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Curriculum Vitae
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EDUCATION

PhD, *with distinction*, Philosophy
Georgetown University, December 1998
BA, *summa cum laude*, majors in Philosophy/Religion and German
Hampden-Sydney College, May 1994

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

- Ethical Theory (esp. Wilfrid Sellars)
- Epistemology

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

- Philosophy of Religion
- Political Philosophy
- Applied Ethics (Business Ethics and Medical Ethics)
- Metaphysics
- Logic
- Philosophy of Mind

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

FULL PROFESSOR AND MEMBER OF SENIOR CORE FACULTY

Georgetown University – Qatar, 2023-present

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AND MEMBER OF SENIOR CORE FACULTY

Georgetown University – Qatar, 2012-2023

VISITING ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

Georgetown University – Qatar, 2008-12

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR Stonehill College, 2007-08

VISITING ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR Hong Kong University, Spring 2007

CHAIR Philosophy Department, American University of Beirut, 2005-06

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR Philosophy Department, American University of Beirut, 2004-08

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR Philosophy Department, American University of Beirut, 2000-04

INSTRUCTOR Philosophy Department, Auburn University, 1999-2000

ADJUNCT FACULTY Philosophy Department, Georgetown University, Spring 1999

DAVIS TEACHING FELLOW Philosophy Department, Georgetown University, 1998-99

GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT Department of Philosophy, Georgetown University,
1994-98

PUBLICATIONS

Books

5. *The Metaphysics of Practice: Writings from Wilfrid Sellars on Action, Community, and Obligation*, co-edited volume with Kyle Ferguson (Oxford University Press, 2023)
4. *Ethics, Practical Reasoning, Agency: Wilfrid Sellars's Practical Philosophy*, co-edited volume with Ronald Loeffler (Routledge Studies in American Philosophy, 2023)
3. *The Ethics of Wilfrid Sellars* (Routledge Studies in American Philosophy, 2019)
2. *The Normative and the Natural*, co-authored with Michael P. Wolf (Palgrave MacMillan, 2016)
1. *Pragmatic Reasons: A Defense of Morality and Epistemology* (Palgrave MacMillan, 2009)

Articles and Book Chapters

22. "Sellars on External Reasons"

In Jeremy Randel Koons and Ronald Loeffler (eds.), *Ethics, Practical Reasoning, Agency: Wilfrid*

- Sellars's Practical Philosophy* (Routledge Studies in American Philosophy, 2023)
21. "The Role of Picturing in Sellars's Practical Philosophy" (co-authored with Carl Sachs)
Journal of Philosophical Research 47 (2022)
 20. "Sellars on Compatibilism and the Consequence Argument"
Philosophical Studies 179 (2022)
 19. "God's Goodness, Divine Purpose, and the Meaning of Life Meet Euthyphro"
European Journal for Philosophy of Religion 14:2 (Summer 2022)
 18. "Knowledge as a Collective Status"
Analytic Philosophy 63:4 (December 2022),
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/phib.12224>
 17. "Sellars on Rational Agency as Presupposing Collective Attitudes"
In Ladislav Koreň, Hans Bernhard Schmid, Preston Stovall, and Leo Townsend (eds.), *Groups, Norms and Practices: Essays on Inferentialism and Collective Intentionality* (Dordrecht: Springer, 2021), pp. 189-213.
 16. "Theism and the Criminalization of Sin"
European Journal for Philosophy of Religion 10:1 (2018)
 15. "The Ordinary Language Case for Contextualism and the Relevance of Radical Doubt" (with Michael P. Wolf)
Contemporary Pragmatism 15:1 (2018)
 14. "A Myth Resurgent: Classical Foundationalism and the New Sellarsian Critique"
Synthese 194:10 (October 2017)
 13. "Toward a Sellarsian Ethics for the 21st Century"
in David Pereplyotchik and Deborah R. Barnbaum (eds.), *Sellars and Contemporary Philosophy* (Routledge, 2016)
 12. "A Fatal Dilemma for Direct Realist Foundationalism"
Journal of Philosophical Research 40 (2015)
 11. "Can God's Goodness Save the Divine Command Theory from Euthyphro?"
European Journal for Philosophy of Religion 4:1 (Spring 2012)
 10. "Plantinga on Properly Basic Belief in God: Lessons from the Epistemology of Perception"
The Philosophical Quarterly 61:245 (October 2011)
 9. "Natural Evil as a Test of Faith in the Abrahamic Traditions"
Sophia 49:1 (April 2010)
 8. "An Argument Against Reduction in Morality and Epistemology"
Philosophical Investigations 29:3 (July 2006)
 7. "Conservatism, Basic Beliefs, and the Diachronic and Social Nature of Epistemic Justification"
Episteme 2:3 (October 2006)
 6. "Disenchanted the World: McDowell, Sellars, and Rational Constraint by Perception"
Journal of Philosophical Research 29 (2004)
 5. "Why Response-Dependence Theories of Morality are False"
Ethical Theory and Moral Practice 6:3 (September 2003)
 4. "Consensus and Excellence of Reasons"
Journal of Philosophical Research 28 (2003)
 3. "Is Hard Determinism a Form of Compatibilism?"
The Philosophical Forum 33:1 (March 2002)
 2. "Emotions and Incommensurable Moral Concepts"
Philosophy 76:4 (October 2001)
 1. "Do Normative Facts Need to Explain?"
Pacific Philosophical Quarterly 81:3 (September 2000)

