

# Curriculum Vitae: Dr Alan Tapper

## 1. Personal Details

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## 2. Qualifications

Ph.D. in Philosophy, 'Priestley's Metaphysics', University of Western Australia, 1987

M.A. in Religious Studies, University of Lancaster, U.K., 1976

B.A. with Honours in Philosophy and History, University of Western Australia, 1973

## 3. Career History

Adjunct Research Fellow, John Curtin Institute of Public Policy, Curtin University, 2018–.

Senior Research Fellow, John Curtin Institute of Public Policy, Curtin University, 2011–17.

Senior Research Fellow, Centre for Applied Ethics and Philosophy, Curtin University of Technology, 2008–2010.

Honorary Associate Professor, Centre for Applied Ethics and Philosophy, Curtin University of Technology, 2006–7.

Honorary Senior Lecturer, School of International, Cultural and Community Studies, Edith Cowan University, 2007–2010.

Senior Lecturer (Level C) in Philosophy, Edith Cowan University, 2000–2006.

Lecturer (Level B) in Philosophy, Edith Cowan University, 1993–2000.

Public policy researcher, Institute for Public Affairs, 1992.

Lecturer (Level B) in Philosophy, University of Western Australia, 1989–91.

Public policy researcher, Australian Institute for Public Policy, 1987–88.

Postgraduate student, casual tutor and lecturer, and father-at-home, 1975–86.

## 4. Teaching

### *Units Taught*

Ethics:	1990, 91, 94, 95, 98-03, 06, 2012
Social and Political Philosophy:	1990, 91, 94, 95, 96, 98-05
Biomedical Ethics:	2001-05
Introduction to Philosophy:	2001-06, 2012
Critical Thinking:	1993, 94, 96-01
Philosophy of Religion:	1994-99, 2001-06
Philosophy and Public Policy:	1995, 96, 97, 99
Ethics and Practical Reasoning:	1996, 98
Philosophy One (Plato):	1993-95
Modern Religious Thinkers:	1996, 98
Ethics, Public Values & Policy:	2010
Geoscience, Environment & Society (guest):	2011
Project Design and Management (guest):	2011, 12
Legal Theory and Ethics, UWA (guest):	2011, 12
Justice & Contemporary Ethics, UWA (guest):	2013

### *Teaching Awards*

Excellence in Research Leadership, Postgraduate Student Association, Edith Cowan University, 1999, 2000.

Excellence in Postgraduate Supervision, Postgraduate Student Association, Edith Cowan University, 2001.

### *Courseware*

*Critical Thinking: An Interactive Introduction*, with Damian Cox, Edith Cowan University, CD-ROM, 1998. Revised and converted to HTML, 2003.

### *Research Supervision*

#### PhD theses:

Chris Hubbard: 'From Ambivalence to Activism: Australia and the Negotiation of the 1968 *Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty*'. Successfully completed, March 2002.

Erik Leipoldt: 'Good Life in the Balance: A Cross-National Study of Dutch and Australian Disability Perspectives on Euthanasia and Physician-Assisted Suicide'. Successfully completed, April 2003.

Vincent Cusack: 'The Search for an Effective International Regime for the Long-Term Safety and Security of High Level Radioactive Waste (HLW): Pangea and Beyond'. Successfully completed, March 2005.

Simon Harvey-Wilson: 'Human Levitation'. Successfully completed, June 2005. Co-supervisor with Dr Anne Harris.

Andrew Hunter: 'Philosophical Justification and the Legal Accommodation of Indigenous Ritual Objects: An Australian Study'. Successfully completed, November 2005.

Keith Oliver: 'The Dynamic Eukaryote Genome: Evolution, Mobile DNA, and the TE-Thrust Hypothesis', Murdoch University. Successfully completed, October 2012.

Thomas Head: 'Normal Mysticism: an interdisciplinary study of Max Kadushin's rabbinic hermeneutic.' Successfully completed, March 2013.

Honours dissertations:

Jon Cotton: 'Panpsychism as Personal Experience: Resolving a Paradox'. Completed, December 2004. 2A Honours.

## 5. Research

### *Moral Philosophy Publications*

'What Should be Taught in Courses on Social Ethics?', submitted to *Research in Ethical Issues in Organisations*, November 2019.

Stephan Millett and Alan Tapper, 'Revisiting the Concept of a Profession', *Research in Ethical Issues in Organisations*, 2015, Vol 13, 1–18.

Alan Tapper and Stephan Millett, 'Is Professional Ethics Grounded in General Ethical Principles?', *Theoretical and Applied Ethics*, 2014, Vol 3, No 1, 61–80.

