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EDUCATION:

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (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)

Philosophy Ph.D. Dissertation: "Utilitarianism and Autonomy"

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

Peter Railton, Donald Regan, John Chamberlin

Political Science, M.A. Thesis: "Distributive Justice & Common Assets"

Advisor: Donald Herzog

Areas of Specialization:

Moral and Political Theory: Kant, Consequentialism, Rawls and Liberalism

Biomedical Ethics, Intercultural Bioethics, and Health Care Justice

Buddhist Moral and Political Philosophy

Areas of Competence:

Philosophy of Law, Moral Psychology, Islamic Ethics

ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE:

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

Chair 2001-02, 2006-7, 2013-present

Instructor (1986-88), Assistant Professor (1988-93), Associate (1993-2006)

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:

Medical Ethics Consultant; Mid Coast Hospital,
Brunswick, Maine (1992-present)
Human Ethics Committee, Central Maine Medical Center,
Lewiston, Maine (1994-present).
Maine BioEthics Network, Board of Directors (1994-1997).
Bio-Ethics Advisory Committee; Department of Health and 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

Charles F. and Evelyn M. Phillips Faculty Fellowship, Bates College (2011-2012)
National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (1991-1992)
Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, Newcombe Fellowship (1984-1985)

GRANTS and AWARDS:

Faculty Development Grant and Barlow Grant (2013-14): Asian Bioethics Association, Chennai
India; Site visits to SITA, Madurai India, and ISLE, Kandy Sri Lanka
Mellon Innovation Grant: Intercultural Ethics
Research Grant for the Study of Islam in France (Fall 2011)
Harvard Center for Community Partnerships
Research Grant for Publicly-Engaged Academic Projects (2011-12)
Mellon Innovation Grant: Working Group in Philosophy and Psychology (2008-09 & 2009-10)
Research Grant Co-Author and Principal Organizer for Speaker Series and Faculty
Seminars: Joshua Greene, Paul Bloom, Joshua Knobe, Walter Glannon, Alva Noe, Roy
Baumeister, Adina Roskies. Bennett Schwartz, Casey O'Callaghan, and Jesse Prinz
Bates Faculty Development Grants for travel and research: Schmutz and McGinty Grants
For travel to *Kant in Asia Conference*, Hong Kong (April 2009) and
3rd Islam and Bioethics International Conference, Antalya Turkey, (April 2010)
The Freeman Foundation, Asian Studies Initiative

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

Freeman Foundation Grant for travel to the *Sixth Asian Biomedical Ethics Conference &
World Congress of Bioethics*, Sydney Australia (2005)
Freeman Foundation & 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)

CURRENT RESEARCH:

In addition to my continuing interest in Kantian and consequentialist ethics, I am also interested in intercultural ethics, which is a multicultural and interdisciplinary approach to moral philosophy, political theory, and public policy. Western conceptions of moral and political philosophy have developed without much dialogue with other non-Western conceptions. In particular, moral theory and conceptions of justice often simply assume an individualistic, rights-based approach. Other cultural traditions, including Islamic, Confucian, and Buddhist conceptions of ethics, begin with a focus on relationships and social responsibilities. Intercultural ethics is premised on the need for more dialogue and integration of these often-divergent perspectives. My work on interculturalism addresses health care policy, political philosophy, and especially biomedical ethics.

WORK IN PROGRESS:

Intercultural Bioethics: Confucian, Buddhist & Islamic Perspectives

Buddhist Political Philosophy: A Comparative Approach

“Regenerative Medicine, Therapeutic Enhancement, and the Duty to Die”

PUBLICATIONS:

Kantian Consequentialism, Oxford University Press, 1996

On INTERCULTURAL ETHICS and BUDDHIST PHILOSOPHY

“Buddhist Modernism and Kant on Enlightenment”

in *Buddhist Philosophy: A Comparative Approach*, edited by Steven Emmanuel,
Wiley-Blackwell Publisher; August 2017 (invited)

“Dependent Origination, Emptiness, and the Value of Nature,” with Alex Hamilton (Bates ’15)

