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EDUCATION

Duke University, Durham, North Carolina;
J.D. 1985, with honors; Order of the Coif; Article Editor, *Duke Law Journal*

University of California, Berkeley, California
Ph.D. 1982, in Philosophy. Committee: Bruce Vermazen, Samuel Scheffler, Philip Selznick

Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio
B.A. 1972, in Philosophy and Religion

PUBLICATIONS: Books

[Socialism for Soloists](#)

Cambridge: Polity Press (2021). Reviews: ALB, Socialist Party of Great Britain, <https://www.worldsocialism.org/spgb/socialist-standard/2020s/2021/no-1406-october-2021/book-reviews-152/> (Oct. 1, 2021); Matt McManus, “If You Like Democracy, You Should Oppose Capitalism,” *Jacobin* (April 18, 2021), <https://jacobinmag.com/2022/04/john-rawls-william-edmundson-socialism-for-soloists-review/>

[John Rawls: Reticent Socialist](#)

Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2017; paperback ed. 2018. Reviews: Paul Weithman, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* [2019.03.31](#); Lea Ypi, “The Politics of Reticent Socialism,” *Catalyst* [2\(3\): 157–75 \(2018\)](#); Ed Quish, “John Rawls, Socialist?” *Jacobin* ([August 22, 2018](#)); *The Bruenigs* podcast, “[Socialism Semantics and the Bruenig Book Canon](#)” (at 47:00–49:47); Nick Cowen, in *The Review of Politics* [81\(3\): 521–24 \(2019\)](#); Interview with Robert Talisse, *New Books Network* <https://newbooksnetwork.com/william-a-edmundson-john-rawls-reticent-socialist-cambridge-up-2017/>; Book Symposium, *Ethical Perspectives* [26\(2\): 323–84 \(2019\)](#); Tim Sommers, “John Rawls: Philosopher,” *3 Quarks Daily* (Sept. 9, 2019); Lea Ypi, “Does John Rawls’s Theory of Justice Require Socialism?” [Jacobin Stay-at-Home Podcast #38](#) (at 49:44; May 8, 2020); Matthew Adams, “Rawls: Reticent Socialist,” *The Philosophical Quarterly*, 2020;, pqa066, <https://doi.org/10.1093/pq/pqa066>; S. B. Schoonover (2019) *Journal of Human Development and Capabilities*, 20:4, 486–88, DOI: [10.1080/19452829.2019.1600789](https://doi.org/10.1080/19452829.2019.1600789); Christopher James Wolfe, *National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly*, 20(4): 844–45 (2020) <https://doi.org/10.5840/ncbq202020474>

[An Introduction to Rights](#)

Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2d ed. 2012, Portuguese ed., *Uma introdução aos direitos*, E. Ferreira E Silva & N. Eichemburg, trans. São Paulo: Martins Fontes, 2006; Chinese ed. 2024. 1st English-language ed., 2004. Chapter 8 of 1st ed. reprinted as “A Right to Do Wrong? Two Conceptions of Moral Rights” in B. Bix and H. Spector, eds. *Rights: Concepts and Contexts* pp. 203–12. Aldershot, UK: Ashgate Publishing. Reviews: Derrick Darby, *Ethics* 115(4): 812–16 (July 2005); Kenneth Einar Himma, *Law and*

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Politics Book Review 14(9): 711–15 (September 2004) <http://lawcourts.org/LPBR/reviews/edmundson904.htm>

The Blackwell Guide to the Philosophy of Law and Legal Theory, co-edited with Martin P. Golding
Oxford: Blackwell, 2004 (with my “Introduction” and “Privacy” chapter)

The Duty to Obey the Law: Selected Philosophical Readings
Lanham, Md.: Rowman & Littlefield, 1999 (edited, with my “Introduction”)

Three Anarchical Fallacies: An Essay on Political Authority
Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1998, paperback ed. 2007. Reviews: Kristjan Kristjansson, in *Mind*; Saladin Meckled-Garcia, in *Political Studies*; Richard Dagger, in *Law and Philosophy*; Robert F. Ladenson, in *Ethics*; Ib Martin Jarvad, in *The European Legacy*; George Klosko, in *The Review of Politics*; Laurence B. Solum, on the *Legal Theory Blog*; Patrick Coby, in *Choice*. A *Choice* “Outstanding Academic Book” for 1999

PUBLICATIONS: Articles, Chapters, Comments, and Essays

Abraham Lincoln as Political Philosopher
Oxford Studies in Political Philosophy, vol. 9, S. Wall and D. Sobel, eds. (forthcoming 2023)

Political Equality, Epistocracy, and Expensive Tastes
Lua Nova: Revista de Cultura e Política 117: 55–70 (2022) <https://www.scielo.br/j/ln/a/mPY4LpkDQLLqqvCsFXtPPfn/?lang=en>

