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SPECIALIZATION Political Philosophy and Philosophy of Law, Ethics

COMPETENCE Ancient Philosophy, Applied Ethics

EDUCATION Ph.D., Philosophy, University of Texas at Austin
Visiting student at Oxford University, Hilary and Trinity Terms 2008
Degree conferred: May 2011

A.B., Interdisciplinary Studies in the Humanities, University of Chicago.
Degree conferred: June 2004

Regis High School, New York, NY, 2000

PUBLICATIONS “Unresolved Problems in the Service Conception of Authority” *Oxford Journal of Legal Studies* Vol. 30 No. 2 (2010) pp 319-340.

“A New Instrumental Theory of Rights” *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* Vol. 13 No. 2 (2010) pp 215-228.

“Utility, Autonomy and the Harm Principle” *Proceedings of the Northwestern University Conference in Ethical Theory and Political Philosophy*, May 2007.

“The Aesthetics of *Irezumi* in Kuniyoshi's *Suikoden*” *Select Papers of the Center for East Asian Studies* Vol. XII, University of Chicago Press, forthcoming.

UNDER REVIEW “Decisions in Complex Circumstances”
“Chrysippus and Posidonius on Excessive Impulse: A Study in Stoic Moral Psychology”

IN PREPARATION/ *Argumentation and Ethics in Advertising* (with Dan Bonevac) Wiley Business

FUTURE PROJECTS “Practical Authority and the Principle of Autonomy”

“The Function of Rights”

“Adjudication, Equity and Discretion”

“Reason, Virtue and Supererogation”

“The Measurement of Freedom”

“Epigenetics and Harm to Future Persons”

“Rational Advertising and Respect”

DISSERTATION *Toward an Aristotelian Liberalism*

[Passed without revisions; nominated: University Award for Outstanding Dissertation]

My dissertation develops and defends a contemporary Aristotelian form of political liberalism. I articulate an Aristotelian interpretation of individual autonomy as excellence in deliberating about ends, and develop a decision-theoretic model for representing this type of deliberation. I then provide a precise characterization of individual freedom, building on Amartya Sen's neo-Aristotelian theory of freedom as capability. I argue that we should understand individual liberty, the guiding value of political liberalism, as a compound of autonomy and freedom as I

have articulated these notions. I then argue that liberty in this sense is the proper focus of a liberal theory of distributive justice. I provide an instrumental justification of the state's authority to pursue a liberty-based program of distributive justice, and argue for an autonomy-based interpretation of the harm principle as the appropriate limitation on state action.

TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS	<p>“Freedom, Capability and Well-Being” University of Texas at Austin Graduate Colloquium</p> <p>“Unresolved Problems in the Service Conception of Authority” University of Texas at Austin Graduate Colloquium</p> <p>“A New Instrumental Theory of Rights” - Oxford University Jurisprudence Discussion Group - Oxford University Ockham Society</p> <p>“Utility, Autonomy and the Harm Principle” - Northwestern Conference in Ethical Theory and Political Philosophy - University of Texas at Austin Graduate Colloquium</p>	<p>April 2010</p> <p>April 2009</p> <p>May 2008 January 2008</p> <p>May 2007 March 2007</p>
COMMENTS	<p>Comment on "Deliberation and Sudden Action" Mind, Language, Knowledge Conference (UT Austin)</p> <p>Comment on “Feasibility and Human Rights: Does ‘Ought’ Imply ‘Can’?” London Forum in Moral & Political Philosophy (UCL)</p> <p>Comment on “In Defense of Lewis' Analysis of Fiction” Graduate Student Philosophy Conference (UT Austin)</p>	<p>January 2010</p> <p>April 2008</p> <p>May 2005</p>
AWARDS AND HONORS	<p>Nominated: University Award for Outstanding Dissertation (Humanities)</p> <p>University of Texas at Austin Graduate School Continuing Fellowship</p> <p>University of Texas at Austin Graduate School Fellowship</p> <p>University of Texas at Austin Professional Development Award</p> <p>Francis X. Kinahan Memorial Prize for Outstanding Bachelor's Thesis</p> <p><i>Phi Beta Kappa</i></p>	<p>May 2011</p> <p>2010-2011</p> <p>2007-2008</p> <p>2007</p> <p>2004</p> <p>2004</p>
TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS	<p>Science and the Modern World</p> <p>Business Ethics</p> <p>Contemporary Moral Problems</p> <p>Introduction to Philosophy</p> <p>Modern Philosophy: Descartes to Kant</p> <p>Philosophy of Religion</p> <p>Christian Philosophy</p> <p>Human Nature</p>	
SIGNATURE COURSE TA	<p>Ideas of the 20th Century</p> <p><i>This position included additional responsibilities, such as selecting weekly supplemental readings, and giving short lectures on those readings in tutorial sessions.</i></p>	
INSTRUCTOR TRAINING	<p>UT Austin Philosophy Department – Supervised Teaching in Philosophy, 2009</p> <p>UT Austin School of Undergraduate Studies – Certificate in Interdisciplinary Instruction, 2009</p>	
RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS	<p>Research on reason and ethics in advertising</p> <p>Assisted with preparations for an interdisciplinary conference hosted at UT</p>	<p>2008 - present</p> <p>2006 - 2007</p>

ACADEMIC SERVICE	Session Chair - APA Pacific Division Meeting		April 2009
	Referee - UT Austin Graduate Conference		2006 - 2009
	Session Chair - UT Austin Graduate Conference		2006 - 2007
READING GROUPS	Law and Philosophy Discussion Group, UT		2004 - present
	Selections from <i>Moral Psychology</i> (Walter Sinnott-Armstrong), UT		2009
	<i>Experiments in Ethics</i> (Kwame Anthony Appiah), Oxford		2008
	<i>Justice in Robes</i> (Ronald Dworkin), UT		2007
	<i>What We Owe to Each Other</i> (T. M. Scanlon), UT		2005
MEMBERSHIPS	American Philosophical Association		2007 - present
	Center for the Philosophy of Advertising		2007 – present
	American Society for Political and Legal Philosophy		2007 – present
GRADUATE COURSES TAKEN/AUDITED	<u>Political/Legal Philosophy</u>		
	Marx vs. Rawls	David Braybrooke	2005
	The Rule of Law (audit)	L. Green/J. Gardner	2005
	Fundamental Concepts of Political Theory	J. Budjieszewski	2005
	Legal Interpretation	A.P. Martinich	2006
	Decision Theory	Sahotra Sarkar	2006
	Advanced Topics in Jurisprudence	Brian Leiter	2006
	Jurisprudence Seminar (Oxford) (audit)	T. Endicott	2008
	<u>Ethics</u>		
	Aristotle's Ethics	Stephen White	2004
	Ancient Virtue Ethics	Stephen White	2006
	Nietzsche, Religion & Values	Kathleen Higgins	2006
	Ethics in the 20 th Century	Jonathan Dancy	2006
	The Practicality of Moral Judgment	Jonathan Dancy	2007
	Moral Philosophy Seminar (Oxford) (audit)	Krister Bykvist	2008
	<u>Ancient Philosophy</u>		
	Aristotle's Ethics	Stephen White	2004
	Posidonius	Stephen White	2005
	Ancient Virtue Ethics	Stephen White	2006
	Plato's Middle Dialogues	Paul Woodruff	2007
	<u>Metaphysics and Philosophy of Language</u>		
	Modal Metaphysics	Robert Koons	2004
	Logic	Josh Dever	2005
	Theories of Reference	Mark Sainsbury	2005
	Interpretation and Meaning	A.P. Martinich	2006
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