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AOS: Ethics, Social-Political Philosophy, Environmental Philosophy

AOC: History of Philosophy

EDUCATION

BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Ph.D. (philosophy)

Dissertation: "Value, Morality, and Wilderness"

Committee: Daniel O. Dahlstrom, David Roochnik, Derek Turner, Walter Hopp

Qualifying Papers – Examiners: Daniel Star & Hugh Baxter

- "Habermas and the Nature of Religious Reason" (High Pass)
- "Can Virtue Ethics Provide Adequate Action Guidance?" (High Pass)

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

A.M. (humanities)

Thesis: "Action Guidance and Relativism in Hursthouse's Virtue Ethics"

Thesis Advisor: Gabriel Richardson Lear

CONNECTICUT COLLEGE

B.A. (philosophy)

Certificate in Public Policy and Community Action

U.S. FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR

Czech Republic

Phenomenological Philosophy of Jan Patočka

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

Wilderness, Morality, and Value. Lexington Books. Lanham, MD. 2022.

- See: [Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews](#)

Selected Articles and Reviews:

- "The Persistent Past: On the Norms of Commemoration" (in progress)
- ["Action Guidance and Virtue Ethics" \(under review\)](#)
- ["Utopia, Dystopia, and Democracy: Teaching Philosophy in Wartime Ukraine" *Studia Philosophica Estonica*. 17: 160-175. 2024](#)
- ["Do We Have a Duty to Abolish Wilderness?" *Breakthrough Journal*. Volume 19, 2023.](#)
- ["Uncomplicating the Idea of Wilderness," *Environmental Values*. Volume 29 \(1\), 2020, pp. 89-107. White Horse Press.](#)

- ["Religious Reasons in the Public Sphere: A Challenge to Habermas," *Philosophy & Theology*. Volume 31 \(1&2\), 2020, pp.121-143. Marquette University Press.](#)
- ["Dignity and Credibility in the Age of Information." *The Principal Post*. June 2020.](#)
- ["Is Hunting Moral? A Philosopher Unpacks the Question" *The Conversation*: January 2017.](#)
- "Presence and Participation of Religious and Faith-Based Perspectives During the Drafting of the Convention on the Rights of the Child": UNICEF, Office of Public Partnerships: March 2005.
- "Report on the Influence of Religion and Faith-Based Issues in the Annual Reports of the Committee on the Convention on the Rights of the Child": UNICEF, Office of Public Partnerships: December 2004.

Selected Conference Papers and Speaking Engagements

- ["Philosophy in Crisis: Exploring the Role of Democratic Thought in Wartime Ukraine": *PostScriptum*, Odessa National University, Ukraine January 2025.](#)
- "Philosophy and the Russia-Ukraine War": Fulbright Association (Forthcoming, 2025).
- ["Why Democracy?" *New Hampshire Humanities* \(Forthcoming, January 2024\).](#)
- ["Ethics and the Climate Crisis": *New Hampshire Humanities*, January 2024.](#)
- "Teaching Philosophy Outside the Academy": APA Eastern. January 2024.
- "Ethics and the Environment": Yale Forum on Religion and Ecology. September 2024.
- "The Metabolic Rift: Human Nature in Nature": Breakthrough Institute, San Francisco. June 2023.
- "Aristotle's Puzzling Metaphysics": Ukrainian Catholic University, Lviv. March 2023.
- "The Roots of Analytic Metaethics": Ukrainian Catholic University, Lviv. March 2023.
- "Carbon Emissions and Moral Duties": National Polytechnic University, Lviv. March 2023.
- "Philosophical Anthropology": Ivan-Franko University, Lviv. March 2023.
- "Invisible Philosophy: Using Other Disciplines to Teach Philosophy." APA Eastern. January 2023.
- "Wilderness, Morality, and Value" (podcast): New Books Network. September 2022.
- "The Ethics of Hunting": Real Talk with Ryan Jespersen, Radio Canada. May 2021.
- "Between Justice and Goodness: Conflicting Duties in the Face of Climate Change": Salem State University. April 2021.
- ["The Desire for God: Movement and Wonder in Aristotle's Metaphysics": APA Eastern Division, January 2021.](#)
- "Philosophy Begins in Apathy: Building Student Curiosity in Introductory Courses": APA Eastern Division, January 2020.
- "What if Wilderness is Bad for Animals?": Goodwin-Niering Center for the Environment and the Department of Philosophy at Connecticut College. October 2018.
- "Is Hunting Moral?": The Kathleen Dunn Show, Wisconsin Public Radio, March 2017.
- "The Meaning of Nature in Urban Conservation": Pardee Center for the Study of Longer-Range Future, Boston University. October 2016.
- "Rawls, Habermas, and the Problem of Religious Reason": University of London, Symposium on Religion and Public Life. February 2016.

