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### Area of Specialization

- Moral Philosophy
- Applied Ethics: esp. Sports Ethics, Business Ethics

### Areas of Competence

- Social and Political Philosophy,
- Symbolic Logic; Critical Thinking and Reasoning,
- Ancient Philosophy
- Early Modern Philosophy
- Pop Culture and Philosophy

### Education

#### **Ph.D., Philosophy**

2004 – 2010, Arizona State University

Tempe, AZ

- Dissertation: Seeing As and What If: Appreciation and Imagination in Moral Reasoning
- Committee Chair: Peter French
- Committee Members: Michael White and Margaret Walker

#### **MA, Philosophy**

1998 – 2001, Arizona State University

Tempe, AZ

- Thesis: Libertarianism and Objections to Inequality
- Advisor: Peter de Marneffe
- Committee Members: Joan McGregor and Jeffrie Murphy

1995 – 1997, Harvard University, Extension School

Cambridge, MA

- Post-Baccalaureate course work in philosophy and computer science

#### **BA, English and American Literature**

1991 – 1995, Tufts University

Medford, MA

- Significant non-major coursework: philosophy, biology, and Judaic studies

### Books Edited

- *Harry Potter and Philosophy: If Aristotle Ran Hogwarts*. Open Court, 2004 (with David Baggett).

### Publications

- "Volitional Consciousness and Evolution: At the Foundations of Classical Liberalism" (Under review; Springer's *Philosophical Studies in Contemporary Culture* series).
- "Failing Short of Perfection: A Review of *Ayn Rand's Normative Ethics: The Virtuous Egoist* by Tara Smith." *The New Individualist* October 2007.
- "Solving Liberalism's Problem: A Review of *Norms of Liberty: A Perfectionist Basis for Non-Perfectionist Politics* by Douglas Rasmussen and Douglas Den Uyl." *The Independent Review* Winter 2007.
- "The Mirror of Erised: Why We Should Heed Dumbledore's Warning," *Harry Potter and Philosophy*. Klein and Baggett, eds., Open Court, 2004.

### Papers Presented

- "Internal and External Values: Does Commercialism Corrupt Sport?" American Philosophical Association (Eastern Div.). December 2011 (Scheduled).
- "Harry Potter and Humanity: Choices, Love, and Death," The Philosophy of Harry Potter, Marymount Manhattan College. October 29, 2011 (Scheduled).

- "Commercial Sport and Corruption: A Critique," 39th Annual Meeting of the International Association for the Philosophy of Sport, The College at Brockport, Rochester, NY. Sept 8-11, 2011 (Scheduled).
- "Home Sweet Home? The Paternalism of Expanding Homeownership", Ethics and the Financial Crisis Panel, 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of The Association of Private Enterprise Education, Las Vegas, April 11-13. 2010.
- Pop Culture and Academia Panel, Rockford College, November 2, 2009
- "Losing and YouTube: Does the Broadcast of Defeat Humiliate?" 37th Annual Meeting of the International Association for the Philosophy of Sport, Seattle University, August 27-30, 2009
- "Did You Bullshit Today?" Summer Seminar, Portland State University, July 3-4, 2008.
- "The Ethics of Sport," Summer Seminar, Portland State University, July 1, 2008.
- "Harry Potter and Humanity: Choice, Love, and Death," *Why Take Harry Seriously?--A Spring Colloquium*, Tufts University, March 5, 2008.
- "Rationality and Practical Wisdom," 2007 Graduate Seminar on Moral Knowledge, George Washington University, August 5-10, 2007.
- Commenter, Charlie Kurth's "Ideal Observers and Tolerable Revisions," The Southwest Graduate Conference in Philosophy, March 3-4, 2007.
- Commenter, Bach Ho's "An Examination of Ruth Chang's Comprehensive Value Approach", ASU Philosophy Graduate Student Conference, November 4-5, 2006.
- "Cohen's Contextualism", 2006 Graduate Seminar on Epistemology and Philosophy of Mind, George Washington University, August 6-11, 2006.
- "Empiricism without Skepticism", Chapman University, July 2-4, 2006.
- Comments on Matthew Tipping's "Rethinking the Essentials of Personhood", ASU Philosophy Graduate Student Conference, October 30, 2004.
- "The State of Animal Rights", Summer Seminar, Bentley College, July 3, 2002.
- "Virtue Ethics", Summer Seminar, UCLA, July 2, 2002.
- "Was Aristotle an Egoist?" Summer Seminar, University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown, July 2, 2001.

#### **Conference Participation**

- Invited Discussant, 2011 Graduate Seminar on the Problem of Induction, George Washington University, July 31- August 5, 2011 (Scheduled).
- Seminar Instructor. "Argument Analysis and Philosophical Detection," 2010 Graduate Seminar. George Washington University, August 1-7, 2010.
- Invited Discussant, 2008 Graduate Seminar on Political Philosophy and Legal Theory, George Washington University, August 3-8, 2008.
- Invited Discussant, *Liberty and Progressive Taxation*, June 28- July 1, 2007, Milwaukee, WI.
- Invited Discussant, *Hayek on Law, Legislation, and Liberty*, November 10-13, 2005, Tucson, AZ.

