

## I. Education

**MELP** ([Master of Env'tl Law and Policy](#)) *summa cum laude*, Vermont Law School, S Royalton, VT 2010  
**PhD** Philosophy ([Values & Social Policy](#) emphasis), University of Colorado at Boulder 1996

**Dissertation: “Making Trash/Making Art: Social Ontology and Responsibility,”** *directed by Drs. James Nickel and Dale Jamieson; unconditional pass.* An exercise in applying moral and metaphysical theory to “constructed” kinds. Philosophical analysis of art, both recent and venerable, provides the framework for an ontological study of trash, which in turn leads to an account of moral responsibility, especially concerning environmental and related social issues.

**MA** Philosophy, University of Colorado at Boulder 1992

**BA** *magna cum laude* Philosophy (honors), The University of the South, Sewanee, TN 1987

## II. Recognitions

“Colleague on a Mission” award (college-wide committee selection) Unity College, Unity ME 2011  
Faculty Marshall (elected by faculty) Unity College Commencement, Unity ME 2011  
Invitee, “[21<sup>st</sup> Century Leadership for the CAO](#)”, Council of Ind Colleges, Annapolis MD 2010  
Scholars Day Speaker, Colby-Sawyer College, New London NH 2005  
Convocation Speaker, Colby-Sawyer College, New London NH 2004  
Finalist, [New Hampshire Excellence in Education Faculty Award](#) 2002  
NEH Summer Institute participant, “Environmental Ethics: Alaska as a Case Study”, Alaska 2001  
Commencement Speaker, Colby-Sawyer College 2001  
Jack Jensen Award for Excellence in Teaching and Campus Leadership, Colby-Sawyer College 2001  
Faculty Marshall (elected by student body) Colby-Sawyer Commencement, New London NH 1998  
Invitee, Seminar on Teaching, APA-AAPT Conference on Teaching Philosophy, Montreal Quebec 1994  
Graduate Teaching Excellence Award, University of Colorado, Boulder 1994  
President, Graduate Students in Philosophy, University of Colorado, Boulder 1988 - 1990  
Phi Beta Kappa, University of the South, Sewanee TN 1987  
NCAA Division III All-American Basketball Team, University of the South, Sewanee TN 1987  
Varnell Scholar-Athlete (academic-athletic award) , University of the South, Sewanee TN 1986 – 1987  
National Merit Scholar, University of the South, Sewanee TN 1983 - 1987  
Dean’s List, University of the South, Sewanee TN 1983 - 1987  
Order of the Gown (honor society) , University of the South, Sewanee TN 1983 - 1987  
[NC Governor’s School](#), participant for Madison County, in natural science, Laurinburg NC 1982

## III. Teaching

Faculty\* in Environmental Studies Warren Wilson College, Swannanoa NC 7/12 – present  
First Year Seminar, “Money and the Meaning of Life” ENS 115: Introduction to Environmental Studies  
ENS 250: Topics in Environmental Governance ENS 221: Energy and the Environment (team-taught)  
PAX 327: Environmental Justice, Peace or Conflict? ENS 422: Introduction to Environmental Law

Adjunct Associate Professor of Environmental Studies University of NC, Asheville 7/12 – 12/12  
ENVR 373: Environmental Law

\* Warren Wilson College does not have academic ranks.

Associate Professor of Philosophy (while on full-time administrative appt) Unity College 7/07 – 6/11  
 IC1013: The Unity Experience (first semester orientation, advising, intro to environmental mission course)

Associate Professor of Philosophy (awarded tenure 5/2006), Colby-Sawyer College 5/03 – 5/07

Assistant Professor of Philosophy Colby-Sawyer College 8/97 – 5/03

PTH101 and 201: Money and the Meaning of Life  
 (liberal education interdisciplinary seminar)

PHI100: Introduction to Philosophy

PHI110: Creative and Critical Thinking

CES201: Water (interdisciplinary envt'l studies core  
 course, co-taught with biology colleague)

