

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Ph.D. in Philosophy from Brown University
May 1991

A.M. in Philosophy from Brown University
May 1987

A.B. with a concentration in Philosophy from Kenyon College
Cum Laude with Honors and Distinction
May 1984

Teaching Experience

Associate Professor, UNC Greensboro, 2005-continuing
Visiting Associate Professor, UNC Chapel Hill, 2003-'04
Associate Professor, Texas A&M University, 1997 - 2005
Assistant Professor, Texas A&M University, 1991 - 1997
Visiting Assistant Professor, Hamilton College, 1990-1991
Instructor, Tufts University, Fall 1989
Instructor, Brown University, Summers 1987 & 1988

Refereed Articles

"Hampton on the Expressive Power of Punishment," with Linda Radzik and Michael Hand, *Journal of Social Philosophy*, v. 35, n.1, Spring 2004, 79-90.

"Avoiding Surprises: A Model for Informing Patients," *Hastings Center Report*," vol. 32, no. 5, (2002), 23-32.

"The Standard Meter by Any Name is Still a Meter Long," *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, vol. LXV, no. 1, July, 2002, pp. 50-68.

"Two Ways to Teach Pre-Medical Students the Ethical Value of Information Gathering," *Teaching Philosophy*, 24(3), Sept. 2001, pp. 233-240.

"The Death Penalty and Victims' Rights: Legal Advance Directives," *Journal of Value Inquiry*, vol. 33, no. 4, December, 1999, pp. 456-473.

“Wittgenstein on Description,” *Philosophical Studies*, vol. 88, issue 3, Dec. 1997, 221-243.

“Family Resemblances and Criteria,” *Synthese* 105, no. 2, November, 1995, 177-190.

“Viability,” *International Journal of Philosophical Studies*, vol. 3 (1), 1995, 133-142.

Reprinted in *The Problem of Abortion*, 3rd edition, J. Feinberg & S. Dwyer, eds., Wadsworth Publishing, New York, 1997, 118-126.

“Alternative Analyses,” *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, Spring 1995, 31-37.

“Rights and Rights Violators: A New Approach to the Nature of Rights,” *Journal of Philosophy*, Dec. 1990, 688-694.

Invited Articles

“Knowing that the Standard Metre is on Metre Long”, Wittgenstein in “Key Concepts” Series, edited by Kelly Jolley, *Acumen*, 2010.

“How are Emergencies Different,” *Mount Sinai Journal of Medicine*, v. 72, n. 4, July 2005, pp. 216-220.

“Anger and Chess,” *Midwest Studies in Philosophy*, vol. XXII, *Philosophy of the Emotions*, P. French & H. Wettstein, eds., University of Notre Dame Press, Notre Dame, Indiana, 1998, pp. 249-265.

Invited reviews & notes

Review of *Wittgenstein's Lasting Significance*, by Max Köbel and Bernhard Weiss, Routledge, 2004, in *Mind*, v. 115, n. 458, April 2006, pp 424-430.

Review of *Wittgenstein's Copernican Revolution: The Question of Linguistic Idealism*, by Ilham Dilman, Palgrave Press, 2002, in *Mind*, v. 112, n. 447, July 2003.

“Dialogue: The Characteristics of Information and Avoiding Surprises,” in *Labey Clinic Medical Ethics*, Winter 2003, p. 6.

Reprinted in *Medical Ethics: A Multidisciplinary Approach to Moral Issues in Medicine and Biology*, University Press of New England, 2007, pp. 202-206.

Note on *Executing Justice: The Moral Meaning of the Death Penalty*, by Lloyd Steffen, Pilgrim Press, 1998, in *Ethics*, October 2001.

Critical Study, a review of *Wittgenstein's Thought in Transition*, by Dale Jacquette, Purdue, 1998; *Wittgenstein on Language and Thought*, by Tim Thornton, Edinburgh, 1998; *Wittgenstein on Freud and Frazer*, by Frank Cioffi, Cambridge, 1998; and *Wittgenstein's Philosophical Investigations: A Guide*, by Brendan Wilson, Edinburgh, 1998. *The Philosophical Quarterly*, January 2000.

Review of *The Continuity of Wittgenstein's Thought*, by John Koethe, Cornell, 1996, in *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, vol. LX, no. 1, Jan. 2000.

