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AOS: Social & Political Philosophy, Applied Ethics

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

University of Louisville, 2000-present

Professor of Philosophy, 2013-present.

Chairperson, January 2020-present.

Director, Graduate Certificate in Diversity Literacy, 2020-present.

Editor, *Journal of Applied Philosophy*, 2023-present

EDUCATION

Ph.D. (Philosophy): University of Arizona, Tucson, 2000

BA (Hons. Ethics & Political Philosophy) Brown University, Providence, RI, 1995

PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH

I. BOOKS

1. *A Moral Theory of Solidarity*. Oxford University Press, 2016.
2. *Land, Conflict, and Justice: A Political Theory of Territory*. Cambridge University Press, 2009.

II. SELECTED ARTICLES & BOOK CHAPTERS

“Woman is a Cause: Kanafani’s *Returning to Haifa* as a Critique of Patriarchal Nationalism” (With Ranen Omer-Sherman). *Twentieth Century Literature* 70 #1 (2024), 1-25.

“Solidarism and the Struggle Against Environmental Racism”. *Global Justice: Theory Practice Rhetoric* 14 #1 (January 2024), 103-23. <https://doi.org/10.21248/gjn.14.01.270>.

“Boundaries.” In the [Elgar Research Handbook of Liberalism](#), ed. Duncan Ivison (Edward Elgar Publishing, 2024), pp. 194-209.

“Solidarity as a Virtue of Equality.” In *The Virtue of Solidarity*, ed. Andrea Sangiovanni and Juri Viehoff (Oxford University Press, 2024), pp. 110-136.

“Solidarity is not Joint Action.” In Andrea Sangiovanni et al., *Solidarity: Nature, Grounds, and Value*, ed. David Owen (Manchester: University of Manchester Press, 2024), 137-53.

“Magnificent Utopian Games.” *Journal of the Philosophy of Sport* (July 2022).

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

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

“Ludic Constructivism: Or, Individual Life and the Fate of Humankind.” *Sport, Ethics, and Philosophy* 13 (2019), 392-405.

- “Solidarity as Environmental Justice in Brownfields Remediation.” *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy* 21 (2018): 554-69.
- “Latin America in Theories of Territorial Rights.” *Revista de Ciencia Política* 37 (2017), 737-53.
- “Social Movements.” *Philosophy COMPASS* 11 (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* 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 (2012), 101-24.
- “Dynamics of Solidarity.” *Journal of Political Philosophy* 20 (2012), 365-83.
- “Justice, Territory and Natural Resources.” *Political Studies* 60 (2012), 269-86.
- “Justice and the Politics of Deference.” *Journal of Political Philosophy* 13 #2 (2005), 153-73.
- “Toward a Pluralist Account of Parenthood.” *Bioethics* 17 #3 (2003), 221-242 [with Tim Bayne].
Reprinted in *Parental Rights and Responsibilities*, ed. Stephen T. Gilmore, Routledge 2017.
- “The Territorial State in Cosmopolitan Justice.” *Social Theory and Practice* 28 (2002), 29-50.
- “Ethical Investing: the Permissibility of Participation.” *Journal of Political Philosophy* 9 (2001), 435-52.
- “‘Are You My Mommy?’: On the Genetic Basis of Parenthood.” *Journal of Applied Philosophy* 18 #3 (December 2001), 273-85 [with Tim Bayne].
- “The Lockean Efficiency Argument and Aboriginal Land Rights,” *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 78 #3 (September 2000), 391-404.

GRANTS AND FUNDING

Funds Awarded

Co-PI, “Pursuing Excellence in Ethical Care: A Partnership to Support Clinical Ethics Consultation and Education.” Norton Healthcare James R. Petersdorf Fund, 2022-24	\$151,000
Co-PI, “Love Among the Ruins: A Production of Plato’s <i>Symposium</i> .” Delmas Foundation Humanities Funding, 2020	\$10,000
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

SELECTED AWARDS & HONORS

Cardinal Principles Champion award for Integrity & Transparency, University of Louisville, 2022.
Visiting Fellowship, Philosophy, Research School of Social Sciences, Australian National University, Canberra, 2015, 2019.
Canadian Philosophical Association Biennial Book Prize, 2011, 2017.
University of Louisville Award for Outstanding Scholarship, Research, & Creative Activity in Humanities, 2013-14.
Richard & Constance Lewis Fellowship in Latin American & Iberian Studies, University of Louisville Program in Latin American & Latino Studies, 2014. (Fellowship for research travel.)
Journal of Applied Philosophy Prize, for “Floating Provisos and Sinking Islands,” 2013.

SELECTED COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

Guest Facilitator/Presenter, Philosophy Club, Iroquois High School, 2023-24.
Co-organizer, First Annual Philosophy *Slam*, working with students from Atherton and duPont Manual High Schools, Nov. 16 2023.
Member, Kentucky Climate Consortium, University of Kentucky, 2020-present.
Creator and Host, *Ethics Forward* radio program and podcast on WFMP 106.5, Louisville, 2017-19.
Steering Committee Member, Louisville Climate Action Network, 2007-15.
Member, Kosair Children’s Hospital Ethics Committee, 2006-12.
Ex Officio member, Louisville VA Medical Center Ethics Committee, 2002-2005.
State Governing Board, Arizona Common Cause, 1999-2000.
Talks and presentations at: Atherton High School; Second Presbyterian Church; All Peoples’ Unitarian Universalist Church; Temple Shalom; St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church; Yearlings Club; Louisville Humanists; Kentucky AFL-CIO Central Labor Council; Louisville Sustainability Forum; First Unitarian Church.