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Employment

Colgate University

Carl Benton Straub '58 Endowed Chair in Culture and the Environment	2020-2030
Professor of Philosophy and Environmental Studies	2018-present
Associate Professor of Philosophy and Environmental Studies	2008-2018
Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Environmental Studies	2003-2008

University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy and Religion	2000-2003
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Education

Brown University Ph.D., Philosophy,	2001
Dissertation Title: <i>Virtues, Ideal Observers, and the Foundations of Normativity</i>	
Committee: Ernest Sosa (chair), Dan W. Brock, James Dreier	
Brown University, MA, Philosophy	1997
University of Western Ontario, Honours BA, Philosophy and French	1993

Research: Areas of Specialization

Ethics (Metaethics and Normative Ethics), Environmental Philosophy, Epistemology

Publications

Edited Book

1. *The Handbook of Virtue Ethics*, S. van Hooft, ed., with N. Athanassoulis, J. Kawall, J. Oakley, N. Saunders, and L. Van Zyl (Durham: Acumen 2014). [Consulting Editor]

Journal Articles

1. "Testimony, Epistemic Egoism, and Epistemic Credit", *European Journal of Philosophy* 28:2 (2020): 463-77.
2. "Equitable Local Climate Action Planning: Sustainable & Affordable Housing", Andrew Pattison and Jason Kawall, *Ethics, Policy and Environment* 21:1 (2018): 17-20.
3. "Friendship and Epistemic Norms", *Philosophical Studies* 165:2 (2013): 349-70.
4. "Meaningful Lives, Ideal Observers, and Views from Nowhere", *Journal of Philosophical Research* 37 (2012): 73-97.
5. "Future Harms and Current Offspring", *Ethics, Policy and Environment* 14:1 (2011): 23-6. [A response to a target article by John Nolt, "How Harmful are the Average American's Greenhouse Gas Emissions?"]

6. "Autonomy, Agency, and the Value of Enduring Beliefs", *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 40:1 (2010): 107-29.
7. "Virtue Theory, Ideal Observers, and the Supererogatory", *Philosophical Studies* 146:2 (2009): 179-96.
8. "In Defence of the Primacy of the Virtues" *Journal of Ethics & Social Philosophy*, www.jesp.org, (2009), vol. 3(2). [21 pages]
9. "On Behalf of Biocentric Individualism: A Response to Davion", *Environmental Ethics* 30:1 (2008): 69-88.
10. "On Complacency", *American Philosophical Quarterly* 43:4 (2006): pp. 343-55.
11. "On Promising to Supererogate: A Response to Heyd", *Philosophia* 34 (2006): 153-6.
12. "On the Moral Epistemology of Ideal Observer Theories", *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 9:3 (2006): 359-74.
13. "Moral Realism and Arbitrariness", *Southern Journal of Philosophy* 43:1 (2005): 109-29.
14. "Promising and Supererogation", *Philosophia* 32 (2005): 389-98.
15. "Moral Response-Dependence, Ideal Observers, and the Motive of Duty: Responding to Zangwill", *Erkenntnis* 60:3 (2004): 357-69.
16. "Reverence for Life as a Viable Environmental Virtue", *Environmental Ethics* 25:4 (2003): 339-58.
- Reprinted in *Environmental Ethics: Readings in Theory and Applications* (7thed.), L. Pojman, P. Pojman, and K. McShane (eds.). (Boston: Cengage, 2016): 202-15.
17. "Self-Regarding Supererogatory Actions", *Journal of Social Philosophy* 34:3 (2003): 487-98.
18. "Virtue Theory and Ideal Observers", *Philosophical Studies* 109:3 (2002): 197-222.
19. "Other-Regarding Epistemic Virtues", *Ratio* 15:3 (2002): 257-75.
20. "Inner Diversity: An Alternative, Ecological Virtue Ethics", *Philosophy in the Contemporary World* 8:2 (2001): 27-35. (Special Edition on Environmental Virtue Ethics)
21. "Is (Merely) Stalking Sentient Animals Morally Wrong?", *Journal of Applied Philosophy* 17:2 (2000): 195-204.
22. "The Experience Machine and Mental State Theories of Well-Being", *Journal of Value Inquiry* 33:3 (1999): 381-7.

