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Education

Ph. D., University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana, May 1998.

M. A., University of Notre Dame, January 1998.

B. A. in Philosophy with honors, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, June 1992. Elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Area of Specialization

Ancient Philosophy

Areas of Competence

Ethics, Medieval Philosophy

Honors

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar on Socrates, awarded in selective competition for participation in seminar to be held June 23-July 25, 2014 at Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Oregon.

Mission Grant, Saint Joseph's University, 2009. Awarded by the Office of Mission for the development of a course on religion and philosophy in American culture.

Summer Research Grant, Saint Joseph's University, 2004.

Graduate Teaching Fellowship, University of Notre Dame, 1996-97 and 1997-98. Awarded by the Dean of Arts and Letters in selective competition for design of innovative introductory-level courses for first-year students.

University Presidential Fellowship, University of Notre Dame, 1992-96. Awarded by the Graduate School in university-wide competition.

Academic Positions Held

2018- - Professor of Philosophy, Saint Joseph's University

2012-2018 - Associate Professor of Philosophy, Saint Joseph's University

2002-2012 - Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Saint Joseph's University

1998-2002 - Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Providence College

Publications

I. Book

The Teleology of Action in Plato's Republic (Oxford University Press, 2017)

II. Journal Articles and Book Chapters

- “Socrates the Same-Sayer” in *Logical Analysis and History of Philosophy* 19, 2016, 58-69.
- “Goodness and the Division of Goods in *Republic II*” in *Dialogues on Plato's Politeia (Republic)*, edd. Luc Brisson and Noburu Notomi (Sankt Augustin: Academia Verlag, 2013), 66-70.
- “The Division of Goods and Praising Justice for Itself in *Republic II*,” *Phronesis* 56, no. 1, 2011, 58-78.
- “The Teleology of the Ascent in Plato's *Symposium*”, *Apeiron* 41, no. 2, June 2008, 123-45.
- “Socrates and Emerson on the Tyranny of the Majority,” *The Proceedings of the Twenty-First World Congress of Philosophy*, vol. 10, edited by Pinar Canevi and Stephen Voss (Ankara: Philosophical Society of Turkey, 2007), 203-7.
- “A New Account of Thick Concepts,” *The Journal of Value Inquiry*, 39, no. 1, March 2005, 89-103.
- “Gracia and Aquinas on the Principle of Individuation,” *The Thomist*, 68, no. 4, October 2004, 545-75.
- “Character and the Forms of Friendship in Aristotle,” *Apeiron* 33, no. 1, March 2000, 235-53.
- “The Refutation of Agathon: *Symposium* 199c-201c,” *Ancient Philosophy* 19, No. 2, Fall 1999, 53-74.

Works in Progress

- “Socratic Belief in the *Gorgias*”
- “Socrates in the *Gorgias* and the Platonic Appropriation of Tragedy”
- “Drinking and Discourse in Plato” (co-authored with Eva Anagnostou-Laoutides)
- “Apology, Shared Action and the Limits of Intention”

Book Reviews

- The Rhetoric of Plato's Republic: Democracy and the Philosophical Problem of Persuasion* by James Kastely, in *Ancient Philosophy* 37, no. 2, Fall 2017, 446-448.
- Virtue and Reason in Plato and Aristotle* by A. W. Price, in *Ancient Philosophy* 33, no. 2, Fall 2013, 443-446.
- Socrates and Philosophy in the Dialogues of Plato* by Sandra Peterson, in *Hermathena* 191, Winter 2011, 116-120.
- Socratic Moral Psychology* by Thomas C. Brickhouse and Nicholas D. Smith and *Aiming at Virtue in Plato* by Iakovos Vasiliou, in *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* 93, no. 2, June 2011, 237-42.
- Plato's Critique of Impure Reason* by David C. Schindler, in

Classical Review 60, no. 2, October 2010, 369-70.
Time and Necessity in Parmenides by Carlos Montemayor Romo de Vivar,
in *Kronoscope*, 8, no. 1, 2008, 98-101.
Social Ethics: A Student's Guide by Jenny Teichman, in *Western Civilization*, Fall 1999.

Lectures and Presentations

I. Refereed Presentations

“Dianoia, Dialectic and Giving an Account of Hypotheses in Republic 6 and 7,” West Coast Plato Workshop, Portland, Oregon, May 19, 2018.

“Socratic Belief in the *Gorgias*,” Central Division meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Chicago, Illinois, February 21-24, 2018.

“Socrates in the *Gorgias* and the Platonic Appropriation of Tragedy,” presented as part of the panel “New Approaches to Plato in Context” at the Celtic Classics Conference, Montreal, Canada, July 19, 2017.

