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Scholarship Focus

AOS: social ontology, cognitive science, John Searle, experimental philosophy

AOC: philosophy of biology, philosophy of social science, Buddhist philosophy, ancient philosophy, ethics, philosophy of law, philosophy of mind

Academic Employment

2007 - present	Professor, Stetson University
2006 - 2007	Visiting Assistant Professor, Metropolitan State College, Denver
2004 - 2005	Instructor, University of California, Riverside
2004 - 2006	Adjunct Professor, San Bernardino Community College
2003 - 2003	Adjunct Professor, Riverside Community College

Education

2005 University of California, Riverside Ph.D., Philosophy

Dissertation: Searle's Ideal Type: Rethinking the Construction of Social Reality Committee members: Eric Schwitzgebel (Chair), Gary Watson, Larry Wright

2006 London School of Economics MS.c., Philosophy of Social Science

2001 University of California, Riverside M.A., Philosophy

1997 University of California, Berkeley B.A., Philosophy

1995 Irvine Valley Community College, CA A.A., Philosophy

Publications

Monographs

Joshua Rust. 2009. John Searle. London; New York: Continuum.

Joshua Rust. 2006. John Searle and The Construction of Social Reality. Continuum Studies in American Philosophy. London; New York: Continuum.

Articles

Joshua Rust. 2025. "Beginning at the Beginning: Predictive Processing and Coupled Representations." *Philosophical Psychology*.

<http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/09515089.2024.2440037>

Joshua Rust and Christopher Bell. 2024. "On the Possible Redundancy of the Third Noble Truth." *Philosophy East & West*. 743. 499–515.

<https://muse.jhu.edu/pub/5/article/939601>

Joshua Rust. 2024. "Minimal agency in living and artificial systems." *Anna's AI Anthology: How to Live with Smart Machines?* edited by Anna Strasser, 93–122. Berlin: Xenomoi Verlag.

Joshua Rust. 2024. "Globalization, Political Realism, and the Agent-Exclusion Problem." In *Globalization, Cultural Diversity and Schooling*, edited by Joseph Zajda and S Majhanovich. Berlin: Springer.

Anna Strasser and Joshua Rust. 2024. "Group Survival Factors." In *Ontology of Music Groups: Identity, Persistence, and Agency of Creative Groups*, edited by Ludger Jansen and Thorben Petersen, 211–34. New York, NY: Routledge. DOI: 10.4324/9781003454151-11.

Joshua Rust. 2024. "The intelligibility and adequacy of late-stage utopian games." *Journal of the Philosophy of Sport*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00948705.2024.2348700>

Joshua Rust. 2023. "Enactivist social ontology." *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences*. <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s11097-023-09952-9>

Joshua Rust. 2023. "Institutional genidentity." *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*. <https://doi.org/10.1017/apa.2023.23>

Steven Smallpage, Robert Askew, Eric Kurlander and Joshua Rust. 2023. "Conspiracy thinking and the long historical shadow of Romanticism on authoritarian politics." *Frontiers in Psychology*. 10.3389/fpsyg.2023.1185699

Joshua Rust. 2023 (2021). "Humanities, Democracy, and Polytheism." *Philosophy News: Official Journal of the European Society for Moral Philosophy*. 23.

https://www.academia.edu/99262765/Humanities_Democracy_and_Polytheism

Joshua Rust. 2022. "Precedent as a path laid down in walking: Grounding intrinsic normativity in a history of response." *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences*.

<https://doi.org/10.1007/s11097-022-09865-z>

Joshua Rust, 2022. "Phenotype-first hypotheses, spandrels and early metazoan evolution." *History and Philosophy of the Life Sciences*. 33:38.

<https://doi.org/10.1007/s40656-022-00531-w>

Joshua Rust, 2022. "The University and Globalisation as a New Mediaevalism." *Discourses of Globalisation and Higher Education Reforms, Globalisation, Comparative Education and Policy Research* 27. J. Zajda, W. J. Jacob (eds.). 51-69.