Note on *The Death Penalty: For and Against*, Louis P. Pojman and Jeffrey Reiman, Rowman and Littlefield, 1998, in *Ethics*, April 1999.

Review of *Coming to Our Senses: A Naturalistic Program for Semantic Localism*, by Michael Devitt, Cambridge University Press, 1996, in *The Philosophical Review*, vol. 107, no. 1, January 1998.

Review of *Philosophy of Mind*, by Jaegwon Kim, in *Philosophical Books*, vol. 38, no. 3, July, 1997.

Review of *Wittgenstein and Contemporary Philosophy*, ed. T. Sarafini and S. Teghrarian, in *Canadian Philosophical Reviews*, vol. XV, no. 4, Aug. 1995.

Academic Presentations

"Who are Advance Directives For", Guilford College, Feb. 1, 2010.

"Do You See What I See", Great Conversations, UNCG, Oct. 22, 2009.

"The Many Meanings of 'Rule'", Virginia Commonwealth University, Oct. 13, 2009

"Family Rules", Tennessee State University, Spring 2008.

"Wittgenstein's Ruling Family", North Carolina State University, Sept. 25, 2007.

"The Ruling Family", Regional Working Conference on Wittgenstein, Virginia Tech, April 12, 2007.

"Seeing Things and Following Rules: Bringing Together Some Wittgensteinian Ideas:", Wake Forest University, Sept. 7, 2006.

"Ducks, Rabbits, and Rules," University of Georgia, October 7, 2005.

“Rule-Following as Seeing-As,” Florida State, February 2004.

“Communicating Remorse,” Research Triangle’s Ethics Circle, Chapel Hill, January. An earlier version of this paper was presented at Davidson College, Nov. 14, 2003.

"The Expressive Power of Punishment," co-authored with Linda Radzik and Michael Hand, to be presented at the Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, March 2003.

Presentation on the Ethics of Genetic Engineering, Maryville University, February 2003.

"How are Emergencies Different," at Issues in Medical Ethics: 2002, 17th New York Regional Conference: Special Challenges of Emergency Medicine, Wednesday, October 23, 2002, Mount Sinai School of Medicine.

Panel Discussion on Informed Consent
14th Annual Bioethics Retreat, Lake Placid, NY, June 2002.

“Is Supporting Capital Punishment Rational?”, 29th Conference on Value Inquiry: Crime, Punishment and Responsibility, April 2001. An earlier version of this paper was presented at Southern Methodist University, Nov. 2000.

“The Moral Importance of Gathering Information,”
Philosophical Issues in Ethics Across the Curriculum, Salt Lake City, Oct. 2000.

Roundtable participant at the biotechnology and ethics conference, *Etica Della Ricerca Biologica*, held at the Istituto Universitario Europa di San Domenico di Fiesola, November 1999.

“The Standard Meter *is* a Meter Long,” University of Texas at Austin, Oct. 1998. Also presented at the Alabama Philosophical Society, Nov. 1998.

“Seeing is (Mis)Perceiving,” Alabama Philosophical Society, 1997.

“The Death Penalty and Victim’s Rights,” Texas Tech Oct. 1997.

“Resemblances in Wittgenstein and Connectionism,” Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, April, 1995.

“Wittgenstein and Connectionism,” at the University of Houston, April 15, 1994.

“Family Resemblance and Criteria,” Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, March, 1993.

(An earlier draft of this paper was read at the University of Texas, at Austin, April, 1992.)

“Viability,” Eastern Division Meetings of the American Philosophical Association, Dec. 29, 1991.

Public Talks

Ethics discussion in UNCG Service Learning Course.

“Creating Space for Difficult Classroom Discussions”, with Prof. Elizabeth Chiseri-Strater, Ashbey Dialogues Series, April 18, 2007.

Discussion of Capital Punishment & Stem Cell Research, *Ethics Matters*, WCOM Radio Station, Carborro, Nov. 11, 2006.

Medical Ethics presentation to Sociology 261, Oct. 17, 2006.
UNCG

Managing Ethical Dilemmas, Hospice of the Piedmont, Sept. 21, 2006.

