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## **EMPLOYMENT**

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of South Florida (Fall 2002 - present )  
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Kenyon College (2001-2002)  
Instructor of Philosophy, Duke University (1998-2001)

## **EDUCATION**

Duke University, Department of Philosophy, Ph.D., May 2001.  
Dissertation: "Amoralism and the Justification of Morality"  
Co-Directors: Lynn S. Joy, Owen Flanagan  
Committee: Geoff Sayre-McCord (UNC), David B. Wong (Duke), Tom E. Hill, Jr.(UNC)  
George Washington University, B.A. Philosophy *magna cum laude*, 1993.  
University Prizes: Gauss Prize in Philosophy  
Vivian Nellis Memorial Prize in Creative Writing

## **PRIMARY RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Contemporary Ethical Theory  
Meta-ethics  
History of Moral Philosophy  
Kantian Moral Philosophy

## **ADDITIONAL TEACHING AND RESEARCH AREAS**

Philosophy of Love and Sex  
Feminist Philosophy  
Applied ethics  
Nietzsche

## **ARTICLES IN PREPARATION**

"What Is a Commitment?"  
"Shared Intentions and the Kingdom of Ends"  
"The Ethics of Transracial and Transsexual Body Modification"  
"Epistemic Authority and Autobiography: Problems With the Narrative of Gender Dysphoria"

**PUBLICATIONS** (ALL ARE REFEREED EXCEPT WHERE NOTED.)

“Naturalism and Pluralistic Relativism: A response to David B. Wong’s *Natural Moralities*,” with Steven F. Geisz, *Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy* (forthcoming).

“Rethinking Civil Unions and Same-Sex Marriage,” *The Monist* (vol. 91, no. 3, July 2008, pp. 578-601).

Reprinted in Larry May, et al, ed., *Applied Ethics: A Multicultural Approach*, 5<sup>th</sup> edition, Engelwood Cliffs, NJ: Pearson/Prentice Hall, forthcoming.

“Collective Responsibility, Universalizability, and Social Practices,” *Journal of Social Philosophy* (vol. XXXVIII, no. 3, Fall 2007, pp. 486-503).

“The Wrongs of Plagiarism (Ten Quick Arguments),” *Teaching Philosophy* (vol. 30, no.3, September 2007, pp. 283-291).

“Love, Friendship, Morality,” *The Philosophical Forum* (vol. 37, issue 3, 2006, pp. 243-263).

“Shared Intentions and Shared Responsibility,” *Midwest Studies in Philosophy* (vol. XXX, 2006, pp. 115-144). [All papers published in this annual journal are by invitation only.]

“How Important Is Student Participation in Teaching Philosophy?” *Teaching Philosophy* (vol. 27, no. 3, September, 2004, pp. 251-267).

“The Possibility of Amoralism: A Defence Against Internalism,” *Philosophy* (vol. 78, no. 303, January 2003, pp. 63-78).

“On the Inessential Publicity of Reasons,” *The Southern Journal of Philosophy* (vol. XLI, no.1, Spring 2003, pp. 85-103).

“Women in Philosophy: Reflections on Where We Are Now,” *APA Newsletter on Feminism* (vol. 2, no. 2, Spring 2003, pp. 117-120).

“Can the Amoralist Only Be ‘Right’? A Closer Look at the Inverted-Commas Argument,” *Southwest Philosophy Review* (January 2001, pp. 113-122).

"Reply to George Harris," *Southwest Philosophy Review* (vol. 17, no. 2, July 2001).

**BOOK REVIEWS AND MISCELLANY**

Review of *Natural Goodness* by Philippa Foot, *Essays in Philosophy* (vol. 5, no. 2, June 2004, [4400 words]; [www.humboldt.edu/~essays/sadlerrev.html](http://www.humboldt.edu/~essays/sadlerrev.html)).

"Tips for the Top: How to Be a Philosopher," (satire) *The Philosophers' Magazine* (Issue 18, Spring 2002). <http://www.philosophersnet.com/magazine/article.php?id=540>

Letter to the Editor, *The New Yorker*, October 9, 2006.

Letter to the Editor, *Poetry*, June 2005.

Letter to the Editor, *The Weekly Planet* (now *Creative Loafing*), December 25, 2003.

### **CONFERENCE PAPERS, COLLOQUIA, AND PRESENTATIONS**

Comments on "Justice and Apology" by Rodney C. Roberts, Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Philadelphia, PA, December 2008.

"Collective Intentionality and the Kingdom of Ends," Collective Intentionality VI, University of California, Berkeley, July 2008.