Other Published Work

5. Invited review of Peter Olen, *Wilfrid Sellars and the Foundations of Normativity*
Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews (September 20, 2017)
4. Invited review of Alan H. Goldman, *Reasons from Within: Desires and Values*
Mind 122:488 (October 2013)

3. "Wilfrid Sellars," annotated bibliography (with Michael P. Wolf)
Oxford Bibliographies Online (May 2010; updated February 2019)
2. "Sellars, Givenness, and Epistemic Priority"
in Michael P. Wolf and Mark Norris Lance (eds.), *The Self-Correcting Enterprise: Essays on Wilfrid Sellars*, Poznan Studies in the Philosophy of Science and the Humanities (Amsterdam and New York: Rodopi, 2006)
1. "How to Avoid the Twin Perils of Anti-Empiricism and the Given"
Yves Bouchard (ed.), *Perspectives on Coherentism* (Éditions du Scribe, 2002)

MANUSCRIPTS

3. "Kantian Autonomy in Wilfrid Sellars's Moral Theory" (invited essay for anthology *Interpreting Sellars*, edited by Carl Sachs, to be published with Cambridge University Press)
2. "'To show the compatibility of compatibilism and incompatibilism': Sellars's reinvention of Kant's conception of free will" (invited essay for anthology *Reading Kant With Sellars*, edited by Luz C. Seiberth and Mahdi Ranaee, to be published with Routledge)
1. "Commitment Coordination and the Social Function of Reason-Giving" (to appear in *Why and How We Give and Ask for Reasons*, edited by Preston Stovall and Ladislav Koreň)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