“Apology, Shared Action and the Limits of Intention,” presented at the Critical Social Ontology Workshop, St. Louis, Missouri, June 16, 2017.

“Vision and *Eikasia* in Plato’s Divided Line,” presented to the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy meeting in conjunction with the Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association, Seattle, Washington, April 14, 2017.

“Education for Politics and the Writing of History: The Case of the *Hipparchus*,” presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, New York, New York, October 25, 2015.

“Teleology and the Ends of Just Action in Plato’s *Republic*,” presented at the 36th Richard B. Baker Philosophy Colloquium, “Teleology in Plato and Aristotle,” Dayton, Ohio, April 11, 2015.

“Socrates and the Ethics of Belief,” presented to the Epistemology Reading Group, Swarthmore College, April 11, 2014; presented to the Lewis and Clark Colloquium Series, Portland, Oregon, June 26, 2014.

“Justice and the Good of Others in Plato’s *Republic*,” presented at the North American conference of the International Plato Society, Ann Arbor, Michigan, October 3-7, 2012.

“Mathematics for the Sake of the Good,” presented to the Epistemology Reading Group, Swarthmore College, April 2, 2012.

“Is Goodness a Determinable Property?,” presented at the Central Division meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Minneapolis, Minnesota, April 1, 2011.

“Justice as Self-transmitting Power and Just Acts in *Republic* 4,” presented to the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy meeting in conjunction with the Central Division of the American Philosophical Association, Minneapolis, Minnesota, April 1, 2011.

“Goodness and the Division of Goods in *Republic* II,” presented at the meeting of the International Plato Society, IX Symposium Platonicum: Plato’s *Politeia*, Tokyo, Japan, August 2, 2010.

“Studying Mathematics for the Sake of the Good,” presented to the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy meeting in conjunction with the Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association, Baltimore, Maryland, December 2007.

“Rawls on Duties and Rights in International Relations,” presented at the conference “The Dialogue of Cultures,” sponsored by the Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture, Notre Dame, Indiana, December 2007.

“Marcuse and Habermas on Immanent Critique,” presented at the meeting of the International Marcuse Society, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 2007.

“Power and Justice in Plato’s *Republic*,” presented at the 24th International Conference on Ancient and Medieval Philosophy organized by the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, New York, October 21, 2006.

“Aristotle on the Category of Quantity: Between Mathematics and Physics,” presented at the 17th International Symposium of Philosophy, Olympic Center for Philosophy and Culture, Pyrgos, Greece, August 2, 2006.

“Aquinas on the Individuation and Identity of Material Substances,” presented at the 41st International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 4-7, 2006.

“Gibbard on Thick Concepts and Normative Facts,” presented at the Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 26-29, 2006.

“Eudaimonism and the Demands of Justice,” presented at the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, meeting in conjunction with the Central Division of the American Philosophical Association, Chicago, April 26-9, 2006.

“Aquinas on Individuation and Mereological Universalism,” presented at the conference “Identity: Ontological Perspectives,” Amsterdam, May 27, 2005.

“Literature and the Shaping of Character: Plato and Tolstoy,” presented at the fall conference of the Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture, Notre Dame, Indiana, November 20, 2004.

“Aquinas on Quantity of Matter and the Principle of Individuation”, presented at the 39th International Congress of Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 7, 2004.

“Virtue Ethics and Moral Realism”, presented at the conference “Values, Rational Choice, and the Will,” Stevens Point, Wisconsin, April 1-3, 2004.

“Emerson on Socrates and the Tyranny of the Majority”, presented at the XXIst World Congress of Philosophy, Istanbul, Turkey, August 15, 2003.

“A New Account of Thick Concepts”, presented at the 2003 meeting of the International Society for Value Inquiry, Istanbul, Turkey, August 14, 2003.

“Altruism and Goodwill in the *Nicomachean Ethics*”, presented at the 2003 meeting of the Society for Value Inquiry, Grand Forks, North Dakota, April 11, 2003.

“Shame, Rhetoric, and Self-Revelation in Plato’s *Gorgias*”, presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, August 31, 2001.

“Comedy and Tragedy in Plato’s *Symposium*”, presented to the Development of Western Civilization Colloquium Series at Providence College, October 20, 2000.

“Shame in the *Gorgias*”, presented at the graduate conference “Passions and Perspectives: Representing the Emotions in Antiquity”, Columbia University, New York, New York, November 13, 1999, and at the annual meeting of the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, Binghamton, New York, October 28, 1999.

“Is Aristotle’s God an Efficient Cause?”, presented to the Alpha Chapter of Phi Sigma Tau, Providence, Rhode Island, February 11, 1999.

“When Fortune is Generous, What Need is There of Friends? Self-sufficiency and Friendship in the *Lysis*”, presented at the 1998 meeting of the International Plato Society, Toronto, Ontario, August 19-23, 1998.