Joshua Rust. 2021. "Von Baer, the intensification of uniqueness, and historical explanation." *History and Philosophy of the Life Sciences* 43. 1-25.

<https://doi.org/10.1007/s40656-021-00473-9>

Joshua Rust. 2021 "Max Weber and Social Ontology." *Philosophy of the Social Sciences*. 51(3) 312–342. Joshua Rust and Steven Smallpage. 2020 "Clarity, Value Conflict, and Academic Politics: Weber's 'Science as a Vocation' a Hundred Years Later." *Social Epistemology Review and Reply Collective*. 9(6): 66-76.

Joshua Rust. 2019. "Institutional Identity." *Journal of Social Ontology*. aop.

<https://doi.org/10.1515/jso-2018-0032> Joshua Rust. 2018. "Traditional Action and Traditional Authority". *Max Weber Studies*. 18 (2): 159–85.

<https://doi.org/doi.org/10.15543/MWS/2018/2/3>.

Joshua Rust. 2017. "On the Relation between Institutional Statuses and Technical Artifacts: A Proposed Taxonomy of Social Kinds". *International Journal of Philosophical Studies*. DOI: 10.1080/09672559.2017.1381139

Eric Schwitzgebel and Joshua Rust. 2016. "The Behavior of Ethicists". *Blackwell Companion to Experimental Philosophy*, edited by Wesley Buckwalter and Justin Sytsma. New York, NY: Wiley-Blackwell.

Joshua Rust. 2014. "Indulgent Sympathy and the Impartial Spectator." In *Propriety and Prosperity: New Studies on the Philosophy of Adam Smith*, edited by David Hardwick and Leslie Marsh. Houndmills, Basingstoke, Hampshire; New York, NY: Palgrave Macmillan.

Joshua Rust and Eric Schwitzgebel. 2014. "The Moral Behavior of Ethicists and the Power of Reason." In *Advances in Experimental Moral Psychology*, edited by Hagop Sarkissian and Jennifer Wright, 91–109. Bloomsbury Academic.

Eric Schwitzgebel and Joshua Rust. 2014. "The Moral Behavior of Ethics Professors: Relationships Among Self- Reported Behavior, Expressed Normative Attitude, and Directly Observed Behavior." *Philosophical Psychology* 27(3): 293-327.

Joshua Rust and Eric Schwitzgebel. 2013. "Ethicists' and Nonethicists' Responsiveness to Student E-Mails: Relationships Among Expressed Normative Attitude, Self-Described Behavior, and Empirically Observed Behavior." *Metaphilosophy* 44 (3): 350–71.

Eric Schwitzgebel, Joshua Rust, L. T. L. Huang, A. T. Moore, and J. Coates. 2012. "Ethicists' Courtesy at Philosophy Conferences." *Philosophical Psychology* 25 (3).

Joshua Rust. 2011. "Aesthetic Norms and Institutional Reality." Symposium on John Searle's *Making the Social World: The Structure of Human Civilization*. *Analysis* 71 (4): 719-33.

Joshua Rust. 2011. "Hayek, Connectionism, and Scientific Naturalism." In *Hayek in Mind: Hayek's Philosophical Psychology*, *Advances in Austrian Economics* 15: 29-50. Emerald Group Publishing Limited.

Eric Schwitzgebel and Joshua Rust. 2010. "Do Ethicists and Political Philosophers Vote More Often Than other Professors?" *Review of Philosophy and Psychology* 1(2): 189-99.

Eric Schwitzgebel and Joshua Rust. 2009. "The Moral Behaviour of Ethicists: Peer Opinion." *Mind* 118(472): 1043-59.

Marijana Weiner and Joshua Rust. 2005. Introduction to Fritz Heider's "Violence and Ecology." *Peace and Conflict* 11(1): 9–15.

Encyclopedia Articles

Joshua Rust. 2017. "John Searle." *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy Online*, edited by Paul Livingston and Tim Crane.

