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### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2014- **Distinguished Teaching Professor, Department of Philosophy, SUNY College at Fredonia**
- 2013-2019 **Chair, Department of Philosophy, SUNY College at Fredonia**  
**Seminars:** Abortion, Autonomy, Distributive Justice, The Good, Population Ethics, People, Property Rights, Sex & Love, Torture  
**Classes:** Current Moral Issues, Ethics, Introduction to Philosophy, Libertarianism, Life and Death, Metaphysics, Philosophy of Civil Law, Philosophy of Criminal Law, Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Law, and Political Philosophy
- 2005-2013 **Professor, Department of Philosophy, SUNY College at Fredonia**
- 1998-2005 **Assistant /Associate Professor, Dept. of Philosophy, SUNY at Fredonia**
- 1997-1998 **Senior Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI**
- 1996 **Lecturer, Creighton School of Medicine and College of Arts & Sciences, Omaha, NE**
- 1995-1996 **Visiting Assistant Professor, Montana State University, Bozeman, MT**
- 1992-1994 **Lawyer Affiliated with Bruckner Law Firm and Rembolt, Ludtke, Parker, and Berger, Lincoln, NE.**  
Performed legal research and wrote motions and memorandum on corporate and personal-injury cases.
- 1990 **Summer Associate, Weil, Gotshal, and Manges, New York, NY.**  
Performed legal research and wrote motions and memorandum on various corporate, litigation, and securities matters. Received employment offer.

### EDUCATION

- 1991-1995 **University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Department of Philosophy, Lincoln, NE.**  
Ph.D. Completed: Aug. 1995; M.A. Completed, Dec. 1992.  
Dissertation Title: The Justification of Deserved Punishment.  
Supervisor: Robert Audi
- 1988-1991 **University of Pennsylvania School of Law, Philadelphia, PA.**  
J.D. cum laude, Completed: May 1991.
- 1984-1988 **Cornell University, Ithaca, NY.**  
B.A. Psychology, Completed: May 1988.  
Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi.
- 1986-1987 **Oxford University, Oxford, England.**  
Studied Philosophy and Psychology.

### AWARDS

- Distinguished Teaching Professor** (SUNY-wide promotion) 2014  
**Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities** (an award given each year for a single faculty member for excellence in scholarship) 2010

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- Robert W. Kasling Award** (an award given each year to a single faculty member for excellence in research) 2008
- William T. Hagan Award** (an award given each year to a single faculty member below the Professor level for excellence in research) 2003
- Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching** (an award given each year to a single faculty member for excellence in teaching) 2001-2002

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

- Desert Collapses: Why No One Deserves Anything* (New York: Routledge/Taylor & Francis, 2022)
- Total Collapse: The Case Against Morality and Responsibility* (Cham, Switzerland: Springer 2018)
- Abortion, Hell, and Shooting Abortion-Doctors: Does the Pro-Life Worldview Make Sense?* (New York: Routledge/Taylor & Francis Group, 2017)
- Pedophilia and Adult-Child Sex: A Philosophical Defense* (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2015)
- Gratitude Toward Veterans: A Philosophical Explanation of Why Americans Should Not Be Very Grateful to Veterans* (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2014)
- For Torture: A Rights-Based Defense* (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2012)
- Desert and Virtue: A Theory of Intrinsic Value* (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2010)
- Sex, Discrimination, and Violence* (Lanham, MD: University Press, 2009)
- Justice for the Past* (Albany, NY: SUNY-Press, 2004).
- Desert, Retribution, and Torture* (Lanham, MD: University Press, 2001).

### Articles

- "The Mathematics of Desert: Merit, Fit, and Well-Being," *Philosophies*, February 9, 2022, <https://www.mdpi.com/2409-9287/7/1/18>, (co-authored with Michael Tooley)
- "Bioethics and Non-Consequentialism," *International Journal of Applied Philosophy* 35:2 (2021): 289-307
- "How to Rank Teams," *Philosophia* 50:2 (2021): 567-579 (co-authored with James Delaney)
- "The Sabermetrics of Medical School Admissions," *International Journal of Applied Philosophy* 35:1 (2021): 45-63
- "The Right-Based Argument Against the Doctrine of Double Effect," *International Journal of Applied Philosophy* 34:1 (2020): 137-156 (co-authored with Robert Kelly)
- "Love is Independent of Moral Responsibility," *International Journal of Applied Philosophy* 34:1 (2020): 137-156
- "The Paradox of Consent," *International Journal of Applied Philosophy* 33:2 (2020): 305-318
- "Rights and Consent in Mixed Martial Arts," *The Journal of Philosophy of Sport* 47 (2019): 105-120 (co-authored with Robert Kelly)
- "For Discounting Women's Applications When Hiring," *Philosophia* 48 (2019): 227-260

