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**ROLES AT UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE**

Professor of Philosophy

Acting Chair, Philosophy Department, 1/1/2020-6/30/2021

Core Faculty Member, Interdisciplinary MA in Bioethics and Medical Humanities

Director, Minor program in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics

**EDUCATION**

**Ph.D. University of Arizona, Tucson, 2000.**

**B.A. Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, 1995.**

**Non-degree**

Selected courses in Spanish (language, literatures, and cultures), University of Louisville, 2011-15.

Intensive Bioethics Education Course, University of Louisville School of Medicine, May 2005.

Study Abroad, American University in Cairo, Egypt, Spring 1994.

Summer Intensive Arabic Language course, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel, Summer 1992.

**AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION AND COMPETENCE**

**Areas of specialization:** Social & Political Philosophy, Applied & Normative Ethics.

**Areas of competence:** Philosophy of Law, Metaphysics.

**PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH**

**I. BOOKS**

*A Moral Theory of Solidarity*. Oxford University Press, 2016.

*Land, Conflict, and Justice: A Political Theory of Territory*. Cambridge University Press, 2009.

**II. SELECTED ARTICLES**

“What Does Solidarity Do For Bioethics?” *Journal of Medical Ethics* 47 (2021), 122-28. Online:

<http://dx.doi.org/10.1136/medethics-2019-106040>.

“Groundwork for the Mechanics of Morals.” *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 50 #5 (2020): 636-51. Online:

<https://doi.org/10.1017/can.2020.13>.

“Ludic Constructivism: Or, Individual Life and the Fate of Humankind.” Forthcoming, *Sports, Ethics, and Philosophy*, <https://doi.org/10.1080/17511321.2018.1454501>.

“The Moral Duty of Solidarity.” *Civil American: Philosophy for Everyone* 3 (2018). Online:

<https://www.philosophersinamerica.com/2018/04/30/the-moral-duty-of-solidarity/>

“Solidarity as Environmental Justice in Brownfields Remediation.” *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy* 21 (2018): 554-69. DOI: [10.1080/13698230.2017.1398857](https://doi.org/10.1080/13698230.2017.1398857).

- “Latin America in Theories of Territorial Rights.” *Revista de Ciencia Política* 37 (2017), 737-53. Online: <http://www.revistacienciapolitica.cl/index.php/rcp/article/download/355/75>.
- “Social Movements.” *Philosophy COMPASS* 11 #10 (2016), 580-90.
- “Resilience as a Political Ideal.” *Ethics, Policy, and Environment* 19 (2016), 91-107.
- “The Grasshopper’s Error: Or, on How Life is a Game.” *Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review* 54 (2015), 727-46.
- “The Priority of Solidarity to Justice.” *Journal of Applied Philosophy* 31 (2014), 420-33.
- “Am I My Profession’s Keeper?” *Bioethics* 28 (2014), 1-7.
- “Floating Provisos and Sinking Islands.” *Journal of Applied Philosophy* 29 (2012), 333-43.
- “Attachment to Territory: Status or Achievement?” *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 42 (June 2012), 101-24.
- “Dynamics of Solidarity.” *Journal of Political Philosophy* 20 (2012), 365-83.
- “Justice, Territory and Natural Resources.” *Political Studies* 60 (June 2012), 269-86.
- “Plenitude.” In *Justice et Injustice Spatiales*, ed. Bernard Bret, Philippe Gervais-Lambony, Claire Hancock, and Frederic Landy (Paris: Presses Universitaires de Paris-Ouest, 2010). Translated and republished in *Justicia e injusticia espaciales* (Rosario, Argentina: Universidad Nacional Rosario, 2016).
- “Who Killed Medgar Evers?” *Bob Dylan and Philosophy*, ed. Peter Vernezze and Carl Porter (LaSalle, Illinois: Open Court Pop Culture & Philosophy Series, 2006), chapter 3.
- “Justice and the Politics of Deference.” *Journal of Political Philosophy* 13 (2005), 153-73.
- “Valuing Land and Distributing Territory.” In *Geographies and Moralities*, ed. Roger Lee and David M. Smith (Cambridge, UK: Blackwell, 2004), pp. 135-48.
- “Toward a Pluralist Account of Parenthood.” *Bioethics* 17 (2003), 221-242 [with Tim Bayne].
- “The Lockean Efficiency Argument and Aboriginal Land Rights,” *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 78 (September 2000), 391-404.

## TEACHING

### I. INTRODUCTORY

Introduction to Philosophy; Introduction to Moral and Social Philosophy; Introduction to History of Political Philosophy; Sex & Values; Business Ethics; Intermediate College Writing (with ethics focus); Introduction to Philosophy, Politics, and Economics.

### II. MID-LEVEL UNDERGRADUATE

Medical Ethics; Philosophy of Law; Ethics; Environmental Ethics; Special Topics: Environment and Global Justice; Metaphysics; Social & Political Philosophy; Philosophies of Propaganda (team-taught).

### III. UPPER-LEVEL UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE

Free Will; Philosophy & Globalization; Philosophy of Social Science; The Philosophy of John Rawls; The Political Theory of Individual Responsibility; Democracy and Responsibility; Global Justice; Ethical Theory; Themes from Locke: Land, Membership, and Indigenous Peoples; Justice & Health Care; Varieties of Solidarity; Ethics Bowl; Current Controversies in Bioethics; Readings in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (team-taught).

## GRANTS AND FUNDING

Co-PI, “Love Among the Ruins: A Production of Plato’s *Symposium*” \$10,000  
 Delmas Foundation Humanities Funding, 2020

Co-PI, Society for Applied Philosophy Events Funding, 2019. For 2021 online conference on "Individual Responsibility and Climate Injustice"	\$1000
PI, Society for Applied Philosophy Events Funding, 2017. For 2017 miniconference on "Sports, Ethics, and Public Life"	\$2000
Co-PI, "Reading Kanafani in Kentucky," 2018-19. Internal grant sponsored by Cooperative Consortium for Transdisciplinary Social Justice Research	\$6,200/yr
Faculty Fellow, Commonwealth Center for Humanities and Society, 2019-20 Internal fellowship grant carrying course release and research funding	\$5000

<b>SELECTED AWARDS &amp; HONORS</b>
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University of Louisville Distinguished Faculty Award for Outstanding Scholarship, Research, & Creative Activity in the Humanities, 2014.

Journal of Applied Philosophy Prize, for "Floating Provisos and Sinking Islands," 2013. (Awarded to best paper published in *Journal of Applied Philosophy* in the previous calendar year.)

Canadian Philosophical Association Biennial Book Prize (shared), for *Land, Conflict, and Justice: A Political Theory of Territory*, 2011 and again for *A Moral Theory of Solidarity* (2017).

Visiting Fellowships at Rice University (2009) and Australian National University (2015, 2019).