<https://www.rep.routledge.com/articles/biographical/searle-john-1932/v-2>

Book Reviews

Joshua Rust. 2012. "Empirical Social Choice: Questionnaire-Experimental Studies on Distributive Justice, Gaertner and Schokkaert. Cambridge University Press, 2012, 228 Pages." *Economics and Philosophy* 28 (03): 443–50.

Anthony J. Abbott and Joshua Rust. 2012. "William Ophuls: Plato's Revenge." *Human Ecology* 40 (3): 479–81. Joshua Rust. 2011. "John R. Searle: Thinking about the Real World." *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*. <https://ndpr.nd.edu/news/24715-john-r-searle-thinking-about-the-real-world/>

Popular Philosophy Articles

Susan Peppers-Bates and Joshua Rust. 2012. "House-Elves, Hogwarts, and Friendship: Casting Away the Institutions Which Made Voldemort's Rise Possible." *Reason Papers* 34 (1): 109–24

Susan Peppers-Bates and Joshua Rust. 2010. "A Vampire's Heart Has Reasons That Scientific Naturalism Can't Understand." In *True Blood and Philosophy: We Wanna Think Bad Things with You*, edited by William Irwin, George A. Dunn, and Rebecca Housel, Hoboken, N.J: Wiley.

Presentations

2024 Oct. "A Natural History of Authoritative Norms." Workshop on Social Normativity, sponsored by Stockholm University and the Institute for Futures Studies.

2024 Oct. "Minimal agency in living and artificial systems." Brief presentation and question and answer. Hybrid Book Launch of *Anna's AI Anthology*. Kino Babylon, Berlin and online.

2024 Sept. "Minimal agency in living and artificial systems." Social Cognition and Agency: Being Human in the Age of AI. University of Kansas (online) <https://i2s-research.ku.edu/social-cognition-and-agency-being-human-age-ai>.

2024 July. "Minimal group agency: a bio-social ontology." Social Ontology 2024 Conference. Duke University, NC, USA

2024 Feb. "Enactivist Social Ontology." Florida Philosophical Association conference. St. Petersburg, FL.

2023 Oct. "Community, Schmitt, and the Agent-Exclusion Principle." Complexity, Social Ontology, and Social Change workshop. Organized by Sally Haslanger, MIT.

2023 Aug. (with Anna Strasser) "Group Survival Factors." Social Ontology 2023 Conference. Stockholm, Sweden. 2023 Aug. "The grounds and anchors of Max Weber's notion of *Herrschaft*." Authority, Power, and Accountability workshop, Stockholm, Sweden.

2023 Aug. "The grounds and anchors of Max Weber's notion of *Herrschaft*." Workshop and CFA: Authority, Power, and Accountability (invitation). Stockholm, Sweden.

2023 May. "Minimal Institutional Agency." Humans and Smart Machines as Partners in Thought? at U.C. Riverside 2023 March. "An Enactivist Rejoinder to Structural Functionalism." Philosophy of Social Science Roundtable.

2023 March. "An Enactivist Rejoinder to Structural Functionalism." Philosophy of Social Science Roundtable. Memphis, TN.

2023 Feb. "Teaching Philosophy with Moby Dick" Florida Philosophical Association conference. Keynote address. 2022 Aug. "Enactivist Social Ontology" Social Ontology 2022 Conference. Vienna, Austria.

2021 Aug. "The Conferralist Account, Traditional Anchors, and the Social Ontology of the University." Social Ontology 2021 Conference. 2021 July. "Translating the Philosophy of 'Joint Action' in Shared Governance at Stetson University." AAUP Shared Governance Conference.

2020 July. "Institutions, Generic Agency, and the Agent-Exclusion Problem" Social Ontology 2020 Conference. 2019 Aug. "Max Weber and Social Ontology." European Network of Social Ontology at Tampere, Finland.

