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Thesis: "Personal Identity and Spatial Coincidence"
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Awards

Professor of the Year 2015-2016. Bestowed by the University at Buffalo Philosophy Department.
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Professor of the Year 2012-2013. Bestowed by the University at Buffalo Philosophy Department
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Individual Development Award from the State of New York/United University Professions 2008.

University at Buffalo Young Investigator Award 2004

Stough Award for best essay in ethics by a graduate student - University of California at Santa
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Wienphal Award for Graduate Student Teaching Excellence – University of California at Santa Barbara 2001-2002

Employment

Co-Director of Romanell Center for Clinical Ethics and the Philosophy of Medicine 2016 to Present
Full Professor of Philosophy: University at Buffalo Fall 2010 to present
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Areas of Specialization

Metaphysics, Medical Ethics, Normative Ethics

Areas of Competence

Philosophy of Religion, Philosophy of Medicine, Philosophy of Law

Articles — copies available on line at <http://davidhershenov.com>

1. “The Limits of Liberal Tolerance: The Rights of Gays and Lesbians to Adopt,” *International Journal of Applied Philosophy*, 9:2, 1995, 27-34.
2. “Restitution and Revenge,” *Journal of Philosophy*, 96:2, 1999, 79-94.
3. “The Problem of Potentiality,” *Public Affairs Quarterly*, 13: 3, 1999, 255-271.
4. “An Argument for Limited Human Cloning,” *Public Affairs Quarterly*, 14: 3, 2000, 245-258.
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6. “Abortions and Distortions: An Analysis of Morally Irrelevant Factors in Thomson’s Violinist Thought Experiment,” *Social Theory and Practice*, 27:1, 2001, 129-148.
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11. "Scattered Artifacts," *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*, 40:2, 2002, 211-216.
12. "Olson's Embryo Problem," *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, 80:4, 2002, 502-511.
13. "The Metaphysical Problem of Intermittent Existence and the Possibility of Resurrection." *Faith and Philosophy*. 20:1, January, 2003, 24-36.
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17. "Two Epistemic Arguments for Deliberative Democracy," *Polity: The Journal of the Northeastern Political Science Association*, 37:2, April 2005, 216-234.
18. "How a Hylomorphic Metaphysics Constrains the Abortion Debate," *National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly*, 5:4. 2005, 751-764.
19. "Persons as Proper Parts of Organisms," *Theoria*, 71:1, 2005, 29-37
20. "The Memory Criterion of Identity and the Problem of Backward Causation," *International Philosophical Quarterly*, 47:2:186, 2007, 181-85.
21. "Do Dead Bodies Pose a Problem for the Biological Account of Identity?" *Mind*, 114:453, January 2005, 31-59.
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24. "Fission and Confusion," *Christian Bioethics*, 12:3, December 2006, 237-254.
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35. "Problems with a Constitution Account of Persons," *Dialogue*. 48:2. 2009, 291-312.
36. "Why Consent may not be Needed for Organ Procurement," (with Jim Delaney). Target Article. *American Journal of Bioethics*. 9:8, 2009, 3-10.
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- 58 "Dualism, Panpsychism, and the Moral Status of Brainless Embryos" with Adam Taylor. *Ethics, Medicine and Public Health*. Special Issue on Personal Identity and Bioethics. 2:4, 2016, 593– 601.
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71. "If Fetuses are Parts of their Mothers, Then Three Popular Abortion Defenses Fail". 2018. *Life and Learning XVIII, Proceedings of the Twenty-Eighth Faculty for Life Conference*.
72. "The Fairness of Hell." 2019. *Ratio*. 32: 215–223.
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- 74b. “How Not to Defend the Unborn” reprinted in *Life and Learning, Proceedings of the Faculty for Life Conference*. Forthcoming.
75. “Conscientious Objection or an Internal Morality of Medicine?” *Christian Bioethics*. Forthcoming
76. “Why Psychological Accounts of Personal Identity Can Accept a Brain Death Criterion and Biological Definition of Death” *Theoretical Medicine and Bioethics*. 2019. 40:5. 403–418
77. “Pathocentric Medicine and a Moderate Internal Morality of Medicine.” 2020, *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy*. 45: 1, 16–27.
78. “The Possibility of an Afterlife” with Rose Hershenov. *Exploring the Philosophy of Death and Dying: Classical and Contemporary Controversies*. Eds. Travis Timmerman and Michael Cholbi. Routledge. Forthcoming
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80. “Evaluating Hylomorphism as a Hybrid Account of Personal Identity” *Quaestiones Disputatae*. Forthcoming.
81. “Protecting Persons from Animal Bites: The Ontological Significance of Persons” 2020. *Philosophia* 48, 1437–1446.
82. “What Must a Pro-Lifer Believe about the Moral Status of the Embryo?” *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*. 2020. 101:2 186-202
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83. “The Abortion Pill: Killing or Letting Die?” *Christian Bioethics*. Special Issue on Christian perspectives on emerging reproductive technologies. Ed. Nicholas Colgrove. Forthcoming.
84. “Do Division Puzzles Provide a Reason to Doubt that Your Organism was ever a Zygote?” 2020 *Public Affairs Quarterly*. 34:4, 368-389.
85. “Thinking Animals or Thinking Brains?” *Acta Analytica*. Forthcoming
86. “An Alternative to the Pro-Life Rational Substance View” *Res Philosophica*. Special issue on Bioethics and Philosophy of Medicine. Forthcoming
87. “The Coherence of the Merely Personally Opposed Objection to Abortion.” With Rose

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Invited Book Reviews/Critical Notices

1. *Bodies and Souls, or Spirited Souls* by Nancy Murphy - *Religious Studies*, 43:2 2007, 237-242.
2. *Thomistic Principles and Bioethics* by Jason Eberl – *National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly*. 8:1 Spring 2008, 190-194.
3. *Human Identity and Bioethics* by David Degrazia – *National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly* 8:4 Winter 2008, 790-793.

Submissions:

Revise and Resubmit (MSS available upon request)

“Some Conceptual Problems for the Mere Difference Account of Disability.” Resubmission requested by the *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy*.

Many disability activists maintain that disabilities are mere-differences like race and sex, which don't lower well-being in the absence of discrimination. Concentrating on Elizabeth Barnes's account, I'll present conceptual problems for the mere-difference view of disability posed by naturalist conceptions of health. Such accounts identify disorder with dysfunction defined roughly in terms of suboptimal contribution to survival in the species' design environment. Since disabilities involve disorders defined as making survival less likely, this virtually guarantees uncompensated losses of well-being and thus undermines the mere-difference view. Moreover, if disorders are understood as malfunctions in the species' *design environment*, they can be removed and thus cured by changing the body or the environment. So the goal of the mere-difference approach to change the environment is itself a form of a cure which makes it harder for the disability movement to defend environmental rather than bodily interventions to help disabled children.

Articles Under Submission (MSS available upon request)

“Is Health the Key to Autonomy?”

Sarah Buss claims that autonomy is grounded in the healthy functioning that passively causes our intentions and actions rather than to be found in appeals to idealized conceptions of agency. She advocates a True Self and claims that: “We are more *truly ourselves* when we are not afflicted with an illness or disability and it is this normative aspect of our *identity* - our identity as a representative member of our species – that is the key to the special since in which autonomous agents determine

their own actions.” My goal is to replace Buss’s unhelpful talk about a true self and personal identity and species identity with a helpful account based upon our nature as organisms that renders diseases foreign and actions autonomous.