Guest editor, *Research in Ethical Issues in Organisations*, Australian Association of Professional and Applied Ethics conference edition, 'Achieving Ethical Excellence', Vol 12, 2014. 'Introduction to Selected Papers from the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual AAPAE Conference', pp. 1–3.

Alan Tapper and Stephan Millett, 'Professional Ethics and the Philosophers', *Australian Ethics*, December 2013. <http://aapae.org.au/australian-ethics/professional-ethics-and-the-philosophers>

'From Meaning to Morality in Kovesi and Harrison', in *Reality and Culture: Essays on the Philosophy of Bernard Harrison*, Patricia Hanna ed, Rodopi Press, Amsterdam and New York, 2014, 97–112.

'Julius Kovesi on Concepts and Moral Philosophy', *Australian Ethics*, December 2012, 10–11. <http://aapae.org.au/australian-ethics/julius-kovesi-on-concepts-and-moral-philosophy>

Alan Tapper and Brian Mooney, eds, *Meaning and Morality: Essays on the Philosophy of Julius Kovesi*, Leiden: Brill, 2012.

Reviewed, John Kleinig, 2016, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, 94:1, 202–05.

Reviewed, Roger Shiner, *Philosophical Investigations*, 40:2, 173–83.

Alan Tapper and T. Brian Mooney, 'Introduction', in *Meaning and Morality*, 2012.

Alan Tapper and R.E. Ewin, 'MacIntyre and Kovesi on the Nature of Moral Concepts', in *Meaning and Morality*, 2012, 123–37.

'Kovesi on Natural World Concepts and the Theory of Meaning', in *Meaning and Morality*, 2012, 167–88.

'Ethics in Politics', in *Applied Ethics: Strengthening Ethical Practices*, Peter Bowden ed, Prahran, Victoria: Tilde University Press, 2012, 177–85.

'Is There an Ethics for Historians?', *Studies in Western Australian History*, Vol 26, 2009, 16–36.

'Autonomy and Trust in Professional Ethics'. With Stephan Millett. Proceedings of the 16th Annual AAPAE conference, Professions in the Community (2009).

Julius Kovesi, *Moral Notions, with Three Papers on Plato*, R.E. Ewin and Alan Tapper (eds), Christchurch: Cybereditions, 2004, with a Foreword by Philippa Foot and an Afterword by Ewin and Tapper, 143–174.

Julius Kovesi, *Values and Evaluations: Essays on Ethics and Ideology*, edited by Alan Tapper, with an Introduction by Alan Tapper and Janet Kovesi Watt, New York: Peter Lang Publishing, 1998.

Also 3 academic seminar presentations on Kovesi's moral philosophy, and 5 public talks and 2 academic presentations on ethics and public policy.

#### *Eighteenth Century Philosophy Publications*

'Joseph Priestley and the Argument from Design', *Intellectual History Review*, Vol 30, 1, 2020, 65–85.

Review of Robert E. Schofield: *The Enlightened Joseph Priestley: A Study of His Life and Work from 1773 to 1804* (Pennsylvania State University Press: University Park, Pennsylvania, 2004), in *Enlightenment and Dissent*, No. 24, 2008, 138–144.

'Joseph Priestley', *Eighteenth-Century British Historians*, Ellen J. Jenkins (ed.), Dictionary of Literary Biography, Volume 336, Detroit: Thomson Gale, 2007, 281–295.

Entry on 'Materialism', *The Continuum Encyclopedia of British Philosophy*, A.C. Grayling, Andrew Pyle and Naomi Goulder (eds), 4 Vols, London: Continuum, 2006, Vol 3, 2105–06

'Reid and Priestley on Method and the Mind', *The Philosophy of Thomas Reid. A Collection of Essays*, John Haldane and Stephen Read (eds), Oxford: Blackwell, 2003, 98–112.

- ‘Reid and Priestley on Method and the Mind’, *Philosophical Quarterly*, Vol 52, No. 209, October 2002, 511–525.
- ‘Joseph Priestley’, *British Philosophers 1500–1799*, Philip B. Dematteis and Peter S. Fosl (eds), Dictionary of Literary Biography, Volume 252, Columbia, S.C.: Brucoli Clark Layman, 2002, 307–323.
- ‘Priestley on Politics, Progress and Moral Theology’, in Knud Haakonssen (ed.), *Enlightenment and Religion: Rational Dissent in Eighteenth-Century Britain*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1996, 272–286.
- ‘Reflections on Burke and the Revolution in France’, in *New Norcia Humanities Symposium Proceedings*, V.B. Moleta (ed.), Perth, 1989.
- ‘The Beginnings of Priestley’s Materialism’, *Enlightenment and Dissent*, 1, 1982, 73–81.
- Also 7 public talks, 2 university seminar presentations and 5 conference papers on eighteenth-century topics.

