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### **EDUCATION**

- University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va. 1995 Ph.D. Dissertation: "Ethics After Anscombe" Supervisor: Cora Diamond
- University of Wales, Swansea 1989 M.Phil. Thesis: "Wittgenstein: Language, Meaning and Methodology" Supervisor: D.Z. Phillips
- University of Oxford, England 1988 B.A. Honours School: Philosophy, Politics and Economics

### **EMPLOYMENT**

**Virginia Military Institute:** Assistant Professor 1995-2001, Associate Professor 2001-2005, Professor 2005-2017, Charles Luck III '55 Institute Professor 2017-present

### **INVITED POSITIONS**

#### **University of Veracruz, Mexico: Ludwig Wittgenstein Chair**

A one-week course for graduate students on Peter Winch's philosophy of social science (Summer 2014)

#### **Åbo Akademi, Finland: Visiting Professor**

A one-week course for graduate students on G. E. M. Anscombe's "Modern Moral Philosophy" (Spring 2007)

### **PUBLICATIONS: Books**

- *Wittgenstein Versus Anscombe on How to Live: Linked Philosophical Lives*, Bloomsbury, 2025
- *Wittgenstein's Tractatus: A Student's Edition*, Bloomsbury, 2021
- *Historical Dictionary of Wittgenstein's Philosophy*, second edition, Bloomsbury, 2014, a revised and expanded version of *The A to Z of Wittgenstein's Philosophy* Scarecrow Press, Lanham, Maryland, 2010 (previously published as *Historical Dictionary of Wittgenstein's Philosophy*, 2004)
- *Anscombe's Moral Philosophy*, Bloomsbury, 2011. Translated into Spanish and published as *La Filosofía Moral de Anscombe* by the University of Veracruz, Mexico in 2015
- *Why Be Good? A Historical Introduction to Ethics*, Oxford University Press, New York, 2007
- *Wittgenstein at His Word*, Bloomsbury, 2004
- *Ethics After Anscombe: Post "Modern Moral Philosophy"*, Kluwer Academic Publishers, Dordrecht, Netherlands and Boston, Mass., 2000

## INVITED TALKS

- “‘Obviously Wrong’: the *Tractatus* on Will and World” to the Indian Forum for Philosophy (online) November 27, 2021 and to the Department of Philosophy at the University of Tehran, Iran (online) December 23, 2021
- “General Truths and the Danger of Relativism in Contextual Ethics,” at the University of East Anglia Wittgenstein Workshop October 13, 2021, and at the online conference Contextual Ethics II based in Åbo Akademi, Finland, January 29, 2022
- Online discussion of Mauro Engelmann’s *Reading Wittgenstein’s Tractatus* (Cambridge University Press, 2021) with David Stern, Oskari Kuusela, James Levine, and Mauro Engelmann, October 10, 2021
- Online discussion about the *Tractatus* and our recent books relating to it with James Klagge and Richard Barnett for the British Wittgenstein Society, September 14, 2021
- “Anscombe’s Sexual Ethics,” at the von Wright-Wittgenstein Research Seminar, University of Helsinki, Finland, March 14, 2019
- “Wittgenstein and the Value of Clarity,” at the Eighth British Wittgenstein Society Annual Conference: Wittgenstein, Ethics and Religion, Hinsley Hall, Leeds, September 7, 2016
- “The Meaning of Human Dignity,” the plenary address at the 2015 Anscombe Forum, Neumann University, Pennsylvania, March 13, 2015
- “The Significance of Religious Experience,” the Jerry Jackson Lecture in the Humanities at Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, North Carolina, October 2, 2014
- “The Possibility of a Social Science” public lecture given at the University of Veracruz, Xalapa, Mexico, August 11, 2014
- “Sketches of Blurred Landscapes: Wittgenstein and Ethics” at the North American Wittgenstein Society at the Pacific Division meeting of the American Philosophical Association, San Diego, California, April 17, 2014
- “The Conception of the Architectonic Good in Anscombe’s Moral Philosophy,” at a conference on The Moral Philosophy of Elizabeth Anscombe at St Hugh’s College, Oxford University, September 27, 2013
- “Just War” panelist at the symposium 9/11: Ten Years On at James Madison University, October 2 2011
- “A Defensible Doctrine of Double Effect,” keynote address at the 70th annual meeting of the Virginia Philosophical Association, Lynchburg College, October 23 2009
- “Wittgenstein, Bentham, Derrida: Ethics, Nonsense, Metaphysics, Rights,” at Åbo Akademi, Turku, Finland, March 26, 2009
- “Did Wittgenstein Disagree with Heidegger?” at Åbo Akademi, Turku, Finland, March 19 2007
- “In Praise of Nonsense: Wittgenstein on Heidegger” at Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Virginia, January 24 2006

