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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Environmental Philosophy, Social and Political Philosophy, American Philosophy

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Ethics

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Drexel University, Associate Professor (2016-)
Drexel University, Assistant Professor (2010-2016)
Illinois State University, Visiting Assistant Professor (2009-2010)
Illinois Wesleyan University, Visiting Assistant Professor (2007-2009)

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Stony Brook University (2007)
M.A., Stony Brook University (2002)
B.A., Muhlenberg College, summa cum laude, honors (1995)

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Faculty Scholarly and Creative Activity Award, Drexel University (2017)
NEH Summer Institute Fellowship, "Extending the Land Ethic: Current Humanities Voices and Sustainability" (2016)
Charles S. Peirce Society Essay Prize (2009)
Professor of the Year Nominee, Illinois Wesleyan University (2008)
NEH Summer Seminar Fellowship, "Pragmatism: A Living Tradition" (2007)
Graduate Council Fellowship, Stony Brook University (1999-2004)
President's Award for Excellence in Teaching by a Graduate Student, Stony Brook University (2003)
Noel R. and Edith J. Moyer Award, Muhlenberg College (1995)

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Daniel Quinn's Philosophy (in preparation).

A Critique of the Moral Defense of Vegetarianism (New York: Palgrave MacMillan, 2016). Reviewed, thus far, in *Process Studies* (Brian G. Henning).

The Deliberative Impulse: Motivating Discourse in Divided Societies (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2011). Reviewed in *Journal of Moral Philosophy* (Mark Rondel).

REFEREED ARTICLES

"Disability, Sustainability, and Social Justice" (with Kristy Birchard, in preparation).

"From Victims to Survivors? Struggling to Live Ecoconsciously in an Ecocidal Culture," *Environmental Philosophy* 14(2) (2017).

"Food Deserts, Capabilities, and the Rectification of Democratic Failure," *Journal of Human Development and Capabilities* 17(2) (2016).

"Political Deliberation and the Challenge of Bounded Rationality," *Politics, Philosophy & Economics* 13(3) (2014).

"Solidarity as Public Morality: Reconstructing Rorty's Case for the Social Value of the Philosopher," *Contemporary Pragmatism* 11(1) (2014).

"Religion in the Public Sphere: Incentivizing Reciprocal Deliberative Engagement," *Philosophy & Social Criticism* 40(6) (2014).

"In Defense of Homelessness," *Journal of Value Inquiry* 48(1) (2014).

"Talissee's Epistemic Justification of Democracy Revisited" *Contemporary Pragmatism* 10(1) (2013).

"Secularity and Biblical Literalism: Confronting the Case for Epistemological Diversity," *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 71(3) (2012).

"On the Epistemic Incentives to Deliberate Publicly," *Journal of Social Philosophy* 41(4) (2010).

"Truth, Negation, and the Limit of Inquiry: Revisiting the Problem of Buried Secrets," *Southwest Philosophy Review* 25(2) (2009).

"Communication and Conviction: A Jamesian Contribution to Deliberative Democracy," *Journal of Speculative Philosophy* 21(4) (2007).

"Closer But Still No Cigar: On the Inadequacy of Rawls's Reply to Okin's "Political Liberalism, Justice, and Gender," *Social Theory and Practice* 30(1) (2004).

"William James and the Politics of Moral Conflict," *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society* 40(1) (2004).

“Semantic Externalism, Authoritative Self-Knowledge, and Adaptation to Slow Switching,” *Acta Analytica* 18(1) (2003).

BOOK CHAPTERS (*INDICATES REFEREED)

“Plant Sentience,” *Encyclopedia of Food and Agricultural Ethics*, 2e, ed. Paul B. Thompson and David M. Kaplan (Dordrecht, NL: Springer, forthcoming).

“Intended and Unintended Successes,” in *The Ethics of Homelessness: Philosophical Perspectives*, 2e., ed. G. John M. Abbarno and Naomi Zack (Leiden, NL: Brill Rodopi, forthcoming).

