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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

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

Professor, Washington State University, 2024 – present
Associate Professor, Washington State University, 2013 – 2024
Assistant Professor, Washington State University, 2007 – 2013
Lecturer, Bowling Green State University, 2006 – 2007

RESEARCH INTERESTS

AOS: Normative Ethics, Applied Ethics, Moral Psychology, Virtue Theory
AOC: Epistemology, Philosophy of Action, Philosophy of Law, Political Philosophy

GRANTS

1. John Templeton Foundation & The University of Oklahoma – *The Self, Virtue, and Public Life* research initiative, “Civic Virtue and “True” Selves: Finding Authenticity in the Complexities of Human Public Life”, Matthew Vess (PI). Co-PIs: Rebecca J. Schlegel, **Matt Stichter**, and Joshua A. Hicks. \$188,052. 2019-2021. [Role: Developed research design and hypotheses.]
2. John Templeton Foundation & The University of Virginia – [Genetics and Human Agency research initiative](#), “Understanding Virtue and Virtue Development in the Context of Heritability Information”, Matthew Vess (PI). Co-PIs: Rebecca Brooker, **Matt Stichter**, and Jenae Nederhiser. \$523,485. 2016-2019. [Role: Developed research design and hypotheses.]
3. Washington State University, “International Travel Grant”, **Matt Stichter**. \$1,000. 2018.

HONORS & AWARDS

1. Participant, NEH Summer Institute on Moral Psychology, Cornell University, 2024.
2. William F. Mullen Memorial Teaching Award, Washington State University, 2016.

PUBLICATIONS

Books – published (refereed)

1. **Stichter, Matt** (October 2018). *The Skillfulness of Virtue: Improving our Moral and Epistemic Lives*. Cambridge University Press. <https://doi.org/10.1017/9781108691970>

Books – in progress, under contract, revised and resubmitted (refereed)

2. **Stichter, Matt** and Fridland, Ellen (under contract, revised and resubmitted). *Elements in Epistemology: Emotional Self-Knowledge*. Cambridge University Press. [Role: Lead author.]

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Journal Articles – published (refereed)

1. **Stichter, Matt**. (2024). Flourishing goals, metacognitive skills, and the virtue of wisdom. *Topoi*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11245-024-10013-2>
2. Arvanitis, Alexios and **Stichter, Matt** (2023). Why being morally virtuous enhances well-being: A Self-Determination Theory approach. *Journal of Moral Education*, 52 (3), 362-378. <https://doi.org/10.1080/03057240.2022.2066640> [Role: Equal co-authorship.]
3. Krettenauer, Tobias and **Stichter, Matt**. (2023) Moral Identity and the Acquisition of Virtue: A Self-regulation View. *Review of General Psychology*, 27(4). <https://doi.org/10.1177/10892680231170393> [Role: Equal co-authorship.]
4. Vess, Matthew, **Stichter, Matt**, Hicks, Joshua A., and Schlegel, Rebecca J. (2023). Virtue and Authenticity in Civic Life. *Journal of Moral Education*, 52 (1), 83-94. <https://doi.org/10.1080/03057240.2022.2146074> [Role: Drafted section on “The true self, virtue, and the experience of authenticity”, Developed research design and hypotheses.]
5. Maffly-Kipp, Joseph, Flanagan, Patricia, **Stichter, Matt**, Hicks, Joshua, Schlegel, Rebecca, and Vess, Matthew (2023). Civic Hope and the Perceived Authenticity of Democratic Participation. *Social Psychological and Personality Science*, 14 (4), 419-427. <https://doi.org/10.1177/19485506221107261> [Role: Developed research design and hypotheses.]
6. **Stichter, Matt** (2022). The True Self as Essentially Morally Good – An Obstacle to Moral Improvement? *Journal of Moral Education*, 51(2), 261-275. <https://doi.org/10.1080/03057240.2021.1887830>
7. Nyman, Tristin, **Stichter, Matt**, Rivera, Grace N., Maffly-Kipp, Joseph, Brooker, Rebecca J., and Vess, Matthew (2022). Genetic Causal Beliefs and Developmental Context: Parents’ Beliefs Predict Psychologically Controlling Approaches to Parenting. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, 39(11), 3487-3505. <https://doi.org/10.1177/02654075221099188> [Role: Developed research design and hypotheses.]
8. **Stichter, Matt** (2021). Replies to Commentators on The Skillfulness of Virtue: Improving our Moral and Epistemic Lives. *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, 24, 611-623. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10677-021-10197-1>
9. **Stichter, Matt** (2021). Virtue as Skill and the Virtues of Self-Regulation. *Journal of Value Inquiry*, 55, 355-369. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10790-021-09820-2>
10. Fridland, Ellen and **Stichter, Matt** (2021). It Just Feels Right: an account of expert intuition. *Synthese*, 199, 1327-1346. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-020-02796-9> [Role: Equal co-authorship.]
11. Rivera, Grace N., Vess, Matthew, Brooker, Rebecca J., **Stichter, Matt** and Nederhiser, Jenae M. (2021). Exploring Relations between Beliefs about the Genetic Etiology of Virtue and the Endorsement of Parenting Practices. *Parenting: Science and Practice*, 21 (2), 79-107. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15295192.2020.1792185> [Role: Developed research design and hypotheses.]
12. **Stichter, Matt** (2020). Learning from Failure: Shame and Emotion Regulation in Virtue as Skill. *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, 23, 341-354. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10677-020-10079-y>
13. **Stichter, Matt** and Saunders, Leland (2019). Positive Psychology and Virtue: Values in Action. *Journal of Positive Psychology*, 14 (1), 1-5. <https://doi.org/10.1080/17439760.2018.1528381> [Role: Primary author.]

