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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of Virginia, May 2000. Dissertation title: "The Voluntary in Aristotle's Philosophy: Action, Character, Responsibility." Principal Advisor: Daniel T. Devereux.

M.A. in Philosophy, University of Virginia, May 1997. Thesis title: "Are Forms Particulars in Aristotle's *Metaphysics*?" Principal Advisor: Daniel T. Devereux.

Laurea in Filosofia, *Cum Laude*, University of Genoa, Italy, March 1991. Thesis title: "Dio, mondo e uomo nel pensiero di Franz Rosenzweig." [God, World, and Man in Franz Rosenzweig's Thought]

AREAS OF RESEARCH SPECIALIZATION

Ancient philosophy, philosophy of religion, applied ethics.

AREAS OF TEACHING COMPETENCE

Beginning: Introduction to philosophy, introduction to ethics, logic.

Advanced: History of philosophy (ancient, early modern, 19th and 20th Century), metaphysics, philosophy of mind, biomedical ethics, philosophy of religion.

RESEARCH

"The Ancient Debate Over Abortion," in progress.

Analyzes the philosophical underpinnings of ancient views on abortion and the status of the fetus.

"A Simplified Ontological Argument and Fictional Entities," *Think* 14 (2015): 101-107.

Argues that Matthews and Baker's simplified ontological argument is vulnerable to Gaunilo's Lost Island objection.

"Reincarnation and Infinite Punishment in Hell," *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 74 (2013): 167-180.

Argues that making room for reincarnation in the Christian belief system would solve the so-called "Problem of Hell."

"Aristotle's Alleged Moral Determinism in the *Nicomachean Ethics*," *Journal of Philosophical Research* 33 (2008): 19-32.

Defends a libertarian interpretation of Aristotle's theory of action and responsibility.

"The Problem of Divine Inefficiency," *Think* 17/18 (2008): 75-83.

Suggests that the late emergence of moral and intellectual properties in the Universe is a difficulty for theism.

"Epicurus' Emergent Atomism," *Philo* 10 (2007): 1-11.

Explores Epicurus' strategy for dealing with the deterministic consequences of his atomism.

"The Immorality of Horror Films," *International Journal of Applied Philosophy* 20 (2006): 277-294. Reprinted in W. H. Shaw (ed.), *Social and Personal Ethics* (8th ed.), Boston, MA: Wadsworth, 2014, pp. 209-215.

Argues for the conclusion that viewing the most violent types of horror films is immoral.

"Theism and the Meaning of Life," *Ars Disputandi* 6 (2006).

Counters the suggestion that human life would be meaningless if God did not exist.

"Aristotle on Improving One's Character," *Phronesis* 45 (2000): 205-219.

Refutes the commonly held view that Aristotle believed moral reform to be impossible.

LANGUAGES

Greek, Latin, Italian (native language), German, French.

EMPLOYMENT

Chair, Department of History, Philosophy, Political Science and Religious Studies, Indiana University Northwest, 2010-present.

Associate Professor of Philosophy, Indiana University Northwest, 2007-present.

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Indiana University Northwest, 2000-2007.

COURSES TAUGHT

As Assistant and Associate Professor of Philosophy at Indiana University Northwest, 2000-present:

PHIL-P 100: Introduction to Philosophy (God, theories of right and wrong, abortion, euthanasia, animal rights, mind and body, personal identity, freedom and determinism, knowledge, causation).

PHIL-P 140: Introduction to Ethics (moral theories, ethics and religion, abortion, cloning, the death penalty, physician-assisted suicide, the rights of non-human animals).

PHIL-P 150: Elementary Logic (recognizing and analyzing arguments, validity and soundness, Venn diagrams, propositional logic, truth tables, proofs, formal and informal fallacies).

PHIL-P 200/HIST-B 300: Hell and Death in Antiquity and Beyond (interdisciplinary) (Hell in literature and moral philosophy, history of conceptions of the afterlife, medieval visions of Hell, Dante's *Inferno*, criteria of identity, the metaphysics of survival and resurrection, divine justice and human responsibility).

PHIL-P 201: Ancient Greek Philosophy (the Presocratics, Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, and the philosophical schools of the Hellenistic Age).

