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Curriculum Vitae

The University of Chicago
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Education

1971-1973 and 1974-1976	Harvard College, B.A. 1976 Major: History and Literature
1978-1985	Harvard University, Ph.D. 1985 Field: Philosophy
1982-1983	Freie Universität Berlin Field: Philosophy

Academic Employment

Professor of Philosophy, University of Chicago, July 2010-present
Visiting Scholar, National Institutes of Health, January-June 2018
Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of Chicago, October 1993–June 2010
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of Chicago October 1985–September 1993

Areas of Specialization

Political Philosophy, Bioethics, History of Political Philosophy, Philosophy and
Literature

Areas of Competence

Ethics, Philosophy of Religion, Philosophy of Law

Publications

Book

Marx's Attempt to Leave Philosophy, Harvard University Press, 1998; Chinese
translation, China Renmin University Press, 2019

John Rawls and Karl Marx: Distributive Principles and Conceptions of the Person, published in Chinese, Shanghai People's Publishing House, 2017, second edition with three additional essays 2025.

Other Publications

- "On Literary Possibility," in Garry Hagberg ed., *Fictional Worlds and Philosophical Psychology*, Palgrave Macmillan, forthcoming 2025
- "Substituted Judgment and The Paradigm Case Mistake," *American Journal of Bioethics*, target article, February 2025
- "The *Theory* Rawls, the 1844 Marx, and the Market," in Paul Weithman ed., *Rawls's A Theory of Justice at 50*, Cambridge University Press, 2023
- "*Nostramo* and Negative Longing," *Philosophy and Literature*, vol. 46, no. 2, 2022
- "Decisional Capacity: Two Philosophical Problems," *The Journal of Clinical Ethics*, vol. 33, no. 4, 2022
- "On Productivity Holism," *European Journal of Philosophy*, vol. 30, no. 3, 2022
- "A Less Perfect Union," *Perspectives in Biology and Medicine*, Fall 2020
- "Concepts at the Bedside: Variations on the Theme of Autonomy," *Perspectives in Biology and Medicine*, Spring 2019
- "Changing the Question," *Hastings Center Report*, vol. 49, no. 2, March-April, 2019
- "Practical Wisdom, Rules, and the Parent/Pediatrician Conversation," *Pediatrics*, Supplement 3, November 2018; reprinted in John D. Lantos ed., *The Ethics of Shared Decision Making*, Oxford University Press, 2021
- "Two Marxian Themes: The Alienation of Labour and the Linkage Thesis," in Jan Kandiyali ed., *Reassessing Marx's Social and Political Philosophy: Freedom, Capitalism, and Human Flourishing*, Routledge, 2018; Chinese translation, *Fudan Political Philosophy Review*, forthcoming, 2023
- "The Different Moral Bases of Patient and Surrogate Decision-Making," *Hastings Center Report*, January-February 2018
- "The Breadth of Moral Character," in Garry Hagberg ed., *Fictional Characters, Real Problems: Essays on the Ethical Content of Literature*, Oxford University Press, 2016

- “Comment on Joseph Fishkin, *Bottlenecks*,” *Review Journal of Political Philosophy*, vol. 12, 2015
- “A Justified Asymmetry” (with Mark Siegler), *The Journal of Clinical Ethics*, vol. 26, no. 2, 2015
- “Comment: Patients, Doctors, and the Good Life (for the Patient)” *Journal of Medical Ethics*, 2015
- “Preparation for Proper Perception,” in Michael Quante and Amir Mohseni eds., *Die Linken Hegelianer: Studien zum Verhältnis von Religion und Politik im Vormärz*, Wilhelm Fink Verlag, 2015
- “‘Pregnancy is Not a Disease’: Conscientious Refusal and the Argument from Concepts,” *Hastings Center Report*, Sept-Oct 2014
- “The Young Marx and the Middle-Aged Rawls,” in Jon Mandle and David Reidy, eds., *A Companion to Rawls*, Wiley-Blackwell, 2014; published in German as “Der junge Marx und der mittlere Rawls,” in Rahel Jaeggi and Daniel Loick eds., *Nach Marx - Philosophie, Kritik, Praxis*, Suhrkamp, 2013
- “Two Types of Civic Friendship,” *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, vol. 16, no. 4, 2013
- “Two Differences Between Law and Literature,” in Martha Nussbaum and Richard Strier eds., *Shakespeare and the Law*, University of Chicago Press, 2013
- “Nineteenth Century Ideals: Self-Culture and the Religion of Humanity,” in Allen W. Wood and Songsuk Susan Hahn eds., *The Cambridge History of Philosophy in the 19th Century*, Cambridge University Press, 2012
- “Agency and Authenticity: Which Value Grounds Patient Choice?” (with John Lantos), *Theoretical Medicine and Bioethics*, vol. 32, no. 4, 2011
- “Comment on Miller and Truog,” *American Philosophical Association online Newsletter: Philosophy and Medicine*, vol. 10, no. 1, Fall 2010
- “Styles of Self-Absorption,” in G. Hagberg and W. Jost eds., *A Companion to the Philosophy of Literature*, Wiley-Blackwell, 2010
- “Marx’ Neuer Mensch,” in German in C. Zurn and H. Schmidt am Busch eds., *Anerkennung*, Akademie Verlag, 2009; published in English as “Producing for Others,” in C. Zurn and H. Schmidt am Busch eds., *The Philosophy of Recognition: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives*, Rowman and Littlefield, 2010

