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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Philosophy, Cornell University (Adviser: Nicholas L. Sturgeon), 1985

M.A. in Philosophy, Cornell University, 1980

B.A. in Philosophy, Fort Hays State University, *summa cum laude*, 1977

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

***Tenure-Track & Tenured Appointments***

William & Mary, Professor of Philosophy Emerita, Sept. 2021-present

William & Mary, Professor of Philosophy, 2009-2021

Santa Clara University, Professor of Philosophy, 2006-2009

Santa Clara University, Associate Professor of Philosophy, 1996-2006

Santa Clara University, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 1989-96

***Visiting & Temporary Appointments***

University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Visiting Scholar, Fall 1991

University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Spring 1992

University of Southern California, Lecturer in Philosophy, 1988-89

Loyola Marymount University, Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 1987-88

University of California, Los Angeles, Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Summer 1986

California State University, Los Angeles, part-time Lecturer in Philosophy, 1985-86

Fort Hays State University, part-time Instructor in Philosophy, 1982-83

MAJOR ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

Co-editor and Managing Co-editor, *Hume Studies*, 2000-05, 2022-2026

Co-director, NEH Summer Institute, "Hume in the 21st Century," July-August 2022

William & Mary, Department Chair, 2013-14, 2015-18

Hume Society President, 2010-2012 (calendar years, inclusive)

Santa Clara University, Department Chair 2003-08

The American Philosophical Association, Executive Director, April 2001-Oct. 2002

## AREAS OF RESEARCH SPECIALIZATION

Hume and his Contemporaries; 17th and 18th Century Philosophy; the Passions and Action; Motivational Psychology and Practical Reason; Moral Philosophy and Metaethics

## WORK IN PROGRESS

“Morality, Activity, and Happiness: Hume and the Platonist” (for a conference and a volume)

“Are the Passions of Hume’s *Treatise* Retained in the Second *Enquiry*?” (for a volume, OUP)

“Hutcheson’s Moral Epistemology in the *Inquiry*” (for a volume, CUP)

Co-editor of Cambridge Elements in the Philosophy of David Hume

## PUBLICATIONS

### ***Books, Authored***

*Hume on the Nature of Morality*. In the Cambridge Elements Series in Ethics (Cambridge University Press, 2022).

- Reviewed in the *Journal of Scottish Philosophy, Hume Studies*

*Hume, Passion, and Action* (Oxford University Press, 2018).

- Featured at an Author-Meets Critics panel at the Eastern APA, January 2020.
- Featured at an Author-Meets-Critics panel at the 46th International Hume Conference, July 2019.
- Reviewed in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews, Journal of the History of Philosophy, Journal of Scottish Philosophy, The Philosophical Review, Hume Studies, Eighteenth-Century Studies, Choice, Rivista di Filosofia*.

*On Hume*. In the Wadsworth Philosophers Series (Wadsworth Publishing, 2000).

- Translated into Chinese (Beijing Shi: Zhonghua shu ju, 2002).
- Translation into Slovak by Marcela Herdová (Albert Marenčin – Vydavateľstvo PT: Bratislava, 2005).

### ***Books, Edited***

*Hume’s A Treatise of Human Nature: A Critical Guide*. Editor, with Introduction (Cambridge University Press, 2026).

*A Companion to Hume*. Editor, with Introduction, 1-17 (Wiley-Blackwell, 2008).

*Late Modern Philosophy: Essential Readings with Commentary*. Co-editor with Richard McCarty [Fritz Allhoff and Anand Vaidya, series editors], v. 4 of *Blackwell Readings in the History of Philosophy* (Blackwell, 2006).

*Faith in Theory and Practice: Essays on Justifying Religious Belief*. Co-editor with Carol J. White (Open Court Publishing, 1993).

**Book Series Editorship**

*Elements in the Philosophy of David Hume* (co-editor with Peter Millican, University of Oxford and NUS), Cambridge University Press, 2025 – present.

**Journal Editorships**

*Hume Studies*, co-editor (with Mark G. Spencer, Brock University), 47:1 – 51:2, 2022-2026. 10 issues / 5 volumes.

*Hume Studies*, co-editor (with Kenneth P. Winkler, Wellesley) 26:2 - 31:1, 2000-2005. 10 issues / 5 volumes.

**Special Edited Journal Issues**

*Philosophical Studies*, guest editor, “Essays on Moral and Scientific Realism: in Honor of Richard N. Boyd and Nicholas L. Sturgeon” 172: 4 (April 2015).

*Philosophical Studies*, guest editor, Selected Papers from the Pacific Division American Philosophical Association Meeting 1999, 99:1 (May 2000).

**Articles and Chapters**

“Desire in Spinoza and Hume.” In *Naturalism in Modern Philosophy: Spinoza, Hume, Shepherd* (Festschrift for Don Garrett), Jonathan Cotrell and Aaron Garrett, eds. (Routledge, forthcoming 2026).

“David Hume,” co-author with Hsueh Qu. In the *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, article-length entry (forthcoming 2026).

“Some Vexations about Character in Hume’s *Treatise*.” In *Hume’s A Treatise of Human Nature: A Critical Guide* (Cambridge University Press, 2026).

“Hume on the Psychology of Public Persuasion,” in a special issue on Hume’s Political Epistemology, *Cosmos+Taxis* 12:1+2 (2023): 32-44.

