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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Professor of Philosophy, January, 2026-present

Head of Department, January 2026-present

University of Louisville

Professor of Philosophy, 2013-2025.

Chairperson, January 2020-2025.

Associate Professor of Philosophy, 2006-2013.

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 2000-2006.

Rice University

NEH Visiting Associate Professor of the Humanities, spring 2009.

University of Arizona

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Philosophy Department, 1995-2000.

EDUCATION

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

Director: Allen Buchanan

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

Magna cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa

Additional Training

Spanish language, literature, and culture (equivalent to Spanish minor), University of Louisville, 2011-2015.

Intensive Bioethics Education Course (run by Michigan State University Bioethics program), University of Louisville School of Medicine, May 2005.

American University in Cairo (courses in Political Science and Arabic language), spring 1994.

Hebrew University of Jerusalem (intensive modern Arabic), summer 1992.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION AND COMPETENCE

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

Areas of competence: Philosophy of Law, Normative Ethics, 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. REFEREED ARTICLES

Clarke, Kathleen, Lauren B. Anderson, Arnita Gadson, Rochelle H. Holm, **Avery Kolers**, and Ted Smith. "A Case Study of Ethical Bridges: Wastewater-Based Epidemiology in the Rubbertown Air Toxics and Health Assessment (RATHA) Project." *Environmental Science: Water Research and Technology* 11 (2025), 1363-68. <https://doi.org/10.1039/D5EW00234F>.

Kolers, Avery, and Ranen Omer-Sherman. "Woman is a Cause: Kanafani's *Returning to Haifa* as a Critique of Patriarchal Nationalism." *Twentieth Century Literature* 70 #1 (2024), 1-25.

Kolers, Avery. "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>.

Kolers, Avery. "Magnificent Utopian Games." *Journal of the Philosophy of Sport* (July 2022). DOI: 10.1080/00948705.2022.2084745.

Kolers, Avery. "What Does Solidarity Do For Bioethics?" *Journal of Medical Ethics* 47 (2021), 122-28. Online: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1136/medethics-2019-106040>.

Kolers, Avery. "Groundwork for the Mechanics of Morals." *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 50 #5 (2020): 636-51. Online: <https://doi.org/10.1017/can.2020.13>.

Kolers, Avery. "Ludic Constructivism: Or, Individual Life and the Fate of Humankind." *Sport, Ethics, and Philosophy* 13 (2019), 392-405. <https://doi.org/10.1080/17511321.2018.1454501>.

Kolers, Avery. "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). Reprinted in *Solidarity and Public Goods*, ed. Avigail Ferdman and Margaret Kohn (Routledge, 2020).

Kolers, Avery. "Latin America in Theories of Territorial Rights." *Revista de Ciencia Política* 37 (2017), 737-53. Online: <https://www.scielo.cl/pdf/revcipol/v37n3/0718-090X-revcipol-37-03-0737.pdf>.

Kolers, Avery. "Social Movements." *Philosophy COMPASS* 11 #10 (2016), 580-90.

Kolers, Avery. "Resilience as a Political Ideal." *Ethics, Policy, and Environment* 19 (2016), 91-107.

Kolers, Avery. "The Grasshopper's Error: Or, On How Life is a Game." *Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review* 54 (2015), 727-46.

Kolers, Avery. "The Priority of Solidarity to Justice." *Journal of Applied Philosophy* 31 #4 (2014), 420-33.

Kolers, Avery. "Am I My Profession's Keeper?" *Bioethics* 28 #1 (2014), 1-7.

Kolers, Avery. "Floating Provisos and Sinking Islands." *Journal of Applied Philosophy* 29 #4 (2012), 333-43.

Kolers, Avery. "Attachment to Territory: Status or Achievement?" *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 42 #2 (June 2012), 101-24.

Kolers, Avery. "Dynamics of Solidarity." *Journal of Political Philosophy* 20 #4 (2012), 365-83.

Kolers, Avery. "Justice, Territory and Natural Resources." *Political Studies* 60 #2 (June 2012), 269-86.

- Kolers, Avery. "Subsidiarity, Secession, and Cosmopolitan Democracy." *Social Theory and Practice* 32 #4 (October 2006), 659-69.
- Kolers, Avery. "Justice and the Politics of Deference." *Journal of Political Philosophy* 13 #2 (2005), 153-73.
- Kolers, Avery. "Cloning and Genetic Parenthood." *Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethics* 12 #4 (Fall 2003), 401-410.
- Bayne, Tim, and Avery Kolers. "Toward a Pluralist Account of Parenthood." *Bioethics* 17 #3 (2003), 221-242. Reprinted in *Parental Rights and Responsibilities*, ed. Stephen T. Gilmore, Routledge 2017.
- Kolers, Avery. "The Territorial State in Cosmopolitan Justice." *Social Theory and Practice* 28 #1 (January 2002), 29-50.
- Kolers, Avery. "Ethical Investing: the Permissibility of Participation." *Journal of Political Philosophy* 9 #4 (December 2001), 435-52.
- Kolers, Avery, and Tim Bayne. "'Are You My Mommy?': On the Genetic Basis of Parenthood." *Journal of Applied Philosophy* 18 #3 (December 2001), 273-85 [with Tim Bayne].
- Kolers, Avery. "The Lockean Efficiency Argument and Aboriginal Land Rights," *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 78 #3 (September 2000), 391-404.

