

STEPHEN SCOTT HANSON

Curriculum Vitae

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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Medical Ethics
Applied and Professional Ethics
Death and Dying

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Ethical Theory
Social/Political Philosophy
Ancient Philosophy

EDUCATION

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY,
Washington, DC.
Ph.D. in Philosophy (Medical Ethics)
awarded May, 2002.
Dissertation Topic: "Moral
Acquaintances and Moral Conclusions:

A Content-thin Solution to the Problem
of Pluralism in Bioethics"
M.A., 2001.

RICE UNIVERSITY, Houston, TX.
B.A. in Philosophy, 1991.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Crown Life Fellowship in Bioethics, Institute of Bioethics, Health Policy, and
Law, University of Louisville (2006 – 2007)
Gheens Foundation Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Bioethics, (2005 – 2006)
University of Louisville
Excellence in Teaching Award, Royden B. Davis Fellowship (1997 – 1998),
Georgetown University
Graduate School Fellowships (1992 – 1996), Georgetown University
Tsanoff Award for Philosophy (1988), Rice University

POSITIONS HELD

University of Louisville, KY.
Assistant Professor, Departments of
Philosophy and Family and Geriatric
Medicine (July 2007 – present)

**McNeese State University, Lake
Charles, LA.**
Assistant Professor: Department of
Social Sciences (2002 – 2005)

**Institute of Bioethics, Health Policy,
and Law, Louisville, KY.**
Crown Life Fellow in Bioethics (2006 –
2007)

**Southern Methodist University,
Dallas, TX.**
Adjunct Lecturer: Department of
Philosophy (2001 – 2002)

University of Louisville, KY.
Gheens Foundation Post-Doctoral
Fellow in Bioethics (2005 – 2006)

Georgetown University, Washington, DC.
Lecturer: Department of Philosophy,
(1996 – 2001)

COURSES TAUGHT

Medical School Classes

*Intro to Clinical
Medicine I and II*
The Honor Code and the
Medical Student
Culture, Ethnicity,
Socio-Economic
Status, and Health
Care
Conflicts of Interest
Reproductive Ethics
Ethical Issues in
Allocation of Scarce
Resources

Graduate

Foundations of Bioethics

Undergraduate

Medical Ethics
Ethical Theory
Death & Dying
Professional Ethics in the
Sciences
Topics in Bioethics:
Genetics, Research,
End-of-Life, Abortion
Ancient Philosophy
Business Ethics
Ethics and Animals

Introductory

Comparative Value Theory
Contemporary Moral
Problems
Introduction to Philosophy
Introductory Ethics
Critical Thinking

HOSPITAL TEACHING

- “The Cases that Haunt Us: Doing What’s Right within Imperfect Systems.” Family and Geriatric Medicine Grand Rounds, Jewish Hospital, May 30, 2008.
- “Ethics and End-of-Life Care.” Internal Medicine Didactic, UofL Hospital, April 30, 2008.
- “Ethics in Palliative Care.” Palliative Care Group, University of Louisville Hospital, April 2008, March 2009.
- “Advance Directives and Informed Consent.” Jewish Hospital Ethics Committee, July 18, 2007.
- “Autism, Neurodiversity and the Definition of Disease.” Psychiatry Grand Rounds, University of Louisville Hospital, June 7, 2007.
- “Ethics and Screening.” Family and Geriatric Medicine Grand Rounds, Jewish Hospital, August 25, 2006.
- “Patient Ethics and DNR.” Patient Oriented Grand Rounds, University of Louisville Hospital, July 18, 2006.

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Moral Acquaintances and Moral Decisions*, Philosophy and Medicine series, Springer Publishing Co. forthcoming, 2009.
- “Richard Zaner and ‘Standard’ Medical Ethics,” in *Richard Zaner Festschrift*, Osborne Wiggins, PhD, ed., forthcoming.
- “Ethics and Natural Facts in the Age of Darwin,” in *The Normativity of the Natural: Human Goods, Human Virtues, and Human Flourishing*. Mark Cherry, PhD, ed. Springer Publishing Co. 2009: 197-219.

Hanson SS, Doukas DJ. “Advance Directives and Planning for the End of Life” in *The Penn Center Guide to Bioethics*, Vardit Ravitsky, Autumn Fiester, and Art Caplan, eds. Springer Publishing Co. 2009: 749-759.

