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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-
2013

Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, The University of Iowa, 2007
Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, The University of Iowa, 1999-
2006

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

Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Princeton University, 1989-97

3. Fellowships and Awards:

Michigan Humanities Award (for academic year, 2014-15)

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

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:

“Some Reflections on the Relation Between Reason and the Will,” in *Routledge Handbook on Practical Reason*, ed. by Ruth Chang and Kurt Sylvan, forthcoming

- “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, forthcoming)
- “Experiments in Vitro, in Vivo, and in Cathedra,” *Ethics* (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
- “The Value of Humanity,” *Journal of Philosophy* 59, nos. 5/6 (May/June, 2012): 1-39
- “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)]
- “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
- “Personal Autonomy,” in *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (March, 2002; revised September 2008 and 2013), <http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/personal-autonomy>
- “Needs (Someone Else’s), Projects (My Own), and Reasons,” *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)
- “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,” *Journal of Philosophy* 51, no. 4 (June, 2004): 167-196
- “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 (June, 2001, MIT Press)
- “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 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 (to be 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)
- Review of Elijah Millgram, Practical Induction (Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 1997), Philosophical Review 108, no. 4 (October, 1999)
- Review of Hayden Ramsay, Beyond Virtue: Integrity and Morality (New York: St. Martin’s Press, Inc., 1997), Ethics 109, no. 3 (April, 1999)
- 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), Philosophical Review 103, no. 4 (October, 1994)
- Review of Martha Klein, Determinism, Blameworthiness, and Deprivation (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1990), Philosophical Review 102, no. 1 (January, 1993)

2. Work in progress (including manuscripts ready for publication):

- “Evaluating the Value of Humanity,” a collection of original papers in ethics and the history of philosophy, co-edited with Nandi Theunissen
- “Norms of Rationality and the Superficial Unity of the Mind”
- “Against the Quest for the Source of Normativity”
- “Personal Ideals, Rational Agency, and Moral Requirements”

“If You Are not Alienated from Yourself, That is Because. . . .” (a paper relating Kierkegaard’s views to recent discussions in ethics and philosophy of action)

“Why Constitutivist Accounts of Practical Reason are Incompatible with the Conditions of Rational Agency”

INVITED TALKS

“Does Physics Make Us Free?” Comments on Jenann Ismael’s *How Physics Makes Us Free*, Author Meets Critics Session, APA, Pacific Division, 2017

“Personal Ideals, Moral Requirements, and the Ideal of Rational Agency”: 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, 2015; Heidelberg University, 2015; Workshop on the paper, University of Bern, 2015; CUNY Graduate Center, 2014; University of Texas (El Paso), 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

“If you Are Not Alienated from Yourself, That is Because. . . .”: St. Louis University, 2016

“Practical Reason and the Will”: Cornell (Ethics Seminar), 2016

“Why a Determinate Constitutive Aim is Incompatible with the Conditions of Rational Agency”: Invited Symposium, APA, Central Division, 2016; Humboldt University, 2015; Florida State University, 2015; Rutgers University, 2015

“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 Self-alienation”: Horowitz Lecture, Pittsburgh, 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), 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, 2009; University of Texas, 2008; Stanford University Social Ethics and Normative Theory (SENT) Workshop (invited speaker), 2008; University of Nebraska (Omaha), 2008; University of Iowa, 2006; Georgetown, 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, 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, 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 Lecture Series, 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-Champaign, 2001; University of Iowa, 2001; Vanderbilt University, 2000

“The Ethics of Euthanasia”: Invited Lecture, 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

Interview with Gary Watson (80 minutes): Gary Watson Conference, Murphy Institute, Tulane University, 2016
[<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a7UustSJCIM>]

Co-organizer, M-cubed project, “Humility in the Age of Self-promotion,” two-day colloquium and book

Session Chair, Spindel Conference on Ethics (2010)

Regular Participant, Aesthetics Discussion Group (2008-)

Regular Participant, Ancient Philosophy Reading 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)

Dissertation chair, University of Iowa (1 thesis)

Member, dissertation committee for thesis in English

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

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 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: 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)
 Referee for hiring: Indiana University, King's College London, Harvard University, MIT
 Referee for special professorship: University of Utah

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

Member, Rackham Executive Board (2015-16)
 Member, LSA DEC Humanities Committee (Winter, 2014)
 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, dissertation committees (16 committees, 2 co-chair)
 Acting Director, PPE (Winter and Fall, 2016)
 Director of Undergraduate Studies (2012- 2014) (2015-2016)
 Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee (2009-2014, 2015- 2016)
 Member, Graduate Studies Committee (2010-2011)
 Member, committee to identify promising Kant scholars (2010)
 Undergraduate honors thesis advisor (reader on 6, chair of 2)
 Ombudsperson (2011- 2014)
 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, faculty recruiting committees (2008 -2010)

