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Education

- Ph.D. University of Notre Dame (August, 1993)
Philosophy
Dissertation: "Philosophical Anarchism and the Possibility of Political
Obligation"
Director: Alasdair MacIntyre
- M. A. University of Notre Dame (January, 1992)
Philosophy
- B. A. University of Texas at Austin (with highest honors, May, 1988)
Plan II

Research areas

Ethics, political philosophy, philosophy of law, philosophy of religion, Hobbes

Positions held

- Robert L. McDevitt, K.S.G., K.C.H.S. and Catherine H. McDevitt L.C.H.S. Chair in
Religious Philosophy, 2010-.
- Fr. Joseph T. Durkin, S.J. Professor of Philosophy, Georgetown University, 2006-2010.
- Professor of Philosophy, Georgetown University, 2003-.
- Associate Professor of Philosophy, Georgetown University, 1999-2003.
- Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Georgetown University, 1995-1999.
- Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of Hawaii at Manoa, 1993-1995.

Books authored

God's Own Ethics: Norms of Divine Agency and the Argument from Evil (Oxford University Press, 2017).

God and Moral Law: On the Theistic Explanation of Morality (Oxford University Press, 2011).

Philosophy of Law: The Fundamentals (Blackwell, 2006).

Natural Law in Jurisprudence and Politics (Cambridge University Press, 2006).

An Essay on Divine Authority (Cornell University Press, 2002).

Natural Law and Practical Rationality (Cambridge University Press, 2001).

Books edited

Alasdair MacIntyre (Cambridge University Press, 2003).

What is Justice?, co-edited with Robert C. Solomon (Oxford University Press, 1st ed., 1990; 2nd ed., 1999).

Articles and book chapters (* if invited; otherwise, refereed)

*"Is an Absolutely Perfect Being *Morally* Perfect?," in *Current Controversies in Philosophy of Religion*, ed. Paul Draper (Routledge, forthcoming).

"Holy, Holy, Holy: Divine Holiness and Divine Perfection," *Religious Studies*, forthcoming (online first: <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0034412518000471>)

*"No Creaturely Intrinsic Value" (contribution to a symposium on Erik Wielenberg's *Robust Ethics*), *Philosophia Christi* 20 (2018), 347-355.

*"Précis of *God's Own Ethics*" and "Replies to Wielenberg, Irwin, and Draper," *Religious Studies* 53 (2017), pp. 545-550, 572-584.

*"Hobbes (and Austin, and Aquinas) on Law as the Command of the Sovereign," in the *Oxford Handbook of Hobbes*, ed. A. P. Martinich and Kinch Hoekstra (Oxford University Press, 2016), pp. 337-356.

*"Pruss on the Requirement of Universal Love," *Roczniki Filozoficzne* 63 (2015), pp. 21-30.

Articles and chapters, continued (* if invited; otherwise, refereed)

- *“Two Unhappy Dilemmas for Natural Law Jurisprudence,” *American Journal of Jurisprudence* (2015), pp. 1-21; reprinted (with minor modifications) in the *Cambridge Companion to Natural Law Jurisprudence*, ed. Robert P. George and George Duke (Cambridge University Press, 2017).
- *“A Commentary on Ristroph’s ‘Sovereignty and Subversion’,” *Virginia Law Review* 101 (2015), pp. 1055-1062.
- *“Suárez’s ‘Best Argument’ and the Dependence of Morality on God,” *Quaestiones Disputatae* 5 (2014), pp. 30-42.
- *“Toward God’s Own Ethics,” in *Challenges to Religious and Moral Belief*, ed. Michael Bergmann and Patrick Kain (Oxford University Press, 2014), pp. 154-171).
- *“The Explanatory Role of the Weak Natural Law Thesis,” in *Philosophical Foundations of the Nature of Law*, ed. Wilfrid Waluchow and Stefan Sciaraffa (Oxford University Press, 2013), pp. 3-21.
- *“No More Fresh Starts” (contribution to a symposium on Scott J. Shapiro’s *Legality*), *Analysis* 72 (2012), pp. 563-573.
- *“Defect and Deviance in Natural Law Jurisprudence,” in *Institutional Reason: The Jurisprudence of Robert Alexy*, ed. Matthias Klatt (Oxford University Press, 2012), pp. 45-60.
- *“God Beyond Justice” and “Reply to Morrison,” in *Divine Evil?*, eds. Michael Bergmann, Michael Murray, and Michael Rea (Oxford University Press, 2011), pp. 150-167, 174-178.
- “Not Penal Substitution but Vicarious Punishment,” *Faith and Philosophy* 26 (2009), pp. 253-273.
- *“Finnis on Nature, Reason, God,” *Legal Theory* 13 (2007), pp. 187-209.
- “Philosophical Anarchisms, Moral and Epistemological,” *Canadian Journal of Law and Jurisprudence* 20 (2007), pp. 95-111.
- *“Natural Law, Common Morality, and Particularity,” in *The Globalization of Ethics*, ed. William Sullivan and Will Kymlicka (Cambridge University Press, 2007), pp. 134-150.
- “The Common Good,” *Review of Metaphysics* 59 (2005), pp. 135-167.
- *“The Renunciation of Conscience,” in *Religion in the Liberal Polity*, ed. Terence Cuneo (University of Notre Dame Press, 2005), pp. 131-153.

