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AOS: Ethics, Environmental Philosophy, Political Philosophy

AOC: History of Philosophy

EDUCATION

BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Ph.D. (philosophy)

Dissertation: "Value, Morality, and Wilderness"

Committee: Daniel O. Dahlstrom, David Roochnik, Derek Turner, Walter Hopp

Qualifying Papers – Examiners: Daniel Star & Hugh Baxter

- "Habermas and the Nature of Religious Reason"
- "Can Virtue Ethics Provide Adequate Action Guidance?"

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

A.M. (humanities)

Thesis: "Action Guidance and Relativism in Hursthouse's Virtue Ethics"

Thesis Advisor: Gabriel Richardson Lear

CONNECTICUT COLLEGE

B.A. (philosophy)

Certificate in Public Policy and Community Action

U.S. FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR

Czech Republic

Phenomenological Philosophy of Jan Patočka

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

Wilderness, Morality, and Value. Lexington Books. Lanham, MD. 2022.

- [Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews](#)

Selected Articles and Reviews:

- "The Persistent Past: On the Norms of Commemoration" (in progress)
- ["The Desire for God: Movement and Wonder in Aristotle's Metaphysics" \(under review\)](#)
- ["Action Guidance and Virtue Ethics" \(under review\)](#)
- ["Utopia, Dystopia, and Democracy: Teaching Philosophy in Wartime Ukraine" *Studia Philosophica Estonica*. 17: 160-175. 2024](#)
- ["Do We Have a Duty to Abolish Wilderness?" *Breakthrough Journal*. Volume 19, 2023.](#)
- ["Uncomplicating the Idea of Wilderness," *Environmental Values*. Volume 29: 89-107. 2020.](#)
- ["Religious Reasons in the Public Sphere: A Challenge to Habermas," *Philosophy & Theology*.](#)

[Volume 31 \(1&2\), 2020, pp.121-143. Marquette University Press.](#)

- [“Dignity and Credibility in the Age of Information.” *The Principal Post*. June 2020.](#)
- [“Is Hunting Moral? A Philosopher Unpacks the Question” *The Conversation*: January 2017.](#)
- “Presence and Participation of Religious and Faith-Based Perspectives During the Drafting of the Convention on the Rights of the Child”: UNICEF, Office of Public Partnerships: March 2005.

Selected Conference Papers and Speaking Engagements

- [Keynote Address: “Why Democracy?”, New Hampshire Library Association. November 2025.](#)
- [Keynote Address: “Why Democracy?”, New Hampshire Council for the Social Studies. October 2025.](#)
- Respondent: “Law, Morality, and Responsibility”. Conference on Ethics and War organized by University of Oxford and Sekyra Foundation. Lviv, Ukraine. April 2026.
- “The Animals Aren’t All Right”: [Workshop on Normativity in the Wild](#). ETH Zurich, Switzerland. October 2025.
- “Philosophy in Crisis: Exploring the Role of Democratic Thought in Wartime Ukraine”: *PostScriptum*, Odessa National University, Ukraine January 2025.
- [“Why Democracy?” *New Hampshire Humanities*, January 2025.](#)
- [“Ethics and the Climate Crisis”: *New Hampshire Humanities*, January 2024.](#)
- “Teaching Philosophy Outside the Academy”: APA Eastern. January 2024.
- “Ethics and the Environment”: Yale Forum on Religion and Ecology. September 2024.
- “The Metabolic Rift: Human Nature in Nature”: Breakthrough Institute, San Francisco. June 2023.
- “Aristotle’s Puzzling Metaphysics”: Ukrainian Catholic University, Lviv. March 2023.
- “The Roots of Analytic Metaethics”: Ukrainian Catholic University, Lviv. March 2023.
- “Carbon Emissions and Moral Duties”: National Polytechnic University, Lviv. March 2023.
- “Philosophical Anthropology”: Ivan-Franko University, Lviv. March 2023.
- “Invisible Philosophy: Using Other Disciplines to Teach Philosophy.” APA Eastern. January 2023.
- “Wilderness, Morality, and Value” (podcast): New Books Network. September 2022.
- “The Ethics of Hunting”: Real Talk with Ryan Jespersen, Radio Canada. May 2021.
- “Between Justice and Goodness: Conflicting Duties in the Face of Climate Change”: Salem State University. April 2021.
- “The Desire for God: Movement and Wonder in Aristotle’s Metaphysics”: APA Eastern Division, January 2021.
- “Philosophy Begins in Apathy: Building Student Curiosity in Introductory Courses”: APA Eastern Division, January 2020.
- “What if Wilderness is Bad for Animals?": Goodwin-Niering Center for the Environment and the Department of Philosophy at Connecticut College. October 2018.
- “Is Hunting Moral?": The Kathleen Dunn Show, Wisconsin Public Radio, March 2017.
- “The Meaning of Nature in Urban Conservation”: Pardee Center for the Study of Longer-Range Future, Boston University. October 2016.

