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Education

- 1998-2003 University of Pennsylvania
Ph.D. Philosophy, August 2003
J.D. May 2002
Co-Supervisors: Stephen Perry and Samuel Freeman
Readers: Matthew Adler and Rahul Kumar
Dissertation: “The Morality of Risking: Normative Foundations of Risk Regulation”
- 1996-1998 New York University
M.A. Philosophy, May 1998
Supervisor: Frances Myrna Kamm
Reader: Liam Murphy
Thesis: “Justice as Impartiality: An Offer You Can’t (Reasonably) Refuse?”
- 1995-1996 Oxford University
Graduate in Philosophy, Balliol College
Supervisor: Joseph Raz
- 1991-1995 Middlebury College
B.A. Philosophy, May 1995
Supervisor: Stanley Bates
Thesis: “Legal Interpretation: The Problem of Determinacy in Legal Reasoning”
Study Abroad: Oxford University, Lady Margaret Hall, January-June 1994

Employment and Other Experience

- 2004-present Rutgers University School of Law – Camden, Camden, NJ
Associate Professor of Law, 2007-present
Assistant Professor of Law, 2004-2007
Associate Graduate Faculty, Rutgers-New Brunswick Department of Philosophy
Co-Director, Institute for Law and Philosophy, 2006-present
- 2005-2006 Princeton University, Princeton, NJ
Laurance S. Rockefeller Visiting Fellow, University Center for Human Values
Fellow, Program in Ethics and Public Affairs
- 2002-2004 Arnold & Porter LLP, Washington, D.C.
Associate, Legislative and Public Policy Practice Group

- 2001 Arnold & Porter LLP, Washington, D.C.
Summer Associate
- 2000-2002 University of Pennsylvania, Department of Philosophy, Philadelphia, PA
Teaching Assistant
- 2000-2001 American Journal of Bioethics, Philadelphia, PA
Managing Editor
- 2000 The Honorable Dolores K. Sloviter
United States Court of Appeals for the 3d Circuit, Philadelphia, PA
Summer Judicial Intern
- 1996-1998 New York University, Department of Philosophy, New York, NY
Teaching Assistant
- 1996-1997 New York Civil Rights Coalition, New York, NY
Volunteer Teacher
- 1995-1996 Oxford University Civil Liberties Society, Oxford, UK
Co-President
- 1993 & 1994 Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, D.C.
Summer Researcher

Academic Honors

- 2005-2006 Laurence S. Rockefeller Visiting Fellowship in the University Center for Human Values at Princeton University
- 2005-2006 Fellow in the Program in Ethics and Public Affairs at Princeton University
- 2002 Fred G. Leebron Memorial Prize in Constitutional Law, conferred on the graduating law student “who has written the best paper in the field of constitutional law.”
- 2001 Penn Prize for Excellence in Teaching by Graduate Students
- 2000-2002 Associate and Senior Editor, *University of Pennsylvania Journal of Constitutional Law*
- 1998-2002 University of Pennsylvania Law and Philosophy Joint-Degree Fellowship
- 1996-1998 New York University Department of Philosophy Master’s degree scholarship
- 1995 John T. Andrews Prize in Philosophy, conferred on the College senior “who, in the judgement of the Department, is the best philosopher among his/her peers.”
- 1995 High Honors in Philosophy for thesis, “Legal Interpretation: The Problem of Determinacy in Legal Reasoning”

1995 First Prize Paper, “How Foolish is the Foole? Hobbes and Gauthier on Compliance,” at Tufts University’s New England Undergraduate Philosophy Conference

Publications

Arguing About Law, Routledge (forthcoming 2008) (co-edited with Aileen Kavanagh)

“Philosophical Issues in Tort Law,” 3 *Philosophy Compass* (forthcoming 2008)

“What’s Wrong with Infringements (Insofar as Infringements are Not Wrong): A Reply,” 27 *Law and Philosophy* __ (2008)

