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### Educational Background

January 1974	B.A., Johnston College, University of Redlands
May 1981	Ph.D., Columbia University

### Teaching and Administrative Experience

1981-1987	Assistant Professor of Philosophy Southern Methodist University
1987-1996	Associate Professor of Philosophy Southern Methodist University
1996-Present	Professor of Philosophy Southern Methodist University
1993-2002, 2004-2006	Chair Philosophy Department Southern Methodist University
2004-Present	William Edward Easterwood Professor of Philosophy

### Awards and Scholarships

President's Fellowship, Columbia University, 1976-1977.  
Lawrence H. Chamberlain Fellowship, Columbia University, 1980-1981.  
Whiting Foundation Fellowship, Columbia University, 1980-1981.  
Golden Mustang Award for Teaching and Scholarship, Southern Methodist University,  
1987  
Gerald Ford Fellowship, 2005-2006

### Grants

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend, 1984  
American Council of Learned Societies Research Fellowship, 1984  
National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend, 1989  
National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar 1991, University of Virginia

## Publications

### Book

**Causation and Persistence: A Theory of Causation** (New York: Oxford University Press), 1997.

### Articles

- (1) "The Brownian Direction of Causation", **The Journal of Critical Analysis** 7 (1980) pp. 51-56.
- (2) "Bunzl on Causal Overdetermination," **Philosophical Studies** 39 (1981) pp. 209-210.
- (3) "On Mackie's New Account of Causal Priority," **Analysis** 41 (1981) pp. 82-83.
- (4) "Manipulability Theory and Event Types," **Analysis** 42 (1982) pp. 149-151.
- (5) "Causal Asymmetry," **The Journal of Philosophy** 79 (1982) pp. 761-774.
- (6) "Goal-Directed Processes," **Southwest Philosophical Studies** 9 (1983), pp. 39-47.
- (7) "Probabilistic Causality and Preemption," **British Journal for the Philosophy of Science** 35 (1984) pp. 55-57.
- (8) "Mental Identity," **The Southern Journal of Philosophy** 22 (1984) pp. 189-194.
- (9) "Negative Feedback and Goals," **Nature and System** 6 (1984), pp. 217-220.
- (10) "The System-Property Theory of Goal-Directed Processes," **Philosophy of the Social Sciences** 14 (1984) pp. 497-504.
- (11) "Simultaneous Causation and Causal Chains," **Analysis** 45 (1985) pp. 98-102.
- (12) "Enc on Functions," **Philosophical Inquiry** 7 (1985) pp. 74-80.
- (13) "'Normal' Intentional Action," **Philosophy and Phenomenological Research** 46 (1985) pp. 155-157.
- (14) "Dispositions and Functions," **Erkenntnis** 23 (1985) pp. 243-249.
- (15) "Personal Identity and the Causal Theory of Memory," **The Modern Schoolman** 63 (1985) pp 65-67.
- (16) "Closed Causal Loops, Single Causes, and Asymmetry," **Analysis** 46 (1986) pp. 33-35.
- (17) "The Transference Theory of Causation," **Synthese** 67 (1986), pp. 249-258.
- (18) "Causation and Causal Facts," **Erkenntnis** 25 (1986) pp. 77-84.
- (19) "Teleology and Impossible Goals" **Philosophy and Phenomenological Research** 47 (1986) pp. 127-131.
- (20) "Accidental Functions," **Dialogue** 25 (1986) pp. 291-302.
- (21) "Causal Processes and Causal Interactions," **PSA**, Vol. 1 (1986).
- (22) "Survival and Trivial Facts," **Analysis** 47 (1987) pp. 50-54.
- (23) "Non-Simultaneous Causation," **Analysis** 47 (1987) pp. 28-32.
- (24) "Papineau on Causal Asymmetry," **British Journal for the Philosophy of Science** 38 (1987) pp. 81-87.
- (25) "Cohen, Exploitation, and Theft," **Dialogue**, 26 (1987) pp. 299-308.
- (26) "Causal Relata," **Synthese**, 73 (1987) pp. 319-328.
- (27) "Personal Identity and Time Travel," **Philosophical Studies**, 52 (1987) pp. 427-433.
- (28) "Compound Emphasis and Causal Relata," **Analysis**, 47 (1987) pp. 209-213.
- (29) "Causal Asymmetry and Causal Relata," **Synthese**, 76 (1988) pp. 371-375.
- (30) "Preemption and Probabilistic Counterfactual Theory," **Philosophical Studies**, 56 (1989) pp. 307-313.
- (31) "The 'only  $t_1$  through  $t_2$ ' Principle," **Analysis**, 49 (1989) pp. 176-177.
- (32) "Are Workers Forced to Work?," **The Canadian Journal of Philosophy**, 19 (1989) pp. 589-602.