Articles and chapters, continued (* if invited; otherwise, refereed)

- *"Intention, Foresight, and Success," in *Human Values: New Essays on Ethics and Natural Law*, ed. Timothy Chappell and David Oderberg (Palgrave MacMillan, 2004), pp. 252-268.
- *"Reply to Almeida," *Religious Studies* 40 (2004), pp. 335-339.
- *"Natural Law Jurisprudence," *Legal Theory* 9 (2003), pp. 241-267; reprinted in (a) *Law and Morality*, ed. Brian Bix and Kenneth Himma (Ashgate, 2005), (b) *Philosophy of Law: Critical Concepts in Philosophy*, ed. Brian Bix (Routledge, 2007); and (c) *Philosophy of Law*, 8th edition, ed. Joel Feinberg and Jules Coleman (Thomson, 2007).
- "Pro-Choice and Presumption: A Reply to Kenneth Einar Himma," *Faith and Philosophy* 20 (2003), pp. 240-242.
- *"Introduction," in *Alasdair MacIntyre* (Cambridge University Press, 2003), pp. 1-9.
- *"MacIntyre's Political Philosophy," in *Alasdair MacIntyre* (Cambridge University Press, 2003), pp. 152-175.
- "A Trilemma for Divine Command Theory," *Faith and Philosophy* 19 (2002), pp. 22-31.
- "Divine Authority and Divine Perfection," *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 49 (2001), pp. 155-177.
- *"Natural Law, Consent, and Political Obligation," *Social Philosophy & Policy* 18 (2001), pp. 70-92.
- "Hobbes on the Evil of Death," *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* 82 (2000), pp. 36-61.
- "Functioning and Flourishing," *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* (Supplement) 73 (2000), pp. 193-206.
- "Desire and Ethics in Hobbes's *Leviathan*: A Response to Professor Deigh," *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 38 (2000), pp. 259-268.
- *"Moral Legitimacy and Political Obligation," *APA Newsletter on Law and Philosophy* 99 (1999), pp. 77-80.
- "The Simple Desire-Fulfillment Theory," *Noûs* 33 (1999), pp. 247-272.
- "Divine Command, Divine Will, and Moral Obligation," *Faith and Philosophy* 15 (1998), pp. 3-27.

Articles and chapters, continued (* if invited; otherwise, refereed)