21. "Doxastic Coordination and the Social Function of Reason-Giving"
Why and How We Give and Ask for Reasons: Philosophical and Scientific Perspectives
University of Hradec Králové, 19-22 October 2021
20. "Knowledge as a Commons"
Reasons, Culture, and Rationality Workshop
Tilburg University, 14-15 October 2021 (Workshop moved online due to COVID-19)
19. "Sellars on External Reasons"
Ethics, Practical Reasoning, Agency: Sellars's Practical Philosophy
Grand Valley State University, 11-14 August 2021 (Workshop moved online due to COVID-19)
18. "Sellars on Rational Agency as Presupposing Collective Attitudes"
The Social Institution of Norms: A Workshop with Robert Brandom, University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria, 8-10 April 2019. (Refereed workshop presentation)
17. "Kickin' it Old (Pittsburgh) School: Sellarsian Rejoinders to Classical Foundationalism"
Sellars' Legacy: Consequences, Ramifications, New Directions. American University of Beirut, Beirut, Lebanon, 25-27 May 2015. (Invited talk)
16. "Toward a Sellarsian Ethics for the 21st Century"
Sellars in a New Generation. Kent State University, Ohio, USA, 30 April - 2 May 2015.
(Refereed talk, main program)
15. "Theism and the Criminalization of Sin"
8th European Conference of Analytic Philosophy. Bucharest, Romania, 28 August - 2 September 2014
14. "The Ordinary Language Case for Contextualism and the Relevance of Radical Doubt"
The Contemporary Significance of Ordinary Language Philosophy. Turku, Finland, 24-25 May 2013
13. "Plantinga on Properly Basic Belief in God: Lessons from the Epistemology of Perception"
7th European Conference of Analytic Philosophy. Milan, Italy, 1-6 September 2011
12. "Plantinga on Properly Basic Belief in God: Lessons from the Epistemology of Perception"
Philosophy of Religion in the 21st Century. Krakow, Poland, 28-30 July 2011
11. "On the Failure of Some Recent Responses to the Euthyphro Dilemma"
Open Sessions, Joint Meeting of the Mind and Aristotelian Societies. Dublin, Ireland, 9-11 July 2010
10. "Sellars, Givenness, and Epistemic Priority"
Open Sessions, Joint Meeting of the Mind and Aristotelian Societies. Southampton, England, 7-9 July 2006
9. "Does the Moral Motivation Debate Rest on a Mistake?"
5th European Congress for Analytic Epistemology. Lisbon, Portugal, 27-31 August 2005

8. “An Argument Against Reduction in Morality”
British Society for Ethical Theory 2005 Conference. Leeds, UK, 11-13 July 2005
7. “Strategic Cooperative Rationality and Moral Evaluation”
32nd Conference on Value Inquiry. Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 8-10 April 2005
6. “Reduction Fails in Morality and Epistemology”
Society for Exact Philosophy. College Park, Maryland, 13-16 May 2004
5. “Reconciling Internalism and Externalism in Epistemology”
Society for Exact Philosophy. St. Louis, Missouri, 23-26 May 2002
4. “How to Avoid the Twin Perils of Anti-Empiricism and the Given”
Symposium on Coherentism in Epistemology. Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, 28-29 September 2001
3. “Response-Dependence in Morality: Scary, Tame, or Just False?”
Australasian Association of Philosophy. Hobart, Tasmania, Australia, 1-6 July 2001
2. “Belief-Ascription and Analyticity”
Midsouth Philosophy Conference. The University of Memphis, Memphis, Tennessee, USA, 25-26 February 2000
1. “Do Normative Facts Need to Explain?”
Alabama Philosophical Society Conference. Orange Beach, Alabama, USA, 29-30 October 1999

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP ORGANIZING

2. Ethics, Practical Reasoning, Agency: Wilfrid Sellars’s Practical Philosophy
August 11-14, 2021, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Co-organizer: Ronald Loeffler (Grand Valley State University).
1. Family Structure in the wake of Genetic and Reproductive Technologies
October 7, 2018, Doha, Qatar. Lead organizer: Ayman Shabana (Georgetown University – Qatar)

SEMINARS AND FEATURED BOOK WORKSHOPS

6. *The Ethics of Wilfrid Sellars*, Wilfrid Sellars Society Author Meets Critics Session, American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 8-11 January 2019
5. “Philosophical Responses to Empiricism in Kant, Hegel and Sellars,” NEH Summer Seminar, University of New Hampshire, 19 June – 19 July 2019
4. *The Normative and the Natural* (with Michael P. Wolf), Wilfrid Sellars Society Book Symposium, American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, San Diego, California, 28 March – 1 April 2018
3. *The Ethics of Wilfrid Sellars*, Center for International and Regional Studies (CIRS) Faculty Research Workshop, Georgetown University – Qatar, Doha, Qatar, 5 November 2017
2. *The Normative and the Natural* (with Michael P. Wolf), Summer Institute in American Philosophy, University College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland, 8-13 June 2015
1. *The Normative and the Natural* (with Michael P. Wolf), Center for International and Regional Studies (CIRS) Faculty Research Workshop, Georgetown University – Qatar, Doha, Qatar, 8 March 2015

