

*CURRICULUM VITAE*  
**Alastair James Norcross**

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**Education:**

Ph.D. in Philosophy, Syracuse University, May 1991.  
Dissertation: "Moral Conflicts and Moral Psychology"  
Advisor: Jonathan Bennett  
M.A. in Philosophy, Syracuse University, Spring 1990  
B.A. in Classics (Literature and Philosophy), Christ Church, Oxford University, Summer 1983.

**Areas of Research Specialization:**

Ethics, Applied Ethics, Political Philosophy

**Additional Areas of Teaching Competence:**

Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Law, Ancient Philosophy, History of Philosophy,  
Aesthetics, Feminist Philosophy, Logic, Critical Thinking

**Appointments:**

2021-	Director, Center for Values and Social Policy, University of Colorado Boulder
2021-	Director, Philosophy, Arts, and Culture Residential Academic Program, University of Colorado Boulder
2019-	Professor of Philosophy, University of Colorado Boulder
2018-2021	Director, Farrand Residential Academic Program, University of Colorado Boulder
2007-2019	Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of Colorado Boulder
2002-7	Associate Professor of Philosophy, Rice University, Houston, TX
1998-2002	William Edward Easterwood Associate Professor of Philosophy, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX
1999-2000	Visiting Associate Professor of Philosophy, The University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ
1992-98	Assistant Professor, Philosophy Department, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX
1990-92	Assistant Professor, Philosophy Department, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Geneva NY
1988-90	Instructor, Philosophy Department, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Geneva NY

## **Publications:**

### Monograph:

*Morality by Degrees: Reasons Without Demands*, Oxford University Press, 2020.

### Anthology:

*Killing and Letting Die*, 2nd. ed., Fordham University Press, 1994, co-edited with Bonnie Steinbock.

### Articles:

“Not Being an Evil Bastard is Hard”, forthcoming in Clifford Sosis (ed.) *Too Weird to Believe, Too Plausible to Deny*, Routledge.

“Harm, Context, Blame, and Significance: A Response to Eggleston, Sinnott-Armstrong, Mason, and Kagan.” *Utilitas*, 2025, 1–17. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0953820825000056>.

“Comments on ‘The Impossibility of Hypocritical Advice’”, *Southwest Philosophy Review*, 39:2, 2023

“The Immorality of Premarital Sexual Abstinence”, in David Boonin (ed.), *Palgrave Handbook of Sexual Ethics*, Palgrave 2021

“The Impotence of the Causal Impotence Objection”, *Southwest Philosophy Review*, 36:2, 2020

“On the Moral Significance of Persons, Near Persons, and the Merely Sentient”, *Proceedings of the 2018 International Society for Utilitarian Studies Conference*, KIT Scientific Press, 2021

“Value Comparability”, in Douglas Portmore (ed.), *The Oxford Handbook of Consequentialism*, Oxford, 2020

“Response to ‘Respect for Persons Makes Actions Right’”, in Steven Cowan (ed.), *Problems in Value Theory: An Introduction to Contemporary Debates*, Bloomsbury 2020

“Consequences Define Morality”, in Steven Cowan (ed.), *Problems in Value Theory: An Introduction to Contemporary Debates*, Bloomsbury 2020

“Subjects of a Life, the Argument from Risk, and the significance of self-consciousness”, in Mylan Engel (ed.) *The Moral Rights of Animals*, Roman and Littlefield, 2016

“Doing and Allowing”, in Hugh LaFollette (ed.), *International Encyclopedia of Ethics*,

2013.

“Beastly Violence, or How Kant Screws Everything up Yet Again”, *Southwest Philosophy Review*, 27:2, 2012.

“Puppies, Pigs, and Potency: A Response to Galvin and Harris”, *Ethics, Policy and Environment*  
Vol. 15, No. 3, October 2012,

“Consequentialism and Friendship”, in Damian Caluori (ed.), *Thinking About Friendship: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2012

“Deontological Ethics”, in James Crimmins and Douglas Long (eds.), *Encyclopedia of Utilitarianism*, Continuum Publishers, 2012, reprinted as *The Bloomsbury Encyclopedia of Utilitarianism*, Bloomsbury, London, 2017.