HUM201: Judgment and Belief (liberal education  
 humanities core course, sometimes co-taught)

PHI/REL205: Philosophy of Religion and Spirituality

PHI211: Contemporary Moral and Social Issues

PHI213: Foundations of Ethics

PHI214: Philosophers on Sex, Love and Friendship

PHI305: Biomedical Ethics

PHI308: Social and Political Philosophy

PHI/ENV312: Environmental Philosophy

CES/GOV350: Introduction to Env't Law and Policy

ENV/BIO350: River Communities (Colorado field  
 course, co-taught with two other faculty)

Adjunct Associate Professor of Philosophy University of Alaska, Anchorage 7/03-8/03

PHI303: Environmental Ethics

Adjunct Lecturer New Jersey Institute of Technology, Newark 1/96 - 6/96

HUM/SOCSCI660: Environmental Theory and Policy

Instructor (full-time) SUNY College at Fredonia 8/94 - 8/95

PHI115: Philosophical Inquiry

PHI312: Environmental Ethics

Visiting Instructor University of British Columbia, Vancouver 6/94 - 8/94

PHI417: Environmental Philosophy

Graduate Instructor University of Colorado, Boulder 8/90 - 6/91; 8/92 - 6/94

PHI1000: Introduction to Philosophy

PHI1200: Philosophy and Society

PHI1100: Introduction to Ethics

PHI1440: Introduction to Logic

PHI1020: Modern Western Thought

PHI1600: Philosophy of Religion

Teaching Assistant University of Colorado, Boulder 8/88 - 6/90

PHI1000: Introduction to Philosophy

PHI1200: Social and Political Philosophy

PHI1100: Introduction to Ethics

#### **IV. Administration**

Director, Writing Across the Curriculum, Warren Wilson College, Swannanoa, NC 7/15 - present

Inagural director of college's four course writing-intensive sequence in General Education. Coordinate and deliver faculty development and program assessment. Report to Associate Dean for Faculty.

Chair, Department of Environmental Studies, Warren Wilson College, Swannanoa, NC 7/15 - present

Lead college's largest academic program; manage non-salary budget of ~\$9,000; supervise seven regular faculty, one adjunct faculty, one staff member. Report to head of Natural Sciences Division.

Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Unity College, Unity, ME 8/07 - 6/11

Second in command of small undergraduate liberal arts and sciences college emphasizing environmental programs. Supervised academic area: faculty, curriculum, service learning, library, academic support, registrar. Also supervised information technology, career resources, outdoor programs, institutional research and accreditation. Interim supervision of admissions and financial aid. Ultimate responsibility for ~\$5.2 million in salary and operating budget and ~55 employees. Reported to President.

*Reason for [leaving](#)*

*Relocation to western North Carolina for familial reasons.*

Chair, Department of Humanities, Colby-Sawyer College, New London, NH 7/04 - 6/07  
 Chaired department housing majors in English and Communication Studies; related teacher certification programs; several minors; ESL program; writing program. As chair, managed non-salary budget of ~\$12,000, supervised 12 faculty and two professional staff members. Reported to Vice President for Academic Affairs.

*Reason for leaving*

*Accepted full-time senior administrative position at Unity College.*

Director, Elderhostel Program, Colby-Sawyer College, New London, NH 8/99 - 8/00  
 Managed summer Eldershostel program of short courses, including recruiting courses and instructors, registration and housing logistics, communication with Elderhostel national office, and event management during the courses. Responsible for non-salary budget of approximately \$3000. Reported to Vice President for Academic Affairs.

