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EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

1. Higher Education:

Yale University, New Haven, CT PhD in Philosophy, 1989

Yale University, New Haven, CT BA in Philosophy, Summa Cum Laude, Distinction in the Major, 1981

2. Professional Positions:

Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Michigan, 2013-

Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Michigan, 2007-

Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, The University of Iowa, 2006-

Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, The University of Iowa, 1999-

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, The University of Iowa, 1997-1999

Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Princeton University, 1989-1997

3. Fellowships and Awards:

Guggenheim Fellowship (2020-2021)

Wissenschaftskolleg Fellowship (Institute for Advanced Study), declined due to pandemic (2020-2021)

University Center for Human Values Fellowship, Princeton, declined (2020-2021) Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences (CASBS), Stanford, declined (2020-2021)

Michigan Humanities Award (spring semester 2015)

John Dewey Award, LSA, University of Michigan in recognition of undergraduate teaching, 2013

Nominated for Golden Apple Award (university award for teaching) (2013)

Mellon Fellowship, Dissertation Support, Woodrow Wilson Foundation, 1988-89

Prize Teaching Fellowship, Yale, 1987-88

Mary E. Ives Fellowship, for superior academic performance, Yale, 1986-87 Isabella and George Duncan Fellowship, for superior academic performance,

Yale, 1985-86

Mary Cady Tew Prize, for scholastic excellence, Yale, 1984

Mellon Fellowship in the Humanities, 1983-86

Phi Beta Kappa, 1979

SCHOLARSHIP

1. Articles and Books:

- "Moral Theorizing and the Limits of Coherence," in *Oxford Studies in Normative Ethics* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, forthcoming)
- "If You are not Alienated from Yourself, This is Because You Are Relating to Yourself By Relating to God," in *Analytic Existentialism*, ed. by Berislav Marusic and Mark Schroeder, forthcoming
- "Introduction," *Rethinking the Value of Humanity* (New York: Oxford University Press, forthcoming)
- Rethinking the Value of Humanity, a collection of original papers in ethics and the history of philosophy, co-edited with Nandi Theunissen (New York: Oxford University Press, forthcoming)
- "What's So Great About Autonomy?" *Routledge Handbook of Autonomy* (New York: Routledge, 2022)
- "Personal Ideals and the Ideal of Rational Agency," *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* (September, 2022): 1-23.
- "Agency and (the limits of) Volitional Conflict," *Routledge Handbook of Agency* (New York: Routledge, 2022)
- "Introduction," *Radical Humility: Essays on Ordinary Acts*, ed. by Rebekah Modrak and Jamie Vander Broek (Cleveland, Ohio: Belt Publishing, 2021)
- "Some Musings About the Limits of an Ethics that Can Be Applied," in *Journal of Applied Philosophy* 37, no. 1 (February, 2020): 1-33 [with four commentaries]
 - [Related blog post: "Some Musings On When We Should (Not) Accommodate Injustice," *Justice Everywhere* (a blog about philosophy in public affairs) (April 2020)]
- "Some Reflections on the Relation Between Reason and the Will," in *Routledge Handbook of Practical Reason*, ed. By Ruth Chang and Kurt Sylvan (New York: Rutledge, 2020)
- "Moral Requirements and Permissions, and the Requirements and Permissions of Reason," in *The Many Moral Rationalisms*, ed. By Karen Jones and Francois Schroeder (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018), pp. 110-44
- "Experiments in Vitro, in Vivo, and in Cathedra," *Ethics* 124, no. 4 (July, 2014): 860-81