Doukas, DJ. McCullough, LB. **Hanson, SS.** "Advance Care Planning: Values and Families in End-of-Life Care," chapter in *Reichel's Care of the Elderly*, 6th ed. Christiane Arenson, Jan Busby-Whitehead, Kenneth Brummel-Smith, James G. O'Brien, Mary H. Palmer, William Reichel (Eds.) Cambridge University Press; (March 31, 2009): 596-607.

Miles, T., Saeed, J., Connor, A., Kidd, L., **Hanson, S.**, O'Brien, J. Self-identified Race is not a sensitive screener for variant Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms in the Era of Evidence-based Medicine. January 15, 2008. Available from *Nature Precedings* <<http://hdl.handle.net/10101/npre.2008.1524.1>> (2008)

"Moral Acquaintances: Loewy, Wildes, and Beyond." *HEC Forum* 19(3) 2007: 207-225.

"Libertarianism and Health Care Policy: It's not what you think it is." *Journal of Law, Medicine, and Ethics*, 35(3) Fall 2007: 486-489.

"More on Respect for Embryos and Potentiality: Does Respect for Embryos Entail Respect for Frozen Embryos?" *Theoretical Medicine and Bioethics* 27 June 2006: 215-226.

"Engelhardt and Children: The Failure of Libertarian Bioethics in Pediatric Interactions." *Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal* 15 (2) June 2005: 179-198.

"Teaching Health Care Ethics: Why we should teach nursing and medical students together." *Nursing Ethics* 12(2) March 2005: 167-176.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

"Still on the Same Slope: Groningen Breaks No New Ethical Ground." Peer Commentary, *American Journal of Bioethics*, 9(4) April 2009: 67-68.

"How Should Physicians Decide to Resuscitate a Patient?" letter, *American Family Physician*, Vol. 69/No. 10 (May 15, 2004): 2322.

"Heads I Win, Tails don't Count: The Real Value of Abstinence." *Free Inquiry*, Jan/Feb 2004.

WORKS IN PROGRESS/UNDER REVIEW

- "Ethics in the Discipline(s) of Bioethics," under review for *Bioethics in the Plural: Ideology and Social Construction*, H. Tristram Engelhardt, Jr., ed.
- "Advance Directives: Tools for Guiding your Health Care," chapter for *Aging Well* (working title), Demetra Antimisiaris, Pharm.D., ed.
- "Utility Monsters and Bug-Eyed Monsters: Improbable Objections and Reasonable Moral Reasoning."
- "A Libertarian Argument against Inheritance," with Johannes Bulhof, PhD.

PEER-REVIEWED/INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES

- “Readying Residents for Ethics and Professionalism in the Medical Home: A Curricular Work in Progress.” 42nd Society for Teacher of Family Medicine Annual Spring Conference, April 29 – May 3, 2009, Denver, CO.
- “Moving Beyond Forms: Teaching End-of-life Care As an Ongoing Process.” Special Topics Presentation, 42nd Society for Teacher of Family Medicine Annual Spring Conference, April 29 – May 3, 2009, Denver, CO.
- “Cases that Haunt Us: Doing What’s Right Within an Imperfect System.” *Ethics and Caring in Nursing*. Indiana University Southeast School of Nursing and Clark Memorial Hospital. April 13, 2009. New Albany, IN.
- “Ethics of Assisted Suicide and End of Life Care.” *A Symposium: End of Life Care and the Older Adult*. The Mental Health & Aging Coalition for the KIPDA Region, March 9, 2009. Louisville, KY.
- “The Ethics of Bioethics.” Annual Meeting of the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities, October 24, 2008. Cleveland, OH.
- “Moral Dilemmas during Katrina and Rita: Facing the Challenges of Disaster Ethics.” Panel Presentation with David Doukas, MD, Eugene Boisaubin, MD, and Peter Kussin, MD. Annual Meeting of the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities, October 26, 2006, Denver, CO.
- “The Ethicist in End-of-Life Care.” Anne Conboy Lectureship: Preparing for End of Life Challenges for Patients and Families Dealing with Cancer and Other Terminal Illnesses, Spring Meeting, Center for the Study of Human Dignity, Ethics and Caring, March 24, 2006, Spalding University School of Nursing, Louisville, KY.
- “Katrina and Rita - Lessons in Preventive Ethics from the Gulf Coast.” Joint presentation with David Doukas, MD. *Mardi Gras @ the Library: Perspectives on the People and Culture of New Orleans*, Feb. 28, 2006, University of Louisville.
- “A Challenge to Art Caplan on Stem Cell Research (And How He Should Answer It.)” Gheens Foundation Scholars in Humanism Lecture, University of Louisville Health Sciences Center, February 27, 2006.
- “Stem Cell Research: How Bush got (close to) the Right Answer (by Accident.)” Association for Politics and the Life Sciences, Aug. 29, 2003, Philadelphia, PA.
- “Casuistry in Law, Medicine, and Medical Ethics.” Professional Ethics Conference, Washington and Lee Law School, April 2002, Lexington, VA.
- “The Limitations of Libertarianism in Bio-Ethics.” North Texas Philosophical Association, Spring Meeting, April 13, 2002, Dallas, TX.
- “The Problem with Principles: Making Bioethical Decisions in Pluralistic Society.” Annual Meeting of the Association for Politics and the Life Sciences, September 1, 2000, Washington, DC
- “Bad Arguments Make Bad Policy: How We can Reject Assisted Suicide Too Quickly.” Annual Meeting of the Association for Politics and the Life Sciences, September 2, 1999, Atlanta, GA
- “Slippery Slopes, Assisted Suicide, and HMOs: Why Doctors must not Ration Health Care.” at *Ethical Dilemmas in Health Care in the 21st Century*, October 30, 1998, University of Osteopathic Medicine and Health Sciences, Des Moines, IA