“Hutcheson’s Contributions to Action Theory,” *The Journal of Scottish Philosophy* 20:2 (June 2022): 103-20.

“The Nature of Morals Founded on the Human Fabric.” In *A Critical Guide to Hume’s Enquiry concerning the Principles of Morals*, Willem Lemmens and Esther Kroeker, eds. (Cambridge University Press, 2021), 13-32.

“A Humean Explanation of Acting on Normative Reasons.” *Synthese* 199 (2021):1269–92.

“Ruly and Unruly Passions: Early Modern Perspectives.” *Royal Institute of Philosophy Supplement* 85 (2019): 21-38.

- “How Hume Influenced Contemporary Moral Philosophy.” In *Hume on Morals, Politics and Society*, Angela Coventry and Andrew Valls, eds. (Yale University Press, 2018), 265-89.
- “Passionate Regulation and the Practicality of Reason.” In *Hume’s Moral Philosophy and Contemporary Psychology*, Philip Reed and Rico Vitz, eds. (Routledge, 2018), 287-310.
- “Hume’s Better Argument for Motivational Skepticism.” Co-authored with Richard McCarty.
- *Philosophical Explorations: An International Journal for the Philosophy of Mind and Action* 21:1 (2018): 76-89.
  - Reprinted in *Philosophy of Action from Suarez to Anscombe*, Constantine Sandis, ed. (Routledge, 2018).
- “Alcali and Acid, Oil and Vinegar: Hume on Contrary Passions.” In *Thinking about the Emotions: A Philosophical History*, Alix Cohen and Robert Stern, eds. (Oxford University Press, 2017), 150-71.
- “Hume’s Psychology of the Passions: The Literature and Future Directions.” *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 53:4 (October 2015): 565-606.
- “Strength of Mind and the Calm and Violent Passions.” *Res Philosophica* 92:3 (July 2015): 1-21.
- “The Inertness of Reason and Hume’s Legacy.” *The Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 42:S1 (2012): 117-33. First on-line June 1, 2015; backdated).
- “Moral Sentimentalism and the Reasonableness of Being Good.” *Revue Internationale de Philosophie* 263/1 (2013): 9-27.
- “Reasons from the Humean Perspective.” *The Philosophical Quarterly* 62:249 (October 2012): 777-96.
- “Hume and the Passions as Original Existences.” In *Hume Readings*, Lorenzo Greco and Alessio Vaccari, eds. (Rome: *Edizioni di Storia e Letteratura*, 2012), 211-31.
- “Ruling Passions.” Contribution to a forum on Hume’s legacy, celebrating the 300th anniversary of Hume’s birth, *The Philosopher’s Magazine* 54 (3rd quarter 2011): 85-89.
- “Reason, Morality, and Hume’s ‘Active Principles’: Comments on Rachel Cohon’s *Hume’s Morality*.” *Hume Studies* 34:2 (November 2008): 267-76. (Published in 2010.)
- “The Humean Theory of Motivation and its Critics.” In *A Companion to Hume* (Blackwell, 2008), 477-92.
- “Moral Naturalism and the Possibility of Making Ourselves Better.” In *Moral Cultivation*, Brad Wilburn, ed. (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books/Rowman & Littlefield, 2007), 101-24.
- “Moral Internalism and Moral Cognitivism in Hume’s Metaethics.” *Synthese* 152 (October 2006): 353-70.
- “Love and Benevolence in Hutcheson’s and Hume’s Theories of the Passions.” *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* 12 (November 2004): 631-53.

“Is Physicalism Near Enough? On Jaegwon Kim’s ‘Physicalism or Something Near Enough’.” In *A Explicação da Interpretação Humana/The Explanation of Human Interpretation* (Proceedings of Mind and Action III) João Sàágua, ed. (Lisboa: Edições Colibri, 2004), 111-16.

"Introduction to Symposium on J.B. Schneewind's Philosophy." *Utilitas* 16 (July 2004): 149-53.

“Francis Hutcheson.” In *A Companion to Early Modern Philosophy*, Steven Nadler, ed. (Blackwell, 2002), 456-68.

“Hume on the Generation of Motives: Why Beliefs Alone Never Motivate.” *Hume Studies* 25 (April/November 1999): 101-22.

“Kantian Tunes on a Humean Instrument: Why Hume Is Not *Really* a Skeptic about Practical Reasoning.”

- *The Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 27 (June 1997): 247-69.
- Reprinted in *Hume: Moral and Political Philosophy*, ed. by Rachel Cohon, in *The International Library of Critical Essays in the History of Philosophy* series (Dartmouth /Ashgate Press, 2001), 59-81.

“How Does the Humean Sense of Duty Motivate?”

- *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 34 (July 1996): 47-70.
- Reprinted in *Hume: Moral and Political Philosophy*, ed. by Rachel Cohon, in *The International Library of Critical Essays in the History of Philosophy* series (Dartmouth /Ashgate Press, 2001), 363-87.

“Hume on Passion, Pleasure, and the Reasonableness of Ends.” *Southwest Philosophy Review* 10 (July 1994): 1-11.

“Hume on Motivating Sentiments, the General Point of View, and the Inculcation of Morality.” *Hume Studies* 20 (April 1994): 37-58.