“In Such Ways as Promise Some Success”
The Harvard Review of Philosophy, volume XXVIII (online Sept. 10, 2021) <https://doi.org/10.5840/harvardreview20219738>

What Are “The Means of Production”?
The Journal of Political Philosophy 28(4): 421–37 (December 2020) [DOI:10.1111/jopp.12211](https://doi.org/10.1111/jopp.12211)

What Is the Argument for the Fair Value of Political Liberty?
Social Theory and Practice 46(1): 497–514 (July 2020)

Tolerating the Conditionally Tolerant: The Uneasy Case of Salvation Religions.
Democratic Theory 7(1): 85–97 (July 2020)(earlier published as *Charlie Hebdo Meets Utility Monster*)

The Choice of a Social System,
In the Symposium on Samuel Freeman’s *Liberalism and Distributive Justice*. *Philosophy and Public Issues/Filosofia e questioni pubbliche* 10(1), 2020. <http://fqp.luiss.it/category/numero/ns-vol-10-no-1-2020-§-liberalism-and-social-justice-ed-by-ingrid-salvatore/>

The Property Question.
Public Affairs Quarterly 34(1): 1–25 (January 2020)

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Précis of *John Rawls: Reticent Socialist* and Replies to Commentators.
Ethical Perspectives 26(2): 323–27, 371–84 (2019) DOI: [10.2143/EP.26.2.3286753](https://doi.org/10.2143/EP.26.2.3286753) and DOI: [10.2143/EP.26.2.3286762](https://doi.org/10.2143/EP.26.2.3286762)

John Rawls and the New Left.
Platypus Review 111 (Nov. 2, 2018). <https://platypus1917.org/2018/11/02/john-rawls-and-the-new-left-an-interview-with-bill-edmundson/> (Interview by Ethan Linehan)

The Philosophical Case for Socialism.
Prospect (Oct. 19, 2018). <https://www.prospectmagazine.co.uk/philosophy/the-philosophical-case-for-socialism>

Neoliberalism versus Distributional Autonomy: The Skipped Step in Rawls's The Law of Peoples.
Co-authored with Matthew R. Schrepfer. *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* (Oct. 17, 2018) DOI: [10.1080/00455091.2018.1523038](https://doi.org/10.1080/00455091.2018.1523038)

Precedent and United States Administrative Law/Precedens i amerykańskie prawo administracyjne.
Studia Iuridica Lublinensia 27(1): 69–74 (2018)

Moral Education and the Ethics of Consent,
In Peter Schaber and Andreas Müller, eds., *The Routledge Handbook of the Ethics of Consent* (Taylor & Francis, 2018)

Distributive Justice and Distributed Obligations.
The Journal of Moral Philosophy (2018) 15: 1–19. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1163/17455243-46810065>

Political Political Theory Theory.
Co-authored with Jeremy D. Farris. *Constitutional Commentary* 32(2): 493–511 (2017) (review essay on Jeremy Waldron, *Political Political Theory*) <http://hdl.handle.net/11299/188982>

Coercion, Stability, and Indoctrination in the Pejorative Sense.
Jurispudence 7(3): 540–56 (December 2016). <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/20403313.2016.1236893>

Charlie Hebdo Meets Utility Monster
(January 7, 2016, *The Critique*, <http://www.thecritique.com>)

Do Animals Need Citizenship?
I•CON: International Journal of Constitutional Law 13(3): 749–65 (2015)

Claus on Law's Evolution and Law as Custom.
51 *University of San Diego Law Review* 875–92 (2014) with reply by Laurence Claus.

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Ought We to Do What We Ought to be Made to Do?
In Georgios Pavlakos and Veronica Rodriguez-Blanco, eds., *Practical Normativity. Essays on Reasons and Intentions in Law and Practical Reason* (Cambridge 2015), pp. 176–204

Do Animals Need Rights?
The Journal of Political Philosophy 23(3): 345–60 (2015)(advance view: [doi:10.1111/jopp.12042](https://doi.org/10.1111/jopp.12042))

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Ratio Juris 26: 149–86, June 2013

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Problema: Anuario de Filosofía y Teoría del Derecho 7: 41–61, Febrero 2013
<http://biblio.juridicas.unam.mx/Revista/FilosofiaDerecho>

Morality without Responsibility (February 20, 2013). Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=1004904> or <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.1004904>. Cited in the *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, “[Skepticism about Moral Responsibility](#)”

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In Andrei Marmor, ed. the *Routledge Companion to Philosophy of Law*, 2012

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Jurisprudence 2: 273–91 (2011)

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Ethics 121: 335–53 (2011)