- “Consequentialism and the Case of Symmetrical Attackers,” *Utilitas* 31 (2019): 395-413
- “In Defense of Asian Romantic Preference,” *International Journal of Applied Philosophy* 32 (2018): 243-256
- “The Duty to Report Atrocities,” *Reason Papers* 40 (2018): 33-65, [https://reasonpapers.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/rp\\_402.pdf](https://reasonpapers.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/rp_402.pdf)
- “For Ownership Theory: A Response to Nicholas Dixon,” *Sport, Ethics, & Philosophy* 12:2 (2018): 226-235
- “Shareholder Theory in Academia,” *Business and Professional Ethics* 36 (2017): 359-382
- “Avoiding Excessive Gratitude Toward Veterans and Why It Matters: A Response to Michael Robillard and Pauline Shanks Kaurin,” *Reason Papers* 39 (2017): 83-96, [https://reasonpapers.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/rp\\_391.pdf](https://reasonpapers.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/rp_391.pdf)
- “Does the Emolument Rule Exist for the President?” *International Journal of Applied Philosophy* 31 (2017): 31-43
- “Forfeiture Theory and Symmetrical Attackers,” *Criminal Justice Ethics* (July 2017): 1-22
- “A New Argument for the Irrelevance of Equality for Intrinsic Value” (co-authored with Duncan Purves) *Philosophia* 45 (2017): 277-297
- “Ta-Nehisi Coates’ Case for Reparations and Spiritual Awakening: The Failure of Liberal Imagination,” *The Critique*, July 14, 2016, <http://www.thecritique.com/articles/ta-nehisi-coates-case-for-reparations-spiritual-awakening/>
- “Quantifying Health Across Populations,” *Bioethics* 30 (2016): 451-461
- “Does the Pro-Life Position Entail the Permissibility of Assassinating Abortion-Doctors?” *What’s Wrong?* March 16, 2016, <http://whatswrongcvsp.com/2016/03/16/does-the-pro-life-position-entail-the-permissibility-of-killing-abortion-providers/>
- “The Moral Rules of Trash-Talking: Morality and Ownership,” *Sports, Ethics & Philosophy: Journal of the British Philosophy of Sport Association* 9 (2015): 303-323
- “Rights, virtue, and David Boonin’s defense of the implausible conclusion of the non-identity problem,” *Science, Religion and Culture*, 2 (2015): 102-107, <http://smithandfranklin.com/current-issues/Rights-Virtue-and-David-Boonins-Defense-of-the-Implausible-Conclusion-of-the-Non-Identity-Problem/9/8/143/html#ICdiKOhdD58kbbpB.99>
- “Responsibility and Foundationalism,” *Philosophia* 43 (2015): 381-402
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- “Consent-Based Permission to Kill People and Break Their Things,” *Reason Papers* 37 (2015): 34-53
- “Meaning in Life Does Not Exist and Would Not Focus on Rationality If It Did,” *Science, Religion, & Culture*, July 17, 2014, <http://smithandfranklin.com/current-issues/Meaning-in-Life-Does-Not-Exist-and-Would-Not-Focus-on-rationality-if-it-did/9/11/26/html>.

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“Does Necessity Justify Punishment?” *Public Affairs Quarterly* 26 (2012): 71-79

“The Morality of Faking Orgasms: Deception in a Dishonest World,” *International Journal of Applied Philosophy* 26 (2012): 85-104

“The Most-Valuable-Player Problem Remains Unsolved,” *Journal of Philosophy of Sport* 38 (2011): 167-174

“Extremely Harsh Treatment,” *Reason Papers* 33 (2011): 60-81

“Libertarian Arguments for Anarchism,” *Reason Papers* 33 (2011): 137-143

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“The Forfeiture Theory of Punishment: Surviving Boonin’s Objections,” *Public Affairs Quarterly* 24 (2010): 319-334

“The Complex Experiential Theory of Pleasure,” *Journal of Value Inquiry* 44 (2010): 153-165

“Hell, Threshold Deontology, and Abortion,” *Philosophia Christi* 12 (2010): 115-136

“Some Difficult Intuitions for the Principle of Universality,” *Utilitas* 21 (2009): 478-488

“The Time of Intrinsic Value,” *Journal of Value Inquiry* 42 (2008): 317-329

“Desert Tracks Character Alone,” *The International Journal of Applied Philosophy* 22 (2008): 71-81

