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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:

- Political Philosophy
- Moral Philosophy
- Philosophy of Law

AREAS OF COMPETENCE:

- Ancient Philosophy
- Aesthetics
- Symbolic Logic; Critical Thinking
- Applied Ethics
- Popular Culture

EDUCATION:

Ph.D., Philosophy, January 1994, Temple University
M.A., Philosophy, January 1989, Temple University
B.A., Philosophy, May 1986, University of Pennsylvania

BOOKS:

Deleting the State: An Argument About Government, Open Court, 2008.

BOOKS EDITED:

Political Philosophy: Essential Selections, Co-editor (w/ T. Machan). Prentice-Hall, 1999.

The Simpsons and Philosophy, Co-editor (w/ W. Irwin and M. Conard) and contributor. Open Court, 2000.

Woody Allen and Philosophy, Co-editor (w/ M. Conard) and contributor. Open Court, 2004.

The Philosophy of TV Noir, Co-editor (w/ S. Sanders) and contributor. University Press of Kentucky, 2008.

Reading Rasmussen and Den Uyl: Critical Essays on Norms of Liberty. Editor and contributor. Lexington Books, 2008.

Reality, Reason, and Rights: Essays in Honor of Tibor R. Machan. Co-editor (w/ D. Rasmussen and D. Den Uyl) and contributor. Forthcoming: Lexington Books, 2011.

JOURNALS EDITED:

Reason Papers, Editor-in-Chief, from vol 26 (2002) to vol. 32 (2010).

ARTICLES and BOOK CHAPTERS:

“Egoism and Altruism Revisited,” in *Reality, Reason, and Rights: Essays in Honor of Tibor R. Machan*, Rasmussen, Skoble, and Den Uyl, eds., Lexington Books, 2011.

“Hayek the Philosopher of Law,” in *The Cambridge Companion to Hayek*, Edward Feser, ed., Cambridge University Press, 2006.

“Radical Freedom and Social Living,” in *Anarchism/Minarchism*, Long and Machan, eds., Ashgate, 2008.

“Assessing the Prospects for Norms of Liberty,” in *Reading Rasmussen and Den Uyl: Critical Essays on Norms of Liberty*, Aeon J. Skoble, ed., Lexington Books, 2008.

“War and Liberty,” *Reason Papers*, vol 28 Spring 2006.

“Liberty, Policy, and Natural Disasters,” in *Liberty and Hard Cases*, T.R. Machan, ed., Hoover Institution Press, 2002.

This essay also appears in *Journal des Economistes et des Etudes Humaines*, December 2000.

“Virtue Ethics and Seinfeld,” in *Seinfeld and Philosophy*, William T. Irwin, ed., Open Court, 1999.

This essay was reprinted in *Readings on The Ultimate Questions*, Rauhut and Smith, eds., Penguin 2005.

“Lisa and American Anti-Intellectualism,” in *The Simpsons and Philosophy*, Irwin, Conard, and Skoble, eds, Open Court, 2000.

“Virtue and Vice in *The Lord of the Rings*,” in *The Lord of the Rings and Philosophy*, G. Bassham and E. Bronson, eds., Open Court, 2003.

“Integrity in Woody Allen’s *Manhattan*,” in *Woody Allen and Philosophy*, Conard and Skoble, eds., Open Court, 2004.

“Superhero Revisionism in *Watchmen* and *The Dark Knight Returns*,” in *Superheroes and Philosophy*, Tom Morris and Matt Morris, eds., Open Court 2005

“Moral Clarity and Practical Reason in Film Noir,” in *The Philosophy of Film Noir*, Mark Conard, ed., University Press of Kentucky, 2005

“*Rear Window*: Looking at Things Ethically,” in *Alfred Hitchcock and Philosophy*, Baggett and Drummin, eds., Open Court, 2007

“God’s Lonely Man: *Taxi Driver* and the Ethics of Vigilantism,” in *The Philosophy of Martin Scorsese*, Mark Conard, ed., University Press of Kentucky, 2007

“Justice and Moral Corruption in *A Simple Plan*,” in *The Philosophy of Neo-Noir*, Mark Conard, ed., University Press of Kentucky, 2007.

“Ethics and Action in *The Fugitive*,” in *The Philosophy of TV Noir*, Sanders and Skoble, eds., University Press of Kentucky, 2008.

"Technology and Ethics in *The Day the Earth Stood Still*," in *The Philosophy of Science Fiction Film*, Steven Sanders, ed., University Press of Kentucky, 2008

"Rationality and Choice in 'Nick of Time,'" in *Philosophy in the Twilight Zone*, Hunt and Carroll, eds., Blackwell, 2009

"Order Without Law: The Magnificent Seven, East and West," in *The Philosophy of the Western*, McMahon and Csaki, eds., University Press of Kentucky, 2010.

"Truth and Error in Peter of Spain's Modal Logic," *Modern Schoolman*, Vol. LXXIV, No. 3, March 1997.

"The Anarchism Controversy," in *Liberty for the 21st Century: Essays in Contemporary Libertarian Thought*, Machan and Rasmussen, eds., Rowman and Littlefield, 1995.

"Communitarian and Individualist Ideas in Business and Industry," *The Freeman* Special Issue on Business Ethics, Vol. 44, July 1994.

"Another Caricature of Libertarianism," *Reason Papers*, Vol. 17, Fall 1992.

"Conflicting Views of Liberalism," *Dialogue*, Vol 32, nos.2-3, April 1991.

BOOK REVIEWS, REVIEW ESSAYS, and DISCUSSIONS:

The Independent Review, vol. 13, no. 1, Summer 2008

review of *Locke: A Biography*, by Roger Woolhouse

Post Script, Fall 2010

review of *Woody Allen Interviews*, ed. by Kapsis and Coblenbtz

Human Rights Review, vol. 8, no. 2, January 2007

review of *The History of Human Rights*, by Micheline R. Ishay

Discussion: "Pete Rose and the Hall of Fame," in *Baseball and Philosophy*, Eric Bronson, ed., Open Court, 2004

Discussion: "A Reflection on the Relevance of Gay-bashing in the Comic Book World,"

American Philosophical Association Newsletter on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues, Spring 2003

Journal of Ayn Rand Studies, vol. 2, no. 1, Fall 2000

review of *On Ayn Rand*, by Allan Gotthelf

Philosophy in Review, vol. XVIII, no. 6, December 1998

review of *The New Insecurity*, by Jerald Wallulis

Philosophy in Review, vol. XVII, no. 1, January 1997

review of *Public Concerns*, by Nicholas Rescher

Reason Papers, vol. XXI, fall 1996

review essay: *Not Out of Africa*, by Mary Lefkowitz

Review of Metaphysics, vol. XLIX, no. 1, September 1995

review of *The Virtue of Liberty*, by Tibor R. Machan

Canadian Philosophical Reviews, vol. 15, no.2, April 1995

review of *Privacy and Social Freedom*, by Ferdinand Schoeman

Reason Papers, vol. 19, Fall 1994

review essay: *Being True to the World*, by Jonathan Jacobs

Vera Lex, vol. 14, no. 1, Winter 1994-5

review of *Liberty and Nature*, by Douglas Rasmussen and Douglas Den Uyl

Reason Papers, vol. 17, Fall 1992

review essay: *The Meaning of Socialism*, by Michael Luntley

Invited Encyclopedia Entries:

The Encyclopedia of Libertarianism, ed. Ronald Hamowy (Sage Publications, 2008), two entries: "Individualist Anarchism"; "John Stuart Mill"

The Film Noir Encyclopedia, 4th edition, edited by Alain Silver, Jim Ursini, Elizabeth Ward, and Robert Porfirio (Overlook, 2010), four entries: "Death Wish"; "A Simple Plan"; "New Jack City"; "Seven"

PAPERS PRESENTED:

"Human Rights and Individual Liberty: What They Are and Why They Matter," SFL Conference, Harvard University, Nov. 7, 2009.

"Two Concepts of Value," Association for Private Enterprise Education annual conference, Guatemala City, April 6, 2009.

"The Relevance of Rights in a Market Economy," Association for Private Enterprise Education annual conference, Guatemala City, April 7, 2009.

"Deleting the State: An Argument about Government," invited lecture, King's College (PA), April 21, 2009.

"Two New Books on Justification and the State," American Philosophical Association (Eastern Div.), Dec. 29, 2007. Recipient of CART Travel Grant

"Superheroes and Vigilantes: Ethics in Comics and Reality," invited lecture, St. John's University, New York, Oct. 24, 2006. A version of this paper was also given at the University of Maine-Farmington, Nov. 6, 2008.

"The Simpsons and Philosophy," invited lecture, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Nov. 8, 2006.

"Assessing the Prospects for *Norms of Liberty*," American Philosophical Association (Eastern Div.), Dec. 28, 2005. Recipient of CART Travel Grant

"Hayek and the Common Law," American Philosophical Association (Eastern Div.), Dec. 28, 2004. Recipient, CART Travel Grant.

A substantially revised version of this symposium paper was also given at CART, BSU, February 23, 2006

"War and Liberty," American Philosophical Association (Eastern Div.), Dec. 28, 2003. Recipient of CART Travel Grant. A version of this symposium paper was also given at CART, BSU, February 4, 2004.

"Communitarianism and Liberalism," invited lecture, Bentley College, July 4, 2003.

"Polycentric Dispute Resolution and the Rule of Law in Liberal Society," BSU (CART), January 22, 2003

"Ethical Issues in War and Peace," invited lecture, UCLA, June 30, 2002.

"Philosophy and Popular Culture," invited lecture, Indiana University, March 5, 2002.

"Philosophy, Popular Culture, and American Anti-Intellectualism," invited paper, University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point WI, February 23, 2001.

"Rasmussen on Teleology and Politics," American Philosophical Association (Eastern Div.), Dec. 28, 2000.

"Aristotle on Courage," United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs CO, February 23, 2000.

"Virtue Ethics and the Concept of Nobility," Eastern Division Meeting, American Philosophical Association, Boston, December 28, 1999.

Paper also presented at United States Air Force Academy, February 22, 2000.

"Watson's Theory of Justice," Mid-South Philosophy Conference, Memphis, March 5, 1999.

"Primary and Secondary Virtues," Mid-South Philosophy Conference, Memphis, February 27, 1998.

"Smith on Rights and Freedom," Eastern Division Meeting, American Philosophical Association, Philadelphia, December 29, 1997.

"On Wishing Good Luck," Mid-South Philosophy Conference, Memphis, March 1, 1997.

"Remarks on 'Injury and Punishment,'" Mid-South Philosophy Conference, Memphis, March 1, 1997.

"Needs and Rights," Central Division Meeting, American Philosophical Association, Chicago, April 25, 1996.
Recipient of Hayek Fund for Scholars Travel Grant from Institute for Humane Studies.

"The Relevance of Artists' Intentions," Mid-South Philosophy Conference, Memphis, February 23, 1996.

"On Shooting Abortionists," Arkansas Philosophical Association, Conway, AR, October 27, 1995.

"Remarks on 'Associative Obligations and Legitimacy,'" Mid-South Philosophy Conference, Memphis, February 24, 1995.

"Responsibility for Engineers," Invited paper, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, March 12, 1992.

"Plato on Legal Obligation," Invited paper, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Terre Haute, IN, April 19, 1991.

"The Legitimacy of State Coercion in Minimal State Theory," Invited paper, Institute for Humane Studies, George Mason University, January 17, 1990.

Guest talks:

"Secession and Rights," History Dept., Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, 1992

"Remarks on Abortion," Student Center, Southeast Missouri State University, 1997

"On the Nature of Evil," Perspectives on the Holocaust course, BSU, February 26, 2003

"Constitutional Rights, Human Rights, and Gay Rights," SCC Brown Bag Series, April 16, 2003

"Aristotle and Liberalism," Philosophy Department Colloquium, BSU, April 17, 2003

"The Demise of Bowers: Sexual Freedom in America after Lawrence" (w/ M. Kemper), SCC Brown Bag series, November 19, 2003

"The Goodridge Decision: Philosophical and Legal Perspectives" (w/ M. Kemper), SCC Brown Bag series, February 11, 2004

"Comic Books Take on Homophobia," SCC Brown Bag series, October 20, 2004

"Ethics and Vigilantism," Philosophy Department Colloquium, BSU, April 5, 2007

"Natural Law and Spontaneous Order," Philosophy Department Colloquium, BSU, Oct. 15, 2009

COLLOQUIUM PARTICIPATION:

Invited Discussant at interdisciplinary humanities colloquia:

- Adam Smith's Theory of Moral Sentiments (1998)
- Liberty and the Literary Traditions of the West (1998)
- Liberty and Moral Responsibility (1999)
- Tragedy and Responsibility (1999)
- Human Nature and the Nature of the State (1999)
- Liberty and Responsibility in the Works of Henry David Thoreau (2000)
- Rothbard's *America's Great Depression* and the Theory of the Business Cycle (2001)
- Retributivism, Punishment, and Responsibility (2002)
- Freedom and Responsibility in Plato's *Laws* (2002)
- War and Human Nature in Thucydides and Plutarch (2002)
- Socratic Leadership (Indianapolis) (2002)
- Moral Luck and Responsibility (2003)
- Competing Views of Liberty (2003)
- Nature, Reason, and the Crisis of Philosophical Liberalism (2003)
- Freedom of the Will (2004)
- Mars as the New Utopia (2004)
- Liberty, Happiness, and the Consent of the Governed (2005)
- Virtue, Manners, and Liberty in Shaftesbury's *Characteristicks* (2006)
- Liberty and Utopia in the Works of Nathaniel Hawthorne (2006)
- Virtue, Grace, and the Liberty of Free Agents (2006)
- Socratic Leadership (Santa Fe) (2006)
- Liberty and Responsibility in the Works of Jose Ortega y Gasset (2007)
- Capitalism, Historians, and Lessons for Liberty (2008)
- Externalities, Public Goods, and Common Property Resources (2008)
- History, Narration, and Liberty in *1st and 2nd Samuel* (2008)
- Liberty and the Constitution in the Work of Lysander Spooner (2008)
- Democracy, Liberty, and Empire: Athens in the 5th Century BCE (2008)
- Individualism and Rebellion in Westerns and Samurai Films (2009)
- Money and Individuality in Georg Simmel (2009)
- Liberty, Justice, and Wealth Distribution (2010)
- Hayek's *The Constitution of Liberty* (2010)

Discussion Leader for colloquium:

- Liberty and Utopia in the Works of Nathaniel Hawthorne (2008)
- Liberty and the Limits of Self-Ownership (2009)

Director of interdisciplinary humanities colloquia:

- Legislation and Liberty in Plato's *Statesman*, November 8-11 2001
- Ideas of Republican Government in the Political Writings of John Adams, May 8-11, 2003
- Influence of Locke and Montesquieu on American Political Thought, November 6-9, 2003
- Liberty and Republicanism in the Political Thought of John Adams (1), April 7-10, 2005
- Liberty and Republicanism in the Political Thought of John Adams (2), February 15-18, 2007
- Natural Liberty and Legitimate Government in John Locke, May 10-13, 2007
- Contrasting Rationales for Liberal Order, October 11-14, 2007
- Freedom and Law in Sophocles and Aeschylus, October 23-26, 2008
- Freedom and Government in Locke and Spinoza, May 7-10, 2009

Invited Lecturer, Foundation for Economic Education 2001 Summer Seminar (3 lectures)
 Invited Lecturer, Institute for Humane Studies 2005 Summer Seminar (4 lectures)
 Invited Lecturer, Institute for Humane Studies 2006 Summer Seminar (4 lectures)
 Invited Lecturer, Institute for Humane Studies 2007 Summer Seminar (4 lectures)
 Invited Lecturer, Institute for Humane Studies 2008 Summer Seminar (3 lectures)
 Invited Lecturer, Institute for Humane Studies 2010 Winter Seminar (3 lectures)

AWARDS:

- Certificate of Meritorious Distinction, Phi Kappa Phi Honors Society, 2000-2001, for scholarly activities
- Superior Civilian Service Award, United States Army, 2001, for exceptionally superior teaching as Assistant Professor at West Point
- Research Grant, Earhart Foundation, 1999
- Claude R. Lambe Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies, 1991
- Teaching Fellowship, Temple University, 1986-90
- Award for Achievement in Scholarship, CART, 2002 (Two citations)
- BSU Award for Academic Excellence, 2004
- BSU Award for Academic Excellence, 2006 (Two citations)
- BSU Award for Academic Excellence, 2007 (Two citations)
- BSU Award for Academic Excellence, 2008 (Four citations)
- BSU Award for Academic Excellence, 2009 (Two citations)
- BSU Award for Academic Excellence, 2010
- CART Summer Grant recipient (2002, 2003, 2005, 2007)
- Who's Who Among American Teachers, 2005

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Current Position:

Professor of Philosophy, Bridgewater State University, Bridgewater MA

Appointed Assistant Professor Aug 2001

Tenured Sept 2004

Promoted Associate Professor April 2005

Promoted Full Professor April 2008

Previous full-time, non-tenure-track positions:

United States Military Academy, West Point, NY. Assistant Professor, August 1998 – July 2001

Southeast Missouri State Univ., Cape Girardeau, MO. Assistant Professor, August 1996 - June 1998

University of Central Arkansas, Conway, AR. Assistant Professor, August 1994 - June 1996

Auburn University, AL. Instructor, September 1993 - June 1994

College of New Jersey, Ewing, NJ. Visiting Specialist, September 1992 - May 1993

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, IN. Assistant Professor, August 1991 - May 1992

Adjunct Instructorships: Temple University, Villanova University, Rutgers University

OTHER ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE:

Facilitator, Faculty Development Seminar: Kant and Aristotle. Series of seminars for philosophy faculty teaching ethics, West Point, 1999-2000.

Advisor on Doctoral dissertation committee: "The Science of Ethics: A Comparative Defense of Aristotle's Ethical Naturalism," Louis Ascione, Temple University, 1998-99.

Workshop Presentation: "Teaching Critical Thinking." Series of three workshops in the use of critical thinking methods across the curriculum, University of Central Arkansas, 1995.

Developed and co-authored curriculum guide for logic instructors in accelerated summer program, The Johns Hopkins University CTY Summer Logic Program, 1989-90. Primary instructor in program, 1988-1998. Academic Chair for Humanities, 1991-92. Supervised staff of 14 instructors and 14 teaching assistants in logic, classics, and writing in intensive summer program for gifted and talented 7th-10th grade students.

Referee:

Journal of Value Inquiry, 2000-present
The Independent Review, 2001-present
Eidos, 2004-present
Journal of Libertarian Studies, 2004-present
Journal of Private Enterprise, 2008-present
Journal of Business Ethics, 2008-present
 Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy, 2007-present
 W.W. Norton, 1996-present
 Oxford University Press, 2006-present
 University Press of Kentucky, 2006-present
 Lexington Books, 2007-present
 Springer, 2006-present
 Routledge, 2007-present
 Prentice-Hall, 1998-present
 Thompson-Wadsworth, 2000-present
 Open Court 1999-present

Session Chair, national meetings:

American Philosophical Association, "The Remedial State," Dec 28, 2001 (Recipient of CART Travel Grant.)
 American Philosophical Association, "Libertarianism and Feminism," Dec 28, 2004 (Recipient of CART Travel Grant.)
 American Philosophical Association, "Selections from a festschrift for Tibor Machan," Dec. 29, 2009 (Recipient of CART Travel Grant.)
 American Philosophical Association, "The Market as Ethical Norm," Dec. 2010.

Member, American Philosophical Association

Member, American Association for the Philosophic Study of Society (APA affiliated)

(President, 1999-2011: responsible for organizing annual sessions at the APA; advisory board 2011-present.)

Member, Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy (APA affiliated)

Member, American Society for Political and Legal Philosophy (APA affiliated)

SERVICE:

Department Chair, Jan. 2006-present.

DGCE Coordinator, Fall 2007-present

Designed and maintained Philosophy Department web site, 2002-present

Advisor to Bridgewater State University Philosophy Club, 2001-2008.

Advisor to BSU chapter of Phi Sigma Tau (national honor society for philosophy) 2002-present.

Advisor to *Bridgewater Journal of Philosophy* (student publication) 2004-2008.

BSU Pre-Law Advisor, 2002-present.

Mentor, BSU Shea Scholarship program (Brandyn Keating '02)

Appointed to All-College Committee, Bridgewater State University, 2002-2005

Elected Secretary to ACC, 2002-2004

Elected Vice-Chair of ACC, 2004-2005

Member, BSU Safe College Coalition, 2002-present

Appointed to BSU Core Curriculum Steering Committee, 2006-2008

Appointed to BSU Committee on New Schools, 2007-present

Elected Chair, Curriculum Advisory Council, Interdisciplinary Minor in Civic Education and Community Leadership, 2007-2008; member 2008-2010.

BSU Philosophy Dept., all business, 2001-present (secretary Fall 01, Spring 02).

Departmental Curriculum Committee, 2001-present

Student advisor 2002-present

Program Review, 2006-2007

Philosophy Search Committee, Modern Philosophy/Metaphysics position, 2003-04 (resulted in successful hire)

Philosophy Search Committee, 19th Century position, 2006-07 (resulted in successful hire).

Philosophy Search Committee, Applied Ethics position, 2009-10 (resulted in successful hire).

Philosophy Search Committee, Non-Western Philosophy position, 2009-10 (resulted in successful hire).

Participant, Bridgewater State University Freshman Seminar program, Fall 2002.

Presented clinic on paper-writing skills for students, November 5, 2002.

Panelist, BSU Professional Development Event: Teaching the GERs, June 20, 2003

Panelist, Orientation for parents of incoming freshmen, June 17 and June 24, 2004

Panelist, New Faculty Orientation, September 2, 2004 and September 22, 2004.

Panelist, CART Celebration panel on First-Year Seminars, May 17, 2006

Panelist, CART Celebration plenary session on Civic Engagement, May 17, 2006

Facilitator/Presenter, BSU Honors Program Book Club, 2005, 2006, 2010.

Evaluation Committee, Faculty/Librarian Presidential Grants, 2008

Evaluation Committee, Presidential Award for Excellence in Collaboration in Teaching, 2006

Service prior to BSU:

Appointed to Ethics Committee of Faculty Council, West Point, 2000-2001.

Elected Alternate Delegate, Faculty Senate, Southeast Missouri State University, 1997-1998.

Coordinated visiting speaker program for Philosophy Forum at West Point, 1998-2001.

Designed and maintained Philosophy Department web pages for University of Central Arkansas and Southeast Missouri State University, 1995-1998.

Student advising

PUBLICATIONS IN POPULAR JOURNALS:

"In Defense of the Huddled Masses," *The Freeman*, September 2010

"Winning the Moral War," *Liberty Magazine*, April 2006

"Books of Summer," *Liberty*, July 2006, July 2007, August 2008, August 2009, August 2010

"Extremism in Defense of Liberty," *Liberty*, Sept/Oct 2003

"Philosophy and Popular Culture," *Bridgewater Review*, December 2002

"It Just Ain't So" column, *The Freeman Magazine* (Journal of the Foundation for Economic Education): July 2001 (estate tax), January 2002 (community and the market), June 2002 (Enron scandal), October 2002 (wealth and democracy), March 2004 (minimum wage), July 2005 (social security reform), June 2008 (health care reform).

"Life, Liberty, and Retirement Pensions," *The Freeman*, September 2005

"Neither Slavery nor Involuntary Servitude," *The Freeman*, September 2003

"Big Brother Wants to Read Your E-mail." *The Freeman*, November 1999

"Community Rules." *Liberty Magazine*, November 1997

"Freedom and Language." *The Freeman*, Sept. 1996

"Forrest Gump: A Subversive Film." *The Freeman*, July 1995

Review of Schmitdz' *Elements of Justice*. *The Freeman*, November 2007

Review of Younkins' *Philosophers of Capitalism*. *The Freeman*, December 2006

Review of Smith's *Viable Values*. *The Freeman*, April 2001

Review of O'Brien's *The Long Affair: Thomas Jefferson and the French Revolution*. *The Freeman*, July 1997

Several of the above were released as nationally and internationally syndicated columns.

SELECTED MEDIA NOTICE:

Book discussed in *The New York Times*, September 9, 2001, April 13, 2004; *People Magazine*, April 7, 2003; *Publishers Weekly*, February 3, 2003, *The Philosophers' Magazine*, no 29, 1st quarter 2005 .

Interviewed by *Baltimore Sun*, February 17, 2004; *Patriot-Ledger* July 26, 2007; *Sun-Chronicle* March 11, July 26, 2007.

Interviewed on NPR's WNYC, 2000

Interviewed on Australian National Public Radio, 2001

Interviewed on New Zealand National Public Radio, 2002

Interviewed on NPR's "Talk of the Nation," January 24, 2005

Interviewed on NPR's "Here on Earth," July 19, 2006

Interviewed on NECN's "Talk Back Live," July 25 2007

Interviewed on Fox News Boston, July 19, 2007

Interviewed on W Radio Colombia, Nov. 17, 2009.

GRADUATE WORK:

Master's: "Locke on Property and Appropriation." Passed oral defense April 22, 1988. Degree awarded January 1989.

Doctoral: "The Legitimacy of State Coercion in Anarchist and Minimalist Theory." Passed oral defense October 15, 1993. Committee: J. Atwell (ch.), S. Axinn, R. Hathaway, C. Dyke, J. Hasnas. Degree awarded Jan 1994.

Languages: Passed departmental competency exam in French; some Greek and Latin.

Served as graduate student representative to faculty for four years.

Undergraduate details:

Major in Philosophy; Minor in Oriental Studies.

Work-Study: legal research for History Department; Audio Consultant for Media Services

Selected Extracurricular Activities: newspaper (arts section), humor magazine, radio station (on-air), political debate club, president of philosophy club.

FOREIGN TRANSLATIONS OF BOOKS:

The Simpsons and Philosophy, translated into Italian, Portuguese, Russian, Turkish, Korean, Japanese, Hebrew, German

Woody Allen and Philosophy, translated into Hebrew, Italian

ONGOING RESEARCH INTERESTS:Political Philosophy

The nature and justification of authority
Theories of legal interpretation
Theories of rights
Ancient political thought
Political thought of the American Revolution

Moral Philosophy

Virtue ethics
Practical reason and moral psychology
Just war theory

Other areas in philosophy

The nature of aesthetic value
History of logic; origins of logical metatheory
Philosophy through Popular Culture

COURSES TAUGHT:

Theories of Human Nature
Morality and the Law
Happiness and the Meaning of Life
Ethics of War and Peace
Human Rights and Human Liberties
Business Ethics
Environmental Ethics
Contemporary Moral Problems
Beginning and Advanced Composition
Introduction to Philosophy
Moral Philosophy
Logic (symbolic logic, critical thinking)
Advanced Logic (metatheory, modal logic)
Greek Philosophy
Humanities Seminar (interdisciplinary)

Honors Colloquium (various)
Political Philosophy (survey courses, advanced topics courses)
Judicial Reasoning
Philosophy of Law
Ethics and Action (advanced ethical theory seminar)
Aesthetics/Philosophy of Art
Freshman Seminar in Philosophy
Second-Year Seminar in Philosophy
Senior Seminar in Philosophy
Team-taught interdisciplinary seminar on Roman Art, Philosophy, and Literature
Supervised several independent studies and one doctoral dissertation

REFERENCES:

Available on request.