“Attention Deficit, Yes, But Not Democracy: Reply to Berger,” in *Civic Virtues, Divided Societies, and Democratic Dilemmas*, ed. Jeffrey Gautier (Charlottesville, VA: Philosophy Documentation Center, 2013).

“The Civil War,” *Encyclopedia of American Philosophy*, ed. John Lachs and Robert B. Talisse (New York: Routledge, 2007).

“Closer But Still No Cigar: On the Inadequacy of Rawls’s Reply to Okin’s “Political Liberalism, Justice, and Gender,” in *Feminists Contest Politics and Philosophy*, ed. Lisa N. Gurley, Claudia Leeb, and Anna A. Moser (New York: P.I.E.-Peter Lang, 2005).

*“Pluralism and Political Legitimacy: Toward a Perfectionist Defense of Deliberative Democracy,” in *Environmental Philosophy as Social Philosophy*, ed. Cheryl Hughes and Andrew Light (Charlottesville, VA: Philosophy Documentation Center, 2004).

“Whose Politics? Which Pragmatism?” in *Pragmatism in the 21st Century: Proceedings of the 2nd Annual Graduate Student Philosophy Conference*, New School University, 2003.

TRANSLATED ARTICLES (FROM GERMAN)

Birgit Christensen, “Equality and Justice: Remarks on a Necessary Relationship,” *Hypatia*, 20(2) (2005).

Sabine Gürtler, “The Ethical Dimension of Labor: A Feminist Perspective,” *Hypatia* 20(2) (2005).

BOOK REVIEWS

Michael Marder, *The Philosopher’s Plant: An Intellectual Herbarium* (review), *Environmental Philosophy* 12(2) (2015).

Robert B. Talisse, *Pluralism and Liberal Politics* (review), *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 11(3) (2014).

Andrew J. Pierce, *Collective Identity, Oppression, and the Right to Self-Ascription* (review), *Notre Dame Philosophy Review*, 16 September 2012; <http://ndpr.nd.edu/news/33399-collective-identity-oppression-and-the-right-to-self-ascription/>.

“Epistemic Responsibility and Democratic Justification, (review of Robert B. Talisse, *Democracy and Moral Conflict*), *Res Publica* 17(3) (2011).

J. Caleb Clanton, *Religion and Democratic Citizenship* (review), *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society* 45(3) (2009).

MEDIA

Radio and podcast interviews:

- ABC Radio Melbourne, AU; Saturday Breakfast with Hilary Harper (8 April 2017);
<http://www.abc.net.au/radio/melbourne/programs/saturdaybreakfast/saturday-breakfast/8408300>.
- Guest on the Sustainable Dish Podcast (22 March 2017);
<http://sustainabledish.com/podcasts/sustainable-dish-episode-36-critiquing-moral-vegetarianism/>.
- Guest on the Optimal Performance Podcast (4 May 2016);
<https://www.naturalstacks.com/blogs/news/116679493-why-its-impossible-to-be-a-vegetarian-andrew-smith-interview>.
- 570 News, Kitchener, ON (28 April 2016).
- 1310 News, Ottawa, ON (27 April 2016).
- News Talk 770, Calgary, AB (26 April 2016).
- Guest on the Super Human Radio show (7 March 2016);
<http://superhumanradio.com/shr-1824-dancing-physical-culture-critique-vegetarianism.html>.
- Heather Shayne Blakeslee, “A Vegetarian Philosopher Questions His Own Eating Practices,” *Grid* (3 August 2017); <http://www.gridphilly.com/grid-magazine/2017/8/1/a-vegetarian-philosopher-questions-his-own-eating-practices>.
- “I Mean It When I Say that We Can’t Be Vegetarians, But...” *Palgrave Macmillan Campaign for the Humanities* (2 June 2016);
<http://www.palgrave.com/gp/details/10218014>.
- Alex Swerdloff, “This Vegan Professor Says There’s No Such Thing as Real Vegetarians,” *Munchies* (29 April 2016);
<https://munchies.vice.com/en/articles/this-vegan-professor-says-theres-no-such-thing-as-real-vegetarians>.
- “Why It’s Impossible to Actually Be a Vegetarian,” *The Conversation* (26 April 2016);
<https://theconversation.com/why-its-impossible-to-actually-be-a-vegetarian-55806>; over 1.7 million views and republished, among numerous other sources, by *Salon*, *The Washington Post*, *IFLScience*, *Macleans* (Canada), *The Daily Mail* (UK), *Metro* (UK), *The Houston Chronicle*, *Huffington Post* (Italy), and *ScienceAlert*.
- Brandon Baker, “Drexel Professor’s New Book: It’s Impossible to Be Vegetarian,” *Philly Voice* (7 March 2016); <http://www.phillyvoice.com/new-book-drexel-professor-argues-its-impossible-be-vegetarian/>.
- Alex McKechnie, “Thinking of Being a Vegetarian? Well, You Can’t” (24 February 2016), <https://newsblog.drexel.edu/2016/02/24/thinking-of-becoming-a-vegetarian-well-you-cant>; reprinted in *Natural Awakenings* (May 2016): 34, https://issuu.com/nasouthjersey/docs/0516_sj_may_web.

“Is the U.S. Facing a Budget Crisis? Let’s Discuss,” Rowman & Littlefield Blog (published online, 22 March 2011); <http://rowmanblog.typepad.com/rowman/2011/03/is-the-us-facing-a-budget-crisis-lets-discuss.html>.

INVITED PAPERS

- Author Meets Critics: *A Critique of the Moral Defense of Vegetarianism* (critics: Brian Burke, Cal State Northridge; Samantha Noll, Washing State; Cheryl Abbate, Colorado-Boulder; and Karen Houle, Guelph), American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meetings, North American Society for Social Philosophy panel, January 2018.
- “From Victims to Survivors? Living Ecoconsciously in an Ecocidal Culture,” American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meetings, Conference on Philosophical Societies panel, January 2017.
- “The Impossibility of Vegetarianism,” Free Library of Philadelphia, June 2016.
- “Akrasia, Trauma, and the ‘Great Dying’ Redux,” American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meetings, Radical Philosophy Association panel, December 2014.
- “Civil Disobedience, Uncivil Disobedience, and Walking Away,” American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meetings, Conference on Philosophical Societies panel, December 2014.
- “From Victims to Survivors? Facing Up to Ecological Catastrophe,” American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meetings, Radical Philosophy Association, December 2014.
- “Tolkien and Sustainability: Reconnecting with the Undying Lands,” Hobbitfest, Drexel University, November 2012.
- “Attention Deficit, Yes, But Not Democracy: Reply to Berger,” North American Society for Social Philosophy,” July 2012.
- “Principles Versus Pragmatism or Principled Pragmatism? Reply to Machan,” Suffolk County Community College Annual Conference, April 2012.
- “Our ‘Can’t Do’ Spirit: Political Dysfunction and the Promises of Deliberative Democracy,” Dean’s Seminar Series, Drexel University, May 2011.
- “Communication and Conviction: A Jamesian Contribution to Deliberative Democracy,” Southern Illinois University Philosophy Department Colloquium Series, April 23, 2008.
- “Whose Politics? Which Pragmatism?” Stony Brook University Department of Philosophy Fall Colloquium Series, October 23, 2003.
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REFEREED PAPERS PRESENTED

