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### **Employment:**

#### *Syracuse University:*

Anita and Allan D. Sutton Distinguished Professor of Philosophy, 2014-.

Professor of Philosophy, 2013-.

Chair, Philosophy, 2012-.

Director of the Integrated Learning Major in Ethics, 2010-11 and 2012-.

Associate Professor of Philosophy, 2008-2013.

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 2003-2008.

*Princeton University:* Laurance S. Rockefeller Visiting Faculty Fellow, Center for Human Values, 2011-12.

*Western Washington University:* Visiting Assistant Professor, 2002-2003.

*Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University:* Visiting Assistant Professor, 1999-2002.

*Illinois Wesleyan University:* Visiting Assistant Professor, 1998-1999.

### **Education:**

*University of Massachusetts at Amherst,* PhD, Philosophy, 1999.

*Lawrence University,* B.A. *magna cum laude*, Philosophy, 1993.

### **Areas of Specialization:**

- Ethics
- Philosophy of Death

### **Books:**

- (2015) *Well-Being*. Polity Press, forthcoming.
- (2012) *The Oxford Handbook of Philosophy of Death*, co-edited with Fred Feldman and Jens Johansson, Oxford University Press. 502 pages. Reviews:
  - Mark Alfino, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* 2013.06.23 (2013).
  - James Stacey Taylor, *Journal of Applied Philosophy* **31** (2014): 109-111.
- (2009) *Well-Being and Death*. Oxford: Clarendon Press. 198 pages. Released in paperback 2011. Reviews:
  - Steven Luper, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* 2009.07.16 (2009).
  - Kelly James Clark, *Analysis* **70** (2010): 592-3.
  - James Stacey Taylor, *The Journal of Moral Philosophy* **7** (2010): 534-6.

- Walter Glannon, *The Journal of Value Inquiry* **44** (2010): 107-111.
- Douglas Portmore, *Utilitas* **22** (2010): 500-503.
- Caspar Hare, *Ethics* **121** (2011), 797-9.
- Christopher Belshaw, *Mind* **120** (2011): 511-516.
- Sean Stapleton, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* **89** (2011): 375.
- Krister Bykvist, *Ethical Perspectives* **19** (2012).

## Papers:

- (forthcoming) “How Should We Feel About Death?” *Philosophical Papers*.
- (forthcoming) “Character and Consequences,” in Iskra Fileva (ed.), *Perspectives on Character* (Oxford University Press).
- (forthcoming) “Is Death Bad for a Cow?” in Tatjana Visak and Robert Garner (eds.), *The Ethics of Killing Animals* (Oxford University Press).
- (forthcoming) “Well-Being and Death,” in Guy Fletcher (ed.), *Companion to Well-Being* (Routledge Publishing Co.).
- (2014) “Why Leave Nature Alone?” in Avram Hiller, Ramona Ilea and Leonard Kahn (eds.), *Consequentialism and Environmental Ethics* (Routledge Publishing Co.), pp. 92-103.
- (2014) “Objective Theories of Well-Being,” in Dale Miller and Ben Eggleston (eds.), *The Cambridge Companion to Utilitarianism* (Cambridge University Press), pp. 199-215.
- (2013) “Death and Desires,” with Kris McDaniel, in James S. Taylor (ed.), *The Ethics and Metaphysics of Death: New Essays* (Oxford University Press), pp. 118-133.
- (2013) “Asymmetries in Benefiting, Harming and Creating,” *The Journal of Ethics* **17**: 37-49.
- (2012) “Doing Away With Harm,” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* **85**: 390-412.
- (2012) “Fischer on Death and Unexperienced Evils,” *Philosophical Studies* **158**: 507-13.
- (2011) “Narrativity, Freedom, and Redeeming the Past,” *Social Theory and Practice* **37**: 47-62.
- (2010) “Benatar and the Logic of Betterness,” *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*, www.jesp.org, March 2010. (Discussion Note)
- (2010) “Eternalism and Death’s Badness,” in Campbell, O’Rourke and Silverstein (eds.), *Time and Identity* (MIT Press), pp. 271-81.
- (2009) “Saving People and Flipping Coins,” *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* **3** (1): 1-13. www.jesp.org.
- (2008) “Desires,” with Kris McDaniel, *Mind* **117**: 267-302.
- (2008) “The Worst Time to Die,” *Ethics* **118**: 291-314.
- (2007) “How Bad Is Death?” *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* **37**: 111-127.
- (2007) “A Paradox for Some Theories of Welfare,” *Philosophical Studies* **133**: 45-53.
- (2006) “Two Concepts of Intrinsic Value,” *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* **9**: 111-130.
- (2006) “Against Satisficing Consequentialism,” *Utilitas* **18**: 97-108.
- (2005) “Virtue Consequentialism,” *Utilitas* **17**: 282-298.
- (2005) “‘Doing and Allowing’ and Doing and Allowing,” with Michael Stocker, *Ethics* **115**: 799-808.