III. REFEREED BOOK CHAPTERS

- "Making Harmony Safe for Democracy." For the volume *Considering, Questioning and Re-Imagining Harmony: Multicultural, Multihistorical and Multidisciplinary Reflections*, edited by Chenyang Li, Karyn Lai, and Rick Benitez. Bloomsbury, 2025.
- "Solidarity is not Joint Action." In Andrea Sangiovanni et al., [*Solidarity: Nature, Grounds, and Value*](#). Manchester: University of Manchester Press, 2024: 137-53.
- "Solidarity as a Virtue of Equality." In *The Virtue of Solidarity*, ed. Andrea Sangiovanni and Juri Viehoff (Oxford University Press, 2024), pp. 110-136.
- "Valuing Land and Distributing Territory." In *Geographies and Moralities*, ed. Roger Lee and David M. Smith (Cambridge, UK: Blackwell, 2004), pp. 135-48.
- "Self-Determination in a Cosmopolitan World." In *Putting Peace into Practice: Evaluating Policy on Local and Global Levels*, ed. Nancy Potter (Amsterdam: Rodopi, 2004), pp. 95-112.

IV. OTHER SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

- "Boundaries." In the [*Elgar Research Handbook of Liberalism*](#), ed. Duncan Ivison (Edward Elgar Publishing, 2024), pp. 194-209.
- "Collective Political Capabilities." Contribution to a symposium on *Poverty, Solidarity, and Poor-Led Social Movements*, by Monique Deveaux (OUP, 2021). *Ethics & Global Politics* 16 #2 (2023), 46-54. <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/16544951.2023.2216110>.
- "States as Agents and as Trustees." Contribution to a symposium on *The Shifting Border*, by Ayelet Shachar (Manchester University Press, 2020). *European Journal of Political Theory* 21 #3 (2022), 587-93. Online: <https://doi.org/10.1177%2F14748851211065133>.

- "John Rawls: *A Theory of Justice*." *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy*. Published 2022. online: https://www.rep.routledge.com/dms/Rawls--Theory-of-Justice/Rawls_%20Theory%20of%20Justice.pdf.
- "Rising Above the Rising Seas." In *Environmental Ethics*, 3rd ed., ed. Michael Boylan. Wiley, 2022. Critical Dialogue (dual book review and author responses) with Mara Marin on *A Moral Theory of Solidarity and Connected by Commitment. Perspectives on Politics* 16 (2018), 802-806.
- "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/>
- "Locating the People." Symposium on Margaret Moore's *A Political Theory of Territory* (OUP 2015). *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy* 21 (2018), 782-89.
- "Reply to Armstrong." *Political Studies* 62 #1 (March 2014), pp. 223-28.
- "Territorial Rights." *Encyclopedia of Global Justice*, ed. Deen K. Chatterjee (Springer, 2011), pp. 1063-1067.
- "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.
- "Parenthood and Procreation." *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (Fall 2008 edition), Edward N. Zalta, ed. <http://plato.stanford.edu/archives/fall2008/entries/parenthood/> (published 2002; major modification 2006; now replaced by a new article by different authors) [with Tim Bayne].

V. BOOK REVIEWS

- Review of Shlomit Harrosh and Roger Crisp, eds., *Moral Evil in Practical Ethics* (Routledge, 2018). *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* 3/14/19. <https://ndpr.nd.edu/news/moral-evil-in-practical-ethics/>
- Review of Chris Armstrong, *Justice and Natural Resources: An Egalitarian Theory* (Oxford University Press, 2017). *Ethics & International Affairs* 32 (2018), 507-09.
- Review of Thomas Nail, *Theory of the Border* (Oxford University Press, 2015). *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*. <http://ndpr.nd.edu/news/theory-of-the-border/>
- Review of A. John Simmons, *Boundaries of Authority* (Oxford University Press, 2015). *Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review*. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0012217317000166>.
- Review of Brad Evans and Julian Reid, *Resilient Life* (Polity, 2014). *Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review* 54 (2015), 803-5. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0012217315000037>.
- Review of Gillian Brock and Michael Blake, *Debating Brain Drain: May States Restrict Emigration?* (Oxford University Press, 2015). *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*. <http://ndpr.nd.edu/news/58138-debating-brain-drain-may-governments-restrict-emigration/>.
- Review of David Lyons, *Confronting Injustice: Moral History and Political Theory* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012). *Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review* 53 #2 (June 2014), 352-4

