

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley (1973)
M.A., University of California, Berkeley (1968)
A.B., (Honors in Philosophy), Stanford University (1966).

Academic Positions

Professor of Philosophy Emeritus, Univ. of Delaware, 2013-present
Professor of Philosophy, University of Delaware, 2007- 2012
Department Chair, Philosophy Department,
University of Delaware, 2007-2012.
Professor of Philosophy, University of New Mexico,
1990- 2007.
Department Chair, Philosophy Department,
University of New Mexico, 1996 - 2000
Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of New Mexico, 1979-
1990.
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of New Mexico,
1971-1979.

Areas Of Specialization:

Ethics, Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Action

Areas of Competence:

Philosophy of Law, Applied ethics, Elementary Logic.

Books:

*REASONS AND PURPOSES: Human Rationality and The Teleological
Explanation of Action*, Clarendon Press/Oxford University Press
(2003), paperback (2005)

DESIRE: Its Role in Practical Reason and the Explanation of Action,
MIT Press/Bradford Books (1995)

THE IDEA OF A REASON FOR ACTING, The Edwin Mellen Press,
Lewiston, NY (1989)

Articles (excluding book reviews):

- “Why Teleologists about Action Explanation must be Realists about Purposes” (in draft form)
- “Doubts about Normative Skepticism” (in draft form)
- “Why? and How?: Teleological and Causal Concepts in Explanations of Action”, in *Explanation in Action Theory and Historiography: Causal and Teleological Approaches (Routledge Studies in Contemporary Philosophy)*, (Edited by Gunnar Schumann) (2019)
- “Deliberation and Desire” in *The Nature of Desire*, (Edited by Julien Deonna & Federico Lauria) Oxford University Press (2017)
- “Intentionality” in *International Encyclopedia of Ethics*, (Hugh LaFollette. Ed.), Wiley, 2013
- “Direction of Fit” in *International Encyclopedia of Ethics*, (Hugh LaFollette. Ed.), Wiley, 2013
- “Motivational Internalism and Externalism”, in *Companion to the Philosophy of Action*, ed. by Timothy O’Connor and Constantine Sandis, Wiley-Blackwell, Oxford, 2010.
- “Interpretative Explanations” in *New Essays on the Explanation of Action*, ed. by Constantine Sandis, Palgrave Macmillan, St. Martin’s Press, New York 2009
- “Appearances of the Good” (my contribution to the panel on Sergio Tenenbaum’s book of this title, Canadian Philosophical Association meeting, May, 2007), printed in [Dialogue](#), [Volume 48](#), [Issue 02](#), June 2009, pp 387-394
- “The Humean Theory of Motivation Rejected”, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, Vol. LXXVIII, No. 1, January 2009.
- “Is It Really Possible to Follow One’s Conscience?”, *American Philosophical Quarterly*, January 2007
- “Rationality and Character Traits”, in *Moral Psychology*, ed. by S. Tenenbaum. (Poznan Studies in the Philosophy of the Sciences and the Humanities, vol. 94), Amsterdam/New York: Rodopi, 2007
- "Action Explanation: Causes and Purposes" in *Intentions and Intentionality*, ed. by B. Malle, L. Moses, and D. Baldwin, MIT Press, 2001.

- "Why IS Modesty a Virtue?," *Ethics*, July 1999.
- "How Can Reason Be Practical?," *Critica*, Vol. 28, issue no. 84, pp. 41-62.
- "Why Modesty Is a Virtue," *Ethics*, Vol. 107, no. 3 (April 1997), pp. 467-485. [Reprinted in *Ethics for Everybody*, David Benatar (ed.) (McGraw-Hill, 2001)]
- "Why 'Ought's Are Not Facts", *Mind* 416, Vol. 104, Oct. 1995, pp. 713-723. presented at a conference on Norms and Rationality, Glasgow, Scotland, (July, 1995)
- "Pro-Attitudes and Direction of Fit", *Mind* 398, Vol. 100, No. 2 (April, 1991), pp. 277-281.
- "Anti-Realism and Skepticism in Ethics," *Iyyun* Vol. 4 (Jan. 1991), pp. 3-18.
- "Consequences and Agent-Centered Restrictions," *Metaphilosophy* Vol. 20, no. 1. (Jan., 1989).(This paper was read at the Pacific Division meeting of the American Philosophical Association, 27 March 1987.'Abstract,' Proceedings and Addresses of the A.P.A., Vol. 60, #3 (Jan., 1987), p. 569.)
- "The Evaluation of Teaching in Philosophy," *Teaching Philosophy*, Vol. 11, no. 4 (December, 1988).(Reprinted in Polish translation in Edukacja Filozoficzna, Vol. 10 (1990).)
- "*Modus Ponens* and Moral Realism," *Ethics*, Vol. 98, no. 3 (April, 1988).(A shorter version of this paper was read at the Central Division meeting of the American Philosophical Association, 30 April, 1988.'Abstract,' Proceedings and Addresses of the A.P.A., Vol. 61, #4 (March, 1988), p. 797.)
- "Philosophers and Medical Ethics" (published as "Toppling the Philosopher Off his Ethical Pedestal"), *Medical Ethics for the Physician*, Vol. 1, no. 5 (Dec. 1986).
- "Some Reasoning About Preferences," *Ethics*, Vol. 95, no. 1 (Oct. 1984).
- "Stroud on Hume on Induction," *Southwest Philosophical Studies*, Vol. 3, no. 3 (Spring, 1983).
- "How Not to Reply to a Moral Sceptic," *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, Vol. 61, no. 3 (Sept. 1983). (This paper was read at the Pacific Division meeting of the American Philosophical Association, 26 March 1983.'Abstract,' Proceedings and Addresses of the A.P.A., Vol. 56, #3 (Feb., 1983), pp. 479-480.)
- "Akrasia Revisited," *Mind*, Vol. 92 (Oct., 1983).