“The Moment that You Die and Go Out of Existence.”

I assume that you are identical to a human animal and then argue that there is a precise moment at which you not only die but cease to exist. I will defend in the first half of my talk the so-called “Terminator Thesis” that the human body doesn’t continue to persist after death as a corpse but goes out of existence and leaves behind remains that don’t compose anything. The second part of my presentation will argue that there are logical and mereological grounds to maintain that there must be a precise moment at which the body dies and thus ceases to exist. A hypothetical scenario where more and more parts of a person are being replaced brings the threat of vague identity between the original and resulting replacement person. This vague identity can be avoided only if there is a precise amount of parts that one must retain to continue to exist. So the loss of just one more cell could extinguish someone. Thus I will defend an epistemicist account of vagueness on the grounds that if parthood and existence were vague (in a worldly, *de re* sense) then identity would also be vague. Since the latter is impossible, then there can’t be scenarios where it is vague, i.e., there is no fact of the matter about someone’s continued existence and the parts that they possess. I will then conclude the lecture with some brief reflections upon the moral significance of my claims. I will contend that people cannot justifiably hold certain views about the dignity of the dead, organ procurement as a violation of bodily integrity, and the ownership and sale of bodies and their parts.

“Three Mistakes about Personal Identity and Harm to Embryos.”

There are three mistakes frequently made concerning how personal identity bears upon the issue of harm to embryos. One is the view that the identity of a mindless human embryo and a human person is a necessary condition for abortion being a great harm to that embryo. A second is that the identity of a mindless entity and a human person is a sufficient condition for that entity’s destruction being a great harm to that entity. A third error is due to Parfit’s criterion for identity that leads to his famous claim that the identity doesn’t matter, only psychological ties do. A consequence is that the identity of a mindless embryo and the later human person is irrelevant since mindless embryos can’t be harmed. I will explain why these three beliefs are wrong and suggest a refocus of the abortion debate upon issues not so tied to personal identity.

“Harming the Mindless and Minimally Minded: Modifying McMahan’s Time-Relative Interests Account”

Jeff McMahan’s Time-Relative-Interests Account (TRIA) entails that the harm of an event isn’t fully accounted for by a comparison of the higher well-being the person

would have accrued in the absence of the event to the lower well-being resulting from it. Instead, the determination of the harm of an event also depends upon the degree of psychological ties that the person then has to the future goods that it prevents. The upshot is that those human beings with minimal minds can't be harmed greatly as they have few psychological ties to their future while those who have never been conscious can't be harmed at all since they then have no psychological ties to any future goods of which they will be deprived. Infanticide, abortion at any developmental stage, and causing mental impairments so severe that the disabled can't ever regret them are three of a number of the TRIA's counterintuitive consequences. These can all be avoided by expanding the notion of interests to include interests in currently undergoing healthy developments that enable individuals to later partake of goods with which they are presently unconcerned. Although the modified TRIA expands the morally relevant interests, it still allows that the harm of death is greater for the pregnant than the gestated as the former also have conscious interests frustrated by death.

“Identity, Integration, and Transitivity: A Puzzle about the Existence of the Early Embryo”

It might seem that a human embryo in the first two weeks post-fertilization could survive being reduced in size to either of two non-overlapping collections of cells. A transitivity of identity puzzle arises when instead of reducing the embryo in size by destroying one or the other of the collection of cells – which need not be equal in number - each collection is separated and grown into a distinct human being. The puzzle can be blocked from arising by denying that the early post-fertilization plurality of cells possesses the integration necessary to compose a living embryo. Or it could be “resolved” by accepting either “bare identities,” a closest continuer account of identity, or the four-dimensional co-location account. We instead argue that there are good biological reasons to deny that an early embryo could ever be reduced to a size that would generate the transitivity puzzle.

Papers in Progress

“Will Artificial Wombs End the Abortion Debate?”

If the reason abortion is justified is just that women have a right to refuse to allow the fetus to use their bodies, then artificial wombs that make every embryo viable will render such a justification moot. Assuming the removal for incubation isn't more painful, time consuming or painful than abortion, then a right to control one's body would no longer justify abortion as there is no right to guarantee the death of the child, just its removal which may involve or result in its death prior to viability. But such Thomson-inspired defenses of abortion may have been merely a sufficient condition for the permissibility of abortion or, as McMahan argues, not even the best justification on offer. It may be argued that the mindless fetus can't be harmed and the minimally minded fetus cannot be significantly harmed by abortion. The harms

may be so insubstantial and the moral status of the fetus so inconsequential that the preservation of its life doesn't justify the costs of high-tech incubation or prohibit its use as a source of vital organs (McMahan). Or some women may abort early in their pregnancies because they fear that if they don't they will then become too attached to the fetus or newborn to give it up. Olivia Little has sought to justify abortion on the basis that one doesn't have a duty enter into an intimate relationship with one's fetus that one can't easily or morally leave after it has been sustained. I argue that McMahan and Little's defenses would also permit infanticide and the reasons that make the latter impermissible also make abortion unjustified.

“Generic Health”

Generic Health is the name for a species-independent conception of health. The idea is that all living organisms, regardless of species, must perform certain generic biological functions to remain alive. The generic requirements of health are determinables that will be made determinate in different ways by different kinds of organisms. When such organisms suffer a sufficient decline or failure to so function, they will be more likely to die and can be classified as pathological. Generic Health is a partial conception of health that needs to be complemented by a more complex, species-specific, and historically sensitive theory like that of Wakefield or Boorse. Nevertheless, it has explanatory powers that are lacking in those and other theories of health and disease that take the species as the reference class. Such approaches will be committed to the bizarre consequence that some organisms will die without being unhealthy. Generic Health can avoid this. It can classify as healthy or pathological those organisms that don't belong determinately to any species. It can recognize pathologies in those first organisms that lacked living ancestors and perhaps didn't even leave descendants. Generic Health can demarcate healthy functions and unhealthy malfunctions if the species notion is pluralist or fails to refer. It can determine functions even if the natural selection adaptationist program is deeply flawed. The theory can also recognize universal diseases and can provide grounds for considering declining abilities that are typical of aging to be pathological.

Books in Progress

The Metaphysical Foundations of Bioethics 164,540 Words.

The book contains chapters on each of the major metaphysical accounts of personal identity and draws out the theory's implications for when we come into and go out of existence. It then shows how such metaphysical accounts can provide support or obstacles for opposing moral positions regarding beginning and end of life issues such as abortion, embryonic stem cell research, euthanasia, genetic interventions, physician-assisted suicide, advanced directives and organ procurement. After a lengthy first chapter introducing the issues, terminology, and methodology, there are

chapters on Animalist, Hylomorphic, Cartesian, Constitution, Neo-Lockean, Four-Dimensionalist, and Brain accounts of personal identity. Each chapter includes discussions about when the particular theory posits that someone comes into and goes out of existence, whether it is possible for a harm (or a harmless wrong) to occur at the time of the medical procedure in question, whether the problem of too many minds makes informed consent unlikely or even impossible, and how well the approach in question fares as a general theory of personal identity.

