

Curriculum Vitae of Eric J. Loomis

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Education:

- Ph.D. Philosophy, May 1999, University of Texas at Austin
Dissertation: *Meaning, Generality, and Rules: Language and Logic in the Later Wittgenstein*. Advisor: Edwin B. Allaire.
- B.A. Philosophy, May 1991, University of Wyoming (with Honors)

Academic Employment:

- Associate Dean, The University of South Alabama (2014-present)
Associate Professor, The University of South Alabama (2007-2014)
Assistant Professor, The University of South Alabama (2001-2007)
Lecturer, The University of Texas at Austin (1999-2001)
Assistant Instructor, The University of Texas at Austin (1998-9)

Areas of Specialization:

Metaphysics, Early Analytic Philosophy

Areas of Competency:

Philosophy of Language, Early Modern Philosophy, Classical Indian Philosophy, Logic

Current Publications:

Book:

Juhl, Cory and Loomis, Eric. *Analyticity*. Routledge, 2010.

Journal Articles and Book Chapters:

Loomis, Eric J. "A Priority and Necessity" In H. J. Glock and J. Hymann (eds), *A Companion to Wittgenstein*. Blackwell: 2014 (forthcoming).

Loomis, Eric J. and Juhl, Cory. "Analytic Truth". In G. Russell and D. Graff Fara (eds) *The Routledge Companion to the Philosophy of Language*. Routledge Press. 2012.

Loomis, Eric J. "Criteria". In K. Jolley (ed.) *Ludwig Wittgenstein: Key Concepts*. Dublin: Acumen Press. 2010.

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Loomis, Eric J. "Criteria and Defeasibility: When Good Evidence is not Good Enough", in D. Moyal-Sharrock (ed.) *Perspicuous Presentations: Wittgenstein's Philosophy of Psychology and Sociology*. New York: Palgrave, 2007.

Loomis, Eric J. "Empirical Equivalence in the Quine-Carnap Debate", *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, 2006: 87, 499-508.

Juhl, Cory F., and Loomis, Eric J. "Conventionalism", in *The Routledge Encyclopedia of the Philosophy of Science*. S. Sarkar and J. Pfeifer, eds. Routledge, 2006.

Juhl, Cory F., and Loomis, Eric J. "Analyticity", in *The Routledge Encyclopedia of the Philosophy of Science*. S. Sarkar and J. Pfeifer, eds. Routledge, 2006.

Loomis, Eric J. and Juhl, Cory F. "Explication", in *The Routledge Encyclopedia of the Philosophy of Science*. S. Sarkar and J. Pfeifer, eds. Routledge, 2006.

Loomis, Eric J. "Logical Form and Propositional Function in the *Tractatus*", *Theoria*, 2005: 3, 215-40.

Loomis, Eric J. "Speaking of Logical Form: The *Tractatus* and Carnap's Logical Syntax of Language", *Logical Analysis and History of Philosophy* 2005: 8, 176-205.

Loomis, Eric J. "Necessity, the *A Priori* and the Standard Meter", *Synthese*, vol. 121, 3, 1999.

Proceedings, Entries, and Published Book Reviews:

Loomis, Eric J. "Empiricism", "Epistemology", "Idealism", "Induction and Deduction", "Metaphysics", "Ontology", "Positivism", "Realism", "Truth". Encyclopedia entries in *The Sage Glossary of the Social and Behavioral Sciences*. L. E. Sullivan (ed). New York: Sage Publications. 2009

Loomis, Eric J. "Designation and Ontological Commitment in Sellars and Prasangka Madhyamka", in *Cultures: Conflict-Analysis-Dialogue: Contributions of the Austrian Ludwig Wittgenstein Society*. G. Gasser, C. Kanzian, E. Runggaldier, eds. Kirchberg am Wechsel, 2006

Loomis, Eric J. "Eternal Truth by Convention", in *Knowledge and Belief: Contributions of the Austrian Ludwig Wittgenstein Society*. Austrian Ludwig Wittgenstein Society, Kirchberg am Wechsel, Austria, 2003.

"Ilham Dilman's *Wittgenstein's Copernican Revolution: The Question of Linguistic Idealism*", *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, July, 2002.

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“Review of *Classical Indian Metaphysics*”, *Indian Philosophical Quarterly*, vol. 26, July 2000.

Under Review:

“Justification in Carnap’s Constructed Languages” (under review at *Journal for the History and Philosophy of Logic*).

“A Circularity Problem for Modal Realist Analyses of Counterfactuals” (under review at *Review of Metaphysics*).

Selected Paper Presentations:

“Modal Realist Analyses of Counterfactuals: A Circularity Problem” Presented at the 38th Annual Mid-South Philosophy Conference. Memphis, TN, February 22, 2014.

“Justification and Carnap’s Constructed Languages”. Presented at the 5th Annual Orange Beach Epistemology Workshop. Orange Beach, AL, May 20th, 2013.

“Justification and the Laws of Logic in Carnap and the *Tractatus*”. Presented at the 2010 Canadian Society for Epistemology conference, Ottawa, Ontario, Nov. 12th, 2010.

“Designation and Ontological Commitment in Sellars and Prasangika Madhyamika”. Presented at the 29th International Wittgenstein Symposium, Kirchberg am Wechsel, Austria, August 8, 2006.

“Criteria and Defeasibility: When Good Evidence is not Good Enough.” Colloquium paper presented at the 80th Annual American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, Portland, Oregon, March, 23rd, 2006. (Also presented at the 2005 Alabama Philosophical Society Conference, Montevallo AL, October, 21, 2005).

“Empirical Equivalence in the Quine-Carnap Debate.” Colloquium paper presented at the 102nd Annual American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Chicago Illinois, April 29, 2005.