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14. Vess, Matthew, Brooker, Rebecca J., **Stichter, Matt** and Nederhiser, Jenae M. (2019). Genes and Virtue: Exploring how heritability beliefs shape conceptions of virtue and its development. *Behavioral Genetics*, 49 (2), 168-174. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10519-018-9908-0> [Role: Drafted section on “The philosophy of virtue as a skill”, Developed research design and hypotheses.]
15. **Stichter, Matt** (2016). Practical Skills and Practical Wisdom in Virtue. *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, 94 (3), 435-448. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00048402.2015.1074257>
16. **Stichter, Matt** (2015). Philosophical and Psychological Accounts of Expertise and Experts. *Humana.Mente – Journal of Philosophical Studies*, 28, 105-128. <https://www.humanamente.eu/index.php/HM/article/view/83>
17. **Stichter, Matt** (2014). The Structure of Death Penalty Arguments. *Res Publica*, 20 (2), 129-143. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11158-014-9242-1>
18. **Stichter, Matt** (2013). Virtues as Skills in Virtue Epistemology. *Journal of Philosophical Research*, 38, 331-346. <https://doi.org/10.5840/jpr20133817>
19. **Stichter, Matt** (2012). Justifying Animal Use in Education. *Environmental Ethics*, 34, 199-209. <https://doi.org/10.5840/enviroethics201234215>
20. **Stichter, Matt** (2011). Virtues, Skills, and Right Action. *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, 14, 73-86. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10677-010-9226-y>
21. **Stichter, Matt** (2010). Rescuing Fair-Play as a Justification for Punishment. *Res Publica*, 16 (1), 73-81. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11158-010-9119-x>
22. **Stichter, Matt** (2007). Ethical Expertise. *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, 10, 183-194. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10677-006-9054-2>
23. **Stichter, Matt** (2007). The Skill Model of Virtue. *Philosophy in the Contemporary World*, 14, 39-49. <https://doi.org/10.5840/pcw20071425>

Journal Articles – in progress, revised and resubmitted (refereed)

24. Peoples, Sarah, Brooker, Rebecca, Rivera, Grace, Nyman, Tristin, **Stichter, Matt**, Neiderhiser, Jenae, and Vess, Matthew. Authoritarian Parenting Fails to Promote Virtuous Adolescent Behaviors. Revised and Resubmitted. [Role: Developed research design and hypotheses.]
25. Gause, Chase, Maffly-Kipp, Josep, Vess, Matthew, Schlegel, Rebecca, **Stichter, Matt**, Hicks, Joshua. Feelings of Authenticity and Civic Engagement. Revised and Resubmitted. [Role: Developed research design and hypotheses.]

Book Chapters – published (refereed)

1. **Stichter, Matt**, Vess, Matthew, Schlegel, Rebecca, and Hicks, Joshua. (2024). Can Feelings of Authenticity Help to Guide Virtuous Behavior? In N. Snow (ed.), *The Self, Virtue, and Public Life: New Interdisciplinary Research*. 9-20. Routledge. [Role: Primary author.] <http://dx.doi.org/10.4324/9781003367857-2>
2. **Stichter, Matt** (2021). Differentiating the Skills of Practical Wisdom. In M. De Caro and M.S. Vaccarezza (eds.), *Practical Wisdom: Philosophical and Psychological Perspectives*. 96-113. Routledge.
3. **Stichter, Matt** (2020). Virtue as a Skill: Self-Regulation and Social Psychology. In E. Fridland and C. Pavese (eds.), *The Routledge Handbook of Philosophy of Skill and Expertise*. 487-501. Routledge.
4. **Stichter, Matt** (2017). Virtue as a Skill. In N. Snow (ed.), *The Oxford Handbook of Virtue*. 57-84. Oxford University Press.

