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Areas of Specialization

Ethics, History of Modern Philosophy

Areas of Competence

Asian & Western Comparative Philosophy, Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Law, Aesthetics

Academic Positions

William Paterson University, Assistant Professor, 2005-present.

Claremont McKenna College, Visiting Assistant Professor, 2003-2005.

Education

Harvard University, A.B. *magna cum laude*, Philosophy, 1996.

University of Chicago, Ph.D., Philosophy, 2002.

Courses Taught

17th and 18th C. Philosophy (at William Paterson and Claremont McKenna)

Aesthetics (at Claremont McKenna)

Asian & Western Comparative Ethics and Political Philosophy (at William Paterson)

Asian & Western Comparative Metaphysics and Epistemology (at William Paterson)

Ethics (at William Paterson and Claremont McKenna)

Ideas of Freedom (at William Paterson)

Introduction to Philosophy (at William Paterson and Claremont McKenna)

Philosophy of Law (at William Paterson)

Political Philosophy (at William Paterson)

Liberal Studies Colloquium (at William Paterson)

Liberal Studies Senior Capstone Seminar (at William Paterson)

Questions of Civilization (at Claremont McKenna)

Articles in Refereed Journals

- (12) **"Taking Free Will Skepticism Seriously"**, forthcoming in *The Philosophical Quarterly*.
- (11) **"Punishment, Persons, and Free Will Skepticism"**, *Philosophical Studies*, available now through Springer "Online First", DOI 10.1007/s11098-011-9752-z. Forthcoming in print.
- (10) **"The Scope of Responsibility in Kant's Theory of Free Will"**, *The British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, 2010, Vol. 18. No. 1, pp. 45-71.
- (9) **"Free Will Skepticism and Personhood as a Desert Base"**, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, 2009, Vol. 39, no. 3, pp. 489-511.
- (8) **"Free Will and Reasonable Doubt"**, *American Philosophical Quarterly*, 2009, Vol. 46., No. 2, pp. 131-140.
- (7) **"The Theme of Time in Thoreau's *Cape Cod*"**, *Concord Saunterer: A Journal of Thoreau Studies* (the journal of the Thoreau Society), New Series, Vol. 16, 2008, pp. 33-44.
- (6) **"Hard Determinism, Humeanism, and Virtue Ethics"**, *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, Vol. 46, No. 1, 2008, pp. 121-144.
- (5) **"Hard Determinism, Remorse, and Virtue Ethics"**, *Southern Journal of Philosophy* 42, 2004, pp. 547-564.
- (4) **"Can We Interpret Kant as a Compatibilist about Determinism and Moral Responsibility?"**, *The British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, Vol. 12, No. 4, 2004, pp. 719-730.
- (3) **"On a Tension in Diamond's Account of Tractarian Nonsense"**, *Philosophical Investigations*, Vol. 26 No. 3, 2003, pp. 230-238.

Chapters in Peer-Reviewed Books

- (2) **"Incompatibilism and Ontological Priority in Kant's Theory of Free Will"**, in *Rethinking Kant: Current Trends in North American Kantian Scholarship*, ed. Pablo Muchnik Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2008, pp. 28-47.
- (1) **"Kant and Santaraksita on the Infinite Divisibility and Insubstantiality of Matter"**, forthcoming in *Studies on Santaraksita*, ed. Paul Bernier, Marie-Louise Fricquegnon and Philippe Turenne, New York: Global Scholarly Publications.

Reviews

Review of Graham Bird's *The Revolutionary Kant*, *Kantian Review*, Vol. 12, No. 2, 2007, pp. 158-164.

Manuscripts Under Review

"The Asymmetrical Justifiability of Holding Morally Responsible"

"Does Retributivism Imply Vigilantism?"

Refereed Presentations

"Does Retributivism Imply Vigilantism?" 2011 New Jersey Regional Philosophical Association Conference.

"Taking Free Will Skepticism Seriously", 2011 Felician College Ethics Conference

"Free Will and the Asymmetrical Justifiability of Holding Morally Responsible", 2009 New Jersey Regional Philosophical Association Conference.

"Free Will and Reasonable Doubt"

- 2008 Pacific APA Conference.
- 2007 Northwest Conference on Philosophy.

"The Scope of Responsibility in Kant's Theory of Free Will", Eastern Study Group, North American Kant Society, 2007.

