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Areas of Specialization: Ethics, Political Philosophy, History of Ethics

Areas of Competence: Metaphysics, Applied Ethics, Philosophy of Law, Feminism

Employment

University of Kansas
July, 2008 – Present
Assistant Professor of Philosophy
Director of Graduate Studies (July, 2009 – Present)

University of Alberta
July, 2007 – June, 2008
Assistant Professor of Philosophy

University of California, San Diego
Spring, 2007
Associate Instructor

Education

University of California, San Diego
September, 2002-June, 2007
Philosophy Department, Ph.D.

Tufts University
September, 1999-February, 2002
Philosophy Department, M.A.

Drake University
September, 1995-May, 1999
B.A. (Major: Philosophy), *summa cum laude*, University Honors

Publications

- “Hutcheson’s Deceptive Hedonism” forthcoming in the *Journal of the History of Philosophy*.
- “Preferences, Welfare, and the Status-Quo Bias” forthcoming in the *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*.

- “The Hedonist’s Dilemma” forthcoming in the *Journal of Moral Philosophy*.
- “Weak Anti-Rationalism and the Demands of Morality” forthcoming in *Noûs*.
- “Truth and Error in Morality” forthcoming in *New Waves in Truth*, ed. Wright and Pederson (New York, NY: Palgrave, 2009).
- “Three Arguments for Perfectionism” forthcoming in *Noûs*.
- “Aggregation, Partiality, and the Strong Beneficence Principle” in *Philosophical Studies* 146 (October, 2009), 139-157.
- “Headaches, Lives, and Value” in *Utilitas* 21 (January, 2009), 36-57.
- “Toward a Theory of the Basic Minimum” in *Politics, Philosophy, and Economics* 7 (November, 2008), 423-45.
- “Hume’s Internalism Reconsidered” in the *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* www.jesp.org 3 (August, 2008).
- “A Coherence Theory of Truth in Ethics” in *Philosophical Studies* 117 (February, 2006), 493-523.
- “Global Justice and the Limits of Human Rights” in *The Philosophical Quarterly* 55 (October, 2005), 562-581.
- “Moral Failure and Agent-Relative Prerogatives” in the *Journal of Philosophical Research* (special supplement: *Ethical Issues for the 21st Century*, ed. Frederick R. Adams, 2005), 309-320.

Papers Commissioned

- “Francis Hutcheson” forthcoming in the *International Encyclopedia of Ethics*, ed. LaFollette (Oxford: Blackwell).
- “Two Problems for Constructivism and How to Solve Them” commissioned for volume on constructivism, ed. Lenman (Oxford: Oxford University Press).

Presentations

- “Two Problems for Constructivism and How to Solve Them” at Constructivism in Practical Philosophy, University of Sheffield, August, 2009.
- “What is Instrumental Value?” at the Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado, August, 2009.

- “Truth and Error in Morality” at the British Society for Ethical Theory (BSET), University of Reading, July 2009.
- “Welfare versus Capabilities: On the Construction of a Basic Minimum” at the International Society for Utilitarian Studies (ISUS), University of California, Berkeley, September, 2008.
- “Equality-Tempered Prioritarianism” at the Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado, August, 2008.
- “Welfare and the Status-Quo Bias” at the American Philosophical Association, Central Division, April, 2008, also at the Northwest Philosophy Conference, Lewis and Clark College, October, 2007.
- Panel Participant, “Descriptive Premises in Normative Inquiry”, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, March, 2008.
- “Weak Anti-Rationalism and the Demands of Morality” at the University of Kansas, January, 2008; also at the University of Alberta, November, 2007.
- “Headaches, Lives, and Value” at University of Redlands, March, 2007; also at Bowling Green State University, February, 2007; University of Alberta, January, 2007; University of Minnesota, Duluth, December, 2006; UCSD Graduate Philosophy Colloquium, November, 2006
- “Humean Constructivism and the Relativity Problem(s)” at 3rd Biennial Margaret Wilson Conference, UCSD, June, 2006, (accepted, but was unable to present); also at History of Philosophy Roundtable, UCSD, February, 2006; UCSD Graduate Philosophy Colloquium, November, 2005.
- “Leximin and the Value of Citizenship” at the Southern California Philosophy Conference, CSU Northridge, October, 2005.
- “The Fourth Way” at ISUS 2005, sponsored by the International Society for Utilitarian Studies (ISUS), Dartmouth College, August, 2005.
- “Global Justice and the Limits of Human Rights” at UCSD Graduate Philosophy Colloquium, November, 2004.
- “Comments on ‘Scientifically Based Moral Realism’ by William Rottschaefer” at American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, March, 2004.
- “On the Value of Friendship” at UCSD Graduate Philosophy Colloquium, March, 2004.

- “On Consequentialism and Mercy” at XV Inter-American Congress of Philosophy, II Ibero-American Congress of Philosophy, Pontificia Universidad Catholica del Peru, Lima, Peru, January, 2004.
- “Critical Remarks on Neuroethics” at Experimental Philosophy Lab, UCSD, October, 2003.
- “What’s Happiness Got to Do With It?” at UCSD Graduate Philosophy Colloquium, May, 2003.
- “Can Utilitarianism be both Reciprocal and Pluralistic?” at “Utilitarianism, Human Rights, and Globalization”, sponsored by the International Society for Utilitarian Studies (ISUS), Culturgest, Lisbon, Portugal, April, 2003; also at University of Toronto Graduate Conference, March, 2003 (accepted, but was unable to present).
- “Liberalism and Pornography: Mutual Teachings” at 27th Annual Midsouth Philosophy Conference, University of Memphis, February, 2003.
- “Commentary on Andy Kelso: ‘Thomas Scanlon and the Problem of Aggregation’” at 27th Annual Midsouth Philosophy Conference, University of Memphis, February, 2003.
- “Moral Failure and Agent-Relative Prerogatives” at 10th Annual Harvard-MIT Graduate Philosophy Conference, Harvard University, March, 2002; also at “Morality in the 21st Century”, sponsored by the American Philosophical Association, University of Delaware, October, 2001.

