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**AOS:** Moral Psychology, Normative Ethics, Philosophy of Expertise, Applied Ethics, Virtue Ethics

**AOC:** Philosophy of Action, Philosophy of Law, Political Philosophy, Business Ethics, Virtue Epistemology

## EMPLOYMENT
*Associate Professor*, Washington State University, 2013 – Present
*Assistant Professor*, Washington State University, 2007 – 2013
*Lecturer*, Bowling Green State University, 2006 – 2007

## EDUCATION
Bowling Green State University, Ph.D. in Philosophy, 2007
Bowling Green State University, M.A. in Philosophy, 2003
Vanderbilt University, B.A. in Philosophy, 1996

## GRANTS
1. Civic Virtue and "True" Selves: Finding Authenticity in the Complexities of Human Public Life (co-PI with Matthew Vess, Rebecca Schlegel, & Joshua Hicks), for *The Self, Virtue & Public Life* research initiative, $210,849. (2019-2020)
2. Understanding Virtue and Virtue Development in the Context of Heritability Information (co-PI with Matthew Vess, Rebecca Brooker, & Jenae Nederhiser), for the *Genetics & Human Agency* research initiative, $523,485. (2016-2019)
3. International Travel Grant, Washington State University, $1,000 (2018)

## PUBLICATIONS

### Monograph
1. *The Skillfulness of Virtue: Improving our Moral and Epistemic Lives*, Cambridge University Press (October 2018).
   - reviewed by Sungwoo Um in *Journal of Moral Philosophy* (2021); reviewed by Mark Alfano in *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* (2020); reviewed by Ellen Fridland in *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* (2020); reviewed by Scott Woodcock in *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* (2020); reviewed by Bana Bashour in *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* (2021); reviewed by Mara Neijzen in *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* (2021); reviewed by Noell Birondo in *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* (2021).

### Journal Articles
1. Replies to commentators for the symposium on my book *The Skillfulness of Virtue: Improving our Moral and Epistemic Lives*, with Mark Alfano, Bana Bashour, Noell Birondo,

Ellen Fridland, Mara Neijzen, and Scott Woodcock, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 24, ([2021](#)): 611-623.

2. The True Self as Essentially Morally Good – An Obstacle to Moral Improvement?, *Journal of Moral Education*, ([2021](#)).

3. Virtue as Skill and the Virtues of Self-Regulation, *Journal of Value Inquiry* 55, Special Issue on Virtue and Skill, ([2021](#)): 355-369.

4. Learning from Failure: Shame and Emotion Regulation in Virtue as Skill, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 23(2), Special Issue on Virtue Ethics and Moral Psychology ([2020](#)): 341-354.

5. with Ellen Fridland and Matt Stichter; It Just Feels Right: an account of expert intuition, *Synthese*, Special Issue on Minds in Skilled Performance ([2020](#)).

6. with Grace N. Rivera, Matthew Vess, Rebecca J. Brooker, Matt Stichter, and Jenae M. Nederhiser, Exploring Relations between Beliefs about the Genetic Etiology of Virtue and the Endorsement of Parenting Practices, *Parenting: Science and Practice*, ([2020](#)).

7. with Matt Stichter and Leland Saunders, Positive Psychology and Virtue: Values in Action, *Journal of Positive Psychology* 14(1), Special Issue on Character Strengths and Virtues ([2019](#)): 1-5.

8. with Matthew Vess, Rebecca J. Brooker, Matt Stichter, and Jenae M. Nederhiser, Genes and Virtue: Exploring how heritability beliefs shape conceptions of virtue and its development, *Behavioral Genetics* 49(2), Special Issue on Genetics and Human Agency, ([2019](#)): 168-174.

9. Practical Skills and Practical Wisdom in Virtue, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 94:3 ([2016](#)): 435-448.

