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Academic Positions

UM-St. Louis, Department of Philosophy
Associate Professor, 2012-present
Assistant Professor, 2006-2012

Education

Ph.D., Columbia University, Philosophy, 2006
Dissertation: *Essays on Practical Reason and Instrumental Rationality*
Supervised by Joseph Raz

B.A., Colby College, Government, Philosophy, 1998
Distinction in Government, Distinction and Honors in Philosophy
Phi Beta Kappa

Areas of Specialization

Ethics, Practical Reason

Areas of Competence

Philosophy of Law, Political Philosophy, Metaethics, History of Ethics

RESEARCH

Publications (Articles)

“Instrumental Rationality” *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (ed. E. Zalta) co-authored with Niko Kolodny, in progress.

“Metaethics and Ethics” *International Encyclopedia of Ethics* (ed. H. LaFollette), co-authored with Eric Wiland, in press.

“Instrumental Rationality, Symmetry, and Scope” *Philosophical Studies* 157 (Jan. 2012) 125-140.

“Consequentialism and the Wrong Kind of Reasons: A Reply to Lang” *Utilitas* 22 (Sep. 2010) 351-359.

“Self-Governance, Means-Ends Coherence, and Unalterable Ends” *Ethics* 120 (Apr. 2010) 579-591.

“The Scope of Rational Requirements” *Philosophical Quarterly* 60 (Jan. 2010) 28-49.

- “Against Cognitivism about Practical Rationality” *Philosophical Studies* 146 (Dec. 2009) 311-325.
- “Reasons and Evidence One Ought” *Ethics* 119 (Apr. 2009) 538-545.
- “McDowell on External Reasons” *European Journal of Philosophy* 16 (Apr. 2008) 22-42.
- “Are Intentions Reasons?” *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 88 (Dec. 2007) 424-444.
- “Instrumental Rationality and Carroll’s Tortoise” *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 8 (Nov. 2005) 557-569.
- “Two Approaches to Instrumental Rationality and Belief Consistency” *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* 1 (Apr. 2005) 1-20.
- “Korsgaard on Motivational Skepticism” *Journal of Value Inquiry* 38 (2004) 253-264.
- “Practical Reason and Motivational Imperfection” *Philosophical Inquiry* 25 (Win./Spr. 2003) 219-228.
- “Evolution, Altruism, and Internal Reward Explanations” *Philosophical Forum* 33 (Dec. 2002) 413-424.

Publications (Other)

- “Deontological Ethics,” “Categorical and Hypothetical Imperatives,” “Divine Command Theory,” “Natural Laws,” “Justice,” and “Rights” (app. 280 words each) in *Continuum Companion to Ethics* (ed. C. Miller), 2012.
- “Report on the St. Louis Annual Conference on Reasons and Rationality” *The Reasoner* 4 (July 2010) 109-110, co-authored with Eric Wiland.

Work in Progress

- “Reasons, Evidence, and Explanations” *Oxford Handbook of Reasons and Normativity* (ed. D. Star)
- “Reasons as Explanations”
- “Rational *Akrasia*”
- “Cognitivism about Practical Rationality”
- Intentions, Reasons, and Rationality*

Talks

- TBA, Workshop on the Enkratic Requirement, Vienna/Bratislava (Spring 2013)
- TBA, UM-Columbia, Philosophy Department Colloquium (Sep. 2012)
- “Rational *Akrasia*”
Pacific APA Symposium Paper (Apr. 2012)
St. Louis Ethics Workshop (Feb. 2012)

- “Reasons as Explanations”
 Central APA Colloquium Paper (Feb. 2012)
 Boston University Ethics Reading Group (Nov. 2011)
- “Comments on ‘Linking Principles and Narrow Scope’ by Alida Liberman”
 Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (Aug. 2011)
- “Evidence, ‘Ought,’ and the Mine Shaft Paradox”
 Pacific APA Colloquium Paper (Apr. 2011)
 UM- St. Louis Philosophers’ Forum (Nov. 2010)
- “Instrumental Rationality, Symmetry, and Scope”
 Eastern APA Colloquium Paper (Dec. 2010)
- “A History of Moral Principles”
 Education & Psychology Lecture Series, UM-St. Louis (Mar. 2010)
- “Means-Ends Coherence and Unmodifiable Intentions”
 Central APA Colloquium Paper (Feb. 2010)
 Central States Philosophical Association (Oct. 2009)
- “Comments on ‘Self-Governance and Identification’ by Stefan Cojocaru”
 Eastern APA (Dec. 2009)
- “Rational Intentions: A Unified Account”
 Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (Aug. 2009)
- “Reasons and Evidence One Ought”
 Pacific APA Colloquium Paper (Apr. 2009)
- “Consistency in Belief and Intention”
 Central APA Colloquium Paper (Feb. 2009)
 Central States Philosophical Association (Sep. 2008)
- “Crime and Rationality”
 Dept. of Criminology, UM-St. Louis (Mar. 2007)
- “Are Intentions Reasons?”
 University of Pennsylvania (Jan. 2006)
 University of Edinburgh (Dec. 2005)
 Temple University (Dec. 2005)
 Columbia Moral Philosophy Reading Group (Sep. 2005)
- “Intentions, Beliefs and Rationality”
 University of Leeds (June 2005)
- “Two Approaches to Instrumental Rationality and Belief Consistency”
 Pacific APA Group Program (Mar. 2005)
 Dartmouth College, Northern New England Philosophical Assoc. (Nov. 2004)
- “Judgment Internalism and Normativity”
 Columbia Mind & Language Group (Nov. 2004)

