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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Philosophy, Duke University, Durham, NC, May 1993.

B.A. Philosophy, University of the South, Sewanee, TN, May 1985.

TEACHING AND RESEARCH AREAS

Area of specialization: Ethics, Evolutionary Biology and Philosophy

Areas of competence: Applied Ethics (Medical, Business, and Legal Ethics), History of Philosophy (Ancient and Modern), Philosophy of Law, Logic, Metaphysics, Epistemology

DISSERTATION

Title: A Defense of Pluralistic Character-Morality

Advisor: Dr. Michael Ferejohn

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

President Iowa Philosophical Society, 1999-2000, 2006-2007.

Coe College Faculty Research Grant, Summers of 1995, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2008.

Research Fellow, University of Iowa R.I.S.K. Project, Spring semester of 1994. [The R.I.S.K. Project is a federally funded project for faculty and curriculum development focused on the issues of Risk, Ethics, Public Policy, and Decision Making.]

Winner of prize for best paper by an assistant professor, instructor, or graduate student at the North Carolina Philosophical Society Meeting on February 29, 1992.

Title of paper: "Akratic Character and the Analysis of the Concept of a Character Trait"

Instructorship, Duke University Department of Philosophy, Spring 1989-Spring 1992.

Tuition Award and Stipend, Duke University Department of Philosophy, Fall 1987-Fall 1988.

Tuition Award, Duke University Department of Philosophy, Fall 1986-Spring 1987.

Honors in Philosophy, The University of the South, Sewanee, TN, May 1985.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Positions Held:

Coe College

Academic Year 2009-Present, Full Professor; and Department Chair, Fall 2004-Present.

Academic Years 2000-2009, Associate professor.

Academic Years 1993-2000, Assistant Professor.

University of North Carolina at Wilmington

Academic Year 1992-1993, Visiting Lecturer.

North Carolina State University

Spring 1992, Visiting Instructor.

Duke University

Spring 1989-Fall 1991, Instructor.

Fall 1987-Fall 1988, Teaching Assistant.

Duke University Talent Identification Program

Summers 1987-1992, Instructor.

Courses Taught:

Introduction to Philosophy, Logic (Beginning and upper-level Symbolic), Ethics, History of Modern Philosophy, Ancient Philosophy, Philosophy of Law, Metaphysics, Epistemology, Professional Ethics, Business Ethics, History and Philosophy of Biology, Introduction to Gender Studies, Philosophy of Religion, Environmental Ethics, 20th Century Analytic Philosophy.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Commonsense Darwinism: Evolution, Morality, and the Human Condition, (Open Court Press: Chicago, IL), 2008.

Articles

- (1) "In Defense of Organizational Evolution: A Reply to Reydon and Scholz," Philosophy of the Social Sciences 39 (2009): 463-474.
- (2) "Kanian Freedom and the Problem of Luck," The Southern Journal of Philosophy 45 (2007): 515-532.
- (3) "Foot and Aristotle on Virtues and Flourishing," Philosophia 35 (2007): 43-62.
- (4) "Flanagan and Free Will: A Defense of Agent Causation," Disputatio Vol. II, No. 21 (November 2006): 69-90.
- (5) "Morality, Self-Interest, and Two Kinds of Prudential Practical Rationality," Philosophia 34 (2006): 85-93.
- (6) "Psychological Hedonism, Evolutionary Biology, and the Experience Machine," Philosophy of the Social Sciences 34:4, Dec. 2004, 506-526.
- (7) "A Defense of Naturalistic Naturalized Epistemology," Critica: Revista Hispanoamericana de Filosofia 35:105, December 2003, 49-63.
- (8) "Rachels on Darwinism and Theism," The American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly 77:3, Summer 2003, 399-415.
- (9) "Theism, Evolutionary Epistemology, and Two Theories of Truth," Zygon 37:4, December 2002, 789-801.
- (10) "Sober and Wilson and Nozick and the Experience Machine," Philosophia 29, May 2002, 401-409.
- (11) "Evolution and Free Will: A Defense of Darwinian Non-Naturalism," Metaphilosophy, Vol.33 No.4, July 2002, pp.468-482.
- (12) "A Defense of Darwinian Accounts of Morality," Philosophy of the Social Sciences, Vol.31 No. 2, Sept. 2001, pp.361-385.
- (13) "Evolution and Ethical Scepticism: Reflections on Ruse's Meta-Ethics," The Journal of Social and Evolutionary Systems, Vol.21 No.2, pp.213-221.

