

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Harvard University, 1968-1971, A.B. in Philosophy (1971)
Princeton University, 1974-1978, Ph.D. in Philosophy (1980)
Thesis: Explaining Explanation: A Realist Account of Scientific Explanation
and Understanding, David Lewis, advisor

Academic employment

Permanent: The University of Michigan, Assistant Professor (1979-83);
Associate Professor (1983-90); Professor (1990-)
Visiting: Princeton University, 1990
The University of California, Berkeley, 1984-85

Honors, awards, and special fellowships

External

President, American Philosophical Association, Central Division, 2011-2012
Invited Fellow, National Humanities Center, 2010-2011
American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Member, Elected 2004

Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship, 2001-02
American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship, 2000-01
National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship, 1999-2000
Chercheur invité, GRISE, École Polytechnique, Paris, France 1999-2000
Immanuel Kant Lectures, Stanford University, 2000
Parcells Lecture, University of Connecticut, 2000
Dewey Lecture, University of Vermont, 1997
Chercheur invité (1994-95), Chercheur associé (1995-2000), Centre de Recherche en
Épistémologie Appliquée, École Polytechnique, Paris
American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship, 1988-89
Senior Fellow, Society for the Humanities, Cornell University, 1987
Associate Fellow, Stanford Humanities Center, 1984-85
Whiting Fellow, Princeton University, 1977-78
Phi Beta Kappa, Harvard University, 1971

University of Michigan:

John D'Arms Award for Distinguished Graduate Mentoring, 2009
John Stephenson Perrin Professor in the College of LSA, 2001-
Excellence in Research Award, College of LSA 1998
Arthur F. Thurnau Professor ("in recognition of outstanding contributions to
undergraduate education"), 1989-
Henry Russel Award ("in recognition of distinguished achievements in the
field of scholarly research" in early career), 1983
Michigan Society of Fellows, Junior Fellow 1979-82, Senior Fellow 2006-

Selected articles

"A Deductive-Nomological Model of Probabilistic Explanation", Philosophy of Science
45 (June 1978): 206-226.

Reprinted in J.C. Pitt (ed.), Theories of Explanation (New York: Oxford
University Press, 1987); in M. Curd and J. Cover (eds.), Philosophy of
Science: The Central Issues (New York: Norton, 1997); The Philosophy
of Science: Selected Essays (Hamden, CT: Garland Publishing, 2001); and
elsewhere.

"Probability, Explanation, and Information", Synthese 48 (August 1981): 233-256.
Reprinted in D.-H. Ruben (ed.), Explanation (New York: Oxford
University Press, 1993).

