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## Education

- 2013                      PhD, Philosophy  
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities  
Dissertation: *Cultivating Practical Wisdom*.  
Supervisor: Valerie Tiberius
- 2009                      M.A., Philosophy  
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
- 2006                      B.A., Philosophy (Minor: Classical Studies)  
The College of William and Mary, *Summa Cum Laude*
- 2002 – 3                General Education Credits, Anoka-Ramsey Community College
- 2000                      A.A.S, Veterinary Technology  
Medical Institute of Minnesota

## Professional Experience

- 2014 –                    Instructor (tenured, unlimited Full-time), Department of  
Philosophy, Saint Paul College
- 2013 – 2014            Full Time Adjunct Instructor, Department of Philosophy,  
Anoka-Ramsey Community College
- 2011 – 2013            Adjunct Instructor, Department of Philosophy,  
Hennepin Technical College
- 2010 – 2013            Community Faculty Member, Department of Philosophy,  
Metropolitan State University
- 2007 – 2013            Graduate Teaching Assistant / Doctoral Candidate Instructor,  
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities

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## Publications

### *Books*

*Doing Practical Ethics: A Skills-Based Approach to Moral Reasoning.* Oxford University Press, 2021. (with Ian Stoner) ISBN: 9780190078447

### *Articles and Chapters*

Swartwood, Jason (2024), "Practice for Wisdom: On the Neglected Role of Case-Based Critical Reflection," *Topoi*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11245-023-10000-z>

Swartwood, Jason (2023), "Youth Prisons: Abolition or Reform?," *Public Philosophy Journal*, 5(1). <https://doi.org/10.48413/Orpv-pd52> (with a Public Holistic Response by Taiwana Shambley)

Swartwood, Jason (2022), "Philosophical Foundations for the Study of Wisdom," in *Wisdom: A Psychological Introduction*, edited by Robert Sternberg and Judith Glück (Cambridge University Press).

Swartwood, Jason (2020), "Can We Measure Practical Wisdom?" (2020), *Journal of Moral Education*, 49(1): 71-97.

Swartwood, Jason and Valerie Tiberius (2019), "Philosophical Foundations of Wisdom," in *The Cambridge Handbook of Wisdom*, edited by Robert Sternberg and Judith Glück (Cambridge University Press), pp. 10-39.

Swartwood, Jason (2019), "A Skill-Based Framework for Teaching Morality and Religion," *Teaching Ethics*, 18(1): 39-62.

Stoner, Ian and Jason Swartwood (2017), "Fanciful Examples," *Metaphilosophy*, 48(3): 325-344.

Swartwood, Jason (2017), "Drinking, Texting, and Moral Arguments from Analogy," *Think: Philosophy for Everyone*, 16(47): 15 – 26.

Swartwood, Jason (2013), "Wisdom as an Expert Skill," *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, 16: 511-528; DOI: 10.1007/s10677-012-9367-2.

Reissued in Virtual Issue 1 of *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice: Virtues, Skills, and Moral Expertise* (2015).

Tiberius, Valerie and Jason Swartwood (2011), "Wisdom Revisited: A Case Study in Normative Theorizing," *Philosophical Explorations*, 14(3): 277-295.

### **AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION**

- Ethics
- Moral psychology
- Practical wisdom

### **AREAS OF COMPETENCE**

- Feminist Philosophy
- Logic
- Epistemology

## **Outreach**

My work inside and outside of the classroom is focused on sharing the power of philosophy and its relevance across disciplines and for the general public. For an interview discussing some of this work, see:

<https://www.engagedphilosophy.com/2022/05/31/jason-swartwood/>

Select outreach projects:

### **Ethics of Youth Prisons (with members of the Legal Rights Center):**

A former student of mine, Taiwana Shambley, sought to apply the skills we learned in my classes to examine whether youth prisons should be abolished. Together we developed a schedule and readings and held several discussion groups with other members of the Legal Rights Center (lawyers, social workers, and other professionals) with the goal of examining arguments for and against abolition.