Journal of Buddhist Ethics; January 2017

Review of *Buddhism and Political Theory* by Matthew J. Moore

(Oxford University Press, 2016) in *Review of Politics* vol. 79.3, 2017

“Reasonable Pluralism, Interculturalism, and Question-Beggingness”

Journal of Ethics, vol. 18.3, September 2014; pp. 265-78

“Comparative Reflections on Buddhist Political Thought: Asoka, Shambhala and the General Will” in *A Companion to Buddhist Philosophy*, edited by Steven Emmanuel;

Wiley-Blackwell Publisher, 2013

“The Law of Peoples” on the Right to War: From Islamic Jihad to Buddhist Pacifism

in *The Morality and Global Justice Reader*, Michael Boylan (ed.); Westview Press, 2011

“Competing Conceptions of the Self in Kantian and Buddhist Moral Theories”

in *Cultivating Personhood: Kant and Asian Philosophy*, Stephen R. Palmquist (ed.);
Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 2010

“Islamic and Buddhist Medical Ethics: Morality and Theology in Moral Reasoning” (invited)

in *Islam and Bioethics*, edited by Berna Arda and Vardit Rispler-Chaim, Ankara Turkey:
Ankara University Press, 2011

On INTERCULTURAL MEDICAL ETHICS

“The Genealogy of Informed Consent”

International Association of Bioethics, Newsletter, November 2008 (invited)

“Health Care Justice: The Social Insurance Model”

in *International Public Health Policy and Ethics*; Springer 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*, Michael Boylan (ed.); Kluwer Academic Publishers, 2004

Co-Author, Report on Maine Health Care Services (invited)

"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

On KANTIAN ETHICS and CONSEQUENTIALISM

“Consequentialism”

Wiley-Blackwell’s *International Encyclopedia of Ethics*, 2013

“Korsgaard’s Rejection of Consequentialism”

in *Metaphilosophy* 42.4, July 2011

“Dignity, Contractualism, and Consequentialism”

Utilitas vol. 20.4, December 2008

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

"Gewirth's Kantian Consequentialism" in *Gewirth: Critical Essays on Action, Rationality, and Community*, Michael Boylan (ed.), Roman and Littlefield, 1998

"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

On PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE

"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

BOOK REVIEWS

Buddhism and Political Theory by Matthew J. Moore

(Oxford University Press, 2016) in *Review of Politics* vol. 79.3, 2017

The Beloved Self: Morality and the Challenge from Egoism by Alison Hills

(Oxford University Press, 2010) in *Analysis Reviews*, February 2012

Goodness and Justice: A Consequentialist Moral Theory by Joseph Mendola
 (Cambridge University Press, 2006); in *Utilitas* vol. 21.4, December 2009

Kant's Ethical Theory by Allen Wood
 (Cambridge University Press, 1999); in *Philosophical Books* 42.4, 2001

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

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

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

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

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

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS AND ACTIVITIES:

Book Symposium Chair: "*The Risk of a Lifetime: How, When, and Why Procreation may be Permissible*" by Rivka Weinberg, Commentators: David Velleman and Rebecca Kukla;
 American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, Seattle WA, April 2017

"*The End of Aging: Ethical and Existential Issues*"
 Great Falls Forum, Lewiston Maine, October 20, 2016

"*The Fallacy of Double Effect*"
 Northern New England Philosophy Association, Keene State NH, October 14, 2016

Defense of Consequentialism Symposium, Commentator
 American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, San Francisco CA, April 2016

"Kant and Buddhism on Enlightenment," Panel Discussion: *What is Enlightenment? Reflections on Kant's Answer*, University of Southern Maine, Portland ME, February 2016

"Suicide Prevention and Patient Autonomy"
 Ethics Roundtable, Mid Coast Hospital, Brunswick Maine, September 2015

"Hospice Care and the Doctrine of Double Effect"
 CHANS Home Health and Hospice Care, Brunswick Maine, August 2015

"Prospect Utilitarianism: A Defense of Utilitarianism from the Original Position"
 Commentator, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, Vancouver, April 2015

