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**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

- Professor, University of Missouri (from Fall 2009)
- Associate Professor, University of Missouri (1999 to 2009)
- Assistant Professor, University of Missouri (1993 to 1999)

**EDUCATION**

- Ph.D., 1993, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
  - Thesis: *Kant's Theory of Moral Worth*.
- M.A., University of Oregon, 1987
- B.S., University of Oregon, 1984

**AREA OF SPECIALIZATION**

- Ethics

**AREAS OF TEACHING COMPETENCE**

- Kant, Political Philosophy, Metaphysics, Modern Philosophy, Philosophy of Law

**RESEARCH (+=invited, \*=refereed, ~=in preparation)**

*Current Book Projects:*

- I am revising a book manuscript, Self Improvement (under contract with OUP) which develops and defend accounts of how you can owe something to yourself, and, in virtue of withholding it, wrong yourself; of what abilities are such that you can acquire and develop it; of an imperfect obligation of self-improvement as a duty owed to oneself. The obligation cannot be defended by way of the first formulation of the Categorical Imperative, but can do better on the second.

*Current article projects:*

- “The Anti-Deontological Revolt in Kantian Ethics”, *Philosophy Compass*.+~ A review of the variety of anti-deontological Kantian views that have sprung up in recent years (e.g., Herman, Wood, Guyer, Korsgaard) and responses to them (e.g, Schneewind, Korsgaard under a different hat, Pippin, me).

- “Motivation, Moral” for H. LaFollette, ed., *Wiley-Blackwell’s International Encyclopedia of Ethics*.
- “Deontology” for H. LaFollette, ed., *Wiley-Blackwell’s International Encyclopedia of Ethics*.

*Articles:*

- "Duties to Others" *forthcoming* in *Kant's Metaphysics of Morals: A Critical Guide*, L. Denis, ed., New York: Cambridge University Press, +~
- "Prichard, Falk and the End of Deliberation " *forthcoming* in *Reasons to be Moral Revisited*, special edition of the *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, S. Black and E. Tiffany, eds. +~
- Entries in the *Kant-Lexicon*, (Berlin: de Gruyter) G. Mohr, J. Stolzenberg & M. Willaschek, eds. +
  - Sittlich, Sittlichkeit,
  - Ideal (moralisches)
  - Vollkommenheit (eigen, moralische)
  - Anlage, (moralische, ursprüngliche)
  - Eudämonismus
  - Gebot
  - Interesse
  - Interesse der Sittlichkeit
  - Depositum
  - Ehrliche
  - Fanatismus
  - Indifferenz, sittliche
  - Interesse der Neigung
  - Interesse, pathologisches
- “The Moral Law as Causal Law” in *Kant’s Groundwork: A Critical Guide*, J. Timmerman, ed., New York: Cambridge University Press, *forthcoming*.+
- "Good Will and the Moral Worth of Acting from Duty", T. E. Hill, ed., *Blackwell Companion to Kant's Ethics*. NY: Blackwell, 2009. +
- "Self-development as an Imperfect Duty," in *Moral Cultivation*, P. J. Ivanhoe and B. Wilburn, eds, Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2008. +
- "Kant's Moral Philosophy", *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy (Summer 2008 Edition)*, Edward N. Zalta (ed.),  
URL=<<http://plato.stanford.edu/archives/sum2008/entries/kant-moral/>>.\*
- “Value and Autonomy in Kantian Ethics” in *Oxford Studies in Metaethics* Vol. 2, R. Shafer-Landau, ed., Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2007; pp. 133-148.\*

- "Was Kant a Virtue Ethicist?" in Monika Betzler, ed., *Kant's Virtue Ethics*, Berlin, De Gruyter Verlag, 2007. +
- "Practical Reason", *Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, D. Borchert, ed., Macmillan Reference, January, 2006.+
- "Relativism", in the *New Dictionary of the History of Ideas*. Scribner & Sons, 2005; pp. 2035-2039.+
- "Obligation", in the *New Dictionary of the History of Ideas*. Scribner & Sons, 2005; pp. 1658-1663.+
- "Internal Reasons: Reply to Brady, Gert and van Roojen," *The Philosophical Quarterly* 53 no. 213, October 2003; pp. 573-580.\*
- "Virtue and Right," *Ethics* 113, no. 4, July 2003; pp. 810-834.\*

Reprinted in:

- *Philosopher's Annual* 26. P. Grim, P. Ludlow, G. Mar, eds.,  
URL=<<http://www.philosophersannual.org/>>
- *Conduct and Character. Readings in Moral Theory*. M. Timmons. ed., Wadsworth, 2006, pp. 187-194
- *Ethics: The Big Questions*. J. Sterba, ed. Blackwell, forthcoming, 2009
- "Happiness as a Natural End," in M. Timmons, ed., *Kant's Metaphysics of Morals: Interpretive Essays*, Oxford University Press, 2002; pp. 637-665. +
- "Internal Reasons and the Conditional Fallacy," *The Philosophical Quarterly* 49, no. 194, Jan. 1999: 53-71\*
- "Weakness Incorporated" *History of Philosophy Quarterly* 15, No. 3, July 1998: 349-367\*
- "Minding One's Manners: Revisiting Moral Explanations," *Philosophical Studies* 90, No. 2, May 1998: 181-203\*
- "Reasons and Advice for the Practically Rational," *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, LVII, No. 3, September 1997: 619-625\*
- "Love in Vain," *Southern Journal of Philosophy XXXV Supplement: Spindel Conference on Kant's "Metaphysics of Morals"*, 1997: 45-50+
- "Kant's Conception of Merit," *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 77, Dec. 1996: 313-337\*
- "Kant's Conception of Virtue," *Jahrbuch für Recht und Ethik/ Annual Review of Law and Ethics* Vol. 5, December, 1996:365-387+

- "Expressing a Good Will: Kant on the Motive of Duty," *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, Summer, 1996, XXXIV, No. 2: 147-168\*
- "Deontological Ethics," *Encyclopedia of Philosophy, Supplement*. (NY: Macmillan, 1996) +

### Reviews

- Jean Hampton, *The Authority of Reason* (Cambridge, 1998), *Mind*, 111, Issue 443, July 2002; pp. 676-79.
- Svavarsdottir, Sigrun, "Moral Cognitivism and Motivation," BEARS Symposium, Aug., 2001  
(<http://www.brown.edu/Departments/Philosophy/bears/0107john.html>)
- Paul Guyer, ed. *Kant's Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals: Critical Essays* (Rowman & Littlefield, 1998), *Ethics*, vol. 1998.
- "Hurka on Rational Regret," BEARS Symposium on Thomas Hurka's "Monism, Pluralism and Rational Regret," *Ethics*, Vol. 106 No. 3 April 1996
- Marcia Baron, *Kantian Ethics Almost Without Apology* (Cornell University Press, 1995), *The Philosophical Review*, 1995
- Victoria S. Wike, *Kant on Happiness in Ethics*. (SUNY Press, 1994), *Ethics*, October 1995
- Allen Rosen, *Kant's Theory of Justice*. (Cornell University Press, 1994), *Ethics*, April 1995

### **PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES**

#### Papers:

- "Kantian Contractualism and Self-Improvement",
  - Arizona Workshop in Normative Ethics, January, 2010
- "Value, Obligation, Autonomy"
  - Departmental Colloquium, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Oct. 13, 2006
- "Hill on Self-Regarding Duties"
  - Conference in honor of Thomas E. Hill, jr., University of Minnesota, Nov. 4-6, 2005
- "The Case for Kantian Irrealism"
  - Departmental Speaker Series, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> 2005
- "Irrealism, Intrinsic Value, Universality"
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Metaethics Workshop, University of Wisconsin, Sep. 16-18<sup>th</sup> 2005

"The Good Will and the Moral Worth of Actions from Duty"

- *Workshop on Kant's Ethics*, UNC-Chapel Hill, Nov. 19-21, 2004

"Reply to Valerie Tiberius on Virtue and Right"

- Colloquium, **American Philosophical Association** Central Division Meeting, April, 30 2004+

"How to be a Meta-Ethicist: Dreier and Fine on Moral Realism"

- Symposium, **American Philosophical Association** Pacific Division Meeting, March, 2004 (Primary Speaker, Jamie Dreier)+

"The Good of Self-Development"

- Bowling Green State University, Colloquium, Feb. 6, 2004+
- University of Colorado, Boulder, *Rocky Mountain Virtue Ethics Summit*, April 3-5, 2004

"Hill on Autonomy, Personal Values and Hypothetical Consent"

