

Curriculum Vitae

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Education:

B.A. Barnard College, 1950  
B.A. Cambridge University, 1952  
M.A. Cambridge University, 1956  
Ph.D. Columbia University, 1959

Awards:

Phi Beta Kappa  
Fulbright Scholarship, 1950-51  
Frances Dibblee Scholar (Columbia University), 1955-56  
AAUW New York State Fellowship, 1962-63  
NEH Fellowship, 1978-79  
NEH Fellowship, 1986-87  
Guggenheim Fellowship, 1986-87 (held in 1987-88)  
Member, American Academy of Arts & Sciences, 1989-  
Fellow, Centre for Advanced Study, Oslo, Norway, spring 1996  
Quinn Prize, APA, 2012  
Honorary President, American Committee of the Philosophy Summer School in  
China, 2013  
Honorary degree: Doctor of Letters, University of Cambridge, June 2015

Teaching Positions:

Barnard College, 1956-62  
Lecturer, 1956-59  
Instructor, 1959-60  
Assistant Professor, 1960-62  
Boston University, 1963-64  
Assistant Professor, 1963-64  
MIT, 1964-  
Associate Professor, 1964-69  
Professor, 1969-1991  
Laurance S. Rockefeller Professor of Philosophy, 1991-96  
Professor, 1996- (Professor Emerita, 2004-)  
Visiting Fellow, Research School of Social Sciences, Australian National  
University, summer 1968  
Visiting Professor, University of Pittsburgh, fall 1976  
Visiting Professor, University of California, Berkeley, Law School, spring  
1983  
Visiting Professor, Yale Law School, fall 1982, fall 1984, fall 1985  
Visiting Professor, UCLA, winter quarter 2003  
Visiting Professor, Princeton, fall 2010

Professional Activities:

American Philosophical Association:  
Chair, Board of Officers, 2002-2004  
Eastern Division:  
Member, Program Committee, 1965

Professional Activities (cont.):

Member, Executive Committee, 1973-76  
 Member, Nominating Committee, 1978-80  
 Vice-President, 1991-92  
 President, 1992-93  
 Committee on Defense of Professional Rights:  
   Member 1970-78, Chairman 1975-78  
 APA Representative to ACLS, 1989  
 Council for Philosophical Studies:  
   Member 1972-77, Chairman 1984-88  
 American Association of University Professors:  
   Member, Committee A on Academic Freedom and Tenure, 1972-81, 1982-88  
   Consultant, 1988-91, 1991-1997  
   Member, Committee on the History of the Association, 2001-  
   Member, Council, 1976-79, 1980-82  
   Member, Executive Committee, 1976-78, 1980-82  
   Second Vice-President, 1980-81  
   First Vice-President, 1981-82  
 Editorial Boards: Philosophical Studies, 1971-  
                   Philosophy & Public Affairs, 1972-2014  
                   American Philosophical Quarterly, 1978-83  
                   Australasian Journal of Philosophy, 1978-82  
                   Ethics, 1982-  
                   Criminal Justice Ethics, 1982-  
                   Philosophy & Phenomenological Research, 1986-  
                   Cambridge Studies in Philosophy (book series)  
                   Cambridge University Press, 1993-98  
 Human Studies Committee of the Department of Health and Hospitals of the  
   City of Boston: Member, 1975-82  
 Center for the Study of Values, University of Delaware:  
   Member, Advisory Board, 1977-

Special Lectures:

Visiting Scholar, University Center in Virginia, October 1974  
 Taft Lectures, University of Cincinnati, May 1-2, 1975  
 Lindley Lecture, University of Kansas, April 5, 1976  
 Gildersleeve Lecture, Barnard College, Feb. 13, 1979  
 Thomas E. Sunderland Fellow, University of Michigan Law School, Feb. 17-  
   20, 1986  
 Participant in Conference on Freedom and Justice, USSR Academy of  
   Sciences, Moscow, Sept. 27-Oct. 5, 1986  
 Tanner Symposiast, University of Michigan, Nov. 8, 1986  
 North Carolina State University Centennial Lecture, Feb. 24, 1987  
 Philip A. Hart Memorial Lecture, Georgetown University Law Center, April  
   2, 1987  
 Niebuhr Lectures, Elmhurst College, April 18-19, 1988  
 Metaphilosophy Address, CUNY, April 20, 1988  
 Gramlich Lecture, Dartmouth College, May 11, 1988  
 John Dewey Lecture, University of Chicago Law School, May 11, 1989  
 Kraemer Memorial Lecture, University of Arkansas, March 25, 1991  
 Cedric Evans Lecture, University of Nebraska, October 11, 1991  
 Donald R. Brown Memorial Lecture, University of Vermont, March 26, 1992  
 Moore Lectures, Texas Christian University, April 22-23, 1993  
 Immanuel Kant Lectures, Stanford University, May 1994  
 Hagerstrom Lectures, University of Uppsala, Sweden, April 1996  
 Address to the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters, February 1996.  
 Symposium at University College, London, May 1996

Special Lectures (cont.):

Fifth Annual McGill Lecture in Jurisprudence and Public Policy, McGill University Law School, April 1997  
 Lecture as part of Program in Ethics in the Professions, Kennedy School, April 1998: "Doctor-Assisted Suicide: Some Moral Issues"  
 Tanner Lectures, Princeton University, March 1999  
 Lecture as part of Bioethics Colloquium, NYU, March 2000: "Doctor-Assisted Suicide: Some Moral Issues"  
 Mala Kamm Lecture, "Reasons for Action" NYU, March 2000  
 Carus Lectures, American Philosophical Association, April 2003  
 Parcells Memorial Lecture (w/Gilbert Harman), UConnecticut, October 2003  
 David Norton Lecture, UDelaware, May 2004  
 Shearman Lectures, University College, London, May 2004  
 Howison Lecture, UC Berkeley, April 4, 2005  
 Masters' Philosophy Program, University of Barcelona, October 2010  
 Brandeis University: Graduate Student Philosophy Conference, April 2011  
 Harvard Review of Philosophy Lecture, April 2012  
 Dewey Lecture, APA Eastern Division, December 2012  
 Routledge Lecture, University of Cambridge, June 2015

Publications:

"In Defense of Moral Absolutes," Journal of Philosophy 1958  
 Critical study of Intention, G.E.M. Anscombe, Journal of Philosophy 1959  
 "Notes on Strawson's Logic," Mind 1961  
 "Ethics and Ethics and the Moral Life," Journal of Philosophy 1961  
 "Definition by Internal Relation," Australasian Journal of Philosophy 1961  
 "Professor Stenius on the Tractatus," Journal of Philosophy 1961  
 reprinted in: Copi & Beard, Essays on Wittgenstein's Tractatus  
 Canfield, The Philosophy of Wittgenstein  
 "Practical Reasoning," Philosophical Quarterly 1962  
 "Private Languages," American Philosophical Quarterly 1964  
 reprinted in: Hampshire, Philosophy of Mind  
 Jones, The Private Language Argument  
 Bobbs-Merrill Reprints  
 (with James Thomson) "How Not to Derive 'Ought' From 'Is'," Philosophical Review 1964  
 reprinted in: Sellars & Hospers, Readings in Ethical Theory  
 Hudson, The Is-Ought Question  
 Hoffman & Gendin, Philosophy  
 "Time, Space, and Objects," Mind 1965  
 "Reasons and Reasoning," in Philosophy in America, ed. M. Black  
 "Grue," Journal of Philosophy 1966  
 "More Grue," Journal of Philosophy 1966  
 "Wisdom's Logical Constructions Papers," in Wisdom, Logical Constructions  
 "The Identity Thesis," in Essays in Honor of Ernest Nagel, eds.  
 Morgenbesser, White, & Suppes  
 "Comments" (on Agassi) in Boston Colloquium for the Philosophy of Science  
 reprinted in: Gryuzov & Sadovsky, Struktura i Razhvitie Nauki  
 contribution to symposium "Cause and Action," Proceedings of the Seventh Inter-American Congress of Philosophy  
 "John Wisdom," in Encyclopedia of Philosophy, ed. Edwards  
 "Comments" (on Korner) in Fact and Existence, ed. Margolis  
 (with Gerald Dworkin) eds. of Ethics, an anthology, Harper & Row  
 "The Time of a Killing," Journal of Philosophy 1971  
 reprinted in: Casati & Varzi, Events, Int'l Research Library of Philosophy  