Health, Harm and Potential: A Philosophical Analysis of the Abortion Debate with Rose Hershenov
147,777 Words.

We defend the view that health is the key to the moral status of fetus. We contend that all living beings, minded and minimally minded, have an interest in their healthy development. Since healthy human beings can obtain levels of well-being unmatched by other creatures, they can suffer great harms when their healthy development is thwarted. Positing an interest of the mindless in their healthy development enables our account to avoid the standard reductions of the moral significance of potential. Since non-humans are not unhealthy when they don't develop into persons, they don't have an interest frustrated by any potential for personhood being left unfulfilled. We argue that our account of moral status can do a better job than McMahan and Marquis's accounts explaining harms to the mindless and minimally minded. McMahan underestimates the harms and Marquis overestimates them. While we argue that we originate at fertilization, we claim abortion is wrong even if we have later origins. There is an early embryonic organism that is harmed by abortion even if we are not identical to it. After discussing the relationship between harm and moral status, we argue the mindless and minimally minded human beings cannot be justly killed to avoid Thomson-style burdens. We also claim, contrary to a widely held assumption, that there is common ground between abortion foes and abortion's defenders and that lies in the rejection of infanticide. We then show that the standard arguments for abortion entail infanticide. So if infanticide is unjustifiable, then abortion is also unjustified. We next defend the incoherence of the position of being personally opposed but politically tolerant of abortion. We end with a discussion of why it is immoral to use violence to prevent the wrongfully killing of innocent fetuses.

Keynote Addresses and Named Lectures

1. "The Possibility of Resurrection" – *Albert the Great Lecture*. Niagara University. May 2, 2007.
2. "Is the Soul the Sole Solution?" Keynote address at University of California, Santa Barbara Department of Philosophy and Department of Religious Studies Graduate Student Conference *Personhood, Place, and Possession: Embodiment and Emplacement in Special Contexts* May 28-29, 2013. Santa Barbara, California
3. "Hylomorphism and the Problem of Too Many Thinkers" Keynote Address at Biola University

Graduate Student Conference. November 2, 2013 Biola University, Los Angeles, California

Presentations

1. "Van Inwagen, Zimmerman and the Materialist Conception of Resurrection." University of California at Santa Barbara Philosophy Club. Santa Barbara, California. November 13, 2001.
2. "Personal Identity and Bioethics." University of Buffalo. Buffalo, New York. December 2002.
3. "Personal Identity and Bioethics." *University of Delaware Philosophy Department Colloquium*. Newark, Delaware. January 2002.
4. "The Subject of Thought." *University at Buffalo Workshop on Intentionality and its Biological Foundations*. Buffalo, New York. February 1, 2003.
5. "Organisms, Artifacts and Eliminativism." *University at Buffalo Philosophy Colloquium*. Buffalo, New York. September 5, 2002.
6. "The Definition of Death." *University at Buffalo Metaphysics of Medicine Conference*. Buffalo, New York. November 13, 2004.
7. "Personal Identity and Purgatory." *Selves, Souls and Survival Conference*. Society for Christian Philosophers Pacific Regional Meeting. University of San Diego. February 16-18, 2006. (Commentator: Aaron Schiller.) San Diego, California.
8. "Shoemaker's Problem of Too Many Thinkers." *American Catholic Philosophical Association 2006 Annual Meeting*. Denison University, October, 27-29, 2006. (Commentator: Jason Eberl.) Grandville, Ohio.
9. "A More Palatable Epicureanism." *Creighton Club*. Hobart College. November 4, 2006. (Commentator: Ben Bradley.) Geneva, New York
10. "Why Consent may not be needed for Organ Procurement." *American Medical Students Association*. University at Buffalo Medical School. April 24, 2007. Co-delivered with J. Delaney. Invited. Buffalo, New York.
11. "The Possibility of Resurrection," *Albert the Great Lecture*. Niagara University. May 2, 2007. Lewiston, New York.
12. "Organisms, Brains and their Parts." *University at Buffalo Philosophy of Biology Workshop*. September 29, 2007. Buffalo, New York.
13. "Hylomorphism and Personal Identity Thought Experiments." Western New York and Western Pennsylvania Regional Meeting of the American Catholic Philosophical Association. Canisius College, November 17, 2007. Buffalo, New York.
14. "Mandatory Autopsies and Organ Conscriptio," *Association for Practical and Professional Ethics*.

Seventeenth Annual Meeting. February 21-24, 2008. San Antonio, Texas.

15. "Organisms, Persons and Bioethics I." *American Philosophical Association Committee on Philosophy and Medicine Panel* on "Persons, Human Organisms and Bioethics." *Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association*. March 18-23, 2008. Panel Commentators: Mayra Schectman, David Shoemaker, Mary Anne Warren, John Lizz (chair).

16. "Organisms, Persons and Bioethics II" *Creighton Club*. Hobart and William Smith Colleges.. October 18, 2008. (Commentator: Ben Bradley). Geneva, New York

17. "The Metaphysical Basis of a More Liberal Organ Procurement Policy." Wake Forest University Bioethics Center Search Committee. December 8, 2008. Wake Forest, North Carolina.

18. "Animals, Persons and Bioethics." Wake Forest University Philosophy Department, Wake Forest, North Carolina, December 9, 2008

19. "A Justification for Organ Conscriptation" with James Delaney. Center for Thomistic Studies. *Ethics of Organ Transplantation Conference*. University of Saint Thomas, March 27-29. Paper delivered by co-author Jim Delaney. Houston, Texas.

20. "'The I'm Personally Opposed to Abortion But'...Argument." With Rose Hershenov, *Western New York and Western Pennsylvania Regional Meeting of the American Catholic Philosophical Association*. Canisius College. May 1, 2009. Buffalo, New York.

21. "Soulless Organisms? Animalism vs. Hylomorphism." *American Catholic Philosophical Association Annual Meeting*. Satellite Session of the Society for Catholicism and Analytical Philosophy. November 14, 2009. November 14, 2009. (Commentator Jason Eberl). New Orleans, Louisiana.

22 "Animals, Persons and Bioethics." University of California at Santa Barbara. Fall 2009. Santa Barbara, California.

23. "'The I'm Personally Opposed to Abortion But'...Argument." (with Rose Hershenov). *American Catholic Philosophical Association*. November 13-14, 2009. New Orleans, Louisiana.

24. "A Comparison of Hylomorphic and Animalist Conceptions of the Afterlife." *Western New York and Northwest Pennsylvania Regional Meeting of the American Catholic Philosophical Association*. April 17, 2010, Canisius College. Buffalo, New York

25. "Embryos, Temporal Parts and Moral Status," *Southern Society of Philosophy and Psychology* March 13, 2011. New Orleans, Louisiana.

26. "Perdure and Murder." *American Philosophical Association Committee on Philosophy and Medicine Panel on "Potentiality"* *American Philosophical Association*. Central Meeting. March 31, 2011. Minneapolis, Minnesota.