- "Accountability, Integrity, Authenticity, and Self-legislation: Reflections on Ruediger Bittner's Reflections on Autonomy" *Erkenntnis* (October, 2013): 1-14
- "The Possibility of Action as the Impossibility of Certain Forms of Self-alienation," *Oxford Studies in Agency and Responsibility*, Vol. 1, (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013), 12-41
- "Autonomous Action: Self-determination in the Passive Mode," *Ethics* 122, no. 4 (July, 2012): 647-91. [Subject of Ethics Discussion at PEA Soup (a blog dedicated to philosophy, ethics, and academia)]
- "The Value of Humanity," *The Journal of Philosophy* 59, nos. 5/6 (May/June, 2012): 1-39
- "Reflections on the Responsibility to Resist Oppression," *Journal of Social Philosophy* 41, no.1 (Spring, 2010): 40-49
- "What Does the Structure of Intentional Action Tell Us about Our Reasons for Action?" Critical Notice of *Reasonably Vicious*, by Candace Vogler, *Mind* 117, no. 468 (October, 2008): 1035-1050
- "Needs (Someone Else's), Projects (My Own), and Reasons," *The Journal of Philosophy* (August, 2006): 373-402
- "The Superficial Unity of the Mind," in *The Messy Self*, edited by Jennifer Rosner, published as a special issue of *The Massachusetts Review* (Summer, 2006) and as a book by Paradigm Publishers (2006), pp. 90-96
- "Valuing Autonomy and Respecting Persons: Manipulation, Seduction, and the Basis of Moral Constraints," *Ethics* (January, 2005): 195-235
- "The Irrationality of Unhappiness and the Paradox of Despair," *The Journal of Philosophy* 51, no. 4 (June, 2004): 167-196
- "Personal Autonomy," in *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (March, 2002; revised September 2008 and 2013), http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/personal-autonomy
- "Introduction," in *The Contours of Agency* (June, 2001, MIT Press), pp. xi-xx
- The Contours of Agency: Essays on Themes from Harry Frankfurt, co-editor (Boston: MIT Press, 2001)
- "In Defense of Appearances: A Reply to Marcia Baron's 'The Moral Importance of How Things Seem," *Maryland Law Review* 60, no. 3 (2001): 642-652
- "Respect for Persons," *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 29, no. 4 (December, 1999): 517-550
- "What Practical Reasoning Must Be If We Act for Our Own Reasons," *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 77, no. 4 (December, 1999): 399-421

- "Appearing Respectful: The Moral Significance of Manners," *Ethics* 109 (July, 1999): 795-826

 (Reprinted in two anthologies: *Ethics for Everyday and Morality and the*
 - (Reprinted in two anthologies: *Ethics for Everyday* and *Morality and the Market: Ethics and Virtue in the Conduct of Business*)
- "Justified Wrongdoing," Nous 31, no. 3 (September, 1997): 337-369
- "Weakness of Will," *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 78, no. 1 (March, 1997): 13-44
- "Autonomy Reconsidered," *Midwest Studies in Philosophy* 19 (1994): 95-121 (translated and reprinted in a French anthology (in the Textes Clefs series) on contemporary American work on autonomy)

2. Reviews:

- Review of Richard Moran, *Authority and Estrangement: An Essay on Self-knowledge* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2001), *Ethics* 113, no. 4 (July, 2003): 898-902
- Review of Elijah Millgram, <u>Practical Induction</u> (Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 1997), *The Philosophical Review* 108, no. 4 (October, 1999): 571-75
- Review of Hayden Ramsay, *Beyond Virtue: Integrity and Morality* (New York: St. Martin's Press, Inc., 1997), *Ethics* 109, no. 3 (April, 1999): 671-72
- Review of John Martin Fischer, *The Metaphysics of Free Will (*Cambridge, Massachusetts: Blackwell Publishers, 1994), *Philosophical Books* 38, no. 2 (April, 1997)
- Review of Justin Oakley, *Morality and the Emotions* (New York: Routledge, 1992), *The Philosophical Review* 103, no. 4 (October, 1994):726-28
- Review of Martha Klein, *Determinism, Blameworthiness, and Deprivation* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1990), *Philosophical Review* 102, no. 1 (January, 1993): 136-38

2. Work in progress:

- "Why Me?" under review
- "Norms of Rationality and the Superficial Unity of the Mind"
- "Why Constitutivist Accounts of Practical Reason Cannot Account for Our Kind of Agency"
- "Against the Quest for the Source of Normativity"
- "Kantian Moral Rationalism" (with Kenny Walden)

