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### Educational Background

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Ph.D., Philosophy	University of Texas at Austin, May 2004 Dissertation: "Scientific Progress and Its Metaphysical Foundations"
M.A., Philosophy	University of Texas at Austin, May 1999
B.A., Philosophy	University of Alabama in Huntsville, December 1993

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### Professional Experience

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Assistant Professor of Philosophy	Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College Florida Atlantic University August 2004–Present
Assistant Instructor in Philosophy	Department of Philosophy University of Texas at Austin August 2003–May 2004

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### Honors and Awards

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Nominated for Macarthur Campus Teaching Award, Florida Atlantic University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Academic Year 2009-2010,</li><li>• Academic Year 2006-2007,</li><li>• Academic Year 2005-2006, and</li><li>• Academic Year 2004-2005</li></ul>
Received Award for Excellence and Innovation in Undergraduate Teaching, Florida Atlantic University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Academic Year 2007-2008</li></ul>
Received Faculty Development Award, Harriett L. Wilkes Honors College, Florida Atlantic University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Received award March 2007</li></ul>
Received Travel Award, Florida Atlantic University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Received award March 2007, and</li><li>• January 2006</li></ul>

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| Nominated for Award for Excellence and Innovation in Undergraduate Teaching, Florida Atlantic University | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic Year 2006-2007</li> </ul>   |
| Received Professional Development Award, University of Texas at Austin                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Received award September 2003, and</li> <li>• December 2002</li> </ul>     |
| Named Outstanding Philosophy Student, University of Alabama in Huntsville                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic Year 1992-1993</li> </ul>   |
| Named as Hindman Scholar by the Ruth Hindman Foundation  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic Year 1989-1990, and</li> <li>• Academic Year 1990-1991</li> </ul> |

### Grants

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| National Endowment for the Humanities Grant Summer Seminar held at The University of New Mexico (Russell B. Goodman, Director) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Pragmatism: A Living Tradition”, June–July 2007</li> </ul> |
| Writing Across the Curriculum Development Grant, Florida Atlantic University   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Received grant for course development, June 2006</li> </ul> |

### Scholarly Publications & Presentations

#### Journal Articles

##### Published in International Journals

McLaughlin, Amy L. ,“Peircean Polymorphism: Between Realism & Anti-realism,” *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society*, Vol. 45, No. 3, 2009, pp. 402-421. [Published] [Peer-Reviewed]

McLaughlin, Amy, “In Pursuit of Resistance: Pragmatic Recommendations for Doing Science within One’s Means,” *European Journal for the Philosophy of Science*. [Forthcoming in Fall 2011] [Peer-Reviewed]

#### Refereed Book Chapters

Kronz, Frederick M. and Amy L. McLaughlin, “The Fast Track to Confirmation: Achinstein and Peirce on Evidence,” in Peter Achinstein (ed.), *Scientific Evidence: Philosophical Theories and Applications*, (Johns Hopkins University Press: 2005). [Published] [Editorially Reviewed]

Kronz, Frederick and Amy McLaughlin, “The Complementary Roles of Chance and Lawlike Elements in Peirce’s Evolutionary Cosmology,” in Harald Atmanspacher and

Robert Bishop (eds.), *Between Chance and Choice: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Determinism*, (Imprint Academic, Thorverton: 2002). [Published] [Peer-Reviewed]

## **Book Manuscripts**

McLaughlin, Amy L. and Jacqueline H. Fewkes, *Reasoning About Research for Anthropologists: A Philosophy of Science Approach*, University Press of Florida. With Jacqueline Fewkes. [Received Letter of Interest Based on Prospectus] [Awaiting Completion of Full Manuscript]

## **Review Articles**

### **Published in International Journals**

McLaughlin, Amy and Daniel White, "Pragmatism versus Postmodernism: The Agonism between Philosophy & Poetry," Critical Review of Katrin Amian's *Rethinking Postmodernism: Charles S. Peirce and the Pragmatist Negotiations of Thomas Pynchon, Toni Morrison, Jonathan Safran Foer*, for *The European Legacy: Toward New Paradigms*, Vol. 14, No. 1, 2012. With Daniel White. [Forthcoming in 2012] [Editorially Reviewed]

## **Book Reviews**

### **Published in International Journals**

McLaughlin, Amy L., Review of Richard Rorty's *Philosophy as Cultural Politics*; for *The European Legacy: Toward New Paradigms*, Vol. 14, No. 5, 2009, pp. 642-643. [Published] [Editorially Reviewed]

## **Journal Articles**

### **In Progress**

"The Pragmatic Maxim and the Status of Metaphysics" [Work in progress]

"Pragmatic Significance, Demarcation, and Scientific Progress" [Work in progress]

"A Heideggerian Conception of Scientific Progress" [Work in progress]