Our discussions led to two public exchanges raising awareness of the issue:

3 Nov 2022: "Youth Prisons: Abolition or Reform? A Discussion," Jason Swartwood and Taiwana Shambley, Saint Paul College, Faculty Scholarship Showcase

"Youth Prisons: Abolition or Reform" (after going through the holistic review process Sept 2022 – Dec 2022 with members of the Legal Rights Center offering feedback, my essay was published Mar 2023 in *Public Philosophy Journal* with a critical holistic response by Taiwana Shambley)

### **Moral Philosophy for Psychological Practice:**

I have given give a number of talks and workshops for psychologists in training and practicing clinical psychological staff, with the focus of sharing how philosophical concepts and skills can be beneficial for psychological practice.

29 May 2024: "Ethical Reflection for Psychologists: Tools from Philosophy," invited lecture for clinicians at Canvas Health in Oakdale, MN.

16 Mar 2022: "Ethical Reflection in Psychological Practice: Tools from Philosophy" invited (virtual) talk to post-doctoral clinical staff at Fraser, Bloomington, MN

4 Nov 2019: "Practical Ethics for Psychologists," invited talk for clinical staff at Fraser, Bloomington, MN.

7 Nov 2018: "Models of Disability (and Why They Matter)" [with Ian Stoner] invited lecture to clinical staff at Fraser in Bloomington, MN

15 Jun 2017: "Moral Reasoning in Psychology" guest lecture in Prof. Stephanie Untiedt's CPSY 7775 course (Ethics), The University of Saint Thomas

### **Philosophy for Youth:**

I have sought to share with young people the ways philosophy can be an empowering tool for examining questions they care about.

2023, 2024: Volunteer judge for Minnesota High School Ethics Bowl

17 – 20 June, 2019: developer and lead teacher for a full-day summer philosophy camp for high school students. The camp focused on helping students develop reasoning skills and apply them to a variety of philosophical issues (Black reparations, the existence of God, personal identity, etc.) and included debates, discussion groups, games and exercises, and guest lectures by Saint Paul College philosophers Julie Haider (on the nature of the good life and virtue) and Ian Stoner (on the ethics of Mars colonization). I applied for and received a \$3000 Education Minnesota Classroom-Focused grant that enabled us to provide reduced or free tuition to students with demonstrated need.

17 Apr 2018: "Socrates," invited lecture to Elizabeth Krohn's first grade class at Nova Classical Academy, Saint Paul, MN

### **Intra-Collegiate Outreach:**

I have sought to raise the profile of philosophy within my academic institutions by supporting cross-disciplinary conversations.

Spring 2022 – Present: Developer, organizer, and host of the Saint Paul College Faculty Scholarship Showcase. The Showcase is held each semester and promotes the academic culture of the college by hosting presentations from faculty on current teaching and research projects of interest to the community.

24 Jan 2017: "Questions worth asking" (an invited lecture sponsored by Saint Paul College's 2-year-college honor society, Phi Theta Kappa, in which I discussed how philosophy could help us think more productively

about various pressing questions after the 2016 election, including the nature of racism, the ethics of belief, the nature of intellectual virtues, the nature of oppression, and whether anger is a virtuous response to injustice.

2 Mar 2015: "Racial Categories: what are they, and what should we do with them?" Saint Paul College faculty lecture series. (In this talk I shared my understanding of social constructionist views like Sally Haslanger's and why they're useful for thinking about racial justice. The title of my talk is a self-conscious adaptation of Haslanger's famous paper about race and gender.)

## Courses Taught

- Introduction to Philosophy (Saint Paul College)
- Environmental Ethics (Saint Paul College)
- Ethics (Metro State University, Saint Paul College)
- Ethical Theory (UMN)
- Health Care Ethics (Saint Paul College)
- Introduction to Logic (Metro State University, Saint Paul College)
- Philosophy and Cultural Diversity: Ancient Greek, Chinese, and Buddhist Philosophical Accounts of Wisdom (UMN)
- Philosophy of Scientific Reasoning (Saint Paul College)
- Feminist Philosophy (Saint Paul College)
- Contemporary Moral Problems (UMN)
- The Saint Paul Lyceum, a summer philosophy camp for public high school students in the Saint Paul area. Camp designer and head teacher.