- "Judicial Review, Elites, and Liberal Democracy", in J.R. Pennock and J.W. Chapman (eds.), NOMOS XXV: Liberal Democracy (New York: New York University Press, 1983).
- "Alienation, Consequentialism, and the Demands of Morality", Philosophy and Public Affairs 13 (Spring 1984): 134-171.
Reprinted in The Philosopher's Annual 7 (1984); in S. Scheffler (ed.), Consequentialism and its Critics (New York: Oxford University Press, 1987); in L.J. Pojman (ed.), Ethical Theory: Classical and Contemporary Readings (Belmont, Ca.: Wadsworth, 1989, new edition 1998); in N.K. Badhwar (ed.), Friendship: A Philosophical Reader (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1993); in James Rachels (ed.), Ethical Theory 2 (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1998); in J.M.A. Skorupski (ed.), International Research Library of Philosophy (Aldershot: Dartmouth, 1999); in French translation, Les Ateliers de l'éthique (forthcoming); in Portuguese translation (forthcoming); and elsewhere.
- "Locke, Stock, and Peril: Natural Property Rights, Pollution, and Risk", in M. Gibson (ed.), To Breathe Freely (Totowa, N.J.: Rowman and Littlefield, 1985).
- "Marxism and Scientific Objectivity", in P.D. Asquith and P. Kitcher (eds.), PSA 1984 II (East Lansing, Mich.: Philosophy of Science Association, 1986).
Reprinted in R. Boyd, P. Gasper, and J.D. Trout (eds.), The Philosophy of Science (Cambridge: MIT Press, 1991)
- "Moral Realism", The Philosophical Review 95 (April 1986): 163-207.
Reprinted in The Philosopher's Annual 9 (1986); in J.G. Haber (ed.), Twentieth Century Ethical Theory (London: Macmillan, 1994); in M. Smith (ed.), Meta-Ethics (Aldershot: Dartmouth, 1995); (in Italian translation) in Etica analitica: Analisi, teorie e applicazioni (Rome: Edizioni Universitarie de Lettere Economia Diritto, 1996); S. Darwall, et al., Moral Discourse and Practice (New York: Oxford University Press, 1997); R. Shafer-Landau and T. Cuneo, Foundations of Ethics (Oxford: Blackwell, 2007); A. Fisher and S. Kirchin, Arguing about Metaethics (London: Routledge, 2006); in Portuguese translation (forthcoming); and elsewhere.
- "Explanatory Asymmetry in Historical Materialism", Ethics 97 (October 1986): 233-239.
- "Facts and Values", Philosophical Topics 14 (Fall 1986): 5-31.
- "Psi: Anomalous Correlation or Anomalous Explanation?", Behavioral and Brain Sciences 10 (December 1987): 605-607.
- "How Thinking about Character and Utilitarianism Might Lead to Rethinking the Character of Utilitarianism", Midwest Studies in Philosophy 13 (1988): 398-416.

- Reprinted in D. Lyons, Mill's Utilitarianism (New York: Rowman & Littlefield, 1997).
- "Explanation and Metaphysical Controversy", in P. Kitcher and W.C. Salmon (eds.), Scientific Explanation (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 1989).
Reprinted in The Philosopher's Annual 12 (1989).
- "Cost-Benefit Analysis as a Source of Information about Welfare", in P. Brett Hammond and Rob Coppock (eds.), Valuing Health Risks, Costs, and Benefits for Environmental Decision Making (Washington, D.C.: National Academy Press, 1990).
- "Taking Physical Probability Seriously", in M. H. Salmon (ed.), The Philosophy of Logical Mechanism (Dordrecht: D. Reidel, 1990).
- "Naturalism and Prescriptivity," in Social Philosophy and Policy 7 (1989): 151-174.
Reprinted in Ellen Frankel Paul, et al. (eds.), Foundations of Moral and Political Philosophy (Oxford: Blackwell, 1990).
- "Moral Theory as a Moral Practice", Nous 25 (1991): 185-190.
- "Toward Fin de siècle Ethics", with Stephen Darwall and Allan Gibbard, The Philosophical Review 101 (1992): 115-189.
Reprinted in M. Smith (ed.), Meta-Ethics (Aldershot: Dartmouth, 1995); in S. Darwall, et al., Moral Discourse and Practice (New York: Oxford University Press, 1997); and in Portuguese translation (forthcoming).
- "Pluralism, Determinacy, and Dilemma", Ethics 102 (1992): 720-42.
Reprinted in H. E. Mason (ed.), Moral Dilemmas and Moral Theory (New York: Oxford University Press, 1996).
- "Nonfactualism about Normative Discourse", Philosophy and Phenomenological Research 52 (1992): 961-68.
Also appearing (with additional material) as "Noncognitivism about Rationality: Benefits, Costs, and an Alternative", in Philosophical Issues 4 (1993): 36-51.
- "Some Questions about the Status of Morality", Philosophical Perspectives 6 (1992): 27-53.
- "What the Noncognitivist Helps Us to See, the Naturalist Must Help Us to Explain", along with a reply to comments by David Wiggins, in J. Haldane and C. Wright (eds.), Reality, Representation and Projection (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1993).
- "Broadening the Base for Bringing Psychology to Bear on Ethics", Behavioral and Brain Sciences 17 (1994): 27-28.
- "Essentially General Predicates", Midwest Studies in Philosophy 18 (1993): 166-175.
- "Truth, Reason, and the Regulation of Belief", Philosophical Issues 5 (1994): 71-93.