#### *Social Policy Publications*

- Alan Tapper and Alan Fenna, ‘The Relation between Income, Wealth and Age in Australia’, *Australian Economic Review*, 52, 4, 2019, 393–405.
- Helen Hodgson and Alan Tapper, ‘Superannuation and Economic Inequality among Older Australians: Evidence from HILDA’, *e-Journal of Tax Research*, 16, 1, 2018, 236–265.
- Alan Tapper and Alan Fenna, ‘Income, Wealth and Economic Inequality in Australia’, *Australian Journal of Social Issues*, 2018, 324–336.
- ‘The Performance of the Australian Welfare System in a Time of Neoliberal Economic Reform’, *Social Policy and Administration*, 53, 5, 2018, 641–660.
- Helen Hodgson and Alan Tapper, ‘Inequality in Later Life: The Superannuation Effect’, Research Note completed for Bankwest Curtin Economic Centre, ### 2017.
- Helen Hodgson and Alan Tapper, ‘Inequality in Later Life: The Superannuation Effect’, report completed for Bankwest Curtin Economic Centre, June 2016.
- ‘Some Problems in Piketty: An Internal Critique’, *Journal of Income Distribution*, 25, 3–4, 2016, 101–18. <http://www.jid-online.org/>
- “‘Middle-Class Welfare’: What is the Evidence?”, Austaxpolicy: Tax and Transfer Policy Blog, 22 April 2016, Available from: <http://www.austaxpolicy.com/middle-class-welfare-what-is-the-evidence/>.
- Alan Fenna & Alan Tapper, ‘Economic Inequality in Australia: A Reassessment’, *Australian Journal of Political Science*, 2015, 50(3), 1–21. Winner of the APSA Mayer Journal Prize 2016.
- Alan Tapper, Alan Fenna, John Phillimore, ‘Middle-class Welfare and Vertical Redistribution in Australia: a fiscal incidence analysis’, *Australian Economic Review*, Vol 48, No 3, 2015, 1–15.

- Alan Tapper & John Phillimore, 'Trends in Australian Government Health Expenditure by Age: a fiscal incidence analysis', *Australian Health Review*, Vol. 38, No 5, 2014, 523–27.
- Alan Tapper, Alan Fenna, John Phillimore 'The Treatment of Families in the Australian Welfare State, 1984 to 2010', *Australian Journal of Social Issues*, Vol 49, No 2, 2014, 109–26.
- Review of Peter Saunders, *Down and Out: poverty and exclusion in Australia*, with Alan Fenna, *Australian Journal of Public Administration*, Vol 72, No 4, 2013, 486–88.
- Alan Tapper, Alan Fenna, John Phillimore 'Age Bias in the Australian Welfare State', *Agenda*, 20:1, 2013, 5–20.
- 'Seat Belts in School Buses', ANZSOG Case Study (with John Phillimore), 2013.
- 'Prevention-based Approaches to Social Policy: The case of early childhood development', with John Phillimore, *Evidence Base*, Issue 2, 2012, pp.1–22.
- 'The Australian Welfare State and the Neoliberalism Thesis', with Alan Fenna, *Australian Journal of Political Science*, 47:2, 2012, 155–72. Winner of the APSA Mayer Journal Prize 2013.
- Prevention or Cure in Public Policy?*, with John Phillimore. John Curtin Institute of Public Policy, August 2011. A project for the Centre for Sport and Recreation Research, with funding from the Department of Sport and Recreation WA.
- 'Has There Been a Revolution in Women's Work?' *Public Policy*, Vol.5, No 2, 2010, 101–14.
- Stephan Millett and Alan Tapper. *The Respect Project*. Discussion papers and reports prepared for the policy directors of community service agencies on the issues of declining respect and increasing anti-social behaviour a State Government-funded policy-advice report. Submitted to Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation, December, 2009.
- 'The Family and the Modern Welfare State', World Family Policy Center website, [http://www.law2.byu.edu/wfpc/forum\\_2007.html](http://www.law2.byu.edu/wfpc/forum_2007.html), Brigham Young University, Utah, USA, 2008.
- 'The Generational Train Wreck and its Aftermath' in *The Family in the New Millennium: World Voices Supporting the 'Natural' Clan*, A. Scott Loveless and Thomas B. Holman (eds), 3 Vols, Westport, CT: Praeger, 2007, Vol 1, 163–172.
- 'Family Change and the Ageing Welfare State', in *Families and the State: Changing Relationships*, Lynn Jamieson and Sarah Cunningham-Burley (eds), Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2003, 109–124.
- 'Fertility Free-fall – Does It Make Any Sort of Sense?', *On Line Opinion*, 19 September 2002.
- 'The Intergenerational Report is not about Intergenerational Equity, but about Fiscal Sustainability', *On Line Opinion*, 15 June 2002.
- 'The Australian Welfare State Today: Generational Issues and Family Tensions', *The New Citizenship of the Family: Comparative Perspectives*, Henry Cavanna (ed.), Aldershot: Ashgate Publishing, 2000, 135–145.