27. "Perdure and Murder." *UB Lunchtime Philosophy Talks*. Park Hall 141. University at Buffalo. April 29, 2011. Buffalo, New York.
28. "Dualism, Panpsychism and the Bioethical Status of the Brainless" *UB Lunchtime Philosophy Talks*. Park Hall 141. University at Buffalo. November 11, 2011. Buffalo, New York
29. "How to Argue the Pro-Choice Position on Abortion" Presentation to the UB undergraduate Philosophy Club. April 18, 2012
30. "Morally Relevant Potential" with Rose Hershenov. *New Jersey Regional Philosophical Association*, Bergen Community College, November 10, 2012. Lyndhurst New Jersey,
31. "Split Brains: No Headache for the Soul Theorist." With Adam Taylor. *Western New York American Catholic Philosophical Association*. Canisius College, November 17, 2012. Buffalo New York.
32. "Morally Relevant Potential." *South Carolina Society for Philosophy Conference*. Charleston College, March 8-9, 2013. Charleston, South Carolina
34. "Protecting Persons from Animal Bites" *UMass Amherst Retirement Conference in honor of Lynne Rudder Baker* on April 20, 2013. Amherst, Massachusetts.
35. "Is the Soul the Sole Solution?" Keynote address at University of California, Santa Barbara Department of Philosophy and Department of Religious Studies Graduate Student Conference *Personhood, Place, and Possession: Embodiment and Emplacement in Special Contexts* May 28-29, 2013 Santa Barbara, California.
36. "Healthy Development and the Potential that Matters." *Plato's Academy, North Tonawanda Conference (PANTC) Conference*. University at Buffalo, Paper sent to conference participants. Due to time constraints, a different paper was delivered "Morally Relevant Potential." Buffalo New York. August 2-3, 2013.
37. "Is the Soul the Sole Solution?" *Society for Christian Philosophy's Eastern Division Conference*. University of South Florida, October 24-26. 2013. Tampa Florida.
38. "Hylomorphism and the Problem of Too Many Thinkers" Keynote Address, *Biola University Graduate Student Conference*. November 2, 2013 Biola University, Los Angeles, California
39. "The Costs of a Materialist Account of Mind" *Southern Society of Psychology and Philosophy Conference* Feb 6-8, 2014 Charleston College. Charleston, South Carolina.
41. "Anscombe on Embryos and Persons" with Rose Hershenov, *Anscombe: Contributions to the Catholic Intellectual Tradition Conference*, Neuman University, March 15, 2014, Aston Pa.
42. "Personal Identity and the Possibility of Autonomy" *SUNY Fredonia Philosophy Colloquium*. Wednesday April 2, 2014. Fredonia, New York

43. “Morally Relevant Potential” with Rose Hershenov. *8th Felician College Ethics Conference*. April 26, 2014. Rutherford, New York.
44. “Health, Harm and Potential.” With Rose Hershenov, *UB Clinical/Research Ethics Center* June 17, 2014. Buffalo, NY.
45. “Health, Harm and Potential” with Rose Hershenov, *Plato’s Academy, North Tonawanda Conference (PANTC) Conference*. University at Buffalo, August 1-2, 2014. Buffalo, New York
46. “Freedom and Identity” (delivered by co-author Adam Taylor). *Annual Meeting of The Minnesota Philosophical Society*. at the University of Minnesota at Duluth. Duluth, Minnesota. Oct. 3, 2014.
47. “Autonomy and Identity” (delivered by co-author Adam Taylor) *Midwest Conference on Philosophy*. Northwestern University November 9, 2014. Evanston, Illinois.
48. “Health, Harm and Potential” with Rose Hershenov. *Annual Virginia Philosophical Association Conference*. October 7, 2014 Washington and Lee University. Lexington, Virginia
49. “Freedom and Identity” (delivered by co-author Adam Taylor) *Free Will Conference*, November 10, 2015. Flint Michigan,
50. “Death and Dignity” *Anscombe Forum: Human Dignity*. Neumann University, March 13, 2015. Alston, Pennsylvania.
51. “Generic Health” *Plato’s Academy, North Tonawanda Campus (PANTC) Conference*. July 30-August 1 2015. University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY
52. “Personal Identity and the Possibility of Autonomy” *Blameless Buffalo? Conference* June 26-27 2015. University at Buffalo, Buffalo New York
53. “Can the Secular be Autonomous?” Presented. Delivered by co-author Adam Taylor at the June 26-27 2015 *Blameless Buffalo? Conference*, Buffalo New York
54. “Why Materialists are Committed to Perversion” with Adam Taylor. *Lighthearted Philosophers’ Association*. October 9-10 2015, Deerfield Beach, Florida.
55. “The Potential of Potentiality Arguments” with Rose Hershenov. *2015 Creighton Club Meeting*. Syracuse University. November 7, 2015. Syracuse, New York,
56. “Health, Harm and Potential.” *Southwestern Philosophical Society*. November 6-8, 2015. Nashville Tennessee
57. “What Are We? *An Online Panel Discussion of the Nature of the Human Person*. November 16, 2015 6:00-8:00 pm. Joel Potter, Adam Taylor and Mark Spencer.

58. "Death and Dignity" *Clinical Research and Ethics Seminar*. Buffalo General Hospital. February 26, 2016. Buffalo, New York
59. "Death, Persons and Sparse Ontologies: The Problem of Too Many Dying Thinkers" delivered at the *American Philosophical Association Central* March 3, 2016 Chicago, Illinois
60. "Owners and Donors" *The Ethics of Bodily Commodification Conference*. The College of New Jersey, April 2, 2016. Ewing, New Jersey.
61. "Should Steve Kershner be Given Hemlock for Corrupting the Pro-Life Young" with Phil Reed. Regents Lecture. University at Buffalo. May 13, 2016
62. "Death and Dignity." Philosophical Issues at the End of Life. *26th Annual Conference of the University Faculty for Life*. Marquette University. Milwaukee, WI. June 10-11, 2016
63. "Is Health the Key to Autonomy?" *Blameless Buffalo? Conference*. University at Buffalo, June 18, 2016. Buffalo, New York.
64. "Generic Health, Moral Status and a Moderate Speciesism." *Plato's Academy, North Tonawanda Campus (PANTC) Conference*. July 31, 2016. Buffalo, NY.
65. "Personal Identity and the Possibility of Informed Consent" *Franciscan University Bioethics Center*. October 12, 2017. Steubenville Ohio.
66. "Three Mistakes About Personal Identity and Abortion." Franciscan University. A talk presented to Patrick Lee's graduate seminar on Law and Abortion. October 12, 2016. Steubenville, Ohio
67. "The Moment you Dies and Cease to Exist." *University of Kutztown Philosophy Department Colloquium*. Kutztown University. May 4, 2017. Kutztown Pa.
68. "Three Mistakes About Personal Identity and Abortion." Kutztown University, Kutztown Philosophy Cub talk. May 4, 2017. Kutztown Pa.
69. "Compatibilism, Fairness and Hell." *Blameless Buffalo? Reading Group Conference*. University at Buffalo. May 20, 2017. Buffalo, New York
70. Why Even Non-Pacifist Pro-Lifers Shouldn't Kill Abortion Doctors. With Phil Reed. *University Faculty for Life*, St. Thomas University Law School. Minneapolis, Minnesota. June 8-9, 2017
71. "Identity, Totipotency and Transitivity." With Rose Hershenov. *Romanell/PANTC Bioethics and Philosophy of Medicine Conference*. July 29, 2017. Buffalo, New York
72. "Why I am a Meat Eating Vegetarian." *Lighthearted Philosophers' Conference*. Sept 29-30, 2017. Saint Petersburg Florida.