- Also appearing (with changes) as "Scientific Objectivity and the Aims of Belief", in P. Engel (ed.), Believing and Accepting (Dordrecht: Kluwer, 2000).
- "Subject-ive and Objective", Ratio 8 (1995): 259-276.
Reprinted in Brad Hooker (ed.), Truth in Ethics (Oxford: Blackwell Publishing, 1996).
- "Moral Realism: Prospects and Problems", in W. Sinnott-Armstrong and M. Timmons (eds.), Moral Epistemology (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1996).
- "A Kind of Nonsubjective Reason?", in J. Schneewind (ed.), Reason, Ethics, and Society (Chicago: Open Court, 1996).
- "The Diversity of Moral Dilemmas", in G. Mason (ed.), Moral Dilemmas (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1996).
- "On the Hypothetical and Non-Hypothetical in Reasoning about Thought and Action", in G. Cullity and B. Gault (eds.), Ethics and Practical Reason (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1997).
- "Explanations Involving Rationality", in John Earman and John Norton (eds.), The Cosmos of Science (Pittsburgh and Konstanz: Pittsburgh University Press and Universitäts Verlag Konstanz, 1997, reprinted 1998).
- "Made in the Shade: Moral Compatibilism and the Aims of Moral Theory", Canadian Journal of Philosophy, suppl. vol. 21 (1997): 79-106.
- "Aesthetic Value, Moral Value, and the Ambitions of Naturalism", in J. Levinson (ed.), Aesthetics and Ethics (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1997).
- "Moral Explanation and Moral Objectivity", Philosophy and Phenomenological Research 58 (1998): 175-182.
- "Red, Bitter, Good", The European Review of Philosophy 3 (1998): 67-84.
- "Normative Force and Normative Freedom: Hume and Kant, but not Hume versus Kant", Ratio 12 (1999): 320-353.
Reprinted in J. Dancy (ed.), Normativity (Oxford: Blackwell, 2000)
- "Taste and Value", in R. Crisp and B. Hooker (eds.), Well-Being and Morality (Oxford: Clarendon, 2000)
- "Darwinian Building Blocks", in L.D. Katz (ed.), Evolutionary Origins of Morality: Cross-Disciplinary Perspectives (Thorverton: Imprint Academic, 2000).
- "Morality, Ideology, and Reflection; Or, The Duck Sits Yet", in E. Harcourt (ed.), Morality and Ideology (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2000).
- "A Priori Rules: Wittgenstein on the Normativity of Logic", in Paul Boghossian and Christopher Peacocke (eds.), New Essays on the A Priori (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2001).

