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**AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:** Social and Political Philosophy, Ethics, Philosophy of Religion

**AREAS OF COMPETENCE:** Applied Ethics, Philosophy of Law

### EDUCATION:

University of Michigan, Ph.D., Philosophy (December 2000)

Dissertation written under the direction of Elizabeth Anderson:  
*Equality for Infidels: The Moral Foundations of Modern Liberalism*

Brown University, B.A., Philosophy, *magna cum laude* (May 1991)

Senior honors thesis written under the direction of Martha C. Nussbaum:  
*Diseases of Judgment: The Emotions in Stoic Psychology and Ethics*

### EMPLOYMENT:

Assistant Professor, Dept. of Philosophy and Religion, Ithaca College (Fall 2001 - Present)

Visiting Assistant Professor, Dept. of Philosophy, University of Michigan (Fall 2000-Spring 2001)

### TEACHING:

*Philosophy:*

Introduction to Philosophy, Political Philosophy, Medical Ethics, Global Ethics, Moral Philosophy, Introduction to Ethics, Environmental Ethics, Philosophy of Law, Philosophy of Religion, Difference and Community, Philosophical Issues of Race and Gender, The Philosophy and Practice of Human Rights, Philosophical Issues of War and Terrorism, Social Philosophy

*Non-philosophy teaching experience:*

- Linguarama (Berlin, Germany; Feb.–Aug. 1993)—taught English as a Second Language.
- Yonsei University (Seoul, South Korea; June 1991–June 1992)—taught English as a Second Language.
- The SPIRIT Program (Providence, RI; summers 1989, 1990)—taught disadvantaged youths in a high school drop-out prevention program.

## PUBLICATIONS

### BOOKS:

*Libertarianism: For and Against* (Rowman and Littlefield, 2005).

Selected as a *CHOICE* magazine “2006 Outstanding Academic Title” by the American Library Association. This is a co-authored, debate-format book in which I defend democratic liberalism and my co-author Tibor Machan defends libertarianism.

### ACADEMIC ARTICLES:

“Critical Survey: Recent Texts in the Philosophy of Religion,” forthcoming in *Teaching Philosophy* (June 2010)

“Libertarianism,” forthcoming in *The Encyclopedia of Political Science* (SAGE Publications, 2010).

“The Persecutor’s Wager,” *The Philosophical Review* 116:1-50 (2007).

“Do Vague Objections Really Scotch Pascal’s Wager?,” *Philosophical Studies* 112:279-290 (2003).

### BOOK REVIEWS:

Review of Jan Narveson, *This Is Ethical Theory*. Forthcoming at *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (2010).

Review of Jeff Jordan, *Pascal’s Wager: Pragmatic Arguments and Belief in God*. *Mind* (2007): 117:1082-1086

### POPULAR PRESS:

“Libertarianism Should Strike a Balance,” *The Shreveport Times* (1/28/07), p. 5I.

“Libertarianism in one easy lesson: an open debate,” *The Philosophers’ Magazine* (3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter, 2003), pp. 46-49. I was one of five participants in a printed debate on libertarianism.

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

“A Pascalian Featherbed” – [Under review] This paper critically examines a recent defense of pragmatic believe in God, namely, Jeff Jordan’s “Jamesian Wager.” It makes three objections to Jordan’s argument, which reveal that argument to be inadequate in its present form.

“Animal Dignity” — A key objection against ethical theories founded on a notion of dignity is that such theories cannot account for direct duties toward non-human animals. In this paper, I rebut this objection by defining and defending a notion of animal dignity.

“Here’s Why’: The Moral Foundations of the Non-Scriptural State” — Basing itself on a norm of “respect for human agency,” this paper argues that appeals to scripture should not be used to justify laws and public policies.

## **PRESENTATIONS:**

- “Against Libertarianism,” Centenary College, January 2007. (A debate with libertarian philosopher Tibor Machan. Hosted by the Centenary Forum, an annual public lecture series.)
- “Respect for Dignity: A Defense,” Hobart and William Smith Colleges, November 2006
- “Rights of Humans and Wrongs of Torture,” Washington College, January 2006.
- “‘Here’s Why’: The Moral Foundations of the Non-Scriptural State,” SUNY-Binghamton, Philosophy Department, September 2005; University of Massachusetts-Boston, February 2004; Brooklyn College, February 2003.
- “The Consent of the Governed,” Lifelong Learning Program (a community program for senior citizens in Ithaca, NY), November 2004
- Commentator on Robert Talisse’s “Problems with Galston’s Pluralist Liberalism” at the Pacific APA, March 2004.
- “‘Here’s Why’: The Moral Foundations of the Secular State,”
- “Free Speech and Advertising,” The LEAD Summer Business Institute, Cornell University, July 2002
- Commentator on Thomas Christiano’s “An Argument for Equality of Condition,” Inland Northwest Philosophy Colloquium on Law and Philosophy, Washington State University and the University of Idaho, April 2002
- Commentator on Robert Merrihew Adams’s “The Transcendence of the Good,” Colloquium on the Philosophy of Religion, University of Michigan, April 1999
- “The Persecutor’s Wager,” presented at the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts, and Letters, Annual Meeting, Grand Valley State University, March 1999.

## **SPECIAL FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS:**

- Ithaca College, Academic Project Grant, Fall 2002 and Fall 2006
- Ithaca College, Faculty Summer Research Grant, 2002 and 2005
- Rackham Pre-doctoral Fellowship, 1998–1999
- Sawyer Fellowship, The International Institute, Advanced Study Center, University of Michigan, 1997–1998
- Andrew W. Mellon Candidacy Fellowship, Fall 1996
- Regents’ Fellowship, University of Michigan, Fall 1993–Winter 1996
- Phi Beta Kappa, Brown University, 1990

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:**

- Chair, Department of Philosophy and Religion Assessment Committee (Ithaca College, current)
- Designed and taught a course, “Rights and Wrongs: The Philosophy and Practice of Human Rights” for the Ithaca College First Year Seminars program (Fall 2006, Fall 2007, Fall 2008, Fall 2009)
- Faculty advisor for the student-run journal, *The Ithaca College Journal of Race, Culture, Gender, and Ethnicity* (current)

Member, C.P. Snow Committee, which organizes a speaker series on issues at the intersection of the sciences and humanities (current)  
Faculty advisor for the Ithaca College Philosophy Club (Fall 2001-Fall 2006)  
Faculty advisor for philosophy majors (current)  
Organized and secured a funding grant for a lecture by Steven Lee, "Iraq and the Ethics of Preventive War," which was the Philosophy and Religion Department's contribution to the Fiftieth Anniversary celebrations for the School of Humanities and Sciences at Ithaca College (November 2005)  
Member, Steering Committee, Center for the Study of Culture, Race, and Ethnicity (Fall 2003- Spring 2006)  
Organized and secured a funding grant for a lecture by Martha Nussbaum, "Compassion and Terror," at Ithaca College (February 2004).  
Designed new courses, "Philosophy of Law," "Global Ethics," and "Difference and Community," and secured their inclusion in the Ithaca College course catalogue.  
Graduate Student Representative (to the philosophy faculty), 1996-1997 (University of Michigan)

**REFERENCES:**

Elizabeth Anderson, University of Michigan  
Edwin Curley, University of Michigan  
Frederick Kaufman, Ithaca College  
Martha Nussbaum, University of Chicago  
Peter Railton, University of Michigan