INVITED TALKS

- TBA, Rice University, Conference in honor of Susan Wolf, 2023
- Comments on Alex Worsnip's Fitting Things Together, Central APA, 2023
- "Why Constitutivist Accounts of Practical Reason Cannot Account for Our Kind of Agency," University of Chicago, 2022
- Comments on Roger Crisp's "The Prima Facie/Overall Duty Distinction," Notre Dame-ACU Ethics Conference, 2022
- "Why Me?" Oxford; University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign, 2022
- "Moral Theorizing and the Limits of Coherence," Keynote Talk, Workshop In Normative Ethics (WINE), 2022
- "If you Are Not Alienated from Yourself, This is Because. . . .": St. Louis University, 2016; Bowling Green University, 2020
- "If the Capacity to Reason Is A Practical Capacity, Then Practical Norms Are Not Constitutive of 'The Practical Point of View'": Keynote Talk, University of Utah, 2019
- "Some Musings About the Limits of an Ethics that Can be Applied: A Response to a Question that Confronted the Author When She Woke Up on November 9, 2016": London (Annual Lecture, Society of Applied Philosophy Lecture), 2019; Humboldt, 2018
- "Why Constitutivist Accounts of Practical Reason Cannot Account for Our Kind of Agency": Free University, Berlin, 2019; University of Vienna, 2019; University of Konstanz, 2018; Yale University, 2018; Invited Symposium, APA, Central Division, 2016; Humboldt University, 2015; Florida State University, 2015; Rutgers University, 2015
- "Rationalism from the Bottom Up": Keynote Talk, "Spheres of Morality," University of Bremen (2018)
- "Personal Ideals, Moral Requirements, and the Ideal of Rational Agency": Humboldt, 2018; Tulane; Notre Dame, 2017; Duke, 2017; Keynote Talk, Italian Society of Analytic Philosophers; Keynote Talk, Rocky Mountain Philosophy Conference, 2016; keynote talk, Annual OPA conference, 2016; Joseph Raz's Speakers' Seminar, Columbia, 2015; Heidelberg University, 2015; Workshop on the paper, University of Bern, 2015; CUNY Graduate Center, 2014; University of Texas (El Passo), 2014; University of Toronto, 2014; Keynote Talk, 3rd Annual Graduate Philosophy Conference: "Self and Society: Authenticity, Autonomy, and Identity," University of Calgary, 2014; Purdue University, Keynote Talk, 7th Annual Northwestern University Conference on

- Ethics and Politics, 2013; Georgia State, 2013; UCLA, 2013; University of Arizona, 2013
- Comments on Michael Tomasello's "Obligation as the Cooperitization of Motivation," Workshop on Social Agency and Obligation, Humboldt, 2018
- Comments on Tom Dougherty's *The Ethical Time Traveller*, Notre Dame University, 2018
- "Practical Reason and the Will": Conference on "The Conclusion of Practical Reason" (Auburn), 2018; University of North Carolina, 2017; Bielefeld, 2017; Cornell (Ethics Seminar), 2016
- "Does Physics Make Us Free?" Comments on Jenann Ismael's *How Physics Makes Us* Free, Author Meets Critics Session, APA, Pacific Division, 2017
- "Moral Requirements and Rational Requirements": Workshop on Moral Rationalism, Fribourg University, 2015
- "The Value of Humanity": University of Virginia, 2015; Northwestern University, 2009; University of Missouri, 2010; University of Oklahoma, 2010; Johns Hopkins, 2010; University of British Columbia; University of Nebraska, 2011; University of Konstanz, 2011; University of Zurich, 2011
- "Against the Quest for a Source of Normativity": University of North Carolina, 2014
- "Reason as a Practical Capacity": Harvard University, 2014
- Comments, Workshop on Autonomy, Dartmouth College, 2013
- "Comments on Kieran Setiya's "The Mid-Life Crisis" and Invited Paper ("The Irrationality of Unhappiness"), University of Pittsburgh Workshop: "Getting On: Moral Thought at Mid-life and Beyond," 2013
- 'Comments on Smith and Petit," Invited Symposium on Agency and Commitment, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, 2013
- "Autonomy: Reflections on the Governing Self" (Comments in honor of Ruediger Bittner's Frege Prize), 8th International Congress, German Society for Analytic Philosophy, September 2012
- "The Possibility of Action as the Impossibility of Certain Forms of Selfalienation": Horowitz Lecture, Pittsburgh University, 2012; Keynote Talk, New Orleans Workshop on Agency and Responsibility, 2011;
- Comments on Wolf on Good-for-nothings: The College of Wooster, 2011
- "Experiments In Vivo, In Vitro, and In Cathedra": Experimental Ethics Symposium (Georgetown University), 2011
- Comments on Elizabeth Harman's "'I'll Be Glad I Did It' Reasoning and the Significance of Future Desires": 43rd Chapel Hill Colloquium in Philosophy, 2009

