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Education

Ph.D., Philosophy, July 2011

University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dissertation: *The Reward of Virtue: An Essay on the Relationship Between Character and Well-Being*, supervised by Valerie Tiberius and Michelle Mason

AOS: Normative Ethics, **AOC:** Practical Ethics, Philosophy of Disability, Philosophical Methods

Graduate work in philosophy and computer science, 1999-2002

University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico

B.A., Liberal Arts, 1999

St. John's College, Santa Fe, New Mexico

Professional Experience

Instructor (Contingent), Philosophy Dept., Saint Paul College, 2017 – present.

Adjunct, Philosophy Dept., Normandale Community College, 2015 – 2017.

Adjunct, Philosophy Dept., University of Minnesota, 2011 – 2016.

Adjunct, Philosophy Dept., St. Catherine University, 2015 – 2016.

Community Faculty, Philosophy Dept., Metropolitan State University, Minnesota, 2012.

Courses Taught

Upper Division: Political Philosophy (UMN).

Upper Division: Biomedical Ethics (SCU).

Upper Division: Introduction to Ethical Theories (UMN).

Upper Division: Contemporary Moral Problems (UMN).

Lower Division: Introduction to Ethics (UMN).

Lower Division: Introduction to Philosophy (UMN, NCC, SPC).

Lower Division: Introduction to Logic (MSU, NCC, SPC).

Lower Division: Health Care Ethics (SPC).

Online: Biomedical Ethics (NCC, SPC).

Online: Introduction to Logic (SPC).

Textbook

Doing Practical Ethics supports the deliberate practice of component philosophical skills relevant to understanding, evaluating, and developing arguments in forms commonly used in the field of practical ethics. Co-written with Jason Swartwood, published by Oxford University Press, July 2021.

Articles & Chapters

“The Ethics of Terraforming: A Critical Survey of Six Arguments.” In *Terraforming Mars*, ed. M. Beech, J. Seckbach, and R. Gordon (Salem: Wiley-Scrivener, 2021): 99–114.

“Barbarous Spectacle and General Massacre: A Defense of Gory Fictions.” *Journal of Applied Philosophy* 37 no. 4 (2020): 511–527.

“Stable Strategies for Personal Development: On the Prudential Value of Radical Enhancement and the Philosophical Value of Speculative Fiction.” *Metaphilosophy* 51 no. 1 (2020): 128–150.

“WORDMORPH!: A Word Game to Introduce Natural Deduction.” *Teaching Philosophy* 41 no. 2 (2018): 185–190.

“Humans Should Not Colonize Mars.” *Journal of the American Philosophical Association* 3 no. 3 (2017): 334–353.

“Fanciful Examples” (with Jason Swartwood). *Metaphilosophy* 48 no. 3 (2017): 325–344.

“Ways to Be Worse Off.” *Res Philosophica* 93 no. 4 (2016): 921–949.
-Awarded the APA’s Routledge, Taylor & Francis Prize in 2017.

“In Defense of Hyperlinks: A Response to Dreyfus.” *Techné: Research in Philosophy and Technology* 7 no. 3 (2004): 79–89.

Papers in Progress

“Teaching Academic Reading Skills With Small-Group Discussion Guides” outlines and advocates for my skills-focused approach to teaching deep reading in lower-division college classes.

“Well-Being, Preference Satisfaction, and Disability” develops an adequacy test for theories of well-being, then argues that theories in the preference-satisfaction family fail that test.

Public Philosophy

“Is it wrong to enjoy violent horror films?” Guest post for the *Justice Everywhere* blog, December 2019.

“Planetary Protection: Ethical Implications of Evidence of Life on Mars.” Invited commentary published in *Journal of Astrobiology and Space Science Research*, June 2019.

Guest panelist for the “Money on Mars” episode of *In the Balance*, a program of the BBC World Service, August 2018.

News editor for *The Philosopher’s Eye*, a blog hosted by Blackwell’s *Philosophy Compass*, 2009–2010.

Creative Writing

“Eight Lacunae” (short story). *Typehouse Literary Magazine* 6 no. 1 (2019): 107–113.

“The Sort of Thing Everyone Knows” (narrative non-fiction). *Eclectica* 21 no. 1 (2017).

“The Egg Collection” (short story). *South Dakota Review* 51 no. 3&4 (2015): 55–66.

-Reprinted in *Midwestern Gothic* (Winter 2018): 253–269.

“Conflagration” (science fiction short story as D.L.E. Roger). In *This Is How You Die*, ed. R. North, M. Bennardo, and D. Malki ! (New York: Grand Central, 2013): 131–148.

“Neil the Intelligent” (science fiction short story). In *Listen to the Future*, ed. T. Durrant (Smithfield: A Different Drum, 2004): 80–87.

“The Lavender Retaliation” (short story). *The Blue Mesa Review* 14 (2002): 220–228.

-Awarded the University of New Mexico’s Graduate Fiction Prize in 2002.

Conference Presentations

“Well-Being, Preference Satisfaction, and Disability,” The APA Central Division Meeting, Chicago, IL, March 2016.

“Fanciful Cases” (with Jason Swartwood), Minnesota Philosophical Society annual meeting, Normandale Community College, November 2015.