- (14) "The Problems With Emotivism: Reflections On Some MacIntyrean Arguments," Journal of Philosophical Research, Vol. 25, January 2000, pp.285-309.
- (15) "Bridging The Is/Ought Gap With Evolutionary Biology: Is This A Bridge Too Far?," The Southern Journal of Philosophy, Vol.37 No.4, (Winter 1999), pp.559-577.
- (16) "An Agnostic Defense of Obligatory Prayer," Sophia: An International Journal for Philosophical Theology, Vol. 37, No.2, 1998, pp.70-87.
- (17) "Virtue, Happiness, and Intelligibility," Journal of Philosophical Research , Vol. 22, January 1997, pp.307-320.
- (18) "Moral Crutches and Nazi Theists: A Defense Of And Reservations About Undertaking Theism," Southwest Philosophy Review , Vol. 13 No.1, January 1997, pp.147-154.
- (19) "The Unity of the Virtues and Its Recent Defenses," The Southern Journal of Philosophy, Vol. 32 No.1, Spring 1994, pp.85-106.

Book Reviews

- (1) Morality and Self-Interest by Paul Bloomfield (ed.). Forthcoming in Mind.
- (2) Happiness Is Overrated by Raymond Belliotti. In The Review of Metaphysics Vol.58, December, 2004.
- (3) Morality Without Foundations: A Defense of Ethical Contextualism by Mark Timmons. In Teaching Philosophy, Vol. 24 No.3, Sept. 2001, pp.295-298.
- (4) Ruling Passions: A Theory of Practical Reasoning by Simon Blackburn. In Teaching Philosophy, Vol.23, No.3, September 2000, pp.286-290.
- (5) "Darwinian Natural Right and the Naturalistic Fallacy." A Review of Larry Arnhart, Darwinian Natural Right: The Biological Ethics of Human Nature. In Biology and Philosophy, Vol.15, No.1, January 2000, pp.119-132.
- (6) Can Ethics Provide Answers? And Other Essays In Moral Philosophy by James Rachels. In Teaching Philosophy, Vol.22, No.1, March 1999, pp.91-95.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

I currently have two completed manuscripts for articles that I am revising, and I hope to submit them to good journals this year. They both concern the metaphysics of freedom and responsibility. The titles are: "Wanting, Willing, Trying, and Kane's Theory of Free Will"; and "Developmental Libertarianism".

PAPERS PRESENTED

"Aristotelian Ethics and Darwinism" keynote address to the 11th Annual Midwest Undergraduate Philosophy Conference at Creighton University on Saturday, April 18, 2009.

"Wanting, Willing, Trying, and Kane's Theory of Free Will" presented at the meetings of the Iowa Philosophical Society in Mt. Vernon at Cornell College on October 18, 2008.

"Deliberative Agent Causation and the Luck Argument" presented to:

(1) the Philosophy Department at the University of Miami in Coral Gables, FL on April 27, 2007;

(2) the Central States Philosophy Association in Des Moines, IA on October 5, 2007.

"Flanagan and Free Will: A Defense of Agent Causation" the keynote address at the University of Iowa Graduate Philosophical Society 2006 Fall Conference, Saturday, December 2, 2006.

"Comments on Poston on Internalist Justification" presented at meetings of the Central States Philosophical Association Meetings in Iowa City, IA on October 22, 2004.

"Comments on Holland's Views on the Presumption of Atheism" presented at the American Philosophical Society Meetings in San Francisco, CA in March of 2001.

