

Curriculum Vitae: Mark T. Nelson

Department of Philosophy
Westmont College
Santa Barbara, CA
93103-1099 USA
Phone: +(805) 565-6259
Email: manelson@westmont.edu

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Philosophy, University of Notre Dame, 1985
M.A., Philosophy, University of Notre Dame, 1982
B.A., Philosophy, cum laude, Wheaton College (IL), 1979

DISSERTATION

Intuitionism and Ethical Theory: An essay in moral epistemology. Director, W. D. Solomon.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Kenneth Monroe Endowed Professorship of Philosophy, Westmont College, 2006-
Senior Lecturer in Philosophy, University of Leeds, 1999-2006
Lecturer in Philosophy, University of Leeds, 1994-99
Associate Professor of Philosophy (with tenure), Hampden-Sydney College, 1991-94
Visiting Teaching Fellow, Department of Moral Philosophy, University of St. Andrews, 1991-92
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Hampden-Sydney College, 1985-91
Instructor, Program of Liberal Studies, Notre Dame Foreign Studies Program, London, 1984-85
Research Assistant, NEH Summer Seminar, 'Faith and Reason in Pascal's Pensees,' directed by
Thomas V. Morris, Notre Dame, 1984
Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Philosophy, Notre Dame, 1981-82
Graduate Assistant, Philosophy of Law, James Sterba, Notre Dame, 1980-81
Graduate Assistant, Introduction to Philosophy, Michael Loux, David Burrell, Notre Dame,
1979-80

AWARDS

Fellowship, Institute for Faith and Learning, Baylor University, 2004
University of Leeds, Study Leave Award in the Humanities, 1998-99
Fuqua Award for Teaching Excellence, Hampden-Sydney College, 1993
Fellowship, Centre for Philosophy and Public Affairs, University of St. Andrews, 1991-92
Cabell Award for Distinguished Teaching, Hampden-Sydney College, 1989
John J. O'Brien Graduate Fellowship, University of Notre Dame, 1983-84

AREAS OF SPECIALISATION

Ethics/Moral Philosophy
Epistemology
Philosophy of Religion

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

History of Philosophy (Modern, Early Analytic)
Political Philosophy
Applied Ethics

COURSES TAUGHT

Ethics and Political Philosophy (Leeds, M.A., Philosophy)
Reason, Virtue and Obligation (Leeds, team taught, M.A., Health Care Ethics)

Ethical Issues in Organ Transplantation (Leeds Medical School)
Introduction to Practical Philosophy (Leeds)
Advanced Political Philosophy (Leeds)
Advanced Moral Philosophy (Leeds)
Introduction to Epistemology (Leeds)
Problems of Philosophy (H-SC)
Ethics (H-SC)
History of Modern Philosophy (H-SC)
Pragmatism and Analytic Philosophy (H-SC)
Social Philosophy & Business Ethics (H-SC)
Philosophy of Religion (H-SC)
Moral Epistemology (H-SC)
Independent Study: The Ethical Theory of Thomas Aquinas (H-SC)
Independent Study: Artificial Intelligence and the Concept of Person (H-SC)
Independent Study: Kant's Antinomies of Pure Reason (H-SC)
Independent Study: Moral Epistemology (H-SC)
Independent Study: The Mind/Body Problem (H-SC)
Independent Study: The Theological and Philosophical Writings of C.S. Lewis (H-SC)
Independent Study: Wittgenstein (H-SC)
Independent Study: Wilfrid Sellars and 'The Myth of the Given' (H-SC)
Independent Study: Artificial Intelligence and the Philosophy of Mind (H-SC)
Seminar: Alasdair MacIntyre (H-SC)
Seminar: Great Books (Notre Dame)
Seminar: Honesty (team taught with L. Bowden, Randolph-Macon Woman's College) (H-SC)

RESEARCH SUPERVISION

Ph.D., Shane Glackin, 'The Political and Ethical Limitations of Evolutionary Biology', Ph.D.

Ph.D., Andrew Cochrane, 'Moral Error Theory and Moral Substitutionalism', University of Leeds, 2006.

Ph.D., Allison Ross, 'Response Dependence and Realism in Ethics', University of Leeds, 2004.

M.A., Anna Bergqvist, 'The Possibility of Perceptual Moral Knowledge', University of Leeds, 2003;

Ph.D., Christopher Taylor, 'Eliminativism: An Error-Theoretic Conception of Folk-Psychological Discourse, University of Leeds, 2003 (co-supervisor, Bryan Frances).

Ph.D., Zenon Stavrinides, 'The Question "What is Knowledge?"', University of Leeds, 1999;

Ph.D., Robert Davies, 'Locke on Toleration', University of Leeds, 1999;

CURRENT AREAS OF RESEARCH

Moral Epistemology
Normative Ethical Theory
Applied Ethics
Philosophy of Religion

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Christian Theism and Moral Philosophy, co edited with M. Beaty and C. Fisher, Mercer University Press, 1998.