- “Surrender of Judgment and the Consent Theory of Political Authority,” *Law and Philosophy* 16 (1997), pp. 115-143; reprinted in *The Duty to Obey the Law*, ed. William Edmundson (Rowman & Littlefield, 1999).
- “Consent, Custom, and the Common Good in Aquinas’s Theory of Political Authority,” *Review of Politics* 59 (1997), pp. 323-350.
- “The Conscience Principle,” *Journal of Philosophical Research* 22 (1997), pp. 387-407.
- “Natural Law and the Moral Absolute against Lying,” the *American Journal of Jurisprudence* 41 (1996), pp. 81-101.
- “Natural Law, Impartialism, and Others’ Good,” the *Thomist* 60 (1996), pp. 53-80.
- “Hobbes on Conscientious Disobedience,” *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* 77 (1995), pp. 263-284; reprinted in *Hobbes on Law*, ed. Claire Finkelstein (Ashgate, 2005).
- “Self-Evidence, Human Nature, and Natural Law,” *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* 69 (1995), pp. 471-484.
- “Was Hobbes a Legal Positivist?,” *Ethics* 105 (1995), pp. 846-873; reprinted in (a) *Hobbes*, ed. Robert Shaver (Ashgate, 1999), (b) *Legal Positivism*, ed. Tom D. Campbell (Ashgate, 1999), and (c) *Hobbes on Law*, ed. Claire Finkelstein (Ashgate, 2005).
- “Philosophical Anarchism and Legal Indifference,” *American Philosophical Quarterly* 32 (1995), pp. 163-166.
- “Acceptance of Authority and the Requirement to Comply with Just Institutions: A Comment on Waldron,” *Philosophy & Public Affairs* 23 (1994), pp. 271-277.
- “Hobbes on Tacit Covenants,” *Hobbes Studies* 7(1994), pp. 69-94.
- “Deviant Uses of ‘Obligation’ in Hobbes’ *Leviathan*,” *History of Philosophy Quarterly* 11 (1994), pp. 281-294; reprinted in *Hobbes*, ed. Robert Shaver (Ashgate, 1999).
- “Hobbes’ Shortsightedness Account of Conflict,” *Southern Journal of Philosophy* 31 (1993), pp. 239-253.

Reviews (invited)

Review of C. Stephen Evans, *God and Moral Obligation*, in *Faith and Philosophy* 31 (2014), pp. 112-117.

Review of Scott J. Shapiro, *Legality*, in *Law and Philosophy* 30 (2011), pp. 369-375.

Review of Walter Sinnott-Armstrong, *Morality Without God?*, in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (August, 2009).

Review of Nicholas Wolterstorff, *Justice: Rights and Wrongs*, in *Ethics* 119 (2009), pp. 402-407.

Review of James Bernard Murphy, *The Philosophy of Positive Law*, in *The Thomist* 72 (2008).

Review of Thomas Hobbes, *Writings on Common Law and Hereditary Right*, edited by Alan Cromartie and Quentin Skinner, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (December, 2005).

Review of Philippa Foot, *Natural Goodness*, in *Ethics* 113 (2003), pp. 410-414.

Review of David Braybrooke, *Natural Law Modernized*, in *Mind* 11 (2002), pp. 833-837.

Review of Brad Hooker and Margaret Little, eds., *Moral Particularism*, in *Philosophical Quarterly* 52 (2002), pp. 411-413.

Review of Jonathan Dancy, *Practical Reality*, in the *Review of Metaphysics* 55 (2001), pp. 386-388.

Review of Christopher Morris, ed., *The Social Contract Theorists: Critical Essays on Hobbes, Locke, and Rousseau*, in *Ethics* 110 (2000), p. 657.

Review of Pauline C. Westerman, *The Disintegration of Natural Law Theory: Aquinas to Finnis*, in *Ethics* 109 (1999), pp. 709-710.

Review of Linda Zagzebski, *Virtues of the Mind: An Inquiry into the Nature of Virtue and the Ethical Foundations of Knowledge*, in *Philosophical Books* 39 (1998), pp. 210-212.

Review of Anthony J. Lisska, *Aquinas's Natural Law Theory: An Analytic Reconstruction*, in the *Review of Politics* 60 (1998), pp. 189-192.

Review of Knud Haakonssen, *Natural Law and Moral Philosophy: From Grotius to the Scottish Enlightenment*, in the *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* 71 (1997), pp. 635-638.

Reviews (invited)

Review of David Boonin-Vail, *Thomas Hobbes and the Science of Moral Virtue*, in the *Review of Politics* 58 (1996), pp. 649-652.

Review of Christopher S. Gowans, *Innocence Lost: An Examination of Inescapable Moral Wrongdoing*, in *Philosophical Books* 37 (1996), pp. 61-63.

Textbook, encyclopedia, handbook, etc. contributions (invited)

“The Perfect Goodness of God in the Hebrew Scriptures” and “Reply to Morriston,” in Ray VanArragon and Michael Peterson, eds., *Contemporary Debates in Philosophy of Religion*, 2nd edition (Wiley-Blackwell, forthcoming).

“Perfect Goodness,” *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, ed. Ed Zalta (<http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/perfect-goodness/>).

“Restricted Theological Voluntarism,” in *Philosophy Compass* 7 (2012), pp. 679-690.

“MacIntyre, Alasdair,” *Encyclopedia Britannica* (2011).