- **Author-Meets-Critics** session on Thomas E. Hill, jr.'s *Human Welfare and Moral Worth*, North American Kant Society Meeting at **American Philosophical Association**, Eastern Division Meeting, Dec. 27-30, 2003

"Virtue and Right"

- +Simpson College Lecture Series, February 14, 2002
- +University of California, Davis, Colloquium, January 15, 2002
- \**British Society for Ethical Theory* Conference University of Glasgow, Scotland, July 13-15, 2001
- \**Royal Institute of Philosophy, Conference on the Emotions*, University of Manchester, Manchester, England, July 11-13, 2001
- +**Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin**, Collegium Philosophicum, Institut für Philosophie, Berlin, Germany, Nov. 29, 2000
- +**Münster Universität**, Seminar für Philosophie, Münster, Germany, Nov. 27, 2000

"Freedom as Self-Conception"

- + *North American Kant Society*, **American Philosophical Association** Central Division Meeting, April 22, 2000

"Internal Reasons and the Conditional Fallacy,"

- \*Symposium Paper, **American Philosophical Association** Eastern Division Meeting, December 29, 1998
- +Department of Philosophy, University of Missouri, St. Louis, February, 1998
- +Department of Philosophy, University of Minnesota, January, 1998

"Weakness Incorporated,"

- \***American Philosophical Association**, Eastern Division Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, December 27-30, 1997
- \**Central States Philosophical Association*, October 17-18, 1997

"Kant's Conception of Virtue"

- +International Conference on *Kant's Metaphysics of Morals: A 200-Year Tradition in Distinguishing Law and Ethics*. Smith College, August, 1996

"Reasons and Advice for the Practically Rational"

- **American Philosophical Association**, Pacific Division Meeting, April, 1996
- *Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference*, October 1995
- *Central States Philosophical Association*, October, 1995

"Kymlicka on Consequentialism,"

- \**Society for Social and Political Philosophy*, April, 1996

+ "Deontology,"

- \**Kansas City Philosophical Society*, University of Kansas, November 1995

"Kant on Merit,"

- \***American Philosophical Association**, Central Division Meeting, May 1994

"Kant's 'No Accident' Criterion of Moral Worth,"

- \***American Philosophical Association**, Eastern Division Meeting, December, 1993

"The Failure of Explanationism in Moral Theory,"

- \***American Philosophical Association**, Eastern Division Meeting, December, 1992
- +Dept. of Philosophy, University of Kansas, February, 1992 (job talk)
- +Dept. of Philosophy, University of Missouri, January, 1993 (job talk)

Comments:

- "Wyckoff on the Problem of Timing in Maxims", **American Philosophical Association**, Pacific Division Meeting, April, 2007
- "Brink on Normative Perfectionism", Florence G. Kline Colloquium on Intrinsic Value, UM-Columbia, April, 2007
- "Vilhauer on Differential Distribution Without Responsibility", **American Philosophical Association**, Eastern Division Meeting, December, 2006
- "Sayre-McCord on Rational Agency and Normative Concepts", Florence G. Kline Colloquium on Normativity in Ethics and Epistemology, Sept. 2006
- "Sverdlik on Motive, Maxims and Deontic Relevance" **American Philosophical Association**, Pacific Division Meeting, March 2006
- "David Copp on Collective Agents", Florence G. Kline Colloquium on Collective Rationality, Oct. 2005.

- "Comment on Mathias Risse's "Do We Live in an Unjust World?", Florence G. Kline Colloquium on Poverty and Global Justice, April 9, 2004.
- "Stephen Sverdlik on Acting From Duty", *Central States Philosophical Association*, Chicago, IL, Oct. 17-18, 2003
- "Colin P. Bird on Reciprocity and Mutual Respect", **American Philosophical Association** Pacific Division Meeting, April 24, 2003
- "Kahn on Non-Cognitivism and Disagreement", **American Philosophical Association** Pacific Division Meeting, April 30, 2002
- "Wiland on Psychologism, practical reason, and the possibility of error", Central States Philosophical Association, Washington University, St. Louis, October 2001
- "Stark on Sympathy and Moral Worth," **American Philosophical Association** Pacific Division Meeting, April 6, 2000
- "Gowans on Practical Identities and Autonomy," Comment, **American Philosophical Association** Pacific Division Meeting, April 4, 1999
- "Baron on Love and Respect in Kant's *Tugendlehre*," *Spindel Conference on Kant's "Metaphysics of Morals*," Memphis, TN, October 2-4, 1997
- "Shafer-Landau's Reliabilist Ethical Intuitionism," *Central States Philosophical Association*, October, 1996
- "Inflating Impartiality: Lawrence Blum's "Deflating Particularity," *Colloquium on Impartiality in Ethics*, University of Utah, May
- "Latham on 'Acting Solely from the Motive of Duty'" Comment, *Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference*, October