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5. **Stichter, Matt** (2016). The Role of Motivation and Wisdom in Virtue as Skill. In J. Annas, D. Narvaez, and N. Snow (eds.), *Developing the Virtues: Integrating Perspectives*. 204-223. Oxford University Press.

Book Chapters – in progress, under contract, under review (refereed)

6. **Stichter, Matt**. Virtue and Authenticity. *The Oxford Handbook of Authenticity*.

Blog Posts – published (refereed)

1. **Stichter, Matt** (January 14, 2019). Public debates – Testing your intellectual abilities? *Open for Debate - Changing Attitudes in Public Discourse*.
2. **Stichter, Matt** (May 21, 2018). Group membership, moral criticism and self-affirmation. *Open for Debate - Changing Attitudes in Public Discourse*.

Dissertation – published (non-refereed)

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

PRESENTATIONS

Presentations (refereed)

1. Integrating virtue and moral motivation; 8th International Self Determination Theory Conference; Orlando, FL, May 2023.
2. Disengaging from your Moral Identity; 4th CNY Moral Psychology Workshop; Syracuse, NY, December 2022.
3. Virtue, motivation, and moral identity; 48th Annual Conference of the Association for Moral Education; Manchester, UK, July 2022.
4. Moral Self-Regulation – Goal setting and moral disengagement; 47th Annual Conference of the Association for Moral Education; Online, November 2021.
5. Can feelings of authenticity help to guide virtuous behavior?; 46th Annual Conference of the Association for Moral Education; Online, October 2020.
6. Differentiating the Skills of Practical Wisdom; Pan-Asian Summit on Wisdom, Morality, and Character in the Polarized World; Colombo, Sri Lanka, May 2020 [Cancelled due to covid].
7. Book symposium for *The Skillfulness of Virtue: Improving our Moral and Epistemic Lives*, American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, Vancouver, Canada, April 2019.
8. The True Self as Essentially Morally Good – An Obstacle to Moral Improvement?, Asia-Pacific Conference on Education, Social Studies and Psychology, Bangkok, Thailand, March 2019.
9. 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 2018.
10. Virtue as Skill: Self-Regulation and Situationism; Moral Psychology: From Neurons to Norms, American University of Beirut, Beirut, Lebanon, May 2018.
11. Training for Virtue; Virtue and Moral Education, University of Gdańsk, Gdańsk, Poland, May 2018.
12. The Politics of Ethical Expertise, American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Chicago, IL, March 2016.

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13. The Politics of Ethical Expertise, New York State Political Science Association, New York City, NY, April 2014.
14. Virtue: From *Techne* to *Phronesis*, Kansas Philosophical Society, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, February 2014.
15. The Skill of Virtue and the Psychology of Expertise, American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, Seattle, WA, April 2012.
16. The Skill of Virtue and the Psychology of Expertise, Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Savannah, GA, March 2012.
17. The Skill of Virtue and the Psychology of Expertise, Northwest Philosophy Conference, Lewis & Clark College, Portland, OR, November 2011.
18. The Skill of Virtue and the Psychology of Expertise, Indiana Philosophical Association, Hanover College, Hanover, IN, October 2011.
19. The Skill of Virtue and the Psychology of Expertise, Long Island Philosophical Society, Long Island University, Brooklyn, NY, October 2011.
20. Rescuing Fair-Play as a Justification for Punishment, 36th Conference on Value Inquiry, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL, April 2010.
21. Solving the Dilemma of the Unity of the Virtues, American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Chicago, IL, February 2010.
22. A Commentary on Mill's Misleading Moral Mathematics, American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, Pasadena, CA, March 2008.
23. The Skill of Virtue, Ohio Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, April 2006.
24. The Skill of Virtue, Michigan State Graduate Student Philosophy Conference, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, February 2006.
25. No Lack of Character, Virginia Tech Graduate Philosophy Conference, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA, October 2005.

Poster Presentations (refereed)

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

Invited Presentations (non-refereed)

1. Wisdom in flourishing goals and metacognitive skills, Aretai Center on Virtues, November 2022 ([youtube link](#)).
2. Learning from Failure: Shame and the True Self in Virtue as Skill, Network for Research on Morality, May 2022 ([youtube link](#)).
3. Machine Wisdom Project, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, May 2022; and May 2021.
4. Keynote, 15th Annual Western Michigan University Graduate Student Philosophy Conference, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, November 2021.
5. Self, Virtue, and Public Life, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK, November 2021.