73. “Are Psychological Accounts of Personal Identity Compatible with the Whole-Brain Dead Criterion?” *Romanell Center for Clinical ethics and Philosophy of Medicine Workshop*. November 18, 2017. Buffalo New York
74. “Are Psychological Accounts of Personal Identity Compatible with the Whole-Brain Dead Criterion?” *Brain Death: New Questions for Philosophy and Theology Conference*. Georgetown University. December 1, 2017. Washington DC.
75. “Totipotency, Morality, and Modality” Symposium on Personal Identity and Origins. *American Philosophical Association*. (APA) Eastern January 3-6, 2018. Savannah, Georgia.
76. “Is Hell Fair?” *Seton Hall Philosophy Club Talk*. Seton Hall University. South Orange, New Jersey February 12, 2018
77. “Three Mistakes About Personal Identity and Harm to Embryos” *Central American Philosophical Association* (APA) Winter Conference Main Program. Palmer Hotel. Chicago, Ill. February 21-24, 2017
78. “If Fetuses are Parts of their Mothers, then Three Popular Defenses of Abortion Fail.” *28th Annual Life and Learning Conference*. University of Dallas. Dallas, Texas. June 8-9, 2018
79. “Three Mistakes About Personal Identity and Harm to Embryos” *Bioethics and Personal Identity Conference*. University Duisburg-Essen, June 14-15. Essen, Germany.
80. “If Fetuses are Parts of their Mothers, then Three Popular Defenses of Abortion Fail on Merely Conceptual Grounds.” *Romanell Center/Pants Conference*. University at Buffalo. July 26, 2018
81. “Do Division Puzzles Provide a Reason to Doubt that our Organism was ever a Zygote.” *Governor’s Lecture*. University at Buffalo. Buffalo, New York September 7, 2018,
82. “If Fetuses are Parts of their Mothers, then Three Popular Defenses of Abortion Fail on Merely Conceptual Grounds.” *Alabama Philosophical Society*. September 28, 2018. Pensacola, Florida
83. “Conscientious Objection or an Internal Morality of Medicine?” *Ostapenko Center for Ethics in Medicine and Healthcare Symposium: The Doctor-Patient Relationship: Does Christianity Make a Difference?* Niagara University, October 5-6, 2018
84. “The Metaphysical Mistake Underlying Tooley’s Defense of Infanticide” Romanell Center Workshop Panel. University at Buffalo. Buffalo, NY. October 27, 2018.
85. “What Do Embryo Rescue Scenarios Reveal about the Moral Status of the Unborn?” Romanell Center Workshop Panel. University at Buffalo. Buffalo, NY. October 27, 2018.
86. “What Do Embryo Rescue Scenarios Reveal about the Moral Status of the Unborn?” *Satellite Session, American Catholic Philosophical Association Annual Meeting*. San Diego, California. November 9. 2018

88. "Do Division Puzzles Provide a Reason to Doubt that our Organism was ever a Zygote." Personal Identity and our Origins Panel. *American Philosophical Association Central Meeting*. Denver, Colorado. February 21-23, 2019.
87. "The Moment You Die and Cease to Exist" *Buffalo Bioethics and Philosophy of Medicine Workshop*. February 2, 2019
88. "Do Division Puzzles Provide a Reason to Doubt that our Organism was ever a Zygote?" *American Philosophical Association Conference - Central Division Meeting*, Denver, Colorado. February 23, 2019.
89. "Harming the Mindless: Modifying McMahan's Time Relative Interests Account" *Western New York Bioethics and Philosophy of Medicine Workshop*. Buffalo, New York. March 2, 2019
90. "Why You can't be Uploaded, Transplanted, or Teletransported." *Ostepenko Ethics Center Conference* Niagara University. Lewiston, New York. April 6, 2019.
91. "A Naturalist Response to Kingma's Critique of Naturalism" *National Bioethics and Philosophy of Medicine Workshop*. Buffalo, New York April, 13, 2019
- 92 "Professional Refusals, Social Justice, and a Pathocentric Internal Morality of Medicine", *Academy for Professional in Health Care Conference*. Jung Hotel. New Orleans, Louisiana May 15-17
93. "If Pro-Lifers Believe that Embryos are Persons then why don't they Demand a Massive Redistribution of Research Dollars to Miscarriage Prevention?" *International Workshop on Bioethics and the Philosophy of Medicine*. Romanell Center. University at Buffalo. Buffalo, NY. May 11, 2019
94. "What Do Embryo Rescue Scenarios Reveal about the Moral Status of the Unborn?" University Faculty for Life. June 6-7 2019 Mundelein Seminary/University of St. Mary of the Lake. Mundelein, Illinois
95. "A Philosopher Asks: Can You Become a Robot?" Nickel City Forum. June 20, 2019. Thin Many Brewery. Buffalo, New York
96. "Thinking Animals or Thinking Brains?" *7th Annual Romanell Center Conference (PANTC)* Buffalo New York July 25-28, 2019
97. "The 'I'm Personally to Abortion but...Argument'" *Romanell Center for Clinical Ethics and the Philosophy of Medicine Workshop*. University at Buffalo. September 28, 2019.
98. "An Alternative to the Pro-Life Rational Substance View." *Romanell Center for Clinical Ethics and the Philosophy of Medicine Workshop*. University at Buffalo. October 26, 2019
99. "Do Medical Professionals Have a Right of Conscientious Objection?" *Nickel City Forum*. Buffalo New York. November 19, 2019

100. “Identity, Integration, and Transitivity: A Puzzle about the Existence of the Early Embryo” Romanell Center for Clinical Ethics and the Philosophy of Medicine Workshop. University at Buffalo. February 15, 2020.

101. “Bioethics and Hybrid Theories of Personal Identity.” *Romanell Center September Workshop*, University at Buffalo. Buffalo, New York. March 14, 2020.

102. “An Alternative to the Rational Substance Pro-Life View.” Fr. Robert J. Henle, SJ Conference. Saint Louis University Workshop. March 29-30, 2020. Postponed

103. “The Impossibility of Self Ownership” *Romanell Center for Clinical Ethics and the Philosophy of Medicine Workshop*. University at Buffalo. April 25, 2020. Postponed

104 “Some Conceptual Problems with the Mere Difference View of Disability” *Romanell Center for Clinical Ethics and the Philosophy of Medicine Workshop*. University at Buffalo. May 23, 2020 Postpoed

105. “If Pro-Lifers Believe that Embryos are Persons then why don’t they Demand a Massive Redistribution of Research Dollars to Miscarriage Prevention?” Saint John’s University. *University Faculty for Life Annual Conference*. June, 2020

106. “Defining Addiction without an Appeal to Autonomy” *8th Annual Romanell Conference*, Buffalo New York July 30-August 1, 2020. Postponed

Invited Commentaries

1. Comments on David Shoemaker’s “What’s Identity Got to do with It”? Pacific APA, March 19, 2008. Pasadena, California

2. Comments on Mayra Schectman’s “Persons and the Practical”. Panel on Organisms, Persons and Bioethics. Pacific APA, March 19, 2008 Pasadena, California.