- “From Victims to Survivors? Struggling to Live Ecoconsciously in an Ecocidal Culture,” Environmental Justice Conference 2017 (Sydney, Australia), November 2017.
- “From Victims to Survivors? Facing Up to Ecological Catastrophe,” North American Society for Social Philosophy,” July 2016.
- “The Impossibility of Vegetarianism,” International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture, January 2016.
- “The Impossibility of Vegetarianism,” North American Society for Social Philosophy, July 2015.
- “Plant Neurobiology and the Moral Defense of Vegetarianism,” International Association of Environmental Philosophy, October 2014.
- “Of Famines and Food Deserts: Resources, Capabilities, and the Rectification of Democratic Failure,” American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meetings, Main Program, December 2013.
- “In Defense of Homelessness” North American Society for Social Philosophy, July 2013.
- “Of Famines and Food Deserts: Resources, Capabilities, and Democratic Failure,” Michigan State University Food Justice & Peace Workshop, April 2013.
- “Of Famines and Food Deserts: Resources, Capabilities, and Democratic Failure,” Public Philosophy Network Conference, March 2013.
- “Of Famines and Food Deserts: Justice at the American Peripheries,” North American Society for Social Philosophy,” July 2012.
- “Secularity and Biblical Literalism: Confronting the Challenge of Epistemological Diversity,” Midwest Political Science Association, April 2012.
- “Secularity and Biblical Literalism: Confronting the Challenge of Epistemological Diversity,” Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, March 2012.
- “Secularity and Biblical Literalism: Confronting the Challenge of Epistemological Diversity,” North American Society for Social Philosophy, July 2011.
- “Our ‘Can’t Do’ Spirit: Institutional Sclerosis, Legislative Dysfunction, and the Promises of Deliberative Democracy,” American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meetings, North American Society for Social Philosophy panel, April 2011.
- Response to Sucheta Pyakuryal, “Weberian Bureaucracy: A Requisite for the Consolidation of Liberal Democracy” and Alexander Moon, “Political Obligation and Epistemic Conceptions of Democracy,” Midwest Political Science Association, March-April 2011.
- “Our ‘Can’t Do’ Spirit: Critical Reflections on Legislative Dysfunction,” Midwest Political Science Association, March-April 2011.
- “Public Deliberation and the Challenge of Bounded Rationality,” North American Society for Social Philosophy, July 2010.

- Response to Jed Silverstein, "John Rawls and the Future of Deliberative Democracy," and Marcus Ohlström, "Rawlsian Self-Esteem and the Principle of Perfection," Midwest Political Science Association, April 2010.
- "Public Deliberation and the Challenge of Bounded Rationality," Midwest Political Science Association, April 2010.
- "Public Deliberation and the Challenge of Bounded Rationality," American Philosophical Association Central Division Meetings, Society for Philosophy and Public Affairs panel, February 2010.
- "On the Epistemic Incentive to Deliberate Publicly," American Philosophical Association Central Division Meetings, Main Program, February 2010.
- "Truth as an Epistemic Ideal: Revisiting the Problem of Buried Secrets," American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meetings, Charles S. Peirce Society panel, December 2009.
- "On the Epistemic Incentive to Deliberate Publicly," North American Society for Social Philosophy, July 2009.
- "Truth as an Epistemic Ideal: Revisiting the Problem of Buried Secrets," Pragmatism and Science Conference, The Center for Inquiry, Buffalo, NY, June 2009.
- "Liberty of Conscience and Discursive Control," American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meetings, Main Program, December 2008.
- "Toleration and the Silence of the Oppressed," North American Society for Social Philosophy, July 2008.
- "Communication and Conviction: A Jamesian Contribution to Deliberative Democracy," American Philosophical Association Central Division Meetings, William James Society panel, April 2008.
- "Communication and Conviction: A Jamesian Contribution to Deliberative Democracy," American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meetings, North American Society for Social Philosophy panel, December 2007.
- "Liberty of Conscience and Discursive Control," Association for Political Theory, October 2007.
- "Liberty of Conscience and Discursive Control," Midwest Political Science Association, April 2007.
- "What Is So Important about Political Community?" Midwest Political Science Association, April 2006.
- "Liberal Pluralism and the Case for Freedom as Non-Domination," American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meetings, Main Program, March 2006.
- "Value Pluralism and the Case for Freedom as Non-Domination," University of Illinois Graduate Philosophy Conference, April 2004.
- "Whose Politics? Which Pragmatism?" Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, November 2003.