- “Losing Dignity: Review of *Human Dignity and Bioethics: Essays Commissioned by the President’s Council on Bioethics*,” *Perspectives in Biology and Medicine*, Summer 2009
- “The Real Me?” Reply to Critics, *Hastings Center Report*, July-August 2009
- “Choosing for Another: Beyond Autonomy and Best Interests,” *Hastings Center Report*, vol. 39, no. 2, March-April 2009; published simultaneously in *Asian Bioethics Review*, vol. 1, no. 1, 2009
- “Grand Ideals: Mill’s Two Perfectionisms,” *History of Political Thought*, vol. 29, no. 3, Autumn 2008
- “Just Deserts?” Reply to Critics, *Hastings Center Report*, May-June 2007
- “Are Alcoholics Less Deserving of Liver Transplants?” *Hastings Center Report*, January-February 2007, reprinted in J. Parks and Victoria Wilke eds., *Bioethics in a Changing World*, Pearson 2009
- “On Noncoercive Establishment,” *Political Theory*, vol. 33, no. 6, December 2005
- “Marlow’s Morality,” *Philosophy and Literature*, vol. 27, no. 2, October 2003
- “Justification and Radicalism in the 1844 Marx: A Response to Professor Abbey,” *Political Theory*, vol. 30, no. 1, February 2002
- “Justifying a Conception of the Good Life: The Problem of the 1844 Marx,” *Political Theory*, vol. 29, no. 3, June 2001; published in German as “Zur Rechtfertigung einer Konzeption des guten Lebens beim frühen Marx,” *Deutsche Zeitschrift für Philosophie*, no. 3, 2002
- “Lord Jim and Moral Judgment: Literature and Moral Philosophy,” *The Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism*, vol. 56, no. 3, Summer 1998
- “Community and Completion,” in A. Reath, B. Herman, C. Korsgaard eds., *Reclaiming the History of Ethics: Essays for John Rawls*, Cambridge University Press, 1997; published in German as “Gemeinschaft als Ergänzung,” *Deutsche Zeitschrift für Philosophie*, vol. 58, no. 2, 2010.
- “Two Links of Law and Morality,” *Ethics*, vol. 103, no. 2, January 1993
- “Hypothetical Consent and Moral Force,” *Law and Philosophy*, vol. 10, no. 3, 1991
- “Knowledge and Silence: *The Golden Bowl* and Moral Philosophy,” *Critical Inquiry*, vol. 16, no. 2, Winter 1990

Edited Volumes

Theoretical Medicine & Bioethics, vol. 37, no. 4, August 2016, special issue on human rights and health care

With John Lantos, *The Child's Best Interest and the Interests of Others*, *Pediatrics*, vol. 134, October 2014, Supplement 2

Work in Progress

"Affirmation and Aversion: Rawls and Rousseau"

"Fantasy, Acknowledgment, Ideal"

"Notes on Literary Believability"

"On Trust at the Bedside"

Concepts at the Bedside

Editorial Positions

Associate Editor, *Theoretical Medicine and Bioethics*

Editorial Board, *Perspectives in Biology and Medicine*, 2020-2024

Associate Editor, *Ethics*, 1997-2010

Editorial Board, *Ethics*, 2010-2023

Awards

Endowed Lectureship in Critical Care Ethics and Decision Making, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, April 2018

