

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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## **Employment**

1988 – 1996	Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Brown University.
1996 – 2002	Associate Professor of Philosophy, Brown University.
2002 – present	Professor of Philosophy, Brown University.

## **Visiting Positions**

July 1993 – June 1994	Visiting Senior Lecturer in Philosophy, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia.
Jan. 2003 – July 2003	John Harsanyi Fellow at the Social and Political Theory program, ANU.

## **Education**

Harvard University, A.B. *magna cum laude* in Government, 1982.  
Princeton University, Ph.D. in Philosophy, January 1989.

## **Publications**

1990 “Internalism and Speaker Relativism”, *Ethics* 101, 6-26.  
1992 “The Supervenience Argument against Moral Realism”, *Southern J. of Philosophy* 30, 13-38.  
1993 “Structures of Normative Theories”, *The Monist* 76:1, 22-40.  
1994 “Perspectives on Normativity”, *Noûs* 28, 514-525.  
1996 “Projectivism”, article for Macmillan *Encyclopedia of Philosophy supplement*.  
“Expressivist Embeddings and Minimalist Truth”, *Philosophical Studies* 83:1, 29-51.  
“Rational Preference: Decision Theory as a Theory of Practical Rationality”, *Theory and Decision* 40:3, 249-76.  
“Accepting Agent Centered Norms”, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 74, 409-22.  
1997 “Humean Doubts”, in *Ethics and Practical Reason* Cullity and Gaut (eds.), Oxford University Press.  
1998 “C. L. Stevenson”, entry for Routledge *Encyclopedia of Philosophy*.  
1999 “Transforming Expressivism”, *Noûs* 33:4, 558-572.

**Publications, continued**

- 2000 “Dispositions and Fetishes”, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 61:3, 619-38.
- 2001 “C. L. Stevenson” entry for Blackwell’s *Companion to Analytic Philosophy*, A. P. Martinich and David Sosa, eds.  
 “Humean Doubts about Categorical Imperatives”, in *Varieties of Practical Reasoning*, Elijah Millgram, ed., MIT Press, 27-49.
- 2002 “The Expressivist Circle: Invoking Norms in the Explanation of Normative Judgment”, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 45:1, 136-143.  
 “Troubling Developments in Metaethics”, *Noûs* (critical essay on Mark Timmons’s *Morality Without Foundations*).  
 “Meta-ethics and Normative Commitment”, *Philosophical Issues* 12.
- 2003 “Comments on Gibbard”, *Southern Journal of Philosophy* (supplement).
- 2004 “Decision Theory and Morality”, *Oxford Handbook of Rationality*, Alfred Mele and Piers Rawling (eds.), New York: Oxford University Press. 156–181.  
 “Why Ethical Satisficing Makes Sense and Rational Satisficing Doesn’t”, in *Satisficing and Maximizing*, Michael Byron (ed.), Cambridge University Press, 131–154.  
 “Lockean and logical truth conditions”, *Analysis* 64 (January 2004) 84–91.
- 2005 “Metaethics and the Problem of Creeping Minimalism”, in *Philosophical Perspectives* 18 (Ethics), 23 – 44.  
 “Pettit on Preference for Prospects and Properties”, in *Philosophical Studies* 124: 199–219.  
*Contemporary Debates in Moral Theory* (editor), Blackwell, December 2005.  
 “Introduction” for *Contemporary Debates in Moral Theory*, x – xxiv.
- 2006 “Moral Relativism and Moral Nihilism”, in *The Oxford Handbook of Ethical Theory*, David Copp (ed.), Oxford University Press, 240–264.  
 “Was Moore a Moorean?”, in *Metaethics After Moore*, Horgan & Timmons (eds.), Oxford U. Press, 2006.  
 “Negation for Expressivists”, in *Oxford Studies in Metaethics*, R. Shafer-Landau (ed.), Oxford, 2006.  
 “Dispositions and Fetishes” reprinted in *Arguing about Metaethics*, S. Kirchen and A. Fisher, eds., 547 – 556.  
 “Disagreeing (about) What to Do”, in *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 72:3 (May) 713–720.
- 2008 “Shallow, Deeper, Deep”, in a symposium on Sinnott-Armstrong’s *Moral Skepticisms*; *Philosophical Books*, April.  
 “The Supervenience Argument” (1992) reprinted in *Metaethics: Critical Concepts in Philosophy*, R. Shafer-Landau (ed.), Routledge, May.
- 2009 “Practical Conditionals” is now published, in Wall and Sobel (eds.) *Reasons for Action*, Cambridge University Press, pp. 116-133.  
 “Relativism (and Expressivism) and the Problem of Disagreement”, in *Philosophical Perspectives*, Blackwell, 2009.