## PUBLICATIONS: Papers

- “Ethics of Counterterrorism,” pp. 1068-1095 in Atin Basuchoudhary and Günther G. Schulze (eds.) *Handbook of the Economics of Terrorism*, Cambridge University Press, 2025

## Papers, continued

- “Some Remarks of Anscombe’s on Faith and Justice: A Note” in *Philosophies* Vol. 10, Issue 85, 2025
- “Sheer Poison? Wittgenstein’s Philosophy of Religion” in *Religions* Vol. 16, Issue 3, 2025
- “Ethical Description as a Form of Anti-Theory,” pp. 105-122 in *Philosophical Theorizing and its Limits: Anti-Theory in Ethics and Philosophy of Science* edited by Uri D. Leibowitz, Klodian Coko, and Isaac Nevo, Springer, 2025
- “‘Obviously Wrong’: the *Tractatus* on Will and World,” pp. 203-218 in Jose Zalabardo (ed.) *Wittgenstein’s Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus: A Critical Guide*, Cambridge University Press, 2024
- “General Truths and the Danger of Relativism in Contextual Ethics,” pp. 352-375, *Philosophical Investigations* Vol. 46, No. 3, July 2023
- “The Good, the Divine, and the Supernatural,” pp.195-211 in Florian Franken Figueiredo (ed.) *Wittgenstein’s Philosophy in 1929*, Routledge, 2023
- “A Portrait of Elizabeth Anscombe,” pp. 37-52 in Thomas Wallgren (ed.) *The Creation of Wittgenstein: Understanding the Roles of Rush Rhees, Elizabeth Anscombe and Georg Henrik von Wright*, Bloomsbury, 2023
- “Anscombe and Sexual Ethics,” pp. 324-343 in Roger Teichmann (ed.) *The Oxford Handbook of Elizabeth Anscombe*, Oxford University Press, 2022
- “‘See, Its Eye is Fixed on it’: Anscombe and Wittgenstein on Animals and Intention,” pp. 101-112 in *Enrahonar*, Vol. 64, 2020 <https://revistes.uab.cat/enrahonar/article/view/v64-richter/1274-pdf-en>
- “Morality and Moral Law: A Reply to James Doyle,” in *Forma de Vida*, No. 17, 2019 <https://formadevida.org/#editorialfdv17>
- “Schopenhauer the Optimist,” pp. 12-14 in *Philosophy Now*, Issue 134, 2019. Re-printed in *The Ultimate Guide to Aesthetics*, pp. 89-91, 2022
- “Thinking with Animals,” pp. 229-241 in Andrew Gleeson and Craig Taylor (eds.) *Morality in a Realistic Spirit: Essays for Cora Diamond*, Routledge, 2019
- “Wittgenstein on Ethics, May 1933,” pp. 194-208 in David G. Stern (ed.) *Wittgenstein in the 1930s: Between the Tractatus and the Investigations*, Cambridge University Press, 2018
- “Winch on Understanding Other People” in *Philosophical Investigations* Volume 41, Issue 4 October 2018, pp. 399-417
- “Augustine and Wittgenstein on the Will,” pp. 169-184 in John Doody, Alexander R. Eodice, and Kim Paffenroth (eds.) *Augustine and Wittgenstein*, Lexington Books, 2018
- “Wittgenstein and the Value of Clarity,” pp. 219-236 in Mikel Burley (ed.) *Wittgenstein, Religion and Ethics: New Perspectives from Philosophy and Theology*, Bloomsbury Academic, 2018
- “Sketches of Blurred Landscapes,” pp. 153-173 in Reshef Agam-Segal and Edmund Dain (eds.) *Wittgenstein’s Moral Thought*, Routledge, 2017
- “Snapshot: G.E.M. Anscombe” in *The Philosopher’s Magazine* Issue 78, 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter, 2017, pp. 65-67
- “The Later Wittgenstein,” pp. 118-130 in Aaron Preston (ed.) *Analytic Philosophy: An Interpretive History* Routledge, 2017