3. Comments on Jason Eberl’s “The Unactualized Potential of PVS Patients”. American Philosophical Association Committee on Philosophy and Medicine Panel on “Potentiality” American Philosophical Association. Central Meeting. March 31, 2011 Minneapolis, Minnesota

4. Comments on Mary Anne Warren. Pacific APA “What Would Kant Have Said about Abortion and Embryonic Stem Cell Research, and Why Does It Matter?” APA. Panel on Organisms, Persons and Bioethics. March 19, 2008. Pasadena, California.

5. Comments on Bertha Alvarez Mettinen’s “Why Fetal Potential Matters” American Philosophical Association Committee on Philosophy and Medicine Panel on “Potentiality” American Philosophical Association. Central Meeting. March 31, 2011 Minneapolis, Minnesota

6. Comments on John Lizza’s “Potential, Possibility and Ethical Relevance.” American Philosophical Association Committee on Philosophy and Medicine Panel on “Potentiality” American Philosophical

Association. Central Meeting. March 31, 2011 Minneapolis, Minnesota

7. Comments on Allison Thornton, “Surviving Death as Immaterial Animals.” Society of Christian Philosophy satellite of American Catholic Philosophical Association annual conference, Washington DC. November 11, 2014

8. Comments on John Lizza’s paper, Central Meeting of the American Philosophical Association. APA March 3, 2016. Chicago, Illinois

9. Comments on Don Marquis’s paper. Central Meeting of the American Philosophical Association March 3, 2016 Chicago Illinois,

10. Comments on Mayra Schechtman’s paper. Central Meeting of the American Philosophical Association. March 3, 2016. Chicago, Illinois.

11. Comments on Rivka Weinberg’s “You only Die Once” International Association for the Philosophy of Death and Dying.” May 19, 2016 Syracuse, New York.

Talks to Non-Academic Audiences

“Do Medical Professionals Have a Right of Conscientious Objection?” *Nickel City Forum*. Buffalo New York. November 19, 2019

“A Philosopher Asks: Can You Become a Robot?” Nickel City Forum. June 20, 2019. Thin Many Brewery. Buffalo, New York

“How to Respond to Some Common Abortion Arguments” at St. Theresa’s Roman Catholic Church in Buffalo, NY March 21, 2012

“How to Respond to Some Common Abortion Arguments” at St John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church in Kenmore, New York on May 24, 2012

Graduate Student Publications Prepared Under my Supervision

Clint Dowland: “Embodied Mind Sparsism” *Philosophical Studies* 2016, 173:7, 1853-1872

Adam Taylor: “The Frustrating Problem for Four-Dimensionalism,” *Philosophical Studies* (2013) 165, 1097–1115

Jake Monaghan: “Biological Ties and Biological Accounts of Moral Status,” *The Journal of Medicine and Philosophy* (forthcoming)

Matt LaVine: "Prior's Thank-Goodness Argument Reconsidered." *Synthese*, 2016 193: 3591–3606

John Beverly. “The Ties that Undermine” *Bioethics* 2016 30:5, 304-311.

Stephen McAndrew “Internal Morality of Medicine and Physician Autonomy” *Journal of Medical Ethics* 2019

Mark Spencer: “A Reexamination of the Hylomorphic Theory of Death” *The Review of Metaphysics*, 63:4 2010, 843-870

David Limbaugh: 2019. “The Harm of Medical Disorder as Harm in the Damage Sense” *Theoretical Medicine and Bioethics*, 40:1, 1-19.

David Limbaugh: "Animals, Advance Directives and Prudence: Should We Let the Cheerfully Demented Die?" *Ethics, Medicine and Public Health*, 2016. 2:4. 481-489

Peter Koch “An Alternative to ‘An Alternative to Brain Death’” *American Catholic Philosophical Association Proceedings*. 2009, 83, 89-98.

Rose Koch. “Totipotency, Twinning and Ensoulment.” *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy*. 31:2, 2006, 139-164

Rose Koch. “Conjoined Twins and the Biological Account of Personal Identity.” *The Monist*. 89:3. 2006, 351-370.

Professional Service

Co-Founder and monthly organizer of the Vienna Circle: Cheektowaga Chapter. Western New York Metaphysics Reading Group 2011-2014

Co-Founder and monthly organizer of Blameless Buffalo? Free will and moral responsibility Western New York reading group 2014 until Spring 2018.

Co-Founder and monthly organizer of PANTC/Romanell Center Bioethics and Philosophy of Medicine Western New York Reading Group. 2012 to present

External Reviewer- East Carolina University Philosophy Department February 23-24, 2012

Refereeing for the following Peer Reviewed Journals and Presses:

Acta Analytica

Analysis (2x)

American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly (2x)

American Philosophical Quarterly

Australasian Journal of Philosophy (8x)

Bioethics 2x

Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review

Erkenntnis (4x)

Social Theory and Practice (5x)

Canadian Journal of Philosophy (4x)

Journal of Ethics (2x)

Journal of Social Philosophy
Journal of Philosophy
Journal of Moral Philosophy 3x
Journal of Medical Ethics (4x)
Journal of Philosophical Research (2x)
Mind (6x)
Mind and Machines
The Monist (27x)
Neuroethics
Philosophia (4x)
Philosophical Papers (2x)
Philosophical Quarterly (3x)
Philosophical Studies (3x)
Public Affairs Quarterly (9x)
Religious Studies
Southern Journal of Philosophy (2x)
Studies in the History of the Philosophy of Science
Synthese
The Philosophical Quarterly (4x)
Theoretical Medicine and Bioethics (3x)
Utilitas (3x)

Press Referee (Book length manuscripts)

Oxford University Press (5x)

Editorial Work

Guest Editor of *The Monist*, “Coming Into Being and Passing Away.” 98:3, July 2006.

Guest co-Editor (with Randy Dipert) of *The Monist*. “Composition and Constitution.” 96:1, Jan. 2013.

Conferences Organized

Co-organizer (with Barry Smith) of *Metaphysics of Medicine Conference*. University at Buffalo. November 13-14, 2004.

Co-organizer (with Randall Dipert and Barry Smith) *The Philosophy of E.J. Lowe*. University at Buffalo. April 7-9, 2006.

Co-organizer (with Randall Dipert) *The Philosophy of Lynne Baker: The Metaphysics of Everyday Life*. University at Buffalo. April 24-25, 2009.

1st Annual Bioethics and the Philosophy of Medicine Conference. University at Buffalo, August 2-3, 2013. Keynoter John Martin Fischer

2nd Annual Bioethics and the Philosophy of Medicine Conference. Buffalo, New York. August 1-2, 2014. Keynoter

Christopher Boorse

Blameless Buffalo? Conference on free will and moral responsibility. Keynoter John Fischer. Buffalo New York June 26-27, 2015

3rd Annual Bioethics and Philosophy of Medicine Conference 2015. University at Buffalo, July30-August 1, 2015
Keynoters Jerry Wakefield and Chris Boorse

Blameless Buffalo” Conference on Free Will and Moral Responsibility, Keynoter Steve Kershnar, Plenary Speaker John Keller. Buffalo, New York. June 18, 2016.

