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Expertise

Areas of Specialization Ethical Theory (esp. Consequentialism), Social and Political Philosophy, J. S. Mill

Areas of Competence Practical Ethics (esp. Business and Environmental Ethics), Philosophy of Law, Philosophy of Work

Faculty Positions

- Since 2011 Professor of Philosophy, Old Dominion University (Associate Professor 2005–11, Assistant Professor 1999–2005)
- Spring 2014 John Stuart Mill Visiting Chair in Social Philosophy, Universität Hamburg
- 1998–9 Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of Florida
- 1997–8 Visiting Instructor of Philosophy and Political Science, University of Minnesota Duluth
- 1996–7 Visiting Graduate Teaching Scholar, University of Reading

Administrative Positions

- Since 2017 Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies, ODU College of Arts and Letters
- 2015–17 Provost's Fellow for Faculty Development, ODU Office of Academic Affairs
- 2007–13 Chair, ODU Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies
- Since 2001 Co-Director, ODU Institute for Ethics and Public Affairs

Editorial Positions

- Since 2016 Editor-in-Chief, *Utilitas*, Cambridge University Press (Associate Editor, 2010–6; Book Review Editor, 1999–2005)

Education

- 1999 Ph.D., Philosophy, University of Pittsburgh (David Gauthier and Kurt Baier, Directors)
- 1996–7 Visiting Graduate Student, Philosophy, University of Reading
- 1993 M.A., Economics, University of Pittsburgh
- 1992 M.A., Philosophy, University of Pittsburgh
- 1989 B.A. with Honors, Philosophy and Political Science, Wichita State University

Grants, Awards, and Fellowships

- 2017 Charles O. and Elizabeth C. Burgess Faculty Research and Creativity Award, ODU College of Arts and Letters
- 2017 Outstanding Service to the College Award, ODU College of Arts and Letters
- Fall 2015 Senior Scholar, ODU College of Arts and Letters
- 2015, 2000 Summer Research Fellowship, ODU Research Office
- 2011 Robert L. Stern Award for Excellence in Teaching, ODU College of Arts and Letters
- Winter 2007 Residential Fellowship, Centre for Ethics, Philosophy and Public Affairs, St. Andrews University (St. Andrews, Scotland)
- 2001 Visiting Scholar Grant, Kokugakuin University (Tokyo, Japan)
- 1992–93 Economics and Philosophy Fellow, University of Pittsburgh Economics Department

Publications

Book Series

2010–2021 (anticipated). *Elements of Ethics*, edited with Ben Eggleston. 31 short (circa 25,000 word) volumes available in print and electronically. Under contract with Cambridge University Press.

Sole-Authored Books

2021 (anticipated). *Moral Obligation and Responsibility*. Forthcoming in *Elements of Ethics* series (under contract with Cambridge University Press).

2010. *J. S. Mill: Moral, Social and Political Thought* (Cambridge: Polity), 252 pp. Reviewed in [Ethical Perspectives](#); [Journal of Moral Philosophy](#); [Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews](#); [Political Studies Review](#); [Utilitas](#).

Edited Collections

2020 (anticipated). *Moral Theory and Climate Change: Ethical Perspectives on a Warming Planet*, edited with Ben Eggleston (under contract with Routledge).

2017. *A Companion to Mill*, edited with Christopher Macleod (Malden MA: Wiley-Blackwell), pp. 604.

2014. *The Cambridge Companion to Utilitarianism*, edited with Ben Eggleston (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press), 387 pp. Reviewed in [Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews](#).

2011. *John Stuart Mill and the Art of Life*, edited with Ben Eggleston and David Weinstein (New York: Oxford University Press), 304 pp. Reviewed in [Ethics](#); [Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews](#); [Philosophical Quarterly](#); [Utilitas](#).

2000. *Morality, Rules, and Consequences: A Critical Reader*, edited with Brad Hooker and Elinor Mason (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press), 260 pp. (Published in North America by Rowman and Littlefield.)

Journal Articles (18) and Book Chapters (14)

2020 (anticipated). "Rule Consequentialism and Climate Change," in *Moral Theory and Climate Change: Ethical Perspectives on a Warming Planet*.

2017. "Mill's Act-Utilitarian Interpreters on *Utilitarianism* Chapter V Paragraph 14," *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 47:5, pp. 674–93, DOI: 10.1080/00455091.2017.1286822. [Read](#)

2017. "Mill on the Family," *A Companion to Mill*, pp. 472–87.