“Rape Fantasies and Virtue,” *Public Affairs Quarterly* 22 (2008): 253-268

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“Hurka’s Theory of Virtue,” *Philosophia* 34 (2006): 159-168

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“For Interrogational Torture,” *International Journal of Applied Philosophy* 19 (2005): 223-241

“The Injustice of Hell,” *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 58 (2005): 103-123

“Assassination and the Immunity Theory,” *Philosophia* 33 (2005): 129-147

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“The Structure of Rights Forfeiture in the Context of Culpable Wrongdoing,” *Philosophia*, 29 (2002): 57-88

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“Reflexive Retributive Duties,” *Jahrbuch fur Recht und Ethik* 8 (2000): 1-14

“Mercy and Harsh Punishment,” *Aristoi* 2 (2000): 25-28

“Intrinsic Moral Value and Racial Differences,” *Public Affairs Quarterly* 14 (2000): 205-224

“A Defense of Retributivism,” *International Journal of Applied Philosophy* 14 (2000): 97-117

“There is No Right to Immigrate to the United States,” *Public Affairs Quarterly* 14 (2000): 141-158

“Objections to the Systematic Imposition of Punitive Torture,” *The International Journal of Applied Philosophy*, 13 (1999): 47-56

"Uncertain Damages to Racial Minorities and Strong Affirmative Action," *Public Affairs Quarterly* 13 (1999): 83-98

"Strong Affirmative Action Programs and Disproportionate Burdens," *The Journal of Value Inquiry* 33 (1999): 201-209

"Are the Descendants of Slaves Owed Compensation for Slavery?", *Journal of Applied Philosophy*, 16 (1999): 95-101

"An Argument for Punitive Torture," *Hamline Journal of Law and Public Policy* 19 (1998): 497-528

"Strong Affirmative Action Programs at State Educational Institutions Cannot Be Justified Via Compensatory Justice," *Public Affairs Quarterly* 11 (1997): 345-364

"The Basis of Deserved Punishment is a Culpable Wrongdoing," *Jahrbuch fur Recht und Ethik* 5 (1997): 1-20

"George Sher's Theory of Deserved Punishment and the Victimized Wrongdoer," *Social Theory and Practice* 23 (1997): 75-91

"The Justification of Deserved Punishment via General Moral Principles," *The Southern Journal of Philosophy* 33 (1995): 461-484

"Kant on Freedom and the Appropriate Punishment," *Jahrbuch fur Recht und Ethik* 3 (1995): 309-326

### **Book Chapters**

"Proportionality Collapses: The Search for an Adequate Equation for Proportionality," in Mathew Adler, ed., *Essays on the Criminal Law* (2022), forthcoming

"Are College Sports Moral Free Zones?" *Studies in Philosophy of Sport* (Washington, DC: Lexington Books, 2022), forthcoming

"Should Statutory Rape be a Crime?" in David Boonin, ed., *Philosophy of Sex* (London: Palgrave MacMillan, 2022), 339-356

"Affirmative Action: Response to the Procedural Argument," in Bob Fischer, ed., *Ethics, Left and Right: The Moral Issues that Divide Us* (New York: Oxford University, 2018), 563-565

"Affirmative Action: Unjust, Wrong, and Bad," in Bob Fischer, ed., *Ethics, Left and Right: The Moral Issues that Divide Us* (New York: Oxford University, 2018), 546-554

"An Axiomatic Theory of Just War: Forfeiture Theory," in Ryan Jenkins and Bradley Jay Strawser, eds., *Who Should Die? The Ethics in Killing in War* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2016), 118-141

"Torture, in Britt Holbrook and Carl Mitcham, eds., *Ethics, Science, Technology, and Engineering* 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed. (Farmington Hills, MI: Macmillan Reference, 2013), forthcoming

"The Moral Duty to Obey a Military Order," *The Ethics of Vicarious Warfare* (U.S. Army Command and General Staff College Ethics, 2012).

"Autonomy Weapons Pose No Moral Problem," in Bradley Jay Strawser, ed., *Killing by Remote Control: The Ethics of Unmanned Military Weapons* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2012), 229-246

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“The Olympics and Steroids,” in Heather Reid and Michael Austin, eds., *The Olympics and Philosophy* (University of Kentucky Press, 2012)

“Paedophilia,” in Ruth Chadwick, ed., *Encyclopedia of Applied Ethics* (2010)

“Exploitation: It doesn’t exist and wouldn’t be wrong if it did,” in Paul Omoyefa, ed., *Basic Applied Ethics: A Multidisciplinary Approach* (Saarbrücken: VDM Verlag Dr Muller, 2010)

“The Right to Assassination,” in Robert McGee, ed., *When is Assassination Justified? Forthcoming*

“Punishment and Torture,” in Jesper Ryberg and J. Angelo Corlett, eds., *New Perspectives on the Ethics of Punishment* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2010), 130-148.