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6. Moral Psychology, Mind and Moral Psychology working group, University of Michigan, March 2021.
7. Philosophical and Psychological Foundations of Wellbeing, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, September 2019.
8. Explaining Wisdom, TU Dresden, Dresden, Germany, June 2019.
9. Genetics and Human Agency, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, May 2019; May 2018; and May 2017.
10. Stopping the Moral Disengagement that Maintains Oppression, Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences, Texas A&M, College Station, TX, February 2018.
11. Epistemic Virtues and Epistemic Skills, Bled Philosophical Conference, Bled, Slovenia, June 2017.
12. Virtue and Skill, Centre for the Study of Mind in Nature, Oslo, Norway, June 2015.
13. Virtues as Skills, Naturalizing Virtue Graduate Seminar, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR, October 2013.

Invited Presentations for Washington State University (non-refereed)

1. An Overview of Ethics for Science and Business, Biological Systems Engineering Seminar, Washington State University, September 2020, November 2015, and March 2012.
2. Animal Research Ethics and the Animal-Human Relationship, Research Seminar on Human-Animal Interaction, Washington State University, January 2017.
3. Justice and Punishment, Washington State University Common Reading faculty lecture series for *Just Mercy*, February 2016.
4. Animal Rights and Animal Welfare, Natural Resource and Environmental Issues and Ethics Seminar, Washington State University, October 2014.
5. Ethics and Engineering, Electrical and Computer Engineering Seminar, Washington State University, October 2013 and October 2012.
6. The Ethics of Eating, Washington State University Common Reading faculty lecture series for *The Omnivore's Dilemma*, February 2010.
7. Practical Wisdom and the Unity of the Virtues, Washington State University Philosophy Colloquium, November 2009.
8. On Virtue Epistemology, Washington State University Philosophy Colloquium, March 2009.
9. Reciprocity as a Justification for Punishment, Washington State University Philosophy Colloquium, April 2008.

Media Interviews (non-refereed)

1. The Mind of Skill, Part 4: Virtue as skills – Matt Stichter on self-regulation and virtue ethics. (2021). *Regnfang* podcast.
2. Love, S. (2021). Why Your ‘True Self’ Is An Illusion. *Vice Magazine*.

TEACHING FELLOWSHIP

1. Washington State University, LIFT Faculty Fellows Program, 2024-2025.
2. Washington State University, Core to Career Faculty Fellowship Program, 2023-2024.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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

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Member, American Philosophical Association, 2007-present

SERVICE

Professional Service

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

Journal Referee

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, 2022, 2023); *Ethics* (2015); *European Journal of Political Theory* (2016); *Frontiers in Psychology* (2021); *Humana.Mente – Journal of Philosophical Studies* (2019); *Inquiry* (2023); *Journal of Ethics* (2020); *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* (2019); *Journal of Experimental Psychology* (2024); *Journal of Moral Education* (2019, 2020, 2022, 2023); *Journal of Philosophical Research* (2014, 2017); *Journal of Value Inquiry* (2015, 2019, 2021, 2024); *Journal of the American Philosophical Association* (2018); *Mind & Language* (2018); *Monist* (2015); *Philosophical Papers* (2016, 2017, 2021); *Philosophical Psychology* (2020, 2022); *Philosophical Quarterly* (2020, 2024); *Philosophical Studies* (2015, 2017, 2020, 2024); *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* (2020, 2021); *Political Studies* (2016); *Res Publica* (2017, 2020); *Social Philosophy Today* (2019); *Social Theory and Practice* (2016, 2020, 2024); *Southwest Philosophy Review* (2022); *Synthese* (2015, 2016, 2018, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023); *Topoi* (2016, 2023)

University Service

Center for the Study of Animal Well-Being planning committee, 2022 – present
Animal Welfare Program (formerly IACUC) for WSU, 2019 – present
Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee for WSU, 2009 – 2017
Advisory Board for WSU's Center for Arts and Humanities, 2020 – 2024
Government and Ethics Task Force for WSU, 2010 – 2011

Departmental Service

Graduate Studies Committee, 2011 – 2017, 2022 – present
Potter Lecturer Coordinating Committee, 2020 – 2024
Undergraduate Studies Committee, 2020 – 2022
Scholarship and Fellowship Committee, 2019 – 2020