“Teaching Philosophical Reading With Small Group Discussion Guides,” The American Association of Philosophy Teachers Workshop/Conference, St. John’s University, Collegeville, MN, August 2014.

“Radical genetic enhancements are probably a prudential mistake,” Minnesota Philosophical Society annual meeting, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, October 2013.

“Anger: Sometimes Appropriate, Never a Virtue,” APA Central Division Meeting, Chicago, IL, February 2012.

“Liars, drunks, and squash players should emulate virtuous people,” APA Pacific Division Meeting, San Diego, CA, April 2011.

“Against the self-indulgence objection to eudaimonistic theories,” Eudaimonia and Virtue: Rethinking the Good Life, University of Miami, February 2011.

“Ethical egoism and virtue egoism,” Minnesota Philosophical Society annual meeting, St. Catherine University, St. Paul, November 2009.

“Celibacy, fasting, penance, mortification, and other bad things to do,” Minnesota Philosophical Society annual meeting, Macalester College, St. Paul, November 2008.

“Kant and the Competitive Spirit” (poster session), The Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress

(RoME), University of Colorado, Boulder, August 2008.

“Anger and the Humean Virtues Under Oppression,” Minnesota Philosophical Society annual meeting, Inver Hills Community College, October 2007.

“The Monkish Virtues and Hume’s Disjunctive Claim,” Minnesota Philosophical Society annual meeting, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, October 2005.

“Trust, Friendship, and Hume’s Reply to the Sensible Knave,” 32nd Annual Hume Society Conference, University of Toronto, July 2005.

“Should We Do What Virtuous Agents Do?” Special Conference on Value: Values, Rational Choice, and the Will, University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, April 2004, and the Minnesota Philosophical Society annual meeting, MSU Mankato, October 2004.

“The Schizophrenia of Optimific Ethical Theories,” Seventh Annual Brown Graduate Philosophy Conference, Brown University, February 2003.

Invited Presentations & Teaching

Presentation and workshop for clinical staff at Fraser Mental Health, Egan, MN, November 2018, “Models of Disability (And Why They Matter)” (with Jason Swartwood).

Keynote presentation to the UMN University Honors Student Association’s annual retreat, April 2017, “Maybe We Can, But Should We? The Moral Case Against Colonizing Mars.”

Colloquium, St. Catherine University, December 2015, “Hassle and Loneliness Have Nothing in Common: Disability’s Challenge to the Philosophy of Well-Being.”

Presentation to the student group Campus Atheists, Skeptics, and Humanists, UMN, October 2015, “Re-balancing safe-harbor and outreach.”

Works-in-progress presentation to the UMN philosophy department, March 2015, “Disability, Well-Being, and QALY Analysis.”

Workshop/discussion, UMN M.P.L.S. Theory (Moral, Political, Legal, Social), January 2015, “Ways to Be Worse Off.”

Presentation to the UMN Undergraduate Philosophy Club, September 2014, “Affirmative Action: What it is and what philosophers can contribute to discussions about it.”

Guest lecture in the CSUS communication studies department, Mark Stoner’s course on rhetorical analysis, February 2014, “Good reasons, bad reasons, and how to tell them apart.”

Presentation to the student group Campus Atheists, Skeptics, and Humanists, UMN, October 2012, “Morals and motivation in the absence of God and Hell.”

Presentation to the Hibbing Community College philosophy community, April 2012, “Three

answers to the question: What is anger?"

Guest lecture in the UMN psychology department, Angus MacDonald III's course on happiness, October 2011, "Well-being in moral philosophy."

Presentation to the UMN Undergraduate Philosophy Club, September 2008, "Virtue Ethics and Criteria of Right Action."

Honors & Awards

Routledge, Taylor & Francis Prize, American Philosophical Association, 2017. (This award recognizes outstanding publications of non-tenure-track faculty.)

Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, University of Minnesota, 2008-2009.

Swenson/Kierkegaard Dissertation Fellowship, University of Minnesota, Spring 2008.

Tom Lopic Memorial Fellowship in Philosophy and Social Justice, Summer 2006.

Hume Society, Graduate Travel Stipend Award, 2005.

University of Minnesota, Departmental GRPP Grant, 2005.

Graduate Research Partnership Program Grant, University of Minnesota, 2004.

Graduate School Fellowship, University of Minnesota, 2003-2004.

Graduate Fiction Prize, University of New Mexico 2002.

Activities & Service

Peer reviewer (ad hoc) for Philosophical Studies, Teaching Philosophy, International Journal of Value Inquiry, Techné, British Journal of Aesthetics, and the Hume Society Annual Conference.

Faculty assistant and guest presenter for the Saint Paul Lyceum, a philosophy summer camp for high school students, 2019.

Senior thesis supervisor, UMN, 2015-2016.

Debate moderator for Dan Barker and Hamza Tzortzis, "Which is more rational: Atheism or Islam?" sponsored by Building Blocks of Islam and Campus Atheists, Skeptics, and Humanists, November, 2011.

Professional Affiliations

American Association of Philosophy Teachers

American Philosophical Association

Minnesota Philosophical Society