"Evolution and Free Will: A Defense of Darwinian Non-naturalism" presented at:

(1) meetings of the ISHPSSB at Quinnipiac University in Hamden, CT on Saturday, July 21, 2001;

(2) the Iowa Philosophical Society Meeting at Coe College in Cedar Rapids, IA on Saturday, October 14, 2000.

"Evolutionary Ethics and the Naturalistic Fallacy" presented at the 27th Annual Value Inquiry Conference at Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg, MO on Saturday, April 24, 1999.

"Evolution and Ethical Scepticism: Reflections on Ruse's Metaethics" presented at:

(1) meetings of the Iowa Philosophical Society in Ames, IA on November 8, 1997.

(2) meetings of the Southern Philosophical Society in New Orleans, LA on April 9, 1998.

"Comments on John Corvino's 'What Hume Was Really Arguing in 'Of Miracles'" presented at the Pacific Division Meetings of the American Philosophical Association in San Francisco, CA on March 27, 1997.

"An Agnostic Defense Of Obligatory Prayer" presented at the Mid-South Philosophy Conference in Memphis, TN on March 1, 1997.

"Comments on James Edwards' 'Hume's Idea of the Self'" presented at the Mid-South Philosophy Conference in Memphis, TN on March 1, 1997.

"Moral Crutches And Nazi Theists: A Defense Of And Reservations About Undertaking Theism" presented at:

- (1) Iowa Philosophical Society Meetings in Iowa City, November of 1995;
- (2) Midwest Division Meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers in Dubuque, IA, March 9, 1996;
- (3) the Southern Philosophical Society Meetings in Nashville, TN, April 5, 1996.

"On the Ideal Moral Virtues and Their Alleged Unity" presented at the Iowa Philosophical Society Meetings at Wartburg College in Waverly Iowa on November 6, 1993.

"Comments on Luckhardt's 'Guilt and Rationality'" presented at the meetings of the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology on April 8, 1993 in New Orleans, LA.

"A Critical Consideration of Recent Defenses of the Unity of the Virtues" presented at the meetings of the North Carolina Philosophical Society on February 27 at UNC-Charlotte.

"Character and the Moral Worth of Persons" presented to the Philosophy Department at St. Cloud State University in St. Cloud, Minnesota on April 24, 1992.

"Is Love All That You Need?: A Critical Consideration of Agapistic Monism" presented at the Eastern Region Meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers in Spartanburg, SC during the weekend of April 3-5, 1992 at Wofford College.

"Akratic Character and the Analysis of the Concept of a Character Trait" presented at the 1992 Meeting of the North Carolina Philosophical Society on February 29 at Elon College.

"The Significance of Aristotle's Poetics to Moral Theory" presented at the Tenth Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Islamic Philosophy and Science and the Society for the Study of Ancient Greek Philosophy in New York, NY, on Oct. 26, 1991 at Baruch College, CUNY.

"Moral Blame and Moral Disapproval" presented at the North Carolina Philosophical Society meeting in February, 1991.

SESSIONS CHAIRED

Symposium on ethics at the Intermountain Philosophical Association meeting in Winston Salem, NC, on Nov. 9, 1991.

SERVICE AS REFEREE FOR JOURNALS

Current Anthropology

The Journal of Philosophical Research

Philosophia

Philosophy of the Social Sciences

Sophia: International Journal for Philosophy of Religion, Metaphysical Theology, and Ethics

COMMITTEE WORK

2009-Present Faculty Welfare Committee

2007-2008 First Year Seminar Committee

2005-2006 Academic Policies Committee

2004-2005 Assessment Committee

2002-2004 Academic Policies Committee

2000-2002 Executive Committee

1999-2000 Budget Committee

1996-1998 Admissions Committee

1994-1996 Judicial Board

REFERENCES

Dr. Jeffrey Hoover, Dept. of Philosophy and Religion, Coe College

Dr. Edmund Burke, Dept. of History, Coe College

Dr. Pam Carstens, Dept. of Business Administration and Economics, Coe College

Dr. Michael Ferejohn, Dept. of Philosophy, Duke University

Dr. David Sanford, Dept. of Philosophy, Duke University