2018 Oct. "Max Weber and Social Ontology." Critical Social Ontology Workshop at St. Louis University, St Louis, MO. 2018 Aug. "Institutional Identity." Social Ontology 2018 Conference at Tufts University, Boston MA.

2018 July. "Patrimonialism and a Literary Education: Exemplars in the Non-Rational Modes of Authority." XIX International Sociology Association World Congress of Sociology. Toronto, CA. July 15-21, 2018.

2018 Jan. Chair and Organizer of the Florida Philosophical Association group session at the Eastern American Philosophical Association conference. Savannah, Georgia.

2017 Nov. "What Kind of Institutional Fact is Money?" Conference of the Florida Philosophical Association. Ocala. 2017 Aug. "Money and Deontic Power." Fifth Conference of the European Network on Social Ontology. Lund, Sweden.

2017 June. "Real Social Kinds and the Continuity Between Institutional Statuses and Technical Artifacts." Critical Social Ontology Workshop - 1 st Annual Meeting. June 16th-17th, 2017. Saint Louis University, MO

2016 Aug. "Status Functions, Constitution, and Metaphysical Vagueness" Presented at Collective Intentionality X, den Haag.

2016 Oct. Stetson Faculty Spotlight lecture series: "Weber on Traditionalism."

2015 Oct. The Association for Feminist Ethics and Social Theory (FEAST), with Susan Peppers-Bates. "Desegregation and the Goals of Democracy."

2015 May. NCORE, with Beth Paul (Stetson University Provost), Kimberly Flint-Hamilton, and Resche Hines. "Transformation From Within: A Model for Weaving Inclusive Excellence into the Fabric of a University."

2014 Nov. Florida Philosophical Association. "Trusting in and Trusting with: an Account of the Charismatic Relationship." 2014 March. "Democracy in America: Participation and Social Justice Conference" hosted by Stetson University, with Susan Peppers-Bates. "Deracing Place: Care respect, Desegregation and Implicit Bias and the aims of Democratic Governance."

2014 Feb. "Race and Place: Cultural Landscapes of Black Life in America," sponsored by the University of South Florida Institute on Black Life, with Susan Peppers-Bates. "Deracing Place: Care Respect, Desegregation an Implicit Bias in American Society."

2013 Dec. American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division. "John Searle and the Analyzability of Institutional Reality: Charisma, Deontology and Exemplarization".

2013 Oct. 2nd Annual Dr Todd Bates Lecture at Bethune-Cookman University. "The Moral Behavior of Ethicists and the Power of Reason."

2012 Nov. Work Group on Human Rights, Social Justice, and Democracy at Stetson University. "The Moral Behavior of Ethicists and the Rationalist Delusion."

2012 Nov. Florida Philosophical Association. "The Moral Behavior of Ethicists and the Rationalist Delusion."

2012 March. University of South Florida. "What Austin Said: On Misunderstanding How to do Things with Words". 2011 Oct. "'The Power to Imagine Better': The Philosopher of Harry Potter" conference, with Susan Peppers-Bates at Marymount Manhattan College. "Friendship, Identity Politics and Harry Potter."

2010 Nov. Florida Philosophical Association. "What Austin Said: a Reinterpretation of How to do Things with Words." 2010 Aug. UCLA Summer New Media Institute: Young Community Leaders Program. "What's in a Game? Heidegger and Computer Gaming."

2009 April. American Philosophical Association, Pacific division. "Informative Rejections of Requests for Explanation". 2008 Nov. Florida Philosophical Association. "John Searle's Relational Definition of Mind."

2008, June. Poster. SPP Workshop on Experimental Philosophy, with Eric Schwitzgebel. "Do Ethicists vote more often than other professors? Do political scientists?"

2008 April. University of Central Florida: "Austin, Searle and the Distinction between Locutionary and Illocutionary Acts" 2007 Nov. Florida Philosophical Association. "Are Ethicists Ethical? Empirical Support for Aristotle's Moral Particularism." 2007 April. University of Colorado at Denver. "Some Criticisms of John Searle's Methodological Strategies"

2007 March. Metropolitan State College, Denver. "Searle's Biological Naturalism as an answer to the mind-body problem: a critique"

Awards

2023-present Appointed Kathleen A. Johnson Chair of Humanities at Stetson University. 2020 April. Sabbatical awarded by Stetson University.