- “Kant rencontre Aristote là où la raison rencontre l'appétit”, Philosophiques 28 (2001): 47-67.
- Also appearing in English as “Kant Meets Aristotle Where Reason Meets Appetite”, in C.U. Moulines and Karl-Georg Niebergall (eds.), Argument und Analyse (Paderborn: Mentis, 2002).
- “Toward an Ethics that Inhabits the World”, in B. Leiter (ed.), The Future of Philosophy (New York: Oxford University Press, 2004).
- “How to Engage Reason: The Problem of Regress”, in R. Jay Wallace, Philip Pettit, Samuel Scheffler, and Michael Smith (eds.), Reason and Value (New York: Oxford University Press, 2004).
- “Moral Factualism”, in J. Dreier (ed.), Contemporary Debates in Moral Theory (Oxford: Blackwell, 2006).
- “The Humean Theory of Practical Rationality”, in D. Copp (ed.), The Oxford Handbook of Ethical Theory (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2006).
- “Normative Guidance”, in Oxford Studies in Metaethics (2006) 1: 3-34.
- “Précis of Facts, Values, and Norms”, “Reply to Ralph Wedgwood”, “Reply to Justin D’Arms”, and “Reply to Ben Eggleston”, in Philosophical Studies 126 (2006): 429-432, 481-508.
- “Naturalism Relativized?”, in W. Sinnott-Armstrong (ed.), Moral Psychology, vol. 1, The Evolution of Morality: Adaptations and Innateness (Cambridge: MIT/Bradford, 2008, reprinted 2009).
- “The Problem of Well-Being: Respect, Equality, and the Self”, *ISUS-X, Tenth Conference of the International Society for Utilitarian Studies*, 1-30.
- “Reply to John Skorupski”, contribution to a symposium on Facts, Values, and Norms, forthcoming in Utilitas.
- “Practical Competence and Fluent Agency”, in D. Sobel and S. Wall (eds.), Practical Reason (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2009).
- “Internalism for Externalists”, Philosophical Studies 19 (2009): 187-202.
- “Realism and Its Alternatives”, forthcoming in Routledge Companion to Ethics, J. Skorupski (ed.).
- “Coping with Moral Uncertainty”, forthcoming in Philosophy and Phenomenological Research.
- “Staying in Touch with Normative Reality”, forthcoming in *Philosophical Studies*.
- “Two Cheers for Virtue, or: Might Virtue Be Habit Forming”, forthcoming in *Oxford Studies in Normative Ethics*.
- Also appearing in Polish Translation in N. Szutta (ed.), *Virtue Ethics*
- “Nietzsche’s Normative Theory? The Art and Skill of Living Well”, to appear in a volume of essays on Nietzsche edited by S. Robertson and C. Janaway.

“The Critical Project Today”, forthcoming in *Philosophical Studies*.

“Just How Do the Passions Rule?”, forthcoming in a volume in honor of Simon Blackburn, edited by Michael Smith and Robert Johnson (Oxford University Press).

“Two Sides of the Metaethical Mountain”, forthcoming in a volume on Derek Parfit’s *On What Matters*, edited by Peter Singer (Oxford University Press).

“Navigating into the Future or Driven by the Past? Prospection as an Organizing Principle of Mind”, with Martin Seligman, Roy Baumeister, and Chandra Sripada, forthcoming in *Perspectives in Psychological Science*.

Books

(Co-editor) Moral Discourse and Practice: Some Philosophical Approaches, with Stephen Darwall and Allan Gibbard (New York: Oxford University Press, 1997).

Facts, Values, and Norms: Essays Toward a Morality of Consequence (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2003)

Selected invited papers

Papers presented to the following departments of philosophy:

The University of Chicago (along with the Program in the Conceptual Foundations of Science), May 1981; The Ohio State University, November 1981; The University of Florida, February 1982; The University of Manitoba (Canada), October 1982; Princeton University, December 1982; Lehigh University, November 1984; The University of Southern California, February 1985; The University of California at Santa Cruz, February 1985; The University of California at San Diego, May 1985; California Institute of Technology, May 1985; The University of Washington, May 1985; The Johns Hopkins University, October 1985; The University of Minnesota, November 1985; The University of Campinas (Brazil), July 1986; The University of Tennessee, October 1986; The University of Miami, February 1987; Syracuse University, April 1987; Cornell University, May 1987; Oakland University, March 1988; The University of Pittsburgh, April 1988; Dalhousie University (Canada), August 1989; Princeton University, February 1990; The University of Pittsburgh (Department of History and Philosophy of Science), March 1990; The Johns Hopkins University, March 1990; The University of Virginia, April 1990; Virginia Polytechnic Institute, April 1990; Brown University, May 1990; New York