- "Norms of Rationality and the Superficial Unity of the Mind": University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee; MIT, 2009; Ohio State University, 2009; University of Texas, 2008; Stanford University Social Ethics and Normative Theory (SENT) Workshop (invited speaker), 2008; University of Nebraska (Omaha), 2008; The University of Iowa, 2006; Georgetown University, 2006
- "Reflections on the Responsibility to Resist Oppression," Comments on papers by Bernard Boxill, Thomas Hill, and Jean Harvey, Invited Symposium, American Philosophical Association, Central Division, 2008
- "Against the Moral Case Against Moral Dilemmas" (Comments on a paper by Geoff Sayre-McCord): Invited Symposium, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, 2008
- Comments on Nomy Arpaly's "Freedom vs. Reason," Invited Symposium on Autonomy, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, 2006
- "The Normativity of Irrationality": Georgetown University, 2006
- "Needs (Someone Else's), Projects (My Own), and Reasons": University of North Carolina, 2005; University of Michigan (Annual Graduate Student Colloquium), 2005
- "Personal Autonomy": University of Wisconsin Colleges (Philosophy Faculty), 2005
- "Reasons for Action: How to Reconcile the Autonomy of Reason with the Heteronomy of Reason": Florida State University, 2005; University of Bielefeld, 2004; University of Munich, 2004
- "Autonomy: Self-expression in the Passive Mode": University of Wisconsin, 2005; University of Tuebingen, 2004 (discussion without lecture), University of Virginia, 2003; University of Utah, 2003; Stanford University, 1998; University of Iowa, 1998
- "Well-being and Autonomy": Amherst College, 2005
- Comments on Lorraine Besser-Jones's "In Defense of Character": American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, 2004
- Comments on Colin Bird, Cynthia Stark, Jessica Taylor, and Jeremy Waldron, Invited Symposium on Equal Status, American Political Science Association, 2004
- Roundtable presentation on our obligations to people in need, Institute of Applied Ethics, University of Tuebingen, 2004
- "Our Obligations to People in Need": Kansas State University, 2004; University of Iowa, 2003; University of Richmond, 2003; University of Calgary, 2003
- Comments on Michael Bratman's "Planning Agency, Autonomous Agency": Invited Symposium, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, 2004

