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Teaching Interests: Philosophy and logic

Research Interests: Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Mind, Logic and Metaphysics

Education

- **Ph D Philosophy**
University of Illinois at Chicago
Chicago, IL, United States, 1992
- **MA Philosophy**
University of Illinois at Chicago
Chicago, IL, United States, 1985
- **BA Philosophy**
Northwestern University
Northwestern University, IL, United States, 1979

Work Experience

Academic - Post-Secondary

- **University of Wisconsin-Stout**, Department of English and Philosophy
Full Professor
2010 -
- **University of Wisconsin-Stout**, Department of English and Philosophy
Interim Department Chair
January 2016 - May 2016
- **University of Wisconsin-Stout**, College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences
Interim Dean
2014 - 2015
- **University of Wisconsin-Stout**, Department of English and Philosophy
Department Chair
2010 - 2014
- **University of Wisconsin-Stout**, Department of English and Philosophy
Associate Professor
2004 - 2010
- **University of Wisconsin-Stout**, Department of English and Philosophy
Assistant Professor
2000 - 2004
- **University of Wisconsin-Stout**, Department of English and Philosophy
Senior Lecturer
1998 - 2000
- **University of Wisconsin-Barron County**
Lecturer
1991 - 1998

- **University of Wisconsin-Stout**, Department of English and Philosophy
Lecturer
1991 - 1998
- **Arizona State University**
Visiting Assistant Professor
1990 - 1991

Intellectual Contributions

Conference Proceeding

- Kapus, J. (Accepted). Problems in the Metaphysics of Rational Choice. *Proceedings of Metaphysics 2015 6th World Conference*, Rome: Fondazione Idente di Studi e di Ricerca.
- Kapus, J. (2012). Realism, Truth, and Objectivity. *Proceedings of Metaphysics 2006 3rd World Conference*, 251-255, Rome: Fondazione Idente di Studi e di Ricerca.
- Kapus, J. (2010). Realism, Deflationism, and Success. *Proceedings of the Twenty Second World Congress of Philosophy*, 15, 75-81, Charlottesville, VA: Philosophy Documentation Center and Korean Philosophical Association.
- Kapus, J. (2007). Deflationism, Truth, and Success. IN Voss, S., & Moran, D. (Eds.), *The Proceedings of the Twenty First World Congress of Philosophy, Epistemology*, 6, 85-91, Ankara: Philosophical Society of Turkey.
- Kapus, J. (2006). Realism Absence Truth. *Proceedings of Metaphysics 2003 Second World Conference*, 1, 374-381, Rome: Fondazione Idente di Studi e di Ricerca.

Book Review

- Kapus, J. (2009). Philosophical Tales. *Teaching Philosophy*, 32(4), 410-412.
- Kapus, J. (1999). Mind and Brain. *American Philosophical Association Newsletter on Teaching Philosophy*, 99(1), 123-125.

Journal Article

- Kapus, J. (2009). Bells, Whistles, and Learning Online. *Online CI@ssroom*, 1 and 5, Magna Publications.
- Kapus, J. (1995). The Deflationary View of Truth. *Journal of Indian Council of Philosophical Research*, 12(2), 81-104.
- Kapus, J. (1991). The Liar and the Prosentential Theory of Truth. *Logique Et Analyse*, 34, 283-291.

Book, Chapter

- Kapus, J. Harry Mudd Always Lies. IN Eberl, J., & Decker, K. (Eds.), *Star Trek and Philosophy*, 245-259, LaSalle, IL: Open Court Press.

Presentations

Paper

- Kapus, J. (November, 2015). Problems in the Metaphysics of Rational Choice. 6th World Conference on Metaphysics, Salamanca, Spain.
- Kapus, J. (October, 2014). Reasons and Willings. Minnesota Philosophical Society, Duluth, MN, United States.
- Kapus, J. (August, 2013). Rationality and Free Will. 23rd World Congress of Philosophy, Athens, Greece.
- Kapus, J. (July, 2010). Being a "Polytechnic University" - Is it in Name Only?. 2010 Polytechnic Summit, Menomonie, WI, United States.
- Kapus, J. (February, 2009). Critical Thinking: General of Domain Specific Skill?. Association for Informal Logic and Critical Thinking, Chicago, IL, United States.