- (2004) “When Is Death Bad for the One Who Dies?” *Nous* **38**: 1-28.
- (2002) “Is Intrinsic Value Conditional?” *Philosophical Studies* **107**: 23-44.
- (2001) “The Value of Endangered Species,” *The Journal of Value Inquiry* **35**: 43-58.
- (1998) “Extrinsic Value,” *Philosophical Studies* **91**: 109-126.

### **Book Reviews and Encyclopedia Articles:**

- (2013) “Philosophical Utilitarianism,” *The Bloomsbury Encyclopedia of Utilitarianism* (Bloomsbury), edited by James Crimmins, pp. 408-410.
- (2013) “Intrinsic Value,” *International Encyclopedia of Ethics* (Blackwell), edited by Hugh LaFollette.
- (2013) “Instrumental Value,” *International Encyclopedia of Ethics* (Blackwell), edited by Hugh LaFollette.
- (2012) “Goodness and Justice.” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* **84**: 233-43. (Review essay on *Goodness and Justice: A Consequentialist Moral Theory* by Joseph Mendola.)
- (2010) Review of *The Philosophy of Death* by Steven Luper, *Times Literary Supplement*, October 1, p. 29.
- (2010) Review of *Pleasure and the Good Life: Concerning the Nature, Varieties, and Plausibility of Hedonism* by Fred Feldman, *Utilitas* **22**: 232-4.
- (2010) Review of *The Philosophy of Death* by Steven Luper, *Ethics* **120**: 395-98.
- (2007) Review of *A Theory of Virtue: Excellence in Being for the Good* by Robert Merrihew Adams, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (May).
- (2005) Review of *Reasons and the Fear of Death* by R.E. Ewin, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* **83**: 293-295.
- (2004) Critical Notice of *The Nature of Intrinsic Value* by Michael Zimmerman, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* **69**: 492-494.

### **Other Edited Collections:**

- (2009) *Proceedings of the 2008 Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference*, with Ryan Wasserman and Jill North, *Philosophical Studies* **145**:1.

### **Grants, Fellowships, and Awards:**

- \$93,849 grant from the Immortality Project at UC Riverside, funded by the Templeton Foundation, with Kirsten Egerstrom and Travis Timmerman, 2014-15.
- Excellence in Graduate Education Faculty Recognition Award, Syracuse University, 2013.
- \$324,000 grant from the Empire State Stem Cell Board to develop a portable course on “stem cells and society” at Syracuse University, with eight collaborators, 2010-12. PI: John Russell; co-PI: Gustav Niebuhr.
- Laurance S. Rockefeller fellowship at Princeton University’s Center for Human Values, 2011-12 (\$42,000).
- 80,000SEK grant from the Wenner-Gren Foundation in Stockholm, Sweden (declined due to conflict with Rockefeller fellowship).

- Best paper prize, International Society for Utilitarian Studies, 2005 (“Against Satisficing Consequentialism”).

### **Recent and Upcoming Presentations (2003-):**

Campus lectures:

- “How Should We Feel About Death?” Coastal Carolina University, February 12, 2015.
- “How Should We Feel About Death?” Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, University of Belgrade, December 4, 2014.
- “Hedonism,” Faculty of Philology, University of Belgrade, December 4, 2014.
- “Terrorism,” Center for American Studies, Faculty of Political Science, University of Belgrade, December 3, 2014.
- “Philosophical Issues in Embryonic Stem Cell Research,” University Library, University of Belgrade, December 4, 2014.
- “Why Leave Nature Alone?” American Corner Novi Sad, Serbia, December 2, 2014; American Corner Belgrade, Serbia, December 3, 2014.
- “How Should We Feel About Death?” University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, November 14, 2014.
- “How Should We Feel About Death?” Onondaga Community College, October 26, 2014.
- “How Should We Feel About Death?” Yokohama National University, August 24, 2014.
- “How Should We Feel About Death?” Colgate University, March 28, 2014.
- “Character and Consequences,” Uppsala University, October 10, 2013.
- “Harms and Causes,” Stockholm University, October 8, 2013.
- “What Is Harm?” The College of New Jersey, March 29, 2012.
- “Harms, Causes, and Deontology,” Princeton University, March 12, 2012.
- “Harms, Causes, and Deontology,” University of Connecticut, February 10, 2012.
- “Harms, Causes, and Deontology,” Rutgers Value Theory Reading Group, February 6, 2012.
- “Death and Desires,” Bowling Green State University, December 2010.
- “Narrativity, Freedom, and Redeeming the Past,” University of Toronto, September 23, 2010.
- “Doing Away With Harm,” Boston University, April 9, 2010.
- “Doing Away With Harm,” SUNY-Buffalo, January 28, 2010.
- “Doing Away With Harm,” SUNY-Binghamton, November 19, 2009.
- “Doing Away With Harm,” Princeton University Center for Human Values, November 18, 2009.
- “Analyzing Harm,” Lawrence University, April 30, 2009.
- “Analyzing Harm,” University of Wisconsin, March 13, 2009.
- “A Defense of Hedonism,” Stockholm University, May 29, 2008.
- “Is Death Bad for a Cow?” University of Reading, May 27, 2008.
- “A Defense of Hedonism,” Oxford University, May 26, 2008.
- “A Defense of Hedonism,” Cambridge University Moral Sciences Club, May 20, 2008.
- “A Defense of Hedonism,” Syracuse University, March 21, 2008.
- “Is Death Bad for a Cow?” West Virginia University, November 1, 2007.
- “Williams on Utilitarianism,” University of Nevada-Reno, April 4, 2006.

- “The Worst Time to Die,” Leonard Lecture, University of Nevada-Reno, April 3, 2006.
- “Correspondence Theories of Welfare,” University of Rochester, February 10, 2006.
- “The Worst Time to Die,” SUNY Geneseo, October 29, 2004.
- “The Worst Time to Die,” SUNY Fredonia, October 28, 2004.

#### Conference Talks:

- TBA, Well-Being conference, Jerusalem, July 2015
- TBA, Saving Lives from the Badness of Death, Oslo, Norway, June 21-22, 2015.
- “Doing Away With Harm,” International interdisciplinary symposium Encounter of Cultures, University of Novi Sad, December 1, 2014 (plenary lecture).
- “Well-Being at a Time,” International Society for Utilitarian Studies, Tokyo, Japan, August 20-22, 2014 (keynote speaker).
- “Well-Being at a Time,” conference on hedonism, Oxford University, March 6-7, 2014.
- “Well-Being at a Time,” invited symposium on well-being, APA Central Division Meeting, February 26, 2014.
- “How Should We Feel About Death?” Facing Death, Rhodes University (South Africa), November 27-29, 2013 (keynote speaker).
- “Subjective Well-Being and Time,” Workshop on Subjective Well-Being, Collège d'Etudes Mondiales (Paris), June 17-18, 2013 (invited speaker).
- “Well-Being and Time,” Princeton University Well-Being Workshop, May 11-12, 2013 (invited speaker).
- “Harms, Causes, and Deontology,” *Virtues and Consequences: Honoring the Work of Julia Driver*, University of Texas-San Antonio, February 25, 2012 (invited speaker).
- “Is Death Bad for a Cow?” *Death: Its Meaning, Metaphysics and Morality*, Newcastle University, July 6-7, 2011 (keynote speaker).
- “Asymmetries in Benefiting, Harming, and Creating,” Workshop on Population Ethics, McGill University, March 26, 2011 (invited speaker).
- “Asymmetries in Benefiting, Harming, and Creating,” New Orleans Invitational Seminar in Ethics, February 17-19, 2011 (invited speaker).
- “Doing Away With Harm,” Northwest Student Philosophy Conference, May 21-23, 2010 (keynote speaker).
- “Doing Away With Harm,” Syracuse Graduate Conference, April 16-17, 2010 (keynote speaker).
- “Analyzing Harm,” Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, August 6-9, 2009 (refereed submission).
- “Desires,” with Kris McDaniel, Ninth Biennial UMass Philosophy Reunion, October 6, 2007.
- “Desires,” with Kris McDaniel, Eighth Annual Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, Western Washington University, August 5-9, 2007 (refereed submission).
- “A Paradox for Theories of Welfare,” APA Pacific Division Meeting, March 22-26, 2006 (refereed submission).
- “The Worst Time to Die,” Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference on Time and Identity, Apr. 1-3, 2005 (refereed submission).
- “Against Satisficing Consequentialism,” Utilitarianism 2005, Dartmouth College, August 11-15, 2005 (refereed submission).