## Awards and Honors

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| 2019 | Education Minnesota Classroom-Focused Grant (\$3000) to fund the Saint Paul Lyceum (a philosophy summer camp for high school students).       |
| 2018 | Nominee for 2018 Minnesota State Educator of the Year.  |
| 2016 | Magister teaching award from Phi Theta Kappa (two-year college honor society), Saint Paul College chapter.                                    |
| 2016 | Online Ethics course (Phil 1720) certified by Quality Matters.  |
| 2015 | Online Healthcare Ethics course (Phil 1722) certified by Quality Matters.   |
| 2013 | E-Curriculum Grant for developing resources for online medical ethics courses [with Dr. Kristin Klamm-Doneen], Anoka-Ramsey Community College |

- 2011 – 12      Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship (Competitive Full Year Fellowship Awarded by the Graduate School, University of Minnesota)
- 2011            Swenson-Kierkegaard Graduate Fellowship (Competitive Spring Semester Fellowship Awarded by the Department of Philosophy, University of Minnesota)
- 2010            Summer College of Liberal Arts Graduate Research Partnership Program (CLA GRPP) Fellowship (Competitive Summer Fellowship Awarded by the College of Liberal Arts, University of Minnesota)
- 2008            Summer Departmental Research Partnership Program (DRPP) Fellowship, Department of Philosophy, University of Minnesota
- 2006            Highest Honors in philosophy for the undergraduate honors thesis *Pain and Peace in Wittgenstein: John McDowell on the 'Private Language Argument'* (Supervisor: Maximilian de Gaynesford), The College of William and Mary
- 2005            Phi Beta Kappa, The College of William and Mary
- 2003            Phi Theta Kappa, Anoka-Ramsey Community College
- 2003            Freshman of the Year, Political Science Student of the Year; Anoka-Ramsey Community College

## Presentations

- 29 May 2024    "Ethical Reflection for Psychologists: Tools from Philosophy," invited lecture for clinicians at Canvas Health in Oakdale, MN.
- 21 Feb 2024    "To CRISPR or not to CRISPR: Why Science Needs Moral Philosophy," invited lecture, Science Scholars Program, Saint Paul College.
- 5 June 2023    "Toward Practice-Based Philosophical Pedagogy" (with Ian Stoner), invited pedagogy lecture, Minnesota Center for Cannon Expansion and Change Summer Program, University of Minnesota.
- 14 April 2023    "Practice for Wisdom: the Role of Critical Reflection," invited webinar series: Practical Wisdom, Skill, and Ethical Expertise; Aretai Center on Virtues (University of Genoa, Italy) <https://practice.unige.it/node/187>
- 3 Nov 2022     "Youth Prisons: Abolition or Reform?" (with response by Taiwana Shambley), Saint Paul College Faculty Scholarship Showcase.

- 1 Aug 2022 "An Argument for Practice-Based Teaching in Philosophy" (with Ian Stoner), invited pedagogy lecture, Minnesota Center for Cannon Expansion and Change Summer Program, University of Minnesota.
- 2 May 2022 "Teaching Philosophical Skills" (with Ian Stoner), invited talk, University of Minnesota Department of Philosophy.
- 16 Mar 2022 "Ethical Reflection in Psychological Practice: Tools from Philosophy," invited (virtual) talk to post-doctoral clinical staff at Fraser, Bloomington Minnesota.
- 25 Feb 2022 "Ethics-Bowl in the Skills-Focused Classroom" (with Ian Stoner), Association of Practical and Professional Ethics Conference, Cincinnati, Ohio
- 7 Jan 2022 "Teaching Skills, Not Just Content" (with Ian Stoner), Saint Paul College Professional Development In-Service Breakout Session
- 4 Nov 2021 "Teaching Practical Ethics" (with Ian Stoner), webinar hosted by Oxford University Press. Recording: <https://vimeo.com/642438586>
- 4 Nov 2019 "Practical Ethics for Psychologists," invited talk for clinical staff at Fraser, Bloomington, MN
- 28 Jun 2019 "Can Wisdom Be Operationalized?" invited talk, Explaining Wisdom Conference, TU Dresden, Germany
- 16 May 2019 Faculty Commencement Address, Saint Paul College Student Commencement
- 7 Nov 2018 "Models of Disability (And Why They Matter)," [with Ian Stoner] invited lecture to clinical staff at Fraser in Bloomington, Minnesota
- 17 Apr 2018 "Socrates," invited lecture to Elizabeth Krohn's first grade class at Nova Classical Academy in Saint Paul, Minnesota
- 15 Jun 2017 "Moral Reasoning in Psychology," guest lecture in Prof. Stephanie Untiedt's CPSY 7775 course (Ethics), The University of Saint Thomas
- 24 Jan 2017 "Questions Worth Asking," Invited presentation, "Our Future: Perspectives on the Political Moment" seminar, sponsored by the Saint Paul College chapter of Phi Theta Kappa

