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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION: Social and Political Philosophy, Bioethics, Philosophy of Disability

EDUCATION

- 2013 Ph.D., Philosophy, Brown University. Dissertation, “Understanding Global Injustice”, supervised by David Estlund, Charles Larmore, James Dreier
- 2006 M.A., Philosophy, Georgia State University
- 2003 B.A. & B.S., (mostly) Philosophy and Mathematics (but no official majors), The Evergreen State College

APPOINTMENTS

- 2016- Assistant Professor and Senior Research Scholar, Department of Philosophy and Kennedy Institute of Ethics, Georgetown University.
- 2016-17 Adjunct Professor (summer), Center for Bioethics, New York University
- 2015-16 Visiting Researcher, Department of Bioethics, National Institutes of Health
- 2014-15 Professorial Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, George Washington University
- 2013-15 Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Bioethics, National Institutes of Health
- 2012-13 Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Advanced Studies *Justitia Amplificata*, Goethe University, Frankfurt

PUBLISHED AND ACCEPTED PAPERS (** = anonymous submission and/or review)

- 2022 “(Owning) our bodies, (owning) our selves?” (forthcoming in *Oxford Studies in Political Philosophy*)
- 2022 “What We Argue About When We Argue About Death” (forthcoming in the *Journal of Medicine & Philosophy*)
- 2022 “Disability: Definitions and Models” (with David Wasserman) in *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*
- 2022 Homophobia and Conversion “Therapies” (with Candice Delmas) in *The Routledge Handbook of Sex and Sexuality* (Chambers, Earp, and Watson eds., forthcoming).
- 2022 “Disability and the Definition of Health” in *The Disability Bioethics Reader* (Reynolds & Wieseler, eds., forthcoming for Routledge)
- 2021 “What Justifies the Allocation of Scarce Health Care Resources to Patients with Disorders of Consciousness: Response to Commentaries” (with Andrew Peterson & David Wasserman) *AJOB Neuroscience*, vol 12 no 4.

- 2021 “The Place of Philosophy in Bioethics” (with Jennifer Blumenthal-Barbie et al.) online first at *The American Journal of Bioethics*
- 2021 “Bodily Rights in Personal Ventilators?” (with David Wasserman) –*The Journal of Applied Philosophy* vol 39 no 1
- 2021 “Vital prostheses: Killing, letting die, and the ethics of de-implantation” –*Bioethics*, vol 32 no 5
- 2020 “Disability, Society, and Personal Transformation” –*Journal of Moral Philosophy*. Vol. 18 no 1.
- 2020 “What Justifies the Allocation of Health Care Resources to Patients with Disorders of Consciousness” (with Wasserman and Andrew Peterson)– *The American Journal of Bioethics – Neuroscience* vol 12., no 2-3
- 2019 “You Didn’t Build that! Equality and Productivity in a Complex Society” –*Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* vol. 98, no. 1
- 2019 “Prosthetic Embodiment” –*Synthese* no 198
- 2019 “Disability and Evaluative Diversity” –*Oxford Handbook of Disability and Philosophy*, Cureton and Wasserman eds.
- 2019 “Some notes on the nature and limits of posthumous rights: a response to Persad” – *Journal of Medical Ethics*
- 2019 “Who Owns the Data in a Medical Information Commons?” (with Amy L. McGuire, Jessica Roberts, and Barbara J. Evans) *Journal of Law, Medicine, and Ethics* vol. 47 no. 1
- 2018 “Sexual Re-orientation in Ideal and Non-Ideal Theory” (with Candice Delmas) *Journal of Political Philosophy* vol. 26 no. 4.
- 2018 “On Valuing Impairment” (with Dana Howard) *Philosophical Studies* vol. 175, no. 5 (special issue, selections from 2017 Pacific APA)
- 2018 “New Frontiers in Surgery: The Case of Penis and Uterine Transplantation” (with Gennaro Selvaggi) in *The Idea of Scientific Freedom II*, Harris and Giordano eds., (Manchester University Press)
- 2017 “Discrimination and Disability” (with David Wasserman) in *The Routledge Handbook of the Ethics of Discrimination*, Kasper Lippert-Rasmussen ed.
- 2016 “Disabled – therefore, Unhealthy?” –*Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, vol. 19 no. 5
- 2016 “Natural and Social Inequality: Disability and Fair Equality of Opportunity” (first author, with David Wasserman) – *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, vol. 13 no. 5
- 2016 “The Ethics of Sexual Reorientation: What should Clinicians and Researchers do?” (with Candice Delmas) – *Journal of Medical Ethics*, vol. 42. no 6
- 2016 “Disability, Disease, and Health Sufficiency” (with David Wasserman) in *How Much is Enough?* Fourier and Rid., eds., Oxford University Press
- 2016 “BCIs and Disability: Enhancement, Environmental Modification, and Embodiment” (with David Wasserman) *Brain-Computer Interfaces*, vol. 3 no. 3.