*Reason for leaving*

*Seasonal position that ended.*

Academic Database Designer, Weill Cornell Medical College, New York City, NY 9/96 – 8/97

Director, Office of Faculty Affairs, Weill Cornell Medical College, New York City, NY 10/95 - 9/96  
 Coordinated contracting of physician faculty; provided administrative support during hire and subsequent changes such as promotion, tenure, change of track, termination. Worked with college and hospital human resources, and academic departments heads, to ensure regulatory compliance and timely routing of documentation and data. Managed non-salary budget of ~\$10,000, supervised three staff. After one year, negotiated database design position in same area, which continued for another year. Reported to Dean for Legal Affairs of the Cornell University Medical College.

*Reason for leaving*

*Accepted faculty position at Colby-Sawyer College.*

#### **Va. Selected Other Work Experience-paid**

Supervisor, Environmental and Social Justice Crew, Warren Wilson College, Swannanoa, NC 8/14 - present  
 Contributing Writer (contractual), Reaccreditation Self-Study for Unity College, Unity ME 9/11 – 1/12  
 Co-Founder and Co-Owner, [Betsy's Farm](#), multiple locations 5/06 – present  
 Academic Database Designer (part-time), Cornell University Medical College, NY City 8/96 - 7/97  
 Technical Writer (contractual), Environmental Communications Associates, Boulder, CO 10/93 - 5/94  
 Lead Graduate Instructor, Philosophy Department, University of Colorado, Boulder 8/93 - 8/94  
 Administrative Assistant (part-time), Gradient Environmental Risk, Inc., Boulder, CO 5/92 - 8/92  
 Salesclerk, Housekeeping and Waitress, Denali Natl Park and Totem Cafe, Healy AK 6/91 - 4/92  
 Administrative Asst. (part-time), Property Mngmt Dept, University of Colorado, Boulder CO 6/90 - 5/91

#### **Vb. Selected Other Work Experience-unpaid**

Intern, [Maine Farmland Trust](#), Belfast ME 6/09 – 12/09  
 Laborer/Assistant Manager (seasonal), Kearsarge-Gore Organic Farm, Warner NH 8/03 – 6/05  
 Associate Editor, [Terra Nova: Nature and Culture](#), MIT Press/NJ Inst of Tech, Newark NJ 5/95 - 1/96

#### **VI. Scholarly Activity**

##### Peer-Reviewed: presentations

“Living With It: One Community’s Superfund Site” (submitted) Assn Envntl Studies and Sciences, Tucson 6/17  
 ““Chemicals Compatible with Life’: Science, Ethics...” Intl Soc for Envntl Ethics at APA Western, San Francisco 4/16\*  
 “Showcasing Undergraduate Writing” (co-presented) Small Lib Arts Clgs Writing Prgm Admin, Memphis 1/16  
 “Which Waters is Waters...Updated” Assn Envntl Studies and Sciences San Diego 6/15  
 “Pedagogies of Environmental Justice” Assn Envntl Studies and Sciences, San Diego 6/15  
 “Which Waters is Waters: The Clean Water Act...” Assn Envntl Studies and Sciences, New York City 6/14  
 “Law of the Wild: The Promise & Paradox of Legislated Wilderness” Jnt Conf for Envntl Phil, Allenspark, CO 5/04  
 “On Teaching How to Teach” Special Session on Teaching, APA Central, Chicago 12/95  
 “My Pet, My Property?” Soc for the Study of Ethics and Animals at APA Central, Chicago 12/95  
 “Talking Trash” Intl Soc for Envntl Ethics at APA Eastern, Boston 12/94

##### Peer-Reviewed: print

“Plato’s Eclair” *Terra Nova, Nature and Culture* vol 2, #4 (winter 1997): 31-40

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\*Accepted and published in program, but due to family scheduling constraints did not make the trip.