University, May 1990; Rutgers University, May 1990; Duke University, October 1990; Harvard University, November 1990; University of Wisconsin, December 1991; University of Notre Dame, January 1992; University of Illinois at Chicago, April 1992, Michigan State University, May 1992, University of Colorado, Boulder, November 1992, University of Toronto (Canada), November 1992, University of Nebraska (NEH Summer Institute), June 1993, Dalhousie University (Canada), August 1993, University of California, Riverside, February 1994; University of Southern California, February 1994; California Institute of Technology, February 1994; Stanford University, February, 1994; Graduate Center, City University of New York, May 1994; New York University (School of Law), October 1994; University of Reading (England), June 1996; Massachusetts Institute of Technology, December 1996; University of Illinois, April 1997; Northwestern University, April 1997; University of Kansas, May 1997; Texas A&M University, October 1997; University of Texas, October 1997; Department of Philosophy, University of Vermont, October 1997; York University (Canada), February 1998; McGill University (Canada), February 1998; University of Birmingham (England), April 1998, Arizona State University, September 1998; New York University, October 1998; Northern Illinois University, April 1999, Harvard University, October 1999, University of Paris-La Sorbonne (France), April 2000, University of Rome-La Sapienza (Italy), May 2000, University of Rotterdam (Netherlands), May 2000, University of British Columbia (Canada), October 2000, École Polytechnique (Paris), March 2001, University of Rome – La Sapienza (Italy), June 2001, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (Paris), June 2001, Australian National University, August 2001, Seoul National University (Korea), August 2001, Georgetown University, December 2001, University of Bristol (England), October 2001, Rochester University, February 2002, École Polytechnique (Paris), March 2002, University of Oslo (Norway), June 2004, University of Rome-La Sapienza (Italy), June 2004, MIT, October 2004, University of Oslo (Norway), September 2005, North Carolina State University, October 2005, Rice University, January 2006, University of Iowa, January 2006, University of Maryland, September 2006, Union College, January 2007, University of Oslo (Norway), May 2007, University of Minnesota, September 2007; Michigan State University, January 2009; Rutgers University, February 2009; Purdue University, March 2009; University of Bergen, May 2009; Université Cheikh Anta Diop (Dakar, Senegal), June 2009; Texas Tech University, October 2009; Bowling Green State University, October 2009; Columbia University, February 2010; University of Oslo (Norway), May 2010, Cornell University, November 2010; University of Buffalo, November 2010; North Carolina State University, January 2011; Duke University, February 2011; Davidson College, February 2011; Oberlin College, March 2011; Federal University of Minas Gerais (Brazil), May 2012; Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), May 2012.

Conference on the Nature of Desire, University of Geneva, Geneva, Switzerland,
June 2011.

Conference on Subjective Well-Being and its Measure, University of Leeds, July 2011.

- "Judicial Review in a Liberal Democracy", Comment, Annual Meeting of the American Society for Political and Legal Philosophy, Boston, December 1980.
- "Technology and Risk Assessment", Comment, Biennial Meeting of the Philosophy of Science Association, jointly sponsored by the Society for the History of Technology, Philadelphia, October 1982.
- "Further Comments on Moral Realism", Comment, Chapel Hill Philosophy Colloquium, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, October 1983.
- "Marxism and Scientific Objectivity", Invited Paper, Biennial Meeting of the Philosophy of Science Association, Chicago, October 1984.
- "Moral Realism", Annual Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, New York, December 1984.
- "Historical Materialism", Comment, Weingart Conference on Explanation and Justification, California Institute of Technology, March 1985.
- Commentator, Tanner Lecture Symposium, Stanford University, April 1985.
- "The Justification of Morality", Bertram Morris Colloquium in Social Philosophy, The University of Colorado, Boulder, February 1986; also presented at the Oberlin Colloquium in Philosophy, Oberlin College, April 1987.
- "Future Bloc", Conference on Valuing Risk, National Academy of Sciences, Washington DC, June 1987.
- "What the Noncognitivist Helps Us to See, the Naturalist Must Help Us to Explain", Conference on Realism and Reason, University of St. Andrews (Scotland), March 1988.
- "Normative and Descriptive Conceptions of Needs: A Comment on David Braybrooke's Meeting Needs", Annual Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Central Division, Cincinnati, April 1988.
- "Preference and Goodness", Conference on the Foundations of Moral and Political Philosophy, Bowling Green State University, September 1988.
- "A Naturalistic Approach to the Normativity of Intrinsic Goodness", Colloquium on Values, Reason, and Culture, Institute for the Humanities, Rice University, April 1989.
- "Moral Theory as a Moral Practice", American Philosophical Association, Central Division, Chicago, April 1991.
- "Moral Dilemma and Moral Indeterminacy", Conference on Moral Dilemmas, University of Minnesota, April 1991.
- "Pluralism, Determinacy, and Dilemma", Ethics Symposium, Hollins College, June 1991.