2016. "Reluctant Florists, Same-Sex Weddings, and Mill's Doctrine of Liberty," *Public Affairs Quarterly* 30:4, pp. 287–311. [Read](#)

2015. "The Place of Plural Voting in Mill's Conception of Representative Government," *Review of Politics* 77:3, pp. 399–423, DOI: 10.1017/S0034670515000340. [Read](#)

2015. "Mill's Conception of Pleasure: Meeting West in the Middle," *Southwest Philosophy Review* 31:1, pp. 157–66, DOI: 10.5840/swphilreview201531116. [Read](#)

2014. "'Freedom and Resentment' and Consequentialism: Why 'Strawson's Point' Is Not Strawson's Point," *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* 8:2, pp. 1–22. DOI: 10.26556/jesp.v8i2.79. [Read](#)

2014. "John Stuart Mill's Moral, Social, and Political Philosophy," *Oxford Handbook of British Philosophy in the Nineteenth Century*, ed. William Mander (Oxford University Press), pp. 365–82, DOI: 10.1093/oxfordhb/9780199594474.013.025. [Read](#)

2014. "Rule Utilitarianism," *The Cambridge Companion to Utilitarianism*, pp. 146–65, DOI: 10.1017/CCO9781139096737.008. [Read](#)

2014. "Introduction," with Ben Eggleston, *The Cambridge Companion to Utilitarianism*, pp. 1–15, DOI: 10.1017/CCO9781139096737.001. [Read](#)

2014. "Reactive Attitudes and the Hare-Williams Debate: Towards a New Consequentialist Moral Psychology," *The Philosophical Quarterly* 64:254, pp. 39–59, DOI: 10.1093/pq/pqt010. [Read](#)

2013. "Hooker on Rule Consequentialism and Virtue," *Utilitas* 25:3, pp. 421–32, DOI: 10.1017/S0953820812000416. [Read](#)

2012. "Consequentialism and Utilitarianism," *Routledge Companion to Political and Social Philosophy*, eds. Gerald Gaus and Fred D'Augustino (Routledge), pp. 329–41, DOI: 10.4324/9780203092231.
2012. "Mill's Division of Morality," *Mill On Justice*, ed. Leonard Kahn (Palgrave Macmillan), pp. 70–89, DOI: 10.1057/9780230354975_4. [Read](#)
2011. "Mill, Rule Utilitarianism, and the Incoherence Objection," *John Stuart Mill and the Art of Life*, pp. 94–116, DOI: 10.1093/acprof:oso/9780195381245.001.0001. [Read](#)
2011. "Introduction," with Ben Eggleston and David Weinstein, *John Stuart Mill and the Art of Life*, pp. 3–18, DOI: 10.1093/acprof:oso/9780195381245.003.0001. [Read](#)
2010. "Brown on Mill's Moral Theory: A Critical Response," *Politics, Philosophy and Economics* 9:1, pp. 47–66, DOI: 10.1177/1470594X09345857. [Read](#)
2008. "Mill's Misleading Moral Mathematics," with Ben Eggleston, *Southwest Philosophy Review* 24:1, pp. 153–61, DOI: 10.5840/swphilreview200824131. [Read](#)
2007. "India House Utilitarianism: A First Look," with Ben Eggleston, *Southwest Philosophy Review* 23:1, pp. 39–47, DOI: 10.5840/swphilreview20072314. [Read](#)
2006. "Mill's Theory of Sanctions," *Blackwell Guide to Mill's Utilitarianism*, ed. Henry West (Blackwell), pp. 159–73, DOI: 10.1002/9780470776483.ch11. [Read](#)
2005. "Moral Expertise: A Millian Perspective," *Ethics Expertise: History, Contemporary Perspectives, and Applications*, ed. Lisa M. Rasmussen (Springer), pp. 73–87, DOI: 10.1007%2F1-4020-3820-8_5. [Read](#)
2005. "Reparations for Emancipation: Mill's Vindication of the Rights of Slave Owners," *Southern Journal of Philosophy* XLIII:2, pp. 245–65, DOI: 10.1111/j.2041-6962.2005.tb01953.x. [Read](#)
2004. "Terminating Employees for Their Political Speech," *Business and Society Review* 109:2, pp. 225–43, DOI: 10.1111/j.0045-3609.2004.00193.x. [Read](#)
2003. "Sympathy Versus Spontaneity: A Tension in Mill's Conception of Human Perfection," *The International Journal of Politics and Ethics* 3:2, pp. 173–88.
2003. "Mill's 'Socialism,'" *Politics, Philosophy and Economics* 2:2, pp. 213–38, DOI: 10.1177/1470594X03002002004. [Read](#)
2003. "Actual-Consequence Act Utilitarianism and the Best Possible Humans," *Ratio* XVI:1, pp. 49–62, DOI: 10.1111/1467-9329.00205. [Read](#)
2002. "Campaign Ethics: Self-Interest or Civic Responsibility?," with Stephen K. Medvic, *Shades of Gray: Perspectives on Campaign Ethics*. eds. Candice J. Nelson, Stephen K. Medvic and David A. Dulio (Brookings Institute), pp. 18–38.
2001. "Atomists, Liberals, and Civic Republicans: Taylor on the Ontology of Citizenship," *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 79:4, pp. 465–78, DOI: 10.1080/713659303. [Read](#)
2000. "Hooker's Use and Abuse of Reflective Equilibrium," *Morality, Rules, and Consequences: A Critical Reader*, pp. 156–78.
2000. "Introduction," with Brad Hooker and Elinor Mason, *Morality, Rules, and Consequences: A Critical Reader*, pp. 1–5.
2000. "John Stuart Mill's Civic Liberalism," *History of Political Thought* XXI:1, pp. 88–113.
1998. "Internal Sanctions in Mill's Moral Psychology," *Utilitas* 10:1, pp. 68–81, DOI: 10.1017/S0953820800006002. [Read](#)