2020-2021. Sabbatical awarded by Stetson University.

2017 April. Summer Grant awarded by Stetson University. 2016 April. Summer Grant awarded by Stetson University.

2014 Fall. Nominated for the 2016 Robert Foster Cherry Award for Great Teaching by Karen Ryan, the Dean of Stetson University's College of Arts and Sciences.

2014 Spring. Sabbatical awarded by Stetson University.

2013 August. Tenure and promotion to Associate Professor awarded by Stetson University. 2013 April. Summer Grant awarded by Stetson University.

2012 Sept. Award winner of Emerald's Outstanding Author Contribution award for "Hayek, Connectionism and Scientific Naturalism" in *Advances in Austrian Economics* (v 15).

2012 April. First Year Student Advocate Award. Presented by Stetson University. 1999-2005. Fellowship awarded at U.C. Riverside.

2002-2003. Teaching Assistant of the Year. U.C. Riverside. Awarded by the Graduate Division of U.C. Riverside.

Academic Service

Professional Service

Secretary/Treasurer for the Florida Philosophical Association (2009-2020). Duties include yearly conference organization.

Referee work for Hypatia, The Journal of Moral Education, International Journal for the Philosophy of Religion, Experimental Philosophy, Philosophy of Social Science, Philosophy of Science, and Grazer Philosophische Studien, Florida Philosophical Review, and Philosophical Psychology. I've also refereed book proposals for Palgrave Macmillan and Bloomsbury.

University Service

Pre-Law Director (2024-present)

Philosophy Department Chair (2024-present, 2016-2019)

Faculty Senate, Chair (2023-2024)

Curriculum Committee (sabbatical leave replacement): Chair of Policy Sub-Committee (Fall 2017-Spring 2018) Tenure, Grievance, and Academic Freedom Committee: member (2015-present)

Three Tenure and Promotion ad hoc committees: Chair of Melinda Hall's Tenure and Promotion committee and member of the other committees. 2024.

Academic Degree Completion program committee member (2018-present) CAS committee for teaching mock classes: member (2016-present) Humanities Division Secretary (2011-2012, 2016-present)

Pre-law Advisory Committee: member (2007-present)

Stetson Social Justice Lecture Series committee: co-chair and member (2013-2018)

Sustainability Working Group: member (2016-2017)

Degree Completion Program taskforce: member (2016-2017) Values in the Curriculum Coordinator (2014-2017)

Stetson Values committee: Co-chair of Global Citizenship (2012- 2015) Task Force on the Academic Environment: member (2014-2015)

Stetson University General Education Leadership Committee: member (2013-2014)

Stetson Philosophy Club: faculty advisor (2007-2014)

Faculty Senate: member (2012-2013)

Stetson University Diversity Council: member (2010-2012)

Courses Taught

Buddhist Philosophy

Social Science Theories and Methods (Special Topics) Buddhist Philosophy (Special Topics)

Research in Philosophy (PHIL 399)

Social Ontology (PHIL 390, Special Topics in Philosophy) Philosophy of Law (PHIL 300)

Epistemology (PHIL 351)

Moby-Dick and Philosophy (FSEM)

The Law as Memory: Legality, Morality, and Poetry (PHIL 390, Special Topics in Philosophy) Metaphysics (PHIL 352)

The Philosophy of John Searle (PHIL 390, Special Topics in Philosophy) Scientific Naturalism and the Modern Worldview (PHIL 400, Department Seminar)

Ethical Reflection and Action: Kant and Rawls (PHIL 390, Special Topics in Philosophy) Philosophical Methods: Free Will (PHIL 475)