“The Significance of Death for Animals”, in Ben Bradley, Fred Feldman, and Jens Johansson (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Philosophy of Death*, Oxford University Press, 2013 (reprinted 2015)

“Animal Experimentation, Marginal Cases, and the Significance of Suffering”, in Jeremy Garrett (ed.), *The Ethics of Animal Research: Exploring the Controversy*, MIT press, 2012.

“Act-Utilitarianism and Promissory Obligation”, in Hanoch Sheinman (ed.), *Promises and Agreements: Philosophical Essays*, Oxford University Press, 2010.

“Why Legitimacy doesn’t entail Obligation: a Response to Wyckoff”, *Southwest Philosophy Review*, 26:2, 2011.

“Moral Intuitions and fMRI Research”, *Southwest Philosophy Review*, 25:2, 2011.

“Causal Impotence and Eating Meat”, *Southwest Philosophy Review*, 24:2, 2010

“Was Mill an ‘India House’ utilitarian?”, *Southwest Philosophy Review*, 23:2, 2010

“Two Dogmas of Deontology: Aggregation, Rights, and the Separateness of Persons”, *Social Philosophy & Policy*, January 2009.

“Off Her Trolley? Frances Kamm and the Metaphysics of Morality”, *Utilitas* 20:1, 2008.

“Varieties of Hedonism in Feldman’s *Pleasure and the Good Life*”, *Utilitas* 19:3, 2007.

“Animal Experimentation”, *Oxford Handbook of Bioethics*, 2007.

“Scalar Act-Utilitarianism”, in Henry R. West (ed.) *Blackwell Guide to Mill’s*

Utilitarianism, 2006.

“Reasons Without Demands: Rethinking Rightness”, in James Dreier (ed.) *Blackwell Contemporary Debates in Moral Theory*, 2006.

Reprinted in:

*Ethics: Essential Readings in Moral Theory*, George Sher (ed.), Routledge 2012

“Peacemaking Philosophy or Appeasement? Sterba’s Argument for Compromise.”  
*International Journal of Applied Philosophy*, 19:2, Fall 2005

“Contextualism for Consequentialists”, *Acta Analytica*, Vol 20, No. 2, 2005.

“Harming in Context”, *Philosophical Studies*, Vol 123, Nos 1-2, March 2005.

“Puppies, Pigs, and People: Eating Meat and Marginal cases”, *Philosophical Perspectives* 18, 2004.

Reprinted in:

*Disputed Moral Issues*, Timmons (ed.), 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> eds. OUP 2017

*Moral Reasoning*, David Morrow (ed.), OUP

*College Ethics*, Bob Fischer (ed.), 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> eds. OUP

*The Elements of Philosophy*, Gendler, Siegel, Cahn, (eds.), OUP

*Questions of Life and Death*, Christopher Morris (ed.), OUP 2012

*The Ethical Life 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> eds*, Shafer-Landau (ed.), OUP 2012

*Contemporary Moral Problems (10<sup>th</sup> ed)*, James White (ed.), Cengage Publishing 2012

*Vice and Virtue in Everyday Life (9<sup>th</sup> ed)*, Fred and Christina Sommers (eds.) Wadsworth 2012

“Torturing Puppies and Eating Meat: It’s All in Good Taste”, *The Southwest Philosophy Review*, Vol. 20, No. 1, January 2004.

Reprinted in:

*The Right Thing to Do 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> eds.*, Rachels and Rachels, (eds.) McGraw-Hill

“Killing and Letting Die”, *The Blackwell Companion to Applied Ethics*, R. G. Frey and Christopher Heath Wellman (eds.) 2003, pp. 451-463.

“Contractualism and Aggregation”, *Social Theory and Practice*, Vol. 28, No. 2, April 2002, pp. 303-314.

"Contractualism and the Ethical Status of Animals", *The Southwest Philosophy Review*, Vol. 17, No. 1, January 2001, pp. 137-143.

“Three approaches to the Ethical Status of Animals”, The Maguire Center for Ethics and Public Responsibility, Occasional Lecture Series, 2000.

“Intransitivity and the Person-Affecting Principle”, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, Vol LIX, No. 3; September 1999, pp. 769-776.

"Intending and Foreseeing Death: Potholes on the Road to Hell", *The Southwest Philosophy Review*, Vol. 15, No. 1, January 1999, pp. 115-123.

"Great Harms from Small Benefits Grow: How Death can be Outweighed by Headaches", *Analysis*, April 1998, pp.152-158.