“Hell and Punishment,” in Joel Buenting, ed., *The Problem of Hell: A Philosophical Anthology* (Burlington, VT: Ashgate, 2010), 115-132

“Valuing Football Players,” in Michael Austin, ed., *Football and Philosophy: Going Deep* (University of Kentucky Press, 2008), 141-153

“Batman and Hatred,” in Mark White, ed., *Batman and Philosophy* (New York: Blackwell, 2008), 28-37

“Clinton Impeachment” Roger Chapman, ed., *Encyclopedia of the Culture Wars* (M.E. Sharpe, 2008)

“Pornography, Health, and Virtue,” in Raja Halwani, ed., *Sex and Ethics* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2007), 202-214

“Fantasy,” in Alan Soble, ed., *Philosophy of Sex Vol. 1* (Westport: Greenwood Press, 2006), 304-308

## **Book Reviews**

Michael Robillard and Bradley Jay Strawser, Outsourcing Duty: The Moral Exploitation of the American Soldier, *The Journal of Value Inquiry* (2022), *forthcoming*

Bruce Gilley, Review of *The Last Imperialist: Sir Alan Burns’ Epic Defense of the British Empire*, *Academic Questions* 35: 1 (2022): 155-158

John Martin Fischer, *Death, Immortality, and Meaning in Life* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2020), *Ethics* 130:4 (2020): 618-623

Rebecca Gordon, Mainstreaming Torture: Ethical Approaches in the Post – 9/11 United States (New York: Oxford University Press, 2014), *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, <http://ndpr.nd.edu/news/49068-mainstreaming-torture-ethical-approaches-in-the-post-9-11-united-states/>.

Deborah Hellman, *What Is Wrong With Discrimination?* (2008), *forthcoming in Ethics*

Michael Tonry, ed., *Retributivism Has a Past: Has It a Future?* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2011), *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 12 (2015): 1-4

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Fritz Allhoff, *Terrorism, Ticking Time-Bombs, and Torture*, in *International Journal of Intelligence Ethics* 3 (2012): 121-125

David Boonin, *Should Race Matter? Unusual Answers to the Usual Questions* (2011), forthcoming in *Law and Philosophy*

Michael J. Zimmerman, *The Immorality of Punishment* (2011) in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, <http://ndpr.nd.edu/news/26972-the-immorality-of-punishment/>

David Boonin, *The Problem of Punishment* (2008), *Law and Philosophy* 29 (2009): 627-632

Alan Wertheimer, *Consent to Sexual Relations* (2003) in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, <http://ndpr.nd.edu/review.cfm?id=1381>

Carl Cohen and James Sterba, *Affirmative Action and Racial Preference* (2003) in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, <http://ndpr.nd.edu/review.cfm?id=1456>

## PODCASTS

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“Abortion,” *Brain in a Vat Podcast* (Mark Oppenheimer and Jason Werberloff), February 6, 2022, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6NevdvJhFrM>

“Sexual Taboos,” *Brain in a Vat Podcast* (Mark Oppenheimer and Jason Werberloff), December 3, 2021, <https://podcasts.apple.com/za/podcast/sexual-taboos-stephen-kershna/id1509951964?i=1000549431543>

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“Stephen Kershna and Gabriel Andrade on the inconsistencies of the pro-life position,” *Gabriel Andrade Podcast*, November 11, 2020, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FPCXELBcFoA>

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## PRESENTATIONS

“Proportionality Collapses,” Romanell Center, State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo, New York, *scheduled for Saturday, June 26, 2022*

“Rights: Who Loves Ya, Baby?” Romanell Center, State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo, New York, *Saturday, May 28, 2022*

“Consequentialism and Abortion,” (via Microsoft Teams), University of St. Andrews University Reading Group, University of Saint Andrews, Saint Andrews, Scotland, *May 16, 2022*



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Lecture Series on *Total Collapse: The Case Against Responsibility and Morality* (via Microsoft Teams), University of St. Andrews University Reading Group, University of Saint Andrews, Saint Andrews, Scotland, April 1, 8, 2022

“Compensatory Justice Collapses: On the Basis of Medical Malpractice Law,” Romanell Center, State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo, New York, Saturday, March 20, 2022

