
AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

- Ethics (Ethical Theory, Moral Psychology, and Meta-Ethics), Environmental Ethics

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

- Bioethics, Experimental Philosophy, Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Education, Philosophy of Social Psychology, and Logic

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. in Philosophy, *York University* (2006)
- M.A. in Philosophy, *University of Alberta* (1998)
- B.A. (Honors) in Philosophy, *University of Alberta* (1996)

PUBLICATIONS

- Heather Lench, Darren Domsky, Rachel Smallman, and Kathleen Darbor, "Beliefs in Moral Luck: When and Why Blame Hinges on Luck," *British Journal of Psychology* 106 (2), (2015): 272-87.
- "No Such Luck," *The Philosophers Magazine* 55 (4), (2011): 82-86.
- "Why Callicott's Ecological Communitarianism Is Not Holistic," *The Journal of Value Inquiry* 42 (3), (2008): 389-96.
- "Aldo Leopold," in *Encyclopedia of Environmental Ethics and Philosophy*, eds. J. Baird Callicott and Robert Frodeman, MacMillan, 2008.
- "The Inadequacy of Ecological Communitarianism," *Environmental Ethics* 28 (4), (2006): 395-412.
 - Reprinted in *The Ethics of the Environment (The International Library of Essays in Public and Professional Ethics)*, ed. Robin Attfield, Ashgate, 2008.
- "Tossing the Rotten Thing Out: Eliminating Bad Reasons not to Solve the Problem of Moral Luck," *Philosophy* 80 (4), (2005): 531-41.
- "There Is No Door: Finally Solving the Problem of Moral Luck," *The Journal of Philosophy* 101 (9), (2004): 445-64.

- “Keeping a Place for Meta-Ethics: Assessing Elliot’s Dismissal of the Subjectivism/Objectivism Debate in Environmental Ethics,” *Metaphilosophy* 35 (5), (2004): 675-94.
- “Evaluating Callicott’s Attack on Stone’s Moral Pluralism,” *Environmental Values* 10 (3), (2001): 395-415.
- “Dreaming with Descartes,” *Consciousness, Literature, and the Arts* 2 (2), (2001) [journal online], available from <http://www.aber.ac.uk/tfts/journal/archive/domsky.html>
- "McGinn's Theory of Consciousness, and Searle's Indignant Response," *Gnosis* 5 (1), (2001) [journal online], available from http://artsci-ccwin.concordia.ca/philosophy/GNOSIS/vol_v/mcginn_searle.html

REFEREED CONFERENCE PAPERS

(similar papers grouped by most recent title)

- “Fools and their Money,” the Rocky Mountain Ethics Conference, Boulder, Colorado, August 10-13, 2017.
- “Come See and Come Learn,” Meetings of the International Society for Environmental Ethics, Allenspark, Colorado, June 1-4, 2017.
- “The Duty of Moral Inertia,” the Rocky Mountain Ethics Conference, Boulder, Colorado, August 9-12, 2012.
- “Taking Down the Repugnant Conclusions,” Meetings of the International Society for Environmental Ethics, Pacific Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, San Diego, California, April 20-23, 2011.
- “Christian and Conservative Worldviews,” Annual Meeting of the Canadian Society of Christian Philosophers, held at the Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress, Montreal, Quebec, June 2nd, 2010.
- “The Unnoticed Prima Facie Duty”
 - Annual Conference of the Mississippi Philosophical Association, Starkville, Mississippi, Feb 5th-6th, 2010.
 - Annual Meeting of the Atlantic Region Philosophical Association, Sydney, Nova Scotia, Oct 16th-17th, 2009.
- “Keeping the Allure, But Not the Price, of Freya Matthews’ Ethos of Countermodernity,” the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Society for the Study of Practical Ethics, Vancouver, British Columbia, Jun 2nd-4th, 2008.
- “The Impossible Situation of Environmental Ethics”
 - Meetings of the International Society for Environmental Ethics, Eastern Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Baltimore, Maryland, Dec 27th-30th, 2007.
 - Annual Meeting of the Canadian Society for the Study of Practical Ethics, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, May 27th-29th, 2007.

- “Biocentrism’s Distracting Stink”
 - The International Society for Environmental Ethics and The International Association for Environmental Philosophy, 4th Joint Meeting on Environmental Philosophy, Allenspark, Colorado, May 29th-Jun 1st, 2007
 - Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, May 28th-31st, 2007.

