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

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

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

- *The Basic Minimum: A Welfarist Approach*, book manuscript in press with Cambridge University Press. (Publication expected March 2012.)
- “Subjectivism without Desire” forthcoming in *The Philosophical Review*.
- “Weak Anti-Rationalism and the Demands of Morality” forthcoming in *Noûs*.

- “Desire-satisfaction and Welfare as Temporal” forthcoming in *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*.
- “The Authority of Competence and Quality as Extrinsic” forthcoming in the *British Journal of the History of Philosophy*.
- “Consequentialism, Metaphysical Realism, and the Argument from Cluelessness” forthcoming in *The Philosophical Quarterly*.
- “Intrinsic Value and the Supervenience Principle” forthcoming in *Philosophical Studies*.
- “Can Instrumental Value be Intrinsic?” forthcoming in the *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*.
- “Francis Hutcheson” forthcoming in the *International Encyclopedia of Ethics*, ed. LaFollette (Oxford: Blackwell).
- “The Hedonist’s Dilemma” in *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 8 (2011), 173-196.
- “First Steps in an Axiology of Goals” in *International Journal of Wellbeing* 1 (2011), 167-185.
- “Hutcheson’s Deceptive Hedonism” in *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 48 (October, 2010), 445-468.
- “Preferences, Welfare, and the Status-Quo Bias” in *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 88 (September, 2010), 535-554.
- “Truth and Error in Morality” in *New Waves in Truth*, ed. Wright and Pederson (New York, NY: Palgrave Macmillan, 2010).
- “Three Arguments for Perfectionism” in *Noûs* 44 (March, 2010), 59-79.
- “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

- “Arneson, Richard” commissioned for *A Rawls Lexicon* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press).
- “A Puzzle for Constructivism and How to Solve It” commissioned for *Constructivism in Practical Philosophy*, ed. Lenman (Oxford: Oxford University Press).
- An essay for a volume titled: *Adaptation and Autonomy: Sour Grapes in Life and Death Choices*, ed. Varelius and Raikka (Springer).

Presentations

- “Consequentialism, Procedural Ignorance, and Moral Theory” at the Arizona Normative Ethics Workshop III, University of Arizona, January, 2012.
- “Two Dualisms of Practical Reason” at the Madison Metaethics Workshop VIII, University of Wisconsin, Madison, September, 2011.
- “Desire-satisfaction and Welfare as Temporal” at the Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado, August 2011. (Winner: Young Ethicist Prize for best essay by an untenured philosopher.)
- “Consequentialism, Metaphysical Realism, and the Argument from Cluelessness” at the International Society for Utilitarian Studies (ISUS) XI, Lucca, Italy, June, 2011.
- “Desire-Satisfaction, Time, and the Argument from Internalism” at the American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, April, 2011.
- “Comments on Joe Adams’ ‘Origin-Sensitive Goods’” at the American Philosophical Association, Central Division, March, 2011.
- “Comments on Ben Bradley’s ‘Asymmetries in Benefiting, Harming, and Creating’” at the New Orleans Intivational Seminar in Ethics (NOISE), February, 2011.

- “The Supererogatory, and How to Accommodate It” at the Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado, August, 2010.
- “Comments on Justin Jeffrey’s ‘Contextualism about Intrinsic Value’” at the American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, April, 2010.
- “Comments on Harrington” at the American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, December, 2009.
- “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; also at the American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, December, 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

- Young Ethicist Prize, 2011 (Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado)
- Del Shankel Teaching Award Finalist, 2010 (University of Kansas)
- New Faculty Research Grant, 2009 (University of Kansas)
- 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:

- Dissertation: William Simkulet (Fall, 2009-Present; chair); Brandon Gillette (Spring, 2010-Present; chair); Matthew Waldschlagel (Spring, 2011-Present; reader).
- Prospectus: Brandon Gillette (Fall, 2009; chair); Micah Baize (Spring, 2010; reader).
- T2 (Master's Thesis): Brandon Gillette, "*Akrasia* and Internalism" (Spring, 2009); Joe Braun (Spring, 2010); Huei-Rong Li (Spring, 2010); Crystal Rose (Spring, 2011); Teresa Bruno (Spring, 2011).
- Senior Thesis: Joel Burnett, "Bernard Williams" (Fall, 2009)

As autonomous instructor:

University of Kansas

Department of Philosophy

- Graduate Seminar: Practical Reason and the Authority of Morality, Spring, 2012.
- Introduction to Ethics, Summer, 2008, Summer, 2009-Spring, 2012.
- Introduction to Ethics: Honors, Fall, 2009.
- Graduate 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

- Graduate 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, Fall, 2004
- The Logic of Argument and Analysis, Winter, 2003
- The Logic of Argument and Analysis, Fall, 2002

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

- Editorial Board, *International Journal of Wellbeing*.
- Referee: Oxford University Press, Social Science and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) of Canada, *Ethics*, *Journal of Philosophical Research*, *Philosophical Psychology*, *Theoria*, *Society for Exact Philosophy*, *Kansas Philosophical Society*, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, *Journal of Value Inquiry*, *Politics, Philosophy, and Economics*, *Philosophical Studies*, *European Journal of Philosophy*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*.
- 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.
- Member: International Society for Utilitarian Studies, British Society for Ethical Theory, American Philosophical Association.

Departmental and University Service

- KU Department of Philosophy Director of Graduate Studies (July 2009-Present).
- KU Department of Philosophy Placement Director (July 2009-Present).
- KU University Committees: Committee on Graduate Studies (Fall 2009-Spring, 2010); Curriculum Change Evaluation Sub-committee (Fall 2009-Spring, 2010); Hall Center for Humanities Summer Research Grant Award Committee (Spring, 2010).
- KU Philosophy Departmental Committees: Academic Program Committee (Fall 2009-Present); Admissions and Awards Committee (Spring 2009); Admissions and Awards Committee *Chair* (Fall 2009-Present); Scheduling Committee (Fall 2009-Present); Robinson Essay Prize Committee (Spring 2009-Present); Visiting Speakers (Fall 2008-Spring 2009); Morrison Award Selection Criteria *ad hoc* Committee (Spring 2009); Morrison Award Selection Committee (Spring 2009); Library Representative (Fall 2008-Fall 2011).
- Ambassador to the Center for Teaching Excellence, University of Kansas, Fall 2008-Fall 2011.
- Co-instructor (with George Wilson), “Ethics in Science and Engineering”, Fall, 2008.
- University of Alberta Philosophy Departmental Committees: Visiting Speakers, 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.

References

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