“Hutcheson’s Perceptual and Moral Subjectivism.” *History of Philosophy Quarterly* 3 (October 1986): 407-21.

“Kenny’s Aquinas on Dispositions for Human Acts.” *The New Scholasticism* 58 (Autumn 1984): 424-46.

### ***Short Encyclopedia and Dictionary Entries***

“Gay, John.” “Hutcheson, Francis.” “Moral sense theory.” “Shaftesbury.” “Wollaston, William.” “Sentimentalism” (2nd and 3rd eds. only). In *The Cambridge Dictionary of Philosophy*, ed. by Robert Audi (Cambridge University Press, 1995; 2nd ed., 1999; 3rd ed., 2015).

“Morality (Ethics).” In *The Encyclopedia of Empiricism*, edited by Edward Barbarell and Don Garrett (Greenwood Press, 1997): 269-73.

### ***Book Reviews***

*Consciousness, Time, and Scepticism in Hume’s Thought*, by Lorne Falkenstein (Routledge, 2024).  
*Journal of the History of Philosophy* 64:2 (2026): 323-24.

- Causation and Character: Hume's Theory of Action*, by Constantine Sandis (Routledge, 2019). *Hume Studies* 43:1(2017, published 2020): 139-42.
- Humean Nature: How desire explains action, thought, and feeling*, by Neil Sinhababu (Oxford University Press, 2017). *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 97:1 (2018): 212. [Book Note]
- The British Moralists on Human Nature and the Birth of Secular Ethics*, by Michael B. Gill (Cambridge University Press 2007). *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, e-journal: <http://ndpr.nd.edu/> (August 2007).
- Persons and Passions: Essays in Honor of Annette Baier*, edited by J. Jenkins, J. Whiting, and C. Williams (University of Notre Dame Press, 2005). *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, e-journal: <http://ndpr.nd.edu/> (February 2006).
- Practical Reality* by Jonathan Dancy (Oxford University Press, 2000). *Philosophical Books* 43:4 (2002): 312-13.
- A Cultivated Reason*, by Christopher Williams (Pennsylvania State University Press, 1999). *The Philosophical Review* (July 2001): 443-46
- Religion and Faction in Hume's Moral Philosophy*, by Jennifer Herdt (Cambridge University Press, 1997). *Faith and Philosophy* (January 2000): 569-73.
- The British Moralists and the Internal 'Ought': 1640-1740*, by Stephen Darwall (Cambridge University Press, 1995). *Journal of the History of Philosophy* (July 1997): 470-72.
- The Cambridge Companion to Hume*, ed. by David Fate Norton (Cambridge University Press, 1993). *The Philosophical Review* 104 (April 1995): 275-77.
- Hume's Theory of Moral Judgement: A Study in the Unity of A Treatise of Human Nature*, by Walter Brand (Kluwer, 1992). *Hume Studies* XIX (November 1993): 324-26.
- Francis Hutcheson's Moral Theory*, by Mark Strasser (Greenwood Academic, 1990). *Ethics* 102 (July 1992): 882 [Book Note].
- Adam Smith*, by D.D. Raphael (Oxford University Press, 1985). *The Philosophical Review* XCVI (October 1987): 612-15.
- Other**
- Proceedings and Addresses of the American Philosophical Association*, editor 75:1-3, 5 (September 2001, November 2001, January 2002, May 2002) and 76:2 (November 2002).

## EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

*Archive für Geschichte der Philosophie*, 2019-present  
*Oxford Studies in Early Modern Philosophy*, 2018-present  
*Journal of the History of Philosophy*, 2010-present  
*History of Philosophy Quarterly*, 2010-2015  
*Hume Studies*, 2007-2009  
*Philosophy Compass*, 2006-present

## ACADEMIC HONORS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

### ***External***

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute Grant, 2020, extended to 2022 [\$185,000]

- Co-director, with Angela Coventry, Portland State University, “Hume in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Perpetuating the Enlightenment”

National Endowment for the Humanities Research Fellowship, 2005-06 [\$50,000]

National Endowment for the Humanities Research Fellowship, 1996-97 [\$40,000]

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Research Stipend, 1994 [\$5000]

American Council of Learned Societies Grant for Travel to International Meetings Abroad, 1994

National Endowment for the Humanities Travel Stipend for Younger Scholars, 1994

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar Participant, UNC-Chapel Hill, 1993

- “Kant’s Moral Philosophy,” directed by Thomas E. Hill, Jr.