- 2 Mar 2016 "Racial Categories: What are they, and what should we do with them?,"  
Saint Paul College Faculty Lecture Series
- 7 Nov 2015 "Fanciful Cases," (with Ian Stoner), 2015 Meeting of the Minnesota  
Philosophical Association, Normandale Community College
- 13 Mar 2014 "Analogies Between Wisdom and Expert Skills: Are They Philosophically  
Plausible and Practically Useful?," Invited Presentation, Wisdom  
Research Forum, The University of Chicago
- Nov 2013 Invited Blog Post: "Wisdom and Expertise," on the University of Chicago's  
Wisdom Research Website.  
Url: <http://wisdomresearch.org/forums/t/1275.aspx#>
- 17 April 2012 Poster: "Cultivating Practical Wisdom," Doctoral Dissertation Research  
Showcase, University of Minnesota
- 4 April 2012 "Wisdom as an Expert Skill: A Reply to Jacobson," Colloquium Talk,  
American Philosophical Association Pacific Meeting (Awarded Graduate  
Student Travel Stipend)
- 17 Nov 2011 "Wisdom in the Real World," Invited Lecture, Undergraduate Philosophy  
Club, University of Minnesota
- 5 Nov 2011 "Wisdom as an Expert Skill: A Reply to Jacobson," Minnesota  
Philosophical Society Annual Meeting, Mankato, MN
- 9 Dec 2010 "Intellectual Virtues and Moral Inquiry," Guest lecture, Prof. C. Kenneth  
Waters' Intro to Philosophy class, University of Minnesota
- 18 Feb 2010 "Taking Moral Intuitions Seriously," University of Minnesota Department  
of Philosophy Works-in-Progress Presentation
- 20 Oct 2008 "Moral Dilemmas and Rules in Rule-Consequentialism," Department  
of Philosophy Graduate Research Partnership Presentation, University of  
Minnesota
- 14 Apr 2006 "Avowals and Self-Knowledge," Undergraduate Honors Colloquium, the  
College of William and Mary

## Research Experience

### Research Assistantships

- Summer 2010      Research assistant for Prof. Valerie Tiberius  
 Project: "The Psychological Foundations of Reflective Wisdom."  
*Duties.* I performed literature reviews on the philosophical literature on intellectual virtue, humility, and empirical research on reflection and cognition. I also assisted with, and participated in, Prof. Tiberius' wisdom conference in Hudson, Minnesota.
- Jan. – Aug. 2009      Research assistant for Prof. Valerie Tiberius  
 Project: "The Psychological Foundations of Reflective Wisdom."  
*Duties.* Prof. Tiberius' project was funded by a Defining Wisdom Project grant awarded by the University of Chicago and the Templeton Foundation. I assisted her by performing literature reviews on philosophical and psychological work on wisdom, debiasing, the value of reflection, and the nature of moral cognition. Our discussions of this work led to a co-authored paper outlining one way to develop a normative and psychologically plausible account of wisdom.

## Select Teaching Workshops Attended

- New TA Orientation (U of MN Center for Teaching and Learning Workshop)
- Course Design (U of MN Center for Teaching and Learning Workshop)
- Resolving Conflicts in Class (U of MN Center for Teaching and Learning Workshop)
- Discussions That Work (U of MN Center for Teaching and Learning Workshop)
- Being an Ally Training (Saint Paul College, 2017)
- Racial Equity Training (Saint Paul College, Spring 2020)
- Summer Equity Summit (Saint Paul College, 2020)
- Summer Equity Summit (Saint Paul College, 2021)

## Graduate Courses Taken

<b><u>Course number &amp; Title</u></b>	<b><u>Instructor</u></b>	<b><u>Credits</u></b>	<b><u>Term</u></b>
Phil 5085: Wittgenstein	Naomi Scheman	3	Fall 2007
Phil 5201: Symbolic Logic I	William Hanson	4	Fall 2007