"Moral Responsibility and Personhood as a Desert Base"

- 2006 Eastern Conference of the American Philosophical Association.
- 2006 Northwest Conference on Philosophy.
- Fall 2006 Conference of the New Jersey Regional Philosophical Association.

"Consciousness, Desire, and Enlightenment", 2006 Eastern Conference of the American Philosophical Association.

"Hume, Hard Determinism, and 'Ought Implies Can' ", 2006 Central States Philosophical Association.

"Kant and Santaraksita on the Infinite Divisibility and Insubstantiality of Matter", 2006 Central Conference of the American Philosophical Association.

"Humean Strategies for Hard Determinism"

- 2006 Conference of the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology.
- Fall 2005 Conference of the New Jersey Regional Philosophical Association.

"Hard Determinism, Remorse, and Virtue Ethics", Mountain-Plains Philosophical Association, 2004.

"Kant on Timeless Agency and Causation", North American Kant Society Midwest, 1999.

"Kuhn and Davidson on Conceptual Schemes", Illinois Philosophical Association, Loyola University, Chicago, 1998.

Invited Presentations

"Consciousness, Desire, and Enlightenment", Asia Society Manhattan, May 2006.

"Kant's Theory of Free Will", Long Island University Free Will Seminar, 2006.

"Remorse and Empathy", Empathy Program at Scripps College Humanities Institute, 2005.

Awards and Grants

Summer Writing Stipend, Research Center for the Humanities and Social Sciences, William Paterson University, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010.

Research Mini-Grant, Asia Society, 2008.

Shaw Dissertation-Year Fellowship, Department of Philosophy, University of Chicago, 2001-2002.

Century Fellowship, Department of Philosophy, University of Chicago, 1996-2001.

Manley Thompson Memorial Prize, Department of Philosophy, University of Chicago, 1999.

Highlights of Service to the University

Director, Liberal Studies Major, Summer 2009-present.

Advisor, Liberal Studies Major, Summer 2009-present.

Director, Cluster Program, Spring and Summer 2009. Identified professors to teach in clusters,
Identified students who could most benefit from clusters, and registered students for clusters.

Participating Professor, Cluster Program, 5 courses from 2006 through 2009.

Member, Institutional Review Board, Fall 2008-Fall 2010.

CITI Certified Research Protocol Evaluator, Spring 2009-Fall 2010. Completed Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative program to support WPUNJ Institutional Review Board.

University Library Advisement Committee Member, Spring 2008-Fall 2010.

Judge for the William Paterson University Writing Across the Curriculum Program publication *Celebrating Student Writing Across the Curriculum 2005-2006*.

Highlights of Service to the College

Humanities and Social Sciences Curriculum Committee Co-Chair, Fall 2008-Spring 2009.

Humanities and Social Sciences Curriculum Committee Representative, Department of Philosophy, William Paterson University, Fall 2006- Spring 2007, and Fall 2008-Spring 2009.

Member, Asian Studies Program, Fall 2005-present.

Member, "Integrating Asian Studies into the Curriculum" program, William Paterson University College of Humanities & Social Sciences/Asia Society, Fall 2005-Spring 2006.

Highlights of Service to the Philosophy Department

Advisor, Department of Philosophy, William Paterson University, Fall 2006-Fall 2011. During this period I was the only advisor for Philosophy, and our department was ranked number one throughout the College of Humanities and Social Sciences in a 2010 survey of student satisfaction with advisement conducted by the Dean's Office.

Philosophy Club Coordinator, Department of Philosophy, William Paterson University, Fall 2005-Fall 2008.

Philosophy Department Film Series Coordinator, Fall 2005-Spring 2009.

Service to the Discipline

Book Manuscript Referee

- Cambridge University Press, 2009.
- Westview Press, 2007.

Article Manuscript Referee

- *Ethical Perspectives*, 2011.
- *Law and Philosophy*, 2010, 2011.
- *Mind*, 2009.
- *Journal of Social Philosophy*, 2009.
- *Philosophia*, 2008.

Judge for the annual Business Ethics Competition at Loyola Marymount University's Center for Business and Ethics, 2003.

Philosophy Website Reviewer, Britannica.com division of *Encyclopedia Britannica*, 1999-2000.

Memberships in Professional Organizations

- American Philosophical Association
- Northwest Philosophical Association
- Central States Philosophical Association
- North American Kant Society