"Naturalism and Nonfactualism", Fifth Congress of the Sociedad Filosófica Ibero-Americana, University of Florida, May 1992.

"Objective Reasons", Conference in Honor of Kurt Baier, University of Pittsburgh, April 1993.

"Truth, Reason, and the Regulation of Belief", Invited Paper, Sixth Congress of the Sociedad Filosófica Ibero-Americana, Universidad de La Laguna, Tenerife (Spain), June 1993; also presented at the Conference on Belief, Université de Caen, Caen (France), April 1995.

"Naturalism in Ethics", Invited Lectures, NEH Summer Institute, University of Nebraska, July 1993.

"Moral Realism: Prospects and Problems", Conference on Moral Epistemology, Dartmouth College, October 1994.

"On the Hypothetical and Non-Hypothetical in Reasoning about Action", Conference on Practical Reason, University of St Andrews (Scotland), March 1995.

"La tolérance et ses conditions", Invited Paper, Conference on the Public and the Private, École Normale Supérieure, Paris (France), June 1995

"Morality and Ideology. Or, The Duck Still Sits", Invited Paper, Conference on Morality and Ideology, Oxford University (UK), May 1996.

"Taste and Value", Invited Comment on James Griffin's Value Judgement, International Society for Utilitarian Studies, New Orleans, March 1997.

Invited Comment on David Copp's Morality, Normativity, and Society, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, Berkeley, March 1997.

"A Sound Heart and a Deformed Conscience': Huck Finn and Rational Beings, Being Rational", Dewey Lecture, University of Vermont, October 1997.

"Normative Force and Normative Freedom", Conference on Normativity, University of Reading (UK), April 1998.

"Compatibilisme morale et les ambitions du naturalisme", CNRS École de formation en philosophie morale, Cérisy (France), June 1998.

"Value and Significance", Conference on Well-Being, Bowling Green State University, October 1998.

"Humean Rationality and Humean Ethics", Conference on Hume, University of California, Los Angeles, October 1998.

"Why Informed Desires?", American Philosophical Association, Central Division, New Orleans, May 1999.

"Rational Beings, Being Rational", Jowett Society, Balliol College, Oxford University (UK), May 1999.

"Normative Force and Normative Freedom", Keynote Address, British Society for Ethical Theory, Durham (UK), June 1999.

“Rational Belief, Rational Desire (... wait a minute, did he say ‘rational desire?’)”,
 Kant Lectures, Stanford University, May 2000.

“Délibération et la théorie du choix rationnel”, Journées Morales, École des Hautes
 Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris (France), June 2000.

“Kant Meets Aristotle Where Reason Meets Desire”, GAP Conference, Beilfeld
 (Germany), October 2000; Institute on Practical Reason, Rotterdam
 (Netherlands), June 2001; Conference on the Theory and Practice of Moral
 Philosophy, Urbino (Italy), June 2001; and Workshop on Moral Philosophy,
 University of Rome- La Sapienza (Italy), June 2001.

“Rational Beings, Being Rational”, Parcells Lecture, University of Connecticut,
 December 2000.

“How Can Reason Be Theoretical?”, Rutgers Epistemology Conference, April 2001.

“Rational Belief”, Conference on Human Inference, École Normale Supérieure and
 Université de Paris-Sorbonne (France), June 2001

“How Can Reason Be Practical?”, Keynote Address, Oxford University Graduate
 Conference, Oxford (UK), October 2001.

“What Can We Learn from Moral Dilemmas?”, Spetnagel Lecture, Ohio University,
 October 2001.

“Moral Realism, Moral Belief”, American Philosophical Association Pacific Division,
 Seattle, March 2002.

“Reason and Deliberation”, Conference in Honor of Joseph Raz, Columbia University,
 April 2002.

“Just How Do the Passions Rule?”, Colloquium on Simon Blackburn, Ruling Passions,
 American Philosophical Association, Central Division, Chicago, April 2002.

“Rational and Intuitive, Naturally”, Workshop in Honor of Derek Parfit, Rutgers
 University, April 2003.

“Colloquium on Facts, Values, and Norms, Replies”, Department of Philosophy,
 University of Rome-La Sapienza (Italy), June 2004.

“Normative Guidance”, Keynote Address, First Annual Metaethics Workshop,
 University of Wisconsin, Madison, October 2004.

“Is there hope for a theory of objective aesthetic value?”, American Society for
 Aesthetics, October 2003; Workshop on Value, Rutgers University, December
 2004.

Kenan Seminar in Moral Philosophy, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill,
 December 2004.

“Desire, Happiness, and Well-Being”, Forry and Micken Lecture, Amherst College,
 April 2005.

“Objectivity, Realism, and Aesthetic Value”, American Society for Aesthetics,

Providence, October 2005.

“Comment on Jane Heal”, Chapel Hill Colloquium in Philosophy, University of North Carolina, October 2005.

“Practical Competence”, Conference on Practical Reason, Bowling Green State University, April 2006.

“The Problem of Well-Being: Respect, Equality, and the Self”, Seminar in Law and Philosophy, University of Southern California, October 2006.

Mellon Seminar in Moral Philosophy, Harvard University, December 2006.

“The Authority of Subjective Reasons”, American Philosophical Association, Central Division, Chicago, April 2007

“Rational Desire and Rationality in Desire”, Conference on Norms and Descriptions, University of Sydney (Australia), June 2007; University of Europe, Brugge (Belgium), June 2007; Conference on Reason and Value, UC-Santa Barbara, February 2008.

“Le guidage normatif”, Colloque autour de Jean-Pierre Dupuy, CNRS, Cérisy (France), July 2007.

Meta-Ethics Seminar, Princeton, October 2007

“Normative Guidance: Objective and Subjective; Forced and Free”, AHRC (Arts and Humanities Research Council) Workshop on Culture and the Mind, University of Sheffield (UK), March 2008.

“Nietzsche and the Ethics of Value: A Speculative Interpretation”, AHRC Project on Nietzsche and Modern Moral Philosophy, Southampton (UK), April 2008

Mind and Language Seminar, NYU, April 2008.

“Comment Repenser les Normes et Valeurs?”, Colloque autour de « Repenser les normes et valeurs », Université de Québec (Canada), May 2008

“A Naturalistic Transcendental Argument?”, AHRC Workshop on Naturalism and the A Priori, London (UK), June 2008.

“The Problem of Well-Being: Respect, Equality, and the Self”, International Society Society of Utilitarian Studies Meeting, Berkeley, September 2008.

“The Nature of Norms”, Center for the Study of Mind in Nature, University of Oslo (Norway), October 2008.

“Two Cheers for Virtue: Toward an Empirically Realistic Account of Virtue”, Conference on Virtue, University of Gdansk (Poland), October 2009.

“Rethinking Autonomy”, Conference on Autonomy, Creativity, and Singularity, National Humanities Center, November 2008.

“Staying in Touch with Normative Reality”, comment on R. Wedgwood, *The Nature of Normativity*, APA-Pacific Division, Vancouver (Canada), April 2009.

“A Unified Account of Rationality in Belief, Desire, and Action”, keynote address,

University of Texas Graduate Conference, Austin, April 2009.

“Internalism for Externalists” and other presentations, CSMN, University of Oslo, May 2009.

Invited visitor, Department of Philosophy, Princeton University, May 2009.