- Review of Eric Roark, *Removing the Commons: A Lockean Left-Libertarian Approach to the Just Use and Appropriation of Natural Resources* (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2013). *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*. <http://ndpr.nd.edu/news/46200-removing-the-commons-a-lockean-left-libertarian-approach-to-the-just-use-and-appropriation-of-natural-resources/>, 2/24/14.
- Review of Deen K. Chatterjee, *Democracy in a Global World* (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2008). *Social Theory & Practice* 35 #1 (January 2009), pp. 141-47.
- Review of Charis Thompson, *Making Parents: The Ontological Choreography of Reproductive Technology* (Cambridge, Mass: MIT Press, 2005). *Theoretical Medicine and Bioethics* 27 (2006), pp. 463-70.

PRESENTATIONS

I. SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS OF ORIGINAL RESEARCH

- "Toward a Theory of Philosophical Research Ethics." Society for Applied Philosophy Annual Conference 2025 (Gdansk, Poland), June 2025.
- "Interrupting Environmental Racism." Goethe University Frankfurt, Germany, 12/20/22.
- "'Where Justice is a Game': Harmony, Conflict, and Cooperative Competition." Workshop on "Problematising Harmony, Disrupting Harmony: Perspectives from Philosophical Traditions," Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, May 2022.
- "Solidarity and Environmentalized Racism." Workshop on "Theorising Solidarity." University of Leeds, UK, February 2022.
- "Autonomy and the Flow of Information: Proposal for an Advance Knowledge Plan." With Tomi Ogunbenle. Association for Practical and Professional Ethics annual conference, 2022.
- "Solidarity and the Duty of Violent Resistance," Conference for the Study of Political Thought, Toronto, August 26, 2021.
- "Violent Solidarity and the Point of the Ethical," University of Nevada – Las Vegas, March 26, 2021.
- "Attachment to and Detachment from Territory," American Political Science Association annual conference, 2020.
- "Territorial Loss, Decolonization, and Reconciliation," Workshop on Indigenous Land Rights and Reconciliation, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Sept. 5-6, 2019. (Delivered in absentia due to family emergency.)
- "Violence in Solidarity," workshop on Solidarity, European University Institute, Florence, May 16-17, 2019. Also delivered at University of Nevada-Reno, April 18, 2019.
- "Failed Odyssey," Louisville Conference on Literature and Culture since 1900, Feb. 22, 2019.
- "Toward a Capability Theory of Racial Justice and Decolonization," Political Science seminar, Instituto de Ciencia Política, Pontificia Universidad Católica, Santiago, Chile, June 15, 2018. [Heavily revised version of Haverford paper.]
- "Zoopolis or Ecopolis?" Workshop on Justice & Nonhumans, Instituto de Ciencia Política, Pontificia Universidad Católica, Santiago, Chile, June 12-13, 2018.

- "Human Capabilities, Indigenous Human Beings," panel on "Truth and Reconciliation in Academia: What Role for Nonindigenous Researchers?" Canadian Philosophical Association, Montreal, June 6, 2018.
- "Toward a Critical Race Capability Theory," Tri-College Distinguished Lecture in Ethics, Politics, and Economics, Haverford College, April 26, 2018.
- "The Territorial Rights of Animals: Zoopolis and Beyond." University of Victoria Philosophy-Politics-Law Colloquium Series, Victoria, BC. March 17, 2017; later version presented at Territorial Rights workshop, Montreal, April 2017.
- "La poesía urbana del supuesto Álvaro Montero/The Urban Poetry of 'Álvaro Montero'." Louisville Conference on Literature and Culture since 1900, Louisville, KY, February 25, 2017.
- "Solidarity as Environmental Justice." University of Massachusetts Boston Philosophy Department, February 22, 2017.
- "Migration, Social Movements, and the Right to Place." Penn State University Department of Philosophy, January 20, 2017.
- "Primitive and Political Rights to Place: Zoopolis and Beyond." University of Toronto Department of Political Science, November 17, 2016.
- "Contribution, Responsibility, and Social Norms: In Defense of the Social Connection Model" (with Heather Stewart). North American Society for Social Philosophy annual conference, Ottawa, Ontario, July 2016; also presented at Rocky Mountain Ethics Conference (RoME), Boulder, Colorado, August 2016; and Association for Political Theory 2016 Conference, Columbus, Ohio, October 20-22, 2016.
- "In and out of the Vanguard on Environmental Justice." Workshop on Solidarity, Centre for Ethics, University of Toronto, May 14, 2016.
- "A Deontological Theory of Solidarity," University of Sydney, Australia, June 3, 2015.
- "Solidary Group Action," Moral, Social, and Political Theory Seminar, Australian National University, Canberra, May 25, 2015.
- "When are Disputes *Territorial*?" Workshop on Making & Justifying Territorial Claims, Princeton University, May 16-17, 2014.
- "Solidarity as Equity," Symposium on Solidarity, 2014 American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meetings, San Diego, April 16-20, 2014.
- "'Everyone's Daily Bread will be Hallowed and Sacred'," Panel on Food in Latin America, 2014 Louisville Conference on Literature & Culture since 1900, Louisville, Feb. 21, 2014.
- "Terrestrial Cosmopolitanism and the Right to Place." Panel on borders & territory, 2013 American Political Science Association Annual Meetings, Chicago, IL, Aug. 31, 2013.
- "Latin America in the Theory of Territorial Rights." Keynote address to "Who Owns It? Conference on Land Disputes in Latin America," Bogotá, Colombia, Aug. 28, 2013.
- "Mapping Ecospace onto Geospace." Panel session on global environmental justice, 2013 Canadian Philosophical Association annual meeting, Victoria, BC.
- "Borders, Barriers, and the Territories they Demarcate: Some Questions." Workshop on Borders and Walls, Yale University, April 12-14, 2012.