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute Participant, Dartmouth College, 1990

- “Hume & the Enlightenment,” directed by David Fate Norton & Wade Robison

Phi Kappa Phi National Honorary, 1976

### ***Internal***

Class “Influencer” Recognition, William & Mary, 2020, 2021, 2022

- named by graduates as most influential to their W&M experience

Scheduled Semester Research Leave, William & Mary, Fall 2020

Faculty Summer Research Grant, William & Mary, 2019 [\$6000]

Plumeri Award for Faculty Excellence, William & Mary 2017-18 [\$10,000]

Scheduled Semester Research Leave, William & Mary, 2014-15

Reves Center for International Studies Travel Grant, William & Mary, 2012

Sabbatical Leave, Santa Clara University, Fall 2007-Winter 2008

Sabbatical Leave, Santa Clara University, Spring 1998, Spring 1999

Paul Locatelli Junior Faculty Fellowship, Santa Clara University, Summer-Fall, 1991

Summer Fellowship, Cornell University, 1980

Susan Linn Sage Fellowship, Cornell University, 1977-78

Mattie Hipp Cunningham Award, Cornell University, 1977-78

Alpha Lambda Delta Senior Book Award (for highest overall GPA), Fort Hays State University, 1977

SCHOLARLY PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

“Morality, Activity, and Happiness: Hume and the Platonist”

“Hume and Hellenism” conference, University of Florida, February 2026 (organized by C. Goldhaber and A. Zubia). [invited]

“Hutcheson’s Moral Epistemology in the *Inquiry*,”

The 2nd M. A. Stewart Workshop in Scottish Intellectual History, celebrating the 300th Anniversary of the Publication of Francis Hutcheson's *An Inquiry into the Original of our Ideas of Beauty and Virtue*, University of St Andrews, October 23-24, 2025. [invited]

On Chapters 6 and 7 of my book, *Hume, Passion, and Action*

Guest lecture for graduate seminar at National Autonomous University of Mexico, May 29, 2025. [invited]

“Desire in Spinoza and Hume”

Workshop at Department of Philosophy, Indiana University (organized by Kate Abramson and Bridger Ehli) May 17-18, 2025 [invited].

“Hume’s Anatomy of Character in the *Treatise*.”

Conference in Honor of Don Garrett, New York University, May 23-24, 2023 [invited].

“Hume’s Moral Psychology.”

National Endowment for the Humanities Institute for Higher Education Faculty: Hume in the 21st Century, July 18, 2022 [invited].

“The Nature of Motivating Reasons: Hutcheson in Contemporary Debate.”

New Perspectives on Hutcheson’s Moral Philosophy Workshop hosted by the Interdisciplinary Centre for European Enlightenment Studies (IZEA) at Martin-Luther-University in Halle (Saale), Germany, June 3-4, 2021 (online) [invited].

Author/respondent, Author-Meets-Critics panel on *Hume, Passion, and Action*, Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Jan. 2020. Critics: Don Garrett (NYU), Lauren Kopajtic (Fordham) [invited].

Author/respondent, Author-Meets-Critics panel on *Hume, Passion, and Action*, Forty-sixth International Hume Society Conference, University of Nevada, Reno, July 2019. Critics: Donald Ainslie (Toronto), Katharina Paxman (Brigham Young), Amy Schmitter (Alberta) [invited].

“The Nature of Morals Founded on the Human Fabric.”

- Presentation for workshop on Hume’s *Enquiry concerning the Principles of Morals*, October 5-6, 2018, William & Mary [invited].
- Philosophy Colloquium, University of Richmond, Nov. 8, 2018 [invited].

“Ruly and Unruly Passions: Early Modern Perspectives.”

Lecture for the London Lecture Series of the Royal Institute of Philosophy, October 13, 2017 [invited].

“Did Hume Misunderstand the Rationalists?”

Symposium paper for panel on Early Modern Theories of the Passions, Eastern Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Baltimore, MD, January 2017 [invited].

“Self-Regulating Passions.”

Keynote address, Iowa Philosophical Society, November 2015 [invited].

“Self-Regulating Passions: Hume’s Alternative to Practical Reason.”

Keynote address, Virginia Philosophical Association meeting, October 2015 [invited].

“Hume’s Enlightenment Legacy: Is-Ought, Moral Sentimentalism, and Normative Ethics.”

Panel presentation, Forty-first International Hume Society Conference, Portland State University, July 2014 [invited].

“Alcali and Acid, Oil and Vinegar: Hume on Contrary Passions.”

Harvard History of Philosophy Workshop, March 2014 [invited].

“The Inertness of Reason and Hume’s Legacy.”

- Thirty-ninth International Hume Conference, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, July 2012, [refereed].
- The Department of Philosophy, The College of Charleston, Charleston, S.C., November 2011 [invited].

“Strength of Mind, the Passions, and Cultivation of Character: Hume with Comparisons to Xunzi.”

American Council of Learned Societies workshop, Comparative Perspectives on Chinese Culture and Society (Comparing Two Masters: Xunzi and Hume), organized by Eric Hutton and P.J. Ivanhoe, July 2012 [invited].

“Hume on Passions and Values.”

- “David Hume and Contemporary Philosophy,” (in honor of Hume’s 300th jubilee), Moscow, Russia, November 2011 [invited].
- Also presented as “Hume and Reasons from the Humean Perspective,” plenary talk, Thirty-seventh International Hume Conference, Antwerp University, Antwerp, Belgium, July 2010 [invited].

Book panel discussant on Rachel Cohon’s *Hume’s Morality: Feeling and Fabrication* (OUP, 2008).

Thirty-sixth International Hume Conference [with Don Garrett], Halifax, Nova Scotia, August 2009 [invited]

“Representation and Motivation: Hume and the Rationalists.”

Department of Philosophy, Vanderbilt University, February 2009 [invited].

“Values and Humean Practical Reasons.”

- Department of Philosophy, College of William & Mary, February 2008 [invited].
- Presented as “Humeanism and Value-Based Reasons,” Hume Society Pacific Division Meeting, American Philosophical Association, San Francisco, CA, April 2007 [invited].