Articles

- ‘More Bad News for the Logical Autonomy of Ethics’, Canadian Journal of Philosophy (forthcoming).
- ‘What the Problem with Aquinas Isn’t’, New Blackfriars, vol. 87, 2006.
- ‘The Possibility of Inductive Moral Inference’, Philosophical Papers, vol. 35, no. 2, 2006
- ‘Moral Realism and Program Explanation’, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, vol. 84, no. 3, 2006.
- ‘Telling it Like it Is: Philosophy as Descriptive Manifestation’, American Philosophical Quarterly, vol. 42, no. 3, 2005.
- ‘Loving Attention: A Realist, Projectivist Theory of Value’, Religious Studies, vol. 41, no. 4 2005.
- ‘Must We Argue?’, The Philosophers' Magazine, issue 26, vol. 2., 2004.
- ‘Who Needs Valid Moral Arguments?’, Argumentation , vol. 17, no. 1, 2003.
- ‘Sinnott-Armstrong's Moral Skepticism’, Ratio, vol. XVI, no. 1, 2003.
- ‘Robert Audi and the Method of Descriptive Manifestation’, Philosophical Books, vol. 44, no. 1, 2003.
- ‘Narrativity and the Problem of Evil’, in D. Baker and P. Maxwell, eds., Explorations in Continental Philosophy of Religion, Rodopi Press (Value Inquiry Book Series), 2003.
- ‘What Justification Could Not Be’, International Journal of Philosophical Studies, vol. 10, no. 3, 2002.
- ‘On the Lack of “True Philosophic Spirit” in Aquinas’, Philosophy, vol. 76, no. 276, 2001.
- ‘Theism’, in L. Becker and C. Becker, eds., Encyclopedia of Ethics, 2 ed., Routledge, 2001.
- ‘Ethics’, in A. Hastings, et al, eds., Oxford Companion to Christian Thought, 2000.
- ‘Morally Serious Critics of Moral Intuitions’, Ratio, vol. 12, no. 1, 1999.
- ‘Editors' Introduction’, co written with M. Beaty and C. Fisher, in Christian Theism and Moral Philosophy, M. Beaty, C. Fisher, M. Nelson, eds., Mercer University Press, 1998.
- ‘Moral Scepticism’, in The Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy, Vol. 6, pp. 542-545, 1998.
- ‘An Aristotelian Business Ethics?’, Journal of Applied Philosophy , vol. 15, no. 1, 1998.
- ‘Bertrand Russell's Defence of the Cosmological Argument’, American Philosophical Quarterly, vol. 35, no. 1, 1998.
- ‘Who Are the Best Judges of Theistic Arguments?’, Sophia, vol. 35, no. 2, 1996.

- ‘Bald Lies: A Puzzle About Deception’, Cogito, vol. 10., no. 3, 1996.
- ‘The Principle of Sufficient Reason: A Moral Argument’, Religious Studies, vol. 32, no. 1, 1996.
- ‘Is it Always Fallacious to Derive Values from Facts?’, Argumentation, vol. 9, no. 4, 1995.
- ‘Redeeming the Time’, Personalist Forum, vol. 11, no. 1, 1995.
- ‘Altruism’, ‘Consequentialism’, ‘Deontology’, and ‘Hare, R.M.’ in the New Dictionary of Christian Ethics and Pastoral Theology, Intervarsity Press, UK, 1995.
- ‘The Problem of Endless Joy: Vallentyne on Utilitarianism and Infinite Utility’, co written with J.L.A. Garcia, Utilitas, vol. 6, no. 2, 1994.
- ‘Temporal Wholes and the Problem of Evil’, Religious Studies, vol. 29, no. 3, 1993.
- ‘Promises and Material Conditionals’, Teaching Philosophy, vol. 16, no. 2, 1993.
- ‘Utilitarian Eschatology’, American Philosophical Quarterly, vol. 28, no. 4, 1991.
- ‘Naturalistic Ethics and the Argument from Evil’, Faith and Philosophy, vol. 8, no. 3, 1991.
- ‘Intuitionism and Subjectivism’, Metaphilosophy, vol. 22, no. 2, 1991.
- ‘The Morality of a Free Market for Transplant Organs’, Public Affairs Quarterly, vol. 5, no.1, 1991. (reprinted in D. Boonin and G. Oddie, eds., What’s Wrong: Applied Ethicists and their Critics, Oxford University Press, 2004).
- ‘Eliminative Materialism and Substantive Commitment’, International Philosophical Quarterly, vol. XXXI, no. 1, 1991.
- ‘Intuitionism and Conservatism’, Metaphilosophy, vol. 21, no. 3, 1990.
- ‘The Logic of Utility and the Duties of a Citizen’, Proceedings of the Virginia Humanities Conference, 1987.