"Speed Limits, Human Lives, and Convenience: A Reply to Ridge", *Philosophy and Public Affairs*, Vol. 27, No. 1; Winter 1998, pp. 59-64.

"Good and Bad Actions", *The Philosophical Review*, Vol 106, No. 1; January 1997, pp. 1-34.

"Consequentialism and Commitment", *The Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, Vol. 78, No. 4, December 1997, pp. 380-403.

"Comparing Harms: Headaches and Human Lives", *Philosophy and Public Affairs*, Vol. 26, No. 2; Spring 1997, pp. 135-167.

Reprinted in:

*The Philosophical Journey*, 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> eds., William Lawhead (ed.) McGraw-Hill

"Trading Lives for Convenience: It's not just for Consequentialists", *The Southwest Philosophy Review*, Vol. 13, No. 1, January 1997, pp. 29-37.

"Rationality and the Sure-Thing Principle", *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, Vol. 74, No. 2; June 1996, pp. 324-327.

"Rational Roulette", *The Southwest Philosophy Review*, Vol. 12, No. 1; January 1996, pp. 191-196.

"Should Utilitarianism Accommodate Moral Dilemmas?", *Philosophical Studies*, Vol. 79, No. 1; July 1995, pp. 59-85.

"Rights Violations and Distributive Constraints: Three Scenarios", *The Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, Vol. 76, no. 2; June 1995, pp. 159-167.

"Introduction to the Second Edition", *Killing and Letting Die*, 2nd. Ed., (Fordham 1994) pp. 1-23.

"A Consequentialist Case for Rejecting the Right", *The Journal of Philosophical Research*, Vol. 18; 1993, pp. 109-125, co-authored with Frances Howard-Snyder.

"Consequentialism and the Unforeseeable Future", *Analysis*, October 1990, pp. 253-56.

"Killing, Abortion and Contraception: A Reply to Marquis", *The Journal of Philosophy*, May 1990, pp. 268-77.

Reprinted in:

*What's Wrong?: Applied Ethicists and their Critics*, 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> eds., David Boonin and Graham Oddie (eds.) OUP.

"A Reply to Margery Naylor", *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, June 1989, pp.715-19.

### **Selected Conference Presentations:**

"Moral Intuitions: What Are They? What Are They Good For?"

Russell-Fest, 2024

"Doing and Allowing and Demandingness: Debunking the Dogma"

Russell XVIII, 2024

Bled Philosophy Conference, 2024

German Society for Philosophy Conference, 2021

"You Really Can Make a Difference to Animal Suffering"

Indiana University, 2024

Rice University Conference on Animal Ethics, 2024

"Conservatism: Political and Moral"

Rice University, 2024

University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, 2023

Bowling Green State University, 2023

Russell XVII Conference, 2023

"Contextualist Scalar Consequentialism, Determinism, and the Non-Identity 'Problem'"

ACU Rome Seminar on Demoralizing Ethics, October 2019

"Value Comparability"

Russell XV Conference, May 2019

"Taking Wedding Vows Seriously"

Conference on The Social Philosophy and Business Ethics of the American Wedding,  
University of Pennsylvania, November 2017

"Consequences Make Actions Right"

Russell XIII Conference, May 2017

"More Mistakes in Moral Mathematics"

American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, April 2017, Symposium  
paper.

“How to Be Good”

Great Plains Philosophy Symposium, October 2016 Keynote address

“The Scalar Approach to Utilitarianism”

Russell XII Conference, March 2016

“I Promised Myself I’d Write This Paper”

Conference on Problem Promises, Princeton University 2015

“Deontology, Using, and Causal Fetishism”

Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, 2014 Keynote address

Georgia State University Graduate Student Conference 2012, Keynote Address

Bled Philosophy Conference, June 2010

Midsouth Philosophy Conference, April 2010 Keynote address

“The Ethics of Eating Meat”

American Philosophical Association Central Division meeting, February 2012

Symposium paper

“Subjects of a Life, the Argument from Risk, and the Significance of Self-Consciousness”

Conference in honor of Tom Regan, North Carolina State University April 2011

“How to be a Good Consequentialist in a Deontological World”

American Philosophical Association Pacific Division meeting, April 2011 Symposium paper

“Utility, Determinism, and Possibility: Context to the Rescue”

Midsouth Philosophy Conference, April 2009

International Society for Utilitarian Studies conference, Berkeley CA, September 2008