“Does Reason-Responsiveness Make Someone Morally Responsible?” Romanell Center, State University at Buffalo, Buffalo, New York, Saturday, February 19, 2022

“Professors Boonin, Eberl, Gilles, and Kaczor: Four Ways to Disrespect Rights,” American Catholic Philosophical Association, Saint Louis, Missouri, Friday, November 19, 2021

“Physician-Assisted Suicide and the Right to Refuse Treatment,” Romanell Center, State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo, New York, Saturday, November 6, 2021, Debate with Canisius College’s Philip Reed

“Healthcare Policy Decisions in the Shadow of an Impossibility Argument Regarding the Good,” Romanell Center, State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo, New York, Friday, November 5, 2021

“Zero Shades of Grey: A Rejection of Degrees of Responsibility,” (with Bob Kelly), Romanell Center, State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo, New York, Saturday, October 9, 2021

“Time Keeps on Slippin', Slippin', Slippin' into the Future: Consequentialism and Time,” Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado at Boulder, Boulder, Colorado, Sunday, August 15, 2021

“The Case Against Morality,” Renegade University, Many locations via Zoom, Monday, May 17, 2021 and Monday 24, 2021

“Bioethics Collapses: The Problem of Coming to Own One’s Self,” Romanell Center, State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo, New York March 19, 2021

“Consequentialism Goes Down and Goes Down Hard: Neil Feit, Bobby Knight, Peyton Manning, and Similarity Silver Bullet,” American Philosophical Association, New York, New York, January 6, 2020

“Physician-Assisted Suicide, Rights, and Respect,” Debate with Professor Phil Reed, Niagara University, Lewiston, New York, September 28, 2020

“Does Desert Depend on Quantities of Responsibility?” Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress 13, Zoom, August 15, 2020

“What Do Animals Deserve?” 67<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Society for the Study of Ethics & Animals, Zoom, August 12, 2020

“For the Ownership Theory of Permissible Trash-Talking,” Invited Lecture, Niagara University, Lewiston, New York, March 13, 2020

“Puzzles in Desert-Adjusted QALYs: Circularity and Recursion,” Romanell Conference, State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo, New York, February 15, 2020

“Why Take the Risk? Abortion as a way to send one’s child to heaven,” American Catholic Philosophical Association, Minneapolis, Minnesota, November 22, 2019

“This is Your Brain on Drugs?” Public Debate on Dualism with Jim Delaney (Niagara University), State University of New York at Fredonia, November 13, 2019

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“The Crumbling Foundation of Bioethics: Rights in the Crosshairs,” Romanell Conference, State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo, New York, October 26, 2019

“Physician-Assisted Suicide: The State Does Not Own You,” Public Debate on Physician-Assisted Suicide with Philip Reed (Canisius College), State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo, New York, October 17, 2019

“Harm is in the Eye of the Beholder: Against the Counterfactual Comparative Theory of Harm,” Romanell Conference, State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo, New York, September 28, 2019

“Can Desert be Geometricized?” Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado at Boulder, Boulder, Colorado, August 10, 2019

“Why Christianity Sharply Conflicts with Contemporary Bioethics,” Romanell Conference, State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo, New York, June 27, 2019

“Space Wars and Property Rights,” International Society of Military Ethics, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado, June 29, 2019

“Should Physicians Be Permitted to Have Sex with Their Patients,” Romanell Conference, State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo, New York, April 13, 2109

“Healthcare is a Right, Not a Privilege: Is this True?” Ostapenko Workshop, Niagara University, Niagara, New York, Friday, April 5, 2019

“Against Compensatory Justice” The Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society, New Orleans, Louisiana, March 28-30, 2019

“The Metaphysics of Compensatory Justice,” American Association of Professional Ethics, Baltimore, Maryland, March 2, 2019

“Hey Mr. Embryo, how ya doing? Not well? Bummer. Bummer.” American Catholic Philosophical Association, San Diego, California, November 10, 2018

“Consequentialism and the Case of Symmetrical Attackers,” Creighton Club, Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York, November 3, 2018

“The Doctrine of Double Effect Fails Miserably: Jim Delaney’s, John Keller’s, and Phil Reed’s Theory Gets Two in the Back of the Head,” Romanell Conference, State University of New York at Buffalo, October 27, 2018

“For Liberty: Faculty and Student Free Speech on Campus,” Brown Bag Lecture Series, State University of New York at Fredonia, October 10, 2018

“The Sad and Untimely Death of Desert,” Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado at Boulder, August 11, 2018