Dissertation

Thresholds and the Good: A Program of Political Evaluation

Supervisor: Richard Arneson; Readers: David Brink, Gerald Doppelt, Samuel Rickless, Alan Houston, Richard Madsen. (Defended May 23, 2007.)

Honors and Awards

- Travel Grant, 2005 (UCSD Department of Philosophy)
- Summer Research Assistantship (UCSD, 2005—Richard J. Arneson)
- Dissertation Fellowship (UCSD, Fall 2005-Winter 2006)
- Summer Research Assistantship (UCSD, 2004—Richard J. Arneson)
- Travel Grant, 2004 (UCSD Department of Philosophy)
- Summer Research Assistantship (UCSD, 2003—Donald Rutherford)
- Travel Grant, 2003 (UCSD Department of Philosophy)
- Phi Beta Kappa, Gamma of Iowa Chapter (Drake University)
- Donald R. Keyworth Excellence in Philosophy Award (Drake University)
- Truman Award (Outstanding Student in the Humanities) (Drake University)

Teaching Experience

As advisor:

- T2 (Master's Thesis): Brandon Gillette, "*Akrasia* and Internalism" (Spring, 2009)
- Senior Thesis: Joel Burnett, "Bernard Williams" (Fall, 2009)

As autonomous instructor:

University of Kansas

Department of Philosophy

- Introduction to Ethics, Fall, 2009—Spring, 2010.
- Seminar: The Good, Fall, 2008
- Contemporary Ethical Theory, Fall, 2008
- History of Ethics, Spring, 2009
- Biomedical Ethics, Professional Responsibility, Spring, 2009

University of Alberta

Department of Philosophy

- Seminar: Well-Being and the Good, Fall, 2007
- Contemporary Political Philosophy, Fall, 2007
- Introduction to Ethics, Spring, 2008

University of California, San Diego

Department of Philosophy

- Introduction to Ethics, Summer Session I, 2007
- Introduction to Ethics, Summer Session II, 2006
- Introduction to Ethics, Summer Session II, 2005

University of California, San Diego

Muir College Writing Program

- Rhetoric of Violence and Guerilla War, Spring, 2005
- Rhetoric of Violence and Guerilla War, Winter, 2005
- Rhetoric of Colonial Struggle, Spring, 2003
- The Logic of Argument and Analysis, Winter, 2003
- The Logic of Argument and Analysis, Fall, 2002
- The Logic of Argument and Analysis, Fall, 2004

As teaching assistant:

University of California, San Diego

Department of Philosophy

- Philosophy of Law, David O. Brink, Spring, 2006
- Introduction to Logic, Rick Grush, Fall, 2005
- Symbolic Logic, Samuel C. Rickless, Spring, 2005

- Plato, David O. Brink, Fall, 2004
- Introduction to Epistemology, Paul Churchland, Spring, 2004
- Introduction to Logic, Matthew Kisner, Winter, 2004
- Ethics and Society, Gerald Doppelt Fall, 2003

Tufts University

Department of Philosophy

- Ethical Theory, Lionel McPherson, Fall, 2001
- Introduction to Ethics, Nancy Bauer, Spring, 2001
- Introduction to Symbolic Logic, George Smith, Fall, 2000
- Introduction to Ethics, Nancy Bauer, Spring, 2000

Drake University

Department of Philosophy

- Logic and Critical Thinking, Jon Torgerson, Spring, 1999
- Logic and Critical Thinking, Jon Torgerson, Fall, 1998
- Logic and Critical Thinking, Jon Torgerson, Spring, 1998

Professional Service

- Referee: *Ethics*, *Journal of Philosophical Research*, *Philosophical Psychology*, *Theoria*, *Society for Exact Philosophy*, *Kansas Philosophical Society*, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, *Journal of Value Inquiry*.
- University of San Diego Institute for Law and Philosophy Roundtable, “The Duty to Rescue,” October, 2006.
- Co-director, Western Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Conference, 2008.
- Canadian Philosophical Association Programme Committee, 2008-2010.
- Member: International Society for Utilitarian Studies, British Society for Ethical Theory, American Philosophical Association.

Departmental and University Service

- KU University Committees: Committee on Graduate Studies (Fall 2009-Present); Curriculum Change Evaluation Sub-committee (Fall 2009-Present).
- KU Philosophy Departmental Committees: Academic Program Committee (Fall 2009-Present); Admissions and Awards (Spring 2009-Present); Visiting Speakers (Fall 2008-Present); Morrison Award Selection Criteria *ad hoc* Committee (Spring 2009); Morrison Award Selection Committee (Spring 2009); Library Representative (Fall 2008-Present).
- Ambassador to the Center for Teaching Excellence, University of Kansas, 2008-present.
- Co-instructor (with George Wilson), “Ethics in Science and Engineering”.
- Visiting Speakers Committee, University of Alberta Department of Philosophy, 2007-2008.
- Graduate Philosophy Colloquium Series Director, UCSD Department of Philosophy, 2006-2007.

- Graduate Representative, UCSD Department of Philosophy, 2004-2005.
- Political Philosophy Reading Group Founder and Czar, UCSD Department of Philosophy, 2003-2006.