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Appointments

- 2007 – Chair, Department of Philosophy, Washington and Lee University
- 2006 – Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, Washington and Lee University
- 2000 – 2006 Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Washington and Lee University
- 1998 – 2000 Graduate Instructor, Department of Philosophy, Duke University
- 1995 College Lecturer (part-time), Department of Philosophy, University College Cork
- 1993 – 1995 Tutor and Guest Lecturer, Center for European Studies, Trinity College, Dublin
- 1993 – 1994 Senior Tutor, Department of Philosophy, University College Dublin

Visiting Positions

- 2007 (July) Visiting Scholar, Center for Ethics, NEH Seminar on Democracy, Law and Human Rights, Georgia State University
- 2006 – 2007 Visiting Fellow, Department of Philosophy, Princeton University
Hewlett-Mellon Fellow
- 2003 (Fall) Visiting Scholar in the Faculty of Philosophy, University of Cambridge
Visiting Fellow, Clare Hall, Cambridge

Education

- 1995 – 2000 Duke University, Ph.D. in Philosophy
Motivational Internalism and the Authority of Morality
Advisor: Alasdair MacIntyre
Committee: Owen Flanagan, Martin Golding, Lynn Joy, Martin Stone
- 1992 – 1993 University of Cambridge, M.Phil. in Philosophy
Popper, Gadamer and Hermeneutics
Advisor: Michael Tanner
Committee: Tom Baldwin, Susan James
- 1988 – 1992 Trinity College, Dublin, B.A. in Philosophy and Modern English (Double First Class Honours)
Thesis in Philosophy: *The Concept of 'Taste' in Addison, Hume and Burke*
Advisor: J. C. A. Gaskin
Thesis in Modern English: *Politics vs. Literature: Orwell on Gulliver's Travels*
Advisor: W. J. McCormick

Areas of Research Specialization

Ethics, Metaethics, Modern Philosophy

Areas of Teaching Competence

Ancient Philosophy (esp. Virtue Theory), Applied Ethics, Philosophy of Law

Publications

(a) Book chapters

1. “The Truth About Kant On Lies”, in *The Philosophy of Deception*, ed. Clancy Martin (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009), p. 201-224.
2. “Lying”, *Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, 2nd ed., Vol. 5 (Michigan: Macmillan, 2006), p. 618-19
3. “Getting Your Sources Right: What Aristotle Didn’t Say”, in *Researching and Applying Metaphor*, eds. Lynne Cameron and Graham Low (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1999), p. 69-80
4. “Truth and Metaphor”, in *Metaphor and Rational Discourse*, eds. Bernard Debatin, Timothy R. Jackson and Daniel Steuer (Tübingen: Max Niemeyer Verlag, 1997), p. 137-46

(b) Articles

1. “Kant on Keeping a Secret”, *Listening: Journal of Religion and Culture* 44 (2009)
2. “Two Definitions of Lying”, *International Journal of Applied Philosophy*, 22 (2008), p. 211-230
3. “The Definition of Lying and Deception”, *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (2008)
4. “The Morality of *On Liberty*”, *Studies in the History of Ethics – Symposium on Mill’s Ethics: Commemorating the Bicentennial of J. S. Mill’s Birth* (2007)
5. “A Definition of Deceiving”, *International Journal of Applied Philosophy*, 21 (2007), p. 181-194
6. “Kant and the Perfect Duty to Others Not to Lie”, *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, 14 (2006), p. 653-685
7. “Kant and Maria von Herbert: Reticence vs. Deception”, *Philosophy*, 81 (2006), p. 417-44
8. “The Good, the Bad, and the Obligatory”, *The Journal of Value Inquiry* 40 (2006), p. 59-71
9. “Emotivism and Internalism: Ayer and Stevenson”, *Studies in the History of Ethics* (2005)
10. “Kant on Lies, Candour and Reticence”, *Kantian Review* 7 (2003), p. 102-33