Public Philosophy

2017. "John Stuart Mill and Charlottesville." *The Civil American* 2:4. [Read](#)

Discussion Notes

2016. "Mill's 'Nature': Reply to Piers H. G. Stephens," *Environmental Ethics* 38:1, pp. 127–8. [Read](#)
2006. "Utilitarianism and the Headache That Just Won't Go Away: Reply to Cain," *Southwest Philosophy Review* 22:2, pp. 147–9, DOI: 10.5840/swphilreview200622246. [Read](#)
2004. "One Meat-Eater's *Modus Ponens*...: Response to Norcross," *Southwest Philosophy Review* 20:2, pp.175–7, DOI: 10.5840/swphilreview200420242. [Read](#)
2003. "On Millgram on Mill," *Utilitas* 16:1, pp. 96–108, DOI: 10.1017/S0953820803001080. [Read](#)
2003. "Axiological Actualism and the Converse Intuition: Response to Parsons," *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 81:1, pp. 123–5. [Read](#)

Book Reviews

2014. Frederick Rosen, *Mill, Mind* 123:492, pp. 1242–5, DOI: 10.1093/mind/fzu134. [Read](#)
2014. Jonathan Haidt, *The Righteous Mind: Why Good People Are Divided by Politics and Religion*, *Utilitas* 26:1, pp. 124–7, DOI: 10.1017/s0953820813000253. [Read](#)
2004. Georgios Varouxakis, *Mill on Nationality*, *Utilitas* 16:2, pp. 231–3, DOI: 10.1017/s0953820804240596. [Read](#)
2001. Richard B. Brandt, *Facts, Values, and Morality*, *Mind* 110:437, pp. 187–90.
2000. R. M. Hare, *Sorting Out Ethics*, *Utilitas* 12:2, pp. 241–3, DOI: 10.1017/s0953820804240596. [Read](#)
2000. William Shaw, *Contemporary Ethics: Taking Account of Utilitarianism*, *APA Newsletter on Teaching* 99:2, pp. 274–5.
1999. John Skorupski, ed. *The Cambridge Companion to Mill*, *Philosophy in Review/Competes rendus philosophiques* XIX: 6, pp. 447–51.
1998. Roger Crisp, *Routledge Philosophy Guidebook to Mill on Utilitarianism* and Maria Morales, *Perfect Equality: John Stuart Mill on Well-Constituted Communities*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 76:3, pp. 506–8.
1998. Ronald J. Terchek, *Republican Paradoxes and Liberal Anxieties.*, *Utilitas* 10:2, pp. 257–60, DOI: 10.1017/s0953820800006178. [Read](#)

Other Published Work

2013. "Utilitarianism," *Theory in Social and Cultural Anthropology: An Encyclopedia*, eds. R. Jon McGee and Richard L. Warmes (Sage), pp. 886–8, DOI: 10.4135/9781452276311.n289. [Read](#)
2013. "Harriet Taylor Mill," *Encyclopedia of Utilitarianism*, ed. Jim Crimmins (Bloomsbury Academic), pp. 338–41.
2013. "Harriet Taylor Mill." *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, <http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/harriet-mill/>. Originally published 2002; first major revision 2009. [Read](#)
2004. "John Stuart Mill," *Biographical Dictionary of British Economists* (Thoemmes).
2002. Endnotes and commentary for *The Basic Writings of John Stuart Mill: On Liberty, The Subjection of Women, and Utilitarianism* (Random House).
2002. "John Stuart Mill," "James Fitzjames Stephen," and "William Thornton," *Biographical Dictionary of Nineteenth Century British Philosophers* (Thoemmes).

