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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2007-PRESENT	Assistant Professor, Part Time, Niagara University, Niagara Falls, NY <i>I teach ethics and have also taught introduction to philosophy.</i>
2005-2007	Assistant Professor, Part Time, Erie Community College, Amherst, NY <i>I taught bioethics.</i>
2004-PRESENT	Graduate Assistant, SUNY University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY <i>I teach bioethics, and have also taught human nature and ethics.</i>
1993-2003	Managing Director, Pacific Educational Books, Suva, FIJI <i>I started this company in Fiji after my Peace Corps service there. I'm nominally still in charge, although a friend is running it now. Its mission is to provide quality textbooks to Fiji's students at a reasonable cost.</i>
1990-1992	Peace Corps Volunteer, United States Peace Corps, FIJI <i>I taught science, mathematics, and IT at a rural high school in Fiji. I also assisted in the training of new volunteers.</i>
1984-1990	Scientist and Laboratory Manager, SUNY Syracuse, NY <i>I managed a university medical school laboratory and performed biomedical research resulting in five publications.</i>

EDUCATION

- 2003-PRESENT Ph.D. Student in Philosophy
Department of Philosophy, SUNY University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY
- 1979-1983 B.S. Biochemical Science
University of Vermont, Burlington, VT
- 1975-1978 Valedictorian, Class of 1978
Port Byron Central High School, Port Byron NY

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- 2005-PRESENT Society for Student Philosophers

VOLUNTARY SERVICE

- 2002-2003 President of the Parent, Teachers, and Friends Association and
Chairman of the Strategic Planning Committee, International
School, Suva, Fiji

PUBLICATIONS

Philosophy

- Flier, L. (2006). "A *A Priori* and A *Posteriori* Metaphysical Necessity,"
Graduate Student Conference on the Philosophy of E.J.
Lowe, University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY, April 7. (Refereed
conference)
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Judgment Theory of Emotion," Society for Student
Philosophers Annual Conference, Grand Rapids, MI, Oct. 1-
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Philosophy in a Liberal Education," Graduate Student
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Study Guide*. Pacific Educational Books, Suva.

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- Turner, D.C., L.A. Flier, and S. Carbonetto (1987). Magnesium-dependent attachment and neurite outgrowth by PC12 cells on collagen and laminin substrata. *Dev. Biol.* 121: 510-525.

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS

I am the proud father of a talented daughter (age 11) and an inquisitive son (age 5) and I take an active interest in their education and accomplishments. We all live together on a 108 acre farm in Western NY that has been in my family for four generations. If you visit, you'll probably find me at the computer writing something, at the piano, or coaching my daughter on her violin.

Philosophy and education have been themes throughout my life. Making sense of the world and helping other people to do the same is my favourite thing to do, hence my interest in teaching and research. I also love music and I play a replica of a 16th century harpsichord, which I built myself from a kit. In the summer I like to sail my Hobie Cat at the Allegheny Reservoir. I am also a PADI open water diver and an FAA licensed sailplane pilot.