Commissioned Book Reviews; Review Essays

- “[Philosophical Take on Fracking](#),” review of [Field Philosopher’s Guide to Fracking](#) (by Adam Briggles); *Los Angeles Review of Books* online, 25 August 2016.
- “Truth in Beauty?” review of [Aesthetics and the Environment](#) (by Allen Carlson); *Environmental Ethics* vol. 25 (summer 2003): 203-206.
- “Of Spokes and Social Change” review of [Of Bicycles, Bakelites, and Bulbs](#) (by Wiebe Bijker); *Research in Philosophy and Technology* vol 16 (1996): ##-##.
- “Unframed, Out of Doors” review of [Collected Writings](#) (by Robert Smithson), [Gardens of Revelation](#) (by John Beardsley), and [Spirit Poles and Flying Pigs: Public Art and Cultural Democracy in Merican Communities](#) (by Erika Doss); *Terra Nova, Nature and Culture* vol 1, #4 (winter 1996): 137-149.
- “Opportunity to Build” review of [Interpretations on Behalf of Place](#) (by Robert Mugerauer). *The Trumpeter* vol 12 (winter 1995): 105-110.

General Readership

- “Room for Your View: Diversity In Unity’s Curriculum” *Unity Magazine* vol 25, #1 ([spring 2011](#)): 19-23.
- “Facing Forward: A History of Quality at Unity” *Unity Magazine* vol 24, #2 ([winter 2010](#)): 12-16.
- “Beyond Common Ground: Diversity At Unity” *Unity Magazine* vol 24, #1 ([summer 2010](#)): 23-26.
- “21st Century Environmental Education: The New Basics” *Unity Magazine* vol 23, #2 ([winter 2009](#)): 18-21.
- “More to a Carbon Footprint than the Size of the Shoe” w/Emma Creaser *Unity Magazine* vol 21, #2 ([fall 2007](#)): 2-3.
- “Alaska: Studying Env’tl Ethics on America’s Last Frontier” Colby-Sawyer Alumni Magazine [fall/winter 2001](#): 25-27.

Other Professional Presentations

- “Past, Present, and Future of Environmental Issues in N.C.” lead prstn, Leadership AVL, Asheville NC 4/17
- “Past, Present, and Future of Environmental Issues in N.C.” lead prstn, Leadership AVL, Asheville NC 4/16
- Commentator, book session, *How Many is Too Many* (Chicago, 2015) Assn Env’tl Studies and Sciences, San Diego 6/15
- “The Politics of Food System Adaptation,” Climate Adaptation Conf., Abundance Fndtn, Pittsboro NC 2/15
- Panelist, Exposure Science in 21st Century Summit, Research Triangle Env’tl Health Collaborative 11/14
- “Western NC Policy Perspective,” Catawba River Issues Panel, Wilma Dykman Foundation, Asheville NC 5/14
- “Past, Present, and Future of Environmental Issues in N.C.” lead presentation, Leadership AVL, Asheville NC 4/14
- “U.S. Climate Change Policy and the Future of Food Availability” WNC World Affairs Council, multiple sites 2/14
- “Environmental Ethics in the Business Community” (panel) Leadership Asheville, Swannanoa NC 4/13
- “Women at the Grassroots in Environmental Policy” (panel) UN Assn Western NC Chapter, Asheville NC 10/12
- “Immersive Semester in a National Park” Roundtable leader, Cncl of Ind Clgs CAO Institute, Williamsburg VA 11/10
- “Strong Faculty for Non-Tenure Institutions” Roundtable leader, Cncl of Ind Clgs CAO Institute, Seattle WA 11/08
- Session Commentator, Joint Conference for Environmental Philosophy, Allenspark CO 5/05, 5/06
- “Philosophical Research: Environmental Law” Scholars Day Address, Colby-Sawyer College, New London NH 4/05
- “We Don’t Know What We Don’t Know” Convocation Address, Colby-Sawyer College, New London NH 8/04
- Commentator, “Religion and Environmentalism” Int’l Soc for Env’tl Ethics, APA Eastern, Washington DC 12/03
- “Fish, Fossil Fuel, and Ethical Complexity in Alaska” Research Presentation, Colby-Sawyer College 10/02
- “Introduction to Ethical Issues in Medicine” Lead Presenter, *Adventures in Learning*, New London NH 9/01
- “The Present Moment: Can You Catch It?” Commencement Address, Colby-Sawyer College 5/01
- “Video-Taping Yourself to Improve Your Teaching” Faculty Development session, Colby-Sawyer College 10/00
- “Cultural Evolution and the Creation of Pests” Colby-Sawyer College Biology Colloquium 10/97
- “Can We See Without Looking? Locke on Perception” Philosophy Symposium, SUNY College, Fredonia NY 3/95
- “Recognizing Trash” Earthweek Speaker, Lafayette College, Easton PA 4/95
- “Trash To Art and Back Again” Philosophy Symposium, SUNY College, Fredonia NY 9/94
- “Is Garbage Necessarily Artfactual?” Center for Values and Social Policy, Boulder CO 8/92