Quantrell Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, 2014

University of Chicago, Franke Institute Fellowship, 2001-2002

University of Chicago Humanities Center Fellowship, Winter 1992

NEH Summer Stipend, 1989

University of Chicago Junior Faculty Summer Fellowship, 1988

George Plimpton Adams Dissertation Prize in Philosophy (Harvard), 1986

Charlotte Newcombe Dissertation Fellowship, 1984-85

Fulbright Fellowship, 1982-83

Sheldon Traveling Fellowship, 1982-83

Grants

Franke Institute for the Humanities Conference Grant, 2014, for symposium "Is Health Care a Human Right?" October 10, 11, 2014

Neubauer Family Collegium for Culture and Society Grant: "Health and Human Rights in the Humanities: Building Capacity with Human Rights Principles," 2013-14

Languages

German and French

Talks and Conferences 2015-2025

Invited participation in workshop, “Personhood and Equal Justice,” Los Altos Hills, California, February 28, 2025

“A Problem with Substituted Judgement,” Bioethics Grand Rounds, University of Rochester Medical Center, January 29, 2025.

“Dignity at the Bedside or the Dualism of Medical Reason,” invited lecture at the Humanities Center-Paul M Schyve MD Center for Bioethics Collaborative Workshop in the Humanities, University of Rochester, January 29, 2025.

Invited participation in workshop, “Supported Decision-Making in Clinical Research,” National Institutes of Health, Washington, D.C., April 17 and 18, 2024.

“On Pediatric Medical Assent via Remarks on the Moral Fragility of the Patient Choice Model,” invited lecture for MacLean Center Interdisciplinary Faculty Seminar Series, University of Chicago Hospitals, February 28, 2024

“Accommodation, Abortion, and Expressive Harm,” lecture at the 35th Annual Dorothy J. MacLean Clinical Medical Ethics Conference, Chicago, October 27-28, 2023

“Medical Assent and the Elements of Practical Reason at the Bedside,” invited lecture, “Devos Medical Ethics Colloquy,” Grand Rapids, September 18, 2023

“Must Clinicians Be Philosophers?” invited lecture for the 34nd Annual Dorothy J. MacLean Clinical Medical Ethics Conference, Chicago, November, 11-12, 2022

“Speculations on a Species of Political Possibility,” invited talk for conference, “*Evil in Modern Thought* at Twenty,” New Brunswick, NJ, September 30-Oct. 2, 2022

“Decisional Capacity and Practical Reason,” invited talk at Workshop in Philosophical Bioethics, May 19-20, 2022, Baylor College of Medicine

“Who Decides? Medical Decision-Making and Individual Choice” (with Lainie Ross), Dean’s Salon, The University of Chicago, February 8, 2022

“Coercion at the Bedside?” invited lecture for the 33nd Annual Dorothy J. MacLean Clinical Medical Ethics Conference, Chicago, November, 12-13, 2021

“Unforgetting,” Comment on Susan Neiman, *Learning from the Germans*, American Philosophical Association, Central Division, Chicago, February 25, 2021

“Philosophy at the Bedside?” invited lecture for the 32nd Annual Dorothy J. MacLean Clinical Medical Ethics Conference, Chicago, November, 13-14, 2020

Invited Panel Member for Children’s Mercy Hospital Webinar, “Session 5: Morale and Moral Psychology During the COVID Pandemic,” May 4, 2020

“Practical Reason at the Bedside?” invited lecture for the 31st Annual Dorothy J. MacLean Clinical Medical Ethics Conference, Chicago, November, 8-9, 2019

“Contemning Contempt,” paper delivered at conference “Dignity, Democracy, Diversity,” University of Lucerne, Switzerland, July 7-13, 2019

“Political Philosophy at the Bedside,” invited lecture, Workshop in Philosophical Bioethics, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, June 27-28 2019

Invited comment at Workshop on Mathias Risse’s book manuscript *On Justice*, Cambridge MA, June 10, 2019

“Moral Philosophy at the Bedside: Three Questions in Clinical Medical Ethics,” invited lecture, Coastal Carolina University, Conway, South Carolina, March 28, 2019

“Variations on the Theme of Autonomy,” invited lecture at the Bucksbaum Institute for Clinical Excellence, The University of Chicago Hospitals, February 28, 2019

“Should Physicians Ever Challenge Patients’ Values?” invited lecture, University of California, San Diego, February 20, 2019