“Specifying Rights Out of Necessity,” 28 *Oxford Journal of Legal Studies* 127 (2008)

“Culpability and the Definition of Deontological Constraints,” 27 *Law and Philosophy* 105 (2008)

“Moral Evaluation and Conceptual Analysis in Jurisprudential Methodology,” in Michael Freeman and Ross Harrison (eds.) *Current Legal Issues: Law and Philosophy* (Oxford University Press, 2007) (with Dennis Patterson)

Review of *Law and Risk*, Law Commission of Canada (ed.), 44 *Osgoode Hall Law Journal* 590 (2006)

“The Ethics in Risk Regulation: Towards a Contractualist Re-Orientation,” 36 *Rutgers Law Journal* 199 (2004)

“Lost in Moral Space: On the Infringing/Violating Distinction and its Place in the Theory of Rights,” 23 *Law and Philosophy* 325 (2004)

“Reasons, Motivation, and Sexism: Commentary on Robertson’s ‘Preconception Sex Selection,’” 1 *The American Journal of Bioethics* 38 (2001)

Presentations

“Choice, Value, and the Perfection of Distributive Justice”

Presented at the *Analytic Legal Philosophy Conference, Yale Law School*, April 11, 2008

“Specifying Rights Out of Necessity”

Presented at *Vanderbilt University Law School*, February 6, 2007

Presented at the *University of Illinois College of Law*, December 7, 2006

“The New Methodology Debate”

Presented (with Dennis Patterson) at *University College London conference Law and Philosophy*, July 3, 2006

“Towards a Right Against Risking”

Presented at the *Rutgers Institute for Law and Philosophy conference The Boundaries of Rights and Responsibilities in Morality and Law*, May 22, 2006

“Necessity, Compensation, and the Nature of Property Rights: What Wrong with *Vincent v. Lake Erie*”
Presented at *Seton Hall Law School*, October 10, 2005

“The Moral Significance of Risking”
Presented at the *University Center for Human Values Fellows Seminar, Princeton University*,
September 28, 2005

“When is a Bystander Just a Bystander?”
Presented at the *Society for Applied Philosophy International Congress 2005 conference Applied
Philosophy 25 Years On: Problems and Prospects*, St. Anne’s College, Oxford, England, July 2,
2005, commenting on Claire Valier’s “Responsibility in Legal and Moral Philosophy”

“Principled Risk Regulation and Shared Aims of Living”
Presented at the *University of Pennsylvania Institute for Law and Philosophy symposium Risk and the
Law*, March 19, 2005

“Constraints, Culpability, and Justification”
Presented at the *Rutgers Institute for Law and Philosophy conference Justifications and Excuses: Legal
and Philosophical Perspectives*, May 18, 2004, commenting on Michael S. Moore’s “When We May
Balance Evils”

“Towards an Irresponsible Theory of Distributive Justice”
Presented at the Eastern Division meeting of the *American Philosophical Association*, Washington,
D.C., December 30, 2003. Anita Silvers, San Francisco State University, commentator; David Crocker,
University of Maryland, moderator
Presented at the *Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference: Law and Social Justice*, Moscow, ID, April
6, 2002. Mark Alfino, Gonzaga University, commentator

Work-in-Progress

“Towards a Right Against Risking” (under review)

“The Moral Significance of Risking”

“Choice, Value, and the Perfection of Distributive Justice”

“Risk and Intrapersonal Aggregation: On the Foundations of Non-Consequentialist Risk Regulation”

“Principles and Probabilities: A Contractualist Defense of Risk Imposition” (with Rahul Kumar)

“Contractualism without Constructivism: Personal Reasons and their Independent Moral Significance”

Conferences and Symposia

13th Annual Analytic Legal Philosophy Conference, April 11-12, Yale Law School, New Haven, CT
(presenter)

Rutgers Institute for Law and Philosophy conference *F. M. Kamm's Intricate Ethics*, February 22-23, Camden, NJ (co-organizer)