“Representation and Passion in Hume and his Predecessors.”

New Philosophical Voices on Hume Conference, University of San Francisco, February 2007  
[invited].

“Normative Judgment and Motivation in Hume.”

- The Thirty-Second International Hume Conference, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, July 2005 [invited].
- Presented as “Naturalism and Cognitivism in Hume’s Metaethics,” the Hester Seminar on Hume and Naturalism, Wake Forest University, April 2005 [invited].
- Presented as “Hume and ‘The Moral Problem,’” Department of Philosophy, Virginia Tech University, November 1999 [invited].

"Is There Such a Thing as Character: A Philosophical Debate."

Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, Santa Clara University, Ethics at Noon, Oct. 2003 [invited].

Panel, "Taking Ethics Seriously."

Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, Santa Clara University, Fall 2000 [invited].

“Love and Benevolence in Hutcheson’s and Hume’s Theories of the Passions.”

- Panel on Love and Respect in the Long Eighteenth Century, Western Society for Eighteenth Century Studies Conference, University of San Francisco, February 14-15, 2004 [invited].
- Presented as “Hutcheson and Hume on the Passion of Love: Why Do They Differ over Its Influence?,” Twenty-seventh International Hume Conference, University of Victoria, Victoria, B.C., Canada, July 2001 [refereed].

"Hume's Theory of Motivation Revisited."

Humean Readings, Università di Roma, La Sapienza, Rome, Italy, June 2003 [invited].

“Hume on Belief and the Generation of Motives.”

- Twenty-fifth International Hume Conference, University of Stirling, Scotland, July 1998 [refereed].
- Presented as “Hume on the Generation of Motives,” the Eastern Division American Philosophical Association meeting Philadelphia, PA, December 1997 [refereed].

“Kantian Tunes on a Humean Instrument: Why Hume Is Not *Really* a Skeptic about Practical

Reasoning.” Twenty-second International Hume Conference, Park City, Utah, July 1995 [refereed].

“Hume on Passion, Pleasure, and the Reasonableness of Ends.”

- The Twenty-first International Hume Conference, University of Rome Conference Centre, Rome, Italy, June 1994 [refereed].
- Presented as “Is There Reasoning about Ends in Hume’s Theory of Motivation?,” Central Division American Philosophical Association meeting, Kansas City, MO, May 1994 [refereed].

“How Does the Humean Sense of Duty Motivate?”

- Twentieth International Hume Conference, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada, July 1993 [refereed].
- Presented to the Department of Philosophy, San Jose State University, December 1992 [invited].

- Presented as, “How Does the Humean Moral Sense Motivate?,” the Research Triangle Ethics Circle, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, March 1992 [invited].

“Hume on Motivating Sentiments and Moral Reflection.”

- Nineteenth International Hume Conference, University of Nantes, Nantes, France, June-July 1992 [refereed].
- Presented under the title, “The Generality and Immediacy of Moral Belief: A Puzzle in Hume,” the Department of Philosophy, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, September 1991 [invited].
- Presented to the 27th annual Cincinnati Colloquium, May 1991 [invited].

“Hume on Motivation and Moral Knowledge.”

The NEH Summer Institute on David Hume and the Enlightenment, Dartmouth College, July-August 1990 [invited].

“Normal Observers and Humean Moral Perception.”

Hume Society, Pacific Division Meeting, American Philosophical Association, Los Angeles, CA, March 1990 [invited].

“Kantian Duty, Humean Sympathy, and Christian Ethics.”

Presented with Dana M. Radcliffe, Pacific Division Meeting, Society of Christian Philosophers, 1990.

“Hume on Perceiving Moral Facts.”

The Philosophy Graduate Student Colloquium, University of Colorado, Boulder, Spring 1985 [invited].

#### COMMENTARIES PRESENTED

On Aaron Garrett’s “Hutcheson and Hume on the Character of Virtue,” Conference in Honor of Kenneth P. Winkler, Yale University, October 2023.

On Enrico Galvagni’s “Pufendorf and Hume on the Nature of Morality,” 49th Hume Society Conference, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, July 2023.

On Michael Gill’s “Moral Phenomenology in Hutcheson and Hume,” Thirty-fourth International Hume Conference, Boston University, August 2007.

On Ira Singer’s “The Standard of Morals,” Eastern Division Meeting, American Philosophical Association, Philadelphia, December 2002.

On Jaegwon Kim’s “Physicalism or Something Near Enough,” Mind and Action III, Lisbon, Portugal, May 2001.

On Ralph Wedgwood’s “Another Answer to the Knave,” Pacific Division Meeting, American Philosophical Association, Albuquerque, N.M., April 2000.