## TEACHING

### *Graduate Seminars:*

- Phil. 8100      Proseminar in Philosophy (FS 2004)
- Recent Work in Metaethics (FS 2004)
  - *Naming and Necessity* (FS 2007)
- Phil. 8210      Teaching Philosophy
- Phil. 9901      Recent work on the *Groundwork* (WS 1993)
- Phil. 9901      Korsgaard's *Sources of Normativity* (FS 1997)
- Phil. 9520      Ethical Theory:
- Moral Realism (FS1994)
  - Internalism(FS 1996)
  - Non-cognitivism (FS 1998)
  - Particularism and Intuitionism (FS 2001)
  - Reason and Virtue (FS 2003)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Recent work on Intrinsic Value (FS2006)</li></ul>
Phil. 9120	British Empiricism (FS 1995, FS 1999, WS 2005, WS 2008)
Phil. 9130	Kant (F 2002)
BPA 300	Business Ethics (for the College of Business)

*Graduate Tutorials:*

- Kant's *Critique of Practical Reason*
- Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau
- Ethical Theory (Moral Realism)

*Undergraduate Courses:*

Phil. 1100	Introduction to Ethics
Phil. 2005	Topics: The Meaning of Life
Phil. 3200	History of Modern Philosophy
Phil. 4600	Political and Social Philosophy
Phil. 3800	Rawls
Phil. 4200	Metaphysics
Phil. 4610	Philosophy of Law
Phil. 4500	Theories of Ethics
Phil. 4950	Senior Seminar for Majors (Metaphysics)

*M.A. Theses directed or co-directed:*

- "Does the Principle of Organic Unities Have a Paradoxical Implication?" Xiaofe Liu, Spring 2008
- "Geach and Good as Predicative", Phillip Swenson, Fall 2007
- "Is Hard Positivism Too Hard to Swallow?" Jason Glahn, Fall 2004
- "Consent", Aaron Wright, Winter 2005
- "The Morality of Affirmative Action," Christopher Ballard, 1995
- "Locke's Anti-essentialism and Natural Kinds," Brian Casey, 1999
- "What Would it Take to Keep Us Regular?," Omar Moad, 2000
- "Kim on Weak Supervenience," Brian Lang, 2000
- "Swineburn's Modal Argument for Dualism", Troy Nunley, 2001

*Ph.D. Committees:*

- Director, "Legal Positivism", Brian Casey (*director*), Fall, 2007 (Assistant US Attorney, Kansas City)
- Director, "Internalism and Externalism", Jason Berntsen (*director*), Fall, 2007, (Xavier New Orleans, tenure track)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Reader, "Self-determination as a Goal of Correctional Counseling," Frances Gill, 2001
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Reader, "Kant on Truth," Lori Underwood, 1999
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Reader, "A Justification of Morality within the Rational Choice Framework," Young Ran Kim, 1997
- "A Defense of Negative Causation", Michael Hartsock, in progress

- Member, “An Analysis of the State”, Alan Tomhave, Spring 2008
- Member, “Using and Coming to Own”, Eric Roark, Spring 2008
- Member, “A Defense of Moral Perception”, Justin McBrayer, Spring 2008
- Member, “Intellectual Property Rights and the Type/Token Distinction, Fall 2007
- Member, “Critical Pluralism: Religious Models and Approximate Truth”, Matthew Konieczka, Fall 2007
- Member, "Alvin Plantinga's Argument Against Evolutionary Naturalism" , Troy Nunley, 2003
- Member, "Prolegomena to an Occasionalist Metaphysics" Omar Moad, 2002
- Member, "Cartesian Simplicity", Brian Lang, 2001
- Member, "The Problem of Ad-Hocness in Epistemology,” Jamie Phillips, 1999
- Member, "Language, Logic, Knowledge and Reality: The Logical Atomisms of Russell and Wittgenstein,” Jordan J. Lindberg, 1998
- Member, "The Moral Pathology of Modern Character : a Parallel Account to MacIntyre's Critique of Modernity,” Laurence Buckley-Rohrer, 1995