**Publications forthcoming**

- “Mackie’s Realism”, forthcoming in *Mackie’s Error Theory*, Springer, R. Joyce and S. Kirchen (eds.).
- “When do goals explain the rules that advance them?”, expected to be published in *Oxford Studies in Metaethics*, 2010 (currently in proofs).
- “Humean Doubts” expected to be reprinted in Kieren Setyia, ed., *Practical Reasoning*, 2010.

## **Reviews**

*Skepticism in Ethics*, Panayot Butchvarov, in *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*.

*Value and Justification*, Gerald Gaus, in *Ethics*.

*Social Justice Reconsidered*, David Mapel, in *Political Theory*.

*Original Intent and the Constitution*, Gregory Bassham, in *Ethics*.

*The Moral Problem*, Michael A. Smith, in *Mind*.

*The Authority of Reason*, Jean Hampton, in *Economics and Philosophy*.

## **Papers Delivered**

- 1990 "Supervenience and Moral Realism", read at the University of Connecticut, February; and at the American Philosophical Association as a colloquium paper for the Central Division Meetings, April.
- 1992 "Democratic Theory and Judicial Review", read at *Realia* conference on Democracy, Estes Park, Colorado, August.
- 1993 "Decision Theory as a Theory of Practical Rationality", read at conference on New Directions in Epistemology, Monash University, August.
- 1993 "Earning the Right to Minimal Truth", read at Monash University Philosophy Colloquium, October.
- 1994 "Earning the Right to Minimal Truth", read at La Trobe University, January; and at Australian National University, February.
- 1994 "Accepting Agent Centered Norms," keynote address at the Eastern Pennsylvania Philosophical Association meetings, November.
- 1995 "Lessons from the Practical Tortoise", paper delivered at *Norms and Reasoning* conference in honor of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Lewis Carroll's "What the Tortoise Said to Achilles", University of Glasgow, July.
- 1996 "Lessons from the Practical Tortoise", at the Pacific Division Meetings of the APA, April.
- 1996 "Boundless Good", delivered at Princeton University philosophy department colloquium, October.
- 1997 "Metaethical Theories and Normative Commitments", delivered at Arizona State University philosophy department colloquium, December.
- 1998 "A Defense of Expressivism", delivered at the Central Division Meetings of the APA, April.
- 1999 "Conventionalism's Regress", delivered at Arizona State University conference on Convention in Logic and Philosophy, February.
- "Metaethical Theories and Normative Commitments", delivered at The New School annual Conference on Method, May.
- 2000 "The Expressivist Circle", delivered at the Central Division Meetings of the APA, April.
- "Boundless Good", delivered at the University of Arizona.
- 2001 "Boundless Good", delivered at the Ohio State University, January.
- "Boundless Good", delivered at Syracuse, January.
- "Boundless Good", delivered at Rochester University, February.
- "Boundless Good", delivered at Rutgers University, November.
- 2002 "The Measure of Our Concerns", delivered at APA Central Division Meetings, April.
- "Boundless Good", delivered at Dartmouth, June.
- "Boundless Good", delivered at University of Michigan, September.
- "Was Moore a Moorean?", delivered at Spindel Conference, Memphis, October.
- "Boundless Good", delivered at MIT, December.