## **Refereed Conference Presentations**

### **International**

McLaughlin, Amy L., "Pragmatic Significance, Demarcation, and Scientific Progress;" The 3<sup>rd</sup> Biennial Conference of the Society for the Philosophy of Science in Practice; Exeter, UK; June 2011, [Forthcoming]. [Refereed on the basis of paper abstract]

——. “In Pursuit of Resistance: Pragmatic Recommendations for Doing Science within One’s Means;” The 2<sup>nd</sup> Biennial Conference of the Society for the Philosophy of Science in Practice; Minneapolis, MN; June 2009, [Presented]. [Refereed on the basis of paper abstract]

——. “Between Realism and Instrumentalism: Peircean Pragmatic Polymorphism;” 13th International Congress on Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science; Beijing, China; August 2007, [Presented]. [Refereed on the basis of paper abstract]

McLaughlin, Amy L. and Jacqueline H. Fewkes, “Negotiating Cultural/Conceptual Boundaries: Cosmopolitanism as Process;” International Conference on “Cosmopolitanism Past and Present;” University of Dundee; Dundee, Scotland; June 2007, [Presented]. [Refereed on the basis of paper abstract]

McLaughlin, Amy L., “Pragmatism and Scientific Progress: Understanding Peirce’s Pragmatic Maxim;” Hawaii International Conference on Arts and Humanities; Honolulu, Hawaii; January 2006, [Presented]. [Refereed on the basis of full paper]

——. “Multi-Faceted Realism: A New Approach to Progress;” Hawaii International Conference on Arts and Humanities; Honolulu, Hawaii; January 2006, [Presented]. [Refereed on the basis of paper abstract]

McLaughlin, Amy L., “The Path of Greatest Resistance: C.S. Peirce on Scientific Inquiry;” 12th International Congress on Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science; Oviedo, Spain; August 2003, [Presented]. [Refereed on the basis of paper abstract]

——. “A Fast Track to Confirmation: C. S. Peirce on Evidence;” 12th International Congress on Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science; Oviedo, Spain; August 2003, [Presented]. [Refereed on the basis of paper abstract]

Kronz, Frederick M. and Amy L. McLaughlin, “A Fast Track to Confirmation: C. S. Peirce on Evidence;” Workshop: Evidencing The Book of Evidence; 18th Biennial Philosophy of Science Association meeting; Milwaukee, WI; November 2002, [Presented]. [Refereed on the basis of paper abstract]

### **Invited Presentations International**

McLaughlin, Amy L., “Peirce’s Pragmatic Maxim and the Status of Metaphysics;” Invited Session: The Charles Peirce Society; The 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy; Spokane, WA; March 2011; [Presented].

## Invited Presentations

### National

McLaughlin, Amy L., "C.S. Peirce: Between Realism and Instrumentalism," NEH Seminar, "Pragmatism: A Living Tradition"; University of New Mexico; Albuquerque, NM; July 2007; [Presented].

Kronz, Frederick M. and Amy L. McLaughlin, "A Fast Track to Confirmation: C. S. Peirce on Evidence," Conference on Scientific Evidence; Johns Hopkins University; Baltimore, MD; April 2003, [Presented].

## Invited Presentations

### Local

McLaughlin, Amy L., "When Good Science Goes Bad," Discussion Dinner presentation; Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College Dining Hall, Macarthur Campus, Florida Atlantic University; November 2006; [Presented].

———. "The Path of Greatest Resistance: C.S. Peirce on Scientific Inquiry," University of Texas at Austin Undergraduate Philosophy Association, October 2003, [Presented].

## Non-Refereed Presentations

### Local

McLaughlin, Amy L., "Freedom to Break the Laws: One Solution to the Free Will Problem," Honors College Forum presentation; Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College, Florida Atlantic University; March 2005 & September 2008; [Presented].

———. Commentary on J. Brian Pitts' "Tensed Time and Relativity," Graduate Student Conference on *Time, Tense and Change*; University of Texas at Austin; April 2003; [Presented].

———. Commentary on Jason Zinser's "Evolutionary Implications on Our Knowledge of Reality," Graduate Student Conference on Evolution, Genetics and Culture; University of Texas at Austin; April 1999; [Presented].