- "Floating Provisos and Sinking Islands: Toward a Functional Theory of Territory." Workshop on Resource Rights and Sustainable Resource Management, Centre for Ethics, University of Zurich, February 16, 2012.
- "Am I My Profession's Keeper?" workshop on conscientious refusals in health care, Santa Clara University, November 2011.
- "Social Ontology and Territorial Rights." Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress IV, Boulder, Colorado, August 2011.
- "Attachment to Territory: Status or Achievement?" Workshop on Territorial Rights, Dublin, Ireland, July 2010.
- "Justice, Territory, and Natural Resources." Ethnicity and Democratic Governance project workshop on Territory. Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, June 2010.
- "Justice and Solidarity: Which Side are You On?" International Social Philosophy conference, North American Society for Social Philosophy, Philadelphia, July 2009.
- "Territory, Environment, and Global Justice." Panel session on Territorial Rights and Global Justice, organized by Margaret Moore. American Political Science Association Annual Meetings, Toronto, September 2009.
- "Plenitude." Spatial Justice International Conference, Université de Paris X—Nanterre, France, March 2008.
- "Geography and Justice." Symposium presentation, Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress, Saskatoon, June 2007.
- "Territory as Deep Diversity in Global Justice." Pacific APA Mini-conference on Global Justice, Pasadena, California, April 2004.
- "Justice and the Politics of Deference." American Philosophical Association Central Division Meetings, Cleveland, Ohio, May 2003.
- "Participation in Complex (Unjust) Institutions." American Society for Bioethics and Humanities annual meeting, Baltimore, October 2002.
- "Diversifying the Philosophy Curriculum." Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education conference on teaching, Louisville, 2002.
- "Culture and Territory." Society for Philosophy and Geography group meeting, American Philosophical Association Central Division Meetings, Minneapolis, May 2001.
- "Are there Grounds for Territorial Claims?" American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meetings, San Francisco, April 2001.
- "Would Lockean Contractors Create a Territorial State?" Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Memphis, Tennessee, February 2001.
- "Do Doctors Have a Right Not to Kill?" Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress, Edmonton, June 2000.
- "Cosmopolitanism and the Territorial State." American Philosophical Association Central Division Meetings, Chicago, May 2000.
- "Surpassing Spoilage? Locke on Plums, Money, and Aboriginal Rights." Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress, Sherbrooke, Québec, June 1999; also presented at Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Memphis, Tennessee, February 1999.

II. INVITED PRESENTATIONS

“Who Needs a Certificate in Ethics?” National Humanities Conference panel on new directions in the Humanities, Oct. 28, 2023.

“Interrupting Environmental Racialization,” University of Texas Philosophy Department ethics workshop, Nov. 4, 2022.

Presenter at Kentucky Philosophical Association panel on “Philosophy and Public Policy”. Morehead, KY, April 9, 2022.

Response to Cécile Fabre, *‘To Snatch Something from Death’: Value, Justice, and Humankind’s Cultural Heritage*. Manuscript workshop, Georgia State University, March 18, 2022.

Response to Paulina Ochoa Espejo, *On Borders: Territory, Legitimacy, and the Rights of Place*. Author-meets-Critics session, 2021 American Political Science Association annual conference, October 2021.

Response to Carolyn McLeod, *Conscience in Reproductive Health Care: Prioritizing Patient Interests*. Author-meets-Critics session, 2021 Canadian Philosophical Association annual conference, June 2021.