‘The State of the Family: Recent Research in Australia’, in Barry Maley, *et al.*, *Home Repairs. Building Stronger Families to Resist Social Decay*, Sydney: Centre for Independent Studies, 1996, 51–65.

‘Family Policy and Family Problems in the Australian Welfare State’, in Alan R. Barcan and Patrick O’Flaherty (eds), *Family, Education and Society. The Australian Perspective*. Canberra: Academy Press, 1995, 67–82.

*W.A. Families. Our Future*. Report of the Taskforce on Families in Western Australia, Perth, May 1995. (Taskforce member, a co-author, and Editorial Chairman of this report.)

‘State Welfare Policy and the Juvenile Crime Debate’ and ‘Homeswest’, in *Reform and Recovery. An Agenda for the New Western Australian State Government*, Mike Nahan and Tony Rutherford (eds), Institute of Public Affairs, Perth, 1993, 187–233.

*The Family in the Welfare State*, Sydney: Allen and Unwin with the Australian Institute for Public Policy, 1990.

Edited extracts from this book were published as:

‘Feminism and the Family’, *Quadrant*, November 1990, 34, 17–25.

‘Taxing Families’, *Quadrant*, December 1990, 34, 43–46.

Reviewed by:

Michael McAuley, *Perspective*, March 1991.

Peter Saunders, *Australian Journal of Political Science*, 26, No.3, 1991.

Barry Maley, *Policy*, 8, No.2, 1992.

Also 15 radio interviews and discussions, 5 newspaper articles, 2 official policy submissions and 33 public talks on family and related social issues.

### *Philosophy in Schools*

‘Philosophy and the Curriculum’, with Monica Bini, Peter Ellerton and Sue Knight, in G. Burgh & S. Thornton (eds) *Philosophical Inquiry with Children: The development of an inquiring society in Australia*, Routledge, 2019, 156–171.

‘Australian Research into the Benefits of Philosophy for Children’, with Stephan Millett and Rosie Scholl, in G. Burgh & S. Thornton (eds) *Philosophical Inquiry with Children: The development of an inquiring society in Australia*, Routledge, 2019, 199–214.

*Philosophy and Ethics: Resource for Year 12 ATAR*, with Stephan Millett, Cengage, 2015.

*Philosophy and Ethics: Resource for Year 11 ATAR and Year 12 General*, with Stephan Millett, Cengage, 2015.

‘Philosophy and Ethics in Western Australian Secondary Schools’, with Stephan Millett. *Educational Philosophy and Theory*, 2013, 1–13.

‘Benefits of Collaborative Philosophical Inquiry in Schools’, with Stephan Millett. *Educational Philosophy and Theory*. 44 (2), 2011, 1–22.

‘Crisis? Which Crisis? The State of Education in Western Australia’, with Stephan Millett, *Public Policy*, Vol 4, No. 1, 2009, 51–70.

*Philosophy and Ethics: A Resource for Units 1A–1B*, with Stephan Millett, Impact Publishing, Cottesloe, WA, 2008.

*Philosophy and Ethics: A Resource for Units 3A–3B*, with Stephan Millett, Impact Publishing, Cottesloe, WA, 2008.

‘“But That Doesn’t Follow!” The Elusive Inference in the Classroom’. 2007, Creative Engagements website, <http://www.inter-disciplinary.net/at-the-interface/education/creative-engagements-thinking-with-children/project-archives/>.

*Philosophy and Ethics: A Resource for Units 2A–2B*, with Stephan Millett, Impact Publishing, Cottesloe, WA, 2007.

#### With Curriculum Council of Western Australia

Member, Values Advisory Group, CCWA, 2000–09.

Member (Tertiary Representative), Values in Education Cross-Sectoral Committee, 1998–2000.

Chairperson, Philosophy and Ethics Reference Group, CCWA, December 2003–December 2004.

