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**EDUCATION:**

University of Michigan (1980-1988)

M.A. in Philosophy (1983)

M.A. in Political Science (1988)

Ph.D. in Philosophy (1988)

Washington College (1975-1979) B.A. cum laude

Oxford University, Manchester College (JYA, 1977-1978)

Masters Thesis, Political Science: "Distributive Justice & Common Assets"

Advisor: Donald Herzog

Dissertation, Philosophy: "Utilitarianism and Autonomy"

Committee: Allan Gibbard & Stephen Darwall (co-chairs)

Peter Railton, Donald Regan, John Chamberlin

Areas of Specialization:

Moral and Political Theory:

Kantian Ethics, Consequentialism, Medical Ethics,

Confucian, Buddhist, and Islamic Ethics

Areas of Competence:

Philosophy of Law, Free Will and Responsibility

**ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE:**

Bates College, Professor, Department of Philosophy (1986- present)

Colby, Bates, Bowdoin, London Program Director, (Winter/Spring 2003)

Colby College, Visiting Associate Professor (Fall 1997)

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Visiting Assistant Professor (Spring 1993)

University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Instructor (1985-86)

## **MEDICAL ETHICS CONSULTANT:**

Human Ethics Committee, Central Maine Medical Center,  
Lewiston, Maine (1994-present).

Medical Ethics Committee, Consultant; Mid Coast Hospital,  
Bath & Brunswick, Maine (1992-present)

Maine BioEthics Network, Board of Directors (1994-1997).

Bio-Ethics Advisory Committee; Department of Human Services,  
State of Maine; appointed by the Governor (1990-1996)

Kennebec Valley Medical Center and Maine-Dartmouth Family Practice Residency Program  
Medical Ethics Consultant (1988-1990)

## **FELLOWSHIPS**

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship for College Teachers and Independent  
Scholars (1991-1992)

Woodrow Wilson Fellowship Foundation, Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation  
Fellowship (1984-1985)

## **GRANTS and AWARDS:**

The Freeman Foundation, Asian Studies Initiative

- Tibet: Faculty Development Seminar, Research and Travel to Tibet (January- June 2005)
- Japan: Faculty Development Seminar, Research and Travel to Japan (January- June 2004)

Freeman & Tanaka Grants for the Study of Asia (Spring 2004):

Grant for Asian Study and Travel to the *Fifth Asian Bioethics Conference* Tskuba Japan, February 2004; and for travel to Beijing China for the *International Conference on Kant's Moral Philosophy*, Peking University; and to Tsinghua University, Beijing for a presentation and a seminar on the Right to Die, May 2004

Christian A. Johnson Endeavor Foundation faculty development seminar on *Islam and the Muslim World*. Johnson Scholar Research Topic: Islamic Medical Ethics (2002-03)  
And Johnson Associate, *Islam and the Muslim World* (2003-04)

Bates Faculty Development Grants for travel and research (2002-2003)

Mellon Grant for Professional Travel and Expenses (1991-1992)

## **WORK IN PROGRESS:**

*Global Medical Ethics: Confucian, Buddhist & Islamic Perspectives*  
book manuscript

“Buddhist Ethics and Hastening Death” article in progress

“Buddhist Ethics, Kantian Ethics, & Consequentialism” article in progress

## **PUBLICATIONS:**

*Kantian Consequentialism*, Oxford University Press, 1996

Oxford Scholarship On-Line, 2003

## **ARTICLES and REVIEWS**

*All journal articles and chapters were peer refereed, unless otherwise indicated.*

*Book reviews and newsletter articles were invited.*

“Dignity, Contractualism, and Consequentialism”

*Utilitas* vol. 20, 2008

“The Genealogy of Informed Consent”

*International Association of Bioethics, Newsletter*, November 2008

“Health Care Justice: The Social Insurance Approach”

in *International Public Health Policy and Ethics*; Springer Publishers 2008

“Justice and Revolution in Kant’s Political Philosophy” in *Rethinking Kant – Current Trends in American Kantian Scholarship*; Cambridge Scholar Publishers 2008

“Confucian Ethics: Responsibilities, Rights, and Relationships” *Eubios Journal of Asian and International Bioethics* vol. 16 no. 1; January, 2006

“Declaring Death, Giving Life” *Eubios Journal of Asian and International Bioethics* vol. 15 no. 3; May 2005