4th Annual Romanell Center of Clinical Ethics and the Philosophy of Medicine Conference. Keynoters David Boonin and Elselijn Kingma. July 28-31. 2016. Buffalo, New York

Blameless Buffalo? Conference on Free will and Moral Responsibility. University at Buffalo. Buffalo, New York.; May 20, 2017

5th Annual Romanell Center for Clinical Ethics and the Philosophy of Medicine Conference. Keynoters Don Marquis, John Lizza, and Mayra Schechtman. July 28-30. 2017 Buffalo, New York

6th Annual Romanell Center for Clinical Ethics and the Philosophy of Medicine Conference. July 26-29, 2018. Keynoter Jerome Wakefield.

7th Annual Romanell Center for Clinical Ethics and the Philosophy of Medicine Conference. July 25-29, 2019. Keynoter, John Martin Fischer

8th Annual Romanell Center for Clinical Ethics and the Philosophy of Medicine Conference. July 30-August 1, 2020. Keynoter Christopher Boorse (Postponed)

Workshops and Panels Organized

October 2017 Romanell Center Workshop in Bioethics and the Philosophy of Medicine

February 2018 Romanell Center Workshop in Bioethics and the Philosophy of Medicine

March 2018 Romanell Center Workshop in Bioethics and the Philosophy of Medicine

October 27, 2018. Romanell Center Workshop Panel. University at Buffalo. Buffalo, NY.

November 9, 2018 “What Do Embryo Rescue Scenarios Reveal about the Moral Status of the Unborn?”
Dr. David Hershenov, Dr. James Delaney, Dr. Steve Kershnar.

Satellite Session, American Catholic Philosophical Association Annual Meeting. San Diego, California.

February 2, 2019 Buffalo Workshop on Bioethics and the Philosophy of Medicine

March 2, 2019 Western New York Workshop on Bioethics and the Philosophy of Medicine

April 13, 2019 US National Workshop on Bioethics and the Philosophy of Medicine

May 11, 2019 International Workshop on Bioethics and the Philosophy of Medicine

September 28, 2019. Romanell Center Workshop on Bioethics and the Philosophy of Medicine

October 26, 2019. Romanell Center Workshop on Bioethics and the Philosophy of Medicine.

November 26, 2019. Themes from Wear: Workshop in Honor of the Retirement of Stephen Wear.

November 22 American Catholic Philosophical Association Panel “Can Abortion Guarantee Innocent Fetuses Go to Heaven? Dr. Steve Kershnar, Dr. Jason Eberl, Dr. Chris Kaczor. Minneapolis, Minnesota

February 15, 2020. Romanell Center Workshop on Bioethics and the Philosophy of Medicine Romanell Center Workshop.

March 14, 2020. Romanell Center Workshop on Bioethics and the Philosophy of Medicine

April 25, 2020. Romanell Center Workshop on Bioethics and the Philosophy of Medicine

May 23, 2020. Romanell Center Workshop on Bioethics and the Philosophy of Medicine

Debates Organized

“Should Physician-Assisted Suicide Be Legalized - Round II” Dr. Phil Reed vs. Dr. Steve Kershnar. University at Buffalo, July 30, 2020. (Postponed)

“Should Physician-Assisted Suicide be Legalized?” Dr. Steve Kershnar vs. Dr. Phil Reed. University at Buffalo. October 16, 2019

“What Survives Death: The Person or the Soul?” David Oderberg v. Patrick Toner. University at Buffalo. September 26, 2013

“Is Abortion Ethical?” Catherine Nolan vs. Steve Kershnar. University at Buffalo. March 5, 2014.

“Does the Soul Exist” David Limbaugh, Jon Houston, Shane Hemmer vs. Brian Donahue, Steven McAndrew, Justin Murray. University at Buffalo. March 5, 2015

“Does the Existence of Evil Show that God does not exist?” David Limbaugh vs. Neil Otte. University at Buffalo. April 16, 2015

“Do we have Free will and are we Morally Responsible?” John Keller vs. Steve Kershnar. University at Buffalo. October 22, 2015

“Does Evolution undermine Moral Realism?” Jake Monaghan vs. Brendan Cline. University at Buffalo. Fall 2015

Debate Participant

Internet debate on Personal Identity sponsored by Dr. Joel Potter of the University of Alaska Philosophy Department. 11/16/16

Debate on Abortion with Catherine Nolan, Christian Andzel, Ken Ehrenberg et al, sponsored by UB Pro Life club and UB Philosophy Department Club. 4/5/12

Lectures Organized

Founded and Organized Weekly Department Regent Lectures from Fall 2011 to Spring 2016

Founded and Organized Weekly Romanell Center Governor’s Lectures from W 2018 to Sp 2020

Founded and organized monthly Romanell Zoom lectures Fall 2020 to present

Teaching

Graduate Seminars

Contemporary Controversies in Bioethics

The Metaphysical Foundations of Bioethics

Life and Death

Philosophy of Medicine: Theory and Practice

The Soul

Bioethics

The Subject of Thought

Philosophy of Science

Evolution and Epistemology

Personal Identity

Teaching Philosophy

The Metaphysical Foundations of Bioethics

The Metaphysics and Ethics of Transhumanism

First Year Intensive Writing Seminar

Teaching Bioethics (One day workshop for graduate instructors that I have taught 8 times)

Intensive Writing Seminar for First Year Graduate Students

Metaphysical Foundations of Bioethics – UB Ontology Workshop July 2009

Undergraduate Courses

Bioethics

Philosophy of Medicine

Introduction to Philosophy

Philosophy of Law

Introductory Ethics

Business and Professional Ethics

Advanced Ethical Theory

Early Modern Philosophy

Ancient Philosophy

Critical Thinking

Metaphysics

Philosophy of Religion

Summer Teaching (6 week intensive sessions.)

2003- Social and Ethical Values in Medicine

2004 - Introduction to Philosophy; Social and Ethical Values in Medicine

2005 - Social and Ethical Values in Medicine

2006 - Social and Ethical Values in Medicine

2007 - Social and Ethical Values in Medicine

2008 - Social and Ethical Values in Medicine

2009 - Social and Ethical Values in Medicine; Metaphysical Foundations of Bioethics

Independent Studies Directed

Independent Graduate Study in Personal Identity (Mark Niswonger) Spring 2004

Independent Undergraduate Study in Bioethics (Melanie Arison) Spring 2003

Independent Graduate Study in Bioethics (Ryan Kohl) Fall 2002

Independent Graduate Study in Bioethics (Andrea Ott) Fall 2004

Independent Graduate Study in Bioethics (Elisa Ruhl) Fall 2004

Independent Graduate Study in Bioethics (Todd Bindig) Fall 2004

Independent Graduate Study in the Foundations of Bioethics (Steve Halady) Fall 2007

Independent Graduate Study in Catholic Bioethics (Mark Spencer) Fall 2008

Independent Graduate Study in Bioethics (Peter Koch) Fall 2008

Independent Graduate Study in the Foundation of Bioethics (Adam Taylor) Fall 2008

Independent Graduate Study in The Metaphysics and Ethics of Death (Peter Koch) Spring 2009

Independent Graduate Study in Bioethics (Yuichi Minemura) Fall 2010

Independent Undergraduate Honors Course in the Badness of Death (Brendon Bochacki) Fall 2010