- “Eternalism and the Time of Death’s Badness,” presented as part of a panel on death at the Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference on Time and Identity, Apr. 1-3, 2005 (invited speaker).
- “Egoistic Concern, Narrative Unity, and the Worst Time to Die,” Creighton Club (NY State Philosophical Association), November 6, 2004 (invited speaker).
- “Death and Previous Gains,” APA Central Division Meeting, April 22-25, 2004 (refereed submission).

Comments, author-meets-critics sessions, and other presentations:

- Comments on Jeffrey Watson, “Harm and Reasonable Expectations,” APA Pacific Division Meeting, April 4-7, 2012.
- Comments on Kristi Olson, “Choice and Inequality,” Princeton University Center for Human Values, March 5, 2012.
- Author meets critics, John Fischer's *Our Stories*, APA Pacific Division Meeting, March 31-April 4, 2010.
- Comments on David Benatar, “Better Never to Have Been,” Princeton University Center for Human Values, November 18, 2009.
- Comments on Uri Leibowitz, “Friendship,” Tenth Biennial UMass Philosophy Reunion, Oct. 17, 2009.
- Comments on David Hershenov, “Organisms, Persons and Bioethics,” Creighton Club (NY State Philosophical Association), October 18, 2008.
- Author meets critics, Ronald Sandler's *Character and Environment*, group meeting of the International Society for Environmental Ethics at the APA Central Division meeting, April 17, 2008.
- Tolley Dinner Forum, “Non-Human Rights and Community Rights,” Syracuse University, April 4, 2007.
- Comments on David Hershenov, “A More Palatable Epicureanism,” Creighton Club (NY State Philosophical Association), November 4, 2006.
- Author meets critics, Erik Wielenberg’s *Value and Virtue in a Godless Universe*, Eighth Biennial UMass Philosophy Homecoming, University of Massachusetts, October 6, 2005.
- Comments on Gustaf Arrhenius, “The Moral Status of Potential People,” Sixth Annual Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, Western Washington University, July 31-August 4, 2005.
- Comments on Elinor Mason, “The High Price of Pluralism,” Fifth Annual Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, Western Washington University, August 1-5, 2004.
- Panel discussion, “Ethics in the Fashion Industry: Dilemmas of Globalization,” sponsored by NYPIRG, PLACA, FADS and Fashion’s Conscience, Syracuse University, April 1, 2004.
- Comments on Owen McLeod, “Adjusting Utility for Justice: A Reexamination of the Connections Between Desert and Intrinsic Value,” Seventh Biennial UMass Philosophy Homecoming, University of Massachusetts, October 11, 2003.
- Comments on Gustaf Arrhenius, “Superiority in Value,” Fourth Annual Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, Western Washington University, August 1-5, 2003.

**Works in Progress or Commissioned:**

- “Contemporary Consequentialist Theories of Virtue,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Virtue*, to be edited by Nancy Snow, commissioned.
- “Harms and Causes,” in progress.
- “Well-Being at a Time,” in progress.

### Service:

To the profession:

- Nominating Editor, *The Philosopher’s Annual*, 2012-.
- Editorial Board of the *International Journal of Well-Being*:  
<http://www.internationaljournalofwellbeing.org/index.php/ijow>
- Referee work for presses:
  - Broadview Press
  - Cambridge University Press (3)
  - Kluwer Academic Publishers
  - MIT Press
  - Oxford University Press (3)
  - Princeton University Press
  - Routledge Publishing Company
  - Wiley-Blackwell Publishing Company
- Referee work for journals:
  - *American Philosophical Quarterly* (2)
  - *Analytic Philosophy*
  - *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* (6)
  - *Bioethics*
  - *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* (9)
  - *Ergo*
  - *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* (5)
  - *Ethics* (5)
  - *Inquiry* (2)
  - *International Journal of Philosophical Studies*
  - *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*
  - *Journal of Applied Philosophy*
  - *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* (10)
  - *Journal of Moral Philosophy* (3)
  - *Journal of Philosophical Research* (5)
  - *Journal of Social Philosophy*
  - *Law and Philosophy*
  - *Mind*
  - *Nous* (6)
  - *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* (2)
  - *Philosophers’ Imprint*
  - *Philosophical Papers* (4)
  - *Philosophical Quarterly* (2)
  - *Philosophical Studies* (7)