- On Mark LeBar's "Korsgaard on Reasons," Eastern Division Meeting, American Philosophical Association, Boston, Massachusetts, December 1999.
- On Emyrs Westacott's "On the Motivations for Relativism," Pacific Division Meeting, American Philosophical Association, Seattle, Washington, April 1996.
- On Rachel Cohon's "The Common Point of View in Hume's Ethics," Pacific Division Meeting, American Philosophical Association, San Francisco, CA, April 1995.
- On A.E. Pitson's "Hume on Character, the Self, and Moral Agency," Eighteenth International Hume Conference, University of Oregon, August 1991.
- On Virginia Warren's "A Feminist Turn in Medical Ethics," Pacific Division Meeting, American Philosophical Association, San Francisco, CA, March 1989.
- On James Kellenberger's "Plantinga, Wittgenstein, and Contemporary Analytic Philosophy of Religion," Pacific Regional Meeting, Society of Christian Philosophers, April 1988.
- On Sarah Conly's "Utilitarianism and Individuality," Conference of the Northeastern Society for Women in Philosophy, Fall 1979.

#### OTHER PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- Panel, "What Keeps Going Wrong with the APA?" (with four other previous executive directors of the American Philosophical Association.), sponsored by the Committee on the Status and Future of the Profession, Eastern Division APA meeting, Dec. 2006.
- "What Do Journal Editors Really Want?," Office for Faculty Development Panel, Santa Clara University, Oct. 2003.
- "What Philosophers Do," two guest lectures for classes at Biola University, La Mirada, California, 1989.

#### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- American Council of Learned Societies Workshop, "Comparative Perspectives on Chinese Culture and Society. Comparing Two Masters: Xunzi and Hume," July 2012 (directed by Eric Hutton and P.J. Ivanhoe).
- Books-in-Progress Workshop, University of Toronto, Nov. 2009 (organized by Donald Ainslie).
- Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, Santa Clara University, Affiliated Scholar, 1989-2009.
- Workshop on Hume's Ethics, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 1993 (organized by Geoff Sayre-McCord).

Workshop on Kant's Ethics, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 1991 (organized by Geoff Sayre-McCord).

Bay Area Virtue Ethics Discussion Group, 1990-92.

American Philosophical Association Teaching Workshop, 1989 (directed by Richard Wasserstrom).

## TEACHING

### ***William & Mary***

Knowledge and Reality	(PHIL 100/COLL 100)
First-year Seminar: Emotion, Reason and Value	(PHIL 150/COLL 150)
Introduction to Philosophy	(PHIL 201)
Seventeenth- and Eighteenth-Century Philosophy	(PHIL 252/COLL 200)
Ethics	(PHIL 303/COLL 200)
Advanced Seminar in Metaphysics and Epistemology: Hume's Naturalism	(PHIL 415)
Advanced Seminar on Great Philosophers: Locke and Hume	(PHIL 422/COLL 400)
Advanced Seminar: Reason, Passion, and Action	(PHIL 431)
Advanced Seminar: Hume, Passion, and Action	(PHIL 431)

### *Student Research/Theses:*

- Member, International Relations Honors Thesis Committee (John Kainer, "The New Idealism in International Relations: Hegelian Theory of the International System"), Spring 2021.
- Member, Art History Honors Thesis Committee (Sarah Roberts, "Abraham Hondius's Dog Market: Early Modern Animal Imagery in Transition"), Spring 2021.
- Advisor, Monroe Summer Research Project (Nicholas Tinker, "The Impact of Global Volunteering on Developing Countries and Our Moral Obligation to Contribute"), Summer 2020.
- Member, Government Honors Thesis Committee (Devon Wolfe, "J.S. Mill the Democrat: Connecting Mill, Athens, and Election Reform"), Spring 2018.
- Supervisor, Independent Study (Nate Wahrenberger, "The British Moralists and Secular Ethics"), Spring 2017.
- Advisor, Monroe Summer Research Project (Matt Lamb, "A Critical Examination of Hume's Naturalist Philosophy"), 2013.
- Member, Government Honors Thesis Committee (Mason Raynor, "John Locke and the Creation of Liberal Subjects"), Spring 2013.

### ***Santa Clara University***

#### *Lower division courses:*

Introduction to Ethics  
Ethics in Society  
Early Modern Philosophy

#### *Upper division courses:*

Hume  
Descartes and Locke  
Normative Ethics  
Metaethics

Practical Reasoning  
Morality and the Emotions  
Passion and Action in Modern Philosophy

*Student Research Supervision:*

Directed Readings, Winter 2001, Spring 2005  
Thesis Supervision, Spring 2004; Thesis Reader, Spring 2009

***Other Universities***

Introduction to Philosophy (UNC-Chapel Hill)  
Introduction to Ethics (UNC-Chapel Hill, University of Southern California, Loyola Marymount)  
Informal Logic (UCLA)  
Philosophy of Human Nature (Loyola Marymount)  
Moral Problems (UCLA, Loyola Marymount, University of Southern California)  
Ancient Philosophy (Fort Hays State)  
Philosophy of Science (Fort Hays State)

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Occasional Journal Referee (\* = frequent):