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 Gnassounou, Action, raison et délibération

Publications (cont.):

- "Individuating Actions," Journal of Philosophy 1971
- \*"A Defense of Abortion," Philosophy & Public Affairs 1971  
 reprinted in: Cohen, Nagel, & Scanlon, The Rights and Wrongs of Abortion  
 Feinberg, The Problems of Abortion  
 Rachels, Moral Problems  
 Wasserstrom, Today's Moral Problems  
 and other anthologies
- \*"Rights and Deaths," Philosophy & Public Affairs 1973  
 reprinted in: Cohen, Nagel, & Scanlon, The Rights and Wrongs of Abortion  
 and other anthologies
- \*"Preferential Hiring," Philosophy & Public Affairs 1973  
 reprinted in: Rachels, Moral Problems  
 Cohen, Nagel, & Scanlon, Equality and Preferential Treatment  
 and other anthologies
- "Molyneux' Problem," Journal of Philosophy 1974
- "Moore's Technique Revisited," in Wisdom, Twelve Essays, ed. Bambrough
- "Academic Freedom and Research," in The Concept of Academic Freedom, ed. Pincoffs
- \*"The Right to Privacy," Philosophy & Public Affairs 1975  
 reprinted in: Beauchamp & Pinkard, Ethics and Public Policy  
 and other anthologies
- \*"Killing, Letting Die, and the Trolley Problem," The Monist 1976
- "Property-Acquisition" (abstract) Journal of Philosophy 1976
- \*"Self-Defense and Rights," 1976 Lindley Lecture, University of Kansas Press  
 reprinted in: Kaplan & Weisberg, Criminal Law: Cases & Materials Acts and Other Events, Cornell University Press, 1977  
 (with Sandalow) "On Full-Time Non-Tenure-Track Appointments," AAUP Bulletin 1978
- \*"Some Ruminations on Rights," Arizona Law Review, 1978  
 reprinted in: Paul, Reading Nozick
- "Common-sense Morality" (abstract) Journal of Philosophy 1979
- \*"Rights and Compensation," Nous 1980  
 reprinted in: Roberts, Injustice and Rectification
- "Philosophical Prospects for a New World," in Two Centuries of Philosophy in America, ed. Caws, 1980  
 (with Chodosh et al.) "Regulations Governing Research on Human Subjects," Academe 1981
- "Parthood and Identity Across Time," Journal of Philosophy 1983  
 reprinted in: Skorupski, Internat'l Research Library of Philosophy  
 Rea, Material Constitution  
 Haslanger & Kurtz, Persistence  
 (with Dreben et al.) "Academic Freedom and Tenure: Corporate Funding of Academic Research," Academe 1983
- \*"Remarks on Causation and Liability," Philosophy & Public Affairs 1984
- \*"Some Questions about Government Regulation of Behavior," in Rights and Regulation, eds. Machan & Johnson
- \*"The Trolley Problem," Yale Law Journal 1985
- \*"Imposing Risks," in To Breathe Freely, ed. Gibson  
 "Causal Priority: A Comment," Nous 1985
- "A Note on Internalism," Philosophy & Public Affairs 1986
- \*"Liability and Individualized Evidence," Law & Contemporary Problems 1986  
 reprinted in: Campbell, Internat'l Library of Essays in Law and Legal Theory

Publications (cont.):