Talk on Capital Punishment as part of the Great Conversations series at UNCG, Aug. 24, 2006

Works in Progress

“Family Rules”, under review

“A Proposal about Advance Directives”

“Rule-Following as Seeing-as” book manuscript

Awards and Fellowships

Honors Curriculum Development Grant
\$2,000, Summer 2002

Distinguished Teaching Award, the Association of Former Students
\$2,000, Fall, 2001

NEH Summer Seminar on Metaphysics of Mind
Heil, Cornell University, Summer 1996

NEH Summer Institute on Meaning
Fodor and LePore, Rutgers University, Summer 1993

NEH Summer Seminar on Mental Representation
Robert Cummins, University of Arizona, Summer 1991

Brown University Fellowship
Brown University, 1984-'85 and Fall 1988

Membership in Professional Societies

American Philosophical Association
 American Association of University Professors

Service (UNCG)

Spring '10	Teaching Moses Cone's continuing education: <i>Ethics at the End of Life</i>
Fall '07-continuing	Moses Cone Hospital System Ethics Committee
Fall '07	Judge for Ethic Bowl, Chapel Hill, Nov. 17
Fall '06- continuing	Center for Critical Inquiry: Faculty Advisory Board
Fall '06- Spring '07	College Budget & Planning Committee
Fall '06	Department of Religious Studies Junior Search

Service (Texas A&M University)

Spring 2003	MA Program Advisor
Fall 2002	Search Committee for CLA Faculty Honors Coordinator
Fall 2002-Sp '03	Department Steering Committee
Fall 2002	Interim Graduate Student Advisor
Fall 2002-Sp '03	CLA Graduate Instruction Committee
Fall 2002-Sp '03	Ad Hoc Committee on TA Responsibilities
Fall 2002-Sp '03	Colloquia Committee
Fall 2001-Sp '03	CLA Dean's Diversity Advisory Committee
Fall '01, Fall '02	Discussion Leader for A&M Medical School's First Year Humanities & Medicine (Ethics) course.
Fall 2001	Chair for Victor DiFate's Thesis Committee
Fall 2001-F '02	Academic Standards Committee, chair
Fall 2000-Sp '01	Chair for Jason Mallory's Thesis Committee
Fall 2000-Sp '01	Council of Liberal Arts member
Fall 2000-Sp '01	CLA Dean's <i>ad hoc</i> Diversity Advisory Committee
Fall 2000-Sp '01	Academic Standards Committee, member
Fall 2000	Search Committee
Fall 2000	Ad Hoc Committee to review PhD proposal
Fall 2000	Reviewer for NEH Summer Stipend Program
Fall 2000	Leadership in Medicine Program Mentor
Spring 2000	Ad Hoc Committee on Tenure & Promotion Standards
Fall 1997-'98	Colloquia Committee, chair
Summer 1997	Summer Honors Invitational, 6/10, 6/17, 6/24, 7/1
Spring 1997	Assoc. of Former Student's Distinguished Achievement Awards in Teaching committee, chair
Spring 1997-'99	Philosophy Alumni Relations: Alumni newsletter and Webpage
Spring '97-Sp '98	Dan Mittag's Thesis Committee member
Fall 1996-Sp '97	Simon Dembitzer's Thesis committee member
Fall 1996-1997	Search Committee

Fall 1996-Sp '97 Mentor for University Honors Research Fellow,
Ryan Runkle
 Spring 1996 College Image Committee
 Spring 1996-F'99 Colloquium Committee
 Fall 1995- Student Relations Committee
 Fall 1993-Sp '94 Chair for Taeyong Chung's Thesis Committee
 Fall 1992-Sp '94 Department Head Search Committee
 Fall 1992-Sp '96 Organized Philosophy Dept. Faculty Reading
Group
 Fall 1991-Sp '95 Department Steering Committee

Referee for: *American Philosophical Quarterly, Australasian Journal
of Philosophy, Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical
Review, Ethics, Journal of Philosophical Research,
Journal of Social Philosophy, Noûs, Synthese*

Courses Taught

Graduate Seminars

Contemporary Philosophy
Wittgenstein
Philosophy of Mind
Ethical Theory
Wittgenstein's Philosophy of Mind (Independent Study)
Wittgenstein's *On Certainty* (Independent Study)
Medical Ethics (Independent Study)

Undergraduate

Wittgenstein (seminar)
Introduction to Philosophy
Recent British and American Philosophy
Philosophy of Language
Theory of Knowledge
Medical Ethics
Law & Morality
Engineering Ethics
Contemporary Moral Issues
Ethical Theory
20th Century Analytic Philosophy (Independent Study)
Medical Ethics Across Cultures (Independent Study)