Response to Ayelet Shachar, *The Shifting Border*. Author-meets-Critics session, 2020 American Political Science Association annual conference, September 2020.

Response to Steve Scalet, *Markets, Ethics, and Business Ethics* (Routledge). Author-meets-Critics session, Association for Practical and Professional Ethics, Baltimore, 2019.

Response to Gordon Marino, *The Existentialist’s Survival Guide* (Norton). Author-meets-Critics session, Association for Practical and Professional Ethics, Baltimore, 2019.

“Dismantling *what?*” Social Change program lecture as part of spring 2019 series on “Dismantling Inequalities,” University of Louisville, 1/31/19.

“A Moral Duty of Solidarity,” Faculty of Philosophy, Pontificia Universidad Católica, Santiago, Chile, June 14, 2018.

“Where are the People and What are they Doing There?” Author-meets-critics session on Margaret Moore’s *A Political Theory of Territory*, Canadian Political Science Association, Calgary, 6/2/2016.

“Why Family Ethics is so Hard.” Morbidity & Mortality Lunch & Learn, Norton Hospital, November 29, 2012.

“The Ethics of Conscientious Refusals.” Public forum on conscientious refusals, Santa Clara University, November 2011.

Workshop on Aboriginal Title, Ministry of Justice (Aboriginal Affairs Section), Government of Canada, Ottawa, March 2011.

“Attachment to Territory: Status or Achievement?” GRIPP workshop, McGill University, November 2010.

“Family Ethics and the Definition of Justice.” Pediatric Ethics Seminar, Kosair Children’s Hospital, Louisville, February 2010.

“Solidarity.” Humanities Research Center Brown Bag, Rice University, Houston, April 2009.

“Territorial Rights.” Department of Political Science, Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario, May 2008.

“Sustainability and State Legitimacy.” University of Warwick, Coventry, England, March 2008.

“How to think about Territory.” Department of Urban & Public Affairs, University of Louisville, January 2008.

“Everything you always wanted to know about taking other people’s land (but were afraid to ask).” Commonwealth Center for the Humanities and Society Faculty Research Forum, February 2004.

“Valuing Land and Distributing Territory.” Geography Department Research Seminar, Queen Mary, University of London, March 2003.

“Terror, ‘War on Terror,’ and the Justification of Political Violence.” Rick O’Neil Memorial Lecture, Transylvania University, Lexington, Kentucky, September 2002.

“Ethical views of Animal Experimentation.” Guest lecture, Arizona Cancer Center seminar in research ethics, May 2000.

III. COMMENTATOR

Response to Yunhyae Kim, “Democratic Authorization of Capitalism and Insulation of Politics,” American Philosophical Association Central Division Meetings, Feb. 23, 2024.

Response to Christian Golden, “Taking Ourselves too Seriously,” International Conference on Virtues and Reasons, Australian Catholic University, Melbourne, May 22, 2015.

Response to Michael Blake and Anna Stilz, Invited Symposium on Territory & Justice, American Philosophical Association Eastern Division meeting, Philadelphia, December 2014.

Response to Ryan Tonkens, “The Ethics of Automated Warfare,” Canadian Philosophical Association Congress, Fredericton, New Brunswick, June 2011.

Response to Chris Kaposy, “Telling Stories about Moral Standing,” Canadian Philosophical Association Congress, Fredericton, New Brunswick, Jun 2011.

Response to Brian Cubbage, “What is *My Future?*” Kentucky Philosophical Association spring meeting (2007), Thomas More College, Apr 14, 2007.

Response to Margaret Moore, “The Ideal of Cosmopolitan Democracy,” Florida State University Werkmeister Conference on Cosmopolitanism, Tallahassee, March 2006.

Response to Scott McElreath, “Virtue Ethics and Action-Guiding Objections.” Ohio/Kentucky Philosophical Association Spring Meeting, Cincinnati, April 2005.

Response to Gillian Brock, “Global Equality of Opportunity: Can we Formulate a Compelling Positive Version of the Ideal?” American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meetings, San Francisco, March 2005. Delivered outside the hotel.

Response to Cindy Holder and Alex Tuckness, Panel Session on “Human Rights,” Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting, Chicago, March 2003.

Response to Hamish Thompson, “The Ethics of Shooting Down a Hijacked Airplane.” Kentucky Philosophical Association Spring Meeting, Louisville, April 2003.

Response to Robert Murray, “The Politics of Difference and the Rational Self,” Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress, Quebec City, June 2001. (Delivered *in absentia*.)

Response to Michelle Darnell, “Why ‘Man’ is Different from ‘Triangle’ in Locke’s Theory of Abstraction,” Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Memphis, Tennessee, February 2001.

