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

*“No More Fresh Starts” (contribution to a symposium on Scott J. Shapiro’s *Legality*), *Analysis*, forthcoming.

*“Defect and Deviance in Natural Law Jurisprudence,” in *Institutional Reason: The Jurisprudence of Robert Alexy*, ed. Matthias Klatt (Oxford University Press, 2011, forthcoming).

*“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.

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

- *“The Renunciation of Conscience,” in *Religion in the Liberal Polity*, ed. Terence Cuneo (University of Notre Dame Press, 2005), pp. 131-153.
- *“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.

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

- “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.
- “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.

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

“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 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.

Reviews (invited) (continued)

- 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.
- Review of Garth Hallett, *Greater Good: A Defense of Proportionalism*, in *Ethics* 107 (1997), pp. 554-555.
- 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 and encyclopedia contributions (invited)

- “Restricted Divine Command Theory,” in *Philosophy Compass* (forthcoming).
- “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.

Textbook and encyclopedia contributions (invited)

- “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).

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

- *“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.
- *“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.

Selected papers presented to scholarly audiences (continued)

- *"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.
- "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.

Selected papers presented to scholarly audiences (continued)

“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

Book review editor, *Ethics* (2008-)

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

Referee, Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, Westview Press, Duquesne University Press, Polity Press, University of Notre Dame Press, *Ethics*, *Law and Philosophy*, *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

Teaching experience

Graduate level:

Proseminar in Ethical Theory

Elements of Natural Law Theory

Explaining Moral Norms

Tutorial: The Moral Philosophy of Thomas Hobbes

Tutorial: Theistic Explanation of Moral Law

Upper-division undergraduate level:

Social Philosophy

Political Philosophy

Ethical Theory

God and Morality

Philosophical Reflection on the Christian Creeds

Philosophy of Law

Text Seminar: Hobbes’s *Leviathan*

Text Seminar: Sidgwick’s *The Methods of Ethics*

Teaching experience (continued)

Upper-division undergraduate level (continued):

Topic Seminar: Well-Being

Ethics

Recent Theistic Ethics

Modern Moral Philosophy

Civil Disobedience and Political Authority

Lower-division undergraduate level:

Introduction to Philosophy

Introduction to Ethics

Political and Social Thought

Honors and fellowships received

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-.

Plantinga Fellowship, Center for Philosophy of Religion, University of Notre
Dame, 2009-2010.

Senior Faculty Research Fellowship, Georgetown University, Spring, 2010.

Fr. Joseph T. Durkin, S.J. Chair of Philosophy, Georgetown University, 2006-.

Summer Academic Research Grants, Georgetown University, 2005, 2004, 2002,
1998, 1997.

Senior Faculty Research Fellowship, Georgetown University, Fall, 2002.

American Catholic Philosophical Association Young Scholar's Award, 1999.

Junior Faculty Research Fellowship, Georgetown University, Spring, 1999.

Erasmus Institute Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, University of Notre Dame,
1998-1999.

College Faculty Research Grant, Georgetown University, Summer, 1996.

American Philosophical Association Graduate Student Prize, Central Division
Meeting, April, 1993.

Jacob Javits Fellowship, 1990-1993.