10. Philosophical and Psychological Accounts of Expertise and Experts, *Humana.Mente – Journal of Philosophical Studies* 28: Experts and Expertise. Interdisciplinary Issues. ([2015](#)): 105-128.

11. The Structure of Death Penalty Arguments, *Res Publica* 20:2 ([2014](#)): 129-143.

12. Virtues as Skills in Virtue Epistemology, *Journal of Philosophical Research* 38 ([2013](#)): 331-346.

13. Justifying Animal Use in Education, *Environmental Ethics* 34 ([2012](#)): 199-209.

14. Virtues, Skills, and Right Action, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 14 ([2011](#)): 73-86.

15. Rescuing Fair-Play as a Justification for Punishment, *Res Publica* 16:1 ([2010](#)): 73-81.

16. Ethical Expertise, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 10 ([2007](#)): 183-194.

17. The Skill Model of Virtue, *Philosophy in the Contemporary World* 14 ([2007](#)): 39-49.

**Chapters in Edited Volumes**

1. Differentiating the Skills of Practical Wisdom, in De Caro and Vaccarezza (eds.), *Practical Wisdom: Philosophical and Psychological Perspectives*. Routledge ([2021](#)).

2. Virtue as a Skill: Self-Regulation and Social Psychology, in Fridland and Pavese (eds.), *The Routledge Handbook of Philosophy of Skill and Expertise*. Routledge ([2020](#)), 487-501.

3. Virtue as a Skill, in Nancy Snow (ed.), *Oxford Handbook of Virtue*. New York: Oxford University Press ([2017](#)), 57-84.

4. The Role of Motivation and Wisdom in Virtue as Skill, in Annas, Narvaez & Snow (eds.), *Developing the Virtues: Integrating Perspectives*. New York: Oxford University Press ([2016](#)), 204-223.

**Book Review**

1. *The Virtues of Happiness: A Theory of the Good Life* by Paul Bloomfield (Oxford University Press, 2014), invited by *Social Theory and Practice* 41:3 ([2015](#)): 567-574.

### Dissertation
1. *The Skill of Virtue: Moral Virtues as Practical Skills*, VDM Verlag Dr. Muller (2007).

### Blog Posts
1. Public debates – Testing your intellectual abilities?; for *Open for Debate - Changing Attitudes in Public Discourse*, [January 14, 2019](#)

2. Group membership, moral criticism and self-affirmation; for *Open for Debate - Changing Attitudes in Public Discourse*, [May 21, 2018](#)

### Reprints of Articles in Journals
1. Ethical Expertise: The Skill Model of Virtue, reprinted in *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, Virtual Issue No. 1: Virtues, Skills, and Moral Expertise (2015)
2. Virtues, Skills, and Right Action, reprinted in *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, Virtual Issue No. 1: Virtues, Skills, and Moral Expertise (2015)

## PRESENTATIONS

### Invited Conferences & Workshops
1. Machine Wisdom Project, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, May 12-14 2022; and May 7-8 2021
2. Self, Virtue, & Public Life, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK, November 12-13 2021
3. Philosophical and Psychological Foundations of Wellbeing, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, September 27-29 2019
4. Explaining Wisdom, TU Dresden, Dresden Germany, June 28-30 2019
5. Genetics and Human Agency, University of Virginia, Charlottesville VA, May 7-11 2019; May 1-5 2018; and May 11-12 2017
6. Epistemic Virtues and Epistemic Skills, Bled Philosophical Conference, Bled Slovenia, June 5-9 2017
7. Virtue and Skill, Centre for the Study of Mind in Nature, Oslo Norway, June 1-2 2015

### Keynote Speaker
1. 15th Annual Western Michigan University Graduate Student Philosophy Conference, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, November 19-20 2021

### Conference Presentations
1. Virtue, motivation, and moral identity; 48th Annual Conference of the Association for Moral Education; Manchester, UK, July 20-23 2022
2. Moral Self-Regulation – Goal setting and moral disengagement; 47th Annual Conference of the Association for Moral Education; Online, November 3-7 2021
3. Can feelings of authenticity help to guide virtuous behavior?; 46th Annual Conference of the Association for Moral Education; Online, October 28-November 1 2020