“The Right to Die and the Right to Health Care” in *Public Health Policy and Ethics*, edited by Michael Boylan; Kluwer Academic Publishers, 2004

Review of Normative Ethics by Shelley Kagan (Westview Press, 1998) in *Ethics* vol. 110 no. 2, January 2000

Review of Dignity and Vulnerability by George Harris (University of California Press, 1997) in *The Philosophical Review*, January 1999

"Gewirth's Kantian Consequentialism" in Gewirth: Critical Essays on Action, Rationality, and Community, Michael Boylan editor, Roman and Littlefield, 1998

Review of Mill's Principle of Utility by Necip Fikri Alican (Rodopi, 1994);  
in *Ethics*, 1996

Review of Absolutism and its Consequentialist Critics by Joram Graf Haber, ed.  
(Rowan and Littlefield, 1994); in *Ethics*, 1995

Review of Animal Experimentation: The Moral Issues by Robert M. Baird and  
Stuart Rosenbaum, eds. (Prometheus Books, 1991); in *Ethics*, 1994

"Reference Failure and Scientific Realism: A Response to the Meta-Induction,"  
The British Journal for the Philosophy of Science vol.43 no.1, March 1992; pp. 21-40

"Kantian Consequentialism," Ethics vol.100 no.3, April 1990; pp. 586-615

"Consequentialism, Egoism, and the Moral Law,"  
Philosophical Studies vol.57, Fall 1989; pp. 111-134

"Desert and Entitlement: A Rawlsian Consequentialist Account,"  
Analysis vol.47 no.1, January 1987; pp. 15-19

Co-Author, Report on Maine Health Care Services:

"A Problem Of Vision: Toward a Basic Health Care Program for Maine Residents,"  
The Department of Human Services BioEthics Advisory Committee, December 1991;  
published by the Maine State Government, 53 pages

## **PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS:**

"Islamic Medical Ethics II: End of Life Issues"  
Maine Medical Center, Portland Maine, December 2008

"Inclusive Public Reason Defended"  
Commentator, American Philosophical Association,  
Pacific Division, Pasadena, CA, April 2008

"Proposals for Health Care Reform"  
Mid Coast Hospital, Brunswick Maine, February 2008

"Making Time Fly By: Tips on Fostering Student Engagement"

Bates College, February 2008

Islamic Medical Ethics” Critical Care Ethics Education Series,

- Central Maine Medical Center, Lewiston Maine, November 2007
- Maine Medical Center, Portland Maine, July 2007

“Informed Consent and the Family” Real Time Ethics in Clinical Practice Series,  
Mid Coast Hospital, Brunswick Maine, May 2007

“Dignity, Contractualism, and Consequentialism”

- Athens Institute for Education and Research, Athens Greece; June 2006
- International Society for Utilitarian Studies, Dartmouth College; August 2005
- Pomona College, Claremont California; October 2004
- Beijing International Conference on *Kant's Moral Philosophy in Contemporary Perspectives*, Peking University, Beijing China; May 2004

Timely Topic: “The Curious Case of Terri Schaivo”

International Affairs Conference, The Isles of Shoals, Portsmouth, NH; July 2005

Authors Meets Critics Book Session, Michael Boylan’s *A Just Society*,

Society of Concerned Philosophers for Peace, Group Meeting

American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, Boston Mass, December 2004

“The Right to Health Care and the Right to Die”

Tsinghua University, Beijing China; May 2004

“Medical Ethics in Japan” presentation Midcoast Hospital, Brunswick Maine, April 2004

”Sex, Suicide and Two Conceptions of Dignity,”

American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, Seattle Washington; March 2002

“Consequentialism, Contractualism, and the Dignity of Humanity”

University of Tennessee, Knoxville, April 2002

“Dignity, Double Effect, and the Right to Die,” conference on Maine’s Death with Dignity Act,

Bioethics Center of the University of New England, Westbrook; June 2000

“Autonomy, Dignity, and the Right to Die,”

Faculty Dinner Presentation, Bates College, March 2000

“The Oregon Death with Dignity Act,” presentation Mid Coast Hospital,

Brunswick, March 2000

“Gert on Moral Ideals: Comment on Baron”

Conference on the Moral Philosophy of Bernard Gert,  
Dartmouth, New Hampshire; May 1999

“Korsgaard’s Practical Identity Argument”  
Commentator, American Philosophical Association,  
Berkeley, California, April 1999

“Kantian Community”  
American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting,  
Boston, Massachusetts; September, 1998

"Gewirth and Contemporary Kantian Ethics"  
Conference on the Moral Philosophy of Alan Gewirth at Marymount University,  
Arlington, Virginia, November 1997.