Invited Talks and Lectures

2015. "Should College Graduates Get Extra Votes?" Senior Scholar Lecture, Old Dominion University College of Arts and Letters.
2014. "Was 'Strawson's Point' Really Strawson's Point? Darwall, Reactive Attitudes, and Consequentialism," Wichita State University Philosophy Department. Also presented at the Universität Hamburg, 2014.
2013. "J. S. Mill, R. M. Hare, and 'I. I. Utilitarianism,'" Universität Hamburg. [Watch](#)
2013. "Reactive Attitudes and the Hare-Williams Debate," College of William and Mary Philosophy Department.
2008. "Mill, Rule Utilitarianism, and the Incoherence Objection," Virginia Commonwealth University Philosophy Department.
2007. "Mill's Utopian Utilitarianism," University of Kansas Department of Philosophy.
2007. "Why We Cannot Be Obligated to Produce the Best Result," Wichita State University Department of Philosophy.
2006. "Is Millian Rule Utilitarianism Coherent?" College of William and Mary Colloquium on John Stuart Mill. Also presented at the University of St. Andrews Philosophy Colloquium, 2007.
2001. "John Stuart Mill's Civic Liberalism," Kokugakuin University, Tokyo, Japan.
2001. "John Stuart Mill on Character and Liberty," Kokugakuin University, Tokyo, Japan. Also presented at the ODU College of Arts and Letters Faculty Forum, 2001.

Conference Participation

2018. "Rule Consequentialism: Our Climate's Last Best Hope." Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society Meeting. Also read at the International Society for Utilitarian Studies conference.
2017. Invited Commentary, Robert Gruber, "The Mismatch Problem for Expected Utility Act Consequentialism," American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting.
2017. "Compunction, Buck-Passing, and Moral Reasons," American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting.
2016. "In Defense of a Rule-Utilitarian Reading of Mill's Theory of Morality," International Society for Utilitarian Studies Conference.
2016. Invited Commentary, Spencer Case, "Rethinking Demandingness: Why Satisficing Consequentialism and Scalar Consequentialism are not Less Demanding than Maximizing Consequentialism," American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting.
2016. Invited Commentary, Jeffrey Howard, "Kidnapped: The Ethics of Paying Ransoms," American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting.
2014. Invited Plenary Presentation, "The Place of Plural Voting in Mill's Conception of Representative Government," John Stuart Mill Konferenz, Bucerius Law School, Hamburg.
2014. Invited Commentary, Peter Zuk, "The (Anti-)Real(ist) Mill." American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting.
2014. "Mill's Conception of Pleasure: Meeting West in the Middle," Kansas Philosophical Society Conference [due to my weather-related absence, the paper was read by Susan Castro]. Also read at the Southwestern Philosophical Society Meeting, 2014.
2012. "'In a Cool Hour': Reactive Attitudes and the Hare-Williams Debate," International Society for Utilitarian Studies Conference.
2008. "Brown on Mill's Moral Theory: A Critical Response," International Society for Utilitarian Studies Conference.
2008. Invited Commentary, Evan Kreider, "Mill on Happiness," University of Colorado Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress.