“Informed Consent in Medicine is Bullshit,” Romanell Conference, State University of New York at Buffalo, July 27, 2018

“Ranking Responsibility: Some Concerns,” Blameless Buffalo Conference, State University of New York at Buffalo, June 12, 2018

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“Dial M for Murder: Time to Kill Desert,” Governor’s Lecture, Sponsored by the Romanell Center for Clinical Ethics and the Philosophy of Medicine, State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo, New York, March 16, 2018

“Does the Emolument Clause Exist for the President?” Association of Practical and Professional Ethics, Chicago, Illinois, March 3, 2018

“The Statistical Theory of Medical School Admissions,” Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus Lecture Series, January 16, 2018, State University of New York at Buffalo Medical School, Buffalo, New York

“Desert and Organ Transplantation: Should addicts, criminals, or welfare recipients should go to the end of the line?” Romanell Conference, State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo, New York, November 18, 2017

“For Abortion: Evicting Trespassers,” Public Debate with John Keller, State University of New York at Fredonia, Fredonia, New York, November 7 2017, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WdsVfHGxBuI>

“The Violent and Bloody Death of Rights,” Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado-Boulder, Boulder, Colorado, August 12, 2017

“Do Physicians Deserve to Make So Much Money? The Problem of Deserved Income,” Romanell Conference (formerly PANTC), State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo, New York, July 29, 2017

“For Ownership Theory: Still No Side-Constraints against Trash-Talking,” Canadian Philosophical Association, Ryerson University, Toronto, Canada, May 31, 2017

“Sex and Love When No One is Responsible,” Blameless Buffalo Conference, State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo, New York, May 20, 2017

“How Moral Rights Work and How This is Relevant for Medical Ethics,” Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus Lecture Series, May 16, 2016, State University of New York at Buffalo Medical School, Buffalo, New York

“Consent Doesn’t Matter and Rights Explain Why,” Consent to Sex Workshop, Rutgers University, Camden, New Jersey, April 28, 2017

“Overcriminalization and Rights: No Basis for Criticism,” Overcriminalization and Criminal Rights Conference, Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia, April 6, 2017

“Affirmative Action: Bad in Theory, Worse in Practice,” Public Debate with Robert Dahlgren, November 16, 2016, State University of New York at Fredonia, Fredonia, New York

“Against Commonsense Medical Ethics,” Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus Lecture Series, October 18, 2016, State University of New York at Buffalo Medical School, Buffalo, New York

“Filling Out Proportionality,” Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, Boulder, University of Colorado-Boulder, Colorado, August 12, 2016

“Affirmative Action is Unjust, Wrong, and Bad,” The Center for Values and Social Policy, University of Colorado-Boulder, Boulder, Colorado, August 10, 2016

“A Consequentialist Evaluation of Abortion: Maximizing, Satisficing, and Suction Curettaging,” PANTC Bioethics Conference, State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo, New York, July 30, 2016

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“Internalism and Moral Responsibility,” Blameless Buffalo Conference, State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo, New York, June 18, 2016

“Forfeiture Fails,” Regents Lecture, State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo, New York, May 9, 2015

Tanking in Theory and Practice: On why there is nothing intrinsically wrong with tanking,” Public Debate with James Delany, April 20, 2016, Niagara University, Niagara, New York

“For Atheism,” Public Debate with Dale Tuggy, April 6, 2016, State University of New York, Fredonia, New York, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0MJ8xlrMOvA>

“Consent Doesn’t Matter,” Ethics of Bodily Commodification Conference, The College of New Jersey, Ewing, New Jersey, April 2, 2016

“Statistical Discrimination at the Military Academies,” International Society for Military Ethics, Annapolis, Maryland, January 29, 2016

“Pro-Lifers are Committed to Assassinating Abortion-Doctors,” Regents Lecture, October 23, 2015, State University of New York, Buffalo, Buffalo, New York

“Against Moral Responsibility: The Search for a Foundation for Responsibility,” Public Debate with John Keller, State University of New York at Buffalo, October 22, 2015, State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo, New York, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WoPk36cTZLY>

“How Consent Works,” Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, August 9, 2015, University of Colorado-Boulder, Boulder, Colorado

“Are pedophilia and homosexuality diseases?” PANTC conference, State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo, New York, August 1, 2015

“What happens to morality given that no one is morally responsible?” Blameless Buffalo conference, State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo, New York, June 26, 2015

“How Healthy is a Population?” Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus Lecture Series, , State University of New York at Buffalo Medical School, Buffalo, New York, June 16, 2015