4. Differentiating the Skills of Practical Wisdom; Pan-Asian Summit on Wisdom, Morality, and Character in the Polarized World; Colombo, Sri Lanka, May 11-13 2020 [Cancelled due to covid]
5. Book symposium for *The Skillfulness of Virtue: Improving our Moral and Epistemic Lives*, American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, Vancouver Canada, April 17-20 2019
6. Virtue, Skill, and Self-Regulation: Working with Social Psychology; Virtue Ethics and Psychology: Towards a New Science of Virtues?, Aretai Center on Virtues and the European University of Rome, Rome Italy, October 18-20 2018
7. Virtue as Skill: Self-Regulation and Situationism; Moral Psychology: From Neurons to Norms, American University of Beirut, Beirut Lebanon, May 24-26 2018
8. Training for Virtue; Virtue & Moral Education, University of Gdańsk, Gdańsk Poland, May 17-18 2018
9. The Politics of Ethical Expertise, American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Chicago IL, March 2-5 2016
10. The Politics of Ethical Expertise, New York State Political Science Association, New York City NY, April 25-26 2014
11. Virtue: From *Techne* to *Phronesis*, Kansas Philosophical Society, Kansas State University, February 15th 2014
12. The Skill of Virtue and the Psychology of Expertise, American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, Seattle WA, April 4-7 2012
13. The Skill of Virtue and the Psychology of Expertise, Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Savannah GA, March 22-24 2012
14. The Skill of Virtue and the Psychology of Expertise, Northwest Philosophy Conference, Lewis & Clark College, November 4-5 2011
15. The Skill of Virtue and the Psychology of Expertise, Indiana Philosophical Association, Hanover College, October 21-22 2011
16. The Skill of Virtue and the Psychology of Expertise, Long Island Philosophical Society, Long Island University, October 15th 2011
17. Rescuing Fair-Play as a Justification for Punishment, 36th Conference on Value Inquiry, Southern Illinois University, April 16-18 2010
18. Solving the Dilemma of the Unity of the Virtues, American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Chicago IL, February 18th 2010
19. A Commentary on Mill's Misleading Moral Mathematics, American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, Pasadena CA, March 20th 2008
20. The Skill of Virtue, Ohio Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, The Ohio State University, April 1st 2006
21. The Skill of Virtue, Michigan State Graduate Student Philosophy Conference, Michigan State University, February 18th 2006
22. No Lack of Character, Virginia Tech Graduate Philosophy Conference, Virginia Tech, October 28-29 2005.

**Invited Presentations**
1. Moral Psychology, Mind and Moral Psychology working group, University of Michigan, March 19th 2021.
2. An Overview of Ethics for Science and Business, Biological Systems Engineering Seminar, Washington State University, September 10th 2020, November 4th 2015, and March 30th 2012

3. Stopping the Moral Disengagement that Maintains Oppression, Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences, Texas A&M, February 9th 2018
4. Animal Research Ethics and the Animal-Human Relationship, Research Seminar on Human-Animal Interaction, Washington State University, January 19th 2017
5. Justice and Punishment, Washington State University Common Reading faculty lecture series for *Just Mercy*, February 9th 2016
6. Animal Rights and Animal Welfare, Natural Resource and Environmental Issues and Ethics Seminar, Washington State University, October 20th 2014
7. Ethics and Engineering, Electrical and Computer Engineering Seminar, Washington State University, October 22nd 2013 and October 30th 2012
8. Virtues as Skills, Naturalizing Virtue Graduate Seminar, University of Oregon, October 17th 2013
9. The Ethics of Eating, Washington State University Common Reading faculty lecture series for *The Omnivore's Dilemma*, February 23rd 2010
10. Practical Wisdom and the Unity of the Virtues, Washington State University Philosophy Colloquium, November 13th 2009
11. On Virtue Epistemology, Washington State University Philosophy Colloquium, March 27th 2009
12. Reciprocity as a Justification for Punishment, Washington State University Philosophy Colloquium, April 11th 2008