- “Can Religious Reasons be Public Reasons?”: Boston College. March 2013.
- “Action Guidance and Virtue Ethics”: Dept. of Philosophy, Boston University. March 2012.
- “Was Marx Right About the Problem of Commodity Fetishism?”: University of Chicago, Humanities Colloquium. October 2008.
- “Phenomenology of the Divine in Schiller’s *Mysterium Tremendum*”: Charles University (Prague), Colloquium on Religion and Phenomenology. November 2007.
- “Freedom and Foreknowledge: Redescribing Divine Omniscience”: Pacific University, April 2004.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

St. Paul’s School (New Hampshire)

2019-Present: Introduction to Philosophy
 2019-Present: Environmental Philosophy
 2019-Present: Political Philosophy
 2019-Present: Philosophy, Science, and Religion
 2019-Present: Humanities Core Curriculum

Anglo-American University (Prague, Czechia)

2025 (Summer Term): Environmental Philosophy

Ukrainian Catholic University (Lviv, Ukraine)

2023-24: Volunteer Lecturer in Philosophy

Advanced Studies Program at St. Paul’s School

2017-2021: Biomedical Ethics
 2020-2021: Writing Seminar

The Hotchkiss School

2018-19: History of Philosophy I & II
 2018-19: Environmental Philosophy
 2018-19: Biomedical Ethics
 2019: The Frankfurt School

Groton School

2016-2017: World History
 2016-2017: Moral Philosophy

Boston University, Lecturer

Summer 2015: Political Philosophy
 Summer 2014: Introduction to Ethics
 Summer 2013: Philosophy of Sport
 Winter 2012: Existentialism

Boston University, Teaching Fellow

Spring 2010: History of Modern Philosophy (with Kryzstof Michalski)
Fall 2011: Introduction to Ethics (with Charles Griswold)
Spring 2012: Philosophy of Sport (with David Roochnik)
Fall 2012: Introduction to Ethics (with Daniel Star)
Spring 2013: Introduction to Philosophy (with Walter Hopp)
Fall 2014: Introduction to Ethics (with Charles Griswold)
Spring 2015: Introduction to Philosophy (with Walter Hopp)
Fall 2015: Logic and Argumentation (with Alisa Bokulich)
Spring 2016: Introduction to Philosophy (with Monica Link)

Newbury College

Fall 2014: Introduction to Ethics I
Fall 2014: Introduction to Ethics II

New Hampshire Technical Institute

Fall 2009: English Composition

ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Havenwood Assisted Living and Nursing Home Concord, NH 2023-Present
• *Biomedical Ethics Consultant*

Discover Outdoors NYC 2014-2020 (Seasonal)
• *Senior Guide*

Salem State University Salem, MA 2017-2018
• *Climbing Instructor, Department of Outdoor Education*

Franke Institute for the Humanities University of Chicago 2008-2009
• *Program Assistant*

UNICEF New York, USA/Coimbatore, India 2004-2005
• *Research Associate and Outreach Coordinator*

ADDITIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Sumer 2019: Newsome Research Grant. Supported the preparation of the manuscript for *Wilderness, Morality, and Value*. Rowman & Littlefield, 2022.

2019: Preston Faculty Grant. Funded research in Nepal to study impact of theories of environmental value on Nepal's conservation policy.

2016: Research Fellow at the Frederick S. Pardee Center for the Study of the Longer-Range Future.

2013: Research assistant to Daniel Dahlstrom (Boston University). Preparation of Husserl's *Ideas for a Pure Phenomenology and Phenomenological Philosophy* (Hackett 2014).

2012: Research assistant to Aaron Garrett (Boston University). Preparation of *The Routledge Companion to Eighteenth Century Philosophy* (Routledge 2014).

HONORS AND AWARDS

2024: [Schapiro Distinguished Teacher Award Nominee, Northwestern University](#)
2024: American Philosophical Association Teaching Grant, Philosophy of History
2023: American Philosophical Association Teaching Grant, Political Philosophy
2023: Form of 1923 Endowed Chair in Humanities, St. Paul's School
2022: 1973 Fellowship, Summer Classics Fellow, St. John's College, New Mexico
2018: Summer Fellow, Program on Integrative Knowledge, Harvard University
2016: Research Fellow, Pardee Center for the Study of Longer-Ranger Future
2012: Outstanding Teaching Fellow Award, Boston University
2010-2016: Presidential Fellowship, Boston University
2008-9: Merit Scholarship, Division of the Humanities, University of Chicago
2004: Suzanne Langer Prize in Philosophy, Connecticut College
2003: Teheneppe Prize in Philosophy, Connecticut College

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

2020 - Present: Associate Chair, APA Committee on Pre-College Philosophy
2022-Present: Reviewer, *Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture*
2022-Present: Reviewer, *Environmental Philosophy*
2019- Present: Director, St. Paul's School Philosophical Society
2014-15: Hiring Committee, Boston University Department of Philosophy
2013-14: Graduate Student President, Boston University Department of Philosophy

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