“Might Virtue Be Habit Forming?”, keynote address, First Annual Conference on Normative Ethics, University of Arizona, January 2010.

“A Taste for Value”, Workshop on Taste and Value, NYU-Abu Dhabi (UAE), January 2009.

“Comment” on V. Tiberius, *The Reflective Life*, APA-Central Division, Chicago, February 2010.

“A Taste for Value?”, Workshop on Taste and Value, NYU-UCL, Abu-Dhabi, February 2010.

“Evaluation and Causation”, McDonnell Interuniversity Consortium on Causation, May 2010.

“Normativity—of a kind”, Conference in Honor of Judith Jarvis Thomson, Department of Philosophy, MIT, June 2010.

“Value and Valuing”, Workshop on the Nature of Value and Practical Reason, University of Iceland, Reykjavik (Iceland), June 2010.

“Toward a Unified Theory of Rationality in Belief, Desire, and Action”, Workshop on PR’s Research, University of Geneva (Switzerland), September 2010.

“Foraging for Value”, Origins Conference, Arizona State University, November 2010.

“Value and Valuing: The How and the Why”, invited paper, APA-Eastern Division, Boston, December 2010.

“Toward a Unified Theory of Rationality in Belief, Desire, and Action”, Workshop on Rationality in Belief, Desire, and Action, Department of Philosophy, UNC-Chapel Hill, April 2012.

“Affect and Value in Kant”, Conference in honor of Barbara Herman, Cornell University, September 2011.

“Value and Aging”, Conference on Value in an Aging World, Ohio State University, October 2011.

“The Affective Dog and Its Rational Tale”, Carnegie-Uehiro-Oxford Conference on Values, New York, November 2011.

“The Affective Dog and Its Rational Tale”, Keynote Address, Oxford Graduate Conference in Philosophy, Oxford, November 2011.

“No, *Three Families of Normative Concepts*”, Workshop on the Foundations of Moral Preferences, CSMN, University of Oslo, November 2011.

“That Obscure Object, Desire”, Presidential Address, APA Central Division Meetings, Chicago, February 2012.

“Subjective Well-Being as Information”, Henle Conference, St. Louis University, March 2012.

“Aesthetic Value as a Tertiary Quality,” Aesthetic Judgment Project, University of Victoria, Canada, April 2011.

“Identified vs. Statistical Victims”, Program in Ethics and Health, Harvard University, April 2011.

“Why is there a Third *Critique*?”, Conference on Practical Reasoning and Metaethics, University of Nebraska, April 2011.

“Realism in Morality”, Seminar in Metaethics, Department of Philosophy, Federal University of Santa Catarina, Brazil, May 2011.

“Rationality in Desire and Belief”, Workshop on Desire, University of Geneva, Switzerland, June 2012.

“Three Families of Normative Concepts”, Workshop on the Nature and Origin of Norms, University of Uppsala, Sweden, June 2012.

“Subjective Well-Being as Information and Guidance”, Conference on the Measurement of Subjective Well-Being, University of Leeds, UK, July 2012.

Other professional activities

Editorial Board, Ethics, Philosophy and Economics (1988-1994), Utilitas, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research

Nominating Committee, Philosophy of Science Association, 1988-90

Council for Philosophical Studies, 1992-1994

Nominating Committee, APA Central Division, 1996-97, (Chair) 2012-2013

Ethics Advisory Committee, APA Eastern Division, 2006-

Executive Committee, APA National, 2010-

University Committee on the Care and Utilization of Animals, University of Michigan, 2006-

National Humanities Center, Fellows Selection Committee, 2007

Member: American Philosophical Association, American Society for Political and Legal Philosophy, Philosophy of Science Association, Society for Philosophy and Psychology, AAAS

Affiliated with: Center for the Study of Mind in Nature, University of Oslo, 2006- ; McDonnell Consortium on Causal Reasoning, 2008-2012; Ethics Research and Training Program, University of Michigan (NSF EESE Grant), 2008-