<i>Philosophy</i>	<i>Oxford Studies in Early Modern Philosophy*</i>
<i>Journal of the APA</i>	<i>Philosophy Compass</i>
<i>Ethical Theory and Moral Practice</i>	<i>American Philosophical Quarterly</i>
<i>History of Philosophy Quarterly</i>	<i>Australasian Journal of Philosophy*</i>
<i>British Journal for the History of Philosophy</i>	<i>Pacific Philosophical Quarterly</i>
<i>The Canadian Journal of Philosophy</i>	<i>Journal of the History of Ideas</i>
<i>Hume Studies*</i>	<i>Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy</i>
<i>Journal of the History of Philosophy*</i>	<i>European Journal of Philosophy</i>
<i>Noûs</i>	<i>Utilitas</i>
<i>Ethics</i>	<i>Ergo</i>
<i>Philosophia</i>	<i>European Journal of Analytic Philosophy</i>
<i>Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*</i>	<i>Journal of Modern Philosophy</i>
<i>Inquiry</i>	<i>Journal of Ethics</i>
<i>Journal of Philosophical Research</i>	<i>Topoi</i>
<i>Ethical Perspectives</i>	<i>Analysis</i>
<i>Political Theory</i>	<i>Synthese</i>
<i>Logical Analysis and History of Philosophy</i>	<i>Res Philosophica</i>
<i>Mind</i>	

Referee for Presses:

- Cambridge University Press
- Oxford University Press
- Routledge
- Wadsworth
- Wiley/Blackwell Publishing

External Assessor, Early-Career Research Fellowships, Corpus Christi College, Cambridge University, 2023.

Selection Committee, Marc Sanders Prize in the History of Early Modern Philosophy, 2020, 2022.

Co-director with Angela Coventry (Portland State University), NEH Summer Institute on Hume in the 21st Century: Perpetuating the Enlightenment, forthcoming, July-August 2022.

Organizer, Workshop on Hume's *Enquiry Concerning the Principles of Morals*, William & Mary, October 2018.

Proposal Reviewer:

- National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipends, 2019
- Czech Science Foundation, 2016.
- Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada, 2015.
- The Flemish Institute for Scientific Research, 2007, 2008, 2011.
- National Endowment for the Humanities Research Fellowships, 1999, 2000, 2008.

External program reviewer:

- Department of Philosophy, Santa Clara University (with Manuel Vargas, UCSD), 2025.
- Department of Philosophy, St. Olaf College (with Lynne Tirrell, U Conn), 2019.
- Department of Philosophy, University of Portland (sole reviewer), 2014.
- Department of Philosophy, Wake Forest University (with John Heil, Washington University, St. Louis), 2007.

External referee for promotion and tenure reviews, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2013 (2), 2014, 2017, 2019, 2020, 2021 (2), 2023, 2025. In random order: Hofstra University, Illinois Wesleyan University, National University of Singapore, University of South Florida, University of Minnesota at Morris, Brigham Young University, Middlebury College, Fordham University, Pomona College, University of Tennessee at Knoxville, University of Arizona, University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign, University of San Francisco, Boston University.

Hume Society:

- Program Committee Chair and co-director, 50th International Hume Conference (with Peter Millican, Dan O'Brien, and Anik Waldow), University of Oxford, July 2024.
- Speaker at Mentoring Workshop for Early Career Scholars, July 2019, July 2023, July 2024.
- Participant (as Mentor), Mentoring Program for Early Career Scholars, July 2014, July 2019, Dec. 2021, July 2023.
- President 2010-12, calendar years, inclusive.
- Member, Hume Society Executive Committee, 1996-1999.
- Local organizer and co-director, 24th International Hume Society Conference (with Kenneth Winkler, Wellesley College, and Tatsuya Sakamoto, Keio University, Tokyo), Monterey, CA, 1997.
- Organizer, Hume Society meetings in conjunction with the Pacific Division of the APA, 1992-94.
- Referee for annual Conferences:
  - 51st International Hume Conference, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, 2025.
  - 49th International Hume Conference, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, 2023
  - 47th International Hume Conference, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Bogotá, Columbia, 2021

46th International Hume Conference, University of Nevada, Reno, 2019  
45th International Hume Conference, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest, Hungary, 2018  
44th International Hume Conference, Brown University, 2017  
43rd International Hume Conference, University of Sydney, Australia, 2016  
42nd International Hume Conference, Stockholm University, Sweden, 2015  
41st International Hume Conference, Portland State University, 2014  
40th International Hume Conference, Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais, Brazil, 2013  
39th International Hume Conference, University of Calgary, Canada, 2012  
37th International Hume Conference, University of Antwerp, Belgium, 2010  
36th International Hume Conference, Dalhousie & King's College, Halifax, Nova Scotia, 2009  
35th International Hume Conference, University of Akureyri, Iceland, 2008  
34th International Hume Conference, Boston University, 2007  
23rd International Hume Conference, University of Nottingham, England, 1996  
22nd International Hume Conference, Park City, Utah, 1995  
19th International Hume Conference, University of Nantes, France, 1992.

American Philosophical Association:

- Member, Committee on Lectures, Publications, and Research, 2000-01
- Member, Nominating Committee, Pacific Division, 1999-2000
- Chair, Program Committee, Pacific Division, 1998-99
- Member, Program Committee, Pacific Division, 1996-97, 97-98
- Member, Jean Hampton Prize Committee, 1997-98.
- Session chair at numerous professional meetings.