## Papers, continued

- "Sex" pp. 404-432 in Roger Teichmann (ed.) *Elizabeth Anscombe: Critical Assessments of Leading Philosophers* Routledge, 2016. This is a re-printing of chapter five of *Anscombe's Moral Philosophy*
- "The Meaning of Human Dignity" pp. 17-39 in John Mizzoni (ed.) *G.E.M. Anscombe and Human Dignity* Neumann University Press, 2016
- "The Conception of the Architectonic Good in Anscombe's Moral Philosophy" pp. 33-50 in Luke Gormally, David Albert Jones and Roger Teichmann (eds) *The Moral Philosophy of Elizabeth Anscombe* Imprint Academic, 2016
- "Wittgenstein on Ethics, Nonsense, and Metaphysics" pp. 114-136 in Ylva Gustafsson, Camilla Kronqvist and Hannes Nykänen (eds) *Ethics and the Philosophy of Culture* Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2013
- "G.E.M. Anscombe" *Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy* March 26, 2012 (peer reviewed)
- "Philosophy and Poetry" *Essays in Philosophy* Volume 12, Issue 2, 2011
- "Ethics and Private Language" *Philosophical Topics* Volume 38, Number 1, Spring 2010.
- "On the Pursuit of Happiness" pp. 185-201 in Ylva Gustafsson, Camilla Kronqvist and Michael McEachrane (eds) *Emotions and Understanding: Wittgensteinian Perspectives* Palgrave Macmillan, 2009
- "Did Wittgenstein Disagree With Heidegger?" *Review of Contemporary Philosophy*, Vol. 6, 2007
- "Onko Luonto Konservatiivinen? Wittgenstein Ja Heidegger Arkkitehtuurista Ja Runoudesta," (a Finnish translation by T. P. Uschanov of "Is Nature Conservative? Wittgenstein and Heidegger on Architecture and Poetry," in *niin & näin*, No. 38, 2003
- "The Fear of Playing God" pp. 47-53 in Brenda Almond and Michael Parker (eds) *Ethical Issues in the New Genetics: Are Genes Us?* Ashgate Publishing Ltd., Aldershot, 2003
- "Whose Ethics? Which Wittgenstein?" *Philosophical Papers*, Vol. 31. No. 3, November 2002
- "Wittgensteinian Foundationalism," *Erkenntnis*, Volume 55, Number 3, December 2001.
- "Missing the Entire Point: Wittgenstein and Religion," *Religious Studies* Volume 37, Number 2, June 2001
- "Social Integrity and Private 'Immorality': the Hart-Devlin Debate Reconsidered," *Essays in Philosophy* Vol. 2 No. 2, June 2001 (<http://www.humboldt.edu/~essays/richter.html>).
- "Understanding Genocide: Wittgenstein and the Holocaust," *The Review Journal of Philosophy and Social Science*, Vol. XXV, 2000
- "Virtue Without Theory," *The Journal of Value Inquiry*, Vol. 33, Number 3, September 1999
- "Is Abortion Vicious?" *The Journal of Value Inquiry*, Vol. 32, Number 3, September 1998
- "Nothing to Be Said: Wittgenstein and Wittgensteinian Ethics," *The Southern Journal of Philosophy* Vol. XXXIV, Number 2, Summer 1996
- "The Incoherence of the Moral 'Ought'," *Philosophy* 70, January 1995

## CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

- “Anscombe Against Shallowness” at a conference on the Somerville Group: Influences, Impact, and Legacy, Lund University, Lund, Sweden, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- “Wittgenstein and Schopenhauer on Self and Will” at the International Wittgenstein Symposium in Kirchberg, Austria, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- “Logical Aliens, Ethics and Religion” at the First South American Logic Meeting in Cusco, Peru January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- “Ethical Description as a Form of Anti-Theory” at a conference on Anti-Theory in the Philosophy of Science and Ethics at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev in Israel on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- “Anscombe on Faith and Justice” at the conference “Wartime Quartet: Significance, Legacy, Spirit” at the University of Durham, UK, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- “Point and Click: Wittgenstein and the Meaning of Life,” at the Second International Conference on Philosophy and Meaning in Life, Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan, October 7, 2019
- “Anscombe and Wittgenstein on Animals and Intention,” at the World Congress of Philosophy, China National Convention Center, Beijing, China, August 18, 2018
- “Thinking with Animals,” at a conference on Animals in the Humanities: Relations, Representations, Ethical Implications at Roanoke College, Virginia, March 24, 2018
- “Winch on Understanding Other People” at a conference on Truth in Politics and Metaphysics: Celebrating the Work of Peter Winch at King’s College, London, June 30-July 2, 2017
- “Consciousness and Value in Wittgenstein and Shankara” at a conference on Consciousness, Value and Reality: East and West at the Vedic Village Spa Resort Convention Center, Kolkata, India, January 7, 2015
- “Wittgenstein’s Ethics” at the 4<sup>th</sup> Regional Wittgenstein Workshop at Washington and Lee University, March 10, 2012 and at the conference “In Wittgenstein’s Footsteps” at the University of Iceland, September 15<sup>th</sup> 2012
- Chair of "Author Meets Critics: Alice Crary, *Beyond Moral Judgment*" at the American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting in Philadelphia, PA, December 29 2008.
- "Unsinn on Stilts, or Wittgenstein and the French Revolution" at the Wittgenstein in Virginia workshop at VMI, September 12 2008
- Guest lecture: "Wittgenstein's Philosophy of Language" at Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Virginia, October 17 2007
- "Against "Religion, Truth, and Toleration:" A Reply to Andrew Cohen" invited response at the 65th annual meeting of the Virginia Philosophical Association at VMI, October 8 2004
- "What Use Are Wittgenstein's Language-Games?" at the colloquium "Logic, Games and Philosophy: Foundational Perspectives" at the Institute of Philosophy, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, Prague, September 30 2004
- "The Ethics of Belief" at ACLA 2003 (the American Comparative Literature Association) California State University San Marcos, April 5 2003
- "Philosophy as Poetry" at the conference "Philosophy As ..." University of London, November 30 2002

