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(48) "Biological Species Are Natural Kinds", *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, 46 (2008), pp. 339-62.

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- (28) "What Sensory Signals are About," *Analysis*, 58 (1998), 273-76.
- (27) "Essential Properties and Coinciding Objects," *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 58 (1998), 317-331.
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- (11) "Anthropology and the Interpretation of Moral Beliefs," *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, 24 (1986), 287-306.
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- Review of Tim Lewens, *Organisms and Artifacts*, in *American Journal of Psychology*, 118 (2005), pp. 469-75.
- Review of John Heil, *From an Ontological Point of View*, in *Mind*, 113 (2004), pp. 757-760.
- Review of Stephen K. McLeod, *Modality and Anti-Metaphysics*, in *Dialogue*, 52 (2003), pp. 177-79.
- Review of T. E. Wilkerson, *Natural Kinds*, in *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 57 (1997), 239-41.

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Invited Papers: “Commodities and Alienation,” International Seminar on Socialism in Yugoslav Theory and Practice, Belgrade, 8-19 September 1979; “Hegel’s Reasons for Using the Concept of an Absolute,” Bilingual Symposium on the Meaning of Absolute Spirit, University of Ottawa, 6-8 November 1981; “Pragmatism and the World,” American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, December 1982; Comments on Richard Jennings, “Translation, Interpretation, and Understanding,” American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, December 1985; Comments on Tony Genova, “Ambiguities about Realism and Utterly Distinct Objects,” American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, May 1987; “Essential Properties and Coinciding Objects,” Inter-University Center Conference on Modality, Bled, Slovenia, June 1997; “Physicalism and the Fallacy of Composition,” International Congress on Analytic Philosophy at the Turn of the Millennium, Santiago de Compostela, Spain, 1-4 December 1999; “The Problem of Harmonizing Laws,” Inter-University Center Conference on Metaphysics, Bled, Slovenia, 8 June 2001; “Alexander’s Dictum and the Reality of Familiar Objects,” Hofstra University, 15 November 2002; “On the Place of Artifacts in Ontology,” American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, April 2003; defense of *Real Natures and Familiar Objects* at “Author Meets Critics” session, American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, March 2005; “Capitalist Tools,” American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, April 2007; “Against Universal Mereological Composition,” University of Durham, UK, 1 November 2007; “Temporal Counterparts, Modality, and the Place of Minds in Ontology,” University of Leeds, UK, 2 November 2007; “Does Necessity Supervene on Being?,” Purdue University, 25 February 2008; comment on James Paton, “The Varieties of Explosivism,” APA Central Division Meetings, 19 February 2009; “Do ID Phenomena Pose a Threat to Realism?,” University at Buffalo, 25 April 2009; “Sparse Realism about Two Forms of Sameness,” University of Georgia, 16 October 2009.

Courses Taught: Graduate seminars: “Phenomenology and Existentialism”, “Hegel”, “Kant”, “Ontology, Modality, Kinds”, “Metaphysics”; upper-level undergraduate: “Existentialism”, “Hegel and Marx”, “Phenomenology”, “Philosophy of History”, “Contemporary Marxism and Its Foundation”, “Metaphysics and Epistemology”, “Ancient Philosophy”; introductory, “Philosophy and Logic”, “Philosophy and Social Ethics”.

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