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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
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, Centre de recherche en éthique de l'Université of Montréal (CREUM), Spring 2013
Faculty Research Award, Westmont College, 2010
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 SPECIALIZATION

Ethics/Moral Philosophy
Epistemology
Philosophy of Religion

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

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

COURSES TAUGHT

Philosophical Perspectives/Introduction (Westmont)
History of Modern & Contemporary Philosophy (Westmont)
Ethics (Westmont)
Contemporary Moral Problems (Westmont)
Political and Legal Philosophy (Westmont)
Epistemology (Westmont)
Philosophy Senior Seminar (Westmont)
Ethics & 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)
Tutorial: Morally Justified Beliefs (Westmont)
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 Moral Life: A New Defence of the Fact/Value Distinction', University of Leeds, 2008 (supervised 2004-06; co-supervisors: Greg Radick, Chris Megone);

Ph.D., Ruchika Mishra, 'Sex Selection: Ethical Issues for the Individual, Family and Society', University of Leeds, 2007 (supervised 2005-06; co-supervisor: Chris Megone);

Ph.D., Andrew Cochrane, 'Moral Error Theory and Moral Substitutionalism', University of Leeds, 2006 (co-supervisor: Seiriol Morgan);

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
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.

Edited volumes

Philosophical Papers, special issue on 'The Problem of the Criterion', vol. 40, no. 3, Nov. 2011.

Articles

'Non-contradiction: Oh Yeah and So What', Think, vol. 34, June 2013.

'About Angela: Wisdom and Theory', Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethics, vol.21, n.3, July 2012.

'Editorial Introduction', special issue on 'The Problem of the Criterion', Philosophical Papers, vol. 40, no. 3, Nov. 2011.

'The Contingency Cosmological Argument', in Michael Bruce and Steven Barbone, eds., Just the Arguments (Wiley, 2011), pp. 18-22.

'Y and Z are not off the Hook: the Survival Lottery made Fairer', Journal of Medicine and Philosophy, vol. 35, no. 4, 2010.

'We Have No Positive Epistemic Duties', Mind, vol. 119, no. 473, 2010.

'A Problem for Conservatism', Analysis, vol. 69, no. 4, Oct. 2009.

'More Bad News for the Logical Autonomy of Ethics', Canadian Journal of Philosophy, vol. 31, no. 2, 2007

'What the Problem with Aquinas Isn't', New Blackfriars, vol. 87, no. 1012, 2006.

'The Possibility of Inductive Moral Arguments', 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 Scepticism', 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 Commitments’, 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

- T. Chappell, Ethics and Experience: Life Beyond Moral Theory, in Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews, Dec. 12, 2009: <http://ndpr.nd.edu/review.cfm?id=18407>
- 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.

- ‘Rossian Epistemology’, Congrès annuel de la Société de Philosophie du Québec, May 2013
- ‘What the Utilitarian Cannot Think’
 Tenth Conference, International Society for Utilitarian Studies, Berkeley, September 2008
 Society for Applied Philosophy annual conference, Manchester, July 1-3, 2011
 Centre de Recherche en Éthique de l'Université de Montréal, Feb 2013
- ‘The Ethics of Organ Trafficking’, Westmont Downtown Lecture Series, Santa Barbara, April 2010
- ‘A Problem for Conservatism’, Society for Applied Philosophy annual conference, Leeds, June 26-8, 2009
- ‘The New Atheism as Political Theology?’
 SCIS Conference on Political Theology, Sciences-Po, Paris, August 2008
- ‘We have no Positive Epistemic Duties’
 ‘The Value of Knowledge’ Conference, Free University of Amsterdam, August 2007
 Workshop on ‘The Normativity of Belief and Epistemic Agency’, National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), October 2009
- ‘Outline of a Pluralist, Intuitionist, Permissivist Theory of Epistemic Justification’
 ‘Santa Barbarians’, UCSB works-in-progress seminar, October, 2007
 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

‘Moral Intuitions and Doxastic Practice Epistemology’

‘What the Utilitarian Cannot Think’

‘Rossian Epistemology’

‘Does Utilitarianism Contain Agent-relative Constraints? Reply to Denyer’

EXAMINING

External examiner for B.A. and taught M.A. in Philosophy, University College, Dublin, 2005-2006

External examiner for taught M.A. in Applied Ethics, University of Hull, 2004-2006

External examiner for Oliver Crisp, Ph.D. in Philosophy of Religion, King’s College, London, 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 Synthese, 2012 -

Referee for Philosophers’ Imprint, 2012 -

Comment on Andrew Moon, “Epistemic Justification and the Epistemic Ought”, APA Pacific Div., Seattle, Apr 2012

Comment on Tom Crisp, “Jesus and Affluence”, Society of Christian Philosophers Group Meeting, APA Pacific Div., San Diego, Apr 2011

Comment on Stan Husi, ‘Global Meta-Normative Scepticism’ at RoME III Conference, University of Colorado, August 2010

Referee for American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly, 2010 -

Referee for Philosophia, 2010 -

Referee for Philosophical Papers, 2009 -

Chair, session (Pettit/Crisp) at Conference, ‘Themes from Williams’, University of Leeds, July 2009

Referee for Journal of Philosophical Research, 2008 -

Member, Ethics Centre at the Open University (UK) March 2008 -

Tenure Review External Evaluator, Margaret W. Tate, Baylor University, 2007

Member, editorial board for Religious Studies, 2007-

Referee for Nous, 2008-

Referee for Ethics, 2007-

Referee for American Philosophical Quarterly, 2007-

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, 1993-1994.

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

Secretary, Virginia Philosophical Association, 1992-1993.

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 (Westmont College)

Vice-Chair of the Faculty, 2011-12
Faculty Council, 2010-
Program Review Committee, 2007-08

ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES (University of Leeds)

Head of Department, 2004-2006
School of Humanities Executive Committee, 2004-2006
Arts Faculty Graduate Committee, 2002-2006
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, 1995-2006
Convener of Department Meetings, 1996-1998
Standing Committee, 1996-2006
Head of School Succession Committee, 1997
University Ethics Review Committee, 1999-2002
Director of Postgraduate Studies, 1999-2006
Staff and Promotions Committee, 1999-2006
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

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