"Pediatric Care: Responding Ethically to the Risks Posed by Unvaccinated Children"
 Ethics Roundtable, Mid Coast Hospital, Brunswick Maine, February 2015

"The End of Aging: Ethical and Existential Issues"
 Faculty Lecture, Bates College Alumni Reunion, June 2014

"Professional Responsibility: When Conscience and Patient Care Conflict"
 Ethics Roundtable, Mid Coast Hospital, Brunswick Maine, May 2014

"Understanding the End of Aging: The Medical, Ethical, & Existential Dimensions"
 14th Asian Bioethics Conference: Ethics in Emerging Technologies. Loyola College,
 Chennai India, November 2013

"Transformative Research and Teaching"
 Panel Discussion, Parents Weekend, Bates College, September 2013

- “Caring for Difficult and Drug-Dependent Patients”
Ethics Roundtable, Mid Coast Hospital, Brunswick Maine, March 2013
- “Interculturalism, Multiculturalism, and Biomedical Ethics”
Phillips Fellowship Presentation, Bates College, December 2012
- “Reasonable Pluralism, Interculturalism, and Question-Beggingness”
APA Committee on Public Philosophy, Symposium: “*Can Philosophy Provide a Foundation for Public Policy or Is It Question-Begging All the Way Down?*”
American Philosophical Association, Atlanta, Dec. 2012
- “Interculturalism, Bioethics, and Informed Consent,” 11th World Congress of Bioethics,
International Association of Bioethics, Rotterdam Netherlands, June 2012
- “Early Modern Ethics” Symposium, Chair and Comments on Sterba’s “Completing
the Kantian and Hobbesian Project in Ethics,” American Philosophical Association,
Pacific Division, Seattle, April 2012
- “Intercultural Ethics and Public Policy: The French Ban on Islamic Headscarves”
Works in Progress Series, Publicly-Engaged Academic Projects, Harvard Center for
Community Partnerships, Bates College, March 2012
- “Interculturalism, Asian Values, and Kantian Justice”
Yale-NUS College, National University of Singapore, February 2012
- “Medical Marijuana: Ethical Issues”
Ethics Roundtable, Mid Coast Hospital, Brunswick Maine, January 2012
- “When a Nurse with a PhD wants to be called Doctor”
Ethics Roundtable, Mid Coast Hospital, Brunswick Maine, October 2011
- “Constructing an Islamic Juridical Council in the United States” - Roundtable:
*Where Religion, Policy, and Bioethics Meet: An Interdisciplinary Conference on Islamic
Bioethics and End-of-Life Care*, University of Michigan, April 2011
- “Global Justice, Public Reason, and Intercultural Ethics”
North American Society for Social Philosophy, APA Eastern, Boston MA, Dec. 2010
- “The Provider-Patient Relationship: Competent Patients & Their Irrational and Costly Choices”
Annual Ethics Retreat, Maine General Medical Center, Waterville Maine, Sept. 2010
- “Double Effect: When and Why Killing is Wrong,”
University of Maine, Orono, October 2010
- “Double Effect and its Critics: Beyond the Basics”
Palliative Care and Ethics: Enhancing the Foundations of Care; Maine Medical Center 4th
annual Palliative Care Conference; Harraseeket Inn, Freeport Maine, June 2010
- “Islamic and Buddhist Medical Ethics: Morality and Theology in Moral Reasoning”
3rd Islam and Bioethics International Conference, Ankara University
Çolakli-Antalya Turkey, April 2010
- “Ethics Committees: Form, Composition, and Function” Clinical Ethics Committee,
Educational Program, Central Maine Medical Center, Lewiston Maine, March 2010
- “Korsgaard’s Rejection of Consequentialism”
Keynote Panel on the work of Christine Korsgaard, Northern New England Philosophical
Association, Annual Meeting, University of New Hampshire, Durham, October 2009
- “Global Justice” chaired and organized *International Affairs Conference*, Presentation:
“The Freeing of Isaac” Star Island Conference Center, Portsmouth NH, July 2009