Political Authority, Moral Powers, and the Intrinsic Value of Obedience.
Oxford Journal of Legal Studies 30: 179–91 (2010)

Pluralism, Intransitivity, Incoherence,
In Mark White, ed., *Theoretical Foundations of Law and Economics* (Cambridge 2009)

Schauer on Precedent in the U.S. Supreme Court.
Georgia State University Law Review, vol. 24, no. 2, Winter 2007, 403–13

Adding Reasons Up,
In Barbara Montero and Mark White, eds., *Economics and Mind* (Routledge 2007)

The Virtue of Law-Abidance.
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Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy www.jesp.org (2005), vol. 1, no. 3, 1–8

Comments on Richard Arneson’s “Joel Feinberg and the Justification of Hard Paternalism”
Legal Theory 11: 286–91 (2005)

Privacy,

In *The Blackwell Guide to Philosophy of Law and Legal Theory* (2004)

State of the Art: The Duty to Obey the Law.

Legal Theory 10: 215–59 (2004); reprinted in *Lloyd’s Introduction to Jurisprudence* (Sweet and Maxwell 8th ed. 2009; 9th ed. 2014)

Locke and Load

Law and Philosophy 22: 195–216 (2003)(review essay on A. John Simmons, *Justification and Legitimacy*)

Afterword: Proportionality and the Difference Death Makes.

Criminal Justice Ethics 21: 40–43 (2002)

The Contextualist Answer to Skepticism and What a Lawyer Cannot Know.

Florida State University Law Review 30: 1–23 (2002)(with response by Rob Atkinson)

Social Meaning, Compliance Conditions, and Law’s Claim to Authority.

Canadian Journal of Law and Jurisprudence 15: 51–67 (2002)

Civility as Political Constraint.

Res Publica 8: 217–29 (2002)

Introduction: Some Recent Work on Political Obligation.

APA Newsletter on Philosophy and Law 99: 62–67 (Fall 1999)

Legitimate Authority without Political Obligation.

Law and Philosophy 17: 43–60 (1998)(Chinese translation in *Political Authority* (Zhejiang University Press, 2010))

The Antinomy of Coherence and Determinacy.

Iowa Law Review 82: 1–20 (1996)(abstracted in *APA Newsletter on Philosophy and Law* (Fall, 1998))

Is Law Coercive?

Legal Theory 1: 81–111 (1995)

Transparency and Indeterminacy in the Liberal Critique of Critical Legal Studies.

Seton Hall Law Review 556–602 (1993) abstracted in *APA Newsletter on Philosophy and Law* (Spring, 1996)

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Rethinking Exclusionary Reasons: A Second Edition of Joseph Raz's *Practical Reason and Norms*.
Law and Philosophy 12: 329–43 (1993)

Liberalism, Legal Decisionmaking and Morality “As Such”
Oxford Journal of Legal Studies 10: 505–21 (1990)

The “Race-of-the-Victim” Effect in Capital Sentencing: *McClesky v. Kemp* and Underadjustment Bias.
Jurimetrics Journal 32: 125–41 (1990)

Are Law and Morality Distinct?
Brigham Young University Journal of Public Law 4: 33–53 (1990)

Lawyers’ Justice.
Michigan Law Review 88: 1833–57 (1990) (reviewing David Luban, *Lawyers and Justice* and Philip Heymann & Lance Liebman, *The Social Responsibilities of Lawyers*)

Moral Relativism and the Basis of Obligation.
Doctoral Dissertation (University Microfilms, 1982)

PUBLICATIONS: Book Reviews, Podcasts, and Shorter Publications

Remembrance of Joseph Raz.
<https://www.law.ox.ac.uk/people/joseph-raz-0/reminiscences#Professor%20William%20Edmundson,%20Georgia%20State%20University>

How to Pack in a Hurry.
Park Place: a Podcast by the Georgia State University American Constitution Society (GSU ACS), Episode #1, with Alex Garrett. (Oct. 17, 2020) <https://soundcloud.com/acs-gsu/episode-1-how-to-pack-in-a-hurry>

The Mother of All Subsidies.
Jotwell (Oct. 21, 2020) (reviewing Katherina Pistor, *The Code of Capital: How Law Creates Wealth and Inequality*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2019)

Review of Katrina Forrester, *In the Shadow of Justice: Postwar Liberalism and Remaking of Political Philosophy* (2018).
The Review of Politics 82(3) (Summer 2020); <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0034670520000327>

Juridification Without Legality.
Jotwell (September 26, 2019) (reviewing John Gardner, *The Twilight of Legality*, *Australasian J. of Legal Phil.* 43: 1–27 (2019)), <https://juris.jotwell.com/juridification-without-legality/>

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Does the Center Want to Hold?