## Presentations, continued

- "Making Sex Inviting: A Reply to Laura Waddell Ekstrom" invited response at the 63rd annual meeting of the Virginia Philosophical Association at the University of Richmond, Virginia, October 18 2002
- "Is Ethics Nonsense?" at Southern Virginia University, Buena Vista, Virginia, April 4 2002.
- "Education to Help Others: Romance vs. Truth" at the 75th annual meeting of the Virginia Social Science Association, Virginia Military Institute, March 22 2002
- "Getting Wittgenstein's Goat," at the Society of Christian Philosophers Eastern Regional Meeting, St. John Fisher College, Rochester, New York, March 1-3 2001
- "Confusion," at the 25th Annual Midsouth Philosophy Conference, University of Memphis, Tennessee, February 23 2001
- "The Fear of Playing God," at the Society for Applied Philosophy Conference "Are Genes Us?," Manchester, England, May 19-21 2000, and at the Virginia Military Institute Symposium "The Flight of Future Days," October 20 2000
- "Missing the Entire Point: Wittgenstein and Religion," at the 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Atlanta, Georgia, April 20 2000
- "Wittgensteinian Foundationalism," at the 91<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Louisville, Kentucky, April 2 1999
- Chair, Hans-Johann Glock "Bringing Wittgenstein to Reason," at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute Philosophy Department annual Spring conference "Wittgenstein: Biography and Philosophy," March 27 1999
- "From 'Nature' to *Nausea*: The Philosophy of Meaning," at the Virginia Military Institute English Society meeting, April 6 1998
- "Wittgenstein and the Holocaust," at the 1997 Intermountain Philosophy Conference, East Tennessee State University, October 11 1997
- "Is Abortion Vicious?" at the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, March 27 1997
- "Iris Murdoch, Literature and the Moral Imagination," at the Society for Realist/Antirealist Discussion, American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, Seattle, Washington, April 6 1996
- "Ethics in the Curriculum," at the Virginia Corps of Cadets Ethics in Leadership Seminar, Mary Baldwin College, March 22 1996
- "Wittgenstein and Wittgensteinian Ethics," at the Spring Program of the New Jersey Regional Philosophy Association, April 22 1995, and at the First Annual Mid-South University of Tennessee Graduate Philosophy Colloquium, March 4 1995
- "Defusing the Abortion Debate in Virginia" at the 1995 Virginia Issues and Policy Conference, University of Virginia, April 20 1995
- Guest lecture: "Ronald Dworkin on Abortion" at the University of Richmond, March 21 1995
- Guest lecture: "Platonism and the Western Mystical Tradition" at Mary Washington College, January 16 1995
- "The Incoherence of the Moral 'Ought'" at the University of Virginia Philosophy Department Colloquium, October 27 1993

## PUBLICATIONS: Reviews, etc.

- Review of James C. Klagge *Tractatus in Context: The essential background for appreciating Wittgenstein's Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus*, Routledge, 2022, in *Philosophical Investigations*, published online August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- Review of James C. Klagge *Wittgenstein's Artillery: Philosophy as Poetry*, The MIT Press, 2021, in *Philosophical Investigations*, published online April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- Review of Anne-Marie Søndergaard Christensen's *Moral Philosophy and Moral Life*, Oxford University Press, 2020, in *Metapsychology* Vol. 25, No. 32: <https://metapsychology.net/index.php/book-review/moral-philosophy-and-moral-life/>, posted on August 11<sup>th</sup> 2021
- Review of Hanne Appelqvist (ed.), *Wittgenstein and the Limits of Language*, Routledge, 2020 in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, posted June 7<sup>th</sup> 2020
- Review of Cora Diamond's *Reading Wittgenstein with Anscombe, Going On to Ethics* in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, posted May 10<sup>th</sup> 2019
- Review of Bryan van Norden's *Taking Back Philosophy: A Multicultural Manifesto* in *The European Legacy* 2019
- Review of Roger Teichmann's *Wittgenstein on Thought and Will* in the *Nordic Wittgenstein Review* Volume 6, Number 2, 2017, pp. 96-98
- Review of Chantal Bax *Subjectivity After Wittgenstein: The Post-Cartesian Subject and the 'Death of man'* Bloomsbury, 2011, *The European Legacy*, published online February 26<sup>th</sup> 2016
- Review of John W. Schiemann *Does Torture Work?* Oxford University Press, 2015, *Metapsychology*, Volume 19, Issue 42, posted October 13<sup>th</sup> 2015
- Review of James Klagge *Wittgenstein in Exile* MIT Press, 2011, *The European Legacy* 17:6, October 2012
- Review of Jonathan Balcombe *Second Nature: The Inner Lives of Animals* Palgrave Macmillan, 2010, *Metapsychology*, Volume 16, Issue 26, June 26<sup>th</sup> 2012
- Review of Annelise Orleck and Lisa Gayle Hazirjian, eds., *The War on Poverty: A New Grassroots History, 1964-1980*, University of Georgia Press, Athens, Georgia and London, 2011 for *Studies in American Culture*
- Review of Tim Labron *Wittgenstein and Theology* Continuum 2009, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, posted September 4<sup>th</sup> 2009
- Review of Roger Teichmann *The Philosophy of Elizabeth Anscombe* Oxford University Press 2008, *International Journal of Philosophical Studies*, Volume 17, Issue 1, February 2009, pp. 141-145
- Review of Rupert Read *Applying Wittgenstein* Continuum 2007, *Philosophical Investigations* Volume 32, Issue 1, 2009, pp. 91-95
- Review of Alfred Nordmann *Wittgenstein's 'Tractatus': An Introduction* Cambridge University Press 2005, *European Journal of Philosophy*, Volume 16, Issue 1, April 2008, pp. 148-152
- Review of Mary Geach and Luke Gormally, eds., *Human Life, Action and Ethics: Essays by G. E. M. Anscombe* Imprint Academic 2005, *The Journal of Value Inquiry* (2007) 41:113-119
- Review of P. M. S. Hacker *Human Nature: The Categorical Framework* Blackwell 2007, *Metapsychology*, posted January 8<sup>th</sup> 2008