- Kapus, J. (October, 2008). Bells, Whistles, and Learning Online. 2008 International Society for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Conference, Edmonton, Canada.
- Kapus, J. (July, 2008). Realism, Deflationism, and Success. 22nd World Congress of Philosophy, Seoul, South Korea.
- Kapus, J. (January, 2008). Critical and Logical Thinking: Integrating Lessons from Cognitive Science. How Students Learn: Lessons from the Arts, Sciences and Professions, Green Bay, WI, United States.
- Kapus, J. (March, 2007). Being Reasonable: Logic and Critical Thinking. UW-System OPID Conference, Madison, WI, United States.
- Kapus, J. (August, 2006). Formal Logic and Reasoning. 16th Biennial International Workshop-Conference on Teaching Philosophy, Washington, PA, United States.
- Kapus, J. (July, 2006). Realism, Truth and Objectivity. Metaphysics 2006 Third World Conference, Rome, Italy.
- Kapus, J. (April, 2006). Separating the Truth from Realism. Wisconsin Philosophical Association, Madison, WI, United States.
- Kapus, J. (January, 2006). Using Laptops in the Classroom. Teaching and Learning Center Professional Development Activities, Menomonie, WI, United States.
- Kapus, J. (April, 2005). The Truth in Realism. Society for Realist-Antirealist Discussion, Chicago, IL, United States.
- Kapus, J. (January, 2005). Critical Thinking and Teaching. Professional Development Days, Menomonie, WI, United States.
- Kapus, J. (October, 2004). Habits of Mind, Symbolic Patterns and Critical Thinking. International Society for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning, Bloomington, IN, United States.
- Kapus, J. (August, 2004). Critical Thinking Online. 2004 Distance Learning Conference, Madison, WI, United States.
- Kapus, J. (August, 2003). Truth, Deflationism, and Success. 21st World Congress of Philosophy, Istanbul, Turkey.
- Kapus, J. (August, 2003). The Scholarship of Teaching and Learning. UW-Stout Teaching and Learning Center Scholarship of Teaching Project, Menomonie, WI, United States.
- Kapus, J. (July, 2003). Realism Absence Truth. Metaphysics 2003 Second World Conference, Rome, Italy.
- Kapus, J. (April, 2003). Truth and Explanation. 2003 Wisconsin Philosophical Association Meeting, Stevens Point, WI, United States.
- Kapus, J. (December, 2002). Ethics and Education. Professional Development Grant Colloquium, Menomonie, WI, United States.
- Kapus, J. (December, 2002). Illustrated Audio Lecture. Professional Development Grant Colloquium, Menomonie, WI, United States.
- Kapus, J. (August, 2002). MultiMedia Enhanced Teaching. 14th Biennial International Workshop-Conference on Teaching Philosophy, Covington, OH, United States.
- Kapus, J. (August, 2002). Teaching Ethics Through a Center for Ethics. 14th Biennial International Workshop-Conference on Teaching Philosophy, Covington, OH, United States.
- Shiell, T., & Kapus, J. (August, 2002). Teaching Ethics through a Center for Ethics. AAPT 14th International Conference on Teaching Philosophy, Crestview Hills, KY, United States.
- Kapus, J. (May, 2002). Multimedia Enhanced Teaching. Classrooms of the Future Conference, St. Paul, MN, United States.
- Kapus, J. (December, 2001). Creating Streaming Audio/Video for Your Course. Lessons Learned, Menomonie, WI, United States.
- Kapus, J. (December, 2001). Taking Your Course Online. Lessons Learned, Menomonie, WI, United States.
- Kapus, J. (November, 2001). Web Enhancing a Course. Lessons Learned, Menomonie, WI, United States.

