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SUMMARY

20-year university professor leaves tenured academic job in 2015 to pursue a career as an independent educator. I specialize in critical thinking, decision-making, communication and persuasion skills.

WORK HISTORY

2015 - Present

Independent Speaker, Trainer, Consultant, E-Learning Developer, Podcaster

Websites: kevindelaplante.com
criticalthinkeracademy.com
argumentninja.com

2010 - Present

Creator of the Critical Thinker Academy, an online video training site

2008 - 2012

Chair, Department of Philosophy & Religious Studies, Iowa State University

1999 - 2015

Professor, Department of Philosophy & Religious Studies, Iowa State University

SERVICES

Speaking

Keynote speaking at professional events and conferences on the subject of critical thinking, cognitive biases, the psychology of persuasion, and strategies for improving the quality of our thinking and decision-making.

Consulting

Provide feedback and input on plans to improve critical thinking and decision-making skills. Clients include academic programs and businesses.

Training and Workshops

Online and in-person training in critical thinking skills, cognitive bias awareness, and more.

EDUCATION

1999 - Western University, London, ON Canada

Doctorate in Philosophy

1993 - Western University, London, ON Canada

Masters Degree in Philosophy

1991 - Carleton University, Ottawa, ON Canada

Bachelor of Science with Honors in Physics

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SAMPLE OF CLIENT WORK/INVITED SPEAKING

National Conference of State Legislatures

Keynote Address: "Inquiring Minds Want to Know"
August 8 2017, Boston, NCSL Legislative Summit

Canadian Council of Legislative Auditors

Keynote Address: "Cognitive Biases and Debiasing in Root Cause Analysis"
April 10 2017, Toronto, CCOLA Performance Audit Symposium

Sign Language Interpreters of the National Capital

Workshop: "Critical Thinking, Cognitive Biases, Language and Interpreting"
November 12 2016, Ottawa, ON, Canada, SLINC General Meeting

Canadian Comprehensive Auditing Foundation

Webinars for auditor training. Topic: "Cognitive Biases and Evaluating Evidence"
Recurring, 2015-2017

Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies

Webinar Training: "Cognitive Biases in Risk Assessment for Child Protection"
June 10, 2015, Teleconference

Life Long Learning and Associates

Keynote Address: "Critical Thinking and the Common Core Education Standards"
Breakout Workshop: "An Introduction to Argument Analysis Using Short Text Passages"
Breakout Workshop: "Using Controversies in Science to Teach Critical Thinking"
June 6-8, 2014, Lake Arrowhead, California, LLL & Associates Summer Design Institute

Cranbrook Academy of Art

Presentation: "Critical Thinking and Artistic Critique"
Workshop: Dialogued with students in the 2D design graduate program for two days
May 3-5, 2014, Bloomfield Hills, MI, USA, Cranbrook Academy of Art

Neeley School of Business

Presentation: "The Five Pillars of Critical Thinking"
Consulting: Improving critical thinking outcomes in MBA and undergraduate students
September 20, 2012, Fort Worth TX, Texas Christian University

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SELECTION OF ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

- (2011) Editor of Philosophy of Ecology (with Bryson Brown and Kent Peacock), volume 11 of the multi-volume Handbook of the Philosophy of Science, senior editors, Dov Gabbay, Paul Thagard and John Woods.
- (2011) "The Biodiversity-Ecosystem Function Debate (with Valentin Picasso) in deLaplante, K, Brown, B. and Peacock, K., (eds) Philosophy of Ecology, Vol. 11 in the Handbook of the Philosophy of Science, Elsevier.
- (2011 – with David Alexander) "Commentary on Bondy's 'Against Epistemic Circularity'", in Zenker, F. (ed.). Argumentation: Cognition and Community. Proceedings of the 9th International Conference of the Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation (OSSA), May 18-21, 2011. Windsor, ON (CD ROM), pp. 1-5.
- (2009) "Eugene Odum", in Encyclopedia of Environmental Ethics and Philosophy, Volume 2, senior editors J. B. Callicott and R. Frodeman. Macmillan Reference USA, Thomson-Gale. pp. 120-121.
- (2009) "Philosophy of Ecology: An Overview", for Encyclopedia of Ecology, 1st Edition, Elsevier Academic Publishers, senior editors Sven Jorgensen and Brian Fath, pp. 2709-2715.
- (2006) "Sources of Domain-Independence in the Formal Sciences" in Benedikt Lowe, Volker Peckhaus and Thoralf Rasch (eds.) Foundations of the Formal Sciences: The History of the Concept of the Formal Sciences, College Publications, pp. 1-16.
- (2005) "Making the Abstract Concrete: How a Comic Can Bring to Life the Central Problems of Environmental Philosophy", in J. McLaughlin (ed.) Comics as Philosophy, University Press of Mississippi.
- (2005) "Is Ecosystem Management a Postmodern Science?", for K.E. Cuddington and B.E. Beisner (eds.) Ecological Paradigms Lost: Routes of Theory Change, Academic Press, pp. 397-418.
- (2004) "Environmental Alchemy: How to Turn Ecological Science into Ecological Philosophy", Environmental Ethics 26: 361-80.
- (2004) "Can You Teach Environmental Philosophy Without Being an Environmentalist?", Worldviews: Nature, Culture, Religion 8(2): 198-212.
- (2004) "Toward a More Expansive Conception of Ecological Science", Biology and Philosophy 19: 263-281.
- (1999) "Certainty and Domain-Independence in the Sciences of Complexity: A Critique of James Franklin's Account of Formal Science", Studies in History and Philosophy of Science 30: 699-720

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UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE

The list below includes courses taught at Iowa State University, University College of Cape Breton, University of Zagreb, and University of Western Ontario. I've grouped them by area.

History and Philosophy of Science

- Philosophy of Science
- Contemporary Philosophy of Science
- Natural Science
- History of Scientific Thought
- Philosophy of Physics
- Philosophy of Biology
- History and Philosophy of Ecology
- Ecology and Society
- Philosophy of Technology

Ethics and Social/Political Philosophy

- Business, Scientific and Environmental Ethics
- Moral Theory and Practice
- Ethics and Law
- Environmental Ethics
- Ethics and Society
- Introduction to Environmental Philosophy
- Professional Issues in Art Therapy

Introduction to Philosophy and Critical Thinking

- Introduction to Philosophy
- Introduction to Problems in Philosophy
- Introduction to Logic and Scientific Methodology
- Symbolic Logic
- Critical Thinking and Computer Applications

Independent Study Courses

- Philosophy of Mathematics
- Space, Time and Einstein
- Perspectives on Ecosystem Health
- Science and Religion
- Feminism and the Ethics of Animals