- “Seeing Past, and Through, the Stability Approach to Interference”
 - Eastern Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Washington DC, Dec 27th-30th, 2006. (Awarded an APA Graduate Student Travel Stipend.)
 - Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress, Toronto, Ontario, May 29th-Jun 1st, 2006.
 - Freedom and Law: the 6th Annual University of Toronto Graduate Conference in Philosophy, Toronto, Ontario, May 12th-14th, 2006.
 - 2nd Midwest Environmental Ethics Conference, St. Paul, Minnesota, May 6th, 2006.
 - The Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Memphis, Tennessee, Feb 24th-25th, 2006.

- “Seeing Past, and Through, the Narrative Approach to Interference”
 - Western Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Meeting (at Simon Fraser University), Vancouver, British Columbia, Oct 13th-15th, 2006.
 - Annual Meeting of the Canadian Society for the Study of Practical Ethics, Toronto, Ontario, May 28th-30th, 2006.

- “The Insidious Phenomenon of Selective Moral Blindness,” The Society for Philosophic Study of Genocide and the Holocaust, Central Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Chicago, Illinois, Apr 27th-30th, 2005.

- “The Counter-Factual Argument for Biocentrism: a Powerful Breed, but a Lame Horse,” 14th Meeting of the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics, San Antonio, Texas, Feb 24th-27th, 2005.

- “There Is No Door: Finally Solving the Problem of Moral Luck,” Perception and Experience: the 4th Annual University of Toronto Graduate Conference in Philosophy, Toronto, Ontario, May 14th-16th, 2004.

- “Tossing the Rotten Thing Out: Eliminating Bad Reasons not to Solve the Problem of Moral Luck”
 - Alabama Philosophical Society, Mobile, Alabama, Oct 29th-30th, 2004.
 - Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress, Winnipeg, Manitoba, May 29th-Jun 1st, 2004.
 - City University of New York 7th Annual Graduate Conference, New York, New York, Feb 15th, 2004.

- “The Aliens Argument Against Communitarianism”

- Meetings of the International Society for Environmental Ethics, Central Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Chicago, Illinois, Apr 22nd-25th, 2004.
- The International Association for Environmental Philosophy, Seventh Annual Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts, Nov 8th-10th, 2003.
- Western Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, University of Lethbridge, Lethbridge, Alberta, Oct 24th-26th, 2003.
- The Ontario Philosophical Society Conference, Ryerson University, Toronto, Ontario, Feb 1st-2nd, 2002.
- “Why Callicott’s Communitarian Environmental Ethic is not Actually or Especially Holistic”
 - Fourteenth Annual North American Interdisciplinary Conference on Environment and Community, State University of New York, Saratoga Springs, New York, Feb 19th-21st, 2004.
 - 22nd Mephistos Graduate Student Conference on the History, Philosophy, and Sociology of Science, Technology, and Medicine, University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, Jan 31st-Feb 1st, 2004.
- “Being Quasi-Serious, or Making Quasi-Sense: Deciding How to Interpret Harman’s Quasi-Absolutism,” Graduate Philosophy Conference, Princeton and Rutgers Universities, Princeton and New Brunswick, New Jersey, Apr 21st-22nd, 2001.
- “The Value of Nature: Why it Matters Whether it is Subjective or Objective”
 - Reason and Nature: the 1st Annual University of Toronto Graduate Conference in Philosophy, Toronto, Ontario, May 4th-6th, 2001.
 - The Ontario Philosophical Society Conference, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, Oct 27th-29th, 2000.
 - Graduate Philosophy Conference, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, Illinois, Apr 28th-29th, 2000.
- “Avoiding Being Cocky: Choosing How to React to the Knowledge Argument,” The Ontario Philosophical Society Conference, University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario, Oct 29-30, 1999.
- “The Indefensibility of Callicott’s Subjectivist Environmental Ethic”
 - Humanity and the Cosmos Conference, Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario, Jan 20th-22nd, 2000.
 - The Ohio University Student Conference on Applied Ethics, University of Ohio at Athens, Ohio, Nov 6th, 1999.

INVITED PAPER PRESENTATIONS

- “Seeing Past, and Through, the Stability and Narrative Approaches to Interference”
 - Department of Philosophy, Oakland University, Rochester, Michigan, Apr 30th, 2007.
 - Department of Philosophy, Clemson University, Clemson, South Carolina, Feb 16th, 2006.

- “Thinking about ‘Thinking Ecologically,’” part of a symposium on Bruce Morito’s *Thinking Ecologically*, Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress, Toronto, Ontario, May 29th-Jun 1st, 2006.
- “Killing and Letting Die,” Department of Philosophy, University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario, Jan 13th, 2005.
- “The Counter-Factual Argument for Biocentrism: a Powerful Breed, but a Lame Horse,” Auburn Philosophical Society, Auburn University, Alabama, Dec 3d, 2004.
- “Our Greatest Champions, or our Greatest Hindrances? Understanding the Unwitting Disservice that Crisis Averters Have Done to Non-Anthropocentric Environmental Philosophy,” The International Society for Environmental Ethics and The International Association for Environmental Philosophy, 1st Joint Meeting on Environmental Philosophy, Allenspark, Colorado, Jun 1st-4th, 2004.