- Kapus, J. (January, 2001). Issues in Teaching Logic Online. Computers and Philosophy Conference, Corvallis, OR, United States.
- Kapus, J. (August, 2000). The Logic of Teaching Logic Online. 13th Biennial International Workshop-Conference on Teaching Philosophy, Milwaukee, WI, United States.
- Kapus, J. (February, 2000). Going Online: Issues in Course Design and Pedagogy. February Fridays: Discussions of Teaching Concerns, Menomonie, WI, United States.
- Kapus, J. (January, 2000). Teaching Critical Thinking Online. Lessons Learned: On-line and Web-Enhanced Courses @ Stout, Menomonie, WI, United States.
- Kapus, J. (July, 1999). Thinking Critically about an Asynchronous Course in Critical Thinking. Syllabus99 Conference, San Jose, CA, United States.
- Kapus, J. (February, 1999). Student Assumptions about Learning: What Students Bring to the Classroom. Focus on Student Learning Seminar Series, Menomonie, WI, United States.
- Kapus, J. (October, 1998). Climbing the Slippery Slope: Fallacies in Reasoning. UW-Stout Family and Consumer Education Conference, Menomonie, WI, United States.
- Kapus, J. (July, 1998). Designing a Critical Thinking Course for the Web. Wisconsin Teaching Fellows Summer Institute, Madison, WI, United States.
- Kapus, J. (May, 1998). Teaching Applied Ethics as Service Learning. American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Chicago, IL, United States.
- Kapus, J. (April, 1996). The Philosophy of Religion: Teaching an Oxymoron?. American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Chicago, IL, United States.
- Kapus, J. (April, 1995). Fuzzy Logic. American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Chicago, IL, United States.
- Kapus, J. (April, 1995). On Belief Ascriptions and Belief Contents. American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Chicago, IL, United States.
- Kapus, J. (July, 1994). The Evidence Against Realism. NEH Summer Seminar for College Teachers, Honolulu, HI, United States.
- Kapus, J. (January, 1994). Truth. Kenyon College Philosophy Colloquium, Gambier, OH, United States.
- Kapus, J. (December, 1993). Deflationary Realism. Society for Realist/Antirealist Discussion, New York, NY, United States.
- Kapus, J. (December, 1992). Truth and Success. American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, Washington D.C., United States.
- Kapus, J. (April, 1989). The Liar and Universality. American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Chicago, IL, United States.

Panelist

- Kapus, J. (April, 2007). Infusing Women and Gender into a Special Mission University. 31st Annual Wisconsin Women's Studies Conference, Madison, WI, United States.
- Kapus, J. (April, 2004). Can Critical Thinking Be Taught?. OPID Spring 2004 Conference, Madison, WI, United States.
- Kapus, J. (January, 2002). Deflationary Theories of Truth. Research in Arts and Sciences, Professional Development Week, Menomonie, WI, United States.
- Kapus, J. (September, 2001). A Changed World. Issues in Hospitality and Tourism, Menomonie, WI, United States.
- Kapus, J. (January, 2001). Creating Critical Thinking. Professional Development Days, Menomonie, WI, United States.
- Kapus, J. (April, 2000). Education and Gender: Mary Daly and Feminist Ethics. Spring 2000 Honors Program Colloquium, Menomonie, WI, United States.
- Kapus, J. (January, 2000). Should We Develop a Teaching/Learning Center at Stout?. Professional Development Days, Menomonie, WI, United States.
- Kapus, J. (January, 2000). Working with Small Groups in Class. Professional Development Days, Menomonie, WI, United States.

organizer and panelist

- Kapus, J. (October, 2003). Feminism and Male Instructors. Women's Sphere: Reconfigured Traditions, UW-System Women's Studies Conference, Menomonie, WI, United States.

Workshop

- Shiell, T., Kapus, J., & Rulka-Hathaway, K. (March, 2002). Ethical Decision-Making. American Business Ethics Award, Menomonie, WI, United States.

Grants, Contracts, and Sponsored Research

Grant

- Kapus, J. UW-Stout Curricular Incubation Grant. (Funded).
- Kapus, J. Faculty Workshop Grant. Sponsored by National Endowment for the Humanities (Funded).
- Kapus, J. UW-Stout Curricular Incubation Grant. (Funded).
- Parsons, A. M., Tafalla, R., Budd, D., Connelly, M., Kapus, J., & Deckleman, S. Minor in Cognitive Science. Sponsored by Curricular Incubation Center, UW-Stout.
- Kapus, J. Professional Development Grant. (Funded).
- Kapus, J. Faculty Research Initiative Grant. (Funded).
- Kapus, J. Just-in-Time Grant. (Funded).
- Kapus, J. OPID Conference Grant. Sponsored by University of Wisconsin System (Funded).
- Kapus, J. Professional Development Grant. (Funded).
- Kapus, J. Professional Development Grant. (Funded).
- Kapus, J. Professional Development Grant. (Funded).
- Kapus, J. Virtual Classroom Initiative Grant. (Funded).
- Kapus, J. Professional Development Grant. (Funded).

