

Curriculum Vitae
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Education

University of Southern California: Ph.D. in Philosophy, August 1999

Oxford University, U.K.: B.A., M.A. in Politics, Philosophy and Economics (PPE),
July 1989

Areas of Specialization

Social Philosophy, including Race and
Gender studies
Political Philosophy, especially
Nationalism, and Social Contract
theories
Moral Philosophy and Applied Ethics
Philosophy of Social Science

Areas of Competence

History of Philosophy, Ancient
History of Philosophy, Early Modern
Introduction to Logic
Philosophy of Language
Philosophy of Mind
Philosophy of Science
Philosophy of Religion

Dissertation

Citizenship, Political Obligation, and the "Right-Based" Social Contract Tradition
(Advisor S.A. Lloyd)

Publications

- "Don't Fear the Reaper: An Epicurean Answer to Puzzles About Death and Injustice,"
Layers of Dying and Death (Inter-Disciplinary Press, ISBN 978-1-904710-39-5),
ed. Kate Woodthorpe
- "Against 'Humanism': Speciesism, Personhood and Preference," *Journal of Social
Philosophy*, Volume 34, No. 4 – Winter 2003
- "Liberal Nationalism, Culture and Justice," *Social Philosophy Today*, Volume 18
- "Justification, Legitimacy and Social Embeddedness: Locke and Rawls on Society and
the State," *Journal of Value Inquiry*, Volume 37, No. 2 - 2003
- "Rawls and Duty-Based Accounts of Political Obligations," *APA Newsletter on Law and
Philosophy*, Fall 1999
- "Representation and Obligation in Rawls's Social Contract Theory," *Southwest
Philosophy Review*, Vol. 14, No. 1 (January 1998)
- "Agreement in Social Contract Theories: Locke vs. Rawls," in *Technology, Morality and
Social Policy* (Lewiston, NY: Edwin Mellen Press, 1997), ed. Yeager Hudson

Works in Progress

Is Sex Essential? An Introduction to Philosophical Issues of Gender, Sex and Sexuality
(Prospectus submitted to publishers; Blackwell, Rowman and Littlefield, Broadview
Press and University of Pennsylvania Press awaiting further chapter samples)

“How to know if you’re transsexual”

“Evil, Freedom, and the Heaven Dilemma”

National Endowment for the Humanities Seminar

*Political Obligation, Democratic Legitimacy, and Human Rights: Theoretical and
Applied Issues* (June 13th – July 15th, 2005, Georgia State University)

Selected Presentations

Interdisciplinary Conference: “Immortality, Physicalism, and Death of God,” University
of Alaska, Anchorage, June 2008: “The Heaven Dilemma for the Free Will
Defense Against the Problem of Evil”

1st Global Conference: Multiculturalism, Conflict and Belonging, Mansfield College,
Oxford, September 2007: “Reaching For My Gun: Why We Shouldn’t Hear the
Word “Culture” in Normative Political Theory”

Eastern APA Meeting, Washington D.C., December 2006, Society for Lesbian and Gay
Philosophy: “Metaphysics as an Icebreaker” [abstract accepted but unable to
attend]

23rd International Social Philosophy Conference, University of Victoria, Victoria, B.C.,
Canada, August 2006: “What Empathy Isn’t and Couldn’t Be”

4th Global Conference, Making Sense Of Dying and Death, Mansfield College, Oxford,
United Kingdom, July 2006: “Don’t Fear the Reaper: An Epicurean Answer to
Puzzles About Death and Injustice”

Pacific APA Meeting, Pasadena, March 2004, Conference on Global Justice: “Reply to
Moltchanova on a Pragmatic Definition of Nation”

Hawaii International Conference on Arts and Humanities, January 2003: “Must Liberals
Be Nationalists?” [abstract accepted but unable to attend]

Pacific APA Meeting, Seattle, March 2002: “Reply to Brock on Nationalism”

18th International Social Philosophy Conference, Eastern Michigan University, July
2001: “Against Liberal Nationalism”

Colloquium, University of Minnesota-Duluth, March 2001: “I didn’t agree to that!’ The
Hypothetical Contract and Political Obligation”

Central APA Meeting, Chicago, April 2000: “Speciesism, Personhood and Preference”

Central APA Meeting, New Orleans, May 1999: “Reply to Kawall on Speciesism”

Working Group on Law, Culture & the Humanities, March 12-14 1999, Wake Forest
University: “Speciesism, Personhood and Preference”

Arkansas Philosophical Association, ’98: “Marquis on Killing and Abortion”

20th World Congress of Philosophy, Boston, August 10-16, 1998: “The Social Contract
and Political Obligation: Locke vs. Rawls” [accepted but unable to attend owing
to birth of son]

59th Meeting of the Southwestern Philosophical Society, October ’97: “Representation
and Obligation in Rawls’s Social Contract Theory”

Teaching Experience

(All classes in the Philosophy Department, except where noted. Please see my web page for the On-Line syllabuses for all UM-Flint classes since 2000, including assignments and class notes.)

Assistant/Associate Professor, UM-Flint (Fall 1999-present)

Directed Research: History of Political Thought, Machiavelli-Rawls (Fall 2003)
The Philosophy of John Rawls (Fall 2001)

Senior Seminars: Mill and Civil Rights (Winter 2009)
Gender Theory (Fall 2006)
Marxism (Winter 2004)
Nationalism and Group Identity (Winter 2002)

Upper Level: Philosophical Reasoning (Fall 2008)
Metaethics (Winter 2008)
Philosophy of Language (Fall 2004)
Social and Political Philosophy (Fall 2003, Fall 2001)
Contemporary Philosophy (Fall 2002)
Philosophy of Social Science (Winter 2001)
Early Modern Philosophy (Fall 2000, Fall 2007)

Intermediate: Philosophy and Culture (Winter 2005)
Introduction to Logic (many times)
Philosophy of Language (Winter 2000)
Social and Political Philosophy (Fall 1999)

Introductory: Philosophy of Religion (Winter 2005, Fall 2006, Summer 2008)
Mortal Questions (Fall 2004, Fall 2002)
Race, Gender and Sexuality – crosslisted as a Women and Gender Studies course (many times)
Critical Thinking (many times)
Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 1999, Summer 2006)
Bioethics – crosslisted with Nursing (Winter, Spring 2007)
Introduction to Ethics (Fall 2007)

Hendrix College, AR (Spring 1999)

Introduction to Ancient and Medieval Political Thought (Political Science)

University of Central Arkansas (Fall 1996-Spring 1999)

Senior Level: Political Philosophy; Philosophy of Social Science; Greek and Roman Philosophy

Intermediate: Introduction to Logic; Contemporary Moral Problems

Introductory: Philosophy for Living; Effective Thinking

Freshman Seminar: Social Justice in a Diverse Society (interdisciplinary)

University of Arkansas, Fayetteville (Fall 1997)

Introduction to Philosophy, Honors

Otis College, Los Angeles (Fall 1995-Summer 1996)

Senior Level: Seminar on Crime and Punishment

Introductory: Critical Thinking; History of Philosophy, Ancient and Modern

Teaching Assistant at USC (Fall 1989-Spring 1996)

Senior Level: Political Theory (for S.A. Lloyd); Philosophy of Religion (for Dallas Willard)

Introductory: Contemporary Moral and Social Issues (various); History of Philosophy, Ancient; History of Philosophy, Modern; Existentialism and the Meaning of Life (all McCann)

Awards, Fellowships and Nominations (University of Michigan)

Nominated for the Dr. Lois Matz Rosen Junior Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award, 2004, 2005

Awarded Pedagogical Fellowship for Redesign of PHL 115: Mortal Questions, Summer 2004

Nominated for Special Merit Consideration for Teaching, UM-Flint, May 2001

U-M Ann Arbor Horace H. Rackham Research Fellowship for Spring/Summer 2001

U-M Flint Research Initiatives Fellowship for Spring/Summer 2000

Professional Experience

Reviewer for *Political Studies*

Reviewer for *Journal of Value Inquiry*

Reviewer for *Journal of Moral Philosophy*

Reviewed proposed Critical Thinking text for Wadsworth Publishers (Fall 2008)

Reviewed proposal for text *Debates in Modern Philosophy: An Introductory Reader*, by Mark Bobro and Kenneth Clatterbaugh, for Oxford University Press

Reviewed text *Identities & Inequalities: Exploring the Intersections of Race, Class, Gender and Sexuality*, by David Newman, for McGraw-Hill

Reviewed proposal for *Defending Cosmopolitanism*, ed. Brighouse and Brock, for Blackwell Publishers

Reviewed text *Argument: Critical Thinking, Logic and the Fallacies*, by Woods, Irvine and Walton, for Longman Publishers

Organized meeting of the Society of Law and Philosophy, APA Central Division, April 2000

Secretary of the Arkansas Philosophical Association, 1996-7

Co-developer of the Critical Reasoning program at Otis College, 1995-6

Chair of *Discipuli*, the annual nationwide graduate philosopher's conference of the University of Southern California, 1995

University Service (UM-Flint)

Member, Executive Committee of the College of Arts and Sciences, 2008-

Member, Rackham Divisional Boards (UM-Ann Arbor), 2005-6

Philosophy Department Assessment Coordinator, 2004-present

Member, Teaching Circle: *Considering Scholarship on Citizenship and Civic Engagement: Issues for the American Democracy Project*, 2004-present
Member, Auxiliary and Recreational Services Advisory Board, 2004-present
Member of the Academic Standards Committee, Fall 2002 – present
Member of the College of Arts and Sciences Nominating Committee, 2001, 2004-present
Co-developer of new philosophy major, with emphasis on Ethics and Social and Political Studies (PESP)
Co-developer of new interdisciplinary minor, Social Theory and Practice

Professional Memberships

American Philosophical Association (1994 - present)
North American Society for Social Philosophy (1995 - present)
Arkansas Philosophical Association (1996 - 1999)
Southwestern Philosophical Society (1997 - 1999)

References

Tenure Evaluators

Professor Harry Brighouse, Philosophy, University of Madison, Wisconsin
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NEH Seminar Leaders

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