

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)
Elected Member, American Academy of Arts & Sciences, 1989-
Fellow, Centre for Advanced Study, Oslo, Norway, spring 1996
Quinn Prize, American Philosophical Association, 2012
Honorary President, American Committee of the Philosophy Summer School in
China, 2013
Honorary Degree: Doctor of Letters, University of Cambridge, June 2015
Honorary Degree: Doctor of Laws, Harvard University, May 2016
Elected Corresponding Fellow, British Academy, 2016-
Elected Member, American Philosophical Society, 2019-

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 University, fall 2010

Professional Activities:

American Philosophical Association:
Chair, Board of Officers, 2002-2004

Professional Activities (cont.):

American Philosophical Association (cont.):

Eastern Division:

Member, Program Committee, 1965
 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, February 13, 1979

Thomas E. Sunderland Fellow, University of Michigan Law School, February
 17-20, 1986

Participant in Conference on Freedom and Justice, USSR Academy of
 Sciences, Moscow, Russia, September 27 - October 5, 1986

Tanner Symposiast, University of Michigan, November 8, 1986

North Carolina State University Centennial Lecture, February 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

Special Lectures (cont.):

"Goodness and Utilitarianism," Presidential Address, American Philosophical Association, 1994
 Hagerstrom Lectures, University of Uppsala, Sweden, April 1996
 Address to the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters, February 1996.
 Participation in Symposium at University College, London, May 1996
 Fifth Annual McGill Lecture in Jurisprudence and Public Policy, McGill University Law School, Canada, 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, New York University, March 2000: "Doctor-Assisted Suicide: Some Moral Issues"
 Mala Kamm Lecture, "Reasons for Action" New York University, March 2000
 Carus Lectures, American Philosophical Association, April 2003
 Parcells Memorial Lecture (w/Gilbert Harman), University of Connecticut, October 2003
 David Norton Lecture, University of Delaware, May 2004
 Shearman Lectures, University College, London, May 2004
 Howison Lecture, University of California, Berkeley, April 4, 2005
 Masters' Philosophy Program, University of Barcelona, Spain, October, 2010
 Brandeis University: Graduate Student Philosophy Conference, April 2011
 Harvard Review of Philosophy Lecture, April 2012
 Dewey Lecture, American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, December 2012
 Routledge Lecture, University of Cambridge, June 2015
 Inaugural Lecture, Annual Lectures in Honor of Ruth Barcan Marcus, "Modus Ponens et Alia", Yale University, October 2018

Publications: Books

Acts and Other Events, Cornell University Press, 1977
Rights, Restitution, and Risk (reprints starred published articles, with Afterword), Harvard University Press 1986
 (edited) On Being and Saying, Essays for Richard Cartwright, MIT Press, 1987
The Realm of Rights, Harvard University Press, 1990
 (with Gilbert Harman) Moral Relativism and Moral Objectivity, Blackwell's, 1996
Goodness and Advice, Princeton University Press, 2001
 (with Alex Byrne, eds., for Robert Stalnaker) Content and Modality, Oxford University Press, 2006
Normativity, Open Court Publishing, 2008

Publications: Articles

"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

Publications: Articles (cont.)

- "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
 Gnassounou, Action, raison et délibération
- "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
 (with Sandalow) "On Full-Time Non-Tenure-Track Appointments," AAUP Bulletin 1978

Publications: Articles (cont.)

- *"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
- "Feinberg on Harm, Offense, and the Criminal Law: A Review Essay," Philosophy & Public Affairs, 1986
- "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
- "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," (American Philosophical Association, Presidential Address) published in 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
- "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

Publications: Articles (cont.)

- (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
- "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
- "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
- "More on the Metaphysics of Harm," Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, December 2010
- "Reply to Critics," in symposium on Normativity, in Philosophical Studies, May 2011
- "How it Was," Dewey Lecture, American Philosophical Journal, reprinted in Steve Cahn (ed.) Portraits of American Philosophy, 2013
Also reprinted in Cahn vol.: memorial to Ruth Barcan Marcus, 2012
- "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.