Bled Philosophy Conference, June 2006

“Why Legitimacy doesn’t entail Obligation: a Response to Wyckoff”

Southwestern Philosophical Society Conference, November 2009

“Two Dogmas of Deontology: Aggregation, Rights, and the Separateness of Persons”

Social Philosophy and Policy Center conference on Aggregation in Moral and Political Philosophy, November 2007

Presidential Address to the Southwestern Philosophical Society, November 2005

“Intentions, Character, and Consequentialism”

Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference, October 2007

Mid-South Philosophy Conference, February 2005

“Off Her Trolley? Frances Kamm and the Metaphysics of Morality”

American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, March 2007

“Utilitarianism and Torture”, invited Symposium on the re-emergence of the Torture Debate, American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, April 2006

“Euthanasia and Self-defense”  
Mid-South Philosophy Conference, February 2006

“Feldman on Attitudinal Pleasure and Desert”  
Utilitarianism 2005, conference of the International Society for Utilitarian Studies, August 2005

Comments on Song’s “Cosmopolitan Sovereignty and the Morality of Intervention”  
American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, April 2005

Critique of Sterba’s *The Triumph of Practice over Theory in Ethics*  
American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting, March 2005

“Two Approaches to Ethical Contextualism”  
Bled Philosophy Conference, June 2004

Comments on “Modified Speciesism: A Brief Look into the Real Problem with our Treatment of Animals”  
American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, April 2004

“Rationality, Moral Status, and Marginal Cases”  
American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting, March 2004  
Mid-South Philosophy Conference, February 2004

"Torturing Puppies and Eating Meat: It's All in Good Taste"  
Southwestern Philosophical Society, November 2003  
American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, April 2002  
Mid-South Philosophy Conference, February 2002

“Harming in Context”  
Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, August 2003

“Consequentialism and Harm”  
Bled Philosophy Conference, June 2003  
Midsouth Philosophy Conference, February 2003

Comments on “Frankfurt Style Examples”  
Southwestern Philosophical Society, November 2002

Comments on "Personal Identity, Autonomy and Advance Directives"  
Southwestern Philosophical Society, November 2001



- Comments on "Can One Aim at Virtue?"  
American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, May 2001
- Comments on "Disability, Marxism and Ecofeminism"  
North Texas Philosophical Association, April 2001
- Comments on "New Inconsistencies in Infinite Utilitarianism"  
American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, March 2001
- "Contractualism and the Ethical Status of Animals"  
Midsouth Philosophy Conference, February 2001  
Southwestern Philosophical Society, November 2000
- Comments on "Derivative and Inherited Value"  
American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, April 2000
- "Consequentialism and Group Harms",  
Utilitarianism 2000, annual conference of the International Society for Utilitarian Studies, March 2000
- Comments on "Moral Mathematics: Does Participation Matter?"  
American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, December 1999
- Comments on "Are Hate Crimes Conceptually Distinct From Other Crimes?"  
Southwestern Philosophical Society, November 1999
- "The Road to Hell":  
Mid-South Philosophy Conference, March 1999.  
Southwestern Philosophical Society, October 1998.  
26th Conference on Value Inquiry, April 1998.  
North Texas Philosophical Association, April 1998 (Presidential Address).
- "Great Harms from Small Benefits Grow: How Death can be Outweighed by Headaches":  
Mid-South Philosophy Conference, February/March 1998.
- "Trading Lives for Convenience: It's not just for Consequentialists":  
American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, December 1997.  
Mid-South Philosophy Conference, February/March 1997.  
Southwestern Philosophical Society, November 1996.
- "Intransitivity and the Person-Affecting Principle":  
American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, April 1997.
- Comments on "An Agnostic Defense of Obligatory Prayer":

Mid-South Philosophy Conference, February/March 1997.

“Reply to Marquis’s ‘The Contraception Problem’”:  
American Philosophical Association Eastern Division meeting, December 1996.

“Rational Roulette”:  
Southwestern Philosophical Society, November 1995.

“Betrayal, Alienation and Self-Deception”:  
23rd Conference on Value Inquiry, April 1995.

“Rights Violations and Distributive Constraints: Three Scenarios”:  
American Philosophical Association Pacific Division meeting, April 1995.

“Consequentialism and the Goodness of Actions”:  
American Philosophical Association Pacific Division meeting, April 1994.  
North Texas Philosophical Association, Spring 1993.