Journal Articles (Invited)

1. "On the Epistemic Demands of Environmental Virtue" *Journal of Agricultural and Environmental Ethics* 23:1-2 (2010): 109-28.
- Journal volume reprinted as a book, *Virtue Ethics and the Environment*, P. Cafaro and R. Sandler, eds., (Berlin Heidelberg: Springer, 2011).
2. "Grounded Knowledge, Place, and Epistemic Virtue", *Ethics, Place, and Environment* 8:3 (2005): 361-71.

Book Chapters

1. "Virtue Ethics, Narrative, and Revisionary Accounts of Rightness" in *Virtue, Narrative, and Self: Explorations of Character in the Philosophy of Mind and Action*, J. Ulatowski and L. van Zyl, eds., (New York: Routledge, 2021): 91-116.

2. “Virtue Epistemology and the Environment” in *The Routledge Handbook of Virtue Epistemology*, H. Battaly, ed., (New York: Routledge, 2019): 392-406.
3. “Environmental Virtue Ethics” in *The Oxford Handbook of Virtue*, N. Snow, ed., (New York: Oxford University Press, 2018): 659-79.
4. “A History of Environmental Ethics” in *The Oxford Handbook of Environmental Ethics*, S. Gardiner and A. Thompson, eds. (New York: Oxford University Press, 2017): 13-26.
5. “Qualified Agent and Agent-Based Virtue Ethics and the Problems of Right Action” in *The Handbook of Virtue Ethics*, S. van Hooft, ed., with N. Athanassoulis, J. Kawall, J. Oakley, N. Saunders, and L. Van Zyl (Durham: Acumen 2014): 130-40.
6. “Rethinking Greed” in *Ethical Adaptation to Climate Change: Human Virtues of the Future*, A. Thompson and J. Bendik-Keymer, eds. (Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press, 2012): 223-39.

Encyclopedia Articles

1. “Patience”, *International Encyclopedia of Ethics*, H. LaFollette, ed., (Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell, online update June 2015); revised entry, January 2019.
2. “Ideal Observer Theories”, *International Encyclopedia of Ethics*, H. LaFollette, ed., (Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell, 2013).

Other Articles

1. “An Introductory Exercise in Articulating Values”, *American Philosophical Association Newsletter on Teaching Philosophy* (Fall, 1999), (1350 words).
2. “Environmental Diversity and the Value of the Unusual”, *Proceedings of the 20th World Congress of Philosophy 1998* (Online) (<http://www.bu.edu/wcp/Papers/Envi/EnviKawa.htm>).

Book Reviews

1. Review of Noell Birondo and S. Stuart Braun (eds.), *Virtue’s Reasons: New Essays on Virtue, Character, and Reasons*, in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (August 2018); (<https://ndpr.nd.edu/news/virtues-reasons-new-essays-on-virtue-character-and-reasons/>)
2. Review of Shannon Vallor, *Technology and the Virtues: A Philosophical Guide to a World Worth Wanting*, in *Ethics* 128:1 (2017), pp. 281-6.
3. Review of Christopher Norris, *What is this Thing Called Ethics?*, *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 9:4 (2012), pp. 589-92.
4. Review of Dale Jamieson, *Ethics and the Environment: An Introduction*, in *Environmental Ethics* 31:4 (2009), pp. 333-6.
5. Review of Anthony Kenny and Charles Kenny, *Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Utility*, in *Journal of Law, Philosophy, and Culture* 1:1 (2007), pp. 247-53.
6. Review of Alan Thomas, *Value and Context: The Nature of Moral and Political Knowledge*, in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, Sept 13, 2007 (<http://ndpr.nd.edu/review.cfm?id=11083>).
7. Review of Philip Cafaro and Ronald Sandler (eds.), *Environmental Virtue Ethics*, in *Environmental Ethics* 28:4 (2006), pp. 429-32.
8. Review of Russ Shafer-Landau, *Moral Realism: A Defence*, in *Review of Metaphysics* 59:1 (2005), pp. 204-5.

