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Area of Specialization

Metaethics, Normative Ethics

Areas of Competence

Applied Ethics, History of Ethics, Metaphysics, Philosophy of Law, Political Philosophy

Employment

Southern Methodist University, Associate Professor of Philosophy, 2013 – present

Southern Methodist University, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 2006 – 2013

University of California, San Diego, Lecturer in Philosophy, Spring 2006

Education

University of California, San Diego, Ph.D. in Philosophy, December 2005

University of Pennsylvania Law School, J.D. *cum laude*, May 1996

Auburn University, B.A. *summa cum laude* in History, June 1992

Publications

“Can Rules Ground Moral Obligations?,” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* (forthcoming).

“Moral Absolutes,” in *The International Encyclopedia of Ethics*, 2nd ed., ed. Hugh LaFollette (New York: Wiley-Blackwell, 2021) (revised and expanded version).

“Cartwright, Nancy,” in *The Cambridge Dictionary of Philosophy*, 3rd ed., ed. Robert Audi (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2015).

“Obligating Reasons, Moral Laws, and Moral Dispositions,” *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 11 (2014): 1–34.

“A Dispositional Account of Conflicts of Obligation,” *Noûs* 47 (2013): 203–28.

“Moral Absolutes,” in *The International Encyclopedia of Ethics*, 1st ed., ed. Hugh LaFollette (Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell, 2013).

“Exploring Alternatives to the Simple Model: Is There an Atomistic Option?,” *Oxford Studies in Normative Ethics* 2 (2012): 262–88.

“Moral Principles as Moral Dispositions,” *Philosophical Studies* 156 (2011): 289–309.

“Moral Principles Are Not Moral Laws,” *Journal of Ethics & Social Philosophy* 2, no. 3 (November 2008): 1–22.

“Moral Holism, Moral Generalism, and Moral Dispositionalism,” *Mind* 82 (2006): 331–60.

Presentations

Refereed

“Can an Atomist Explain Why the Governing Function Is Not Additive?,” Second Annual Arizona Workshop in Normative Ethics, University of Arizona, January 2011.

"Conflicts of Obligation," APA Pacific Division Meetings, March 2006.

"Conflicts of Obligation," Southern California Philosophy Conference, October 2005.

Invited

"A Dispositional Account of Conflicts of Obligation," Workshop on Values, Obligations, and their Conflicts, SMU, March 2012.

Discussion of my "Moral Principles as Moral Dispositions," Roundtable on Moral and Legal Principles: Their Existence, Nature and Role, Institute for Law and Philosophy, University of San Diego School of Law, March 2011.

Comments on Lukas's "Desire Satisfaction and the Irrelevant Desires Problem," Second Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, August 2008.

"Conflicts of Obligation: A Dispositionalist Account," SMU, February 2006, and University of Southern California, January 2006.

"Ross's Account of Conflicts of Obligation," York University, January 2005.

Comments on Kahn's "Moral Disagreement and Non-Cognitivism about Moral Judgments," Southern California Philosophy Conference, October 2001.

Other

"Moral Absolutes," SMU Ethics Colloquy, September 13, 2018

"Are Moral Obligations Based on Moral Rules?," SMU Ethics Colloquy, October 5, 2017

Fellowships, Grants, Honors, and Awards

Maguire Ethics Center Faculty Incentive Grant (with Brad Thompson), Cary M. Maguire Center for Ethics and Public Responsibility, SMU, September 2016

Maguire Teaching Fellowship, Cary M. Maguire Center for Ethics and Public Responsibility, SMU, 2012–2013

University Research Fellowship, SMU, Fall 2009

University Research Council Grant, SMU, Summer 2007

Departmental nominee for the Jean Fort Dissertation Prize ("awarded annually to a Ph.D. recipient of unusual intellectual breadth whose doctoral research has met the highest standards of academic excellence and may make a significant contribution on an issue of humanitarian or public concern"), UCSD, 2006

Departmental Dissertation Fellowships, UCSD, Spring 2002, Fall 2002, Spring 2003, Fall 2004

Humanities Research Grants, UCSD, 2000, 2001, 2002

Research Fellowship, UCSD, Summer 2000

Tuition Scholarships, UCSD, 1998–1999, 2001–2002, 2002–2003

Law Review (Associate Editor), University of Pennsylvania Law School, 1995–1996

Ralph B. Draughon Award (Outstanding Senior History Major), Auburn University, 1992

Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society, Auburn University, elected 1992

Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society, Auburn University, elected 1992

Service

Dedman College Undergraduate Council, 2023 – present

Faculty Advisory Board, Cary M. Maguire Center for Ethics and Public Responsibility, 2022 – present

Curriculum Committee, Department of Philosophy, 2019 – present

Director of the Minor in Ethics, 2017 – present

Organizer, Maguire Ethics lecture and workshop, 2017 – present

Faculty Search Committee, Department of Philosophy, 2023 – 2024

Faculty Senate, 2019 – 2022

Faculty Ethics and Tenure Committee, 2019 – 2022

Organizer, Philosophy Department Panel for Pre-Law Majors, 2019 – 2020

Marshall, December Graduation, 2019

Faculty Search Committee, Department of Philosophy, SMU, 2017–18

Committee to Increase the Number of Philosophy Majors and Minors, Department of Philosophy, SMU, 2014–2017

Webmaster, Philosophy Department Website, SMU, 2013–2017

Marshall, December Graduation, SMU, 2016

Speaker, Department Panel for Pre-Law Majors, SMU, September 2016

University Curriculum Council, SMU, 2015–2016

Chair, Committee to Develop Areas of Emphasis within the Philosophy Major, Department of Philosophy, SMU, 2015–2016

Chair, Committee to Revise the Minor in Ethics, Department of Philosophy, SMU, 2014–2016

Faculty Search Committee (Lecturer), Department of Philosophy, SMU, 2015

Dedman College Undergraduate Council, SMU, Spring 2014

Faculty Search Committee, Department of Philosophy, SMU, 2013–14

Co-developer, SMU “ethics toolbox” for use in courses throughout the university, 2012–13

Organizer, Philosophy Department events during the visit of honorary degree recipient Nancy Cartwright, SMU, May 2012

Coordinator, Philosophy Department Work in Progress Dinners, SMU, Spring 2011

Co-designer, New Philosophy Department Website, SMU, Fall 2007

Faculty Search Committee, Department of Philosophy, SMU, 2007–08

Faculty Search Committee, Department of Philosophy, SMU, 2006–07

Referee for *Mind*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*, *Legal Theory*, *Philosophia*, *Inquiry*, the Arizona Workshop in Normative Ethics (abstracts), *Utilitas*

Teaching Experience

Southern Methodist University

Ethics: Morality, Self-Interest, and Justice

Ethics of Pleasure and Pain (with Brad Thompson)

Philosophy of Law

Introduction to Ethics

Ethical Theory
Contemporary Moral Problems
Independent Study & Research: Advanced Ethical Theory
Independent Study & Research: Advanced Philosophy of Law

University of California, San Diego (as autonomous instructor)
Introduction to Philosophy: Ethics
Ethics & Society

University of California, San Diego (as teaching assistant)
Philosophy Department, 2004–2005, 2000–2003, 1998–1999
Law and Society Program, Summer 1999
Thurgood Marshall College Dimensions of Culture Program, 2003–2004
Revelle College Humanities Program, 1999–2000

Legal Experience

Attorney, Drinker, Biddle & Reath, Philadelphia, PA, 1996–1998
Summer Associate (legal intern), Drinker, Biddle & Reath, Philadelphia, PA, 1995
Law Clerk (volunteer), Penn Law Custody and Support Assistance Clinic, Philadelphia, PA,
1994–1995
Legal Intern (volunteer), Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence, Legal Action Project,
Washington, DC, Summer 1994

Bar Admissions

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania (inactive)
Supreme Court of Pennsylvania (inactive)
Supreme Court of New Jersey (inactive)