ERIC M. CAVE
Professor of Philosophy
Area Coordinator for Philosophy, Arkansas State University
Chair, Institutional Review Board

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Philosophy, University of California, Irvine, June, 1994

M.A., Philosophy, University of California, Irvine, December, 1990

B.A., Philosophy and English, Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas, June, 1988

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Arkansas State University, Department of English and Philosophy, Professor, State University, Arkansas, 2013 -

University of Massachusetts, University Without Walls, Adjunct Lecturer, Amherst, Massachusetts, 2016 -

University of Massachusetts, University Without Walls, Lecturer, Amherst, Massachusetts, 2015 - 16

Arkansas State University, Department of English and Philosophy, Associate Professor, State University, Arkansas, 2000-2013

Arkansas State University, Department of English and Philosophy, Assistant Professor, State University, Arkansas, 1995-2000.

Union College, Department of Philosophy, Visiting Assistant Professor, Schenectady, New York, 1994-1995

SELECTED UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Area Coordinator, Philosophy, 2017-present
Interim Co-Chair, Dept. of English, Philosophy, and World Languages, June to August, 2020
Assistant Chair, Dept. of English and Philosophy, 2013-2015
Institutional Review Board, 2009-23
Chair, Institutional Review Board, 2024- present
College of Liberal Arts, Art, and Communication Recruiting Committee, 2020-present
Philosophy Program Assessment Committee, 2014-present
Undergraduate Advisor, Department of English, Philosophy, and World Languages, 1995-present
Curriculum Committee, Department of English, Philosophy, and World Languages, 1995-present
PRT Committee, Dept. of English, Philosophy and World Languages, 2017-2020
Pre-Professional Committee, College of Sciences and Mathematics, 2001-2015

BOOKS

Preferring Justice: Rationality, Self-Transformation, and the Sense of Justice (Boulder, Colorado: Westview Press, 1997)

REFEREED ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

“Boorish Sexual Pressuring and Significant Moral Risk,” *Public Affairs Quarterly* 40 (2026): 26-47.

“Liberalism, Civil Marriage, and Amorous Caregiving Dyads,” *Journal of Applied Philosophy* 36 (2019): 50-72

“Manipulation and Unsavory Seduction,” in *Manipulation*, ed. by Christian Coons and Michael Eric Weber, New York: Oxford (2014): 176-200

"Marital Pluralism: Making Marriage Safer for Love," in *Sex, Love, and Friendship: Studies of the Society for the Philosophy of Sex and Love 1993-2003*, ed. by Adrienne Leigh McEvoy, Amsterdam: Rodopi (2011): 233-40

"Sexual Liberalism and Seduction," in *Sex, Love, and Friendship: Studies of the Society for the Philosophy of Sex and Love 1993-2003*, ed. by Adrienne Leigh McEvoy, Amsterdam: Rodopi (2011): 501-08

"Unsavory Sexual Seduction," *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 12 (2009): 235-45

"What's Wrong with Motive Manipulation?" *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 10 (2007): 129-44

"A Normative Interpretation of Expected Utility Theory," *Journal of Value Inqui*ry 39 (2005): 431-41

"Harm Prevention and the Benefits of Marriage," *Journal of Social Philosophy* 35 (2004): 233-43

"Marital Pluralism: Making Marriage Safer for Love," *Journal of Social Philosophy* 34 (2003): 331-47

"Habituation and Rational Preference Revision," *Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review* 37 (1998): 219-34

"The Individual Rationality of Maintaining a Sense of Justice," *Theory and Decision* 41 (1996): 229-56

"Would Pluralist Angels (Really) Need Government?" *Philosophical Studies* 81 (1996): 227-46

"A Leibnizian Account of Why Belief in the Christian Mysteries Is Justified," *Religious Studies* 31 (1995): 463-73

INVITED ARTICLES AND REVIEWS

Note on Clare Chambers’ *Against Marriage: An Egalitarian Defence of the Marriage-Free State*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 97 (2018): 218

“Playing Games with our Hearts: Boorishness and the Practice of Pickup Artistry,” *The Critique*, February 13, 2017, http://www.thecritique.com/articles/playing-games-with-our-hearts/

Review of Tamara Metz's *Untying the Knot: Marriage, the State, and the Case for their Divorce*, *Social Theory and Practice* 37 (2011): 712-20

"Seduction," In *Sex from Plato to Paglia: A Philosophical Encyclopedia*, 2 vols., ed. Alan Soble, Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, 2005, 980-86

Note on M. Teresa Lunati's *Ethical Issues in Economics: From Altruism to Cooperation to Equity, Ethics* 109 (1999): 483-84

GRANTS AND SEMINARS

NEH Institute for Advanced Topics in the Digital Humanities: Advanced Challenges in Theory and Practice in 3D Modeling of Cultural Heritage Sites, Co-PIs Alyson Gill and Lisa Snyder, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Massachusetts, June 22-26, 2015, and University of California, Los Angeles, June 20-23, 2016

NEH Digital Humanities Start-up Grant ($60K), "Dangerous Embodiments: Theories, Methods, and Best Practices for Historical Character Modeling in Humanities 3D Environments," Co-PI and Typology Team Coordinator, Arkansas State University, 2014-2015

NEH Institute for Advanced Topics in the Digital Humanities: Humanities Heritage 3D Visualization – Theory and Practice, Directors: Alyson Gill and David Frederick, Arkansas State University and University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, June 17, 2013, to July 6, 2013

Summer Seminar on Assessment, Interactive Teaching and Technology Center, Arkansas State University, Summer, 2012

Summer Institute on Research Development, Office of Research and Technology Transfer, Arkansas State University, Summer, 2011