**Papers Delivered, continued**

- 2003 “Relativism and Nihilism”, presented at Ethics Discussion Group, Philosophy Department at the Research School of Social Science, Australian National University, January.
- “Satisficing and Maximizing”, presented at Brown Bag Lunch seminar, Social and Political Theory program at the Research School of Social Science, Australian National University, February.
- “Boundless Good”, delivered at Monash University, Melbourne, March.
- 2003 “Boundless Good”, delivered at Philosophy Department at the Research School of Social Science, Australian National University, March.
- “Boundless Good”, delivered at University of Sydney, April.
- “Was Moore a Moorean?”, delivered at Macquarie University, Sydney, April.
- “Was Moore a Moorean?”, delivered at Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga, New South Wales, May.
- “Was Moore a Moorean?”, delivered at Philosophy Faculty, Australian National University, May.
- 2004 “Probabilistic Evidence in Law”, Ohio University Public Ethics Lecture, January.
- “Moral Realism and Creeping Minimalism”, Ohio University philosophy colloquium, January.
- “Disagreeing (about) what to do: the problem of negation in expressivism”, Madison Workshop, Oct.
- “Expressivism and the Problem of Negation”, delivered at Princeton, November.
- 2005 “Metametaethics and the web of belief”, invited symposium paper at APA Central meetings, Chicago.
- “Boundless Good”, delivered at Univ. of California, Davis, April.
- “Negation for Expressivists”, delivered at University of Oxford Moral Philosophy Seminar, May.
- “Negation for Expressivists”, delivered at University of Maryland, May.
- “Negation for Expressivists”, delivered at USC, October.
- “Negation for Expressivists”, delivered at University of Connecticut, October.
- “Negation for Expressivists”, delivered at University of Massachusetts, November.
- 2006 “Conditional Requirements”, invited paper at Bowling Green Practical Reason conference, April.
- “Practical Conditionals”, invited paper at Kline Workshop on Practical Reason, Univ. of Missouri, April.
- “Boundless Good”, delivered at University of Nebraska, May.
- “Boundless Good”, *Keynote Address* at Florida State Graduate Philosophy Conference, October.
- “Practical Conditionals”, delivered at University of Texas, December.
- 2007 “Shallow, Deeper, Deep”, invited paper at Author-Meets-Critics session on Sinnott-Armstrong’s *Moral Skepticisms*, APA Pacific meetings, San Francisco, April.
- “Subjectivism Meets Buck-Passing”, invited symposium paper at APA Central meetings, Chicago, April.
- “Subjectivism Meets Buck-Passing”, delivered at Australian National University conference, August.
- “Blocking Global Creep”, delivered at University of Sydney workshop, August.

**Papers Delivered, continued**

- 2008 “Boundless Good”, delivered at University of Lund, Sweden, January.  
 “Subjectivism Meets Buck-Passing”, invited colloquium at Göteborg University, Sweden, January.  
 “Subjectivism Meets Buck-Passing”, invited colloquium at Uppsala University, Sweden, January.  
 “Likelier Conditionals: trouble for *modus ponens*”, invited colloquium at Göteborg University, January.  
 “When do goals explain the rules that advance them?”, invited workshop presentation at Cornell, April.  
 “When do goals explain the rules that advance them?”, refereed workshop presentation at Madison Metaethics Workshop, September.
- 2009 “Relativism and Expressivism and the Problem of Disagreement”, New York Institute of Philosophy workshop, April.  
 “Failures of Modus Ponens”, University of Sydney colloquium, August.  
 “When do goals explain the rules that advance them?”, invited conference presentation at Workshop on Naturalistic Explanation in Ethics”, University of Sydney, August.  
 “Boundless Good”, World Philosophy Day address at the University of Toronto, November.  
 “Consequentializing, Defended”, University of Toronto Moral Philosophy colloquium, November.