"The Ethics of Transracial and Transsexual Body Modification," Eastern Division Meeting of the Society for Women in Philosophy, Cleveland, Ohio, April 2008.

Comments on David Wong, *Natural Moralities* (Author Meets Critics session), with Steven F. Geisz, Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Pasadena, CA, March 2008.

"Philosophy?" Keynote Address for USF PHI ORG Symposium, February 2008.

"Rethinking Same-Sex Marriage and Civil Unions," Eastern Division Meeting of the Society for Women in Philosophy, Tampa, Florida, December 2006.

"Epistemic Authority and Autobiography: Problems With the Narrative of Gender Dysphoria," Florida Philosophical Association, Tampa, Florida, November 2006.

"Think Globally, Act Locally," panel discussion at the 1<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Climate and Philosophy, University of South Florida, September 16, 2006.

"Collective Responsibility, Universalizability, and Social Practices," Collective Intentionality V, University of Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland, August 31, 2006.

"The Retrospective Attitude in 'I'll be glad I did it' Reasoning" (Reply to Elizabeth Harmon, Princeton U.), 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Online Philosophy Conference, May 2006 ([http://experimentalphilosophy.typepad.com/online\\_philosophy\\_confere/](http://experimentalphilosophy.typepad.com/online_philosophy_confere/)).

"What Is Commitment? The Profile of a Neglected Obligation," Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Charleston, South Carolina, April 2006.

"What Is Commitment? The Profile of a Neglected Obligation," Florida Philosophical Association, University of Central Florida, Cocoa Beach, Florida, November 2005.

“Kantian Dignity and a Feminist Perspective on Euthanasia,” (guest lecture) Tsinghua University, Beijing, China, May 2005.

“Shared Intentions” Florida Philosophical Association, Jacksonville University, Jacksonville, Florida, November 2004.

Also: USF Department of Philosophy Lecture Series, Tampa, Florida, November 2004.

“Psychopathy and Amoralism: The Normative Dimensions of Moral Transgression” Florida Philosophical Association, Eckerd College, St. Petersburg, Florida, November 2003.

“The Role of Moral Motivations in Relationships of Love and Friendship” Invited colloquium talk, Department of Philosophy, Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida, April 11, 2003.

“Essay on Intimacy and Eroticism” Society for Women in Philosophy, Eastern Division Meeting. Tampa, Florida, April 2003.

Guest Lecture on Feminist Theory and Sociobiology, USF Biology Department Course (March 2003)

“Must We Be Moral Visionaries? Response to Superson” Central States Philosophical Association, Columbia, Missouri, October 2002.

“Women in Philosophy: Reflections on Where We Are Now,” Symposium on the Status of Women in Philosophy, Kenyon College, 2002.

“The Possibility of Amoralism: A Defense Against Internalism” American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division meeting, December 2000, New York, New York.

Also: Joint meeting of the North Carolina Philosophical Society and the South Carolina Society for Philosophy, February 2000, Durham, North Carolina.

“Can the Amoralist Only Be ‘Right’? A Closer Look at the Inverted-Commas Argument” Southwestern Philosophical Association, November 2000, Austin, Texas.

“The Role of Moral Motivations in Relationships of Love and Friendship”(short version) Central States Philosophical Association, October 2000, Lincoln, Nebraska.

“Reflections on Nietzsche, Interpretation, and Philosophical Integrity” 10<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference of the Friedrich Nietzsche Society, September 2000, Durham, England. (paper accepted, unable to attend)

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Graduate courses**

- “Virtue, Self, and Discipline”
- “Ethics After Nietzsche”

- “The Re-Emergence of Moral Realism”
- “Selected Topics in 20<sup>th</sup> Century Ethical Theory,”
- “Non-cognitivism, Realism, Sensibility Theory”
- “Ethics and Normativity” (Proseminar)
- “Contemporary Virtue Ethics” (Proseminar)
- “Introduction to the Problems of Utilitarianism” (Proseminar)
- “Kant’s Ethics and Kantian Ethics” (Proseminar)
- **Graduate Directed Readings:** Kant’s Ethics; Early Modern Moral Philosophy; Utilitarianism and Normativity; Virtue Theory; Trust; Special Obligations.