## Reviews, continued

- Review of J. Mark Lazenby *The Early Wittgenstein on Religion* Continuum 2006, *The European Legacy* 13:7, 2008
- Review of Michael Kober (ed.) *Deepening Our Understanding of Wittgenstein* Editions Rodopi B.V. 2006, *The European Legacy* 13:2, 2008
- Review of Alice Crary *Beyond Moral Judgment* Harvard University Press 2007, *Metapsychology*, posted May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2007
- Review of Rom Harré and Michael Tissaw *Wittgenstein and Psychology* Ashgate 2005, *Metapsychology*, posted October 8<sup>th</sup> 2005
- Review of Stephen Mulhall *Philosophical Myths of the Fall* Princeton University Press 2005, *Metapsychology*, posted September 10<sup>th</sup> 2005
- Review of Berel Dov Lerner *Rules, Magic, and Instrumental Reason: A critical interpretation of Peter Winch's philosophy of the social sciences* Routledge 2002, *Philosophia* Volume 32, May 2005
- Review of David G. Stern and Béla Szabados (eds) *Wittgenstein Reads Weininger* Cambridge University Press 2004, *Metapsychology*, posted November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2004
- Review of Cressida J. Heyes (ed.) *The Grammar of Politics: Wittgenstein and Political Philosophy* Cornell University Press 2003, *Philosophy in Review* Volume XXIII no. 6 (December 2003)
- Review of James C. Klagge and Alfred Nordmann (eds) *Ludwig Wittgenstein: Public and Private Occasions* Rowman & Littlefield 2003, *Metapsychology*, posted July 15<sup>th</sup> 2003
- Review of Adam Morton *The Importance of Being Understood: Folk Psychology as Ethics* Routledge 2003, *Metapsychology*, posted June 27<sup>th</sup> 2003
- Review of Donna Tartt *The Little Friend* Knopf 2002, *Metapsychology*, posted January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2003
- Review of Terry Nardin *The Philosophy of Michael Oakeshott* Pennsylvania State University Press 2001, *Philosophy in Review* Volume XXII no. 6 (December 2002)
- "Mutually Assured Destruction" forum with Dylan Suzanne and Robert Martin in *Philosophy Now*, issue 37, August/September 2002
- Review of Rosalind Hursthouse *On Virtue Ethics* Oxford University Press 1999, *Metapsychology*, posted June 5<sup>th</sup> 2002
- Obituary of G.E.M. Anscombe in *Philosophy Now*, issue 31, March/April 2001
- Review of John W. Cook *Wittgenstein, Empiricism, and Language* Oxford University Press 2000, *Philosophy in Review* Volume XXI no.1 (February 2001)
- "Ludwig Wittgenstein (1889-1951)," *The Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, (<http://www.utm.edu/research/iep/w/wittgens.htm>), posted October 29, 1996
- "Richter Reviews Schaubert," *Brown Electronic Article Review Service*, Jamie Dreier and David Estlund, editors (<http://www.brown.edu/Departments/Philosophy/bears/homepage.html>) posted September 13, 1996
- Brief critical notice of David Johnston *The Idea of a Liberal Theory: A Critique and Reconstruction* Princeton University Press 1994 in *The Virginia Quarterly Review* Volume 71, Number 2, Spring 1995