- *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research (2)*
- *Polish Journal of Philosophy*
- *Southern Journal of Philosophy*
- *Synthese*
- *Theoretical Medicine and Bioethics*
- *Utilitas*
- Conference refereeing:
  - British Society for Ethical Theory
  - Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference
  - Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference
  - Central States Philosophical Association
- Grant proposal referee for the Marsden Fund, 2012.
- Promotion and tenure, external referee, 2004 (one case), 2011 (two cases) and 2014 (one case).
- Program Committee, 2008 Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference.
- PhD external examiner for Per Algander, Uppsala University, October 11, 2013.
- Master's thesis external examiner for Emilio Mora, Monash University, 2008.
- Session chair at the 2001 and 2004 Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, 2003 Syracuse Workshop in Metaphysics, 2004 Syracuse Workshop on the A Priori, 2005 APA Pacific Division Meeting, 2007 SPAWN on Practical Reason, 2007 Wisconsin Metaethics Workshop, and 2012 Arizona Workshop on Normative Ethics.
- Participant at the 2004 and 2011 Wisconsin Metaethics Workshop.
- Contributor to PEA Soup, a weblog devoted to Philosophy, Ethics and Academia.  
<http://peasoup.typepad.com/peasoup>

To Syracuse University:

- Director, Integrated Learning Major in Ethics, 2010-11 and 2012-.
- Humanities Council, 2010-11 and 2012-.
- ACLS Fellowship Application Reviewer, 2012.
- Arts & Sciences Promotion and Tenure Committee, 2009-11.
- Arts & Sciences lower-division advisor, 2004-11.
- Coronat Scholarship Committee, 2010 and 2011.
- Arts & Sciences Instructional Committee, 2009.
- Summer advising program, 2004.
- First-year Forum leader, 2004 and 2009.
- New Faculty Orientation small group discussion leader, 2004 and 2005
- Minnowbrook Future Professoriate Project, May 12-14, 2004

To the Syracuse University Philosophy Department:

- Department Chair, 2012-.
- Director of Undergraduate Studies, 2008-11.
- Executive Committee (*ex officio*), 2008-11 and 2012-.
- Graduate admissions committee, 2008-9, 2009-10, 2012-13, 2014-15.
- Search committee, 2004-5, 2007-8, 2008-9, 2010-11, 2012-13, 2014-15.

- Co-organizer of the Syracuse Philosophy Annual Workshop and Network in 2006 (“Value”), 2012 (“Normative Realism”) and 2014 (“Philosophy of Disability”).
- PhD Thesis supervisor:
  - Patrick Beach, “Moral Luck,” 2012.
  - Aaron Wolf, “Where the Reasons Come From,” 2015.
  - Kirsten Egerstrom (in progress).
  - Amy Massoud (in progress).
  - Travis Timmerman (in progress).
  - Sean Clancy (in progress).
- MA Thesis supervisor:
  - Kelly McPherson, “Maintaining Discrimination in Operation Iraqi Freedom,” 2008.
  - Bill Hoelzer, “Climate Ethics: The Justification of Equal Per Capita Allocation,” 2010.
  - Daryl Baginski, “A Poetics of Punishment: Retributive Rationales for Punishing Depraved Heart Murder in New York,” 2011.
- Thesis committee member for John Draeger (2004), Craig Hanson (2006), Larry James (2006), Kevin Kukla (2007), Michael McKeon (2007), Nathan Hanna (2007), Michael McQuitty (2010, MA), Jeremy Pierce (2011), Andrew Corsa (2011), Paul Prescott (2012), Jeremy Dickinson (2012), Kelly McCormick (2013), Kristen Oganowski (2013), Mark Barber (2014), Jake Greenblum (in progress), Matthew Koehler (in progress) and Ryan Hubbard (in progress).
- Colloquium committee, 2004-5 and 2007-8.
- Mentoring sessions for PHI 107 instructors, 2004-8.
- Professional Development Seminar - Publishing in Philosophy, Apr. 30, 2004.

### **Courses Taught (since 2003):**

#### Graduate Courses:

- Environmental Ethics
- Evil (with Michael Stocker)
- Well-Being
- Foundations of Analytic Ethics (with Kris McDaniel)
- Death
- Parfit (with Kris McDaniel)
- Intrinsic Value
- Topics in Moral Philosophy

#### Undergraduate Courses:

- Stem Cells and Society (with Jay Henderson and Gustav Niebuhr)
- Majors Seminar: Death
- Environmental Ethics
- Contemporary Ethics
- Global Ethics

- Introduction to Moral Philosophy
- Introduction to Philosophy