- “Value Pluralism and the Case for Freedom as Non-Domination,” North American Society for Social Philosophy, July 2003.
- “Whose Politics? Which Pragmatism?” New School University Graduate Student Philosophy Conference, April 2003.
- “Closer but Still No Cigar: On the Inadequacy of Rawls’s Response to Okin’s ‘*Political Liberalism*, Justice, and Gender,’” American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meetings, Main Program, March 2003.
- “Closer but Still No Cigar: On the Inadequacy of Rawls’s Response to Okin’s ‘*Political Liberalism*, Justice, and Gender,’” Women in Political Studies Interdisciplinary Conference, March 2003.
- “Pluralism and Political Legitimacy: Toward a Perfectionist Defense of Deliberative Democracy,” Michigan State University Graduate Student Philosophy Conference, September 2002.
- “Pluralism and the Possibility of Consensus,” North American Society for Social Philosophy, July 2002.
- “The Philosopher and the Political Life: William James and the Motivation for Political Participation,” Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, March 2002.
- “Externalism, Authoritative Self-Knowledge, and Adaptation to Slow Switching,” University of Rochester Graduate Student Epistemology Conference, November 2001.
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COURSES TAUGHT

Theories of Sustainability (graduate course)
 Philosophy of the Environment
 Environmental Ethics
 Social and Political Philosophy: Economic Justice
 Social and Political Philosophy: Democratic Theory
 Social and Political Philosophy: The Foundations of Western Political Thought
 Ethics: Self-Cultivation
 Ethics: Conflict and Resolution
 Ethics: Good, Evil, and Beyond
 Ethics: Living on the Margins
 Ethical Issues in Criminal Justice
 Philosophy of Law
 American Philosophy
 Philosophy of Evolution
 Theories of Human Nature
 Informal Logic
 Introduction to Philosophy: Being, Knowing, and Doing
 Introduction to Philosophy: Daniel Quinn

UNIVERSITY AFFILIATIONS

A.J. Drexel Institute for Energy and the Environment
Center for Science, Technology, and Society

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Chair, Department Curriculum Committee (2017).
Department Committee on Hiring (2017.)
Mentor, Summer Humanities Fellowship of Rachael Wilson (2016).
Department Curriculum Committee (2016).
Tenure Stream Faculty Review Committee (2016).
Director, senior thesis of Suraub Dakwale (2016).
Reader, senior thesis of Marcus Kunkle (2016).
Associate Director, Philosophy Program (2011-2015).
Search Committee, Assistant Teaching Professor (2015).
Philosophy Week Planning Committee (2015)
Chair, Philosophy Week Planning Committee (2013-2014).
Udall Award Committee (2012-2014).
Department Curriculum Committee (2011-2014).
Mentor, Summer Humanities Fellowship of Sarah Griggs (2013).
Search Committee, Assistant Teaching Professor (2012).
Director, senior thesis of Anthony Harrison (2011).
Dean's Curricular Initiative Committee (2011).
Search Committee, Assistant Professor, Ethics (2010-2011).
Search Committee, Assistant Professor, Philosophy of Science (2010-2011).

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer, Routledge, Palgrave MacMillan, Ashgate, *Journal of Applied Philosophy*, *Res Publica*, *Journal of Social Philosophy*, *Journal of Value Inquiry*, *Political Studies*, *Social Theory and Practice*, *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy*, *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society*, *European Journal of Political Theory*, *Social Philosophy Today* book series.
Member, American Philosophical Association Committee on Native American and Indigenous Philosophers (2016-2017).
Member, American Philosophical Association Committee on Academic Career Opportunities and Placement (2011-2014).
Eastern Division Representative, North American Society for Social Philosophy (2011-2014).
Member, North American Society for Social Philosophy Book Award Committee (2012).

Chair, Graduate Student Awards Committee, North American Society for Social
Philosophy (2010-2011).

Member, Graduate Student Awards Committee, North American Society for
Social Philosophy (2009).

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Philosophical Association

International Association for Environmental Philosophy

International Society for Environmental Ethics

International Society for Science, Nature, and Culture

North American Society for Social Philosophy