“How Should Clinicians Handle a Conflict Between the Patient’s and the Surrogate’s Decisions?” invited lecture at Ethics Grand Rounds, National Institutes for Health, February 6, 2019

“Concepts at the Bedside,” invited lecture to the Scholars in Ethics and Medicine program, The University of Chicago, January 31, 2019

“Changing the Question,” invited lecture for the 30th Annual Dorothy J. MacLean Clinical Medical Ethics Conference, Chicago, November, 9-10, 2018

“What is the Value of Substituted Judgment?” Grand Rounds Lecture, at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, April 18, 2018

“Moral Concepts at the Bedside,” invited lecture at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, April 17, 2018

“Concepts at the Bedside,” American Philosophical Association, Central Division, conference, February 21-24, 2018, Chicago, Illinois

“Practical Wisdom, Rules, Conversation,” invited lecture for the 29th Annual Dorothy J. MacLean Clinical Medical Ethics Conference, Chicago, November, 10-11, 2017

“Whose Shared Interests Should We Consider When We Make Shared Decisions?” Invited lecture for “Intensive Workshop on Shared Decision Making in Pediatrics,” Children’s Mercy Center for Bioethics, October 18, 2017

“Distributive Principles and Social Pathologies,” invited lecture for conference, “Values in a Changing World,” International Forum for Value Inquiry, Macerata, Italy, July 13-14, 2017

“The Moral Basis and Expressive Role of Distributive Principles,” all day invited workshop on my current project in political philosophy, Humboldt University, Berlin, May 17, 2017

“The Philosophical Bases for Refusing Life-Saving Treatment: Moral Concepts and Clinical Practice,” invited public lecture, Ca’ Foscari University, Venice, Italy, May 11, 2017

“Marx’s Attempt to Leave Philosophy,” invited discussion of my book of that title, Ca’ Foscari University, Venice, Italy, May 9, 2017

“Unyielding Contradictions or Productive Tensions: A Response to Bell’s Crisis of Liberalism,” Southern Political Science Association conference, New Orleans, January 11-14, 2017

“Making Sense of Surrogacy,” invited lecture for the 28th Annual Dorothy J. MacLean Clinical Medical Ethics Conference, Chicago, November, 11-12, 2016

“Why Do We Need Distributive Principles?” invited lecture for conference, “Philosophy and the Modern Time,” School of Philosophy, Fudan University, Shanghai, October 27-28, 2016

“21st Century Marxian Political Philosophy,” invited lecture delivered at Fudan University, Shanghai, October 25, 2016

“Justice at Work,” co-organized conference at University of Chicago, October 14, 15, 2016

“*Nostramo* and the Longing for Socialism,” invited presentation for symposium on “Poiesis, Praxis and Theoria,” Ames, Iowa, June 6-8, 2016

“Making Sense of Surrogate Decision-Making in Medical Contexts,” invited lecture and invited workshop presentation, the University of Lucerne, Lucerne, Switzerland, April 20-21, 2016

“The Free Development of Each: Competing Visions of the Good Society,” invited lecture at the conference “Der aufrechte Gang im windschiefen Kapitalismus,” Weimar, Germany, January 7-10, 2016

“Joint Deliberation as a Patient/Doctor Ideal,” invited lecture for the 27th Annual Dorothy J. MacLean Clinical Medical Ethics Conference, Chicago, November, 13-14, 2015

“Choosing a Conception of the Person,” plenary lecture at the conference, “Values in a Changing World,” Beijing, June 5-7, 2015

“Choosing a Conception of the Person,” invited lecture, University of Amsterdam, April 22, 2015

“Modernizing Marx,” invited lecture, University of Amsterdam, April 21, 2015

“Pregnancy is Not a Disease,” invited lecture to hospital staff, Children’s Mercy Hospital Kansas City, February 24, 2015

“Pregnancy is Not a Disease,” webinar presentation, Children’s Mercy Hospital, Kansas City, February 24, 2015

“Democratic Legitimacy and End-of-Life Decision-Making,” invited lecture for MacLean Center Interdisciplinary Faculty Seminar Series, University of Chicago Hospitals, February 18, 2015

“The Social Contract Tradition,” invited public lecture for the University of Chicago Graham School, “Works of the Mind” series, Chicago, February 8, 2015

“Defending Dependence,” Southern Political Science Association conference, New Orleans, January 15-17, 2015