- (33) "Preemption, Direct Causation, and Identity," **Synthese** 85 (1990) pp. 55-70.
- (34) "Nonbranching and Nontransitivity," **Analysis** 50 (1990) pp. 268-271.
- (35) "Motion, Causation, and the Causal Theory of Identity," **The Australasian Journal of Philosophy** 69 (1991) pp. 180-194.
- (36) "Eells' on Token Causation and Preemption," **Philosophical Studies** 74 (1994) pp. 39-50.
- (37) "Personal Identity and the *R*-Relation," **The Australasian Journal of Philosophy** 73 (1995) pp. 337-46.
- (38) "Mental Causation, Determinables, and Property Instances," **Nous** 30 (1996) pp. 461-480.
- (39) "Lewis, Temporary Intrinsic, and Momentary Tropes," **Analysis** 57 (1997)
- (40) "Fission, Fusion and the Parfit Revolution," **Philosophical Studies** (1998)
- (41) "Trope Persistence and Temporary External Relations," **The Australasian Journal of Philosophy** (1998)
- (42) "Tropeless in Seattle: The Cure for Insomnia," **Analysis** 59 (1999) pp.19-24.
- (43) "Temporal Parts and Bundle Theory," **Philosophical Studies** 104 (2001) pp. 163-168.
- (44) "Spatial Relations Between Universals," **The Australasian Journal of Philosophy** 80 (2002) pp. 17-23.
- (45) "The Causal Argument Against Natural Class Trope Nominalism," **Philosophical Studies** 107 (2002) pp. 179-190.
- (46) "Part-Whole Physicalism and Mental Causation," 136 (2003) **Synthese** pp.359-388.
- (47) "Counterfactual Theories, Preemption and Persistence," **Chance and Cause: Causation in an Indeterministic World**, eds, Dowe and Noordhof (London: Routledge, 2004), pp. 58-76.
- (48) "Property Counterparts and Natural Class Trope Nominalism," 82 (2004) **The Australasian Journal of Philosophy** pp. 436-454.
- (49) "Distinguishing Universals From Particulars," 64 (2004) **Analysis** pp. 326-332.
- (50) "Causal Relata," forthcoming in the **Oxford Handbook on Causation**, eds. Beebe, Hitchcock, Menzies, (Oxford University Press).
- (51) "Abstracting Away from Preemption," (invited), **The Monist**. (title may change)

## Book Reviews

Causation and Universals. By Evan Fales. New York, N.Y., Routledge, 1990, **The Philosophical Review**

Physical Causation. By Phil Dowe. Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, **Mind** (2003).

## Papers Presented

- "Causal Asymmetry," North Texas Philosophical Association, Fall Meeting, 1981, University of Texas, Dallas.
- Chair, Session on D.S. Clarke's "Ignoring Available Evidence," APA Western Division, April 1983 meeting.
- "Goal-Directed Processes," Southwestern Philosophical Association, 1983 meeting, University of Arkansas.
- "The Transference Theory of Causation," APA Eastern Division, December 1983 meeting.

"Enc on Functions," APA Pacific Division, March 1984 meeting.

"Causal Processes and Causal Interactions," Philosophy of Science Biennial meeting, University of Pittsburgh, 1986.

"Causal Relata," (Invited Paper), Philosophy Department, University of Oklahoma, March 1987

"Probabilistic Independence and Causal Asymmetry," APA Pacific Division, March 1987 meeting.

"Cohen, Exploitation, and Theft," APA Eastern Division, December 1987 meeting.

"Comment on Martin and Lewis," APA Central Division 1988 meeting.

"A New Argument for Tropes," (invited paper) Ontology Workshop, University of Texas, Austin Dec. 1991.

"Property Persistence," APA Eastern Division, December 1991 meeting.

"Eells on Token Causation and Preemption," (invited paper) London School of Economics, Philosophy Dept., May 12, 1993.

"Tropes," (invited paper) King's College Philosophy Dept., University of London, May 27, 1993.

"Extrinsicness and Identity," (invited paper) APA Pacific Division, April 1994.

"Kripke and Shoemaker Meet Stout," APA Pacific Division, March, 1995

"Identity, Extrinsicness, Times and Worlds," APA Central Division, April, 1995

"Kripke and Shoemaker Meet Stout," (Invited Paper) Philosophy Department, Texas A&M, April 20, 1995.

"Trope Persistence and Temporary External Relations," Canadian Philosophical Association, Ottawa, 1998.

"Part-Whole Physicalism and Mental Causal Relevance," APA Pacific Division, 1999.

"Part-Whole Physicalism and Mental Causal Relevance," Invited Paper for William H and Lucyle T. Werkmeister Conference on "Causation and Free Will," Florida State University, Jan. 2002.

"Comments on 'Causes as Difference-Makers'." Bellingham Philosophy Conference, Summer, 2003

"Natural Class Trope Nominalism," University of Nebraska Philosophy Department, April, 2005.

Roundtable panel discussion, "Causation and Responsibility," November 3-4, 2006, at the Timberline Lodge Mt. Hood, Oregon, sponsored by the University of Illinois College of Law and the Walgreen Fund.

### Work in Progress

Tropes and Things (book manuscript)  
 "Abstracting Away from Preemption" (invited), **The Monist**

### **Refereeing**

Oxford University Press  
 Philosophy and Phenomenological Research  
 Synthese  
 Philosophical Studies  
 Canadian Journal of Philosophy  
 Philosophy Research Archives  
 British Journal for the Philosophy of Science

NOUS  
Mind  
The Journal of Ethics  
The Australasian Journal of Philosophy  
Philosophical Quarterly

**Service, Recent and Past**

SMU Research Council  
Dean's Advisory Committee on Tenure  
Dean's Committee Reviewing Third-Year Contract Renewal 2000-2001  
Committee to Review English Department  
Cultural Formations Sub-Committee of Council on General Education  
Philosophy/Religious Studies Perspectives Courses Sub-Committee  
Philosophy Department Search Committee  
Full Professor Advisory Committee (to Dean)  
Chair of Philosophy Department  
Dean Search Committee