Seminar on Teaching in Second Life, Interactive Teaching and Technology Center, Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, Arkansas, Summer, 2010

NEH Summer Seminar: Objectivity and Emotion in Practical Reasoning, Director: Simon Blackburn, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, Summer, 1997

Faculty Research Grant, Arkansas State University, Summer, 1996

PRESENTATIONS TO LEARNED FORUMS

"Manipulative or Deceptive Seduction," Colloquium on Manipulation, Pacific Division Meetings of the American Philosophical Association, San Diego, California, March 30, 2018

"Aphrodisiacs and Sexual Seduction," Society for the Philosophy of Sex and Love, Central Division Meetings of the American Philosophical Association, Kansas City, Missouri, March 2, 2017

"Sexual Boorishness," University of New Hampshire, Durham, New Hampshire, February 23, 2017

"Liberalism, Civil Marriage, and Amorous Dyads," New Orleans Invitational Seminar on Ethics, New Orleans, Louisiana, February 17, 2017

"Boorishness, Consent, and the Objective Attitude," University of New Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana, February 16, 2017

"Trolley Problem in a Virtual Environment" (with Jacob Caton), NEH Institute: Advanced Challenges in Theory and Practice in 3D Modeling of Cultural Heritage Sites, University of California, Los Angeles, June 20, 2016

“Unsavory Seduction and Sexual Arenas,” Mississippi State University, Starkville, Mississippi, October 10, 2014

“Unsavory Seduction, Autonomy, and Objectification,” North American Society for Social Philosophy, Central Division Meetings of the American Philosophical Association, Chicago, Illinois, February 27, 2014

"Manipulation and Unsavory Seduction," Bowling Green Workshop on Applied Ethics and Policy, Bowling Green, Ohio, March 16-17, 2012

"Courtship and Conceptions of Unsavory Seduction," New Orleans Invitational Seminar on Ethics, New Orleans, Louisiana, February 18, 2011

Comment on Elizabeth Brake's "Friendship, Love, Sex, and Justice: Amato-Normativity and What's Wrong with It," New Orleans Invitational Seminar on Ethics, New Orleans, Louisiana, March 19, 2010

"Unsavory Sexual Seduction," Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio, October 31, 2008

"The Moral Status of Sexual Seduction," Ethical Theory and Moral Practice: How Do They Relate? Amsterdam, the Netherlands, March 19-20, 2008

"Manipulation and Autonomy," 33rd Conference on Value Inquiry: Market Values and Moral Values, Rockville Center, New York, April 7, 2006

"Manipulation and Autonomy," Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Durham, North Carolina, March 24, 2005

"Sexual Liberalism and Seduction," Society for the Philosophy of Sex and Love, Central Division Meetings of the American Philosophical Association, Cleveland, Ohio, April 24, 2003

Comment on Loren Lomasky's and Geoffrey Brennan's "Is There a Duty to Vote?," Kavka Prize Symposium, Pacific Division Meetings of the American Philosophical Association, San Francisco, California, March 27, 2003

Comment on Jeremy Waldron's "Terror: The Uses of a Psychological State," Moral and Political Aspects of Terrorism: A Conference in Memory of Gregory Kavka, Tucson, Arizona, March 7, 2003

"Harm Prevention and the Benefits of Marriage," 55th Annual Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada, October 27, 2002

Comment on David Reidy's "Justice, Reciprocity, and Reasonable Second-Order Disagreement," Central Division Meetings of the American Philosophical Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 26, 2002

"Sexual Liberalism and Seduction," Colloquium, Department of Philosophy, California State University, Northridge, California, November 16, 2001

Comment on Edward F. McClennen's "Rational Cooperation and Rules," and Gijs van Donselaar's "Resoluteness in Social Interaction," Expert Seminar on Rationality and Intentions, Amsterdam, the Netherlands, October 15, 1999

"Marital Pluralism: Making Marriage Safer for Love," Society for the Philosophy of Sex and Love, Central Division Meetings of the American Philosophical Association, Chicago, Illinois, December 29, 1998

"A Normative Interpretation of Expected-Utility Theory," 26th Conference on Value Inquiry: Practical and Theoretical Foundations of Value, University of Montevallo, Montevallo, Alabama, April 17, 1998

"Marital Pluralism: Making Marriage Safer for Love," 20th Annual Meeting of the Society for Social and Political Philosophy, Columbia, Missouri, March 17, 1998

"A Normative Interpretation of Expected-Utility Theory," Mid-South Philosophy Conference, University at Memphis, Memphis, Tennessee, February 28, 1998

Comment on William F. Harms' "Adaptation and Moral Realism," Mid-South Philosophy Conference, Memphis, Tennessee, February 28, 1998

"Habituation and Rational Preference Revision," Pacific Division Meetings of the American Philosophical Association, Seattle, Washington, April 5, 1996

"Habituation and Rational Preference Revision," Mid-South Philosophy Conference, University at Memphis, Memphis, Tennessee, February 24, 1996

"Would Pluralist Angels (Really) Need Government?" State University of New York, Albany, New York, April 24, 1995

"Would Pluralist Angels (Really) Need Government?" Pacific Division Meetings of the American Philosophical Association, San Francisco, CA, April 1, 1995

"Preferring Justice," University of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, October 21, 1994
"Why Maintain a Sense of Justice?" Union College, Schenectady, New York, March 7, 1994

"Contractarianism and Self-Transformation," University of California, Irvine, California, January 12, 1994

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Philosophical Association
Society for the Philosophy of Sex and Love
Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology
Phi Beta Kappa

RECENT COURSES TAUGHT:

Ethics in the Health Care Professions
Introduction to Philosophy
Moral Challenges in Business
Environmental Ethics