Jotwell (October 2, 2018) (reviewing David Adler, “The Centrist Paradox: Political Correlates of the Democratic Disconnect” (May 01, 2018), available at SSRN), <https://juris.jotwell.com/does-the-center-want-to-hold/>

It Can’t Happen Here, Has It?

Jotwell (April 26, 2018) <https://juris.jotwell.com/it-cant-happen-here-has-it/> (Reviewing Adam Przeworski, *Why Bother with Elections?* Polity Press, 2018)

The Zeal of Our Age.

Jotwell (September 2016)(reviewing John Gardner, The Evil of Privatization) <http://juris.jotwell.com/the-zeal-of-our-age/>

Long Shadows and Clubbable Democracies.

Jotwell (November 6, 2015) (reviewing Jeremy Waldron, Immigration: A Lockean Approach, NYU School of Law, Public Law Research Paper No. 15-37 (2015; <http://juris.jotwell.com/long-shadows-and-clubbable-democracies/>))

Roll Over, De Tocqueville

Jotwell (June 19, 2015) (reviewing Martin Gilens and Benjamin I. Page, Testing Theories of American Politics: Elites, Interest Groups, and Average Citizens, 12 *Perspectives on Politics* 564 (2014)), <http://juris.jotwell.com/roll-over-de-tocqueville/>

Review of James Bernard Murphy, *The Philosophy of Customary Law* (2013).

Law and Philosophy. Online advance version (Dec. 2014) <http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/s10982-014-9223-8>.

Do Animals Need Citizenship?

Jotwell, <http://juris.jotwell.com/do-animals-need-citizenship/> Sept. 2014

Review of Christopher Pierson, *Just Property: A History in the Latin West. Volume One: Wealth, Virtue, and the Law* (2013).

Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews, April 24, 2014. <https://ndpr.nd.edu/>

Animals, Rights, and Legal “Bifurcation” in Kant.

Jotwell, <http://juris.jotwell.com/animals-rights-and-legal-bifurcation-in-kant/> Jan. 29, 2014

Philosophical Anarchism.

Co-authored with Bas van der Vossen. 2013. *Oxford Bibliographies in Philosophy*. Ed. Duncan Pritchard. New York: Oxford University Press

Perry on Powers.

Jotwell, <http://juris.jotwell.com/perry-on-powers/> Dec. 10, 2012

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Review of Ronald Dworkin, *Justice for Hedgehogs*.

Law and Philosophy 31: 759–67, online advance version (Aug. 29, 2012) (DOI) [10.1007/s10982-012-9143-4](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10982-012-9143-4)

Law in the Neighborhood of Morality and Convention.

Jotwell, a blog, <http://juris.jotwell.com/2012/01/> Jan. 20, 2012

“Interpreting Legal Texts” or, “When Is Using a Firearm Not Really?” –An Eminent Philosopher of Language Helps Us Decide”

Jotwell, a blog, <http://jotwell.com/> Oct. 6, 2010

Review of Arthur Ripstein, *Force and Freedom: Kant’s Legal and Political Philosophy*.

Ethics 120: 869–73 (July 2010)

Review of Christopher Wellman and A. John Simmons, *The Duty to Obey the Law: Against or Against*.

Law and Philosophy 28: 101–07 (2009)

Review of Tom Campbell, *Rights: A Critical Introduction* (2006).

Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews, <http://ndpr.nd.edu/review.cfm?id=8225>

William Godwin.

Letter to the Editor, *The Times Literary Supplement*, January 13, 2006, at 15

“She”

Letter to the Editor, *The Times Literary Supplement*, August 22, 2003, at 13

Speeding: A Sprawling Offense?

Fulton County Daily Report (Oct. 25, 2002)

Abstract of Liam Murphy, “Beneficence, Law, and Liberty: The Case of Required Rescue”

APA Newsletter on Law and Philosophy 101: 130–31 (Spring 2002)

Review of Brian Leiter, ed., *Objectivity in Law and Morals*.

Philosophical Inquiry 24: 123–26 (2002)

Review of Arthur Ripstein, *Equality, Responsibility, and the Law*.

Ethics 111: 644–48 (2001)

Abstracts of Ken Kress, “Why No Judge Should Be a Dworkinian Coherentist” and of Elizabeth Anderson and Richard Pildes, “Expressive Theories of Law: A General Restatement”

APA Newsletter on Law and Philosophy 100: 147–48 (Spring 2001)

Review of Antony Duff, ed., *Philosophy and the Criminal Law: Principle and Critique*.

Philosophy in Review/Comptes rendus philosophiques 19: 327–29 (1999)

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Clinton & the Jones Case.