Awards, Fellowships, Honors, and Scholarships

Award

- Sabbatical, University of Wisconsin-Stout (2015)
- University of Wisconsin Library Research Associate, UW-System (2012)
- Maybelle Rainey Price Named Professorship, UW-Stout (2007)
- Sabbatical, UW-Stout (2006)
- Wisconsin Teaching Scholar, University of Wisconsin System (2003)
- Undergraduate Teaching Improvement Council, University of Wisconsin System (2000)
- Summer Seminar for College Teachers, National Endowment for the Humanities (1994)

Fellowship

- Wisconsin Teaching Fellowship, University of Wisconsin System (1998)

Service

Department / School

- **Committee Member**, Staff Committee (2008 - 2010)
- **Committee Member**, Technical Communication Hiring Committee (2008 - 2009)
- **Committee Chair**, Staff Committee (2005 - 2006)
- **Committee Member**, Staff Committee (2000 - 2006)

- **Committee Member**, Freshman English/Professional Writing/Literature Hiring Committee (2004 - 2005)
- **Committee Member**, Business/Technical Writing Hiring Committee (2003 - 2004)
- **Committee Member**, Chair of Staff Committee (2003 - 2004)
- **Committee Member**, Composition/Literature Hiring Committee (2002 - 2003)
- **Representative**, Faculty Senate (2000 - 2003)
- **Committee Member**, Composition/Literature Hiring Committee (2001 - 2002)
- **Committee Chair**, Staff Committee (2001 - 2002)
- **Committee Member**, Department Tenure Policy Review Committee (2000 - 2001)
- **Committee Member**, English/Journalism Hiring Committee (2000 - 2001)

University

UW Stout

- **Committee Member**, General Education Committee (January 2016 - May 2016)
- **Committee Member**, Personnel Policies Committee (January 2016 - May 2016)
- **Committee Chair**, General Education Committee (2013 - 2014)
- **Committee Chair**, All University Full Professor Promotion Committee (2012 - 2013)
- **Committee Member**, Center for Applied Ethics Steering Committee (2008 - 2010)
- **Committee Member**, General Education Committee (2008 - 2010)
- **Committee Chair**, Named Professorship Committee (2009)
- **Committee Member**, Faculty Senate (2008 - 2009)
- **Committee Chair**, Faculty Senate (2007 - 2008)
- **Committee Member**, All University Associate Professor Promotion Committee (2007)
- **Advisory Board Member**, Stout Teaching and Learning Center (2005 - 2006)
- **Committee Chair**, Ethnic Studies Committee (2004 - 2006)
- **Committee Member**, General Education Committee (2004 - 2006)
- **Committee Chair**, College of Arts and Sciences Promotion Committee (2005)
- **Committee Member**, Curriculum and Instruction Committee (2000 - 2005)
- **Advisory Board Member**, Stout Teaching and Learning Center (2001 - 2004)
- **Assistant Director**, Center for Ethics (1999 - 2003)
- **Committee Chair**, Global Perspective Course Subcommittee (2001 - 2002)
- **CAS Representative**, Faculty Senate Executive Committee (2000 - 2001)

Professional

- **Member**, Humanities Summer Seminars and Institutes program (2010)
- **Member**, American Philosophical Association Committee on Computers and Philosophy (2006 - 2009)
- **Committee Member**, Program Committee for Wisconsin Philosophical Association Annual Meeting (2007)
- **Member**, Program Committee for 15th Biennial International Workshop-Conference on Teaching Philosophy, American Association of Philosophy Teachers (2004)
- **Member**, Program Committee for Wisconsin Philosophical Association Meeting (2004)
- **Member**, Program Committee for 14th Biennial International Workshop-Conference on Teaching Philosophy, American Association of Philosophy Teachers (2002)