- 2016 “Brain-Computer Interfaces: Extending Embodiment, Reducing Stigma?”(second author, with David Wasserman) –*Journal of Medical Ethics*, vol. 42. no 1.
- 2015 “Distributing Collective Obligation” – *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* vol. 9 no. 3

SELECTED WORKS IN PROGRESS (some drafts available on request)

- 202X *The Political Philosophy of the Body* (working title, seven chapters at various stages of drafts)
- 202X *Fifty Puzzles, Problem Cases, and Thought Experiments in Bioethics* (with Collin O’Neill and Chiara Lepora, under contract at Routledge)
- 2022 “Moral Magic? On the power and limits of consent in clinical research”
- 2022 “Your Body – you, or Yours?”
- 2022 “On Defining Disability” (with Dana Howard)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

* = refereed

- 2022 APA Eastern Symposium (invited) “Inorganic Parts and the Nature of the Human Organism”
- 2021 Oxford Studies in Political Philosophy Workshop “(Owning) our bodies, (Owning) our selves?”*
- 2021 University of Chicago ,Neubauer Colloquium, Making Progress on Death “How to publicly justify the law on death”
- 2020 University of Utah Bioethics Reading Group: “Prosthetic Embodiment”
- 2020 American Society for Bioethics and Humanities: “Pain, suffering, and the (ir)relevance of human flourishing to health care justice: a debate”*
- 2020 Catholic Health Association. “Disability Discrimination and COVID-19”
- 2019 American Society for Bioethics and Humanities, “Equal Opportunity, Health, and Talent” *
- 2019 Workshop on Philosophical Bioethics, Baylor College of Medicine “What We Argue About When We Argue About Death”
- 2018 MANCEPT Panel on ‘Political Philosophy of the Body’, “(Owning) Our Bodies, (Owning) Ourselves?”*
- 2018 Princeton Workshop in Social Philosophy, “Before Year Zero: Political Philosophy and the Prehistory of Disability”*
- 2017 Department of Philosophy, Northeastern University “Why not Tax Bodies”
- 2017 Berman Institute of Ethics, Johns Hopkins University, “Disability and the Public Value of Health”

- 2017 Tennessee Valley Agency Conference, “Disability: Beyond (Health and) Well-Being”
- 2017 MANCEPT Panel on ‘Bio-Hacking’, “Incorporation, Enhancement, Inequality”*
- 2017 APA Eastern, committee session “Disability, Disease, Health Sufficiency” (co-authored with David Wasserman)
- 2015 Mid-Atlantic Bioethics Fellows Colloquium, “Fair Opportunity to Consent”
- 2013 Association for Legal and Social Philosophy, “Getting There and Staying There”*
- 2012 APA Pacific colloquium, “Understanding the Conceptual Interdependence of Justice and Injustice”*
- 2011 APA Pacific colloquium, “The Significance of Consequentialism”*
- 2011 APA Central colloquium, “Circularity and Normative Expressivism”*
- 2010 APA Eastern colloquium, “Necessity and (as?) Normativity”*
- 2010 Society for Social and Political Philosophy, at Eastern APA “Political Liberalism: Reasonable Hope, or Blind Faith?”*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Georgetown University

- Ethics of Embodiment (2019, 2021)
- Political and Social Thought (2020, 2021)
- Philosophy of Medicine (2020, co-taught with Dan Sulmasy)
- The Political Philosophy of the Body (Ph.D. seminars, 2017, 2020, 2022 different content)
- Bioethics (2017, 2020, 2022)
- Overcoming Injustice (2016)

New York University

- Research Ethics (graduate course, 2016 & 2017)
- (In)Justice in Global Health (graduate course, 2016)

George Washington University

- Economic Justice (graduate course, 2014 & 2015)

Brown University

- Critical Reasoning (2011 and 2012)
- Political Philosophy (TA, 2012); Philosophy of Law (TA, 2011)
- Deductive Logic (TA, 2008 and 2009); Existentialism (TA, 2007)

Georgia State University

- Critical Thinking (2006, 3x)

HONORS

- 2017-21 Greenwall Foundation Faculty Scholar in Bioethics (half-salary support for three years)
- 2006-11 Chancellor Stephen Robert Fellowship, Brown University

2005 Ralph K. Munster Fellowship, Department of Philosophy, Georgia State University

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2021- Co-organizer, NIH/Georgetown Joint Bioethics Colloquium
- 2019- Subject Editor (bioethics), *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*
- 2018- Organized panel “Political Philosophy of the Body”, MANCEPT 2018
- 2017- Associate Editor, *Theoretical Medicine and Bioethics*
- 2016- Consulting ethicist, NIDDK/NIAID Trialnet Data and Statistics Monitoring Board
- 2016- Instructor (typically one session/year), Fellows Seminar, NIH Department of Bioethics
- 2014-15 Clinical and Research Ethics Consultant, NIH Clinical Center
- 2015 Co-organizer, 1st Annual Mid-Atlantic Bioethics Fellows Colloquium
- 2013 Co-organizer, “Relational Injustice: Social and Global”, international conference held at Goethe University Frankfurt

REFERENCES

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