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Appointments

- 2017– Full Professor, Department of Philosophy, Claremont McKenna College
2013–2016 Chair, Department of Philosophy
2010– Deborah and Kenneth Novack Professor of Ethics and Leadership
2010– George R. Roberts Fellow
- 2010-2017 Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, Claremont McKenna College
2004–2010 Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Claremont McKenna College
2002–2004 Postdoctoral Fellow, National Institutes of Health
2002 Visiting Professor, Bowdoin College
2000–2002 Lecturer, University of California, Los Angeles
2000–2001 Lecturer, California State University, Long Beach

Education

- Ph.D. Philosophy, University of California, Los Angeles, 2000. Dissertation: *Blame and the Scope of Moral Requirement*. Dissertation advisor: Barbara Herman.
M.A. Philosophy, University of California, Los Angeles, 1994.
B.A. Philosophy, University of California, Los Angeles, 1993. *Summa Cum Laude*.

Research Fields

Ethical Theory
Political Philosophy
Applied Ethics, especially Medical Ethics

Book

The Ethics of Universal Health Insurance, Oxford University Press, 2019

Articles

- “Moral Transformation and Duties of Beneficence.” *Sophia*, June 2017.
- “Duties to the Global Poor and Minimalism about Global Justice.” *International Journal of Applied Philosophy*, vol. 30, no. 1, Spring 2016: 65-89.
- “On the Incoherence Objection to Rule-Consequentialism.” *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, vol. 19, 2016: 857-876.
- “Liberalism and Public Health Ethics.” *Bioethics*, vol. 30, no. 2, 2016: 96-108.
- “What is the Conservative Point of View about Distributive Justice?” *Public Affairs Quarterly*, vol. 28, no. 4, October 2014: 341-373.
- “Wait Times and National Health Policy.” *The Journal of Medical Ethics*, vol. 40, 2014: 632-635.
- “Formulating and Articulating Public Health Policies: The Case of New York City.” *Public Health Ethics*, vol. 6, no. 3, Oct 2013: 246-251.
- “Fiscal Objections to Expanded Health Coverage: A Case Study of the ACA.” In: *The Affordable Care Act Decision: Philosophical and Legal Implications*, 2014, ed Allhoff and Hall: 195-208.
- “The Value of Self-Creation.” *American Philosophical Quarterly*, vol. 48, no. 4, October 2011: 315-332.
- “Abortion, Competing Entitlements, and Parental Responsibility.” *Journal of Applied Philosophy*, vol. 26, no. 4, 2009: 379-395.
- “Consequentialism, Integrity, and Ordinary Morality.” *Utilitas*, vol. 21, no. 3, September 2009: 377-392.
- “A Populist Argument for Same-Sex Marriage” *The Monist*, vol. 91, nos. 3-4 (double issue), July-October 2008.
- “A Liberal Approach to the Obesity Epidemic.” *Public Affairs Quarterly*, vol. 22, no. 3, July 2008: 269-288.
- “One Danger of Medical Enhancements.” *Bioethics*, vol. 22, no. 6, July 2008: 328-336.
- “Integrity and Ordinary Morality.” *American Philosophical Quarterly*, vol. 44, no. 1, January 2007: 15-27.
- “A Critique of the Innovation Argument Against a National Health Program.” *Bioethics*, vol. 21, no. 6, July 2007: 316-323.
- “Making Risk-Benefit Assessments of Medical Research Protocols.” *The Journal of Law, Medicine, & Ethics*, vol. 32, no. 2, Summer 2004: 327-337.
- “Why Are There No Expert Teachers of Virtue?” *Educational Theory*, vol. 53, no. 4, Fall 2003: 389-400.
- “The Moral Theory Behind Moral Dilemmas.” *American Philosophical Quarterly*, vol. 39, no. 4, October 2002: 373-383.
- “When Can One Requirement Override Another?” *Philosophical Studies*, vol. 108, no. 3, April 2002: 309-326.