Sermons

- “Earth Day: Signs” Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit, Mars Hill, NC 5/14

Pedagogical

ENS 221: Energy and the Environment spring 2014, and continuing  
 Team-taught with a colleague in geology, this course blends technical information about energy with policy and regulatory information. It culminates in a student-scoped case-based projects. Primary student outcomes include: enhanced critical understanding of energy use, including use of quantitative reasoning; enhanced communication skills.

ENV/BIO350: [River Communities](#) spring 2007  
 Co-developed and co-taught upper-division interdisciplinary course with a field component. The Colorado River was venue for integrated biological, policy/legal, sociological and economic inquiry. Primary student outcomes included: enrichment of perspective on environmental issues (by, e.g., articulating distinctive role of Native American legal and cultural interests in Colorado River water); capacity for effective interdisciplinary analysis (e.g. interrelation of aquatic salinity readings with principles of western water rights law); capacity for independent inquiry (e.g. developing and delivering interview questions for river stakeholders).

PTH101 and 201: Money and the Meaning of Life fall 2002 – spring 2006  
 This two-course sequence was an inaugural General Education “pathway” at Colby-Sawyer College. History, philosophy, religious studies, and economics were blended. Service, creative work and field trips complemented class time. Primary student outcomes included: critical thinking (concerning e.g. money and presumptions about it); integrating modes of inquiry (from e.g. economic and spiritual frameworks); autonomy as co-authors in learning (e.g., co-writing exams).

**VIIa. Grants-funded**

Constantine, R., **Knisley, A.**, Thomashow, M. “Implementing an Academic Master Plan.” Davis Educational Foundation, Yarmouth ME. Funded at \$134,500 for period 7/1/2011 – 6/30/2013.

**Knisley, A.** Faculty Development Awards. Colby-Sawyer College, New London NH. Awarded \$7200 between 9/1/1998 – 5/30/11 to support professional development.

**Knisley, A.** American Philosophical Association Travel Grant. \$1000 for period 8/1/1994 - 8/30/1994.

**VIIb. Grants-not funded**

**Gray, A.**, Knisley, A., Phillippi, A. “CIC/Walmart College Success Award.” Applied for ≈\$92,000 for period 7/1/2008 – 6/30/2010 to better bridge first-generation students to retention and success. Not funded.

**Knisley, A.** “Contemplation in Motion” American Council of Learned Societies Contemplative Practice Fellowship. Applied for \$8500 for period 6/1/2002 – 12/31/2002 to develop contemplative elements of a course. Not funded.