Letter to the Editors, *The New York Review of Books*, April 23, 1998, at 65, with response by Iringate Special Counsel Lawrence Walsh

Abstract of John Rawls, "The Idea of Public Reason"

APA Newsletter on Law and Philosophy 97: 108 (Spring 1998)

Review of Jaap C. Hage, *Reasoning with Rules: An Essay on Legal Reasoning and Its Underlying Logic*.

Philosophy in Review / Comptes rendus philosophiques 18: 182–83 (1998)

Letter to *Word Court*.

The Atlantic Monthly, January, 1996, at 116

Review of Kevin Ashley, *Modeling Legal Argument*.

Philosophical Psychology 7: 135–37 (1994)

Review of Stephen Guest, *Ronald Dworkin*.

Ethics 104: 394–96 (1994)

British Privacy Debate Swayed U.S. Decisions.

Letter to the Editor, *The New York Times*, Sept. 3, 1992, at A14, col. 4

Review of Raoul Berger, *Death Penalties*.

Duke Law Journal 1984: 624–29

Discovery of Federal Income Tax Returns and the New "Qualified" Privileges.

Duke Law Journal 1984: 938–62, reprinted in *Monthly Digest of Tax Articles* 16:16–26 (1985)

Book Notes

Ethics 107: 556–57 (1997); *Ethics* 103: 627 (1993); *Ethics* 102: 887 (1992); *Ethics* 102: 193–94 (1991)

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia

Regents' Professor, 2010; Professor of Philosophy, by courtesy, since 2001; Professor of Law, since 1997; Associate Professor of Law, 1991–96; Visiting Assistant Professor of Law, 1990–91; tenured 1995–2021; Regents' Professor Emeritus, 2023. *Courses*: Criminal Law (1990–2011, 2015–2021); Administrative Law; Jurisprudence (1991–97, 2012, 2015); Torts (1994–2006, 2011–14); Professional Responsibility (1991–93, 2020); Family Law (1992–93); Seminars: From Hobbes to Rawls (2019, 2022); Democracy and Its Critics (2018, 2019); Justice as Fairness (2014–17); Justice, Equality, and Pluralism (2010); Hans Kelsen (2009); Democratic Authority (2008); Virtue Ethics (2006); Hart and His Critics (2005–06); Character and Culpability (2004); Freedom and Responsibility (2004); Voluntary Obligation (2002); Objectivity and Legitimacy (2001); Rights Theory (1999, 2000); Punishment and Mercy (1999); the Duty to Obey the Law (1998)

University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi

Assistant Professor of Law, 1989–90. *Courses*: Jurisprudence; Torts; Legal Profession; Legal Writing

PRIZES, FELLOWSHIPS and AWARDS

Humanities Research Center Fellow

Georgia State University, Fall 2020

H.L.A. Hart Visiting Fellow

University College, Oxford, Oxford U. Centre for Ethics and Philosophy of Law, Trinity term, 2006

Patricia Morgan Award for Outstanding Faculty Scholarship

Georgia State University College of Law, 2006

Henry M. Phillips Research Grant in Jurisprudence

American Philosophical Society, 1991

Ralph W. Church Scholar

University of California, Berkeley, 1975–76

NONACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Gibbs & Holmes, Charleston, South Carolina

Associate Attorney, 1986–89

The Hon. John C. Godbold, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

Law Clerk, 1985–86

Bondurant, Miller, Hishon and Stephenson, Atlanta, Georgia

Summer Law Clerk, 1984

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Hunton and Williams, Richmond, Virginia
Summer Law Clerk, 1983

University of Alabama Medical Center, Birmingham, Alabama
Animal Care Technician 1971–72; Occupational Therapy Technician Trainee 1970–71

Goodwill Industries, Birmingham, Alabama
Truck Helper, 1969–70

R.H. Macy & Co., New York City
Sales Clerk, cooperative work-study; Fall quarter 1967

PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCES, SEMINARS, AND WORKSHOPS

Presented, with Alex Garrett, “Human Rights as Template for Global Animal Rights,” to the online workshop for the *Oxford Handbook on Global Animal Law* sponsored by The Animal Law and Policy Program at Harvard Law School and the Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Law

At-large Discussant, Manuscript workshop on Cécile Fabre’s *To Snatch Something from Death: Value, Justice, and Humankind’s Cultural Heritage*, March 18, 2022

Presenter, “Plutocracy and Polyarchy,” for seminar commemorating the 50th anniversary of John Rawls’s *A Theory of Justice*, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ - Brazil), January 14, 2022 <https://youtu.be/ZINC9AQ26C0>

Keynote Presenter, “Political Equality, Epistocracy, and Expensive Tastes,” for John Rawls: Moral Imagination for the XXI Century, Institute of Advanced Studies of the University of São Paulo, November 11, 2021 <https://youtu.be/emspfdT6KV4>