- "Competing Conceptions of the Self in Kantian and Buddhist Moral Theories"
Kant in Asia Conference, Hong Kong, China, May 2009
- "Islamic Medical Ethics II: End of Life Issues" *Critical Care Ethics Education Series*
 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" *Ethics Committee: Continuing Education*
 Mid Coast Hospital, Brunswick Maine, February 2008
- "Making Time Fly By: Tips on Fostering Student Engagement"
Teaching Development Panel, Bates College, February 2008
- "Islamic Medical Ethics I: Basic Issues" *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
- "Buddhism, Hastening Death, and the Irrelevance of Double Effect"
The 8th World Congress of Bioethics, Beijing, China, August 2006
- "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
- "The Curious Case of Terri Schaivo" - Timely Topics Series
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,"
 Presentation, Bates College, March 2000
- "The Oregon Death with Dignity Act,"
 presentation Mid Coast Hospital, March 2000
- "Bernard Gert on Moral Ideals: Comment on Baron"
 Conference on the Moral Philosophy of Bernard Gert, Dartmouth, May 1999

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

“Kantian Community”
 American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Boston MA, Sept. 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 Revolution"
 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, 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
"The Right to Die: Liberty and Responsibility"
University of Tennessee Memorial Research Hospital, Knoxville (Spring 1986)
"Moral Issues Concerning Placebos"
University of Tennessee Memorial Research Hospital, Knoxville (Fall 1985)

TEACHING

Courses taught recently:

Philosophy of Law
Biomedical Ethics

Seminars Taught recently:

Buddhist Philosophy
Liberty, Equality, and Community

Additional Courses and Seminars taught at Bates:

Asian and Islamic Ethics
Human Nature & Moral Psychology
Moral Philosophy
Contemporary Moral Disputes
Consequentialism and its Critics
Kantian Ethics
Theory of Knowledge
Introduction to Philosophy
Introduction to Logic
Free Will and Moral Responsibility
Medical Ethics in the US and UK
Health Care Justice
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

Promotion Review Colorado State University
Manuscript Reviewer for *Journal of Buddhist Ethics*
Manuscript Reviewer for Oxford University Press
Manuscript Reviewer for *International Encyclopedia of Ethics*
Manuscript Reviewer for *Journal of Moral Philosophy, Analysis*, and for *Ethics*
Department Review of Occidental College Philosophy Department (Winter 2007)
Department Review of Scripps College Philosophy Department, (Fall 2004)
Tenure Review for Claremont McKenna College (Spring 2014)
Tenure Review for Pomona College (Spring 2015)

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Town Selectmen, Bowdoinham Maine (2002-03)
Planning Board and Long Range Planning Committee, Phippsburg Maine (1994-97)
Vice President, SoccerMaine, US Soccer Federation (2000-02)
President, Merrymeeting Soccer Club, Topsham Maine (1999-02)

BATES COMMITTEES AND SERVICE 2016-17:

Chair, Department of Philosophy
Chair Hiring Committee for new position: Empirically-informed Philosophy of Mind
Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC)
Institutional Animal Care and Use (IACUC)
Student Research Committee
Faculty Liaison for Men's Soccer
Faculty Liaison Bates EMTs
Faculty Representative ISLE, Sri Lanka Off-Campus Study Program

Past College Service includes:

Intellectual Life Committee, Bates Institutional Planning
Department Chair and Philosophy Department Review Chair
Sociology Search Committee
Off Campus Study Site visits: SITA Madurai India and ISLE Kandy Sri Lanka
Chair, Committee on Committees and Governance
Budget and Finance Advisory Committee (BFAC)
IRB: Institutional Review Board
Personnel Committee for Physical Education
General Education SLQ Implementation Committee
Chair, Learning Associates Grants Committee
Harvard Center for Community Partnerships, Advisory Committee
Admissions Committee
Residential Life Committee
Academic Standing Committee
Judicial Advocate for Students
Student Conduct, Appeals Board
Ad hoc Clarification Panel for Personnel Committee
Martin Luther King Day, Planning Committee
Soccer Coach, Bates College, Junior Varsity

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

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