Inquiry and Explanation (Phil 390, Special Topics in Philosophy) History of Ancient Philosophy (PHIL 250H)

Introduction to Philosophy (PHIL 101B) Introduction to Logic (PHIL 104Q)

Honors first year seminar: Enduring Questions—Sustainability, Utopian Thought, and the Museum (HON101) Honors seminar: Justice and Ethics from a Global Perspective (HON 2)

Honors Tutorial (HON 202)

Graduate Classes Taken

UC Riverside (M.A., PhD in Philosophy) 1998 Fall

Phil-255A First Year Graduate Proseminar: Descartes' Passions of the Soul (Paul Hoffman)

Phil-280 Seminary in Contemporary Philosophy: Philosophy of Psychology (Eric

Schwitzgebel) Phil-131 20th Century Analytic Philosophy (Dominik Sklenar)

1999 Winter

Phil-255B First Year Graduate Proseminar: Reference and Indexicality in the Philosophy of Language (Howard Wettstein)

Phil-280 Seminar in Contemporary Philosophy: Reasoning and Argument (Larry Wright)

Phil-124 Formal Logic (Dominik Sklenar)

1999 Spring

Phil-255C First Year Graduate Proseminar: Gadamer (Georgia Wankel)

Phil-270 Seminar in Individual Philosophers: Kant's Critique of Practical Reason (Andrews

Reath) Phil-125 Intermediate Logic (Erich Rech)

1999 Fall

Phil-270 Seminar in Individual Philosophers: Wittgenstein's Philosophical Investigations

Part I (Larry Wright) Phil-290 Directed Studies

2000 Winter

Phil-270 Seminar in Individual Philosophers: Wittgenstein's Philosophical Investigations

Part II (Larry Wright) Phil-270 Seminar in Individual Philosophers: Kant's Critique of Pure Reason (Andrews Reath)

2000 Spring

Phil-280 Seminar in Contemporary Philosophy: Evil - a Topic in Moral Psychology (Eric

Schwitzgebel) Phil-185 Marxist Critique (Georgia Warnke)

2001 Winter

Master's Thesis: Ideological Intractability: Contributing to Completeness (Adviser: Georgia

Warnke) Phil-280 Seminar in Contemporary Philosophy: Race, Gender, Sex, and Identity

(Georgia Warnke) 2001 Spring

Phil-270 Seminar in Individual Philosophers: Epictetus (David Glidden) Courses taken only for credit:

Phil-280 Seminar in Contemporary Philosophy: Recent Works in the Philosophy of Mind - Know-how and Vehicle Externalism (Eric Schwitzgebel)

Phil-270 Seminar in Individual Philosophers: Kant's Ethics (Pierre Keller)

Phil-283 Seminary in Contemporary Philosophy: Rule Following (Larry Wright) Phil-282 Kant (Pierre Keller)

Phil-282 Wittgenstein (Larry Wright)

Phil-283 Seminary in Contemporary Philosophy: Scientific Explanation (Larry Wright)

London School of Economics (MSc in the Philosophy of Social Sciences, 2005-2006)

PH413 Philosophy of Economics I (Nancy Cartwright)

PH413 Philosophy of Economics II (Richard Bardley)

PH405 Philosophy of Social Science (Jason McKenzie Alexander)

PH400 Special Topics I: Theories, Models and Scientific Representation (Roman Frigg)

PH400 Special Topics II: Determinism, Predictability, and Chaos (Stephan Hartmann)

References

Eric Schwitzgebel (experimental philosophy) Professor of Philosophy of Philosophy UC Riverside schwitz-at-ucr.edu (951) 827-4288

Asa Burman (social ontology). Assistant Professor of Practical Philosophy Stockholm University asa.burman-at-philosophy.su.se

Michael Rosenberg (Max Weber scholar) Retired Professor, Sociology at Dawson College, CA. Presently part-time Instructor, Sociology and Anthropology at Concordia University, CA michael.rosenberg-at-concordia.ca. 514-332-5703 (home phone)