“Morality and Divine Authority,” in the *Oxford Handbook to Philosophical Theology*, ed. Thomas Flint and Michael Rea (Oxford, 2009), pp. 306-331.

“Theism, Atheism, and the Explanation of Moral Value,” in *Is Goodness without God Good Enough?*, ed. Nathaniel King and Robert Garcia (Rowman and Littlefield, 2008), pp. 116-141.

“Authority,” the *Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, 2nd edition, ed. Donald Borchert (MacMillan, 2005).

“MacIntyre, Alasdair,” the *Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, 2nd edition, ed. Donald Borchert (MacMillan, 2005).

“Natural Law Theory,” *Blackwell Guide to the Philosophy of Law and Legal Theory*, ed. Martin Golding and William Edmundson (Blackwell, 2004), pp. 15-28.

“The Natural Law Tradition in Ethics,” *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, ed. Ed Zalta (<http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/natural-law-ethics/>).

“Theological Voluntarism,” *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, ed. Ed Zalta (<http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/voluntarism-theological/>).

“Hobbes’s Social Contract Theory,” in James Fieser, ed., *Metaethics, Normative Ethics, and Applied Ethics: Contemporary and Historical Readings* (Wadsworth, 1999); reprinted in Mark Timmons, ed., *Conduct and Character: Readings in Moral Theory*, 6th edition (Cengage, 2011).

Selected papers presented to scholarly audiences (* if invited; otherwise, refereed)

- * “Holy, Holy, Holy,” Theistic Ethics Workshop, William and Mary, October, 2017.
- * “The Fundamentality of Authority,” Albert J. Fitzgibbons Lecture, Boston College, November, 2016.
- **“Does God Intend Evils?,” Theistic Ethics Workshop, Wake Forest University, October, 2015.
- **“Two Unhappy Dilemmas for Natural Law Jurisprudence,” Natural Law Lecture at the University of Notre Dame Law School, March, 2015.
- “Anselmianism about God,” Eastern Regional Meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers, Niagara University, November, 2014.
- * “Suárez’s ‘Best Argument’ and the Dependence of Morality on God,” keynote at God and Morality conference at Franciscan University, April, 2013.
- **“God’s Own Ethics,” Knowing in Religion and Morality Conference, Purdue University, September 2012.
- **“Real Aristotelianism about Law’s Authority,” keynote at McMaster Philosophy of Law conference, May, 2012.
- **“Theological Voluntarism as Degenerating Research Program,” Australasian Philosophy of Religion Association conference, July, 2011.
- **“Thomistic and Other Ethical Naturalisms,” Naturalisms in Ethics conference, University of Auckland, July, 2011.
- **“The Explanatory Role of the Weak Natural Law Thesis,” Nature of Law Conference, McMaster University, May, 2011.
- **“God and Moral Law,” Plantinga Lecture at the University of Notre Dame, October, 2009.
- **“God Beyond Justice,” My Ways Are Not Your Ways conference at the University of Notre Dame, September, 2009.
- **“A Neglected Solution to the Problem of Political Authority?,” keynote at Phi Sigma Tau conference, Georgia State University, March, 2009.
- **“Defect and Deviance in Natural Law Jurisprudence,” Law and Morality: Themes from the Work of Robert Alexy, New College, Oxford, September, 2008.

Selected papers presented to scholarly audiences (continued)

- *“God and Nature in the Explanation of Moral Norms,” keynote at Eastern Regional Meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers, April, 2007.
- *“Finnis on Nature, Reason, God,” Philosophy of John Finnis, Georgia State University, March, 2007.
- *“La Epistemología de los Primeros Principios de la Ley Natural,” La Ley Natural para la Vida del Mundo conference, San Dámaso, Spain, November, 2006.
- *“In Defense of the Standard Model” (response to Mark Schroeder’s “The Humean Theory of Reasons”), Maryland Conference on Practical Rationality, May, 2005.
- *“Natural Law, Political Philosophy, and the Justification of Legal Punishment,” Written on the Heart conference, May, 2004.
- *“Welfarism in the Theory of Practical Rationality,” Catholic University of America Fall Lecture Series, September, 2003.
- *“The Renunciation of Conscience,” Wheaton Philosophy Conference, October, 2002.
- *“Theological Voluntarisms Tight and Loose,” Perspectives series on the work of Robert Adams, University of Notre Dame, April, 2002.
- *Response to John Haldane’s “The Examined Death and the Hope of the Future,” American Catholic Philosophical Association meeting, November, 2000.
- “The Problem of Divine Authority,” Gifford Bequest International Conference on Natural Theology, May, 2000.
- “Functioning and Flourishing,” American Catholic Philosophical Association meeting, November, 1999.
- *“Natural Law, Consent, and Political Obligation,” Natural Law and Modern Moral Philosophy conference, October, 1999.
- *“Natural Law, the Common Good, and the Political Order,” Political Theory After Liberalism conference, May, 1999.
- “Desire and Ethics in Hobbes’ *Leviathan*,” American Philosophical Association Eastern Division meeting, December, 1998.
- *Response to David Gilboa’s “Hobbes’s Reply to the Fool,” American Philosophical Association Pacific Division meeting, March, 1998.