“Statistical Discrimination in Hiring and Promotion,” Ethics Awareness Event, School of Business, State University of New York at Fredonia, Fredonia, New York, April 29, 2015

“Why We Should Not Be Very Grateful to Veterans,” Georgia State University, The Jean Beer Blumenfeld Center for Ethics, Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia, February 26, 2015

“For Torture: A Right-Based Defense,” Georgia State University, February 26, 2015, Atlanta, Georgia, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i-BnfDDTetI>

“The Nature of Consent,” Regents Lecture Series, University of Buffalo Philosophy Department, January 30, 2015

“Are unwanted fetuses like rapists?” Society for Eastern Division Meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers, Niagara University, Lewiston, New York, November 8, 2014

“An Axiomatic Theory of Just War,” International Society for Military Ethics, University Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana, October 13, 2014

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“Moral Responsibility, Choices, and Character States,” Free Will conference, Center for Cognition and Neuroethics, Flint, Michigan, October 11, 2014

“Reporting Atrocities and Morality,” Rocky Mountain Ethics Conference, University of Colorado-Boulder, Boulder, Colorado, August 10, 2014

“Quantifying Health across Populations,” PANTC Philosophy Conference, State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo, New York, August 2, 2014

“You ain’t responsible for nothin’,” University of Buffalo Philosophy Department, State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo, New York, April 11, 2014

“Abortion and Rights,” Public Debate with Catherine Nolan, State University of New York at Buffalo, March 5, 2013, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mdhpwP1pcIs>

“Shareholder Theory and Academia,” Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Chicago, Illinois, February 2014

“Positive Duties in Business,” Ethics Awareness Event, School of Business, State University of New York at Fredonia, Fredonia, New York, October 9, 2013

“Reporting Atrocities,” University of Buffalo Philosophy Department, State University of New York at Buffalo, New York, September 20, 2013

“Limits to Criminalizing Sex,” Buffalo PANTC Bioethics Conference, State University of New York at Buffalo, August 2, 2013

“The Philosophy of Tipping,” American Catholic Philosophical Foundation, Niagara University, Niagara Falls, New York, April 20, 2013

“Pfc. Justin Watt and the Duty to Inform on One’s Fellow Officers,” United States Military Academy, West Point, New York, March 25, 2013

“Exploitation and Other Myths,” University of Buffalo Philosophy Department, Buffalo, New York, January 18, 2013

“Superior Officers and Orders,” US Army Command and General Staff Conference on Vicarious Warfare, Leavenworth, Kansas, December 4, 2012

“Obeying Orders,” Creighton Club 2012 Meeting, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Geneva, New York, November 10, 2012

“Exploitation and Fair Prices,” Ethics Awareness Event, School of Business, State University of New York at Fredonia, Fredonia, New York, November 7, 2012

“Are Races Equal?” Race, Resistance, and Reason Conference, State University of New York at Cortland, Cortland, New York, October 20, 2012

“The Moral Status of Faking Orgasms,” The 38<sup>th</sup> Conference on Value Inquiry, Salem State University, Salem, Massachusetts, April 21, 2012

“The Moral Duty to Obey Military Orders is at Most a Weak One,” United States Military Academy, West Point, New York, April 16, 2012

“Galen Strawson versus George Sher on Moral Responsibility,” Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Chicago, Illinois, February 16, 2012

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“Mental Disorder, Pedophilia, and Evolution,” American Catholic Philosophical Foundation, Niagara University, Niagara Falls, New York, November 12, 2011

“Attributionism as a Solution to the Impossibility Argument,” Eastern Regional Meeting Society of Christian Philosophers, New York, New York, March 18, 2011

“Gratitude and Veterans,” International Society of Military Ethics, University of San Diego, San Diego, California, January 26, 2011

“Should we be grateful to veterans?” United States Military Academy, West Point, New York, September 22, 2010

“The Nature of Torture,” 37<sup>th</sup> Conference on Value Inquiry, Southern Illinois State University, Carbondale, Illinois, April 16, 2010

“Torture and Side-Constraints,” International Society for Military Ethics, University of San Diego, San Diego, California, January 28, 2010

“Private Property and the Foundation of Libertarianism,” Campaign for Liberty, Rochester, New York, June 3, 2009

“A Tale of Two Theories: Restitution and Forfeiture,” The Problem of Punishment Forum, University of Colorado at Boulder, Boulder, Colorado, April 4, 2009

“Fair Prices and Exploitation,” The American Association for the Philosophical Study of Society at the Eastern Division American Philosophical Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, December 28, 2008

“Statistical Discrimination,” State University of New York at Geneseo, Geneseo, New York, October 17, 2008

