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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:

Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Princeton University, 1989-97
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, The University of Iowa,
1997-1999

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

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

3. Fellowships and Awards:

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:

“Accountability, Integrity, Authenticity, and Self-legislation: Reflections on
Ruedigger Bittner’s Reflections on Autonomy” Erkenntnis (forthcoming)

“The Value of Humanity,” Journal of Philosophy 59, nos. 5/6 (May/June 2012):
1-39

- “The Possibility of Action as the Impossibility of Certain Forms of Self-alienation” (forthcoming, Oxford Studies in Agency and Responsibility)
- “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), <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)

3. Work in progress (including manuscripts accepted for publication):

“Norms of Rationality and the Superficial Unity of the Mind” (submitted)

“Experiments In Vivo, In Vitro, and In Cathedra” (submitted)

“Against the Quest for the Source of Normativity”

“How Ideals Work (the Guise of the Good, the Relationship between Morality and Prudence, and Moral Dilemmas)”

PRESENTATIONS

Upcoming: UCLA, University of Georgia, University of Arizona, Invited Symposium at Pacific APA, Keynote talk at 7th annual Northwestern Conference on Ethics and Politics, 2013; University of Melbourne, 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”: New Orleans Workshop on Agency and Responsibility, 2011; Horowitz Lecture, Pittsburgh, 2012

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

“The Value of Humanity”: Northwestern, 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

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”: 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

- Member, Faculty Fellowship Selection Committee, Stanford Humanities Center (2012-2013)
- 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)

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

- Associate Editor, Ethics (2008 -)
- Referee for journals: American Philosophical Quarterly, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Canadian Journal of Philosophy, Dialogue, Ethics, Philosophers’ Imprint, The Journal of Philosophical Research, Mind, Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, and Philosophy and Phenomenological Research
- Referee for books: Cambridge University Press, MIT Press, Oxford University Press
- Member, External Review Committee, Amherst College Philosophy Department (2013)
- 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, George Washington, Harvard (pre-tenure), Northwestern (2), Toronto, University of Northern Illinois, USC

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

Member, LSA Academic Judiciary Committee (2012-)
Member, Advisory Committee on Culturally Unidentified Remains under NAGPRA
(2009-)

SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT

Chair, Undergraduate Studies Committee (2012-)
Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee (2009-)
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-)
Member, Graduate Admissions Committee (2010-2012)
Co-presenter, meeting for first- and second-year graduate students
on becoming a professional philosopher (2010-2012)
Member, faculty recruiting committees (2008 -2010)
Member, dissertation committees (10 committees, 1 chair)