Response to Béla Szabados and Eldon Soifer, “Hypocrisy, Double Standards, and Equality,” Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress, Sherbrooke, Québec, June 1999.

Response to Adam Moore, “Intangible Property: Privacy, Power, and Information Control.”
Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Memphis, Tennessee, February 1999.

IV. SELECTED COMMUNITY TALKS & PRESENTATIONS

- “[Ethical Decision Making in Health Care](#),” *Kentucky Health* hosted by Dr. Wayne Tuckson,
Kentucky Educational Television, 11/24/24.
- “The *Euthyphro* Problem.” Presentation at Atherton High School Philosophy classes, 3/14/23.
- “[Ethics & Agriculture](#).” Presentation in PLS 302 Climate Change & Agriculture, University of
Kentucky, 2023, 2024.
- “Welcoming the Stranger in an Unjust World.” Second Presbyterian Church, 2/25/23.
- “The Origin of Morality,” All Peoples’ Unitarian Universalist Church, 4/23/22.
- “Could there be a Meaning of Life?” Presentation at Temple Shalom, 12/12/21.
- “Ethics in (and as) Health Care.” Presentation at Atherton High School Philosophy class, 12/9/21.
- “Defining and Discerning Environmental Justice.” Presentation to St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church,
11/22/20.
- “Environmental Justice, Environmental Racism and NIMBY: How to Determine What to Do.”
Presentation to the Yearlings Club for a session on Urban Heat Islands, November 2019.
- “Problems of Evil.” Presentation to Louisville Humanists, March 2018.
- “A Moral Theory of Solidarity.” Sermon at Thomas Jefferson Unitarian Church, Louisville,
November 2016.
- “Can a Nonbeliever live a Meaningful Life?” Presentation to Louisville Humanists, March 2016.
- “The Global Economy: A Nested Moral Crisis.” 2015 Kentucky AFL-CIO Central Labor Council
Biennial Convention, Louisville, October 2015.
- “Natural Resources.” Louisville Sustainability Forum, July 2011.
- “Good without God?” Debate with Mark Coppenger of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary,
University of Louisville, April 2011.
- “Justice and the Global Environment.” U of L ‘Meet the Professor’ Lunch, 11/2010; also presented
to Louisville Humanists, December 2010.
- “The Universality of Human Rights.” Amnesty Week lecture, University of Louisville, 2009.
- “From Knowing to Caring.” Poverty Awareness Week teach-in, University of Louisville, 2008.

TEACHING

I. INTRODUCTORY

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

II. MID-LEVEL UNDERGRADUATE

Medical Ethics; Philosophy of Law; Ethics; Environmental Ethics; Environment and Global Justice;
Metaphysics; Social & Political Philosophy; Sports, Games, and the Meaning of Life.

Honors Seminar: Philosophies of Propaganda (team-taught).

III. UPPER-LEVEL UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE

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; Global Ethics; Seminar on the Philosophy of Martha Nussbaum; Current Controversies in Bioethics; Readings in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE); Fundamentals of Diversity; Capstone in Diversity Literacy; Theories of Social Justice; Seminar on Adam Smith; Microseminars on Health Justice (Migration, Mobility, and Health Justice; and Solidarity and Health Justice); Proseminar in Applied Philosophy.

IV. GRADUATE INDEPENDENT STUDIES

Free Will; John Rawls's *Theory of Justice*; Adam Smith's *Theory of Moral Sentiments*; Applied Ethical Theory.

V. SUPERVISION

Adviser on numerous undergraduate theses and Social Change internships. Committee member on two MA exams (Philosophy, Urban & Public Affairs), five MA theses (Sociology, English), and twelve PhD committees (Computer Engineering, English, Humanities, Art History, Nursing, Psychology, and Urban & Public Affairs). External Examiner on two PhDs (University College Cork, Ireland; University of Guelph, Canada).

DEPARTMENTAL, COLLEGE, AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

I. UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE PHILOSOPHY DEPARTMENT

Chair, Philosophy Department, January 2020 – December 2025.

Co-Organizer and co-principal faculty, Princeton-Kentucky Summer Institute on Political Values, 2018; 2020 (canceled due to pandemic).

Faculty Adviser, U of L chapter of Phi Sigma Tau Philosophy Honors Society, 2005-06, 2015-18.

Faculty Coach, U of L Ethics Bowl team, 2013, 2014, 2016.

Vice-Chair and Undergraduate Adviser, 2005-06, 2010-12.

Department Personnel Committee, 2002-03; 2003-04; 2005-06; 2009-10, 2010-11, 2015-16.

Committee Chair, 2009-10, 2010-11.

Search Committee, 2000-01; 2001-02; 2005-06; 2012-13; 2014-15; 2018; 2019; 2020; 2021; 2022; 2023; 2024.