“Counterintuitive Morality,” Thirty-Fourth Robert W. Kasling Memorial Lecture, State University of New York at Fredonia, Fredonia, New York, September 18, 2008

“Kantianism and Torture,” Western New York and Northwestern Pennsylvania Regional Meeting, American Catholic Philosophical Association, Niagara Falls, New York, April 19, 2008

“Can Christians be Pro-Life?” Eastern Regional Meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers, Niagara University, Niagara Falls, New York, April 18, 2008

“Valuing People: How to Value Centerfielders and Surgeons,” 35<sup>th</sup> Conference on Value Inquiry, The College of New Jersey, Ewing, New Jersey, April 5, 2008

“Virtue and Sexual Fantasies,” 34<sup>th</sup> Conference on Value Inquiry, Adrian College, Adrian, Michigan, Saturday, April 14, 2007

“Do Profits Measure a Firm’s Contribution to Making the World a Better Place?” 33<sup>rd</sup> Conference on Value Inquiry, City University of New York at Staten Island, Rockville Centre, NY, April 7, 2006

“The Experiential-Diversity Argument for Race-Sensitive Admissions,” Maxwell School of Syracuse University, March 7, 2006

“The Moral Status of Interrogational Torture,” Association for Practical and Professional Ethics, Jacksonville, Florida, March 3, 2006

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“The Nature of a Threat,” Joint [Military] Services Conference on Professional Ethics, Springfield, Virginia, January 27, 2006

“Libertarianism and Ultimate Responsibility,” Western New York-Western Pennsylvania Regional Meeting, American Catholic Association, Canisius College, Buffalo, New York, April 16, 2005

“Abortion and Trespass,” Public Debate (with Dale Tuggy) sponsored by the State University of New York at Fredonia Students for Life, March 17, 2005

“Can Persons Deserve Hell?” Western New York-Western Pennsylvania Regional Meeting, American Catholic Association, Canisius College, Buffalo, New York, April 13, 2004

“For Evil,” Public Debate (with Dale Tuggy) sponsored by the First United Methodist Church, Fredonia, New York, April 4, 2004

“Divine Moral Responsibility,” Society of Christian Philosophers, Asbury Theological Academy, Asbury, Kentucky, December 5, 2003

“Experiential Diversity and Truth,” American Society for Value Inquiry meeting at the Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, April 24, 2003

“The Moral Case for a Policy of Assassination,” Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, April 24, 2003

“Is God Morally Responsible?” Western New York-Western Pennsylvania Regional Meeting, American Catholic Association, Canisius College, Buffalo, New York, April 12, 2003

“Is Judaism Valuable?” The Jewish Student Union, State University of New York at Fredonia, Fredonia, New York, April 15, 2003

“Is It Okay to Enjoy Violation Pornography?” Women and Pornography Discussion Panel sponsored by the Fredonia Women’s Studies Department, March 10, 2003

“The Greatest Possible Being and the Case for Atheism,” Public Debate (with Dale Tuggy) sponsored by the SUNY-Fredonia Student Philosophy Society, October 16, 2002

“Just War Theory and Assassination,” West Point Philosophy Society, United States Military Academy at West Point, West Point, New York, September 10, 2002

“The Moral Status of the Death Penalty,” Amnesty International, Fredonia, State University of New York at Fredonia, New York, April 4, 2002

“The Inheritance-Based Claim to Reparations,” Conference on Reparations for Slavery, University of Memphis, Memphis, Tennessee, March 15-16, 2002

“Intrinsic Moral Value and the Criminal Justice System,” Thinking About Prisons: Theory and Practice conference, State University of New York at Cortland, Cortland, New York, October 26, 2001

“The Case Against Reparations,” Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, 2001

“The Liberal Case for Slavery” 29th Conference on Value Inquiry, University of Tulsa, Tulsa, Oklahoma, April 25, 2001

“War and the Immunity Thesis” West Point Philosophy Society, United States Military Academy at West Point, West Point, New York, November 28, 2000

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“Objections to the Systematic Imposition of Punitive Torture,” Tri-State Philosophical Association Fall 1999 Meeting

“Are the Descendants of Slaves Owed Compensation for Slavery?” Tri-State Philosophical Association, Gannon College, Pennsylvania, Spring 1999 Meeting

"Torture and Punishment," Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan, February 1998

"An Appraisal of the Argument for Punitive Torture," Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, 1998

"George Sher's Justification of Strong Affirmative Action Programs, State Educational Institutions, and the Claims of the White Male," Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan, February 27, 1997

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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