**VIII. Professional Service**

Human Resources Director Search, Faculty Representative (appointed)	10/16 - present
<a href="#">Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating</a> Liaison, Warren Wilson College (appointed)	9/16 – present
College Work Program “Big Think” Advisory Group, Warren Wilson College (invited)	1/16 - present
Co-Chair, Farm Manager Search, Warren Wilson College (appointed)	2/16 – 5/16
Faculty Representative to Warren Wilson College Forum (shared governance, elected)	7/15 - present
Udall Scholarship Faculty liaison (appointed)	7/14 - present
Sustainability/Environment in General Education Wkg Group, Warren Wilson College (appointed)	8/12 – 8/15
Review Team, Maine Board of Education (for new A.S. program) (invited)	2/10
Council of Environmental Deans and Directors, Executive Committee (elected)	6/09 – 6/11
Vice President for Administration and Finance Search Committee, Unity College, (appointed, chair)	12/08 – 7/09
Revenue Enhancement and Operations Task Force, Colby-Sawyer College (appointed)	11/06 – 5/07
Editor, International Society for Environmental Ethics Newsletter	5/05 – 5/07
Presidential Search Committee, Colby-Sawyer College (appointed)	5/05 - 5/06
Faculty Moderator, Colby-Sawyer College (elected)	5/02 – 5/03
NCAA <a href="#">Faculty Athletics Representative</a> , Colby-Sawyer College (appointed)	1/01 – 5/07
Faculty Representative to Board of Trustees, Colby-Sawyer College (elected)	8/00 - 5/02
Liberal Education Program Review, Colby-Sawyer College (appointed)	5/99 - 12/00
Educational Standards Committee, Colby-Sawyer College (elected)	8/98 - 5/00

Environmental Studies Program Committee, Colby-Sawyer College (appointed)	8/97 – 12/99
Book Reviewer, <i>Environmental Ethics</i>	6/96 – 6/98
Editorial Board, <i>Terra Nova</i>	1/96 - 01/00
Lead Graduate Instructor for Philosophy Department, Univ. of Colorado at Boulder	8/93 - 8/94
Professional Responsibility Committee, Boulder Faculty Assembly, Univ. of Colorado at Boulder	8/93 - 5/94
Conference Session Chair: Association of Environmental Studies and Sciences; Council of Environmental Deans and Directors; Joint Conference for Environmental Philosophy; American Philosophical Association Pacific Division; International Society for Environmental Ethics; Mid-Atlantic Conference on the Environment	

### IX. Volunteer and Community Service

French Brd Metro Planning Board Transpntn Planning, Community Advisory Committee, Asheville NC	4/14 – 6/16
Warren Wilson College Choir, Swannanoa NC	8/13 - present
Chemtronics Superfund Site Community Advisory Grp (founding board member) Swannanoa NC	2/13 - present
Maine Farmland Trust Policy Intern, Belfast ME	5/09 – 8/09
Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association, Unity ME	8/07 – 6/11
Lake Sunapee Visiting Nurse Association Ethics Committee, New London NH	1/06 – 5/07
Conservation Commission, Town of Warner NH	5/05 – 5/07
Warner Area Farmers Market manager, Warner NH	5/04 – 5/06
Editorial Assistant, <i>Warner's New Paper</i> , Warner NH	10/01 – 12/05
September 11 Teach-In, coordinator and speaker, New London NH	9/11/2002
“Music of the World” on WSCS-FM, Colby-Sawyer College, New London NH	8/00 - 5/02
Colby-Sawyer College Singers, Colby-Sawyer College, New London NH	8/00 – 5/06
“Motown in the Morning” on WSCS-FM, Colby-Sawyer College, New London NH	8/99-5/00
Living Circle Program for Teens at Risk, Warner NH	8/98 – 8/04
Faculty/Staff Intramural volleyball and basketball teams (coach), Colby-Sawyer College, New London NH	8/97-5/05
Community Advisory Panel for Syntex Chemical Corporation, Boulder CO	10/93 - 10/94
WUTS-FM Campus Radio, University of the South, Sewanee TN	8/84 - 5/85
Student Government Association officer, University of the South, Sewanee TN	8/85 – 5/86

### X. Primary Professional Affiliations

Association of Environmental Studies and Sciences	8/13-present
Council of Environmental Deans and Directors	8/07 – present
American Philosophical Association	8/92 – 5/2012
International Society for Environmental Ethics	8/94 – 5/2012; 7/2015 – present

*References provided under separate cover.*