Phil 8081: Hist of phil: ancient	Sandra Peterson	3	Fall 2007
Phil 5202: Symbolic Logic II	William Hanson	4	Spr 2008
Phil 5415: Phil of Law	Brian Bix	Audited	
Phil 8085: Hist of phil: modern	Douglas Lewis	3	Spr 2008
Phil 4310w: Hist of moral theories	Valerie Tiberius	3	Fall 2008
Phil 8180: Sem: Phil of language	Peter Hanks	3	Fall 2008
Phil 8300: Wkshp: Moral & pol phil	Valerie Tiberius	1	Fall 2008
Phil 8310: Sem: Moral phil	Valerie Tiberius	3	Fall 2008
Phil 8670: Sem: Phil of science	C. Kenneth Waters	3	Spr 2009
Cgsc 8000: Sem: Phil of cog sci	Wade Savage	3	Spr 2009
Bthx 5300: Foundations of bioethics	Carl Elliott	Audited	
Phil 4105w: Epistemology	Peter Hanks	3	Fall 2009
Phil 8100: Wkshp: Epistemology	Peter Hanks	1	Fall 2009
Psy 5207: Personality & soc behav	Mark Snyder	3	Fall 2009
Phil 888: Thesis Credits: Doctoral	Valerie Tiberius	24	Spr & Fall 2010

## Service

Invited reviewer for: *Analysis, Austrian Science Foundation, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Ethics, Sophia, Southern Journal of Philosophy, and Topoi.*

- Spring 2024 Faculty co-chair, Associate of Arts Council, Saint Paul College
- 4 Feb 2024 Volunteer judge, Minnesota High School Ethics Bowl, University of Minnesota
- 16 Aug 2023 [with Amy Gonyea and Ayesha Shariff] Presentation at Saint Paul College Faculty In-Service: "Faculty Teaching Circles: New for Fall!"
- 2023 - 2024 Academic Support Workgroup, Saint Paul College
- 4 Feb 2023 Volunteer judge, Minnesota High School Ethics Bowl, University of Minnesota
- 3 Nov 2022 Organized and hosted Faculty Scholarship Showcase at Saint Paul College
- 22 Apr 2022 Organized and hosted Faculty Scholarship Showcase at Saint Paul College
- 2021 Led development of the Saint Paul College Classroom Free Expression and Inclusion Policy
- 2020 - 2021 Inclusive Classroom Best Practices Workgroup, Saint Paul College

- 2020 - 2021 Campus Climate Workgroup, Saint Paul College
- 2019 - 2021 Department Chair for Humanities, Fine Arts, Music, and Languages Saint Paul College
- 2018 - 2021 Member of faculty shared governance committee, Saint Paul College
- 2018 Adviser, Phi Theta Kappa (two-year college honor society), Saint Paul College
- 2018 Adviser, PRISM campus alliance (student LGBTQ+ group), Saint Paul College
- 2016 Developed and successfully proposed a new course at Saint Paul College: Phil 1724: Environmental Ethics
- 2015 Developed and successfully proposed a new course at Saint Paul College: Phil 1770: Feminist Philosophy
- 2015 Teaching and Learning Workgroup, Saint Paul College
- 2011 News editor, the Philosopher's Eye (weblog for Wiley's *Philosophy Compass* journal)
- 2010 - 11 Graduate Student Representative, Philosophy Department Council, University of Minnesota
- 2008 Colloquium Committee, Department of Philosophy, University of Minnesota
- 2008 Admissions and Aid Committee; Department of Philosophy, University of Minnesota
- 2008 Volunteer tutor (of English and Writing) for High School and GED students at Broadway High School, Minneapolis, MN
- 2007 Colloquium Reception Committee; Department of Philosophy, University of Minnesota
- 2007 Volunteer in computer lab, People Serving People (homeless shelter in Minneapolis for families with children)

- 2005 Secretary of the Undergraduate Philosophy Club, the College of William and Mary
- 2003 Public Relations Officer, Alpha Delta Alpha chapter of Phi Theta Kappa; Anoka-Ramsey Community College
- 2002 - 3 Paid peer tutor of Philosophy, Logic and Writing, Anoka-Ramsey Community College, Coon Rapids

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