#### **Commentaries and Opinion-Editorials**

- "Harry and the Grouches." *The Ottawa Citizen*, July 20, 2007.
- "The Problem of Animal Rights." *Navigator*, June 2004.
- "Moral Wisdom in Manhattan: Review of Randy Cohen's *The Good, the Bad, & the Difference: How to Tell Right from Wrong in Everyday Situations*." *Navigator*, October 2002.
- "Individualism and Community." *Navigator*, November 2001.
- "Find Some Order in this World." *Poughkeepsie Journal*, October 16, 2001.
- "Self-Judgment Days." *Navigator*, September 2001.
- "Reckless Legislating." *Navigator*, September 2001.
- "Let maturity govern our cell phone usage." *Poughkeepsie Journal*, July 21, 2001.

#### **Academic Positions**

##### **Assistant Professor, Philosophy**

Fall 2010 – Present, Rockford College

Rockford, IL

##### **Instructor, Philosophy**

Fall 2007 – Fall 2010, Rockford College

Rockford, IL

##### **Undergraduate Advisor, Philosophy Department**

July 2004 – Present, Arizona State University

Tempe, AZ



- First Year Seminar: Explorations

### Awards and Scholarships

- Nominated for Excellence in Teaching Award (Rockford College), 2009-2010
- Young Scholars Program Grant for APEE conference
- CEE travel grant for travel to IAPS conference
- CEE course development grant for Sports Ethics
- Nominated for Excellence in Advising Award (Arizona State University), 2005-2006
- Graduate Scholarship, 2006-2007
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- ASU Graduate Academic Scholarship, 1999-2000
- ASU Graduate Tuition Scholarship, 1999-2000
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### Graduate Course Work

- Reading & Conference: Philippa Foot's *Natural Goodness* (Steward Cohen)
- Ethics: Aristotle and Virtue Ethics (Elinor Mason)
- Reading & Conference: Ethical Egoism (Elinor Mason)
- Moral Psychology (Jeffrie Murphy)
- Constitutional Liberties (Peter de Marneffe and James Weinstein)
- Legal Philosophy: Paternalism (Joan McGregor)
- Legal Positivism (Michael White)
- Rights and Liberties (Peter de Marneffe)
- Early Modern Political Thought (Richard Dagger)
- Reading & Conference: Thomas Hobbes' *Leviathan* (Peter de Marneffe)
- J.L. Austin (Peter French)
- Reading & Conference: John Locke's *An Essay concerning Human Understanding* (Steven Reynolds)
- 20<sup>th</sup> Century Analytic Philosophy (Thomas Blackson)
- Epistemology: Skepticism (Stewart Cohen)
- Knowledge and Perception (Steven Reynolds)
- Epistemology: Lottery puzzles and Contextualism (Stewart Cohen)
- Metaphysics: Realism (Steven Reynolds)
- Advanced Symbolic Logic (Michael White)

### Service

#### **Co-President, American Association for the Philosophic Study of Society.**

Spring 2011 – Present. Responsible for organizing group sessions at the American Philosophical Association annual meetings.

**Expert Reviewer:** *Money and Sport* by Nick Hunter. The Ethics of Sports Series. Heinemann-Raintree, 2011.

**Expert Reviewer:** *Getting Ahead: Drugs, Technology, and the Competitive Advantage* by Lori Hile. The Ethics of Sports Series. Heinemann-Raintree, 2011.

**Expert Reviewer:** *Sports Culture and Sociology* by Scott Witmer. The Ethics of Sports Series. Heinemann-Raintree, 2011.

#### **Reading Group Facilitator, *Friedrich Nietzsche: The Birth of Tragedy and The Genealogy of Morals***

Spring 2011, Center for Ethics and Entrepreneurship, Rockford College, Rockford, IL

#### **Reading Group Facilitator, *The Trial and Death of Socrates***

Fall 2010, Center for Ethics and Entrepreneurship, Rockford College, Rockford, IL

#### **Chair, Faculty Development Committee**

Fall 2010 – Present, Rockford College, Rockford, IL

**Reading Group Facilitator, *Adam Smith's A Theory of Moral Sentiments***  
Spring 2010, Center for Ethics and Entrepreneurship, Rockford College Rockford, IL

**Reading Group Facilitator, *Honor: A History***  
Spring 2010, Center for Ethics and Entrepreneurship, Rockford College, Rockford, IL

**Member, Faculty Development Committee**  
Fall 2008 – Present, Rockford College Rockford, IL

**Referee, *Reason Papers: A Journal of Interdisciplinary Normative Studies***  
May 2008

**Advisor, Philosophy Club**  
Fall 2007 – Present, Rockford College Rockford, IL

**Member, Departmental Planning Committee**  
December 2006 – May 2007, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

**Member, Philosophy Articulation Task Force**  
August 2004 – May 2007, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

**Advisor, Undergraduate Philosophy Club**  
Fall 2005 – Present, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

**Honors Thesis Reader**  
Spring 2005, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

- “Heroes at Hogwarts: An Analysis of the Heroes’ Journey in Harry Potter” by Shanan Nicoll, ASU Barrett Honors College.

#### **Professional Membership**

American Philosophical Association  
International Association for the Philosophy of Sport  
American Association for the Philosophic Study of Society

#### **References**

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