- "Can Subjectivism be 'Defused'?" *Metaphilosophy*, Vol. 12, no. 1. (Jan., 1981) (This paper was read at the Pacific Division meeting of the American Philosophical Association, 25 March 1979. 'Abstract,' Proceedings and Addresses of the A.P.A., Vol. 52, #3 (Jan., 1979), pp. 477-478.)
- "Exclusionary Reasons," *The Personalist*, Vol. 60, no. 4.
- "X's Reason for phi-ing was p'," *Mind*, Vol. 87, no. 349. (Jan., 1979)
- "Harman on Moral Relativism," *The Journal of Critical Analysis*, Vol. 7, no. 3 (Summer/Fall, 1978)
- "A Law School Course in Philosophy of Law and Professional Responsibility," (co-author), in *Professional Responsibility in the Law*, S. Gorovitz and B. Miller (eds.), (Council for Philosophical Studies, 1977).
- "Moral Scepticism," *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*, Vol. 15, no. 1 (Spring, 1977).
- "Nagel on the Rationality of Prudence," *Philosophical Studies*, Vol. 29, no. 1 (Jan., 1976).
- "How to Prove 'Freedom of the Will'," *Proceedings of the N.M. and W. Texas Philosophical Society*, (April, 1975).
- "Rawls on Promising," *Proceedings of the N. M. and W. Texas Philosophical Society*, (April, 1974).
- "The Notion of 'Incitement'," *Philosophy and Rhetoric*, Vol. 7, no. 2 (Spring, 1974).

Courses Taught:

- GRADUATE SEMINARS in moral realism, character, value theory, moral skepticism, intentionality, desire, reasons and motives, varieties of skepticism, ethics, justice, Hume, action and explanation, and self-interest and altruism;
- UPPER DIVISION COURSES in philosophy of mind, philosophy of law, ethics, metaphysics symbolic logic and contemporary philosophy;
- LOWER DIVISION COURSES in contemporary ethical issues, critical thinking, introduction to moral philosophy and introduction to philosophy.

Other Professional Activities:

- Program Committee, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, (2005-2008); (Chair, for the 2007 meeting)
- Executive Committee, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, (2005 - 2008).
- Nominating Committee (Chair), American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division (2000/2001)

University Faculty Senator (UNM) (1982/84, 1995/97);
 Program Committee, American Philosophical Association, Pacific
 Division, (1995-98);
 Departmental Director of Graduate Studies (UNM) (1980/81,
 1982/83, 1986-1990, 1993/94);
 Acting Department Chairman (UNM) (1981/82 and second
 semester 1986/87);
 Assistant Editor: *Guidebook to Publishing in Philosophy* (2nd Ed.,
 APA, 1986);
 Referee for *Ethics, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*,
Nous, Hume Studies, Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical
Review, Philosophical Quarterly, Inquiry, Philosophical
Studies, Mind;
 Organized Brian O'Neil Memorial Lectures in The History of
 Philosophy (endowed annual lectures, UNM, 1985-present)

Awards, Fellowships, Etc.:

Sabbatical Semester (UNM), Fall 2005
 National Endowment for the Humanities: Summer Research
 Stipend, June & July 2003.
 Hewlett Foundation Interdisciplinary Teaching Grant (With J.
 Jenson and I. Jaffe), 2001-2002.
 Sabbatical Semester (UNM), Fall 1998.
 Sabbatical year at Oxford University, 1991-92.
 Faculty Scholar (Research Fellowship), University of New Mexico,
 Fall 1990-91.
 National Endowment for the Humanities: Institute on Heidegger
 and Davidson, University of California, Santa Cruz, summer
 1990.
 Sabbatical year at Oxford University, 1984-85.
 American Philosophical Association: Conference on Teaching
 Philosophy, Williams College, 1981.
 Sabbatical year at Oxford University, 1977-78.
 Council for Philosophical Studies: Institute on Law and Ethics,
 Williams College, 1977.
 Ralph W. Church Scholarship, University of California, Berkeley,
 (declined) 1971.
 James Sutton Fellowship in Philosophy, University of California,
 Berkeley, 1969-70.
 Undergraduate Prize in the Humanities, Stanford University, 1966.
 E.R. Crosset Scholarship, Stanford University, 1965-66.