**Commentator**

- 1998 On James Harold, “Giving Practical Reasons”, APA Eastern Division Meetings, December.
- 1999 On James Skidmore, “Transcendental Arguments”, APA Eastern Division Meetings, December.
- 2000 On Allan Gibbard, “Oughts, Plans, and Properties”, Chapel Hill Colloquium in Philosophy, October 6<sup>th</sup>.
- 2001 SOFIA conference, Mexico, January 6<sup>th</sup> (on S. Schiffer).
- 2002 On Geoffrey Sayre-McCord, “Moral Evolution”, APA Pacific Division Meetings, March.  
 On Stephen Darwall, ““Reasons, Motives, and the Demands of Morality”, Georgia State University conference: “G. E. Moore’s *Principia Ethica* a Century Later”, April.
- 2003 On Christian Miller, “The Incoherence Argument Revisited”, APA Eastern Division Meetings, December.
- 2004 On Matthew Chrisman, “Epistemic Expressivism”, APA Central Meetings, April.  
 On Michael Cholbi, “Wide Internalism and Rational Change of Desire”, APA Eastern Meetings, Dec.
- 2005 SOFIA conference, Mexico (on P. Horwich), January.
- 2006 SPAWN conference on Value, Syracuse University (on J. Olson), July.
- 2008 On James Harold, “Can Expressivists Tell the Difference between Beauty and Good?”, APA Eastern Division Meetings, December.
- 2009 On Fritz MacDonald, “Prolegomena to a Deflationary Metaphysics of Morality”, APA Central Division Meetings, February.  
 On Campbell Brown, “Consequentialise This!”, Edinburgh Workshop on Practical Reason, June.

**Chair**

- Chaired session on Moral Psychology at APA Central Division meetings in Pittsburgh, April 1997.
- Chaired all sessions of Normativity conference, Brown University, November 1999.
- Chaired John Broome’s Blackwell/Brown lectures, Brown University, October 2003.
- Chaired all sessions of Practical Reason conference, Brown University, April 2005.

**Courses Taught***Undergraduate*

The Individual and the State  
 Moral Theories  
 Political Philosophy  
 Philosophy of Law  
 Meta-ethics  
 Decision Theory  
 Introductory Logic  
 Advanced Deductive Logic  
 Humean Metaphysics

*Graduate Seminars*

Moral Relativism  
 Political Justice  
 Ronald Dworkin  
 Free Will  
 Practical Reason  
 Expressivist Logic  
 Decision Theory for Philosophers  
 Darwall's Internal 'Ought'  
 Objective Reasons

*more Graduate Seminars*

Expressivism Now  
 Relativism and Nihilism  
 Contemporary Debates in  
 Ethical Theory  
 Weighing Value  
 Instrumental Reason  
 Problems in Expressivism  
 The Nature of Normativity  
 Measuring Value

*At Monash University:*

Political Theory; Moral Supervenience; Noncognitivist Logic; Agent Neutrality.

**Ph.D. Dissertation Committees**

- Gillette, M., "Competence and Patient-Regarding Paternalism" (1991).
- Beck, S., "Moral Considerability" (1993).
- Ialacci, M., "Consequentialism and Agent Relative Morality" (1994).
- Chambers, J., "Morality and Commitment Devices" (1995).
- Yelin, L., "What is reasonable?" (1997).
- Sommers, T., "Rawlsian Liberalism", in progress, abandoned.
- Kawall, J., "Ideal Observer Theories", (2000).
- Marton, P., "Skeptical Games" (2000).
- Stone, J., "Distributive Justice of Health Care" (2000).
- Matheson, D., "Understanding and Vindication in Epistemology", (2001).
- Prentiss, D., "Virtue Ethics", (2001).
- Comesaña, J., "Humean theories of practical and theoretic reason" (2002).
- Turri, J., "A theory of epistemic reasons" (2006).
- Boyden, A., thesis on scientific realism (2007).
- Fiedor, B., thesis on deontic epistemology (2007).
- Mayhoo, J., thesis on coherence and explanation (in progress).
- Ramirez, A., on suberogation, (in progress).
- Roos, A., thesis on Rawls (2007)
- Jerry Steinhoffer, thesis on virtue epistemology (2008).
- Jason D'Cruz, thesis on moral psychology (2008).
- Max Pines, (in progress).
- Katherine Rubin, Expressivist Metaepistemology, (in progress).
- Sean Aas, (in progress).