*B.A. Honors Theses Directed:*

- "Justice as Fairness and Self-Ownership: Cohen's Critique of Rawls," Todd Kennedy, Spring 2000
- "Liberalism and the Problem of Congruence,” Marc Shelley, Spring 2000
- “Pornography”, Mary Beth Finch, Spring 2002
- “Utilitarianism and rights”, Tony Baker, Fall 2002

*External Committees*

- Outside member, Fergus Moore, MFA in Pottery, 2006

**SERVICE**

*Profession*

- Member, APA Central Division Program Committee, 2001-2
- Referee for:
  - *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*
  - *Ethics*
  - *Nous*
  - *Journal of the History of Philosophy*
  - *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*
  - *The Journal of Ethics*
  - *Philosopher's Imprint*
  - *Philosophical Review*
  - *Philosophical Papers*
  - *Philosophical Studies*
  - *The Philosophical Quarterly*
  - *Oxford University Press*
  - *Routledge Press*
  - *Broadview Press*
  - Wisconsin Meta-Ethics Conference, 2008

*Department:*

- Chair, Zac Ernst's Tenure Committee (Fall 2007)
- Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on the Status of Women in the Department
- Chair, Ad Hoc Committee for Non-Regular Faculty Policy (Spring-Fall 2006-7)
- Member, Matt McGrath's Tenure Committee (2004)
- Director of Graduate Studies (Fall 1995, 2001-2005)
- Chair, Ethics Search Committee (Fall 2002)
- Chair, Committee on Philosophy Graduate Curriculum (Fall 2001-Spring 2002)
- Member, Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum (Fall 2001-Spring 2002)
- Chair, Hiring Committee, Ethics (Spring 2000)
- Hiring Committee, Philosophy of language (1999-2000)
- Director of Undergraduate Studies (1997-2000)
- Chair, Speaker's Committee (1994-5)
- Graduate Recruitment Committee (1994-98)

*College*

- Member, NEH grants committee (1998)
- Member (alt.) Campus Computer Policy Committee (1998-9)
- Member, Arts and Sciences Academic Advisory Committee (1994-6)

*University*

- Member, Campus Writing Board (Fall 2008 — )
- Member, Grievance Committee (Fall 2004 – Spring 2005)
- Chair, Graduate Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Committee (Fall 2002-Spring 2003)
- Graduate Faculty Senate (Fall 2001 to Spring 2004)
- Member, Faculty Council (1999-2000)

**HONORS, AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS**

- Chancellor's Award for Outstanding Research and Creative Activity in the Performing Arts and Humanities, 2007. (\$1000, plus \$2000 research)
- Provost's Research Leave program, 2005-6
- Gold Chalk Award for Outstanding Graduate Teaching and Advising, 2003
- University of Missouri System Research Board Grant, 2000-1, \$22,942
- Fellow, Wakonse Conference on College Teaching, 1996
- Panhellenic/Interfraternity Council Outstanding Teaching Achievement Award, 1996
- University of Missouri Research Council Summer Research Fellow, 1994, \$2,000
- University Dissertation Fellow, University of North Carolina, 1992-3, \$10,000/yr.+tuition & fees
- Henry Horace Williams Fellow, University of North Carolina, 1987-9 \$9,000/yr. + tuition & fees
- Research Assistant for Prof. William G. Lycan, Winter 1992
- Research Assistant for Prof. Simon Blackburn, Fall 1991

- Phi Beta Kappa, Oregon 1984
- Honors in philosophy, Oregon 1984

### **LANGUAGES**

- German

### **OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

- Member of *American Philosophical Association*
- Panelist, "Philosophy, Culture and the Black Experience," Black Culture Center Symposium, University of Missouri, Nov. 1995
- Panelist, "Religion and Violence," *Speak Your Mind*, (Teen Talk Show, Hickman High School), sponsored by the University Hospital and Clinics, Sept. 1994

### **REFERENCES**

- Stephen Darwall, John Dewey Collegiate Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
- Thomas E. Hill, jr., Kenan Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
- Rosalind Hursthouse, Department of Philosophy, University of Auckland, New Zealand
- Michael Smith, Professor, Department of Philosophy, Princeton University
- Mark Timmons, Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Arizona
- J. David Velleman, Professor, Department of Philosophy, NYU