

# John Carpenter

*Curriculum Vitae*

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## Contact Information

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### Spring 2012 Office Hours

TR 11:00-12:30

## Education

- Florida State University, 2008-present, in progress, Ph.D. (Philosophy).
- Florida State University, 2006-2008, M.A. (Philosophy).
- University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1998-2002, B.S. (Philosophy and Mathematics).

## Areas of Research Specialization

### Philosophy of Language

- The Analytic/Synthetic Distinction
  - Definitions

### Philosophers of Language

- Carnap
- Quine

## University Teaching Experience

- Adjunct professor/instructor (syllabi available upon request)
  - Spring, 2012, Florida State University (111 students): *Ethical Issues and Life Choices*. Lectured, held office hours, graded essays and quizzes.
  - Fall, 2011, Florida State University (75 students): *Ethical Issues and Life Choices*. Lectured, held office hours, and graded exams and papers.
  - Fall, 2010, Florida State University (48 students): *Introduction to Symbolic Logic*. Lectured, held office hours, and graded exams and homeworks.
  - Spring, 2010, Florida State University (95 students): *Introduction to Philosophy*. Lectured, held office hours, graded exams and papers.
  - Spring, 2010, Barry University (30 students): *American Philosophers*. Lectured, graded exams, quizzes, and papers.
- Teaching assistance (Florida State University)
  - Summer, 2011: *Philosophy of Mind* (Miller). Held office hours, lectured on (1) Berkeley's idealism and (2) anomalous monism, graded exams, quizzes, and papers.
  - Spring, 2011: *Philosophy of Language* (Kearns). Held office hours, lectured on (1) Quine's "Two Dogmas" (2) Strawson's "On Referring", and (3) Kripke's *Wittgenstein on Rules and Private Language*, graded papers.

**University Teaching Experience – Cont.**

- Teaching assistance (Florida State University, unless otherwise indicated) – Cont.
  - Summer, 2010: *Ethical Theory* (Cordero). Held office hours, lectured on (1) cultural relativism (2) utilitarianism, and (3) Aristotle's *N. Ethics*, graded exams and homework assignments.
  - Fall, 2009: *Introduction to Symbolic Logic* (Rawling). Held office hours, lectured on predicate derivations, graded exams and homework assignments.
  - Summer, 2009: *Plato and His Predecessors* (Feldman). Held office hours, lectured on (1) the Pythagoreans, (2) Zeno's paradoxes, and (3) the Ancient Atomists, and graded papers.
  - Spring, 2009: *Contemporary Political Thought* (Costa). Held office hours, lectured on Christman's "Liberalism and Individual Positive Freedom," and graded quizzes and exams.
  - Fall, 2008: *Existentialism* (Dalton). Held office hours, lectured twice on Sartre's *No Exit*, and graded papers.
  - Summer, 2008: *Introduction to Philosophy* (Sosis). Held office hours, lectured on (1) Hume on Induction and (2) Kant's Ethics, and graded assignments and quizzes.
  - Spring, 2008: *Ethical Issues & Life Choices* (McKenna). Held office hours, lectured on World Poverty, and graded exams.
  - Spring, 2008, Florida A & M University: *Introduction to Philosophy* (Watson). Guest lectured on fallacies.
  - Fall, 2007: *Reasoning and Critical Thinking* (Kearns). Held office hours, lectured on (1) Conditionals and Soundness and (2) Epistemology, and graded exams.
  - Spring, 2007: *Introduction to Philosophy* (Clarke). Held discussion sections and office hours, lectured on Utilitarianism, and graded exams and quizzes.
  - Fall, 2006: *Reasoning and Critical Thinking* (Arp). Held office hours, lectured on (1) Categorical Logic and (2) Truth Tables, and assisted with grading exams.

**University Research & Development Positions Held**

- Volunteer Web Page Designer, Department of Philosophy, Florida State University, 2007-2010.
- Applied Calculus Tutorial Designer, Department of Plant Pathology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2001.
- Research Assistant, Department of Astronomy, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1999.

**University Honors and Awards**

- Teaching Assistantship, Florida State University, 2006-2012.
  - Nominated for an Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, Spring 2008.
- Hilldale Fellowship, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2001-2002.
- Sophomore Summer Honors Apprenticeship, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2000.

**Organization Affiliation**

- Member, The APA (American Philosophical Association), 2011-2012.
- Member, Florida State University PGSA (Philosophy Graduate Student Organization), 2006-2012.
- Member, The Society for Women's Advancement in Philosophy (S.W.A.P.), 2006-2010.
  - Vice President, 2008-2009.

