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Curriculum Vitae

Education

Ph.D. Columbia University, 1981
(Dissertation: Contractarianism and Moral Theory)

B.A. Harvard University, 1972

Academic Honors and Awards

NEH Summer Seminar 1993 – Stanford University

SMU Rotunda Teacher of the Year Award, 1991

NEH Summer Seminar 1988 – Syracuse University
(Consequentialism – Jonathan Bennett Director)

NEH summer Seminar 1983 – University of Wisconsin – Madison
(Justification and Proof in Ethics – Marcus Singer, Director)

Whiting Fellowship – Columbia University, 1980-1981

Presidential Fellowship – Columbia University, 1977-1978

B.A. – cum laude – Harvard College. 1972

Employment

Associate Professor of Philosophy, Southern Methodist University, 1988 - present.

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Southern Methodist University, 1982-88.

Assistant Professor of Philosophy – Virginia Commonwealth University, 1981–82.

Area of Specialization

Ethics, Action Theory, Moral Psychology

Area of Competence

Aesthetics

Publications

“The Logic of Desert,” The Journal of Value Inquiry, 1983.

“The Nature of Desert,” The Southern Journal of Philosophy, 1983.

“Counterexamples in Ethics,” Metaphilosophy, 1985.

“Sidwick’s Methodology,” Journal of the History of Philosophy, 1985.

“Justice and Mercy,” Journal of Social Philosophy, 1985.

“Hume’s Key and Aesthetic Rationality,” Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism, 1986.

“Crime and Moral Luck,” American Philosophical Quarterly, 1988.

Reprinted in Controversies in Criminal Law, eds. Michael J. Gorr and Sterling Harwood. Boulder, Colorado: Westview Press, 1992.

Reprinted in Moral Luck, ed. Daniel Stateman. Albany, N.Y.: State University of New York Press, 1983.

“Punishment,” Law and Philosophy, 1988.

Review of Michael Slote, Beyond Optimizing in Philosophia, 1991.

“Pure Negligence,” American Philosophical Quarterly, April 1993

“Motive and Rightness,” Ethics, January 1996.

“Intention, Intentional Action and Moral Responsibility,” (with Alfred Mele), Philosophical Studies, June 1996.

“Consistency Among Intentions and the ‘Simple View’,” Canadian Journal of Philosophy, December 1996.

“Compassion and Sympathy as Moral Motivation,” Cary Maguire Center for Ethics, Occasional Papers No. 8, 1999.

“Compassion and Responsibility: A Response to Kass,” The Ethics of Giving and Receiving, ed. William F May and A. Lewis Soens, Jr.; Dallas: Southern Methodist University Press, 2000.

“Kant, Non-Accidentalness, and the Availability of Moral Worth,” The Journal of Ethics (2001).

“Unconscious Evil Principles,” Philosophy, Psychiatry and Psychology, (2002).

“Intentionality and Moral Judgments in Commonsense Thought about Action,” Journal of Theoretical and Philosophical Psychology (2004).

Papers Delivered

“The Nature of Desert,” Southwestern Philosophical Society, November 1983.

“The Nature of Desert,” American Philosophical Association, March 1984.

“Justice and Mercy,” American Philosophical Association, April 1985.

“Hume’s Key and Aesthetic Rationality,” American Philosophical Association, May 1986.

“Hume’s Key and Aesthetic Rationality,” Hume Society Conference, August 1986.

“Thomson, the Trolley and Respect for Persons,” North Texas Philosophical Association, April 1987.

“Why Not the Second Best?” American Philosophical Association, Central Division, April 1989.

“Negligence and Responsibility,” University of Oklahoma, September 1990.

“Negligence and Responsibility,” American Philosophical Association, Central Division, April 1991.

“The Simple View and Bratman’s Video Game,” American Philosophical Association. Eastern Division, 1995.

“Acting from Duty and Self-interest,” Central States Philosophical Association, October 2003.

“Acting from Duty and Self-interest,” American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, March, 2004.

“The Senses of Duty,” American Philosophical Association, Central Division, April 2004.

“Kant, Korsgaard and Intrinsically-Motivated Actions,” Central States Philosophical Association, October 2005.

“Motives, Maxims and Deontic Relevance,” American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, March 2006.

“The Availability of Motives,” American Philosophical Association, Central Division, April 2007.

Papers Commented Upon

“Conditional Obligation and Detachment,” American Philosophical Association, December 1983.

“Prima Facie Obligations,” North Texas Philosophical Association, April 1984.

“Acts and Consequences,” North Texas Philosophical Association, April 1985.

Commentator on two papers on motivational internalism (Christian Miller and Jakob Elster), American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, March 2005.

Sessions Chaired

Ethics Session – Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, April 1986.

Current Research

Motive and Rightness

Professional Office

President, North Texas Philosophical Association, 1984-1985.

Professional Organizations

American Philosophical Association, Central Division