(c) Reviews

1. Review of *Moral Animals: Ideals and Constraints in Moral Theory*, by Catherine Wilson, in *International Journal of Philosophical Studies* 16 (2007), p. 617-622
2. Review of *Rights and Reason: An Introduction to the Philosophy of Rights*, by Jonathan Gorman, in *International Journal of Philosophical Studies* 13 (2005), p. 285-89
3. Review of *Dismantling Democratic States*, by Ezra Suleiman, in *The Review of Politics* 67 (2005), p. 153-55
4. “Descartes Our Contemporary” (Review essay), *The European Legacy* 4 (1999), p. 98-101
5. Review of *Ethics and Practical Reason*, edited by Garrett Cullity and Berys Gaut, in *International Journal of Philosophical Studies* 7 (1999), p. 119-20
6. Review of *The Rhetoric of Berkeley’s Philosophy*, by Peter Walmsley, in *The Berkeley Newsletter* 14 (1996), p. 15-17
7. Review of *The Poetics of Mind*, by Raymond Gibbs, in *International Journal of Philosophical Studies* 4 (1996), p. 202-03
8. Review of *Philosophy and Philosophers: An Introduction to Western Philosophy*, by John Shand, in *History of European Ideas* 21 (1995), p. 584-85

(d) In preparation

Thou Shalt Not Lie: Kant on Lies (book manuscript; in discussion with Princeton University Press)
“Lying” (for *Philosophy Compass*)
“Kant and the Duty of Beneficence”
“Sissela Bok and Permissible Lying”
“Foot, Thomson, and the Trolley Problem”
“Descartes on Deception”
“Why There Are No Bald-Faced Lies”
“Keeping A Secret”

Presentations

1. "Was Hobbes a Conventionalist about Morality?", *Freedom and Sovereignty, Globalization and Colonization*, Davis and Elkins College, November 14 2008
2. "Kant and the Duty to Help Others", Rhodes College, April 17 2008
3. "Murder and the Trolley Problem", Texas Christian University, April 8 2008
4. "Lying and Deceiving", Class of '62 Lecture, Washington and Lee University, March 5, 2008
5. "State Secrets and State Lies", Perpetual Kant: Peace, Politics, and our Enlightenment Heritage, Lewis University, February 22, 2008
6. "Foot, Thomson and the Trolley Problem", Virginia Philosophical Association, Oct. 27, 2007
7. "The Non-Demandingness of the Duty of Beneficence", Boston University, Sept. 28, 2007
8. "Mill's Enforcement of Morality", National Endowment of Humanities Seminar, Georgia State University, August 1, 2007
9. "A Definition of Deception", Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association, University of Bristol, July 8 2007
10. "Kant and the Trolley Problem", Canadian Society for the Study of Practical Ethics, University of Saskatchewan, May 28 2007,
11. "Thomson and Abortion", Princeton Bioethics Forum, Princeton University, April 3, 2007
12. "The Morality of *On Liberty*", Felician College, March 17 2007
13. "The Just Society", Princeton University, October 3 2006
14. "Kant's Duty of Beneficence", Ethics and Demandingness, University of Dundee, July 16 2006
15. "Sissela Bok on Permissible Lying", Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association, University of Southampton, July 9 2006
16. "Why There Are No Moral Dilemmas", Luther College, April 6 2006
17. "God Is Not A Deceiver": Descartes on God and Deception", St. Thomas University, April 10 2006
18. "Lying, Deceiving, and Being Economical with the Truth", Fred Fox Benton, Jr., Memorial Lecture, Institute for Honor, Washington and Lee University, February 25 2006
19. "Kant and the Different Formulae of the Categorical Imperative", Longwood University, February 2006
20. "Kant and Maria von Herbert: Reticence vs. Deception", The Murphy Institute Center for Ethics and Politics, Washington and Lee University, January 13 2006
21. "Comments on "Making Sense of Prayer"", Virginia Philosophical Association, Virginia Wesleyan College, October 29 2005
22. "Is Socrates A Liar?", Appalachian State University, September 2005
23. "The Good, the Bad and the Obligatory", Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association, Manchester University, July 10 2005
24. "Kant and Maria von Herbert on Lying and Reticence", St. Thomas University, April 7 2005
25. "Emotivism and Internalism", University of Virginia, November 2004
26. "Descartes's Fourth Meditation: God, Judgment and Truth", Hampden-Sydney College, October 2004
27. "Comments on 'Sympathy and Inclusiveness'", Virginia Philosophical Association, Virginia Military Institute, October 2004
28. "Kant and the Ethical Duty to Others Not to Lie", Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association, University of Kent at Canterbury, July 10 2004
29. "What Is A Lie?", The Roberts Lecture, Grinnell College, April 21 2004
30. "Kant and the Ethical Duty Not to Lie", St. Thomas University, February 2004
31. "Lying and the Intention to Deceive", St. Johns College Philosophy Club, St Johns College, Cambridge, November 2003
32. "The Origins of Internalism", The Moral Sciences Club, University of Cambridge, November 2003
33. "Rigorism and Duties of Wide Obligation", University of Nevada at Las Vegas, March 2003
34. "Was Socrates a Liar?", Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, January 2003

