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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:

- Political Philosophy/PPE
- 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: Requiem for an Illusion, Independent Institute, 2026. (Revised 2nd ed of 2008 book)

The Essential Robert Nozick, Fraser Institute, 2020.

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. Lexington Books, 2011.

The Philosophy of Michael Mann. Co-editor (w/ Steven M. Sanders and R. Barton Palmer) and contributor. University Press of Kentucky, 2013

The Essential Women of Liberty, co-editor (w/ D. Boudreaux). Fraser Institute, 2022

JOURNALS EDITED:

Reason Papers, Editor-in-Chief, from vol. 26 (2002) to vol. 32 (2011).

ARTICLES and BOOK CHAPTERS:

“Liberty, Virtue, and Contemporary Political Philosophy,” in *From Politics to Morality: Implications of Rasmussen and Den Uyl’s Norms of Liberty*, Ed Younkins, ed., Bloomsbury, 2026

“Viewpoint Diversity and Respect for Students,” *Georgetown Journal of Law and Public Policy* Fall 2026

“Rights, Restrictions, and Reality: 50 Years of Anarchy, State, and Utopia,” Econlib.org, July 1, 2024

“Anarchy, State, and Utopia at Fifty: Reassessing Nozick on Pluralism,” *The Independent Review*, vol. 29 no. 2 (Fall 2024)

“Naturalist Teleology in Foot and Rand,” *Reason Papers* vol. 43, no. 2 (Fall 2023)

“Isonomia and Liberal Order,” *Isonomia Quarterly* vol. 1, no. 3 (Winter 2023)

“Aristotelians and Neo-Aristotelians,” *Reason Papers* vol. 43, no. 1 (Spring 2023)

“Anarchy, Nozick, and Gordon” in *Defending Liberty: Essays in Honor of David Gordon*, Douglas B. Rasmussen, ed. Mises Institute, 2022

“What is the Point of Anarchism?” in *The Routledge Handbook of Anarchy and Anarchist Thought*, Chartier and Van Schoelandt, eds., Routledge, 2020.

“Why Liberalism Needs Metaphysical Realism,” *Reason Papers* vol. 42, no. 1 (Summer 2021)

“Does Tenure Promote the Common Good? A Symposium,” *Journal of Markets & Morality* vol 22, no. 1 (Spring 2019)

“Thoughts on Scheall’s *F. A. Hayek and the Epistemology of Politics: Whither Democracy?*” *Reason Papers* vol. 41, no. 2 (Summer 2020)

“On the Pragmatic Turn in Political Philosophy,” *Journal des Economistes et des Etudes Humaines* vol 25, no. 1 (June 2019)

“Social Justice, Egalitarianism, and Rights,” in Christopher Coyne, Michael Munger, and Robert Whaples, eds., *In All Fairness: Equality, Liberty and the Quest for Human Dignity*, Oakland, CA: The Independent Institute, 2019.

“Natural Law and Spontaneous Order in the Work of Gary Chartier,” *Studies in Emergent Order* vol. 7 (2014).

“Do You See? Reflecting on Evil in *Manhunter*” in *The Philosophy of Michael Mann*, Palmer, Sanders, and Skoble, eds., University Press of Kentucky, 2013

“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.

“Post-Apocalyptic Anarchism in *Mad Max*,” in *Mad Max and Philosophy*, Matthew Meyer and David Koepsell, eds., Wiley-Blackwell, 2024.

“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, 2009

“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.

“Thidwick the Big-Hearted Bearer of Property Rights,” in *Dr. Seuss and Philosophy*, Jacob Held, ed., Rowman and Littlefield, 2011.

“State Power and Individual Rights in Dr. Seuss,” in *More Dr. Seuss and Philosophy*, Jacob Held, ed., Rowman and Littlefield, 2018.

“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. 27, no. 1, Summer 2022

review of *Libertarianism: John Hospers, The Libertarian Party's 50th Anniversary, and Beyond*, by Kimberling and Oliver (eds.)

The Independent Review, vol. 26, no. 3, Winter 2021/22

review of *Neoliberal Social Justice: Rawls Unveiled*, by Nick Cowen

The Independent Review, vol. 19, no.1, Summer 2014

review of *The Problem of Political Authority: An Examination of the Right to Coerce and the Duty to Obey*, by Michael Huemer

Film & History, vol. 45 no. 2, Fall 2015

review of *Fatalism in American Film Noir*, by Robert B. Pippin

The Independent Review, vol. 16, no. 3, Winter 2012

review of *The Conscience of an Anarchist*, by Gary Chartier

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

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

Post Script, vol. 30 no. 3, Summer 2011

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:

“Pluralism as a Grounding for Liberalism,” PPE Society Conference, Nov 14, 2025. This paper also presented at Markets and Society Conference, Oct 18 2025.

“Core Elements of Education in a Free Society,” inaugural Bartlett Lecture, Bentley University, Oct 22, 2025.

“Rights Theory and the Common Law,” PPE Society London Conference, July 18, 2025

“Responding to Campus Opponents of Free Speech,” HxA Annual Conference, June 25, 2025

“Sociology and Classical Liberalism,” Association for Private Enterprise Education annual conference, April 7, 2025

“Simmel and Smith on the Contextualization of Projects,” APEE annual conference, April 8, 2025

“Tenure and Academic Freedom,” Association for Private Enterprise Education Annual Meeting, April 8, 2024

“Inquiry, Dogma, and Academic Freedom,” Markets and Society Conference, Oct 13, 2024

“Cultivating Viewpoint Diversity in the Classroom,” HxA Annual Conference, June 7, 2024; also presented at PPE Society Annual Meeting, Nov 14, 2024

“Free Speech and the Function of a University,” PPE Society Annual Meeting, Nov 3, 2022
This paper was also presented at the APEE annual conference, April 17, 2023

“Veber on the Ethics of No-Platforming,” FIRE Faculty Network Conference, Oct 21, 2022

“A Different Egalitarianism,” APEE annual conference, April 4, 2022

“Social Justice, Egalitarianism, and Rights,” St. John’s University, April 18, 2018

This paper was also presented at the PPE Society annual meeting, March 19, 2019, and APEE Conference April 6, 2019.

“Why a Perfectionist Turn?” American Philosophical Association Eastern meeting, Baltimore, January 5, 2017

“Commerce, Pluralism, and Freedom,” La Sierra University, April 18, 2017

This paper was also presented at Ball State University, Oct 12, 2018, and Wheeling Jesuit University, Nov 13, 2018

“Philosophical Anarchism,” George Fox University, Nov 3, 2016

“Understanding the Constitution,” Salve Regina University, Sept 17 2015

“Privacy Rights and the Surveillance State,” Stonehill College, Nov 2, 2013

“Social Justice: What Works and What is Right?” Stonehill College, Sept. 16, 2013.

This paper was also given at The College of New Jersey, Nov 7 2014 and SFL Conference, University of Pennsylvania, Nov 8, 2014.

“Property Rights are Human Rights,” St. Lawrence University, Nov. 4, 2010.

This paper was also given at Providence College, Oct. 11, 2012.

“Is the State Necessary?” Suffolk University, December 2, 2011.

“Natural Law and Organic Order,” St. John’s University, November 3, 2011.

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

“Two Concepts of Value,” APEE annual conference, Guatemala City, April 6, 2009.

“The Relevance of Rights in a Market Economy,” APEE 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

“Aristotle and Liberalism,” Philosophy Department Colloquium, BSU, Apr 17, 2003

“Ethics and Vigilantism,” Philosophy Department Colloquium, BSU, April 5, 2007

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

“Plato and Thucydides,” Philosophy Department Colloquium, BSU, Dec 2, 2013

“The Philosophy of Money,” Philosophy Department Colloquium, BSU Nov 17, 2014

“Social Justice, Egalitarianism, and Rights,” Philosophy Department Colloquium, BSU Apr 10, 2017

“Non-Marxian Egalitarianism,” Philosophy Department Colloquium, BSU Oct 21, 2019

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)

Invited Lecturer, Institute for Humane Studies 2013 Spring Seminar (2 lectures)

Invited Lecturer, Africa Youth Peace Call (Ghana) 2013 Liberty and Entrepreneurship Camp

Invited Panelist, IHS/Mercatus Center Annual Retreat, 2013 (2 sessions)

Invited Lecturer, Foundation for Economic Education 2014 Spring Seminar (2 lectures)

Invited Lecturer, Bill of Rights Institute 2015 Summer Seminar (2 lectures)

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)
 Classical Liberalism in Contemporary Political Philosophy (2011)
 Amartya Sen's *The Idea of Justice* (2011)
 Markets, Socialism, and Liberty (2012)
 Politics, Politicians, and Public Choice in the Work of H.L. Mencken (2012)
 Public Finance, Democracy, and Empire in Classical Athens (2013)
 Milton's Conception of Liberty (2013)
 Liberty, Empire, and Nationalism in the Spanish-American War (2014)
 Tacitus and Tyranny (2014)
 Sacred Rights of Conscience: The Development of Religious Liberty 1610-1835 (2014)
 Anarchy and Legal Order (2015)
 Rationalism, Pluralism, and Freedom (2017)
 Cryptocurrencies and the Future of Money (2017)
 PPE Curriculum and the Renewal of Responsible Citizenship (2017)
 Liberty, Conservation, and Reform in the Thought of Edmund Burke (2018)
 Roger Sherman, Ordered Liberty, and the Creation of the American Republic (2018)
 Austrian Economics and Social Ontology (2026)

Discussion Leader for colloquia:

Liberty and Utopia in the Works of Nathaniel Hawthorne (2008)
 Liberty and the Limits of Self-Ownership (2009)
 Criticisms of Democracy (2011)
 Liberty, Knowledge, and the Economic Process (2013)
 Measuring Man in Goethe's *Faust* (2014)
 The Constitutional Political Economy of Statelessness (2014)
 Liberty and Responsibility in the *Aeneid* (2016)

The Role of the State in Education (2017)
 Existentialism and Free Markets (2018)
 Codes of Virtue (2019)
 Freedom and Law in Sophocles and Aeschylus (2020)
 Liberty and Uncertainty in Aesop's *Fables* (2022)

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
 Freedom, Empire, and Conflict in Two Greek Wars, Oct. 6-9, 2011
 Law, Liberty, and the State, Oct 15-18, 2015

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
- BSU Award for Academic Excellence, 2011
- BSU Award for Academic Excellence, 2012
- BSU Award for Academic Excellence, 2014
- BSU Award for Academic Excellence, 2015
- CART Summer Grant recipient (2002, 2003, 2005, 2007)
- Who's Who Among American Teachers, 2005
- BSU 10-Year Service Award, 2001-2011 (2012)
- BSU 20-Year Service Award, 2001-2021 (2022)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Current: Bruce and Patricia Bartlett Chair in Free Speech and Expression;
 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 (3/4 time), 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:

Senior Fellow, Fraser Institute

Philosophy Editor, Fraser Institute's *Essential Scholars* series (books, web resources, videos)

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

Reason Papers, 2012-present

Molinari Review, 2014-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; Advisory Board, Lexington Series in PPE, 2014-present

Springer, 2006-present

Routledge, 2007-present

Prentice-Hall, 1998-present

Thompson-Wadsworth, 2000-present

Taylor and Francis, 2013-present

Griffith Law Review, 2013-present

Open Court, 1999-present

Palgrave MacMillan/Springer, 2014-present
 McFarland, 2021-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.)

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)

Member, APEE Executive Committee (2025-present)

SERVICE:

Department Chair, Jan. 2006-June 2014; acting chair Fall 2019; Spring 2022

Co-coordinator, Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, 2015-present

Coordinator, Film Studies, 2014-15

Coordinator, Classical Studies, 2012-2014

DGCE Coordinator for Philosophy, Fall 2007-June 2014

Designed and maintained Philosophy Department web site, 2002-present

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

Founding 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

Appointed to All-University Committee, Bridgewater State University, 2020-2022; 2023-2025