**Assistance with Conferences and Other Activities**

- Helped with promotions for the 'Sects and Sexuality' Conference, put on jointly by the Religion Department and The Society for Women's Advancement in Philosophy (S.W.A.P.), Florida State University, Spring, 2010.
- The Society for Women's Advancement in Philosophy (S.W.A.P.) Conference, Florida State University, Spring, 2009.
  - Assisted with all aspects related to hosting a conference.
- Conference Assistant, The Society for Women's Advancement in Philosophy (S.W.A.P.) Conference, Florida State University, Spring, 2008.
- Conference Assistant, Florida Philosophical Association, Florida State University, Fall, 2007.
- Ethics Bowl Coach, Florida State University, Fall, 2007.
- Session Chair, The Florida State University Graduate Student Philosophy Conference, Florida State University, Fall, 2007.
- Session Chair and Conference Assistant, The Society for Women's Advancement in Philosophy (S.W.A.P.) Conference, Florida State University, Spring, 2007.
- Reviewer, The Florida State University Graduate Student Philosophy Conference, Florida State University, Fall, 2006.

**Publications**

Philosophy of Mind

- Carpenter, John, "Investigating Intentions: A Philosophical Assessment of Wegner's Work on Mental Causation," *6<sup>th</sup> Annual Hawaii International Conference on Arts and Humanities: Conference Proceedings* (ISSN#: 1541-5899, 2008).

Introduction to Philosophy

- Arp, Robert, and Carpenter, John, "24 and the Ethics of Objectification," in *24 and Philosophy* (Malden, MA: Blackwell Publishing Ltd., 2008).

**Talks and Presentations**

Professional Conferences

- "Investigating Intentions: A Philosophical Assessment of Wegner's Work on Mental Causation," *6<sup>th</sup> Annual Hawaii International Conference on Arts and Humanities*, Honolulu, HI, Jan. 11, 2008.

Graduate Conferences

- "Even Einstein was Irrational: Comments on Sosa and Galloway's "Man the Rational Animal?,"" *12<sup>th</sup> Annual Northeast Florida Student Philosophy Conference*, Jacksonville, FL, Feb. 7, 2009.
- "Descartes's Antithetical Role in the History of Epistemology," *Florida State University-University of Florida Graduate Student Philosophy Conference*, Gainesville, FL, Mar. 1, 2008.

**Works in Progress**

Dissertation

- "Empiricism, Analyticity, and Veracity"

Philosophy of Language and Logic

- "On the Metaphysics of Truth Solely in Virtue of Meaning"
- "Frege on the Fruitfulness of Stipulative Definitions that Lack Creativity"
- "Intuitions and Infinity: A Philosophical Essay on Comparing Cardinality"

Miscellaneous

- "Einstein the Irrational Genius?"
- "Plato's Mistake in the Aviary"

**Graduate Seminars and Directed Studies**

Philosophy of Language, Logic, Mathematics, and Epistemology

- Topics in Naturalized Epistemology (Bishop), Fall 2006.
- Metaphysics and Epistemology Core Course (McKenna), Spring 2007.
- Modern Logic I (Rawling), Spring 2007.
- Theoretical Rationality (Bishop), Fall 2007.
- Directed Study: Metaphilosophy (Dalton), Summer 2008.
- Computer Science: Theory of Computation (Mascagni), Fall 2008. (Pass/Fail.)
- Directed Study: Ostensive Definitions (Dancy), Spring 2009.
- Directed Study: Modal Logic (Rawling), Spring 2009.
- Directed Study: Gödel's Theorems (Rawling), Summer 2009.
- Directed Study: Philosophy of Mathematics (Dancy), Summer 2009.

Ethics and Philosophy of Mind

- Free Will—Compatibilist Style (McKenna), Fall 2006.
- Intentions, Decisions, and Mental Actions (Mele), Fall 2006.
- The Nature of Moral Responsibility (Clarke), Fall 2007.
- Ethics Core Course (McNaughton), Spring 2008.
- Directed Study: Korsgaard's *The Sources of Normativity* (McNaughton), Summer 2008.
- Directed Study: Well-being (Bishop), Summer 2008.
- Well-being (Bishop), Fall 2008. (Pass/Fail.)
- Topics in Metaethics (Gert), Fall 2008. (Pass/Fail.)

History of Philosophy

- History of Modern Philosophy (Roberts), Spring 2007.
- Wittgenstein (Dancy), Fall 2007.
- Plato's *Theaetetus* (Dancy), Spring 2008.
- Directed Study: Noam Chomsky's Philosophy (Leiber), Summer 2008.
- Frege and Early Russell (Dancy), Fall 2008.
- Aristotle's Essentialism (Dancy), Spring 2009.
- Directed Study: Carnap (Justus), Spring 2009.
- Kant (Dancy), Fall 2009. (Pass/Fail.)

**References**

- Dr. Russell Dancy, Professor, Florida State University
- Dr. Michael McKenna, Professor, University of Arizona
- Dr. Robert Arp, formerly Visiting Professor, Florida State University