Reviews

- S. Lovibond, Ethical Formation, in Mind, vol. 113, no. 449, 2004.
- J. E. Hare, God's Call: Moral Realism, Divine Commands and Human Autonomy, in Religious Studies, Vol. 38, 2002.
- S.T. Davis, God, Reason and Theistic Proofs, in Religious Studies, Vol. 35, no. 1, 1999.
- E. Sternberg, Just Business, in Philosophical Quarterly, Vol. 46, no. 185, 1996.
- C. Taliaferro, Consciousness and the Mind of God, in Philosophical Books, Vol. 37, no. 1, 1996.
- R. Almeder, Blind Realism, in Philosophical Quarterly, Vol. 45, no. 178, 1995.
- F. Snare, The Nature of Moral Thinking, in Philosophical Books, Vol. 35, no. 1, 1994.

P.K. Moser, Knowledge and Evidence, in Philosophical Quarterly, Vol.42, no. 169, 1993.

D.O. Brink, Moral Realism and the Foundations of Ethics, in Philosophical Books, Vol. 31, no. 3, 1990.

T.L.S. Sprigge, The Rational Foundations of Ethics, in Philosophical Books, Vol. 30, no. 2, 1989.

PAPERS AND LECTURES DELIVERED

‘Rossian Epistemology: Outline of a Pluralist, Intuitionist, Permissivist Theory of Epistemic Justification’

University of Rijeka, Croatia, March 2006

Université de Paris-IV/Sorbonne, April 2005

‘Telling it Like it Is: Philosophy as 'Descriptive Manifestation’

Virtue Epistemology Conference, University of Stirling, November 2004.

SIFA '04 Conference, Genoa, Italy, September 2004.

Baylor University, February 2004

‘Philosophy As...’ Conference, University College, London, November 2002.

‘Loving Attention: A Realist, Projectivist Theory of Value’

University of Leeds, October, 2004

British Society for Philosophy of Religion/Society of Christian Philosophers, Oxford, 2003

‘Christ and the Cosmos Initiative’ Consultation, St. Albans, UK, April 2002.

‘Comment on Robert Audi, “The Ethics of Love”’

Society of Christian Philosophers Group Meeting, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Div., March 2002.

‘On the Lack of “True Philosophic Spirit” in Aquinas’

University College, Dublin, Ireland, December 2000

Gifford Memorial Conference, University of Aberdeen, UK, May 2000

University of York, UK, January 2000

‘Logical Inference and Moral Knowledge’

University of Bradford, UK, November 1999

‘A Philosophical Approach to Euthanasia’

British Medical Association, Leeds, UK, January 1998

‘What Justification Could Not Be’

University of Manchester, UK, November 2000

Virginia Commonwealth University, April 1998.

University of Birmingham, UK, September 1997

‘Self-Explanatory Facts?’

King's College, London, UK, December 1996

‘Morally Serious Critics of Moral Intuitions’

University of St. Andrews, February 1996

University of Nottingham, UK, March 1996

‘Business Ethics and Moral Relativism’

Centre for Business and Professional Ethics, University of Leeds, UK, November 1995

‘Elaine Sternberg's Just Business’

Society for Applied Philosophy, University of London, UK, December 1994.

‘Temporal Wholes and the Nature of Persons’

Conference on Persons, St. Mary's College, IN, September 1993.

‘Pigden, Is and Ought’ (Now ‘Is it Always Fallacious to Derive Values from Facts?’)

Hampden-Sydney College, April 1998.

American Philosophical Association, Central Div., April 1993.

‘Who Are the Best Judges of Theistic Arguments?’

University of Aberdeen, UK, April 1992.

‘Utilitarian Eschatology.’

American Philosophical Association, Pacific Div., March 1991.

‘Temporal Wholes and the Problem of Evil.’

University of Edinburgh, UK, May 1992.

Dundee University, UK, March 1992.

University of St. Andrews, UK, January 1992.

Rochester Institute of Technology, January 1991.

‘The Morality of a Free Market for Transplant Organs.’

University of Manchester, UK, February, 1992.

University of Stirling, UK, October 1991.

American Philosophical Association, Central Div., April 1990.

Old Dominion University, October 1988.

‘The Incoherence of a Certain Sort of Naturalism.’ (Now ‘Naturalistic Ethics and the Argument From Evil’)

University of Aberdeen, UK, April, 1992.

Society of Christian Philosophers, Eastern Div., April 1989.

American Philosophical Association, Pacific Div., March 1989.

Virginia Philosophical Association, October 1988.