## Video Projects

Fewkes, Jacqueline H., Abdul Nasir Khan and Amy L. McLaughlin, "The Culture of Here: Preserving Local History in a Local Museum." Worked as script editor, master narrator, and post-production consultant. This video documentary is about the development and opening of a local history museum in Kargil (North India), which offers the community a chance to interact with relics of their global trading past. It examines how museum representations of history are transformed through local

interaction and the preservation of history within communities. The project is currently under consideration by *Bullfrog Films*. [Submitted for review]

Fewkes, Jacqueline, Amy McLaughlin, David Mattox, and Abdul Nasir Khan, "Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College Faculty Research," (34 min). Worked on all aspects of pre-production, production, and post production. This video interview project was conducted with Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College of Florida Atlantic University faculty members about their research methods and goals. The video was finished in October 2005, published within the university for use by university administration, and presented at a university-wide research conference. [Completed]

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### Teaching Experience

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#### Courses Taught

- Knowledge and Reality
- Honors Modern Philosophy 1
- Honors Modern Philosophy 2
- Honors Method to the Madness
- Honors Phenomenology & Existentialism (team taught)
- Honors Progress Debate (team taught)
- Honors Being Human (team taught)
- Honors Better Living through Chemistry? (team taught)
- Introduction to Logic
- Honors Introduction to Logic
- Honors Human Nature
- Honors Philosophy of Biology
- Honors Bioethics, Law & Politics (team taught)
- Honors American Pragmatism
- Honors Bioethics
- Honors Perspectives on Science

#### Courses Assisted

- Perspectives on Science and Mathematics
- Introductory Symbolic Logic
- Introduction to Logic
- Introduction to Philosophy
- Contemporary Moral Problems
- Political Philosophy
- Introduction to Ethics
- History of Early Modern Philosophy
- Logic, Sets, and Functions
- Science and the Modern World
- Philosophy of Religion
- Knowledge and Reality

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### Professional Affiliations

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| The Charles S. Peirce Society                          | • Member since 2010          |
| The Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy | • Member since 2010          |
| The American Association of University Women           | • Member since 2005          |
| The American Philosophical Association                 | • Member since 2002          |
| The Philosophy of Science Association                  | • Member since 2002          |
| The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi                     | • Member since 1999          |
| Psi Chi, National Psychology Honor Society             | • Lifetime member since 1992 |

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### Professional Service

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| Referee for International Journal <i>Philosophia: Philosophical Quarterly of Israel</i>                             | • Spring 2011–Present                                     |
| Member, Enhancing Honors Educations/Alternate Models, Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College, Florida Atlantic University | • Spring 2011   |
| Reviewer for International Journal <i>The European Legacy: Toward New Paradigms</i>                                 | • Spring 2009–Present                                     |
| Member of the Faculty Assembly, Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College, Florida Atlantic University                       | • Fall 2004–Present                                       |
| Chair of the Faculty Development Awards Committee, Harriet L Wilkes Honors College, Florida Atlantic University     | • Fall 2009–Spring 2010, and<br>• Spring 2006–Spring 2007 |
| Secretary Alternate for the Faculty Assembly, Harriet L Wilkes Honors College, Florida Atlantic University          | • Fall 2008–Spring 2010                                   |
| Honors College Representative, Faculty Awards Nomination Committee, Florida Atlantic University                     | • Fall 2008–Spring 2009                                   |
| Member, Academic Affairs Committee, Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College, Florida Atlantic University                   | • Fall 2008–Spring 2009                                   |

- Member, Smith Lecture Series Committee, Jupiter Campus, Florida Atlantic University • Spring 2008–Spring 2009
- Secretary for the Faculty Assembly, Harriet L Wilkes Honors College, Florida Atlantic University • Fall 2006–Spring 2008
- Member and Assessor, Portfolio Assessment Committee, Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College, Florida Atlantic University • Fall 2007–Spring 2008
- Chair of the By-Laws Committee, Harriet L Wilkes Honors College, Florida Atlantic University • Fall 2006–Spring 2007
- Co-chair of the By-Laws Committee, Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College, Florida Atlantic University • Spring 2006
- Co-chair of Web, Library, and Technology Committee, Harriet L Wilkes Honors College, Florida Atlantic University • Fall 2005–Spring 2006
- Member of Macarthur Campus Library Advisory Committee, Florida Atlantic University • Fall 2005–Spring 2006
- Member of Dean Search Committee, Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College, Florida Atlantic University • Fall 2004–Spring 2006
- Member of ByLaws Committee, Harriet L Wilkes Honors College, Florida Atlantic University • Fall 2005
- Member of Faculty Market Equity Adjustment Committee, Harriet L Wilkes Honors College, Florida Atlantic University • Fall 2004
- Budget Coordinator, Philosophy Graduate Association, Graduate Student Conference on *Personhood: Mind, Will, Identity*, University of Texas at Austin • Spring 2004
- Research Assistant to Tara Smith, Associate Professor, The University of Texas at Austin • Fall 2003
- Budget Coordinator, Philosophy Graduate Association, Graduate Student Conference on *Time, Tense and Change*, University of Texas at Austin • Spring 2003
- Editorial Assistant to Robert Irvin, D.O., “A Broadening of the Medical Model of the Origins of Disease and Disorder” • Fall 2000

Founded Assistant Orientation Program for the  
Department of Philosophy, University of Texas at  
Austin

- Fall 1997