Elected Vice-Chair of AUC, 2021-22

Member, BSU Safe College Coalition, 2002-present

Appointed to BSU Core Curriculum Steering Committee, 2006-2008

Appointed to BSU Committee on New Schools, 2007-2009

Appointed to IT Web Advisory Committee, 2012-2014

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

Departmental Curriculum Committee, chair, 2001-present

Student advisor 2002-present

Program Review Coordinator, 2006-2007

Program Review Coordinator, 2011-2012

Philosophy Search Committee, Modern Philosophy/Metaphysics position, 2003-04 (successful hire)
 Philosophy Search Committee, 19th Century position, 2006-07 (successful hire).
 Philosophy Search Committee, Applied Ethics position, 2009-10 (successful hire).
 Philosophy Search Committee, Non-Western Philosophy position, 2009-10 (successful hire).
 Philosophy Search Committee (chair), Applied Ethics position 2011-12 (successful hire).
 Philosophy Search Committee, Analytic Philosophy position, 2012-2013 (successful hire).
 Philosophy Search Committee, Modern Philosophy position, 2022-2023 (successful hire).
 Film Studies: Advisory Committee, 2008-present
 Classical Studies: Advisory Committee 2012-present
 Instructor, BSU Senior College Program, 2019-present

Chair, writing team for NEASC reaccreditation, “Academic Program” section, 2010-2012
 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
 Panelist, CART Celebration panel on liberal/left/libertarian fusion, May 11, 2011
 Panelist, CART Celebration panel on international cinema, May 12, 2011
 Panelist, CARS Celebration panel on academic freedom, May 11, 2023
 Presenter, BSU Film Studies Colloquium, April 26, 2013
 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
 External Referee to Faculty Credentials and Promotions Committee, United States Military Academy, 2012
 External Referee to Tenure Committee, Concordia University, 2021

Notable 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.

PUBLICATIONS IN POPULAR JOURNALS :

“The Individual and the Community,” *The Freeman*, November 2011
 “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), April 2011 (national greatness).
 “Three Books, One Island” column, *The Freeman*, January 2013.

“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 Miron’s *Libertarianism from A to Z*, *The Freeman*, December 2011
 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*. *Freeman*, July 1997
 Review of Chartier’s *Anarchy and Legal Order*. *Reason Magazine*, April 2013
 Review of Horwitz’s *Hayek’s Modern Family: Classical Liberalism and The Evolution of Social Institutions*. *Reason Magazine*, April 2016
 Several of the above were released as nationally and internationally syndicated columns.
 Blogging for Cato Institute, Fraser Institute, Institute for Humane Studies, Liberty Fund, Radical Classical Liberals

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.
 Series of 12 educational videos for learnliberty.org
 Series of 3 educational videos for Pacific Legal Foundation
 Interviewed for kosmosonline, Aug. 30, 2010; Nov. 1, 2011; Mar 28, 2012.
 Interviewed on prn.fm Sept. 21, 2012.
 Television commercial for BSU, 2014

FOREIGN TRANSLATIONS OF WORKS:

The Simpsons and Philosophy, translated into Italian, Portuguese, Russian, Turkish, Korean, Japanese, Hebrew, German, Spanish
Woody Allen and Philosophy, translated into Hebrew, Italian
The Essential Robert Nozick, translated into Greek, Korean
 “God’s Lonely Man: *Taxi Driver* and the Ethics of Vigilantism,” translated into German

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 technician for Media Services

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

ONGOING RESEARCH INTERESTS:Political Philosophy

The nature and justification of authority

Theories of legal interpretation

Theories of rights

Free Speech

Ancient political thought

Political thought of the American Revolution

Philosophy, Politics, Economics

Moral Philosophy

Virtue ethics

Practical reason and classical eudaimonism

Just war theory

Other areas in philosophy

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

Introduction to Ethics

Beginning and Advanced Composition

Introduction to Philosophy

Moral Philosophy

Logic (symbolic logic, critical thinking)

Advanced Logic (metatheory, modal logic)

Greek Philosophy

Free Speech

Philosophy of Free Enterprise

Humanities Seminar (interdisciplinary)

Honors Colloquium (incl. Philosophy of Science

Fiction, Philosophy of Film Noir, Anarchism,

Westerns and Samurai, Philosophy of Money)

Political Philosophy (survey courses, advanced topics courses)

Philosophy of Law

Philosophy of Money

Ethics and Action (advanced ethical theory seminar)

Aesthetics/Philosophy of Art

Philosophy and Film

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.