9. Review of Harry G. Frankfurt, *The Reasons of Love*, in *Philosophy in Review* 24:5 (2005), pp. 322-4.
10. Review of John Cottingham, *On the Meaning of Life*, and of Peter Heinegg (ed.), *Mortalism: Readings on the Meaning of Life*, in *Philosophy in Review* 24:1 (2005), pp. 22-4.
11. Review of Bryan G. Norton, *Searching for Sustainability: Interdisciplinary Essays in the Philosophy of Conservation Biology*, in *Conservation Biology* 18:2 (2004), pp. 589-90.
12. Review of Thomas Carson, *Value and the Good Life*, in *Philosophy in Review* 22:4 (2002), pp. 260-2.
13. Review of Thomas Hurka, *Virtue, Vice, and Value*, in *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 35:1 (2002), pp. 212-13.
14. Review of Bernard E. Rollin, *The Unbeeded Cry: Animal Consciousness, Animal Pain, and Science* (Expanded Edition), in *Philosophy in Review* 19:4 (1999), pp. 281-2.

Forthcoming / In Progress / Invited

1. *The Virtues of Sustainability*; edited volume, under contract with Oxford University Press, for the series *The Virtues*, edited by Nancy Snow.
2. "Information and Virtue in the Anthropocene" (for a special issue of *Ethics, Policy, and Environment*, to be edited by A. Light).
3. "Epistemic Autonomy" (chapter invited for the *Oxford Handbook of Social Epistemology*, to be edited by Jennifer Lackey and Aidan McGlynn).

Selected Scholarly Work in Progress

1. Epistemic Dimensions of Environmental (In)Justice.
2. Epistemic Exemplars and the Epistemic Point of View.
3. Evaluating the Epistemic Status of the Testimony of Converts.

Paper Presentations (Since 2014)

1. **TBA** (Invited Paper for Conference on "Epistemic Autonomy")
University of North Florida / Templeton Foundation Fall 2021
2. **TBA**
Invited Paper for Panel on "Virtues and Vices, Old and New"
American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting [Online] February 2021
3. **"On the Explanation of Right Action in Virtue Ethics"**
Ryerson University [Online; Invited Departmental Seminar Paper] October 2020
Ethics and Explanation Conference, University of Nottingham February 2016
4. ***"Epistemic Supererogation and Our Epistemic Goals"** (Cancelled – COVID 19)
Arché Philosophical Research Centre (Epistemology: Current Themes Group) April 2020
University of St. Andrews
5. **"Patience and the Love of Truth in an Age of Distraction"**
"Virtues, Media, and Democracy" Conference September 2019
The Aretai Center on Virtues at the University of Genoa
6. **"Epistemic Dimensions of Environmental (In)Justice"**
Bled Conference on Social Epistemology and the Politics of Knowing June 2019
OZSW [Dutch Research School of Phil.] Conference, University of Twente November 2018

7. **“Policy, Ethics, and the Environment: The Place of Character”**
The Applied Ethics Institute at Utica College November 2018
8. **“Epistemic Exemplars and the Epistemic Point of View”**
Bled Conference on Epistemic Virtues and Epistemic Skills June 2017
University of Wollongong [Invited Departmental Seminar Paper] September 2014
9. **“Evaluating the Epistemic Status of the Testimony of Converts”**
American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting April 2014

Conference Commentaries (Since 2014)