### Poster Presentation
1. with Tristin Nyman, Rebecca Brooker, Grace Rivera, Jenae Neiderhiser, Matt Stichter, and Matthew Vess, Parent Heritability Beliefs Interact With Endorsed, not Observed, Authoritarian Parenting Behaviors to Predict Child Dishonesty, Society for Research in Child Development, April 7-9 2021
2. with Grace N. Rivera, Rebecca J. Brooker, Matthew Vess, Matt Stichter, and Jenae M. Nederhiser, Beliefs about Heritability Relate to Authoritarian Parenting Beliefs, Parental Control, and Child Depression, Society for Research in Child Development, Baltimore MD, March 21-23 2019

## MEDIA INTERVIEWS

1. The Mind of Skill, Part 4: Virtue as skills – Matt Stichter on self-regulation and virtue ethics (2021)
2. Why Your 'True Self' Is An Illusion (2021)

## AWARD
1. 2016 College of Arts and Sciences William F. Mullen Memorial Teaching Award

## PROFESSIONAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

### Professional Organizations
Research Affiliate, Center for the Science of Moral Understanding, 2020-present
Member, Association for Moral Education, 2020-present

### Referee Work

*Acta Analytica (2017, 2018, 2020); Australasian Journal of Philosophy (2015, 2016, 2017, 2021); British Journal of Political Science (2015); Ethical Theory and Moral Practice (2014, 2017); Ethics (2015); European Journal of Political Theory (2016); Frontiers in Psychology (2021); Humana.Mente – Journal of Philosophical Studies (2019); Journal of Ethics (2020); Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy (2019); Journal of Moral Education (2019, 2020, 2022); Journal of Philosophical Research (2014, 2017); Journal of Value Inquiry (2015, 2019, 2021); Journal of the American Philosophical Association (2018); Mind & Language (2018); Monist (2015); Philosophical Papers (2016, 2017, 2021); Philosophical Psychology (2020); Philosophical Quarterly (2020); Philosophical Studies (2015, 2017, 2020); Philosophy and Phenomenological Research (2020, 2021); Political Studies (2016); Res Publica (2017, 2020); Social Philosophy Today (2019); Social Theory and Practice (2016, 2020); Synthese (2015, 2016, 2018, 2020, 2021); Topoi (2016)*

**Professional Service**

Programming Committee, Pacific Division Meeting, American Philosophical Association, 2014 – 2017, 2019 – present

**University Service**

Advisory Board for WSU's Center for Arts and Humanities, 2020 – present
Animal Welfare Program (formerly IACUC) for WSU, 2019 – present
Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee for WSU, 2009 – 2017
Government and Ethics Task Force for WSU, 2010 – 2011

**Departmental Service**

Undergraduate Studies Committee, 2020 – present
Scholarship and Fellowship Committee, 2019 – 2020
Graduate Studies Committee, 2011 – 2017
Ad Hoc Committee on Learning Goals for Philosophy Department, 2007 – 2008

# TEACHING

**Washington State University**
- Graduate Seminar in Ethical Theory
- Graduate Seminar in Business Ethics
- Ethical Theory
- Business Ethics
- Philosophy of Law
- Social and Political Philosophy
- Introduction to Ethics
- Introduction to Philosophy
- Independent Study: Moral Psychology
- Online Course Development: Graduate Seminar in Ethical Theory, Graduate Seminar in Business Ethics, Ethical Theory, Business Ethics, Philosophy of Law, Introduction to Ethics

**Bowling Green State University**
- Medical Ethics

- Philosophy of Punishment
- Socialism, Capitalism, and Democracy