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Areas of Specialization

Philosophy of Law, Moral and Political Philosophy

Areas of Competence

Logic, Metaethics, 19th Century Philosophy

Academic Appointments

Chair, Department of Philosophy, 2022 – present

Director, Program in Philosophy, Politics, and Law. Binghamton University, 2016 – 2022

Associate Professor. Binghamton University, Department of Philosophy, 2016 – present

Assistant Professor. Binghamton University, Department of Philosophy, 2011 – 2016

Visiting Assistant Professor. Binghamton University, Department of Philosophy, 2009 – 2011

Visiting Assistant Professor. Xavier University, Department of Philosophy, 2008 – 2009

Education

Ph.D., Philosophy, Boston University, January 2009

Dissertation Title: “How Ought Judges Decide?: A Moral Theory of Adjudication”

Director: David Lyons; Committee: Hugh Baxter, Simon Keller

B.A., Philosophy, University of Portland, 2002, *magna cum laude*

Articles

“Agents of Our Interests: The Moral Claim to Legal Process” *Philosophers’ Imprint*
25:33 (2025), 1-15.

“Human Rights as Protections Against Rational Despair” *Journal of Social Philosophy*
54:2 (Summer 2023), 169-182.

“Impunity and Hope” *Ratio Juris* 32:4 (December 2019), 415-438.

“Liability to International Prosecution: The Nature of Universal Jurisdiction” *European Journal of International Law* 28:4 (December 2017), 1047-1067.

“Responsibility Allocation and Human Rights” *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 20: 3 (June 2017), 627-642.

“Reasons of Law: Dworkin on the Legal Decision” *Jurisprudence* 7: 2 (August 2016), 210-230.

“Standard Threats: How to Violate Basic Human Rights” *Social Theory and Practice* Vol. 41: 3 (July 2015), 403-434.

“Practical Reason and Legality: Instrumental Political Authority without Exclusion” *Law and Philosophy* Vol. 34: 3 (May 2015), 257-298.

“The Binding Force of Nascent Norms of International Law” *Canadian Journal of Law and Jurisprudence* Vol. 27: 1 (January 2014), 145-166.

“Judicial Practical Reason: Judges in Morally Imperfect Legal Orders” *Law and Philosophy* Vol. 30: 3 (May 2011), 319-352.

“The Authority of International Law” *APA Newsletter on Philosophy and Law* Vol. 10: 1 (Fall 2010), 13-18. (not peer-reviewed)

“Do Judges Have an Obligation to Enforce the Law?: Moral Responsibility and Adjudication” *Law and Philosophy* Vol. 29: 2 (March 2010), 159-87.

Reviews

“Review of John Oberdiek’s *Imposing Risk: A Normative Framework*” *Philosophical Quarterly* 69:274 (January 2019), 209-212.

“Review of Jean Thomas’s *Public Rights, Private Relations*” *Law and Philosophy* 35: 5 (October 2016), 529-536.

“Review of Larry May’s *Global Justice and Due Process*” (with Nicole Hassoun) *Mind*, Vol. 123: 492 (October 2014), 1208-1212.

Encyclopedia Articles

“Dworkin, Ronald: Legal Philosophy” *Encyclopedia of the Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy* (Springer 2023), 813-818.

“Dworkin, Ronald: Theory of Rights” *Encyclopedia of the Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy* (Springer 2023), 830-836.

“Dworkin, Ronald: Theory of Equality” *Encyclopedia of the Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy* (Springer 2023), 826-830.