Selected Research Presentations and Service

- “The Ethics of Health Care in California and the United States.” Cal Poly Pomona. February 2019.
- Chair, “Abortion.” American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting. 2016.
- “Moral Transformation, Beneficence, and Global Poverty.” Southern California Philosophy Conference. October 2015.
- “Health Care and Moral Experience.” American Society for Bioethics and Humanities annual meeting. October 2014.
- “The Real-World Case for National Health Care.” American Society for Bioethics and Humanities annual meeting. September 2013.
- “What is the Conservative View about Distributive Justice?” Northwest Philosophy Conference. October 2013.
- “What is the Conservative View about Distributive Justice?” Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress. August 2013.
- “Why Good People Make Ethical Mistakes.” UCLA Medical Center. September 2011.
- “The Ethics of New York City’s Public Health Policies.” Harvard University, conference on *New Strategies for Health Promotion*. April 2011.
- “American Values and American Health Care.” Claremont McKenna College Athenaeum (public lecture hall). November 2010.
- “Global Poverty: Facts and Responsibilities.” University of California, Irvine, School of Medicine. (Guest lecturer, course on “Social Medicine.”) September 2010.
- “The Ethics of National Health Care.” National Institutes of Health, Department of Clinical Bioethics. Spring 2010.
- “The Health Reform Bill.” Keck Graduate Institute for Life Sciences. April 2010.
- “Nation Building, Human Rights, and Just War.” Arsalyn Program, Duarte Performing Arts Center. 2010.
- “Looking Beyond 2010: The Next Steps in Health Reform.” University of California, Irvine, presentation for Physicians for Human Rights. 2010.
- Chair, “Moral Dilemmas.” American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting. 2008.
- “Poverty in Africa.” Claremont McKenna Athenaeum. 2008.
- “A Rational Policy on Climate Change.” Claremont McKenna Athenaeum. 2008.
- “Global Poverty: Tragedy and Hope.” Oxfam Banquet Lecture, Claremont Colleges Chapter. 2007.
- “Justifying War.” Claremont McKenna Athenaeum. 2007.
- “Human Rights, Civilian Casualties, and the War in Iraq.” Amnesty International, Claremont Colleges Chapter. 2007.
- Chair, “Author-Meets-Critics Session With Stephen Darwall.” American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting. 2007.
- “Civilian Casualties and the War in Iraq.” University of Redlands. 2006.

- “The Ideas Behind Medical Enhancements.” Washington College. 2006.
- “Occupation and Democracy.” Pitzer College, Forum on the Iraq War. 2006.
- “Cautionary Notes about Medical Enhancements.” National Institutes of Health Bioethics Summit. 2005.
- “How Common is Non-Negligent Moral Ignorance?” Southern California Philosophy Conference. 2004.
- Chair, “The Ethics of End of Life Care.” Annual Meeting, American Society for Bioethics and Humanities. 2003
- “The Politics of Minimal Decency in International Health Policy,” with Leah Belsky (presenter) and James Flory, both of the National Institutes of Health. International Conference on Bioethics, Beijing, China. 2003.
- “Rethinking the Distinction between Excuses and Justifications.” California State University, Long Beach. 2000.

Invited Teaching Presentations

- “The Ethics of Universal Health Insurance.” Presentation to seminar session focusing on author’s book of the same name. Cal Poly Pomona. February 2019.
- “Recent Spinal Cord Injury and Informed Consent.” Presentation to the Tobis Journal Club at the University of California, Irvine, Main Hospital. Summer 2018.
- “Disability, Quality of Life, and Refusal of Treatment.” Presentation to the Ethics Committee of Kaiser Ontario/Fontana. April 2017.
- “Ethical Theory: Aristotle, Kant, and Mill.” Three presentations to the Ethics Committee of the University of California, Irvine, Main Hospital. Summer 2016.
- “Medical Ethics.” Keck Joint Science Department, guest lecturer in course on the biology of cancer. 2015.
- “Learning Ethics.” Webb School. 2011.
- “Teaching Through Discussion.” Claremont Colleges New Faculty Preparation Seminar. 2007.
- “Teaching Leadership and Ethics.” Keck Conference on Leadership Studies. 2007.
- “Introduction to Bioethics.” Keck Graduate Institute of Applied Life Sciences. 2007.
- “How to Think About Moral Dilemmas in Bioethics.” Keck Graduate Institute of Applied Life Sciences. 2006, 2007, 2008.
- “The Ethics of Stem Cell Research.” Claremont McKenna College. 2006.
- “The Ethics of Cloning and Savior Siblings.” Claremont McKenna College. 2005.
- “Some Myths and Facts about National Health Programs.” Keck Graduate Institute of Applied Life Sciences. 2005.
- “What is Bioethics?” Keck Graduate Institute of Applied Life Sciences. 2005
- “The Ethics of National Health Care.” University of California, Irvine. 2005.
- “How to Distribute Public Health Resources Ethically.” George Mason University. 2003.

Other Presentations

“Magic, Deception, and Psychic Power.” Preceptor Program, funded by the Mellon Foundation. Claremont McKenna College. 2005.

Research Honors and Grants

Visiting Faculty Fellowship, Murphy Center for Ethics and Public Affairs. Murphy Institute, Tulane University. 2007-8. (Declined.)

Research Grants, Claremont McKenna Dean of Faculty. Three times: 2007, 2006, 2005.

Research Grants, Gould Center for Humanistic Studies. Four times: 2010, 2008, 2006, 2005.

Research Grant, Kravis Leadership Institute. 2008, 2006.

Dunbar Fellowship, Gould Center for Humanistic Studies. Research Assistant: Chip Dickerson. Project: The Excuses of Capitalism. 2005.

Research Fellowship, National Institutes of Health, Department of Clinical Bioethics and Research. 2002-4.

Chancellor’s Dissertation Fellowship, UCLA. 1999.

University Fellowship for Candidates in Philosophy, UCLA. 1999.

University Research Mentorship, UCLA. 1996.

Department of Philosophy Fellowship, UCLA. 1993.

Phi Beta Kappa, UCLA. 1993.

Summa Cum Laude, UCLA. 1993.