### Undergraduate Courses

- Contemporary Ethical Theory
- History of Ethics (Socrates to Nietzsche)
- Philosophy of Love and Sex
- Introduction to Ethics (focus on applied ethics)
- Seminar in Contemporary Ethics (Kenyon College)
- Practical Issues in Ethics (Kenyon College)
- History of Ethics (Kenyon College)
- Honors Seminar: Philosophy of Love and Friendship (Kenyon College)
- Why Be Moral? The Amoralist’s Challenge (Duke, Kenan Institute for Ethics, SP 2001)
- Introduction to Philosophy: Metaphysics and Epistemology (Duke University)
- Feminist Philosophy (Duke University)
- Introduction to Philosophy: Ethics and Value Theory (Duke University)

### THESIS DIRECTION

- Co-Director (with Stephen Turner), Ph.D. candidate Christopher Hudspeth.
- Co-Director (with Charles Guignon), Ph.D. candidate Michael Funke.
- Co-Director (with Alex Levine), Ph.D. candidate Jared Kinggard.
- Ph.D. Committee Member for candidates Nancy Kettle, Benjamin Young, Nathan Ellebracht.
- Director of two undergraduate Honors theses (2003-2004)
  - Michael Epanchin, “Moral Facts”
  - Arlette Luta, “The Individualism of Love in Plato’s *Symposium*”
- Reader for two undergraduate Honors theses (2004-2005)
  - Anthony Marshall, “Nietzsche’s Affirmative Philosophy”
  - Joanna Rozpedowski, “Kantian Cosmopolitanism”

### FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, GRANTS

- USF International Travel Grant 2006.
- USF Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award 2003-2004 (awarded October 2004).
- Creative Scholarship Grant, University of South Florida (2003).
- Library Program Enhancement Award (\$3500), University of South Florida (2003).
- Kenan Institute for Ethics Graduate Teaching Fellowship  
2000-2001(Duke University).
- Kenan Graduate Research Colloquium, 2000-2001.
- Duke University Department of Philosophy Fellowship, 1995-2000.
- American Philosophical Association Graduate Student Travel Stipend, 2000.

- Women's Studies Graduate Scholar, Duke University, 1999-2001.
- Conference Travel Fellowship, Graduate School, Duke University, 2000.
- *Gauss Prize* in philosophy, George Washington University, 1993.
- Presidential Honor Scholarship, George Washington University, 1990-1993.
- *Vivian Nellis Memorial Prize* in creative writing, George Washington University, 1993.
- *Above and Beyond the Call of Duty* award, Labat-Anderson, Inc., 1994.

### **ACADEMIC SERVICE AND AFFILIATIONS**

#### **Service to the USF Department of Philosophy**

- Undergraduate Advisor (Fall 2002 –Spring 2006)
- Chair, Undergraduate Committee (2005-2007)
- Undergraduate Committee (2002-2008)
- Faculty Advisor to undergraduate philosophy club, "PHI.ORG" (2002-present )
- Chair, Library Committee (2002-2004)
- Lecture Series Committee Member (2003-2004)
- History of Modern Philosophy Faculty Search Committee Member (2002-2003)
- History of Philosophy and Ethics Faculty Search Committee Member (2004-2005)
- Faculty Sponsor, USF Ethics Bowl Team (2004-2008)

#### **Service to the USF College of Arts and Sciences**

- USF College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Development Committee (2003-2005)

#### **Service to the University of South Florida**

- Joint USF/UFF Committee on Parental Leave (2007-2008)
- Honors and Awards Council (2003-2006)
- Cole Chair in Ethics Faculty Search Committee Member, USF-St. Petersburg (2002-2003)

#### **Professional service**

- Session Chair, Science and Medicine in Society, Department of Philosophy Workshop, USF (2008)
- Session Chair, Feminist Ethics and Social Theory conference (2007)
- Program Committee, Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology (2005)
- Session Chair, Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology (2006)
- Referee for Florida Philosophical Association (2003, 2005, 2006, 2008)
- Colloquium Chair, APA Central Division Meeting (April 2004)
- Session Chair, Florida Philosophical Association (November 2005)

#### **Publication Referee:**

*Journal of Moral Philosophy*  
*Economics and Philosophy*  
*The Journal of Social Philosophy*  
*Philosophia: Philosophical Quarterly of Israel*  
*The Journal of Philosophical Research*  
*Florida Philosophical Review*  
Cambridge University Press

- **Elected Member-At-Large**, Florida Philosophical Association (2005-2006)
- **Conference Organizer**, Florida Philosophical Association (2006)

- Member, interdisciplinary faculty reading group, USF-St. Petersburg (2004 -2006; 2008)
- Member, Society of Women in Philosophy.
- Member, American Philosophical Association.
- Member, Florida Philosophical Association
- Member, Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology