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Education

Ph.D., Philosophy, University of Missouri, May 2012

M.A., Philosophy, University of Missouri, May 2009

B.A. with highest honors, Environmental Studies, Principia College, June 2005

Dissertation title: *Justifying War: An Account of Just and Merely Justifying Causes for War*

Committee Members: Peter Vallentyne (Director), John Kultgen, Robert Johnson

Employment

Associate Professor, Principia College Summer 2021 - present

Assistant Professor, Principia College Fall 2012 – Summer 2021

Visiting Faculty, Principia College, Fall 2010

Graduate Instructor, University of Missouri, 2009-2011

Teaching Assistant, University of Missouri, 2007-2009

Publications

1. “The Ethics of Killing Zoo Animals,” *Journal of Animal Ethics* 18 (2018): 93-102.
2. “Liability and Narrowly Targeted Wars,” *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 19 (2016): 209-223.

Presentations

1. “The Israel-Hamas War and the Limits of Permissible Self-Defense,” June 2024, International Society for Military Ethics 2024 Conference.
2. Comments on Prof. Rocheleau’s *New Interventionist Just War Theory: A Critique*, October 2023, Tennessee Philosophical Association 2023 Meeting
3. “Is Ukraine Justified in Trying to Regain All Occupied Territories,” July 2023, International Society for Military Ethics 2023 Conference.
4. “The Justice of Unconventional Causes for War,” September 2020, Just Wars in an Unjust World, Manchester Center for Political Theory Workshop.
5. “Rights, Risks, and Human-Animal Chimeras,” co-presented with Joseph Orttung, October 2019, Central States Philosophical Association, St. Louis, Missouri

6. "A Framework for Resolving Everyday Teaching Dilemmas," November 2017, Association for Moral Education, St. Louis, Missouri.
7. "Muggers, Soldiers, and Inept Analogies," October 2017, Central States Philosophical Association, St. Louis, Missouri.
8. "Secession and Just Cause for War," October 2016, Central States Philosophical Association, Lincoln, Nebraska.
9. "Gender-Neutral Standards for Combat Training," January 2016, International Society for Military Ethics, Annapolis, Maryland.
10. "Territorial Integrity and Just Cause," October 2015, The Theory of Just War: Behind the jurisprudential defense of (abstaining from) military action, Warsaw, Poland.
11. "Secession and Just Cause," April 2015, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, Vancouver, British Columbia.
12. "Animal Euthanasia and the Moral Responsibility of Zoos," American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting, February 2015, St. Louis, Missouri.
13. "Secession and Just Cause," October 2014, International Society for Military Ethics, Notre Dame University, South Bend, Indiana.
14. "Animal Euthanasia and the Moral Responsibility of Zoos," October 2014, Central States Philosophical Association, Evanston, Illinois.
15. "The Virtues of Due Care," October 2013, International Society for Military Ethics, Notre Dame University, South Bend, Indiana.
16. "Liability, Assassination, and Narrowly Targeted Wars," September 2013, Central States Philosophical Association, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
17. "Justifying War and the Boundaries of Territorial Defense," September 2012, Central States Philosophical Association, Columbia, MO.
18. "Individual Rights and the Restrictive Force of Just Cause – a Response to Jeff McMahan," April 2012, Pacific APA, Seattle, Washington.
 - a. Paper also presented at: Central States Philosophical Association, September 2011, St. Louis, MO, and the University of Miami Graduate Ethics Workshop, October 2011, Miami, Florida.

Service

January/May Term Exploratory Group (2013-2014)
 Daily Schedule Working Group/ad hoc committee (Spring 2015)
 Chemistry Search Committee (Spring 2016)

Promotion Committee (Spring 2016-Spring 2020)
Admissions Committee (2016-2017)
Scholastic Committee (Fall 2018)
Philosophy Program Chair (Fall 2018-2021)
Led the Philosophy Program Review Process (Fall 2019)
Religion/Philosophy Department Chair (Fall 2019-2021)
Committee for the Assessment of Student Learning (CASL) (Spring 2019-present)
Program Review Coordinator (2021-present)
Interim Associate Dean of Academic Assessment and Curriculum (2023-2024 AY)
General Education Committee (2023-2024 AY)
Curriculum Committee (2023-2024 AY)

Grants and Awards

Philosophy Department Prize for Excellence in Graduate Student Teaching (2011)
Kline Fellowship (2010)
Kline Fellowship in Ethics (2008)
Kline Fellowship in Metaphysics (2007)

Courses Taught

At Principia College

Introduction to Ethics
Critical Thinking
Contemporary Moral Problems
Introduction to Philosophy
Ethical Theory
Business Ethics
Ethics of War
Ethics of WWI
Environmental Ethics
Global Ethics
Integrated Learning Course (part of a Freshman Experience Program)
Seminar in Philosophy: Ethics of War
Seminar in Philosophy: Ethics of Emerging Technologies
Seminar in Philosophy: Feminist Philosophy
Seminar in Philosophy: Animal Rights
Seminar in Philosophy: Agency & Identity
Ethics of Inequality
Capstone in Philosophy
Feminist Philosophy

University of Missouri (Graduate Instructor)

Introduction to Ethics
Introduction to Philosophy
Bioethics
Contemporary Moral Issues

Introduction to Logic
Environmental Ethics

Professional Memberships

American Philosophical Association
Women in Philosophy (APA group)
International Society for Military Ethics