“Self-Sufficiency and Friendship: *Nicomachean Ethics* VIII and IX”, presented at the Spring 1998 meeting of the Indiana Philosophical Association, Indianapolis, Indiana, April 4, 1998.

“Practical Reason and the Choice of Lives in the Speech of Diotima”, presented as part of the Notre Dame Philosophy Department Colloquium Series, February 27, 1998.

“The *Ergon* of Eros and Practical Reason in Diotima’s Speech”, presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, Binghamton, New York, October 26, 1997.

“An Echo of Solon: The Problem of Debt in the *Clouds*”, presented at the conference

“Comedy and the Discourse of the *Polis*”, Halifax, Nova Scotia, October 3, 1997.

“Giving Birth in the Beautiful: Diotima’s Alternative to Aristotelian *Praxis* and *Poiesis*”, presented at the conference “Metaphysics, Knowledge, and Value”, New York, New York, May 10, 1997.

“Retrospective Justification in Diotima’s Speech”, presented at the 1997 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Graduate Student Conference, April 13, 1997.

“An Objection to Bonjour’s Coherentism”, presented at the Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Kansas City, Missouri, May 7, 1994.

II. Invited Presentations

“Aristotle, Definition in Mathematics, and the Question of Mathematical Intermediates,” to be presented at the workshop “*Ta Metaxu* – Knowing Where to Draw the Line: Intermediates and *Dianoia* in Plato,” Florida Atlantic University, March 10, 2018.

“Classification and the Good in the *Republic*,” presented at a workshop on mathematics and the Good in Plato’s *Republic* VI-VII, Franklin and Marshall College, November 8, 2008.

“Thick Concepts and Noncognitivism,” presented to the American Society for Value Inquiry, meeting in conjunction with the Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association, Baltimore, Maryland, December 2007.

“Eudaimonism Ancient and Modern,” presented as part of the Midwest Seminar in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, September 29, 2006.

“Plato and Aristotle on the Goal of Life”, presented as part of the La Salle University Philosophy Department Colloquium Series, La Salle University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 10, 2003.

III. Commentaries

Comments on Amos Espeland, “Law and Legislation in Plato’s *Gorgias*”, presented at the West Coast Plato Workshop, University of California-Davis, May 20, 2017.

Comments on Sean Kelsey, “Socrates in the *Gorgias*”, presented at the conference Knowledge and Action, Haverford College, April 2016.

Comments on Julia Driver, “Wronging, Blame, and Forgiveness” presented at the conference Ethics and Explanation, University of Nottingham, February 22, 2016.

Student Research Directed

Fall 2012, Director of Independent Study for Kacey Gilkeson, junior at Saint Joseph's University. Semester-long study of Aristotle's theory of character and the development of virtue.

Fall 2007, Director of Independent Study for Zachary Hashmi, Junior at Saint Joseph's University. Semester-long study of Herodotus' *History of the Persian War*. Selections read in Greek, with further research in secondary literature.

Summer 2007, Summer Scholar Projects. Served as Mentor to three undergraduates from Saint Joseph's University pursuing independent study: Michael Critzer, Valerie James, and Elise Tosatti.

2003-4, Served as Reader for senior thesis written by Matthew Muckler, philosophy major and undergraduate at Saint Joseph's University.

Professional Service

Manuscript reviewer for Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, 2014

Manuscript reviewer for Oxford University Press, 2008, 2009, 2012

Referee for *Philosophia Mathematica*, 2017

Referee for *Ancient Philosophy*, 2008, 2013, 2014, 2017.

Referee for *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*, 2015

Referee for *Classical Review*, 2009

Referee for *History of Philosophy Quarterly*, 2013

Referee for *Journal of Philosophical Research*, 2012

Referee for *The Journal of Value Inquiry*, 2006-11.

Organizer of the Philadelphia Ancient Philosophy Colloquium, 2006-9.

Member of Board of Directors, Greater Philadelphia Philosophy Consortium, 2004-17.

Secretary, Greater Philadelphia Philosophy Consortium, 2007-8.

Treasurer, Greater Philadelphia Philosophy Consortium, 2011-13.

President, Greater Philadelphia Philosophy Consortium, 2014-18.

Organized conference "Aristotle and the Philosophy of Action" at Saint Joseph's University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, March 24, 2012.

Co-organized conferences "Aristotle, Ethics, and Science" with Audre Brokes, October 4-5, 2008 and "Reading Herbert Marcuse's *Eros and Civilization* After 50 Years" with Arnold Farr, November 3-6, 2005, both at Saint Joseph's University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Languages

Greek and Latin: Reading knowledge.

German: Reading and conversational knowledge.

French: Reading knowledge.

References

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