Presentations (contd.)

35. "Lying as a Violation of a Duty to Oneself", Kantian Ethics Conference, San Diego University, January 2003
36. "Metaphysical Doubts and Cartesian Circles", Radford University, April 2002
37. "Desires and Reasons", James Madison University, November 2001
38. "The Desire to Do One's Duty", Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, November 2001
39. "Lying and Deception", Southern Virginia University, October 2001
40. "Kant on Lying and Truthfulness", American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Meeting, New York, December 2000
41. "Kant on Lies", Harvard University/MIT Graduate Philosophy Conference, Harvard University, March 2000
42. "Two Prohibitions on Lying", Pittsburgh Graduate Philosophy Conference, University of Pittsburgh/Carnegie Mellon University, March 2000
43. "Kant on Lying and Reticence", Southeastern Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Duke University, November 1999
44. "Kant, Maria von Herbert and Evil", Women's Studies Graduate Research Conference, Duke University, November 1998
45. "Aristotle and Moral Luck", North American Graduate Research Conference, Saint Louis University, October 1998
46. "Altruism: From Darwin to Trivers", Evolving the Human Mind, University of Sheffield, June 1998
47. "Plato and the Passivity of the Visual Arts", *Über Blick: Looking Over Visuality*, Columbia University, March 1998
48. "Dostoevsky on God and Morality", Symposium on Dostoevsky, Duke University, December 1997
49. "Moral Luck and Gender", Women's Studies Graduate research Conference, Duke University, November 1997
50. "Integrity and Ground Projects", Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and Mind Association, University of Warwick, July 1997
51. "The Moral Status of the Novel", Brown University Graduate Student Philosophy Conference, Brown University, February 1997
52. "Descartes and Feminist Theory", Inroads: Women and Gender Across the Academic Landscape, Duke University, January 1997
53. "Art as Experience: Dewey and the Radical Pragmatist Aesthetic", Radicalism in Aesthetics and Politics, Duke University, November 1996
54. "Chomsky on Descartes, Language and Robots", Rutgers University Graduate Philosophy Conference, Rutgers University, April 1996
55. "Descartes on Pure Thought and Dreaming", Southeastern Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, North Carolina State University, April 1996
56. "Coinage versus Usage: How Richards and Gibbs get Aristotle wrong on Metaphor", British Association for Applied Linguistics, University of York, January 1996
57. "Truth and Metaphor", Metaphor and Rational Discourse, Trinity College Dublin, May 1995
58. "Stanley Fish and Interpretation Theory", The Philosophy Society, University College Dublin, November 1993
59. "Why Descartes is not a "Brain-in-a-Vat"", Irish Philosophical Society, Limerick, April 1993
60. "An Epistemological Similarity between Hobbes and Kierkegaard", Cambridge Seminar in Philosophy, University of Cambridge, November 1992