Contributor, “Abraham Lincoln as Political Philosopher,” Ninth Annual Oxford Studies Workshop for Political Philosophy, University of Arizona, October 14–17, 2021

Discussant, Manuscript workshop on Clare Chambers’s *Intact: A Defence of the Unmodified Body*. Georgia State University Center for Ethics, May 19–20, 2021

Presenter, “In Such Ways as Promise Some Success” Georgia State University College of Law Faculty Scholarship Retreat, Jan. 22, 2021; Georgia State University Center for Humanities Research, March 5, 2021; University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Philosophy Colloquium, April 2, 2021

Contributor, “Taming the Power of Managers of Public Assets,” *Burning Eyestrain* Cyberconference, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, August 3–5, 2020

Commentator, Workshop on Law and Linguistics, Georgia State University, October 18, 2019

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Keynote Lecturer, Summer School on Social Justice and Institutional Design, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, June 24–27, 2019. <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/jruo9tsa97pe058/AACAyLsptmaORBQEey4lnOPsa?dl=0&preview=Edmundson1.mp4> and <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/jruo9tsa97pe058/AACAyLsptmaORBQEey4lnOPsa?dl=0&preview=Edmundson2.mp4>

Commentator, Ms. Workshop on Marcia Baron’s book manuscript, “Self-Defense, Reasonableness, and Law,” Georgia State University Center for Ethics, May 16–17, 2019

Speaker, on “The Property Question,” Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, April 26, 2019

Speaker, on “Rawls’s Philosophical Socialism” at the University of Richmond, Richmond, Virginia, April 23, 2019

Panelist, “Justice as Fairness and the Choice of Economic System,” Philosophy, Politics, Economics Society, Third Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, March 28, 2019

Keynote lecturer, 9th Summer School in Political Philosophy and Public Policy, University of Minho, Braga, Portugal, July 3–5, 2018

Discussant, Workshop on Gina Schouten’s book manuscript, “Liberalism, Neutrality, and the Gendered Division of Labor,” Georgia State University Center for Ethics, May 10–11, 2018

Presenter, Inaugural Workshop of the Smith Institute for Political Economy and Philosophy, Chapman University, Orange, California, April 20–21, 2018

Presented “What Is the Argument for the Fair Value of Political Liberty?” Kline Workshop in Political Philosophy, University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri, March 31–April 1, 2017

Commentator, Conference commemorating the 25th anniversary of John Rawls’s *Political Liberalism*, Jean Beer Blumenfeld Center for Ethics, Georgia State University, May 12–13, 2016

Presented “Law, Coercion, and Indoctrination in the Pejorative Sense,” Special Workshop on Law and Coercion, as part of the World Congress of the International Association for the Philosophy of Law and Social Science (IVR), Georgetown Law Center, July 27–28, 2015

Discussant, Workshop on Andrew Valls’s book manuscript, “Rethinking Racial Justice: Racial Inequality and the Demands of Liberal Political Theory,” Georgia State University Center for Ethics, May 14–15, 2015

Analytical Legal Philosophy Conference, University of Southern California, April 10–11, 2015

Presenter, “Do Animals Need Rights?” at a conference on “The Animal Turn and the Law: Interdisciplinary Perspectives and New Directions in Animal Law,” at the Universität Basel, Juristische Fakultät, April 2–5, 2014, in collaboration with EGALS – EuroGroup for Animal Law Studies, and the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg

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Speaker, Symposium on Laurence Claus, *Law's Evolution and Human Understanding* (Oxford University Press, 2012); University of San Diego, September 27, 2013

Commentator, Workshop on Leif Wenar's book manuscript, "Clean Trade in Natural Resources," Georgia State University Center for Ethics, August 15–16, 2013

Analytical Legal Philosophy Conference, University of Oxford, May 23–24, 2014

Presented "Ought We to Do What We Ought to Be Made to Do?" to the Faculty Forum, Georgia State University College of Law, March 11, 2013

Presented "Ought We to Do What We Ought to Be Made to Do?" at the Analytical Legal Philosophy Conference, University of Miami, March 1, 2013

Commentator, "Social Welfare Functions: A Roundtable on Matthew Adler's *Well-Being and Fair Distribution*," Jurisprudence Section, annual meeting of the Association of American Law Schools, New Orleans LA, Jan. 5, 2013

Commentator and Chair, Panel on "Reconsidering Penal Disenfranchisement," Society for Applied Philosophy, Eastern Division Annual Meeting, American Philosophical Association, Atlanta GA, Dec. 28, 2012