PHIL-P 206: Philosophy of Religion (God's existence, religion and ethics, the problem of evil, religious experiences, death and immortality, faith and reason).

PHIL-P 211: Early Modern Philosophy (the Rationalists, the Empiricists, Kant).

PHIL-P 306: Business Ethics (the free market theory, business and social responsibility, whistleblowing, employee privacy, discrimination, product safety and liability, truth in advertising, insider trading, corporate takeovers, business and the environment, the ethics of multinational corporations).

PHIL-P 310: Metaphysics (cosmology, universals, the mind-body problem, identity, truth, possibility and necessity, mereology).

PHIL-P 316: 20th Century Philosophy (Existentialism and its 19th Century precursors, the "linguistic turn" and contemporary analytic philosophy, Rorty's *Philosophy and the Mirror of Nature*).

PHIL-P 393: Biomedical Ethics (moral principles in bioethics, patient autonomy, confidentiality, informed consent, abortion, reproductive technology, euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide).

PHIL-P 490: Readings in Philosophy (capstone experience in philosophy).

As Visiting Lecturer in Philosophy at the University of Virginia, 2004-2005:

PHIL 211: History of Ancient and Medieval Philosophy (from the Presocratics to Aquinas through the Sophists, Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, the schools of the Hellenistic Age, Augustine, and Anselm).

PHIL 311: Plato (analysis and interpretation of the following works: *Apology*, *Crito*, *Protagoras*, *Laches*, *Gorgias*, *Republic*, *Phaedo*, and *Theaetetus*).

PHIL 312: Aristotle (analysis and interpretation of selections from the *Physics*, the *Metaphysics*, and the *Nicomachean Ethics*).

PHIL 402: Death, Immortality, and Personal Identity (a seminar for majors on the ethical and metaphysical implications of death).

PHIL 705: Aristotle's Ethics (a graduate seminar on the central aspects of Aristotle's moral philosophy and its contemporary interpretations).

As Instructor at Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, Center for Talented Youth (a program of Johns Hopkins University), Summer 1999:

Logic: Principles of Reasoning (informal and formal logic for gifted high school students seeking early admission to college).

As Graduate Instructor at the University of Virginia, 1995-1997:

Introduction to Philosophy (Plato, Anselm, Aquinas, Descartes, Hume, Fichte, Nietzsche).

The Philosophy of Death (Plato's *Phaedo*, Epicurus' view that death is not an evil, immortality and personal identity, Aquinas and Geach on resurrection, existentialism and death).

Philosophical Mavericks (idealism, skepticism, fatalism, McTaggart's argument for the unreality of time, moral obligations to human and non-human beings).

Ethics and the Holocaust (moral responsibility and chains of command, killing and the notion of a right to life, evil as a metaphysical question, individual vs. collective moral responsibility).

As Teaching Assistant at the University of Virginia, 1994 and 1997-1999:

History of Ancient and Medieval Philosophy (from the Presocratics to Aquinas through the Sophists, Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, the schools of the Hellenistic Age, Augustine, and Anselm). Served twice as TA for the course.

Symbolic Logic (logical connectives, symbolization, propositional logic, quantificational logic, proofs, models as tests of validity). Served twice as TA for the course and developed a web-based teaching resource for it.

Human Nature (hedonism and its critics, the place of reason in human nature, Rawls on life plans, the tension between the moral life and the good life, Freud's *Civilization and its Discontents*, society and human needs).

Minds and Bodies (Descartes's *Meditations on First Philosophy*, Hume's *Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding*, and Kant's *Prolegomena to Any Future Metaphysics*).

PAPERS PRESENTED

"Reincarnation and Infinite Punishment in Hell," presented via video conference bridge at the Pennsylvania State University at Hazleton (4/13).

"The Problem of Divine Inefficiency," presented at Indiana University Northwest (11/07).

"The Immorality of Horror Films," presented at Indiana University Northwest (11/06).

"Theism and the Meaning of Life," presented at Indiana University Northwest (11/05) and the Illinois Institute of Technology (12/05).

"Aristotle's Libertarianism," presented at the Blandy Farm philosophy retreat sponsored by the University of Virginia (10/04).

