved by seeing competence with the meanings of expressions or the concepts they express as committing speakers to inconsistent claims. Contributors: Bradley Armour-Garb, Jody Azzouni, Otávio Bueno, Matti Eklund, Kirk Ludwig and Kevin Scharp.

## **CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION**

*Meeting of the Society for Realist-Anti-Realist Discussion*, *Meeting of the American Philosophical Association*, *Eastern Division*, December 2009. The session will focus on forthcoming work by authors in Wright and Pedersen, eds., *New Waves in Truth* related to the Society's purpose.

*Meaning, Understanding and Knowledge*, Center for the Cognitive Sciences and Semantics, University of Riga, Latvia, August 2009. This was a conference on whether the understanding of language is to be construed as knowledge, or something non-epistemic such as belief, involving roughly 20 invited speakers and 20 speakers selected from submissions to a call for papers. The proceedings will be published in the *Baltic International Yearbook of Communication, Logic and Cognition*.

## **FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

Humboldt Fellowship for Experienced Researchers, Alexander von Humboldt-Stiftung, for research carried out at the University of Leipzig, Summers 2009 through 2011.

President's Faculty Development Award, Kansas State University, 2004.

President's Faculty Development Award, Kansas State University, 2003.

American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Graduate Student Travel Stipend, December 2000.

Andrew Mellon Predoctoral Fellowship in the Humanities, University of Pittsburgh, 1996-1997.

Andrew Mellon Predoctoral Fellowship in the Humanities, University of Pittsburgh, 1992-1993.

Edwin N. Garland Award for Outstanding Achievement in Philosophy, Reed College, 1991.

Phi Beta Kappa, Beta of Oregon, 1991.

## **LANGUAGES**

Classical Greek, French, German.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

(1: freshman, 2: sophomore, 3: junior, 4: senior, 5: graduate.)

*Courses Taught as Associate Professor, Kansas State University*

Independent Study: Tarski, Fall 2009 (4).

Theories of Knowledge and Reality, Spring 2010 (3).

Business Ethics, Spring 2010 (2,3).

Historical Introduction to Philosophy, Spring 2010 (1, 2).

Independent Study: Philosophy of Language, Fall 2009 (4).

Epistemology, Fall 2009 (4).

History of Ancient Philosophy, Fall 2009 (2,3).

Business Ethics, Spring 2009 (2,3).

Theories of Knowledge and Reality, Spring 2009 (3).

Historical Introduction to Philosophy, Spring 2009 (1, 2).

Business Ethics, Fall 2008 (2,3).

History of Ancient Philosophy, Fall 2008 (2,3).

Medical Ethics, Summer 2008 (2,3).

Independent Study: Philosophical Logic, Spring 2008 (4).

Philosophy of Language, Spring 2008 (4).

Business Ethics, Spring 2008 (2,3).

Introduction to Moral Philosophy, Spring 2008 (1, 2).

Independent Study: Vagueness, Fall 2007 (4)

History of Ancient Philosophy, Fall 2007 (2,3).

Business Ethics, Fall 2007 (2,3).

Theories of Knowledge and Reality, Spring 2007 (3).

Introduction to Moral Philosophy, Spring 2007 (1, 2).

Business Ethics, Spring 2007 (2,3).

History of Ancient Philosophy, Fall 2006 (2,3).

Business Ethics, Fall 2006 (2,3).

*Courses Taught as Assistant Professor, Kansas State University*

Theories of Knowledge and Reality, Spring 2006 (3).  
Business Ethics, Spring 2006 (2,3).  
Introduction to Moral Philosophy, Spring 2006 (1, 2).  
History of Ancient Philosophy, Fall 2005 (2,3).  
Business Ethics, Fall 2005 (2,3).  
Theories of Knowledge and Reality, Spring 2005 (3).  
Introduction to Philosophy of Religion (2 sections), Spring 2005 (1, 2).  
Honors Introduction to Philosophy, Fall 2004 (2).  
History of Ancient Philosophy, Fall 2004 (2,3).  
Introduction to Moral Philosophy, Summer 2004 (1, 2).  
Philosophy of Language, Spring 2004 (4).  
Introduction to Moral Philosophy (3 sections), Spring 2004, (1, 2).  
Epistemology, Fall 2003 (4).  
Honors Introduction to Philosophy, Fall 2003 (2).  
Theories of Knowledge and Reality, Spring 2003 (3).  
Introduction to Philosophical Problems (2 sections), Spring 2003 (1, 2).  
Introduction to Philosophical Problems (2 sections), Fall 2002 (1, 2).  
Independent Study: Skepticism, Fall 2002 (4).