Presented opening paper, "Ought We to Do What We Ought to Be Made to Do?" at the Workshop on Legitimacy, Authority and Political Obligation, MANCEPT Workshops in Political Theory, University of Manchester, September 5–7, 2012

Commentator, Workshop on Alan Patten's manuscript, "Equal Recognition: The Moral Foundations of Minority Cultural Rights," Georgia State University Center for Ethics, August 9–10, 2012

Analytical Legal Philosophy Conference, Yale Law School, Apr. 20-21, 2012

Presented "Politics in a State of Nature" at the international colloquium on political and legal theory, March 12–13, 2012, Buenos Aires, organized by the Universidad Torcuato Di Tella and Universidad Nacional de Quilmes

Presented, "G.A. Cohen on the Personal and the Political" at the Internationale Vereinigung für Rechts-und Sozialphilosophie ("IVR") Workshop on Legal Normativity and the Philosophy of Practical Reason, Goethe Universität, Frankfurt, August 14–18, 2011

Presented "Politics in a State of Nature" at the International Colloquium on Political Authority and Obligation, Netherlands Royal Academy of Arts and Sciences ("KNAW"), Amsterdam, the Netherlands, June 15–17, 2011

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Commentator, Workshop on Gerald Gaus's "The Order of Public Reason" Georgia State University Center for Ethics, April 26–27, 2011

Analytical Legal Philosophy Conference, University of San Diego, April 22–23, 2011

Commentator, "Author-meets-critics" session on Scott Shapiro's *Legality* (Harvard U.P. 2011), APA Central Division Meeting, Minneapolis MN, April 1, 2011

Commentator, Workshop on Loren Lomasky and Fernando Tesón's ms. "Justice at a Distance" Georgia State University Center for Ethics, May 19–20, 2010

Keynote speaker, 3rd Postgraduate Conference in Law and Philosophy, University of Stirling, Scotland, May 13–14, 2010

Spoke on "Coercion," with Grant Lamond and Nicos Stavropoulos, Criminalization Project, University of Stirling, May 12, 2010

Analytic Legal Philosophy Conference, New York University, April 16–17, 2010

Presented "Coercion," to the GSU Law Faculty Forum, April 15, 2010

Analytical Legal Philosophy Conference, Kings College London, April 2009

Presented "Proportionality and the Difference Death Makes," to the GSU Law Faculty Forum, March 19, 2009

Spoke on "Political Authority, Moral Powers, and the Intrinsic Value of Obedience," Institute for Law and Philosophy, University of Pennsylvania, February 3, 2009

Spoke on "Authority and Obligation" with David Estlund, Association of American Law Schools, San Diego, CA, January 2009

Analytical Legal Philosophy Conference, Yale Law School, April 2008

Discussant, Workshop on Arthur Ripstein's ms. on Kant's Political Philosophy, Georgia State University Center for Ethics, April 2008

Discussant, A Conference on the Rules of War in the 21st Century, Blumenfeld Center for Ethics, Georgia State University, October 27, 2007

Analytical Legal Philosophy Conference, University of California, Berkeley, April 13–14, 2007

Spoke on "Copyright Disobedience from a Rawlsian Perspective," as part of a panel on "The Morality of Copyright Disobedience." Annual Meeting of the AALS, Washington DC, January 4, 2007

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Discussant, Workshop on Joe Carens's ms. on justice in immigration, Georgia State University Center for Ethics, November 2006

Presented "Primary Rules and the Virtue of Sociability," at the University of San Diego College of Law faculty colloquium. September 22, 2006

Interdisciplinary Colloquium on Current Issues in Law and Philosophy, University College London; July 3–4, 2006

Graduate Seminar on Rationality, Presented "Reasons, Requirements, and Maximization" University of Oxford; June 14, 2006

Conference on The Philosophical Justifications of Political Violence, Presented "Group Desert"; Commentator: John Gardner. Oxford Centre for Ethics and the Philosophy of Law, University of Oxford; June 10, 2006

Jurisprudence Discussion Group, Presented "The Virtue of Law-Abidance," University of Oxford; June 1, 2006

Cambridge Forum for Legal and Political Philosophy, Presented "The Virtue of Law-Abidance," University of Cambridge; May 17, 2006

Analytical Legal Philosophy Conference, UCLA; April 7–8, 2006

NEH Seminar on Political Obligation, Democratic Legitimacy, and Human Rights: Theoretical and Applied Issues; Georgia State University, Summer 2005

Presented "The Virtue of Law-Abidance," Georgia State University Center for Ethics; June 21, 2005
Analytical Legal Philosophy Conference, University of Texas, April 8–9, 2005

Conference on the Work of Joel Feinberg, Commentator; Georgia State University Center for Ethics; April 1–2, 2005