1. Thomas Grundmann, "Pre-emptive Authority: The Challenge From Outrageous Expert Judgments"
15th *Episteme* Epistemology Workshop. Skukuza, South Africa June 2019
2. Sophie Dandelet, "Epistemic Coercion"
Pacific Meetings of the American Philosophical Association, Vancouver April 2019
3. Richard Fumerton, “Recognizing Levels of Justification: To Add or To Subtract”
14th *Episteme* Epistemology Workshop, San Cristóbal de la Laguna, Tenerife July 2018
4. Stephen Marrone, “Attention, Deliberation, and Having ‘One Thought Too Many’”
APA Central Division, Chicago February 2018
5. Michael Lynch, “Intellectual Humility and Democratic Discourse”
13th *Episteme* conference, Galapagos, Ecuador July 2017
6. Christopher Belshaw, “Punishment and the Body”
International Association for the Philosophy of Death and Dying, Syracuse NY May 2016
7. Sungwoo Um, “Friendship and Epistemic Partiality”
APA Central Division, Chicago March 2016
8. Benjamin Bayer, “Belief Ownership Without Authorship”
APA Pacific Division, Vancouver, BC April 2015

Selected Professional Recognition

Grants and Fellowships (External)

1. NEH Summer Institute, “Reviving Philosophy as a Way of Life”
(Stephen Angle, Meghan Sullivan, and Stephen Grimm, Directors; Wesleyan University) July 2018
2. Visiting Research Fellow, Centre for Ethics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs (CEPPA)
University of St. Andrews September – June, 2010-11
3. Visiting Research Fellow, CEPPA
University of St. Andrews September – December, 2006
4. NEH Summer Institute, “Environmental Ethics and Issues: Alaska as a Case Study”
(James Liszka, Director; UA Anchorage) June 2001

Grants and Fellowships (Colgate)

1. Picker Grant, Colgate University 2010-2011

Selected Recent Professional Activities

Service to the Discipline

- Associate Editor, *Philosophical Studies* 2020-present
- Editorial Board, *Ethics, Policy and Environment* 2010-present
- Area editor for “Virtue Ethics”, PhilPapers (philpapers.org) 2010-present
- External reviewer for multiple departmental external reviews and tenure/promotion cases.
- Refereeing (Books):
Blackwell (Wiley), Cambridge University Press, Columbia University Press, Lexington Books / Rowman and Littlefield, Longman Publishers, Oxford University Press, Routledge, Wadsworth / Thomson (Cengage).
- Refereeing (Journals):
American Philosophical Quarterly; Australasian Journal of Philosophy; Canadian Journal of Philosophy; Climatic Change; Criminal Justice Ethics; Environmental Ethics; Environmental Values; Erkenntnis; Ethical Perspectives; Ethical Theory and Moral Practice; Ethics; Ethics, Policy, and Environment; Inquiry; International Journal of Politics & Ethics; Journal of Agricultural and Environmental Ethics; Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy; Journal of Philosophical Research; Journal of Value Inquiry; Metaphilosophy; Pacific Philosophical Quarterly; Philosophia; Philosophical Explorations; Philosophical Papers; Philosophical Psychology; Philosophical Quarterly; Philosophical Studies; Philosophy and Phenomenological Research; Public Affairs Quarterly; Res Publica; Southern Journal of Philosophy; Synthese; The Monist; Utilitas.

Service to Colgate

1. Chair, Department of Philosophy July 2020-present
2. Director, St. Andrews Study Group Spring 2020, Spring 2012
3. Director, Lampert Institute for Civic and Global Affairs 2015-18
4. Director, Environmental Studies Program 2013-4 (acting), and 2016-18
5. Institutional Review Board 2005-6, 2007-10, Fall 2011, 2012-13, Spring 2015-2019
6. Picker Interdisciplinary Science Institute Executive Board (*ex officio*) 2013-14, 2016-18
7. Sustainability Council 2013-14, 2016-18
8. Director, Australia I Study Group Fall 2014

Courses Taught at Colgate

- Environmental Ethics
- Topics in Environmental Philosophy
- Contemporary Epistemology
- Ethics
- Introduction to Philosophical Problems
- Topics in Moral Theory
- International Ethics
- Virtues, Vices, and the Good Human Life [Seminar and St. Andrews Study Group]
- Well-being, Death, and the Meaning of Life [Seminar]
- Contemporary Moral Theory [Seminar]
- Australian Environmental Issues: Policy, Change, and Long-Term Sustainability [Wollongong Study Group]