Consultant, CCWA for trialling of Philosophy and Ethics course, 2005–06.

Consultant reviewer for CCWA for Philosophy and Ethics course, 2006:

Rewriting essential content

Preparing extensive resources document

Revising levelling indicators (with Stephan Millett).

#### With Department of Education and Training, Western Australia

Member, Values Projects Advisory Committee, DETWA, January 2006–07.

#### With Association for Philosophy in Schools (WA)

Committee Member, APIS, Perth, November 1999–. Treasurer, 2005–. President, 2006–2009.

APIS Critical Reasoning workshop leader, St Hilda’s College, April 2011.

APIS, Level One Accreditation Course for school-teachers, Course leader (with Dr Stephan Millett and Dr Felicity Haynes), twelve courses, 2003–2009.

APIS Philosophy Cafés, held monthly, Perth and Fremantle, 2005 to 2010, regular participant and sometimes discussion facilitator.

#### Invited Lectures to Education Students, Edith Cowan University

Lectures on ‘Values in the curriculum’ and ‘The teacher as professional’, given on six occasions, 2005–07.

#### *Research Fellowships and Grants*



Curtin Bankwest Economics Centre Grant, with John Phillipmore, Helen Hodgson and Alan Fenna, 'Inequality in Later Life', \$16,500 awarded, January 2015.

ARC Discovery Grant (DP140102571), 'Measuring Material Well-being in the Australian Welfare State', CI Alan Fenna, \$181,000 awarded, 2014–15.

ANZSOG grant to write 'Seat belts in school buses' Case Study (with John Phillipmore), \$9,000, 2013.

ANZSOG grant to write 'Prevention approaches to social policy' (with John Phillipmore), \$10,000, 2012.

Department of Sport and Recreation grant to write 'Prevention or cure in public policy' (with John Phillipmore), \$20,000, 2011.

Department of Sport and Recreation grant to write 'The respect project' (with Stephan Millett), \$20,000, 2010.

ARC Discovery Grant application, 'Intellectual And Social Growth In Middle School Students, Based On Collaborative Philosophical Inquiry', with Rob Cavanagh, Philip Cam, Gilbert Burgh, Carol Collins, Sue Knight. 2008. Unsuccessful.

Invited visitor to Short Term Research Collaboration Programme, School of Social Sciences, Singapore Management University, Singapore, March 2008.

ECU Teaching and Learning Committee Small Grant of \$5000 for further development of *Critical Thinking: An Interactive Introduction*, 2003.

Library Resident Research Fellowship at the American Philosophical Library, Philadelphia, with funding of \$3,000 from the Andrew W. Mellon Resident Research Fellowships, for January–February, 2000.

Visiting Honorary Fellow, International Social Sciences Institute, University of Edinburgh, February–May, 1997.

ECU Quality Assurance grant of \$20,000 to develop the CD courseware, *Critical Thinking: An Interactive Introduction* (with Damian Cox), 1996.

#### *Invited Lectures and Papers*

Invited speaker, Opening address, 'Concepts, Practices and Realities: Two Ways of Doing Philosophy', Murdoch Philosophy Colloquium, November 27, 2015.

Invited speaker, 'How to Write a Research Proposal', Postgraduate Retreat, Charles Darwin University, Darwin, 21–22 November, 2014.

Invited speaker, 'How We Tried to Assist Families in Australia, and Why the Attempt Failed', National Marriage Day, Parliament House, Canberra, August 27, 2014.

Invited speaker, 'The Not So Golden Rule', Philosophy Colloquium, Murdoch University, November 30, 2010.

Invited speaker, 'Darwinism and Philosophy', Royal Society of Western Australia Darwin Centenary conference, October 2009.