- “Rawls, Habermas, and the Problem of Religious Reason”: University of London, Symposium on Religion and Public Life. February 2016.
- “Can Religious Reasons be Public Reasons?”: Boston College. March 2013.
- “Action Guidance and Virtue Ethics”: Dept. of Philosophy, Boston University. March 2012.
- “Was Marx Right About the Problem of Commodity Fetishism?”: University of Chicago, Humanities Colloquium. October 2008.
- “Phenomenology of the Divine in Schiller’s *Mysterium Tremendum*”: Charles University (Prague), Colloquium on Religion and Phenomenology. November 2007.
- “Redescribing Divine Omniscience”: Pacific University, April 2004.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

St. Paul’s School (New Hampshire)

2019-Present: Introduction to Philosophy
 2019-Present: Environmental Philosophy
 2019-Present: Political Philosophy
 2019-Present: Science, Philosophy, and Religion
 2019-Present: Humanities Core Curriculum

Anglo-American University (Prague, Czechia)

2025 (Summer Term): Environmental Philosophy

Ukrainian Catholic University (Lviv, Ukraine)

2023-Present: Volunteer Lecturer in Philosophy

Advanced Studies Program at St. Paul’s School

2017-2021: Biomedical Ethics
 2020-2021: Writing Seminar

The Hotchkiss School

2018-19: History of Philosophy I & II
 2018-19: Environmental Philosophy
 2018-19: Biomedical Ethics

Groton School

2016-2017: Ethics

Boston University, Lecturer

2015: Political Philosophy
 2014: Introduction to Ethics
 2013: Philosophy of Sport
 2012: Existentialism

Boston University, Teaching Fellow

Spring 2016: Introduction to Philosophy (with Monica Link)
Fall 2015: Logic and Argumentation (with Alisa Bokulich)
Spring 2015: Introduction to Philosophy (with Walter Hopp)
Fall 2014: Introduction to Ethics (with Charles Griswold)
Spring 2013: Introduction to Philosophy (with Walter Hopp)
Fall 2012: Introduction to Ethics (with Daniel Star)
Spring 2012: Philosophy of Sport (with David Roochnik)
Fall 2011: Introduction to Ethics (with Charles Griswold)
Spring 2011: History of Modern Philosophy (with Kryzstof Michalski)

Newbury College

Fall 2014: Introduction to Ethics I and II

New Hampshire Technical Institute

Fall 2009: Freshmen Writing Seminar

ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Havenwood Assisted Living and Nursing Home Concord, NH 2023-Present
• *Biomedical Ethics Consultant*

Discover Outdoors NYC 2014-2020 (Seasonal)
• *Senior Guide*

Salem State University Salem, MA 2017-2018
• *Climbing Instructor, Department of Outdoor Education*

Franke Institute for the Humanities University of Chicago 2008-2009
• *Program Assistant*

UNICEF New York, USA/Coimbatore, India 2004-2005
• *Research Associate and Outreach Coordinator*

ADDITIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Sumer 2019: Newsome Research Grant. Supported the preparation of the manuscript for *Wilderness, Morality, and Value*. Rowman & Littlefield, 2022.

2019: Preston Faculty Grant. Funded research in Nepal to study impact of theories of environmental value on Nepal's conservation policy.

2016: Research Fellow at the Frederick S. Pardee Center for the Study of the Longer-Range Future.

2012-2013: Research assistant to Daniel Dahlstrom (Boston University). Preparation of *Husserl's Ideas for a Pure Phenomenology and Phenomenological Philosophy* (Hackett 2014).

2012: Research assistant to Aaron Garrett (Boston University). Preparation of *The Routledge Companion to Eighteenth Century Philosophy* (Routledge 2014)

HONORS AND AWARDS

2024:	Schapiro Distinguished Teacher Award Nominee, Northwestern University
2024:	American Philosophical Association Teaching Grant, Philosophy of History
2023:	American Philosophical Association Teaching Grant, Political Philosophy
2023:	Form of 1923 Endowed Chair in Humanities, St. Paul's School
2022:	1973 Fellowship, Summer Classics Fellow, St. John's College, New Mexico
2018:	Summer Fellow, Program on Integrative Knowledge, Harvard University
2016:	Research Fellow, Pardee Center for the Study of Longer-Ranger Future
2012:	Outstanding Teaching Fellow Award, Boston University
2010-2016:	Presidential Fellowship, Boston University
2008-9:	Merit Scholarship, Division of the Humanities, University of Chicago
2004:	Suzanne Langer Prize in Philosophy, Connecticut College
2003:	Teheneppe Prize in Philosophy, Connecticut College

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

2025-Present	Judge, Pan American Ethics Olympiad
2020-2024:	Associate Chair, APA Committee on Pre-College Philosophy
2022-Present:	Peer Reviewer: <i>Environmental Philosophy</i> ; <i>Journal of World Philosophy</i> ; <i>Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture</i> .
2019-Present:	Director, St. Paul's School Philosophical Society
2014-15:	Hiring Committee, Boston University Department of Philosophy
2013-14:	Graduate Student President, Boston University Department of Philosophy

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