“Comments on ‘Is Moral Particularism a Moral Theory?’ by Jennifer Flynn”
NYU-Columbia Graduate Conference (Mar. 2003)

“Comments on ‘Philosophical Liberalism’ by Jon Garthoff”
NYU-Columbia Graduate Conference (Mar. 2002)

TEACHING

Courses

Upper-Level:

Social and Political Philosophy
Philosophy of Law
Recent Ethical Theory
Metaethics
Seminar in Ethical Theory (Various Topics)

Lower-Level:

Approaches to Ethics
Philosophical Foundations of Criminal Law

At Columbia:

Contemporary Civilization I (Plato to Locke)
Contemporary Civilization II (Hume to Rawls)
Existentialism

M.A. Thesis Supervision

Director:

“In Defense of the Control Principle”
“Modesty as Global Perspective”
“Irrelevance and Evaluation: Two Arguments Against Gauthier’s Contractualism”
“A Virtue Theoretic Solution to the Problem of Moral Luck”
“Autonomy and the Constitutive Aim of Action”
“Against Normative Nationalism”
“Evolution and Moral Realism: Saving the Tracking Account from Evolutionary Debunking Arguments”
“Meeting Resistance to a Policy of Cadaveric Organ Conscriptation”

Committee Member:

"A Theory of Aesthetic Justice"
"Moral Concerns in Genomic Medicine Beyond GINA"
"Evaluating Logical Pluralism"
"A Defense of Two Intentionalism-Defeating Inverted Spectrum Thought Experiments"
"Rational Action: Reasons, Causes and Choices"
"The Universalizability Criterion of Reason and the Final Value of Knowledge: A Response to Pritchard’s Analysis of the Value of Knowledge"
“An Insanity Defense Should be Available to Psychopaths”
“On Thomson’s *Normativity*”
“Happiness as an Affective State and its Centrality to Well-Being”

“Does Foot have a Leg to Stand on? A Dilemma for an Attempt to Ground Evaluative Judgment in Biological Teleology”
“Thomas Aquinas: Soul-Body Connection and the Afterlife”
“Why we have an Intrinsic Reason to be Rational”

Other

Independent Studies in Moral, Political, or Legal Philosophy (x5)
Participant, New Faculty Teaching Scholars Program, 2008-2009

SERVICE

Professional

Referee for:

Acta Analytica
Australasian Journal of Philosophy
Disputatio
Ethics (x2)
Erkenntnis
European Journal of Philosophy
Inquiry
Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy (x5)
Journal of Moral Philosophy
Journal of Philosophical Research
Mind (x2)
Philosophia
Philosophical Explorations
Philosophical Quarterly (x2)
Philosophy and Phenomenological Research
Synthese
Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology (x2)
Central States Philosophical Association.

Co-Organizer, St. Louis Annual Conference on Reasons and Rationality (SLACRR)
2010 – present

University and Departmental

Philosophy Pre-Law Advisor (Sep. 2011- present)
University Senate (Dec. 2011 - present)
Director of Graduate Student Teaching (Aug. 2011 - present)
Departmental Representative to UMSL Center for the Humanities (2006 - present)
Administrator, Munson Graduate and Undergraduate Essay Awards (2010 - present)
Law and Philosophy Panel, March 2012
Committee on Course Evaluation, February 2012
Co-Drafter, Philosophy Department Bylaws, November 2011
First Year Experience, Philosophy Seminar, Nov. 2011
Appearance on Univ. Program Board Intellectual Lunch & Learn Series, Nov. 2011
Planning Committee, Symposium on "Women in the Academy: Leveling the Playing Field," UM-St. Louis, May 2011
Reviewer, UM-Research Board, March 2010, Nov. 2010

External Interviewer for GUST (Kuwait) Philosophy Search Committee
Department Search Committees: Fall 2011, Summer 2011, Spring, 2007, Summer 2007
Presentation, "Revising and Re-Submitting Research Board Proposals" Center for Teaching &
Learning
Appearance on Campus Radio, "The Value of Philosophy"

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS

UMSL CAS Research Award, "Reasons as Explanations", Summer 2012, \$7,912.20
UMSL Small Grant Award, Fall 2011, \$1,000.
UMSL CAS Conference Travel Award, Fall 2011, \$1000
UM Research Board Award for "Intentions, Reasons, and Rationality," Fall 2011, \$10,000
UMSL CAS Research Award, "Evidence and the Meaning of 'Ought'", Summer 2011, \$4,000
UMSL CAS Conference Travel Award, Fall 2010, \$1000
UMSL Small Grant Award, Fall 2010, \$1,000
UMSL Small Grant Award, Fall 2009, \$488
UMSL CAS Research Award for "Reasons and Evidence", Spring 2009, \$3,260
UMSL Small Grant Award, Fall 2008, \$1,000
UM Research Board Award for "Explaining Instrumental Rationality", Spring 2008, \$10,000
UMSL CAS Research Award for "Explaining Instrumental Rationality" Spring 2008
(declined for above award), \$6519
UMSL CAS Research Award for "Why Should We Be Rational?" Fall 2007, \$3260
Columbia GSAS Dissertation Fellowship, 2004-2005
Core Curriculum Preceptor Fellowship, 2002-2004, 2005-2006
George John Bowdery Memorial Fellowship in Philosophy, 2001-2002
Faculty Fellowship, Department of Philosophy, Columbia University, 1999 - 2001
Columbia GSAS Summer Fellowship Awards 2001, 2005
Core Curriculum Summer Research Awards 2003, 2004
Stephen Coburn Pepper Prize in Philosophy, Colby College, 1998