- Invited speaker, 'The Family in the Australian Welfare State: 1990 and Today', World Family Policy Center, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, USA, July 9–11, 2007.
- Seminar leader on 'Ethics in policing', for the Jinan Public Safety Study Tour, Western Australian Police Academy, Joondalup, 15 September, 2005.
- Invited speaker on 'The Generational Train Wreck and its Aftermath'. The Pacific and Asian Family Dialogue, World Family Policy Center conference, Kuala Lumpur, October 11–13, 2004.
- Invited speaker on 'The Australian Welfare State Today: Generational Issues and Family Tensions', Forum International des Sciences Humaines colloquium *The New Citizenship of the Family: Comparative Perspectives*, Granada, Spain, October 8–11, 1997.
- Invited speaker on 'Contested Accounts of Living Standards', International Social Sciences Institute Conference *Families and the State: Conflicts and Contradictions*, University of Edinburgh, 23–24 May, 1997.
- Invited speaker on 'Twentieth Century Programs of State Family Assistance: What Have We Learned?' *World Congress of Families*, Prague, March 1997.
- Invited Bert Kelly Lecture, on 'Growing Up in an Ageing Welfare State', Centre of Independent Studies, Sydney, November 1994.
- Invited speaker on 'What Kind of Future Are We Leaving Our Children?', 20th Triennial Conference of the Australian Early Childhood Association, Perth, 1994.
- Invited paper on 'Families and Taxation: or Putting Children First', the Coalition Seminar on *Personal and Family Taxation*, Sydney, July, 1994.
- Invited paper on 'Family Changes in a Transformed Welfare State', Conference on the Family, Australian Family Association. Melbourne, 1994.
- Invited Bert Kelly Lecture, on 'The Requirements of a Good Society', with David Thomson and Tony Rutherford, Centre for Independent Studies, Perth, October, 1993.

#### *Some Other Papers and Presentations*

- 'Economic inequality and age', Philosophy Colloquium, Murdoch University, November 15, 2019.
- 'Collaborative philosophical inquiry, P4C and critical thinking: a personal view', National conference of the Federation of Australasian Philosophy in Schools Associations, University of Notre Dame Australia, Sydney, July 13th, 2019.
- 'Four domains of public life and their distinctive ethics: commercial, corporate, professional, and governmental', Australian Association of Professional and Applied Ethics Conference, University of Technology Sydney, July 4th, 2019.
- 'How to simplify moral theory and make it more readily applicable by focusing on (1) rights and duties and (2) harms and benefits', Australian Association of Professional and Applied Ethics Conference, University of Technology Sydney, July 3rd, 2019.
- 'On the Idea of "Morals and Ethics"', *Australian Ethics*, Summer 2018.

- ‘A Case for the Inclusion of Philosophy in the New South Wales Curriculum Review’, with Stephan Millett, Laura D’Olimpio, Raymond Driehuis and Felicity Haynes. A submission to the NSW Curriculum Review, November 2018.
- ‘*Moby-Dick* and the Philosophy of Language’, Philosophy Colloquium, Murdoch University, November 30, 2018.
- ‘On the relation between collaborative philosophical inquiry and critical thinking in secondary schooling’, with Ray Driehuis, National conference of the Federation of Australasian Philosophy in Schools Associations, University of Notre Dame Australia, Fremantle, July 9-11, 2018.
- ‘Matthew Arnold and philosophy in the English-language school curriculum’, with Simon Kidd, National conference of the Federation of Australasian Philosophy in Schools Associations, University of Notre Dame Australia, Fremantle, July 9-11, 2018.
- ‘Wealth and inequality in Australia’, a talk for North Coast U3A, Hamersley, June 1, 2018.
- ‘Australia’s Economic and Social Performance in Comparative Perspective’, with John Phillimore, Public Policy Network conference, Fremantle, 29-31 January, 2018. Winner of the Geoff Anderson Award for best conference presentation.
- ‘Rising Prosperity, Increasing Inequality? An Ethical Problem’, *Australian Ethics*, Summer 2017.
- ‘The Curious Case of Neoliberalism, Australian-Style’, Australian Association of Professional and Applied Ethics Annual Conference, University of Technology Sydney, June 21–23, 2017.
- Discussant, Paper by Arthur Alik-Lagrange & Tobias Schmidt, ‘The Patterns of Home Ownership Across Cohorts and its Impact on the Net Wealth Distribution: Empirical Evidence from Germany and the US’, 34<sup>th</sup> General Conference of the International Association for Research in Income and Wealth, Dresden, Germany, 21–26 August 2016.
- ‘Trends in household wealth-adjusted income in Australia’, with Alan Fenna, 34<sup>th</sup> General Conference of the International Association for Research in Income and Wealth, Dresden, Germany, 21–26 August 2016. Available <http://www.iariw.org/dresden/tapper.pdf>
- ‘The Australian welfare state: still distinctive, still working?’, with Alan Fenna, Australian Political Studies Association annual conference, University of Canberra, September 29, 2015.
- ‘The Ethics of Income Inequality Trends’, *Australian Ethics*, Summer 2015.
- ‘Professions, Ethics, and Two Missing Ethical Principles’, *Australian Ethics*, June 2015, 10.
- ‘Professional Principles and the Concept of a Profession’, Australian Association of Professional and Applied Ethics Annual Conference, University of Auckland, July 9–12, 2015.
- ‘Inequality in Later Life: The Superannuation Effect’, with Helen Hodgson, 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Colloquium of Superannuation Researchers, University of New South Wales Business School, July 6–7, 2015.
- ‘Economic Inequality in Later Life’, with Helen Hodgson, Curtin Corner, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015.