*Courses Taught as Visiting Assistant Professor, Reed College*

Seminar on Special Topics: Truth, Spring 2002 (4).  
Senior Thesis, Michael Golan, 2001-2002 (4).  
Senior Thesis, J. Chris Anderson, 2001-2002 (4).  
Independent Study: Reference, Spring 2002 (4).  
Independent Study: Logical Consequence, Spring 2002 (4).  
Epistemology, Fall 2001 (3).  
Humanities 210: Early Modern Europe, 2001-2002 (2).

*Courses Taught as Lecturer, University of California at San Diego*

History of Modern Philosophy, Spring 2001 (1, 2).  
Biomedical Ethics, Spring 2001 (3, 4).  
Metaphysics, Winter 2001 (1, 2).  
Existentialism, Winter 2001 (3, 4).  
Journal Club, Fall 2000 (5).  
19th Century Philosophy, Fall 2000 (3, 4).

*Courses Taught as Visiting Assistant Professor, West Virginia University*

Current Moral Problems, Fall 1998 (1, 2).  
Political Philosophy, Fall 1998 (3, 4).

*Courses Taught as Lecturer with Teaching Assistants, University of Pittsburgh*

Ethics, Spring 1998 (1, 2).

*Courses Taught Independently, University of Pittsburgh*

Existentialism, Fall 1997 (1, 2).

Existentialism, Summer 1997 (1, 2).

Concepts of Human Nature, Summer 1996 (1, 2).

History of Ancient Philosophy, Spring 1996 (1, 2).

Existentialism, Fall 1995 (1, 2).

Concepts of Human Nature, Summer 1995 (1, 2).

History of Ancient Philosophy, Summer 1994 (1, 2).

*Courses Taught as Teaching Assistant, University of Pittsburgh*

Philosophy of Religion, Professor Richard Gale, Spring 2000 (1, 2).

History of Ancient Philosophy, Professor James Allen, Fall 1999 (1, 2).

Ethics, Professor David Gauthier, Spring 1995 (1, 2).

Concepts of Human Nature, Professor Bennett Helm, Fall 1994 (1, 2).

Existentialism, Professor John Haugeland, Spring 1994 (1, 2).

History of Ancient Philosophy, Professor James Allen, Fall 1993 (1, 2).

*Courses Assisted, Reed College*

Logic, Professor Mark Bedau, Fall 1991 (2).

**THESIS AND DISSERTATION COMMITTEES, FORMAL MENTORING**

Daniel Kirksey, Absolute Generality, McNair Scholars Summer Research

Internship, Kansas State University, Summer 2008.

Michael McAdoo, "Three Set Inequalities in Integer Programming", MA Thesis,  
Department of Industrial and Manufacturing Systems Engineering, College  
of Engineering, Kansas State University, December 2007.

**ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE**

Undergraduate Advisor, Department of Philosophy, Kansas State University,  
from Fall 2006.

Departmental Coordinator for University Scholarship Fundraising, Department  
of Philosophy, Kansas State University, from Spring 2006.

Guest Lecture Series Coordinator, Department of Philosophy, Kansas State  
University, from Fall 2002.

Undergraduate Essay Contest Committee, Department of Philosophy, Kansas  
State University, 2004-2005.

Scholarships Committee, Department of Philosophy, Kansas State University,  
2004-2005.

Junior Search Committee, Department of Philosophy, Kansas State University,  
2003-2004.

Junior Search Committee, Department of Philosophy, Kansas State University,  
2002-2003.

Scholarships Committee, Department of Philosophy, Kansas State University,  
2002-2004.

President, Philosophy Graduate Student Organization, University of Pittsburgh,  
1995-1996.

Representative to Departmental Graduate Studies Committee, University of  
Pittsburgh, 1995-1996.

Vice-President, Philosophy Graduate Student Organization, University of  
Pittsburgh, 1994-1995.

Colloquium Coordinator, Philosophy Graduate Student Organization, University  
of Pittsburgh, 1993-1995.

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Referee for Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, *The Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *The Bulletin of Symbolic Logic*, *Dialogue*, *Erkenntnis*, *Grazer Philosophische Studien*, *Inquiry*, *The Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, *Mind*, *Mind and Language*, *Nous*, *Philosophers' Imprint*, *Philosophical Papers*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *The Polish Journal of Philosophy*, *The Review of Symbolic Logic* and *Synthese*.

External Evaluator, University of Oklahoma undergraduate Philosophy program,  
2009.