“Why Consequentialism is not a Theory of the Right”, with Frances Howard-Snyder:  
American Philosophical Association Eastern Division meeting, 1993.

Comments on “Rawls and the Autonomy of Labor”:  
North Texas Philosophical Association, Fall 1992.

“The Incommensurability of Moral Values”:  
New York State Philosophical Association, October 1989.

### **Selected Invited Presentations:**

“The Scalar Approach to Utilitarianism”  
Princeton University Graduate Seminar on Consequentialism, guest presentation,  
September 2016

“The Duty to Rescue”  
Harvard University Graduate seminar on Ethics, guest presentation, April 2012

“The Immorality of Premarital Abstinence”  
Southern Mississippi University, February 2013  
University of Colorado Boulder Think Lecture series, 2012

“Deontology, Using, and Causal Fetishism”  
University of Manitoba, October 2015  
Tulane University, September 2014  
Georgia State  
University of Nevada Las Vegas, September 2011

University of Louisville, October 2010  
University of Reading, June 2010  
University of South Carolina, April 2010

“Subjects of a Life, the Argument from Risk, and the Significance of Self-Consciousness”

University of Southern California, January 2014

"Act-Utilitarianism and Promissory Obligation"

The University of Alabama, April 2009

“The Clone Wars: What’s Wrong with Human Cloning?”

Texas Christian University Florsheim lecture, February 2012

University of Central Oklahoma Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, Keynote talk

The University of Alabama, April 2009

“The Road to Hell”:

Vanderbilt University, February 2014

University of Alabama Huntsville, Distinguished Lecturer Series, October 2013

Front Range Philosophy conference, keynote presentation, October 2008.

The University of Houston, November 2004

Alabama Philosophical Society, Special Session in Honor of James Rachels, October 2004

Dartmouth College, July 2000

SMU Research Symposium, April 1999

SMU Collegium, April 1999

Keynote Speech at the Southwestern Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, April 1998.

SMU Ethics Colloquy, March 1998.

“It Shouldn’t Happen to a Dog, or a Chicken: Why You Shouldn’t Eat Meat”

University of Nevada Las Vegas, September 2011

Colorado State University Animal Ethics Conference, April 2011

“Human Cloning: the Ethical Issues”

Seymour Riklin Memorial lecture, Wayne State University, October 2007

“Two Dogmas of Deontology: Aggregation, Rights, and the Separateness of Persons”

University of Texas at Austin, May 2007

University of California San Diego, January 2007

University of Colorado Boulder, December 2006

“Puppies, Pigs, and People: Eating Meat and Marginal Cases”

Rice University, Scientia series, September 2005

Keynote speech at the UT San Antonio Philosophy Symposium, November 2003

Syracuse University, October 2003

- Texas Tech University, March 2003
- “Consequentialism and Group Harms”  
 Texas Tech University, March 2003  
 The University at Albany, December 2002
- “Uncommon Sense: Controversial Moral Positions You Should Accept”  
 Keynote speech at the Southwestern Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, March 2003  
 Acadia University, Nova Scotia, October 2001
- "Social Contract Theory and the Ethical Status of Animals"  
 The Maguire Center for Ethics and Public Responsibility, Southern Methodist University, Public Scholar Lecture, November 1999
- “The Scalar Approach to Morality”:  
 The University of Connecticut, November 1999  
 The University of Arizona, Tucson, October 1999  
 University of Texas at Austin, April 1998.  
 Rice University, February 1998.
- “Trading Lives and Risking Death for Convenience: It’s not just for Consequentialists”.  
 The University of Dallas, April 1999
- “Death, Headaches, and Transitivity: why Consequentialists should stick to their Guns”:  
 Rice University, November 1997.
- “Nonsense on Stilts: What’s Wrong with Rights”:  
 The Dallas Philosophers’ Forum, November 1997.
- “Comparing Harms: Headaches and Human Lives”:  
 University of Mississippi, April 1996.  
 Texas A&M University, September 1995.
- “Good and Bad Actions”:  
 University of Houston, March 1995.  
 University of Arkansas, December 1994.  
 Texas Tech University, October 1994.
- “Betrayal, Alienation and Self-Deception”:  
 SMU Ethics Colloquy, March 1995.  
 Texas Tech University, October 1994.
- “Sex, Lies and Deception”:

The Dallas Philosophers' Forum, October 1994.  
Hobart and William Smith Colleges, March 1992.