Conferences, Talks and Paper Presentations

- “Original Authority and the Claim to Public Justification” MANCEPT Workshops in Political Theory, *Public Reason*, September 2025.
- Commentor, panel on Kristen Hessler’s *Feminist Human Rights*, Society for the Philosophy of Human Rights group session, Eastern APA meeting, January 2025.
- “Human Rights, Agency, and Despair” International Cooperation Committee group session at Central APA meeting, February 2020.
- “Contractualism as Solidarity: Risk, Hope, and the Agential Stance” *Philosophy Speaker Series*, McMaster University, November 2018.
- “Impunity and Hope” *Philosophy Speaker Series*, UC Merced, October 2017.
- “Impunity and Hope” *PluriCourts Workshop on the Legitimacy of the International Judiciary: Answering for International Crimes*, University of Oslo, July 2017.
- “Responsibility Allocation, Cheapest Cost-Avoider, and Human Rights” *International Society for Utilitarian Studies Conference*, Lille Catholic University, July 2016.
- “Responsibility Allocation and Human Rights” *Association for Social and Political Philosophy Annual Conference*, London School of Economics, June 2016.
- “Liability to International Prosecution: On the Nature of Universal Jurisdiction” *Annual Legal Philosophy Workshop*, Queen’s University, June 2016.
- “Responsibility Allocation and Human Rights” presentation for the Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities, Binghamton University, April 29, 2015.
- “Standard Threats: How to Violate Basic Human Rights” St. Anne’s College, Oxford University, *Society for Applied Philosophy Annual Conference*, June 28, 2014.
- “Reasons of Law: Dworkin on the Legal Decision” McMaster Philosophy of Law Conference, *The Legacy of Ronald Dworkin*, May 30, 2014.
- “Standard Threats: How to Violate Basic Human Rights” Indiana University-Purdue University Human Rights Institute, *Conference on the Grounding of Human Rights*, April 19, 2014.
- “Reasons of Law: Dworkin on the Legal Decision” Binghamton PPL Workshop on Jurisprudence, March 21, 2014.
- “Foreseeability and Strict Liability in Torts: A Moral Analysis of Liability for Environmental Injury,” University of Tampa, *Philosopher’s Cocoon Conference*, October 20, 2013.
- “The Binding Force of Nascent Norms of International Law,” Istanbul Kültür University Conference, *Rethinking International Law and Justice*, September 25, 2012.
- “Practical Reason Under Non-Ideal Law,” MANCEPT Workshops in Political Theory (University of Manchester, UK), *Ideal and Non-Ideal Theory*, September 7, 2012.
- “The Binding Force of Nascent Norms of International Law,” Binghamton PPL Workshop on Normative Issues in International Law, April 25, 2012.
- “The Authority of Law in Nascent Legal Systems,” McMaster Philosophy of Law Conference, *The Nature of Law: Contemporary Perspectives*, May 2011.
- “The Moral Authority of International Law,” Conference in Philosophy of Law at the University of Baltimore, May, 2011.
- Strict Liability as a Framework for Environmental Injury,” [with Prof. Jamie Kelly (Vassar College)] International Society for Environmental Ethics group session at Central APA meeting, April 1, 2011.
- “Adjudication Under Imperfect Law: A Theory of Judicial-Reasoning for the Partially-Legitimate State,” York Philosophy Department Visiting Speaker Series,

December 3, 2010.
"Moral Dilemmas and Judicial Duties," Keynote Address for the *Phi Sigma Tau* Honor Society inauguration ceremony at CUNY Lehman, April 2010.
"Epistemology and Legal Theory," interview in NEH video series on Epistemological Foundations, May 2009.
"Natural Duties, Public Reason and Civil Disobedience," University of Montana *Philosophy Forum*, April 2007.
"Civil Disobedience as Public Address: The Limits and Scope of Forceful Appeal," presented at the 58th Annual Northwest Philosophy Conference, November 2006.
Commentator on Lori Gruen's "Toxic Responsibility, Causation, and Luck" at the Karbank Symposium of Environmental Ethics, hosted by Boston University, April 2004.
"Civil Disobedience in Rawls and Singer," presented to the Boston University Philosophy Department, February 2004.

Academic Honors and Awards

Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities Faculty Fellow, Binghamton University, for work on project "Responsibility Allocation and Human Rights" (Spring, 2015).
National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Scholar, "Philosophical Perspectives on Democracy and the Global Order" (June 2010).
Angela J. and James J. Rallis Memorial Award for Academic Excellence (2008), Boston University Humanities Foundation.
Dissertation Fellowship (2005-2006, Spring 2007, Spring 2008), Boston University.
Matchette Prize for Best Philosophy Graduate Paper in Past Year (2004), Boston University.
Karbank Grant in Environmental Ethics (2003), Boston University.
Teaching Fellowship (2002-2005), Boston University.
Franz Mayr Award for Most Outstanding Philosophy Graduate (2002), University of Portland.
Best Paper (2001), Northwest Regional Conference for Undergraduate Philosophers.

Dissertation Supervision

CHAIR

Tucker Sechrest, "The Instrumental Nature of Democratic Authority", defended May 2017.
Henock Tessema, "Against a Right to National Self-Determination and Secession: Toward Contextual Deliberation and Compromise", defended June 2022.
Coleen Watson, "Biased We Stand: Taking Mental and Epistemic Limits Seriously in Liberal Democratic Theory", defended July 2023.
Eric Janec, "Distinctly Political Normativity", defended May 2024.
Adam Renner, ABD.
Spencer Beaudette, ABD.
Jonathan Hagofsky

COMMITTEE

Anwar Radha, “Friendship, Emnity, and the Justification of Politics: A Study of Aristotle and Carl Schmitt”, Ph.D. May 2012.

Andres Molina, “On How Law Determines Morality”, Ph.D. May 2012.

Shelly DuFord, “Considering Global Government: Legitimacy, Human Rights, and Global Democracy”, Ph.D. May 2016.

Matthew Blake Wilson, “What’s So Private About Private Property?”, Ph.D. May 2017.

Aaron Schultz, “Buddhist Philosophy and Punishment”, defended July 2021.

Tony White, “The Normative Foundations of Non-Violent Resistance”, defended July 2023.

Courtney Miller, “Structuring Epistemic Injustice”, defended October 2023.

Spencer Atkins, ABD.

Dustin Van Pelt

Referee

Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophical Studies, Law and Philosophy, Philosophers’ Imprint, International Criminal Law Review, Criminal Law & Philosophy, Journal of Social Philosophy, Synthesis Philosophica, Osgoode Hall Law Journal, Res Publica, Journal of Language and Law, Bioethics

Reviewer for American Council of Learned Societies

Professional Memberships

American Philosophical Association

American Section of the International Association for Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy (AMINTAPHIL)