Panel participant

1. Invited contributor, workshop on the work of Jennifer Baker, Institute for Humane Studies, George Mason University, April 2006
2. Session chair, “Instrumental Reasoning and the Motivational Power of Beliefs”, American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting, Cleveland, April 2003
3. Session chair, “The Construction of Gender in Fiction”, Eighth Annual Women’s Studies Graduate Research Conference, Duke University, November 1997
4. Session chair, “Manufacturing and Marketing the Colonial Spectacle”, Culture and Colonialism Conference, University College Galway, June 1995

Professional Activities

Referee, *Ethics*

Referee, *Philosophical Topics*

Referee, *Philosophical Quarterly*

Referee, *The Review of Politics*

Referee, *International Journal of Philosophical Studies*

Referee, *New Horizons*

Manuscript Reader, Oxford University Press

Manuscript Reader, Blackwell Publishers

Manuscript Reader, Rowman and Littlefield

External Examiner, Honors Program in Philosophy, University of Virginia, May 2008

External Examiner, Honors Program in Philosophy, University of Virginia, May 2003

Editorial assistant to Professor Brian Leiter, *Philosophical Gourmet Report*, June 2000

University Service (Washington and Lee University)

Chair, Department of Philosophy, 2007 –

Advisor for the Major, 2000 – 2006, 2007 –

Honors and Senior Thesis advisor, 2000 – 2006, 2007 –

Freshman advisor, 2001 – 2003, 2005 – 2006, 2007 –

Member, University Library Committee, 2001– 2004

Member, University College, Oxford, Exchange Program Committee, 2003 – 2005, 2007 – 2008

Chair, University College, Oxford, Exchange Program Committee, 2005 – 2006, 2008 – 2009

Member, Institutional Animal Care And Use Committee, 2007 –

Member, Hiring Committee, Department of Philosophy, 2001 – 2002, 2003 – 2004, 2004 – 2005, 2007 – 2008, 2008 – 2009

Interviewer, University Scholars, 2003, 2008

Mock Interviewer, Rhodes Scholarship Mock Interview, 2004, 2008

Co-organizer, Medical Ethics Institute, April 2004

Organizer, Ethics Reading Group, 2001 – 2002

Faculty advisor, Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges Ethics Bowl, 2002 – 2006, 2007 –

Faculty representative, Model United Nations, Fall Term 2002

Honors and Awards

Vice-President, Virginia Philosophical Association, 2008–9
Secretary, Virginia Philosophical Association, 2007–8
Participant, National Endowment of the Humanities Seminar, Philosophical Perspectives on Law, Democracy and Human Rights, Georgia State University, July 2007
Visiting Scholar, Department of Philosophy, Georgia State University, July 2007
Visiting Fellow, Department of Philosophy, Princeton University, 2006 – 2007
Hewlett-Mellon Fellowship, Washington and Lee University, 2006 – 2007
Life Member, Clare Hall, Cambridge, 2004 –
Visiting Scholar, Department of Philosophy, University of Cambridge, Fall 2003
Visiting Fellow, Clare Hall, Fall 2003
Junior Faculty Leave, Washington and Lee University, Fall 2003
Glenn Research Grant, Washington and Lee University, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2006
American Philosophical Association, Graduate Student Travel Stipend, 2000
Preparing Future Faculty Fellow, Duke University, 1999 – 2000
Graduate Scholar in Women's Studies, Duke University, 1999 – 2000
Conference Travel Fellowship, The Graduate School, Duke University, 1996, 1998 (x2), 2000
Departmental Fellowship, Department of Philosophy, Duke University, 1995 – 2000
University of Sheffield, Department of Philosophy, Travel Stipend, 1998
The Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association, Travel Stipend, 1997
University of Cambridge, Department of Philosophy, Conference Travel Grant, 1993
Clare College, Cambridge, Travel Stipend, 1993
John Isaac Beare Prize in Philosophy, Trinity College, Dublin, 1990
Robert Henry Wallace Exhibition, Trinity College, Dublin, 1989
Composition Prize in English, Trinity College, Dublin, 1989

Professional Affiliations

American Philosophical Association
North American Kant Society
British Society for Ethical Theory
Aristotelian Society
Virginia Philosophical Association
Southeastern Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy
Mid-Atlantic Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy
Canadian Society for the Study of Practical Ethics

Referees

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