Teaching Honors and Grants

Nominee from Claremont McKenna College, Graves Teaching Award in the Humanities. (West-coast teaching award.) 2007.

Grants for extra-curricular student reading groups, Claremont McKenna Teaching Resource Center. Five times: 2007x2, 2006x2, 2005.

Grants for extra-curricular student reading groups, Gould Center for Humanistic Studies, Claremont McKenna College. Twice: 2007, 2006.

Diversity Grant. Claremont McKenna College, Teaching Resource Center. Project: “Moral Progress and the Status of Women.” 2005.

Ethics Development Grant. Teaching Resource Center, Claremont McKenna College. Project: “The Ethics of Stem Cells and Cloning.” 2005.

Course Development Grant. Teaching Resource Center, Claremont McKenna College. Project: “Global Justice.” 2005.

Yost Prize for Teaching Excellence, UCLA Philosophy Department. 1997.

Service to the Department, College, and Community

Chair, Department of Philosophy, 2013–2016.

Editorial Board, *Public Affairs Quarterly*

Reviewer: *Public Affairs Quarterly*, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, *Bioethics*, *Health Affairs*, *Routledge* (press), *Journal of Philosophical Research*, *Kennedy Institute for Ethics Journal*, *Social Philosophy Today*.

Hospital Ethics Committee, Kaiser Permanente Fontana and Kaiser Permanente Ontario, 2014-present. (Includes work on religious diversity subcommittee, 2017.)

Hospital Ethics Committee, University of California, Irvine, 2014-present.

Philosophy Steering Subcommittee, American Society for Bioethics and Humanities, 2013-present.

Art and Literature presentation reviewer, American Society for Bioethics and Humanities, 2019.

Chair, “The Significance of Religious Experience”. Pacific Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, 2013.

Student advising, colloquium organizing, works-in-progress participant, “on campus” and “inside CMC” speaker, etc.

Program Organizer, Major in Philosophy and Public Affairs, 2004-2010

Working Group, Five-College Program in Philosophy

Faculty Fellow, Robert Day School of Economics and Finance, Claremont McKenna College, 2009–present.

Faculty Board Member, Kravis Leadership Institute, Claremont McKenna College, 2009–2012.

Faculty Advisor, CMC Liberal Arts Society and Reading Group, 2004-2012.

Conference Organizer, Southern California Philosophy Conference, 2009.

Faculty Advisory Committee. Center for the Study of the Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights; Claremont McKenna College. 2004-2008.

Member, Ad Hoc Committee on Revision of Philosophy Curriculum at Claremont McKenna.

Faculty Participant, Trustee Retreat on Science at Claremont McKenna.

Faculty Search Committees. Claremont McKenna College, Department of Philosophy. (Four times, plus additional searches for visitors.)

Chair, Faculty Search Committee, Visiting Professor of Ethics. Claremont McKenna College, Department of Philosophy.

Organizer, Humanities Forum (5-College Humanities Faculty Group). 2006-7.

Admission and Financial Aid Committee. Claremont McKenna College. 2016-present.

Academic Standards Committee. Claremont McKenna College. 2005-7.

Recruiting Speeches to Parents and Students. Parents’ Days, Claremont McKenna College. 2005, 2008.

Senior Fellow On Call. Ethics Consultation Service, National Institutes of Health. 2003-4.

Non-Voting Member, Institutional Review Board. National Institutes of Health, National Cancer Institute. 2003-4.

Fellow On Call. Ethics Consultation Service, National Institutes of Health. 2003-4.
Non-Voting Member, Institutional Review Board. National Institutes of Health, National
Institute of Mental Health. 2002-3.

Memberships

American Philosophical Association
American Society for Bioethics & Humanities
Phi Beta Kappa

Courses Taught

At Claremont McKenna College

Aesthetics of Literature
Bioethics and the Ethics of Health Policy
Business Ethics
Moral and Political Issues (topics have included affirmative action, abortion, terrorism,
animal welfare, warfare ethics, same-sex marriage, global poverty)
Environmental Philosophy
Ethical Theory
Ethics of Medicine (Clinical Ethics)
Ethics of War and Peace (Pacifism, Realism, Just War Theory)
Freshman Humanities Seminar (First-Year Seminar): Enlightenment Values
Global Ethics, including Environmental Ethics and Climate Change
Global Justice, World Poverty, and Human Rights
Happiness, Meaning, and Morality
Introduction to Philosophy
Introduction to Philosophy and Public Affairs (topics included Millian liberalism, warfare
ethics, and human rights)
Leadership in Science (co-taught)
Metaethics
Philosophy in Literature
Political Philosophy
Political Philosophy (race, ethnicity, gender, social class)
Women's Rights, Contemporary and Historical

At Bowdoin College

Seminar on Ethical Reasoning and Personal Ethical Decisions
Philosophy in Literature

At the University of California, Los Angeles

Theories of the Good Life

Philosophy in Literature

Critical Reasoning, Reading, and Writing

Contemporary Moral Issues

Ethical Theory

Philosophy of Religion

At California State University, Long Beach

Graduate Seminar on Freedom of the Will

Informal Logic