ADDITIONAL INVITED TALKS

16. “Sellars on Compatibilism and the Consequence Argument”
Research Seminar in Decision and Action Theory, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, 20 July 2022 (online)
15. “‘To show the compatibility of compatibilism and incompatibilism’: Sellars’s reinvention of Kant’s conception of free will”
Potsdam Philosophy Colloquium, 8 February 2022 (online)
14. “Justice in a Post-COVID World”
Keynote address, Design Post-COVID Humanity Summit. College of Islamic Studies, Hamad Bin Khalifa University. Doha, Qatar, 20 March 2021.
13. “The Role of Picturing in Sellars’s Practical Philosophy” (paper co-authored with Carl Sachs)
International Sellars Colloquium, 20 February 2021 (online)
12. “Ethics for a Post-COVID Humanity”

Design Post-COVID Humanity. College of Islamic Studies, Hamad Bin Khalifa University. Doha, Qatar, 14 December 2020.

11. "The Purpose of Education"
World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE), 20 November 2019, Doha, Qatar
10. "Categorical Validity and the Necessity of Community"
International Sellars Colloquium, 20 January 2018 (online)
9. "Can the Moral Point of View Be Defended Against Rational Egoism?"
Department of Philosophy, Boğaziçi University, 8 December 2017, Istanbul, Turkey
8. "'Ho hum, I'm being attacked by a bear': How judgment is tied to concern and motivation"
Department of Philosophy, Bilkent University, 7 December 2017, Ankara, Turkey
7. "Private Virtue, Public Benefit"
Public Lecture. The Research Center for Islamic Legislation and Ethics (CILE), College of Islamic Studies, HBKU, 19 November 2017, Doha, Qatar
6. "The Common Good in Western Secular Legal and Moral Philosophy"
Internal Seminar: Maşlaḥa: Towards a comprehensive, consistent, and implementable theory. The Research Center for Islamic Legislation and Ethics (CILE), College of Islamic Studies, HBKU, 18-19 November 2017, Doha, Qatar
5. "Ethics in Contemporary Time: Challenges and Prospects"
Public Lecture. The Research Center for Islamic Legislation and Ethics (CILE), College of Islamic Studies, HBKU, 3 January 2017, Doha, Qatar
4. "Western Secular Approaches to Ethics"
Internal Seminar: Islamic Ethics as a Field of Study. The Research Center for Islamic Legislation and Ethics (CILE), College of Islamic Studies, HBKU, 3-4 January 2017, Doha, Qatar
3. "The Ordinary Language Case for Contextualism and the Relevance of Radical Doubt"
Philosophy Research Series. Department of Philosophy, United Arab Emirates University, 2 March 2015, Al Ain, UAE
2. "Relationship and Mutual Influence Between Law and Religion/Morality in Qatar"
Doha International Center for Interfaith Dialogue (DICID) Fifth International Roundtable, "The Legal Culture in the State of Qatar." 28 February 2015, Doha, Qatar
1. "What Kind of Knowledge Can We Have of God? An Argument with Plantinga"
Department of Philosophy, American University of Sharjah, 9 March 2011, Sharjah, UAE

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

RESEARCH GRANT Georgetown University – Qatar

\$6000, in support of workshop (Ethics, Practical Reasoning, Agency: Wilfrid Sellars' Practical Philosophy, August 12-13, 2021)

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES

\$3,300, to attend NEH Summer Seminar: "Philosophical Responses to Empiricism in Kant, Hegel and Sellars." Led by James O'Shea (University College Dublin) and Willem deVries (University of New Hampshire). 19 June – 19 July 2019, University of New Hampshire.

QATAR NATIONAL RESEARCH FUND Conference and Workshop Sponsorship Program

\$20,000 in support of workshop (Family Structure in the wake of Genetic and Reproductive Technologies, October 7, 2018). Co-applicant with Ayman Shabana (Georgetown – Qatar).