"Did Aristotle Understand Moral Responsibility?" presented at the Illinois Institute of Technology (10/03) and at Indiana University Bloomington (11/01).

"Voluntariness and Responsibility in Aristotle's Philosophy," presented at Saint Louis University (2/03), Georgia State University (2/03), and the College of New Jersey (2/03).

"Aristotle on Improving One's Character," presented at Washington and Lee University (1/00).

"The Possibility of Moral Reform in Aristotle," presented at the University of Virginia (12/99).

SERVICE

To the Profession:

Referee for *Ancient Philosophy*, *The Journal of Ethics*, the *Journal of the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning*, and W. W. Norton & Company.

To the Department of History, Philosophy, Political Science and Religious Studies at Indiana University Northwest:

Chair (2010-present).

Acting Chair (Fall 2009).

Chair of the search committee for a tenure-track position in history (2011-2012; search successful).

Chair of the search committee for a tenure-track position in history (2008-2009; search successful).

Chair of the search committee for a visiting position in history (2008; search successful).

Member of the departmental Promotion and Tenure Committee (2008 and 2009).

Summer Chair (2008 and 2011-2013).

To Indiana University Northwest:

Campus Liaison for Indiana University's Faculty Colloquium on Excellence in Teaching (FACET) (2014-present).

Member of the search committee for a Dual Degree Program Specialist (2014-2015).

Member of the Promotion and Tenure Committee of the College of Arts and Sciences (2013).

Campus co-Liaison for Indiana University's Faculty Colloquium on Excellence in Teaching (FACET) (2013).

Member of the Advisors' Council (2011-present).

Member of the Planning and Budgetary Affairs Committee (2009-present).

Member of the FACET Campus Selection Committee (2009-present).

Member of the Trustees' Teaching Award Selection Committee (2007, 2009, and 2011).

Member of the Campus Promotion and Tenure Committee (2007-2008).

Member of the IU Northwest COAS Research Conference Organizing Committee (2007).

Member of an AQIP Accreditation Sub-Committee (2006).

Member of the General Education and Assessment Committee (2005-2008 and 2009-present).

Member of the Human Subjects Committee (2003-present).

Member of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, IU School of Medicine (2003-present).

Member of the Arts & Sciences Curriculum Committee, (2001-2004 and 2010-present).

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Recipient of an Online Course Development Grant (\$3,000) from the Center for Innovation and Scholarship in Teaching and Learning, Indiana University Northwest (2015).

Recipient of a Programming Grant (\$ 1,300) from the Faculty Colloquium on Excellence in Teaching (2014-2015).

Recipient of an Online Course Development Grant (\$4,000) from the Center for Innovation and Scholarship in Teaching and Learning, Indiana University Northwest (2014).

Recipient of a Master Online Course Development Grant (\$2,500) from the Center for Innovation and Scholarship in Teaching and Learning, Indiana University Northwest (2013-2014).

Recipient of an Online Course Development Grant (\$4,000) from the Center for Innovation and Scholarship in Teaching and Learning, Indiana University Northwest (2012-2013).

Recipient of the Trustees' Teaching Award, Indiana University Northwest (2012, 2010, 2008, and 2006).

Recipient of a New Frontiers in the Arts and Humanities Research Grant, Indiana University (2009).

Inducted into FACET (the Faculty Colloquium on Excellence in Teaching), Indiana University (2008).

Recipient of a General Education Course Development Grant (\$ 2,000) from the Office of Academic Affairs, Indiana University Northwest (2006).

Finalist, Founder Day's Teaching Award, Indiana University Northwest (2006).

Recipient of a Summer Faculty Fellowship, Indiana University Northwest (2002 and 2001).

Recipient of a Dissertation Year Fellowship, University of Virginia (1999-2000).

Finalist, Seven Society Award for Superb Teaching, University of Virginia (1999).

Recipient of the World of Knowledge Foundation Fellowship for International Graduate Students (1998-1999).

Recipient of a Dean of Faculty Fellowship, University of Virginia (1998-1999).

Recipient of a Teaching Fellowship, University of Virginia (1994-1999).

Recipient of a DuPont Fellowship, University of Virginia (1995-1997).

Recipient of a Dean of Faculty Fellowship, University of Virginia (1994-1995).