- "Valuing Autonomy and Respecting Persons: Manipulation, Seduction, and the Basis of Moral Constraints": University of Calgary, 2003; Stanford University, 2001; PHILAMORE, 2001; University of Illinois, Urbana-Champagne, 2001; University of Iowa, 2001; Vanderbilt University, 2000
- "The Ethics of Euthanasia": University of Iowa Bioethics Forum, 2002
- "Free Will and Determinism": Lecture to University of Iowa Graduate Student Neuroscience Seminar, 2001
- Comments on Edward Nahmias's "Undesired Free Actions and the Problem of Strength of Will": American Philosophical Association, Central Division, 2000
- Comments on Marino Traxler's "The Priority of Basic Needs Over Wants": American Philosophical Association, Central Division, 2000
- "In Defense of Appearances: A Reply to Marcia Baron's 'The Moral Importance of How Things Seem'": University of Maryland Conference on The Expressive Dimension of Governmental Action: Philosophical and Legal Perspectives, 2000
- "Respect for Persons": Oxford University, 1999; York University (Canada), 1998; Johns Hopkins University, 1996
- "What Practical Reasoning Must Be If We Must Act for Our Own Reasons": University of York (United Kingdom), 1999; University of Manitoba, 1999; University of Toronto, 1998
- Comments on Sigurdur Kristinsson's "Autonomy and the Necessities of Will and Reason": Central States Philosophical Association, 1998
- "Appearing Respectful: The Moral Significance of Etiquette": University of California, Riverside, 1998; PHILAMORE, 1997
- Comments on Marilyn Friedman's "Autonomy, Social Disruption, and Women": American Philosophical Association, Central Division, 1997
- Comments on Bennet Helm's "Emotions and Weakness of Will": American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, 1996
- "Philosophical Thought Experiments and 'Relatively Superficial Details of Presentation," Comments on research presented by Daniel Kahneman, Conference on Methods, The New School, 1994
- "A New Story about the Difference between Autonomous Action and Action for a Reason": Dartmouth University, 1994
- "Justified Wrongdoing": Williams College, 1993; University of Toronto, 1992; New York University, 1992; Program in Ethics and Public Affairs, Princeton University, 1992
- "Why Weakness of Will Is No Excuse": University of Michigan, 1992; The Graduate Center, City University of New York, 1991

"The Modal Argument for Incompatibilism: Distinguishing the Puzzling from the Inconceivable": Columbia University, 1990

MISCELLANEOUS

Comments on Kenny Walden's book manuscript, Dartmouth Manuscript Review, forthcoming

Visit (virtual) to a class at Oxford, to discuss my paper on reason and the will, 2020

Visit (virtual) to class at the University of Richmond, to discuss my paper on reason and the will, 2020

Interview with the Journal of Applied Philosophy, 2019

[https://soundcloud.com/appliedphil]

Invited participant, Oberlin Colloquium on Philosophy (Metaethics), 2017

Co-organizer, M-cubed project, "Humility in the Age of Self-promotion," two-day colloquium, University of Michigan, 2017

Interview with Gary Watson (80 minutes): Gary Watson Conference, Murphy Institute, Tulane University, 2016

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a7UustSJCIM]

Session Chair, Spindel Conference on Ethics (2010)

Regular Participant, Aesthetics Discussion Group (2008-)

Regular Participant, Ancient Philosophy Reading Group (2008-)

Regular Participant, Ethics Discussion Group (2008-)

Invited participant, Conference on the work of Bernard Williams (2006)

Session Chair, Wisconsin Metaethics Workshop (2006)

Co-organizer, "The Contours of Agency," conference sponsored by Wake Forest University on the work of Harry Frankfurt (1999)

Member, dissertation committee for thesis in English

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Member, External Review Committee, University of California, Riverside (2023)

Referee and participant, Athena in Action, mentoring workshop, Cornell (Spring, 2020)

Member, Program Committee, APA, Central Division (2020-2021)

Member, Dissertation Committees: University of Illinois, Chicago (2017-2018),

Indiana University (2017-), Pittsburgh University (2021-)

Member, External Review Committee, University of Virginia (2019)

Referee, Sanders Prize Committee, Madison Metaethics (2019)

Referee for Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study (2018)

Associate Editor, Ethics (2008 -2016)

Nominating Committee, APA Central Division (2013-2014)

Referee for journals: American Philosophical Quarterly, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Canadian Journal of Philosophy, Cognition, Dialogue, Ethics, Philosophers' Imprint, The Journal of Philosophical Research, Mind, Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, and Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, Philosophical Review, Social Theory and Practice

Referee for books: Cambridge University Press, MIT Press, Oxford University Press

Referee for Swiss National Science Foundation

Referee for SSHRC (Canada)

Referee for Mardsen Fund (New Zealand)

Member, Fellowship Selection Committee, National Humanities Center (2014-15)

Member, Fellowship Selection Committee, NEH (2013)