New York University Law School conference *The 50th Anniversary of the Hart-Fuller Debate*, February 1-2, 2008

Law and Philosophy Institutes Consortium roundtable *The Reasonable*, November 2-3, 2007, Manchester, VT (co-organizer)

Rutgers Institute for Law and Philosophy conference *Global Justice*, May 5, 2007, Camden, NJ (co-organizer)

12th Annual Analytic Legal Philosophy Conference, April 13-14, 2007, University of California, Berkeley School of Law – Boalt Hall, Berkeley, CA (invited)

Law and Philosophy Institutes Consortium roundtable *The Relation Among Retributive, Distributive, and Corrective Justice*, March 30-31, 2007, Boerne, TX (invited)

University of Pennsylvania Program in Philosophy, Politics and Economics conference *Justice and the Social Contract*, March 24, 2007, Philadelphia, PA (panel chair)

University of Illinois College of Law Program in Law and Philosophy roundtable *Causation and Responsibility*, November 3-4, 2006, Mt. Hood, OR (invited)

University College London conference *Law and Philosophy*, July 3-4, 2006, London, England (presenter)

Rutgers Institute for Law and Philosophy conference *The Boundaries of Rights and Responsibilities in Morality and Law*, May 21-23, 2006, Philadelphia, PA (co-organizer and presenter)

11th Annual Analytic Legal Philosophy Conference, April 7-8, 2006, UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, CA (invited)

Law and Philosophy Institutes Consortium roundtable *Intention and Responsibility*, January 20-21, 2006, Death Valley, CA (invited)

Society for Applied Philosophy International Congress 2005 conference *Applied Philosophy 25 Years On: Problems and Prospects*, July 1-3, 2005, St. Anne's College, Oxford, England (panel chair and commentator)

Rutgers Institute for Law and Philosophy conference *The Challenge of Philosophical Naturalism*, June 7, 2005, Camden, NJ (co-organizer and panel chair)

XXII World Congress of Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy conference *Law and Justice in a Global Society*, May 24-29, 2005, Grenada, Spain

10th Annual Analytic Legal Philosophy Conference, April 8-9, 2005, University of Texas-Austin School of Law, Austin, TX (invited)

University of Pennsylvania Institute for Law and Philosophy symposium *Risk and the Law*, March 18-19, 2005, Philadelphia, PA (presenter)

University of Pennsylvania Institute for Law and Philosophy symposium *Kant and the Law*, September 10, 2004, Philadelphia, PA (invited)

Rutgers Institute for Law and Philosophy conference *Justifications and Excuses: Legal and Philosophical Perspectives*, May 17-18, 2004, Camden, NJ (commentator)

University of Illinois College of Law Program in Law and Philosophy roundtable *Liberty*, May 7-8, 2004, Champaign, IL (invited)

American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Meeting, December 27-30, 2003, Washington, D.C. (presenter)

Rawls and the Law, November 7-8, 2003, Fordham University School of Law, New York, NY

Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference: Law and Social Justice, April 5-7, 2002, University of Idaho, Moscow, ID (presenter)

Professional Service and Memberships

New Jersey Bar. Tort law expert writing model torts answer for the state Bar Exam, July 2005-present.

American Association of Law Schools. Committee on Jurisprudence, 2006-present (Chair, 2008). Committee on Scholarship, 2004-present (Chair-Elect, 2008).

Rutgers University School of Law-Camden. Committee on Speakers, 2004-present.

Rutgers University School of Law-Camden. National Moot Court Team Faculty Advisor, 2006.

Referee, *Law and Philosophy* (2004-present), *Legal Theory* (2005-present), *Routledge* (2007-present).

Philamore Moral and Political Philosophy Reading Group, 2005-present.

District of Columbia Bar. Member (inactive status), 2003-present.

Pennsylvania Bar. Member (inactive status), 2002-present.