## OTHER REVIEWING AND JOURNAL WORK

- **Editorial Boards:** I am a member of the advisory editorial board of the *Nordic Wittgenstein Review*, a consulting editor for the *Journal of Value Inquiry*, and a member of the advisory board of the University of Iowa *Tractatus* Map Project
- **Journal articles:** I have reviewed papers for *Arts*, *European Journal of Philosophy*, *Humanities*, *Inquiry*, *Journal of Philosophical Research*, *Journal of Theoretical and Philosophical Psychology*, *Nordic Wittgenstein Review*, *Philosophia*, *Philosophical Papers*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophies*, *Prolegomena: Journal of Philosophy*, *Religions*, *SATS - Northern European Journal of Philosophy*, *Sophia*, *The European Legacy*, *The Journal of Ethics*, *The Journal of Moral Philosophy*, *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*, and *Theoria*.
- **Book manuscripts:** I have reviewed book-length manuscripts for Acumen, Anthem Press, Cambridge University Press, Columbia University Press, Pennsylvania State University Press, Routledge, and the State University of New York Press.
- **Doctoral Dissertation assessment:** I have been an external assessor of “Wittgenstein’s Moral Philosophy” by Jordi Fairhurst, University of the Balearic Islands (2021) and “Unravelling Moral Certainty: Having a Rough Story” by Ryan Manhire, Flinders University and Åbo Akademi (2021).

## HONORS, AWARDS, AND ACHIEVEMENTS at VMI

- Charles Luck III '55 Institute Professorship 2017 (awarded) and 2022 (renewed)
- Jackson-Hope Prize for Excellence in Published Scholarly Work 2021
- State Council of Higher Education for Virginia Outstanding Faculty Award 2008
- Distinguished Teaching Award 2007
- Winner of the Matthew Fontaine Maury Research Award 2005
- Winner of the Best Letter to the Editor APA Centennial Prize 2002
- Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society member since April 2000
- Thomas Jefferson Teaching Award 1998
- Introduced a Minor degree in philosophy 1997
- Started and ran the VMI Philosophy Club and speaker series 1998-2013

## Courses Taught

### Virginia Military Institute

- Aesthetics, Applied Ethics, Comparative Religion, Ethics, Ethics and the Military, Existentialism, Greek and Medieval Philosophy, History of Modern Philosophy, Logic, Minds and Machines, Philosophy of Human Nature, Philosophy of Law, Philosophy of Religion, Poverty and Human Capability
- Independent studies supervised: the ethics of torture, the ethics of free-to-play computer games, free will, the philosophy of Elizabeth Anscombe, the philosophy of artificial intelligence, Camus on the myth of Sisyphus

### University of Richmond: Replacement Instructor

The Therapy of Desire: Aristotelian and post-Aristotelian Ethics (Spring 1995)

**University of Virginia: Instructor**

Existentialism, The Meaning of Life, Philosophy of Law, Wisdom: a multicultural introduction to philosophy (1992-1994)

**OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES**

- I blog at [languagegoesonholiday.blogspot.com](http://languagegoesonholiday.blogspot.com) (and formerly at [philpercs.com](http://philpercs.com))
- Participant in 1998 National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar "Moore and Wittgenstein on Certainty," University of California San Diego, July 6--August 7 1998
- Participant in Jessie Ball duPont seminar "Transmitting the Hurt: Ethnicity, Nationalism and Genocide in the Late Twentieth Century," National Humanities Center, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, June 7-28 1997

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:**

Virginia Philosophical Association (Secretary 2004-2005, Vice-President 2005-2006, President 2006-2007)