SERVICE TO WILLIAM & MARY

***Department***

Member, Tenure Committee, 2020-21.  
Website Editor, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21.  
Member, Department Committee on Diversity and Inclusion, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20.  
Member, Faculty Affairs Committee, 2009-10, 2018-19, 2019-20.  
Facebook Page Manager, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20.  
Member, Office Administrator Search Committee, Fall 2018.  
Chair, Department of Philosophy, 2013-14, 2015-18.  
Chair, Lecturer Hiring Committee, Spring 2017.  
Chair, Tenure Eligible Faculty Hiring Committee, 2015-16, 2017-18.  
Ex Officio Member, Tenure Committees (two), 2015-16.  
Member, Tenure Eligible Faculty Hiring Committee, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12.  
Member, Promotion Committee, 2014-15.  
Member, Non-tenure Eligible Faculty Hiring Committee (three), Spring 2014.  
Chair, Promotion Committee, 2012-13.  
Member, Tenure Committees (two), 2012-13.  
Major Adviser, 2010-present.  
Member, Interim Pre-tenure Review Committee, 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13.  
Chair, Faculty Affairs Committee, 2010-11, 2011-12.  
Member, Curriculum Committee, 2009-11.  
Member, Jerry Miller Prize Selection Committee, 2010.

Member, Senior Appointment Hiring Committee, 2009-10, 2011-12.  
Department Representative to Majors' Fair, numerous times.  
Department Representative to Admitted Students' Day, numerous times.  
Department Representative to Monroe Scholar Parents' Reception, numerous times.

***College of Arts & Sciences and University***

Member, Plumeri Awards for Faculty Excellence Selection Committee, 2019-20.  
Member, Arts & Sciences Faculty Affairs Committee, 2018-20.  
Member, Dean's Council on Diversity & Inclusion, 2018-20.  
Member, Charles Center Undergraduate Research Committee, 2018-19, 2019-20.  
Member, Charles Center Marshall Scholarships Nomination Committee, Fall 2017, Fall 2018.  
Member, Athletic Policy Advisory Committee, Fall 2017 (one-term replacement).  
Co-chair, Arts & Sciences New Chairs & Directors Orientation Program, Spring-Fall 2017.  
Member, Charles Center Marshall & Rhodes Scholarships Nomination Committee, September 2016.  
Co-chair, Arts & Sciences Council of Chairs and Program Directors, Spring-Fall 2016.  
Presenter, Monroe Scholar Speaker, "Is Reason Slave to the Passions?," March 2014.  
Member, Arts & Sciences Council of Chairs and Program Directors, 2013-14, 2015-18.  
Freshman/Transfer Student Adviser, 2010-14, 2015-20.  
Member, Selection Committee, Charles Center Summer Honors Fellowships, 2011, 2012.  
Member, Selection Committee, Class of 2015 Professorship, 2012.  
Member, Selection Committee, Adina Allen Term Professorship, 2012.  
Member, Search Committee, Dean of University Libraries, 2010-11.

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***Department***

Chair, Department of Philosophy, 2003-08.  
Member, Faculty Evaluation Committee, 2008-09  
Organizer, 30th Austin Fagothey Conference, "Themes in Descartes," Fall 2008.  
Author, Department Assessment Report, 2007  
Member, Assessment Committee, 2003-05, 2008-09.  
Member, Lecturer Hiring Committee, 2007-08, 2004-05.  
Advisor to Phi Sigma Tau (Philosophy Student Honor Society), 2006-08, 2003-05, Fall 2005.  
Chair, Program Review Committee, 2003-04.  
Department Webmaster, 1998-2001.  
Member, Tenure-track Hiring Committee, 1999-2000.  
Library Liaison, 1993-95, 1999-2001.  
Organizer, 21st Austin Fagothey Conference, "Kantian Ethics," 1999.  
Co-organizer, 19th Austin Fagothey Conference, "Moral Responsibility," 1997.  
Organizer, 17th Austin Fagothey Conference, "Is Rationality Universal and Objective?" 1995.  
Philosophy Club Adviser, Fall 1995.  
Coordinator, Department Western Culture Committee, 1993-94.  
Organizer, Department Colloquia/Works-in-Progress, 1990-91, 1992-93, 1993-94, 1994-95.  
Organizer, 15th Austin Fagothey Conference, "The Philosophy of David Hume," 1993.  
Faculty Participant, Student Women and Philosophy Group, 1993.  
Organizer, 13th Austin Fagothey Conference, "The Epistemology of Religious Belief," 1991.

Referee, Department Journal, *Logos*, 1990.  
Organizer, Department's Works-in-Progress series, 1989-90.

**University**

Facilitator of Study for Provost's Office on Quarter versus Semester Academic Calendars, 2007.  
Participant, President's "Future Directions" Initiative on Updating the Strategic Plan, 2005  
Reader, Student Ethics Conference, Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, 2004, 2005.  
Member, NEH Summer Stipend Nomination Committee, Fall 2003; Fall 1995.  
Member, Rank and Tenure Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, 1999-2001.  
Member, Committee to Review Sabbatical Proposals, 2000  
Member, Catholic Studies Minor Steering Committee, 1998-2000.  
Chair, Committee to Review Sabbatical Proposals, 1997.  
Co-chair (with Marilyn Edelstein, English), Women Faculty Group, calendar year 1995.  
Member, Women Faculty Group Steering Committee, 1992-93, 1993-94.  
Department Representative to Faculty Senate Council, 1990-91, 1992-93.  
Representative to Special Meetings with Arts and Sciences Dean on Faculty Governance, 1990.  
Discussion Group Leader, Student Orientation Program, 1990.  
Academic Student Adviser, 1990-2009.