2008. "Mill's Misleading Moral Mathematics," with Ben Eggleston, American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting (presented jointly). Also read at the Southwestern Philosophical Society Meeting, 2007 (presented jointly).
2007. "India House Utilitarianism," with Ben Eggleston, American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting (presented jointly). Also read at the Mountain Plains Philosophy Conference, 2006 (presented jointly), the Southwestern Philosophical Society Meeting, 2006 (presented by Eggleston), and the Central States Philosophy Association Meeting, 2006 (presented by Eggleston).
2006. Invited Presentation, "Mill's Utopian Utilitarianism," Canadian Political Science Association. Also presented at the International Society for Utilitarian Studies Conference, 2005.
2006. Invited Participant, Plenary Roundtable Session, John Stuart Mill Bicentennial Conference, International Society for Utilitarian Studies.
2006. "Is Millian Rule Utilitarianism Coherent?" John Stuart Mill Bicentennial Conference, International Society for Utilitarian Studies.
2005. "Reparations for Emancipation: Mill's Vindication of the Rights of Slave Owners," Political Studies Association Conference.
2005. Invited Commentary, Monica L. Gerrek, "Another Look Into 'The Moral Status of Animals in Eighteenth-Century British Philosophy,'" Group Meeting of the Society for the Study of Ethics and Animals, American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting.
2004. "J. S. Mill on Slavery," American Political Science Association Conference.
2004. Invited Commentary, Anand J. Vaidya, "A Response to Some Common Criticisms of Medical Ethics," International Symposium on Theoretical and Applied Ethics.
2003. Invited Commentary, Alastair Norcross, "Torturing Puppies and Eating Meat: It's All in Good Taste," Southwestern Philosophical Society Meeting.
2003. "Defending Mill Against Millgram," International Society for Utilitarian Studies Conference.
2002. "Actual-Consequence Act Utilitarianism and the Best Possible Humans," Virginia Philosophical Association Conference.
2002. Invited Commentary, panel title: "Can Liberal Proceduralism Be Neutral?" American Political Science Association Conference.
2002. "Sympathy, Unity, and Individuality: The Incoherence of Mill's Conception of Human Perfection," U.K. Association of Legal and Social Philosophy Annual Conference ("The Ethics of Altruism").
2002. "Mill's Socialism," Group Meeting of the International Economics and Philosophy Society, American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting. Also read at the Northeastern Political Science Association Conference.
2002. "Political Ethics," with Stephen K. Medvic, Third Annual Society for Ethics Across the Curriculum Conference.
2000. "Atomists, Liberals, and Civic Republicans: Taylor on the Ontology of Citizenship," Virginia Philosophical Association Conference.
2000. "Harsanyi on the Superiority of Rule- to Act-Utilitarianism," International Society for Utilitarian Studies Conference.
1998. "Reflective Equilibrium and Hooker's Rule-Consequentialism." American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting. Also read at the International Society for Utilitarian Studies Conference.
1997. Invited Commentary, David Mayo and Martin Gunderson, "Same-Sex Marriage: A Critique of the Leftist Critique," Minnesota Philosophy Society Meeting.
1997. "John Stuart Mill's Civic Liberalism." University of Manchester Graduate Conference on Political Thought. Also read at the Minnesota Philosophical Society Meeting.
1996. "Mill on the Internal Sanction." American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting.

Professional Service

Article/Paper Reviewer: *American Philosophical Quarterly*; *American Political Science Review*; *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*; *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*; British Society for Ethical Theory Conference; *Canadian Journal of Law and Jurisprudence*; *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*; *Canadian Journal of Political Science*; *Constellations*; *Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review*; *Economics and Philosophy*; *Ethical Perspectives*; *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*; *Ethics*; *European Journal of Political Theory*; *The Historical Journal*; *History of European Ideas*; *History of Political Thought*; *Hypatia: A Journal of Feminist Philosophy*; *International Journal of Social Economics*; *Journal of Applied Philosophy*; *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*; *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*; *Journal of the History of Philosophy*; *Journal of Moral Philosophy*; *Journal of Philosophical Research*; *Journal of Politics*; *Journal of Value Inquiry*; *Kriterion*; *Legal Theory*; *Mind*; *Open Library of Humanities*; *Philosophers' Imprint*; *Philosophical Papers*; *The Philosophical Quarterly*; *Philosophical Studies*; *Political Studies*; *Politics and Ethics Review*; *Politics, Philosophy and Economics*; *Public Affairs Quarterly*; *Public Integrity*; *Ratio*; *Res Publica*; *The Reasoner*; *Review of Politics*; *Social Theory and Practice*; *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*; Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology Conference; *Southwestern Philosophical Review*; Southwestern Philosophical Society Conference; *Studies in the History of Ethics*; *Utilitas*

Book Manuscript, Book Proposal, and Journal Proposal Reviewer: Broadview Press; Cambridge University Press; Oxford University Press (UK); Palgrave MacMillan; Peter Lang; Routledge; Sage Publications; Springer; Wadsworth

University Service

ODU Human Subjects Institutional Review Board Member, Fall 2006, Fall 2014, Fall 2015–Spring 2017

ODU University Research Integrity Inquiry Committee, pool member, 2011–

ODU Faculty Senate, 2011–13, 2015–2017

Chair, Senate Administration, Finance, and Academic Support Services Committee, Fall 2015–2017

Professional Development Activities

2010. Attendee, Colonial Academic Alliance department chair workshop

2010. Attendee, Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences department chair workshop

Regularly Taught Courses

Undergraduate: Business Ethics; Environmental Ethics

Blended Undergraduate and Graduate: Foundations of Ethics; Social and Political Philosophy; Philosophy of Law; Philosophy of Work

Other Courses Taught

Undergraduate: Introduction to Philosophy; Computer Ethics

Blended Undergraduate and Graduate: J. S. Mill; War, Terror and Patriotism; Political Ethics

Graduate: Global Ethics and Human Rights; Utilitarianism (Hamburg); Bentham and Mill on Democracy (Hamburg)