OTHER PRESENTATIONS/CONFERENCES:

- “Morality and Natural Facts in a Darwinian Age.” *Philosophy Presents*, February 1, 2008, University of Louisville.
- “Ethical Concerns with Non-Beneficial Treatment Policies.” Kentucky Healthcare Ethics Committee Conference: The State of the Commonwealth’s HEC’s. June 11, 2007.
- “Utility Monsters and Bug-Eyed Monsters: Are Outrageous Objections Out of Order?” George Mason University, Fairfax, VA, January 2006. Also presented at *Philosophy Presents*, November 11, 2005, University of Louisville.
- “Informed Consent and Beneficence.” Department of Clinical Ethics, University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. April 2005.
- “Anthropocentrism in Environmental Ethics.” Commentary on “Centering Value Pluralism in Environmental Ethics: Weston’s Multiverse, Nagel’s Pluralism, Wenz’s Distinction, and Norton’s Thesis”, by Dr. Kenneth Shockley, SW Philosophical Society Annual Meeting, Nov. 11-13, 2004, New Orleans, LA.
- “Stem Cell Research: The Basics and the Bush Administration’s Position.” McNeese State University Public Lecture, October 24, 2002
- “Why Libertarianism is Incompatible with Medical Ethics.” Southern Methodist University Ethics Colloquy, March 2002, Dallas, TX.
- “Informed Consent for Elective Surgery in Gynecology (The Cure for All that Ails You)”, with Francis Hutchins, MD. Washington OB/GYN Biomedical Ethics Retreat, March 23, 2001, Washington DC

ADMINISTRATIVE AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Coordinator, Philosophy Affinity group, American Society of Bioethics and the Humanities (2008-present). Co-coordinator, (2006-2008)

Institutional Review Board Member, Biomedical IRB and Social and Behavioral IRB Committees, University of Louisville (July 2006 – present)

Ethics Committee, University of Louisville Hospital (Aug 2005 – present)

Faculty Advisor, Phi Sigma Tau (Philosophy Honors Society), University of Louisville (2008 – present)

Chair, McNeese State University Institutional Review Board (Fall 2002 – Summer 2005)

Member, Women’s Studies Committee, McNeese State (Fall 2002 – Spring 2005)

EDITORIAL AND OTHER EXPERIENCE

- Editorial Board member, *The Open Ethics Journal*, (Bentham Publishers) (2007-present)
- Member, College of Reviewers, Canada Research Chairs Program (2007)
- Peer reviewer, *Journal of Medical Ethics* (2004 – present)
- National Institutes of Health, Department of Clinical Bioethics. Conference member in IRB consultant and medical ethics meetings. (1996 – 1998)
- Editorial Assistant, *Encyclopedia of Bioethics*, 2nd Ed. (1994)

REFERENCES

David Doukas

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