- Rights, Restitution, and Risk (reprints starred essays, with Afterword),  
Harvard University Press 1986
- "Feinberg on Harm, Offense, and the Criminal Law: A Review Essay,"  
Philosophy & Public Affairs, 1986
- (edited:) On Being and Saying, Essays for Richard Cartwright, MIT Press,  
1987
- "Ruminations on an Account of Personal Identity," in On Being and Saying,  
op. cit.
- "Verbs of Action," Synthese 1987
- "Causation and Rights: Some Preliminaries," Chicago-Kent Law Review 1987
- "The Decline of Cause," (Hart Lecture) Georgetown Law Review 1987  
reprinted in: Shaw, Readings in Philosophy of Law
- "Morality and Bad Luck," (Metaphilosophy Address) Metaphilosophy 1989  
reprinted in: Statman, Moral Luck
- "The No Reason Thesis," Social Philosophy & Policy 1989
- The Realm of Rights, Harvard University Press, 1990
- "Ideology and Faculty Selection," Law & Contemporary Problems, 1990  
reprinted in: Freedom and Tenure in the Academy, ed. W. Van Alstyne
- "Self-Defense," Philosophy & Public Affairs, 1991
- "On Some Ways in Which a Thing Can Be Good," Social Philosophy & Policy  
1992
- (with Matthew Finkin) "Academic Freedom and Church-Related Higher  
Education: A Reply to Professor McConnell", Freedom and Tenure in the  
Academy, ed. W. Van Alstyne, 1993
- 
- "Precis of The Realm of Rights" and "Reply to Commentators," Philosophy  
and Phenomenological Research, March 1993
- 
- "Goodness and Utilitarianism," (Presidential Address) APA Proceedings &  
Addresses, 1994
- 
- "Abortion," Boston Review, summer 1995
- "Reply," Boston Review, fall 1995
- "Academic Freedom and Tenure: University of Southern California,"  
Academe, Nov.-Dec. 1995
- (with Gilbert Harman) Moral Relativism and Moral Objectivity, Blackwell's,  
1996
- "Baier's Carus Lectures on Killing and Letting Die," Reason, Ethics, and  
Society, ed. J.B. Schneewind, 1996
- 
- "Killing and Letting Die: Some Comments," Intending Death, ed. T.L.  
Beauchamp, 1996
- Critical study of Jonathan Bennett's The Act Itself, Nous 1996  
(with Dworkin et. al.) amicus brief on assisted suicide, The New York  
Review, March 27, 1997
- 
- "The Right and the Good," Journal of Philosophy, June 1997
- "People and their Bodies," Reading Parfit, ed. Jonathan Dancy, 1997  
reprinted in: Sider, Hawthorne, Zimmerman, Contemporary Debates in  
Metaphysics
- 
- "Precis of Moral Relativism and Moral Objectivity" and "Reply to Critics"  
Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, March 1998
- "The Statue and the Clay," Nous, June 1998
- "Physician-Assisted Suicide, Two Moral Problems," Ethics, April 1999  
reprinted in: Stephen Holland, Arguing about Bioethics
- Goodness and Advice, Princeton University Press, 2001
- "McTaggart on Time," Philosophical Perspectives, vol. 15, 2001
- "Causation: Omissions," Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, January  
2003
- "The Legacy of PRINCIPIA," Spindell Conference 2002, Southern Journal of  
Philosophy, Supplement, 2003

Publications (cont.):

- (with Alex Byrne, eds.) Content and Modality, Oxford University Press, 2006
- "Normativity," Oxford Studies in Metaethics, vol. 2, 2007
- "Turning the Trolley," Philosophy & Public Affairs, Fall 2008
- "Some Reflections on Hart and Honore's Causation in the Law," in M. Kramer (ed.) The Legacy of H.L.A. Hart, 2008
- Normativity, Open Court Publishing, 2008
- "More on the Metaphysics of Harm," Phil. & Phenom. Research, Dec. 2010
- "Reply to Critics," in symposium on Normativity, in Phil. Studies, May 2011
- "How it Was," Dewey Lecture, APA journal, reprinted in Steve Cahn (ed.) collection of Dewey Lectures, 2013
- "Kamm on the Trolley Problems," in The Trolley Problem Mysteries, F.M.Kamm, edited by Eric Rakowski, with Judith Jarvis Thomson, Thomas Hurka, and Shelly Kagan, Oxford University Press, December 2015.

Critical studies included; book reviews omitted.