Committee Chair, 2005-06, 2012-13, 2020, 2021.

Coordinator of visiting speakers series, 2010-12.

Coordinator, Steven Humphrey Student Philosophy Colloquium, 2005.

II. COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

Co-Chair, College Committee on Culture and Climate, Fall 2025.

Ad Hoc Committee on Remote Work, Summer 2024.

College Personnel Committee, 2007-09; 2017-19.

Chair, 2018-19.

Personnel Committee representative on A&S Tenure-Track Teaching Committee, 2018.

External Review Committee, Anne Braden Institute for Social Justice Research, 2017.

Planning & Budget Committee, 2012-15.

Chair, 2014-15.

Ad hoc Committee on Food Justice, 2012.

Director, Social Change Minor, 2007-17.

Member, Jewish Studies Committee, 2006-present.

Acting Chair, 2012-13.

Naamani Committee, 2018-19.

Postdoctoral Fellow Search Committee, 2018, 2019.

Humanities Representative, Arts & Sciences Diversity Work Group, 2003-08.

College Committee on Curriculum and Standards, 2002-05.

A&S Curriculum Committee representative, University-wide General Education Curriculum Committee, 2004-05.

III. UNIVERSITY-WIDE

A&S Representative, EVPHR search committee, 2024.

Elected representative, Provost's A&S Strategic Planning Committee, 2022.

Guest Lecturer (on ethics) in: School of Medicine (Introduction to Clinical Medicine); Department of Audiology (CEU session on Ethics); Chemical Engineering; Computer Science & Engineering.

University-wide Strategic Planning work group on Great Places to Invest, 2019.

Faculty Senate, 2017-2020.

Faculty representative to Staff Senate, 2017-18.

Student Grievance Committee, 2018-21.

Committee on Committees, 2019-20.

Brandeis Law School 3+3 Committee, 2014-15.

21st Century Financial Affairs Committee, 2013-15.

Green Fund committee, 2012.

Sustainability Council, 2008-present.

Planning & Administration Committee, 2016-present.

Committee on Investor Responsibility, 2010-11; 2016-present.

Engagement Committee, 2015-16.

Sustainable Operations Committee, 2014-15

Teaching and Research committee, 2008-11.

Preliminary Reviewer, Grawemeyer Award for Ideas Improving World Order, 2002-10; 2016; 2022.

First-round Jury, 2004.

Chair, University-wide General Education Curriculum Committee, 2004-05.

Faculty adviser, Alternative Spring Break (Pipestem, West Virginia), 2002.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND ACTIVITIES

I. EDITORIAL BOARDS

Journal of Applied Philosophy

Co-Editor in Chief, September 2024-present.

Editor in Chief, September 2023-August 2024.

Editorial Board Member, 2021-2023.

Associate Editor, 2015-21.

Political Philosophy

Editorial Board Member, 2024-present.

Journal of Political Philosophy

Editorial Board Member, 2017-2023.

II. CONSULTANTSHIPS

Chair, External Review Committee, Philosophy program, Western Kentucky University, Spring 2025.

External Reviewer, Philosophy program, Eastern Kentucky University, 2021.

III. SELECTED ORGANIZING ACTIVITIES

Central Division Representative, North American Society for Social Philosophy (Co-organizing 2 group sessions for each Central APA meeting, along with Roksana Alavi), 2023-present.

Organizer, Author-Meets-Critics session on Cara Nine, *Sharing Territories*. North American Society for Social Philosophy Pacific Division Group Session, San Francisco, April 2023.

Organizer, panel session on "New Issues in Conscientious Refusal," Association for Practical and Professional Ethics annual conference, February 2022.

Co-Organizer, Global Conference on Individual Responsibility and Climate Injustice, Online conference, April 2021.

Organizer, Author-meets-Critics session on Anna Stilz, *Territorial Sovereignty: A Philosophical Exploration*, APA Eastern Division (North American Society for Social Philosophy group meeting) annual meetings, Philadelphia, January 2020.

Organizer, mini-conference on Sports, Ethics, and the Human Ideal, Muhammad Ali Center, 2017.

Organizer, panel sessions on Black Lives Matter and on Policing, as member of APA Public Philosophy Committee, 2016-18.

Organizer, panel on Justice in Health Care, American Society for Bioethics and Humanities annual meeting, Baltimore, October 2002.

Organizer, panel on "Diversifying Philosophy," Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education conference on teaching, Louisville, 2002.

IV. REVIEWING & REFEREEING

Co-editor, special issue on Monique Deveaux's *Poverty, Solidarity, and Poor-Led Social Movements* (Oxford, 2022), *Ethics & Global Politics* 16 #2 (2023).