- Presentation to APIS workshop for Philosophy and Ethics teachers, with Stephan Millett, Guildford Grammar School, March 27, 2015.
- ‘What is the Basis of Professional Ethics?’, Charles Darwin University, Darwin, 21 November, 2014.
- ‘Income and Wealth Distributions in Australia’, with Alan Fenna, Australian Political Studies Association annual conference, University of Sydney, September 29, 2014.
- ‘How We Tried to Assist Families in Australia, and Why the Attempt Failed’, *On Line Opinion*, 10 September, 2014.
- ‘The Great Inequality Debate’, with Alan Fenna, Curtin Corner, August 22nd, 2014.
- ‘Is the Superannuation System Driving Increases in Inequality Amongst Retirees?’, with Helen Hodgson, Tax History Conference, Cairns, June 2014.
- ‘Trends in Government Health Expenditure by Age: a Fiscal Incidence Analysis’, with John Phillimore, Public Policy Network conference, Canberra, January 2014.
- ‘The Problem of Values and Ethics’, Philosophy Colloquium, Murdoch University, November 2013.
- ‘Middle-class Welfare: Fact or Fiction?’, with Alan Fenna, Curtin Corner, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013.
- ‘Have Australia’s Attempts to Help the Family Worked?’, World Congress of Families 7, Sydney, 16 May, 2013.
- ‘On the Coherence of the Concept of a Profession’, with Stephan Millett, 21st Annual AAPAE conference, Sydney, June 2012.
- ‘How to Think about Lying’, with Bob Ewin, Philosophy Colloquium, Murdoch University, December 2012.
- ‘Lying as an Incomplete Moral Concept’, with Bob Ewin, 19<sup>th</sup> Annual AAPAE conference, Brisbane, June 2012.
- ‘Prevention Base Approaches to Social Policy’, with John Phillimore, Public Policy Network Conference, Centre for Public Policy, University of Melbourne, 26–27 January, 2012.
- ‘Welfare State Retrenchment in Australia?’, with Alan Fenna, Public Policy Network Conference, Centre for Public Policy, University of Melbourne, 26–27 January, 2012.
- ‘Revisiting the Australian Welfare State’, with Alan Fenna, Australian Political Studies Association annual conference, Canberra, September 28, 2011.
- ‘Legal Professional Ethics’, with Robin Tapper. CPD seminar for lawyers. Perth, March 25, 2011.
- ‘The Not So Golden Rule’, 18th Annual AAPAE conference, Hobart, June 2011.
- ‘None of the Above’, *On Line Opinion*, 18 October, 2010,  
<http://www.onlineopinion.com.au/view.asp?article=11107>.
- ‘Why Not Vote Informal?’, Curtin Corner, Curtin University, September 3, 2010.

- ‘The New Philosophy and Ethics Course in WA: a Community of Inquiry approach at the upper secondary level’, Federation of Australasian Philosophy in Schools Associations National Conference, Canberra, October 2–3, 2009.
- ‘Philosophical Perspectives on Evolutionary Theory’, *Journal of the Royal Society of Western Australia*, 2009, Vol 92, 461–464.
- ‘What is Professional Ethics?’, Curtin Corner, Curtin University, September 4, 2009.
- ‘Philosophy and the Existence of God’, Student Christian Movement national conference, Gidgegannup, July 7, 2009.
- ‘Autonomy and Trust in Professional Ethics’, with Stephan Millett, Australian Association of Professional and Applied Ethics annual conference, Goulburn NSW, June 9–11, 2009.
- ‘The Philosophy of Water’, Philosophy Colloquium, Murdoch University, December 1, 2008.
- ‘Reasoned Argument’, *The Australian’s Higher Education Supplement*, April 30, 2008.
- ‘The Incredible Shrinking Family and How to Try to Think About It’, School of Social Sciences, Singapore Management University, Singapore, March 20, 2008.
- ‘Kovesi’s Theory of Concepts and Plato’s Theory of Ideas’, School of Social Sciences, Singapore Management University, Singapore, March 14, 2008.
- ‘“But That Doesn’t Follow!” The Elusive Inference in the Classroom’. Creative Engagements Conference, Sydney, February 9–11, 2007.
- ‘Joseph Priestley’s “Man of Reason and Religion”: An English Enlightenment Project’, paper for the 14<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Australasian Modern British History Association, University of Tasmania, Launceston, 12–14 December, 2005.
- ‘Liberty, Materialism, Theism: Joseph Priestley’s Enlightenment Project’, paper for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of the Northeast American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies, University of New Hampshire, Durham NH, USA, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 1999.
- ‘Reid and Priestley: The Debate that Might Have Been’, *First International Reid Symposium*, University of Aberdeen, Aberdeen, July 28, 1998.
- ‘Generations, Governments and Public Policy’, the Texas Public Policy Group, Austin, Texas, USA, June 17, 1997.
- ‘The Real Generation Gap’, the Rockford Institute, Rockford, Illinois, USA, June 13, 1997.
- ‘Contested Accounts of Living Standards’, paper presented at International Social Sciences Institute Conference *Families and the State: Conflicts and Contradictions*, University of Edinburgh, 23–24 May, 1997.
- ‘Family changes in a transformed welfare state: the view from Down Under,’ *The Family in America*, 1995, 9(1):3.