‘A Problem in Cumulative Case Natural Theology.’

American Philosophical Association, Central Div., April 1988.

Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, April 1988.

Society for Philosophy of Religion, March 1988.

Virginia Commonwealth University, February 1988.

‘The Design Argument and the Concept of God.’

Virginia Commonwealth University, February 1988.

‘Eliminative Materialism and Substantive Commitment.’

Virginia Philosophical Association, October 1987.

‘Intuitionism and Conservatism.’

Society of Christian Philosophers, Western Div., April 1987.

Virginia Philosophical Association, October 1986.

‘The Logic of Utility and the Duties of a Citizen.’

Virginia Humanities Conference, April 1987.

Virginia Commonwealth University, February 1987.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

‘Rossian Epistemology: Outline of a Pluralist, Intuitionist, Permissivist Theory of Epistemic Justification’

‘Moral Intuitions and Doxastic Practice Epistemology’

EXAMINING

External examiner for B.A. and taught M.A. in Philosophy, University College, Dublin, 2005-06 -

External examiner for taught M.A. in Applied Ethics, University of Hull, 2004

External examiner for Oliver Crisp, Ph.D. in Philosophy of Religion, King's College, London, May 2002

External examiner for taught M.A. in Philosophy of Religion, King's College, London, 1997-1999

Internal Examiner, Research Degrees, University of Leeds

Charles Ratcliffe, PhD, 2005

Anne Wilkinson, PhD, 2004

Sarah Kriefman, MA, 2004

Courtney Stange, MA, 2003

Clare Hamer, PhD, 2002

Leo Hsu, PhD, 2002

Lavinia Norton, PhD, 2001

Ed Evans, MA, 2001

Micheal Everly, MPhil 2000

Michael Rivlin, PhD 1999

Seiriol Morgan, PhD, 1998

Anthony Hatzimoysis, PhD, 1995

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Referee for Philosophical Quarterly, 2004-

Referee for Oxford University Press, 2004-

Referee for Australasian Journal of Philosophy, 2001-

Referee for Religious Studies, 1999-

Panellist, Pew Foundation Symposium, 'Reviving the Christian Mind', Wheaton College, IL, April 1997.

Referee for Sophia, 1997-

Referee for Economics and Philosophy, 1996-

Referee for Journal of Medical Ethics, 1996-

Referee for Blackwell Publishers, 1996-

Chair, session at Royal Institute Conference, 'Self-Knowledge', University of Manchester, 2005.

Vice President, Virginia Philosophical Association, 1993-94.

Chair, Panel Discussion on 'Persons and Temporality,' Conference on Persons, St. Mary's College, IN, September 1993.

Secretary, Virginia Philosophical Association, 1992-93.

Chair, session on Philosophical Theology, Conference on 'The Future of God,' Gordon College, May 1989.

Chair, colloquium on Ethics, American Philosophical Association, Central Div., April 1989.

MEMBERSHIPS IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATIONS

American Philosophical Association
Aristotelian Society
British Society for Ethical Theory
British Society for the Philosophy of Religion
Society of Christian Philosophers

ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES (University of Leeds)

Head of School, 2004-
Arts Faculty Graduate Committee, 2002-
Director of Postgraduate Studies, Philosophy, 1999-2004
Director, M.A. in Philosophy, 1998-99
Postgraduate Admissions Tutor, 1995-2004
Undergraduate Advisor for Postgraduate Studies, 1996-
Courses Committee, 1995-
Convener of Department Meetings, 1996-1998
Standing Committee, 1996-
Head of School Succession Committee, 1997
University Ethics Review Committee, 1999-2002
Director of Postgraduate Studies, 1999-
Staff and Promotions Committee, 1999-
Graduate Board Appeal Groups, April 2001, November 2001

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS (Hampden-Sydney College)

Chair, Hobbie Business Ethics Study Program
Chair, Committee for Professional Development
Chair, Lectures and Programs Committee
Member, Pre-Business Committee
Member, Visiting Executive Program Steering Committee
Member, Honor Court Review Board

REFERENCES

Prof. Brad Hooker
Department of Philosophy
University of Reading
Whiteknights,

Reading, RG6 2DD
United Kingdom
+ (0)118 378 6631

Prof. Robin LePoidevin
Department of Philosophy
University of Leeds,
Leeds, LS2 9JT
United Kingdom
+ (0)113) 343 33267

Dr. Peter Millican
Hertford College
Oxford, OX1 3BW,
United Kingdom
+ (0)1865 279 400

Dr. W. David Solomon
Department of Philosophy
University of Notre Dame
Notre Dame, IN 46556
+ (219) 239 7534

Dr. Patrick Wilson
Department of Philosophy
Hampden-Sydney College
Hampden-Sydney, VA 23943
+ (804) 223 4381