“Definition in a Post-Quinean World.” Presidential Address, Annual Conference of the 2004 Alabama Philosophical Society, Mobile, Alabama, October 30, 2004.

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“Two Dogmas of Carnap Interpretation.” Invited presentation to the Auburn University Philosophy Department, Auburn, Alabama, October 8, 2004.

“Development and Use of the Philosophical Beliefs Questionnaire.” Presented with Burke Johnson and Anthony Onwuegbuzie. American Educational Research Association 2004 Meeting. San Diego, California, April 16, 2004.

“Nagarjuna’s Dialectical Method, or How to Debate Without Assuming Anything,” Presented to the Humanities and Social Science Colloquium, University of South Alabama, October 16, 2003.

“Eternal Truth by Convention” Presented at the 26th Annual International Austrian Ludwig Wittgenstein Society, Kirchberg am Wechsel, Austria, August 4, 2003.

"What Nagarjuna Didn't Explain (And Didn't Have To)". Conference on the Work of David Hall, San Antonio, Texas, May 23, 2003.

"Saying in Carnap's Logical Syntax of Language". Symposium paper presented at the 77th Annual American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting. San Francisco, CA, March 27, 2003.

"The Limits of Carnap’s Syntax". Presented at the 2002 Alabama Philosophical Society Conference. Orange Beach, Alabama, October 25, 2002.

“Questioning Modal Realism.” Presented at the Alabama Philosophical Society Conference, Orange Beach Alabama, October 25, 2001.

“Is the Logic of Arithmetic First- or Second-Order?” Presented to the Mathematics Department at the University of South Alabama, October 11, 2001.

“Functions and Operations in the *Tractatus*,” Presented at the 24th International Ludwig Wittgenstein Society, Kirchberg am Wechsel, Austria, August, 2001.

Languages

German (reading fluency)

Academic Grants, Honors and Awards:

Mortar Board “Top Prof” award (2007, 2010, 2012)

University of South Alabama Arts and Sciences Teaching Excellence Award (2008).

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University of South Alabama Summer Research Award of \$7475.00 to work on the manuscript *Analyticity* (2007).

University of South Alabama Research Council 2003-4 Research Grant for additions to the University of South Alabama Library and to travel to Austin, Texas to do initial research for the manuscript *Analyticity, Stipulation and Meaning*. (\$2478.00)

University of Texas Graduate Fellowship, 1996-7 (\$12,400)

University of Texas Graduate Fellowship, 1998-9 (\$12,850)

Honors Graduate, University of Wyoming, 1991

Phi Beta Kappa, University of Wyoming, 1990

Service

Philosophy Department Committees

Member, Merit Committee (2001-present)

Member, Evaluation Committee (2001-present)

Departmental Secretary (Fall 2002, Fall 2005)

Member, Academic Standards Committee (2001-present)

Member, Curriculum Committee (2005-present)

Chair, Department Search Committee (2005-6)

Faculty Advisor, Philosophy Club (2004-10), Co-advisor (2010-12)

Chair, Department Tenure and Promotion Committee (2011-12)

College of Arts and Sciences

Graduate Program Director (2014-present)

Member, Arts and Sciences Committee on General Education (2001-2).

Member, Arts and Sciences International Education Committee (2001–2014)

Member, Arts and Sciences Support and Development Awards Committee (2004-5)

Member, APPC (2005-7)

Member, Program Learning Objectives and Assessments Committee for International Studies (2003-4, 2005-6)

Member, Arts and Sciences Tenure Committee (2007-8)

Chair, Arts and Sciences Faculty Award Committee (2009-10, 2010-11)

Chair, Arts and Sciences Summer Professional Development Committee (2011-12)

Member, International Education Director Search Committee (2010-11)

Chair, Sabbatical Committee (2013-4)

University Committees

Member, University Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (2014-present)

Member, University Graduate Council (2014-present)

Member, Academic Affairs Policy Committee (2007-8, 2013-4)

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Member, University Bookstore Committee (2006-7)
Member, University General Education Committee (2011-4)
Member, Admissions and Records Committee (2013-4)
Associate Member, University of South Alabama Graduate Faculty (2003-14)
Tenure Member, University of South Alabama Graduate Faculty (2014-present)

Faculty Senate Service

Member, Faculty Senate (2006-9, 2013-4).
Chair, Faculty Senate Handbook and Policy Committee (2007-8, 2013-4)
Member, Faculty Senate Executive Committee (2007-8, 2013-4)

Professional Service

Member, American Philosophical Society, 1999-present
President, Alabama Philosophical Society, 2003-4
Vice President, Alabama Philosophical Society, 2002-3
Secretary, Alabama Philosophical Society, 2001-2

Teaching Experience:

2001-present: University of South Alabama
Chinese Philosophy (cross-listed with International Studies)
Introduction to Philosophy
Introduction to Logic
Introduction to Ethics (online and in-class)
Symbolic Logic
Mathematical Logic (cross-listed with Mathematics and Statistics)
Metaphysics
Philosophy and Cognitive Science (cross-listed with Psychology)
Philosophies of India (cross-listed with International Studies)
Philosophy of Mind
Philosophy of Science
Post-Kantian Anglo-Analytic Philosophy
Philosophies of Liberation (Honors)
Issues in Environmental Ethics (Freshman Seminar)
Social Ethics (blended course)

1999-2001: Instructor, University of Texas at Austin

Epistemology
Human Nature
Introduction to Philosophy
Introduction to Symbolic Logic
Logic, Sets, and Functions
Logic and Reasoning
Philosophy of Mind

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1998-9: Assistant Instructor, University of Texas at Austin
Introduction to Ethics
Philosophy of Science

1992-95, 97-8: Teaching Assistant, University of Texas at Austin

1989-91: Teaching Assistant, University of Wyoming