**Chaired:**

- Taggart, J., "Motivation as a Way of Thinking" (2000).
- Feldman, S., "Moral Reasons as a species of Practical Reasons" (2006).
- Celada, T., "Procreative Liberty", (2007).

### **Service to the Department**

Regular supervision of undergraduate honors theses in philosophy.  
 Concentration Advisor for Standard Concentration, 1989 – 2001.  
 Concentration Advisor for Logic and Philosophy of Science, 1992–93, 1994–95, 2000–02.  
 Concentration Advisor for Ethics and Political Philosophy, 2001–02.  
 CAP advisor, Fall 1989 and Spring 1991.  
 Advisor for Philosophy Department Undergraduate Group, 1997 – 2005.  
 Tenure Review Committees for Broackes, Weatherson, Arpaly.  
 Promotion Committee for Bernard Reginster, 2007.  
 Brown Philosophy Colloquium Committee, 1999 – present.  
 Associate Chairman of Philosophy, 2001 – present.  
 Organized and ran conferences on Normativity (2002) and Practical Reason (2004).

### **Service to the University**

*Points on the Compass*, multidisciplinary faculty seminars for freshmen; 1994 – 2000.  
 “**Voyages of Discovery**”, joint symposium with Roberto Serrano (Economics) for Ruth Simmons’ Presidential Inauguration weekend, October 2001.  
 Faculty Executive Committee, Fall 1989 – Spring 1991.  
 Committee on Admission and Financial Aid, Fall 1991 – Spring 1993.  
 Independent Concentrations Committee, September 1998 – 2004.  
 College Curriculum Council, September 2003 – 2006.  
 Screening Committee of the CCC, chairman, 2004 – 2006.  
 Vice-Chair of Faculty Executive Committee, July 2007 – July 2008.  
 Chair of the Faculty Executive Committee and Chair of the Brown Faculty, July 2008 – July 2009.  
 Past Chair of the Faculty Executive Committee, July 2009 – present.  
 Committee on Faculty Equity and Diversity, July 2009 – present.  
 Committee on Ethics and Compliance, July 2009 – present.  
 Supervised Adam Green’s independent concentration on Rational Decision Making, 2003 – 2005.

### **Service to Profession**

With D. Estlund, constructed and maintained Brown Electronic Article Review Service, on Web and via listserv.  
 Organized first annual Brown Philosophy Mark Shapiro Conference, on Normativity, November 1999 (Speakers included: Allan Gibbard, Mark Johnston, Robert Brandom, John Hawthorne, Ralph Wedgwood, Gideon Rosen).  
 Organized Blackwell/Brown Lectures, three lecture series on Reasons and Reasoning, John Broome, October 2003.  
 Organized and chaired Brown Philosophy Mark Shapiro Conference on Practical Reason, April 2004.  
 Refereed papers for *Ethics*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Noûs*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Metaphilosophy*, *The Journal of Ethics*, *The Journal of Moral Philosophy*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Pacific Journal of Philosophy*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophers Imprint*, *Philosophical Papers (South Africa)*, *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*, *Acta Analytica*, *Philosophia*, *Philosophy Compass*.  
 Refereed book proposals and manuscripts for MIT Press, Routledge, Oxford University Press, and Cambridge University Press.  
 Refereed grant proposals for Monash University Joint Arts/IT Small Grant Scheme.  
 External dissertation examiner for Australian National University.  
 Board of Editors for: *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Philosophical Perspectives*; past Board of Editors, *Noûs*.

**Service to Profession, continued**

Associate Editor, *Ethics*, November 2008 – present.

Associate Editor, Blackwell's *International Encyclopedia of Ethics*, March 2008 – present.

Founding editor, *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* (on-line at [www.jesp.org](http://www.jesp.org)).

External tenure referee for cases at Kent State, U. Missouri (St. Louis), The Ohio State University, Reed College, USC, Syracuse, University of Florida, NYU.

External third-year reviewer for case at UC Santa Cruz, and one at Colgate.

American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Program Committee, June 2005 – June 2007.

American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Program Committee, *Chair*, June 2006 – June 2007.

Refereed papers for Madison Workshop in Metaethics (2005, 2007, 2009).