### **Awards:**

Boulder Faculty Assembly, Excellence in Service Award, 2024  
Baker College Special Service Award, 2004  
SMU President's Associates Outstanding Faculty Award, 2001  
SMU Ethics Development Grant, 2001  
Maguire Teaching Fellowship, 1997  
SMU Curriculum Development Grant for Social and Political Philosophy, 1997  
Sam Taylor Fellowship, 1994  
Invited to participate in NEH Summer Institute on Naturalism, 1993 (declined)

### **Professional Service and Activity:**

Acting Chair, Philosophy Department, Spring 2025  
Director, Coordinator (and originator) of the annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, 2008-present  
Director, Center for Values and Social Policy, CU Boulder, 2021-present (organizer of weekly Friday lunchtime Center talks during academic year)  
Chair, University of Colorado Faculty Council, 2023-5  
Vice Chair, Boulder Faculty Assembly, 2022-5  
Chair, Boulder Faculty Assembly Bylaws Committee, 2022-present  
Chair, Boulder Faculty Assembly Standing Committee on Faculty Affairs, 2016-2022  
Philosophy Department representative to Boulder Faculty Assembly, 2014-present  
Philosophy Department representative to Arts and Sciences Council, 2012-14  
Organizer of the Think! public lecture series, University of Colorado Boulder, 2008-2016  
Conference Organizer for the Bled Philosophy Conference, June 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014  
Director of Undergraduate Studies, Philosophy Department, Rice University, 2002-2007  
Conducted external program review for Philosophy Department at Wayne State University, and Albany University.  
Numerous research evaluations for promotion and tenure cases in the US and elsewhere.  
Member of the Editorial Board of *The Journal of Moral Philosophy*, *Southwest Philosophy Review*, *Ethics*, *Policy and Environment*, *Acta Analytica*  
Journal Referee for *Ethics*, *The Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Philosophical Studies*, *The Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *Utilitas*, *Philosophy* and *Phenomenological*

*Research, The Journal of Philosophical Research, Social Theory and Practice, The Southern Journal of Philosophy.*

Member of the Executive Committee of the Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association (2010-2013)  
Chair, American Philosophical Association Committee on the Status of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Members of the Profession (2012-2015)  
President of the Southwestern Philosophical Society (2004-5)  
Vice-President and Program Chair of the Southwestern Philosophical Society (2003-4)  
President of the North Texas Philosophical Association (1997-8).  
Conference organizer for North Texas Philosophical Association conference, 1996  
Member of the American Philosophical Association.  
Member of the Southwestern Philosophical Society, Executive Committee  
Philosophy Department Representative to the Faculty Senate, Southern Methodist University, 2000-2002  
Comptroller, Graduate Student Organization, Syracuse University, 1988-9  
Founder of the graduate student pub (The Inn Complete), Syracuse University, 1989

### **Foreign Language Reading Competency:**

French, Ancient Greek, Latin

### **Teaching Experience:**

#### **Doctoral Dissertations Advised (completed)**

Colonel David Barnes 2010

"Close Combat Privatization: Exploring Ethical Dimensions of the Armed Contractor Phenomenon" Now at United States Military Academy at West Point (TT)

Duncan Purves 2013

"Who Should Exist: A Welfare-based Solution to the Non-identity Problem"  
Now at University of Florida (TT)

Major Michael Growden 2014

"Postwar Moral Obligation: The Duties of Victory"  
Now at United States Air Force Academy (TT)

Ryan Jenkins 2014

"On Good People: A New Defense of Rule-consequentialism"  
Now at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo (TT)

Paul Bowman 2017

"Climate Change and Corrective Justice"  
Now at Institute for Future Studies, Sweden (postdoc)

Cheryl Abbate 2019

“The Hard Problems of Animal Rights”  
Now at University of Nevada Las Vegas (TT)

Alex Wolf-Root expected 2020  
“Conceptual Issues in Sport & Games”