Selected papers presented to scholarly audiences (continued)

“The Simple Desire-Fulfillment Theory,” International Society of Utilitarian Studies meeting, March, 1997.

“Theories of Well-Being and the Reason-Giving Status of Desires,” American Philosophical Association Central Division meeting, April, 1996.

“Why Ought One to Act in Accordance with Conscience?,” American Philosophical Association Central Division meeting, April, 1995.

“Hobbes’ Shortsightedness Account of Conflict,” American Philosophical Association Central Division meeting, April, 1993.

“Was Hobbes a Legal Positivist?,” American Philosophical Association Pacific Division meeting, March, 1993.

“Hobbes on Christian Disobedience to the Sovereign,” American Philosophical Association Central Division meeting, April, 1992.

“Toward a More Precise Just War Theory,” Third Annual Conference of the Concerned Philosophers for Peace, September, 1990.

Professional service

Editor, *Faith and Philosophy* (2015-).

Co-organizer, Theistic Ethics Workshop (2015-).

Co-organizer, Annual Baylor-Georgetown-Notre Dame Philosophy of Religion Conference (2011-2014).

Editorial board, *Faith and Philosophy* (2006-2015)

Book review editor, *Ethics* (2008-2013)

Referee, Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, Westview Press, Duquesne University Press, Polity Press, University of Notre Dame Press, *Ethics*, *Journal of Philosophical Research*, *Res Philosophica*, *Law and Philosophy*, *Oxford Studies in Philosophy of Religion*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *History of Political Thought*, *Social Theory and Practice*, *Faith and Philosophy*, *Legal Theory*, *American Philosophical Quarterly*.

Executive committee, Society of Christian Philosophers (two terms)

Teaching experience

Graduate level:

Proseminar in Ethical Theory
Elements of Natural Law Theory
Explaining Moral Norms
Explaining Practical Reasons
The Problem of Evil
Law and Philosophy Seminar: Analytical Jurisprudence (with Larry Solum)

Upper-division undergraduate level:

Social Philosophy
Political Philosophy
Ethical Theory
God and Morality
Philosophical Reflection on the Christian Creeds
Philosophy of Law
Philosophy of Religion
Text Seminar: Hobbes's *Leviathan*
Text Seminar: Sidgwick's *The Methods of Ethics*
Text Seminar: Parfit's *Reasons and Persons*
Topic Seminar: Well-Being
Recent Theistic Ethics
The Problem of Evil

Lower-division undergraduate level:

Introduction to Philosophy
Introduction to Ethics
Political and Social Thought

Honors and fellowships received

Suárez Lecturer, Spring Hill College, April, 2019.
Albert J. Fitzgibbons Lecturer, Boston College, November, 2016.
Gerald M. Mara Faculty Mentor Award, Georgetown Graduate Student Organization, April, 2015.
Natural Law Lecturer, Natural Law Institute, University of Notre Dame, March, 2015.
University of Auckland Distinguished Visitor fellowship, July, 2011.
Robert L. McDevitt, K.S.G., K.C.H.S. and Catherine H. McDevitt L.C.H.S. Chair in Religious Philosophy, 2010-.
Alvin Plantinga Fellowship, Center for Philosophy of Religion, University of Notre Dame, 2009-2010.
Senior Faculty Research Fellowship, Georgetown University, Spring, 2010, Fall, 2002.
Fr. Joseph T. Durkin, S.J. Chair of Philosophy, Georgetown University, 2006-2010.
American Catholic Philosophical Association Young Scholar's Award, 1999.
Erasmus Institute Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, University of Notre Dame, 1998-1999.