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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:

Associate Professor and Department Chair, Department of Philosophy and Religion, Ithaca College (Fall 2011– present)

Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy and Religion, Ithaca College (Fall 2001 – Spring 2011)

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

### TEACHING:

*Courses taught:*

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; The Rule of Rules: Rules in Life, Law, and Morality; Freedom, Equality, and Democracy; Eccentrics, Explorers and Reformers: The Victorian Intellectual Scene; The Nature of the Self (East and West)

## **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.

### **PHILOSOPHY ARTICLES:**

"The Many Gods Objection: A Defeat, then a Resurrection," in *Pascal's Wager*, eds. Paul Bartha and Lawrence Pasternack (Cambridge University Press, 2018). A volume in Cambridge University Press's *Classic Philosophical Arguments* series.

"Of Fortune and Fortunes: Justice and the Variety of Inputs to Wealth," *Philosophic Exchange* 44: No.2, Article 2 (2014)

"In Defense of the Social Safety Net," *Think: Philosophy for Everyone* 13:25-37 (2014)

"Religion and Secular Utility: Happiness, Truth, and Pragmatic Arguments for Theistic Belief," *The Philosophy Compass* 8:381-399 (2013).

"Libertarianism," in B. Badie, D. Berg-Schlosser, & L. Morlino (Eds.), *The International Encyclopedia of Political Science* (SAGE Publications, 2011), pp. 1443-1448.

"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).

### **MISCELLANEOUS PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES:**

"Mitigating Non-Strategic Coalitions," *Game and Puzzle Design* 2:55-61 (2016)

### **BOOK REVIEWS:**

Review of Mark C. Murphy, *God's Own Ethics: Norms of divine agency and the argument from evil*, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (July 7, 2018); available at <http://ndpr.nd.edu>.

Review of J. M. Bernstein, *Torture and Dignity: An Essay on Moral Injury*, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (July 6, 2016); available at <http://ndpr.nd.edu>.

Review of David A. Strauss, *The Living Constitution*. *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (November 2, 2011); available at <http://ndpr.nd.edu>.

"Critical Survey: Recent Texts in the Philosophy of Religion," *Teaching Philosophy* 33:187-200 (June 2010)

Review of Jan Narveson, *This Is Ethical Theory*. *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (June 9, 2010); available at <http://ndpr.nd.edu>.

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

### **POPULAR PRESS:**

"Torture is never justified," *The Ithaca Journal* (May 5, 2011); reprinted in *The Binghamton Press & Sun Bulletin* (May 5, 2011, p. A18).

"Libertarianism Should Strike a Balance," *The Shreveport Times* (1/28/07), p. 51.

"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.

### **PRESENTATIONS:**

"Of Fortune and Fortunes: Justice and the Variety of Inputs to Wealth," The Center for Philosophic Exchange, SUNY-Brockport, November 2014.

"'No Internal Exiles': Human Dignity and Fair Equality of Opportunity," The Applied Ethics Institute, Utica College, April 2013.

"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 London Sabbatical Program, Fall 2012  
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 (Ithaca College, Spring 2011 - current)  
Member of various Department of Philosophy and Religion committees: Personnel Committee, Curriculum Committee, Assessment Committee, and Outreach Committee (current).  
Member of the Legal Studies Planning Committee, which oversees the Legal Studies major and minor at Ithaca College (Spring 2018 - current).  
Member of the Middle States Reaccreditation Self-Study team; I served on the sub-committee that wrote the chapter on Standard 1, “Mission and Goals” (Fall 2016-Spring 2018).  
Member of the Humanities and Sciences Strategic Plan Task Force on Liberal Arts; I served on the subcommittee that wrote the section on promoting the liberal arts at Ithaca College (Fall 2017, Spring 2018).  
Member of the Institutional Research Board, Cayuga Medical Center (Fall 2016 – current).  
Taught “sample class sessions” at Ithaca Today, Ithaca College’s event for accepted students (Spring 2016, Spring 2017, Spring 2018).  
Designed and taught a course, “The Nature of the Self” for the Ithaca College First Year Seminars program (Fall 2017; due to teach again in Fall 2018 and Fall 2019)  
Designed and taught a course, “Eccentrics, Explorers and Reformers: The Victorian Intellectual Scene” for the Ithaca College London Center (Fall 2012)  
Designed and taught a course, “The Rule of Rules: Rules in Life, Law, and Morality” for the Ithaca College Honors Program (Spring 2011, Fall 2013, Fall 2014)  
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* (Fall 2005-Fall 2010)  
Member, C.P. Snow Committee, which organizes a speaker series on issues at the intersection of the sciences and humanities (2002-2014)  
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