"Author Meets Critics" Book Session on *Kantian Consequentialism*  
Thomas Hill, Jr., Holly Smith, and David Cummiskey  
American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division  
Berkeley, California; March 1997

"The Role of Medicine at the End of life: International Perspectives and Policies,"  
International Affairs Conference, the Isles of Shoals, Portsmouth, NH; July 1996

"Is Maine Ready for Physician Aid in Dying"  
Maine Medical Association, Annual Meeting  
The Balsams, Dixville Notch, NH; January 1995

"Kantian Revolutions"  
Colby College, May 1995

"Physician Assisted Dying: Identifying the Issues"  
• Eastern Maine Medical Center, Bangor Maine, May 1995  
• Maine Bioethics Network, Bates College; March 1995

"Should Consequentialism be Afraid of its own Shadow?"  
Commentator, American Philosophical Association,  
Central Division Meeting, Kansas City MO, May 1994

"Dignity and Price"  
• University of New Hampshire, March 1994  
• Maine Philosophical Institute, April 1994

"Why Consequentialism is a Theory of the Right,"  
Commentator, American Philosophical Association,

Eastern Division, December 1993

"A Kantian Derivation of Consequentialism,"

- Research Triangle Ethics Group, Chapel Hill, NC, April 1993
- Pomona College, Claremont CA, March 1992

"Kantian Internalism and Consequentialism,"

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, March 1993

"Liberalism, Feminism, and the Objectivity of Morals,"

University of Maine at Farmington, May 1992.

"Kant's Theory of Coercion,"

University of New Hampshire Colloquium on the History of Philosophy, September 1989

"Kant's Refutation of Consequentialism,"

American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting, April 1988

"Consequentialism, Egoism and the Moral Law,"

- American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting, March 1988
- Northern New England Philosophy Association, October 1987

"Kantian Consequentialism: A Critique of Side-Constraints,"

- American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting, March 1987
- Northern New England Philosophy Association, October 1986

"Desert and Entitlement,"

Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, March 1986

"Moral Issues Concerning Placebos"

University of Tennessee Memorial Research Hospital, Knoxville, Tennessee (Fall 1985)

"The Right to Die: Liberty and Responsibility"

University of Tennessee Memorial Research Hospital, Knoxville, Tennessee (Spring 1986)

In addition, over 66 presentations and discussion sessions on medical ethical issues at hospitals, 1987- 2009

## **TEACHING**

*Courses taught recently:*

Moral Philosophy  
Philosophy of Law  
Contemporary Moral Disputes  
Biomedical Ethics

*Seminars Taught recently:*

Kantian Ethics  
Consequentialism and its Critics  
Liberty and Equality  
Human Nature

*Courses taught occasionally:*

Asian and Islamic Ethical Systems  
Theory of Knowledge  
Free Will and Moral Responsibility  
Introduction to Philosophy  
Introduction to Logic  
Medical Ethics in the US and UK  
Health Care Justice

*Additional Seminars:*

Contemporary Meta-Ethics  
Moral Realism and Irrealism  
Social Contract Theory  
Rawls' Theory of Justice  
Liberalism and its Communitarian Critics  
Justice and Gender

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Department Review of Occidental College Philosophy Department (Winter 2007)

Departmental Review of Scripps College Philosophy Department, (Fall 2004)

Manuscript Reviewer for Oxford University Press

Manuscript Reviewer for Journal of Moral Philosophy and for Ethics

## **COLLEGE COMMITTEES**

2008-2009:

Physical Education Personnel Committee  
Learning Associates Grants  
General Education SLQ Implementation Committee  
Animal Care and Use

Ad hoc Clarification Panel  
Judicial Advocate

Past Committee Service includes:

Committee on Committees, Chair  
Institutional Review Board  
Admissions  
Residential Life  
Academic Standing  
Judicial Advocate  
Appeals Board

**MEMBERSHIPS:**

American Philosophical Association  
International Association of Bioethics  
Asian Bioethics Association  
Northern New England Philosophy Association  
Maine Philosophical Institute  
North American Kant Society