Independent Graduate Study in Christian Philosophy (Peter Koch) Spring 2011

Independent Graduate Study in Christian Philosophy (Catherine Nolan) Fall 2011

Independent Graduate Study in Christian Philosophy (David Hahn) Fall 2011

Independent Graduate Study in the Philosophy of Mind (Catherine Nolan) Spring 2012

Independent Graduate Study in Metaphysics (Clint Dowland) Spring 2013

Independent Graduate Study in the Philosophy of Medicine (Catherine Nolan) Spring 2013

Independent Undergraduate Study on hylomorphism and bioethics (Katherine Boniello) Fall 2015

Independent Graduate Study in Free will and Moral Responsibility (David Limbaugh) Spring 2016

Independent Graduate Study on Manipulation Cases and Responsibility (Robert Kelly) Spring 2016

Independent Study on Mental Health and Physician Assisted Suicide. (Michael Fiorica) Spring 2018

Independent Graduate Study on Soul Theories, (Ryan Kulsea), Spring 2019

Independent Study on the Philosophy of Medicine. (Alexandra Wadhvani). Spring 2019

Independent Study on the Philosophy of Religion (Tobias Prey) Spring 2021

Independent Study on the Ethics of Mandatory Vaccines (Carter Bensen) Spring 2021

Reading Groups Directed

Led two Fall 2002 Bioethics Reading Groups - Jeff McMahan's *Ethics of Killings at the Margins of Life*

Led Spring 2003 Bioethics Reading Group - Daniel Brock, Allen Buchanan, Norman Daniels, Daniel

Wikler's *Genetics and Justice: From Chance to Choice*.

Led Summer First Session 2004 Bioethics Reading Group - H. Tristram Englehardt's *The Foundations of Bioethics*

Led Summer Second Session 2004 Bioethics Reading Group - H. Tristram Englehardt's *The Foundations of Christian Bioethics*

UB Faculty Metaphysics and Epistemology Reading Group. 2006-2007

WNY faculty reading group on John Fischer's *My Way* – Summer 2008

WNY faculty reading group on David Velleman's Hourani Lectures Winter 2010-2011

WNY Faculty reading group preparing for Oderberg's Hourani 2013 Lectures

Vienna Circle, Cheektowaga Chapter. Faculty Metaphysics Reading Group Fall 2010 to Fall 2012

Plato's Academy, North Tonawanda Campus. Faculty/Grad Bioethics Reading Group Summer 2011 to present

Blameless Buffalo? Faculty/Grad Free will & Moral Responsibility Reading group. Fall 2013 to Spring 2018

Graduate Student Dissertation Committees Chaired

Rose Koch (Defended August 2005)

Larry Torcello (Defended April 2006)

Mark Ninswonger (chair from 2006-2009)

Todd Bindig (Defended May 2006)

Andrea Ott (Defended May 2010)

Adam Taylor (Defended September 2014)

Yuichi Minemura (Defended September 2017)

Catherine Nolan (Defended Summer 2015)

Clint Dowland (Defended, Fall 2018)

Robert Kelly (ongoing)

Master's Theses

Nick Lane (Spring 2005)

Chris Barlow (Spring 2005)

Alisa Wandzilak (Summer 2007)

Krystyl Newell (Spring 2011)

Membership Philosophical Associations

American Philosophical Association

Creighton Club: The New York State Philosophical Association

University Faculty for Life

American Catholic Philosophical Association

Department Committee Work

2002-2003

Progress and Evaluation Committee

Library Committee

Qualifying Examinations Committee

2003-2004

Placement Officer Committee (chair)
Colloquium Committee (chair)
Search Committee
Executive Committee
Graduate Examinations Grader

2004-2005

Admissions Committee
Graduate Examinations Committee
Executive Committee

2005-2006

Admissions Committee
Library Committee
Graduate Student Teaching Award Committee
Romanell Chair (Lowe) Committee

2006-2007

Placement Committee
Library Committee
Progress and Evaluation Committee

2007-2008

Director of Graduate Studies
Executive Committee
Admissions (Chair)
Placement Committee
Library Committee
Course Committee – Bioethics

2008-2009

Director of Graduate Studies
Executive Committee
Curriculum Committee
Admissions Committee
Progress and Evaluation Committee
Placement Committee
Course Committee - Bioethics
Graduate Affairs Committee
Hourani Lectures (John Fischer) Organizer

2009-2010

Director of Graduate Studies
Curriculum Committee
Admissions Committee
Progress and Evaluation Committee
Placement Committee
Course Committee - Bioethics
Graduate Affairs Committee

2010-2011

Chair of Department

2011-2012

Chair of Department
Search Committee for Early Modern Philosophy
Gender Committee
Organizer of Friday Luchtime Philosophy Department Talks
Editor of the *NousLetter* (Department magazine for alumni)

2012-2013

Chair of Department
Editor of the *NousLetter* (Department magazine for alumni)
Organizer of Friday Luchtime Philosophy Department Talks

2013-2014

Chair of Department
Editor of the *NousLetter* (Department magazine for alumni)
Organizer of Friday Luchtime Philosophy Department Talks

2014-2015

Chair of Department
Editor of *NousLetter*
Organizer of Weekly Regents' Lectures
Chair of Political Philosophy Search

2015-2016

Chair of Department
Regents Lecturer Organizers
Graduate School Dissertation Prize Committee
Executive Committee
Associate Director Romanell Center for Clinical Ethics and the Philosophy of Medicine

2016-2017

On leave

Co-Director of the Romanell Center for Clinical Ethics and the Philosophy of Medicine

2017-2018

Co-Director of the Romanell Center for Clinical Ethics and the Philosophy of Medicine

Graduate Affairs Committee

Teaching Committee

Search Committee Chair – Applied Ethics

2018-2019

Search Committee Chair – Applied Ethics

Admissions committee Chair

Co-Director Romanell Center for Clinical Ethics and the Philosophy of Medicine

Public Service

Videotape Interview with High School Students at Williamsville North for C-Span project on the Science and Ethics of Embryonic Stem Cell Research - Fall 2007

Delivered talk “How to Respond to Some Common Abortion Arguments” at St. Theresa’s Roman Catholic Church March 21, 2012

Delivered talk “How to Respond to Some Common Abortion Arguments” at St John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church on May 24, 2012

Participated in an abortion debates sponsored by the UB Students for Life and the UB undergraduate Philosophy Club April 5, 2012

Interview on Public Radio August 2015 about Bioethics and Philosophy of Medicine reading group and Boorse vs. Wakefield debates at the summer conference

Interview on Public Radio August 2017 about Bioethics and Philosophy of Medicine Reading Group under the topic of “Beyond the Echo Chamber”

Interviewed by Danish Journalism MA students on Cryonics

Interviewed by Argentinian Journalist on abortion.

Delivered talk “Why Transhumanists can’t Survive the Death of their Bodies” at the Nickle City Forum June 20, 2019.

University Service

2012-2015 Organizer of philosophy department run debates on the existence of God, vegetarianism,

abortion, evolution and moral realism, existence of the soul, free will and moral responsibility, biological enhancements

Kurtz Lectures. Organizers. Biannual lectures on Naturalism in memory of Paul Kurtz

Graduate School Dissertation Prize Committee for Education and Social Sciences. Fall 2015

Co-Director Romanell Center for Clinical Ethics and the Philosophy of Medicine 2016 to Present

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