Member, External Review Committee, Amherst College Philosophy Department (2013)

Member, Fellowship Selection Committee, Stanford Humanities Center (2012-13)

Member, Advisory Committee, APA, Eastern Division (2009-2011)

Member, Nominating Committee, APA Central Division (2008)

Member, Program Committee, APA Central Division (2004)

Chair of session, Central States Philosophical Association meeting (2003)

Chair of sessions, APA meetings

Referee for tenure and promotion: University of Colorado (Boulder), Miami University, University of Pennsylvania, Stanford University, Bard College, George Washington University, Harvard University, Northwestern University (2), University of Toronto, University of Northern Illinois, University of Southern California, University of Utah, Pomona College, University of Colorado (Denver), University of Arizona, University of Tennessee, University of Chicago, New York University (Abu Dhabi) (2), Rutgers University (Camden), University of Houston, Fordham University, University of Vermont, Cornell University, Dartmouth University, Texas Tech, Arizona State, Florida State, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Harvard University, University of Toronto, Claremont McKenna Referee for hiring: Indiana University, King's College London, Harvard University

Referee for hiring: Indiana University, King's College London, Harvard University (X2), MIT, University of Pittsburgh, Florida State, USC, Tulane University

Referee for special professorship: University of Utah Chair, Dissertation Committee: University of Iowa Member, Dissertation Committee: Indiana University

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

Co-chair, Cognitive Science Implementation Advisory Group (2022-2023)

Member, Russel Award Committee (2019-2020)

Member, Institutional Conflict of Interest Committee (2018-2022)

Member, LSA Humanities Divisional Executive Committee (Winter, 2014, 2017-2020)

Talk on Bioethics to Phi Delta Epsilon Medical Fraternity (2018)

Guest lecture, Practical Problems from a Philosophical Point of view: EECS496 (2018)

Guest lecture, Animal Rights: HONORS 230: Living with Animals (2017)

Member, Dissertation Committee (English)

Member, Rackham Executive Board (2015-17)

Member, LSA Academic Judiciary Committee (2012-2014)

Member, Advisory Committee on Culturally Unidentified Remains under NAGPRA (2009-)

Panelist, Discussion on Happiness and Happiness Research (with visiting economist Deirdre McCloskey) (2013)

SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT

Member, Search Committee for Ancient Philosophy (2022)

Member, TRP Committee (2022)

Evaluator, six GSI discussion sections (2022)

Member, dissertation committees (31 committees, 10 chair or co-chair)

Directed Graduate Reading Course (7)

Mock interviews for students on the market (12)

Undergraduate honors thesis advisor (10)

Instructor, Honors Conversion Course (2)

Undergraduate honors thesis reader (9)

Wellness Adviser (2019-2020)

Ombudsperson (2019-2020)

Panelist, Manuscript Workshop for colleague (Winter 2019)

Co-organizer, Reading group re hiring (Summer 2020)

Participant, Reading group re hiring (Fall 2020)

Member, Ancient Philosophy Search Committee (Fall, 2019)

Panelist for COMPASS (Winter, 2019)

Judge, Ethics Bowl (2016-2021)

Independent Study Graduate Course (Fall, 2019; 2021-2022)

Instructor, PHIL 991 (co-taught) (Winter, 2018; Winter, 2019)

Director, PPE (Winter and Fall, 2016)

Independent Study Undergraduate Course (2008, 2016, 2020)

Director of Undergraduate Studies (2012-2014) (2015-2016)

Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee (2009-2014, 2015-2016, Winter 2020)

Member, Graduate Studies Committee (2010-2011, 2017-2020)

Ombudsperson (2011-2014, 2019-2020)

Member, Search Committee to identify promising Kant scholars (2010)

Co-presenter, meeting for first- and second-year graduate students

on becoming a professional philosopher (2009-2013)

Panelist, Weinberg Symposium on Neurolaw (Winter, 2013)

Member, Graduate Admissions Committee (2010-2012)

Member, Search Committees (2008-2010)

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

Judge, High School Ethics Bowl (2016-2020)