Guest Edited *Journal of Social Philosophy* symposium on Anna Stilz, *Territorial Sovereignty: A Philosophical Exploration*, Vol. 52 #1.

Manuscript Referee for Cambridge University Press (periodically); Oxford University Press (periodically); Wiley-Blackwell (once); Routledge (periodically).

Grant Proposal Referee for Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC); European Science Foundation (ESF); Chilean Foundation for Science and Technology (FONDECYT).

Article Referee for *American Journal of Political Science*; *American Political Science Review*; *Antipode*; *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*; *Cogent Arts & Humanities*; *Contemporary Political Theory*; *Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review*; *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy*; *Ergo*; *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*; *Ethics*; *Ethics, Policy, and Environment*; *European Journal of Political Theory*; *International Theory*; *Journal of Political Philosophy*; *Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal*; *Law & Philosophy*; *Law, Ethics, And Philosophy*; *Moral Philosophy & Politics*; *Philosophical Studies*; *Philosophy Compass*; *Political Philosophy*; *Political Studies*; *Politics, Philosophy, & Economics*; *Res Publica*; *Review of International Studies*; *Science & Engineering Ethics*; *Social Theory & Practice*; *Sport, Ethics, & Philosophy*; *Utilitas*; *Political Philosophy*; 2001 & 2020 Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress; 2022 & 2023 APPE Annual Conference.

Textbook Proposal Referee for Oxford University Press; McGraw-Hill Irwin publishers.

V. PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

American Philosophical Association (Central Division).

Member, APA Committee on Public Philosophy (2016-18).

Canadian Philosophical Association.

Society for Applied Philosophy.

Ex officio member of the executive committee, 2023-present.

North American Society for Social Philosophy.

Central APA division representative, 2023-present.

American Society for Political and Legal Philosophy.

Kentucky Philosophical Association.

President, 2007-08

Vice-President, 2006-07.

American Association of University Professors.

President, University of Louisville Chapter, 2016-17.

Executive Committee Member, 2017-21.

COMMUNITY SERVICE RELATED TO PROFESSIONAL EXPERTISE

Member, Youth Mental Health Research Steering Committee, CLOUT (Citizens of Louisville Organized and United Together), 2024-25.

Facilitator/Presenter, Philosophy Club, Iroquois High School, 2023-2025.

Member, Kentucky Climate Consortium, University of Kentucky, 2020-2025.

Creator and Host, *Ethics Forward* radio program and podcast on WFMP 106.5, Louisville, KY, 2017-19.

Evaluator, Danny Dettlinger Charitable Scholarship Essay Competition, UFCW Local 227, 2017, 2018.

Steering Committee Member, Louisville Climate Action Network, 2007-15.

Member, Kosair (Norton) 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.

GRANTS AND FUNDING

Funds Awarded (External)

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

Funds Awarded (Internal)

Multiple PI, "Gheens Foundation Community Engagement Mini-Grant For 2023 Philosophy Slam and related outreach	\$1000
Multiple 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

Applied for, Not Funded

Co-PI, American Philosophical Association diversity grant, 2022-3.

Multiple PI, American Philosophical Association small grant for summer institute, 2017.

PI, National Endowment for the Humanities Media Grant, for *Ethics Forward*, 2017.

AWARDS & HONORS

APA/PDC Prize for Excellence and Innovation in Philosophy Programs, for the Philosophy Slam.
 Awarded to the University of Louisville Philosophy Department, 2025.

Belknap Campus Partner Award, University Advancement, 2022.

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.

Tri-College Distinguished Lectureship in Ethics, Politics, and Economics, Haverford/Swarthmore/
 Bryn Mawr Colleges, April 2018.

Canadian Philosophical Association Biennial Book Prize, for *A Moral Theory of Solidarity*, 2017.

University of Louisville Award for Outstanding Scholarship, Research, & Creative Activity in
 Humanities, 2013-14.

College of Arts & Sciences Outstanding Scholarship, Research & Creative Activity Award 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. (Awarded to
 best paper published in *Journal of Applied Philosophy* in the previous calendar year.)

Canadian Philosophical Association Biennial Book Prize, for *Land, Conflict, and Justice: A Political
 Theory of Territory*, 2011.

Humanities Research Center External Faculty Fellowship, Rice University, 2009.

Second Annual Rick O'Neil Memorial Lectureship, Transylvania University, Lexington, Kentucky,
 2002.

Victor A. Olorunsola Endowed Research Award for Young Scholars, University of Louisville, 2002.

Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship
 Foundation. Honorary Fellow (turned down fellowship to accept position at Louisville),
 2000.

William Fink Prize for outstanding achievement in graduate study, Philosophy Department,
 University of Arizona (joint award), 2000.

ACADEMIC REFERENCES

Available upon request