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Areas of Specialization

Philosophy of Law, Moral and Political Philosophy

Areas of Competence

Logic, Applied Ethics, History of Ethics, History of Philosophy (Modern and 19th Century)

Academic Appointments

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

“Liability to International Prosecution: The Nature of Universal Jurisdiction” *European Journal of International Law* (forthcoming).

“Responsibility Allocation and Human Rights” *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* (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.

“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 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

“Ronald Dworkin’s Legal Philosophy” *Encyclopedia of the Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy* (2017).

“Ronald Dworkin’s Theory of Rights” *Encyclopedia of the Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy* (2017).

“Ronald Dworkin’s Theory of Equality” *Encyclopedia of the Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy* (2017).

Conferences, Talks and Paper Presentations

“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.

Classes Recently Taught

Elementary Logic
Philosophy of Law
Equality
Theory of International Criminal Law
History of Modern Political Thought
International Law & Justice
Democratic Theory (Graduate/Undergraduate)
Law, Authority, and Practical Reason (Graduate)
Social & Political Philosophy (Graduate)
Philosophy of Human Rights & International Law (Graduate)
Risk (Graduate)

Referee

Philosophical Quarterly, Law and Philosophy, International Criminal Law Review, Synthesis Philosophica, Osgoode Hall Law Journal

Professional Memberships

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