FACULTY RESEARCH GRANT Georgetown University – Qatar

2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2016-17, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23 (ranging from \$5,000-10,000)

HEWLETT FOUNDATION RESEARCH LEAVE GRANT American University of Beirut

spring semester 2004

MELLON FOUNDATION RESEARCH GRANT American University of Beirut

summer 2002

SHORT-TERM FACULTY DEVELOPMENT GRANT University Research Board

American University of Beirut, July 2001, September 2001, May 2002, May 2004, April 2005

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY AND THE PROFESSION

CHAIR Search Committee (Philosophy), Georgetown University – Qatar, 2022-23

MEMBER, CIRS Advisory Board, Georgetown University – Qatar, 2022-present
 CHAIR Institutional Review Board, Georgetown University – Qatar, 2013-present
 FACULTY CHAIR Honor Council, Georgetown University – Qatar, 2012-present
 MEMBER, Title IX Working Group, Georgetown University – Qatar, 2019-22
 ACCREDITATION SELF-STUDY GROUP, Georgetown University, 2021
 SEARCH COMMITTEE American Government Faculty, Georgetown University – Qatar, 2019-20
 DEAN SEARCH COMMITTEE Georgetown University – Qatar, 2016-17
 FIELD CHAIR Culture and Politics Curricular Group, Georgetown University – Qatar, 2011-13,
 2016-2017
 RESEARCH COUNCIL, Georgetown University – Qatar, 2013-15
 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Georgetown University – Qatar, 2010-11
 FACULTY SENATE Georgetown University, 2010-13
 STEERING COMMITTEE Georgetown University – Qatar, 2009-10
 ACADEMIC RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES COMMITTEE Georgetown University – Qatar,
 2008-12
 SEARCH COMMITTEE Office of Academic Services Director, Georgetown University – Qatar,
 2009-10
 HONOR COUNCIL Georgetown University – Qatar, 2008-13
 SEARCH COMMITTEE Political Theory Faculty, Georgetown University – Qatar, 2008-09
 ACADEMIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE Georgetown University – Qatar, 2008-09
 CULTURE AND POLITICS CURRICULAR GROUP Georgetown University – Qatar, 2008-present
 CHAIR, ACADEMIC SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD Georgetown University – Qatar, 2008-09
 REFEREE *Analytic Philosophy*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Dialectica*, *Episteme*,
Erkenntnis, *European Journal for Philosophy of Religion, Faith and Philosophy*, *International
 Journal of Philosophical Studies*, *International Journal of Philosophy and Theology*, *Journal of
 Moral Philosophy*, *Metaphilosophy*, *Organization*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical
 Studies*, *Philosophy of Science*, *Religious Studies*, *Social Sciences Quarterly*, *Southern Journal of
 Philosophy*, *Synthese*, *Theoria*, Rodopi, Rowman and Littlefield, and Wadsworth Publishing
 Company.

COURSES TAUGHT

GRADUATE

Skepticism
 Philosophy of Religion (twice)
 Foundations of Morality
 Twentieth-Century Analytic Epistemology (twice)

UNDERGRADUATE

Applied Philosophy (11 times)
 Bioethics (5 times)
 Business Ethics (5 times)
 Contemporary Culture (twice)
 Contemporary Epistemology (3 times)
 Contemporary Theories of Justice
 Dissent and Rebellion (twice)
 Ethics (13 times)
 Ethics and International Affairs (four times)
 Foundations of Morality
 Happiness and Its Discontents (6 times)
 Introduction to Philosophy (8 times)
 Just War Theory (5 times)
 Knowledge, Power, and Ideology (twice)
 Metaphysics and Epistemology

Philosophy of Language
Philosophy of Religion (9 times)
Political and Social Thought (23 times)
Power, Politics, and Knowledge
Recent British and American Philosophy
Topics in Metaphysics
Tutorial—The Historical Roots of Contemporary Analytic Epistemology
Tutorial—Moral Issues of Modernity

REFERENCES

Available upon request