### **Upper Division and Graduate Courses**

Graduate Seminar on Metaethics—University of Colorado Boulder  
Graduate Seminar on Consequentialism—University of Colorado Boulder  
Philosophy and Animals—University of Colorado Boulder (graduate and advanced undergraduate level course)  
Ethical Theory—University of Colorado Boulder  
Seminar on Utilitarianism—Rice University  
Seminar on Metaethics—Rice University  
Contemporary Ethical Theory—University of Arizona, Rice University  
Consequentialism—Rice University  
Doing the Right Thing—Southern Methodist University  
Animal Rights—Southern Methodist University, Rice University  
Social and Political Philosophy—Southern Methodist University  
Philosophy of Law—Southern Methodist University  
Topics in Moral Philosophy: Consequentialism—Southern Methodist University, Rice University  
Seminar on Consequentialism—Hobart and William Smith Colleges  
Ancient Philosophy—Hobart and William Smith Colleges  
Early Modern Philosophy—Hobart and William Smith Colleges  
Mind and Language—Hobart and William Smith Colleges  
Feminist Philosophy—Hobart and William Smith Colleges

### **Lower Division Courses**

Philosophy and Society—University of Colorado Boulder  
Introduction to Philosophy—University of Colorado Boulder  
Political Philosophy—University of Colorado Boulder  
Individuals and Society: Personal Morality—University of Arizona  
First Year Seminar in Ethics—Southern Methodist University  
Contemporary Moral Problems—Southern Methodist University, Rice University  
Business Ethics—Southern Methodist University  
Moral Dilemmas—Hobart and William Smith Colleges  
Facts and Values—Hobart and William Smith Colleges  
Contemporary Issues in Moral Philosophy—Hobart and William Smith Colleges  
Introduction to Philosophy—Hobart and William Smith Colleges  
Critical Thinking—Hobart and William Smith Colleges

## **Dissertation and thesis work at CU**

### Ph.D dissertation supervision:

David Barnes (defended 2010)  
Duncan Purves (defended 2013)  
Ryan Jenkins (defended 2014)  
Michael Growden (defended 2014)  
Paul Bowman (defended 2017)  
Cheryl Abbate (defended 2019)  
Alex Wolf-Root (defended 2020)

### Ph.D committee member:

Jason Wyckoff (defended 2009)  
Audra King (defended 2008)  
Peter Higgins (defended 2008)  
Jason Hanna (defended 2009)  
Amandine Catala (defended 2011)  
Scott Wisor (defended 2010)  
Ryan Mott (defended 2009)  
Jason Hyde (defended 2012)  
Jay Lynch (defended 2011)  
Kacey Warren (defended 2012)  
Christian Lee (defended 2012)  
Cory Aragon (defended 2013)  
Annaleigh Curtis (defended 2013)  
Chelsea Haramia (defended 2014)  
Shane Gronholz (defended 2016)  
Alex Zambrano (defended 2017)  
Dan Lowe (defended 2017)  
Jonathan Spelman (defended 2017)  
Spencer Case (defended 2018)  
Jay Geyer (defended 2018)  
Benjamin Kultgen (prospectus committee)  
Bodhi Melnitzer  
Anthony Kelly  
Caleb Pickard (defended 2019)  
Michael Sechman

### MA thesis supervision:

Emma Kobil (defended 2010)  
Amber Arnold (defended 2010)  
Chelsea Haramia (defended 2010)  
Jeannine Bailey (defended 2013)  
Tucker Marks (defended 2015)  
Sophia Huerta (defended 2015)  
Nick Cesare (transferred to a Ph. D program)



Lorenzo Nericcio (defended 2018)

MA thesis committee member:

Adam Betz (defended 2009)

Tony Smith (defended 2008)

Dan Feuer (defended 2008)

Ian Tully (defended 2012)

Spencer Case (defended 2012)

Richard Fyfe (defended 2020)

Honors thesis supervision:

Jon Lafferty (2009)

Brian Knabb (2010)

Matthew Cucchiaro (2010)

Ben Sales (2013)

Alexander Schultz (2014)

Max Wehr (2015-16)

Honors thesis committee member:

Mark Mangelsdorf (2014)

Zoe Sigle (2015-16)

**References:**

Robert Audi, University of Nebraska at Lincoln

Jonathan Bennett, Syracuse University (retired, can be contacted by email:  
jfb@mail.com)

Samuel Gorovitz, Syracuse University

Shelly Kagan, Yale University

Steven Lee, Hobart and William Smith Colleges

Derek Parfit, All Souls College, Oxford

Michael Slote, University of Miami

Michael Stocker, Syracuse University

Larry Temkin, Rutgers University