Philosophy and Ethics Course of Study, Chairperson of Reference Group, Curriculum Council of Western Australia, 2004.

Western Australian State Government Taskforce on Families in Western Australia report, *WA Families – Our Future*, Perth, 1995.

### *Public Philosophy Courses*

Cranlana Colloquium, participant, Perth, 19–24 August 2012.

‘Critical Thinking’, a five day course at the 42<sup>nd</sup> Albany Summer School, January 2002.

‘Families in the Nineties’, a University of Western Australia Summer School course, with Marion Moran, January, 1994.

‘Arguing about Justice’, a course for the 1992 University of Western Australia Summer School and Winter School.

### *Conference organising*

Conference co-convenor, National conference of the Federation of Australasian Philosophy in Schools Associations, University of Notre Dame Australia, Fremantle, July 9-11, 2018.

Conference co-convenor, 20th national conference, Australian Association for Professional and Applied Ethics, Fremantle, June 2013.

Conference organising committee member, 21st national conference, Australian Association for Professional and Applied Ethics, Sydney, June 2014.

## **6. Administration**

### *At Edith Cowan University*

Coordinator, Philosophy and Religion major, September 2003–2006.

Member, University Graduate Attributes website team, 2004–2005.

Member, University Plagiarism Working Party, October 2001–June 2002.

Member of School Course Quality Committee, July–September, 2001.

Member of University Library Consultative Committee, June 2001–June 2005.

Coordinator of BA Program (Joondalup Campus), May 2001–2002.

Member of University Intellectual Property in Teaching and Learning Materials Working Group, January–March 2001.

Member of University Generic Skills Working Group, August 1999–July 2000.

Member of Faculty Workloads Committee, April–August, 1999.

Member of Executive, School of Community Services and Social Sciences, 1998–1999.

Coordinator, Philosophy Program, 1993–1998.

Member of Arts Faculty Computing Committee, 1995–1996; chair, 1996.

Member of Executive, School of Social and Cultural Studies, 1996–1998.

Undergraduate Coordinator, School of Social and Cultural Studies, Joondalup campus, 1996–1998.

Member of Arts Faculty Courses Committee, 1996–1998.

*At University of Western Australia*

Member of Arts Faculty Board, 1990–1991.

*Non-University Committees*

Treasurer, Federation of Australasian Philosophy in Schools Associations, 2016–2019.

Editorial board member, *Journal for Philosophy in Schools*, 2015–.

Member, Executive Committee, Australian Association for Professional and Applied Ethics, 2010–. Vice President, 2015–.

Association for Philosophy in Schools, Perth. Committee Member, November 1999–. Treasurer, 2005. President, 2006–09. Treasurer, 2013–2017. Chair, 2020–.

Member of planning committee, AAPAE 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference, Sydney, June 22–24, 2014.

Co-convenor (with Richard Hamilton), AAPAE 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Fremantle, June 27–30 2013.

Member, Yanchep National Park Advisory Committee, June 2007–13.

Member, Values Projects Advisory Committee, Department of Education and Training, Western Australia, January 2006–07.

Chairperson, Philosophy and Ethics Reference Group, Curriculum Council of Western Australia, December 2003–December 2004.

Member, Values Advisory Group, Curriculum Council of Western Australia, 2000–09.

Member (Tertiary Representative), Values in Education Cross-Sectoral Committee, 1998–2000.

Member, Western Australian Government Task Force on Families in Western Australia, May, 1994–May, 1995.

Member of Research Committee, Institute of Public Affairs, Melbourne, 1994–2000.

Committee member, Western Australian Humanities Symposium, 1986–95.