SERVICE

- Spring 2014, Member of the Department Steering Committee, General Academics, Texas A&M University at Galveston
- Fall 2014, Member of the Department Renaming Committee, General Academics, Texas A&M University at Galveston
- Fall 2011, Member of the Student Evaluations Committee, General Academics, Texas A&M University at Galveston

ETHICS CONSULTATION EXPERIENCE

- Institutional Ethics Committee Member, *University of Texas Medical Branch*, Galveston, Texas, (2009-2011).
- Bioethics Committee Member, *Tom Baker Cancer Centre, Calgary Health Region*, Calgary, Alberta, (2006-2007).
- Intern Bioethics Consultant and Bioethics Committee Member, *Hamilton Health Sciences*, in conjunction with *McMaster University*, Hamilton, Ontario, (2003-2004). This was a full year internship.

TEACHING AWARDS

- Awarded a 2015 Crystal Apple Teaching Award by the Dean’s Roundtable at Texas A&M University in College Station.
- Named a 2013 S.A.L.T. Camp Namesake at Texas A&M University at Galveston
- Awarded the 2007 *University of Calgary Students Union Honourable Mention Teaching Award* for the Faculty of the Humanities. Each year, two UCSU Teaching Awards (one first place, and one honourable mention) are awarded per faculty. The awards are entirely student nominated, selected, and awarded.

- Nominated for the 2006 *National Society of Collegiate Scholars Faculty of the Year Award*. This is the only nationwide collegiate faculty award (in the USA) that is entirely student nominated.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching:

Assistant Professor, *Texas A&M University at Galveston*, Galveston, Texas (Fall 2007-Present)

- *Ethical Theory*
- *Introduction to Logic*
- *Contemporary Moral Issues*
- *Advanced Directed Readings in Ethics*
- *Environmental Ethics*
- *Introduction to Philosophy*
- *The Meaning of Life*

Visiting Assistant Professor, *The University of Calgary*, Calgary, Alberta, (Fall 2006-Summer 2007)

- *Contemporary Ethical Theories*
- *Environmental Ethics*
- *Problems of Philosophy* (x2 Sessions)
- *Philosophy of Mind*
- *Killing vs. Letting Die* (Graduate)
- *Philosophy of Law*

Visiting Assistant Professor, *Auburn University*, Auburn, Alabama, (Fall 2004-Summer 2006):

- *Ethics and the Health Sciences* (x21 Sessions).

Course Director, *The University of Manitoba*, Winnipeg, Manitoba, (Summer 2004):

- *Ethics and the Environment* (x2 Sessions).

Course Director, *York University*, Toronto, Ontario, (Spring 2004):

- *The Meaning of Life* (at Atkinson College).

Course Director, *The University of Alberta*, Edmonton, Alberta, (Summer 1996):

- *Introduction to Philosophy* (x4 Sessions, Non-Credit, for Summer Youth University).

Teaching Assistance and Marking/Grading:

Teaching Assistant, *York University* (1998-2004):

- *Ethics* (x5)
- *Administration Ethics*
- *The Origins of Western Thought*
- *Applied Ethics* (x3)
- *The Meaning of Life*
- *Introduction to Philosophy* (x2.5)

Marker/Grader, *University of Alberta* (1996-8):

- *Bioethics*
- *Formal Logic* (x4)
- *Cyberphilosophy*
- *Environmental Ethics* (x2)
- *Informal Logic*
- *Philosophy of Mind*

- *Philosophy of Science*

REFEREEING

- Refereed for *Mind*; *Nous*; *Philosophical Quarterly*; *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*; *Inquiry*; *The Journal of Value Inquiry*; *Ethics, Place, and Environment*; *Transactions: An International Journal of Geographical Research*; *Dialogue*; *Environmental Politics*; *Philosophical Studies*; *Mind*; *The Ethics Forum*; *Between the Species*; *Review of Philosophy and Psychology*; *Res Philosophica*; *Ethics Policy and Environment*; *Journal of Philosophical Research*; *Erkenntnis*; *Social Theory and Practice*; Broadview Press; McGill Queen's University Press, and the Canadian Philosophical Association

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Canadian Philosophical Association
- American Philosophical Association
- Canadian Society for the Study of Practical Ethics (In 2007, a Conference Co-Chair)
- International Society for Environmental Ethics

LANGUAGES

- English (fluent knowledge) and French (reading knowledge)

CITIZENSHIP

- Canadian

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