Discussant; Workshop on Thomas Christiano's *The Constitution of Equality*; Georgia State University Center for Ethics; February 18–19, 2005

Analytical Legal Philosophy Conference, New York University, April 16–17, 2004

Privacy: An Interdisciplinary Colloquium; Presented "Privacy as a Right to Do Wrong," University of Utah; April 2, 2004

Discussant, Workshop on David Schmidtz's *The Elements of Justice*; Georgia State University Center for Ethics; March 12–13, 2004

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Transvision 2003: The Adaptable Human Body, Yale University; Presented “Posterity and Embodiment”; June 29, 2003

Discussant, Workshop on Larry May’s *International Criminal Law*; Georgia State University Center for Ethics; May 2003

Philosophy Forum, Georgia State University; Presented “What Philosophy Can Tell Policy”; October 23, 2002

Analytical Legal Philosophy Conference, Yale University, April 8–9, 2002

Discussant, Workshop on Allan Buchanan’s *Moral Foundations of International Law*; Georgia State University Center for Ethics; May 2002

Philosophy Forum, Georgia State University; Presented “Logical Gaps in Morality”; April 5, 2002

American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Annual Meeting; Moderator of Death Penalty Panel; Atlanta, Georgia, December 27, 2001

Florida State University Faculty Forum; Presented “What A Lawyer Cannot Know”; November 6, 2001

Philosophy Forum, Georgia State University; Commented on George Rainbolt’s “The Concept of Rights”; November 1, 2001

Analytical Legal Philosophy Conference, University of Chicago, April 3–4, 2001

Federalist Society, GSU Chapter; Presented “First Force” Georgia State University; March 29, 2001

Georgia Philosophical Society; Presented “Toward a Role-Differentiated Epistemology” Emory University; November 18, 2000

Analytical Legal Philosophy Conference, Columbia University; April 7–8, 2000

Georgia Philosophical Society; Presented “The Necessary Enforceability of Morality” Athens, Georgia; April 17, 1999

Analytical Legal Philosophy Conference, University of Pennsylvania; April 9–10, 1999

Working Group on Law, Culture, and the Humanities; Presented “The Social Enforcement of Morality” Wake Forest University; March 22, 1999

AMINTAPHIL Conference; Presented “Civility as Political Constraint” Montreal, Quebec; September 24–27, 1998

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Analytical Legal Philosophy Conference, University of San Diego; April 2–4, 1998

Tort Theory Workshop; National Humanities Center; September 26–28, 1997

Analytical Legal Philosophy Conference, Columbia University; April 4–5, 1997

Center for Ethics/Philosophy Forum; Presented “The Duty to Obey the Law” Georgia State University; January 16, 1997

Atlanta Area Seminar In Analytic Philosophy; Participant, from 1996 until...

AMINTAPHIL Conference; Charleston, South Carolina, November 10–12, 1994

Leader, Reading Group on John Rawls’s *Political Liberalism*; Georgia State University; summer 1994

American Philosophical Association, Central Division Annual Meeting; Commentator on “Coherence Theory in the Philosophy of Law” Kansas City, Missouri; May 6, 1994

Federalist Society, GSU Chapter; Spoke on “Rights of Unwed Fathers” Georgia State University; October 18, 1993

Georgia Political Science Association; Panelist, “Teaching Ethics in Georgia: Substance and Method” Savannah, Georgia; February 26–27, 1993

Federalist Society, GSU Chapter, Spoke on “Voucher Plans, Funding the Arts, and Immigration Policy” Georgia State University; March 11, 1992

“Distressed Real Estate: Advanced Issues” CLE; Lectured on “Ethical Issues” Atlanta, Georgia; November 15–16, 1991

Ole Miss Philosophy Club; Spoke on “Law and Morality” University of Mississippi; January 1990

South Carolina Society for Philosophy, Annual Meeting; Presented “Is Moral Conventionalism a Relativism?” Clemson University; February 17, 1989

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS and SERVICE

Cambridge Introductions to Philosophy and Law
General Editor, 2003–2020

Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy
Subject Matter Editor, 2011–2020

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Oxford Studies in Political Philosophy
Board of Advisors, 2016–present

JOTWELL – Journal of Things We Like Lots, <http://jotwell.com/> Jurisprudence Section
Contributing Editor, 2009–2021

Law and Philosophy: An International Journal for Jurisprudence and Legal Philosophy
Member, Editorial Board, 2002–present

Ethics, Politics & Society. A Journal in Moral and Political Philosophy
Member, Scientific Committee, 2018–present

National Endowment for the Humanities. Fellowships Program Evaluator. 2014

American Philosophical Association
Member of the Committee on Philosophy and Law, 1999–2002

Law and Interpretation Section, Association of American Law Schools
Secretary, 1998–99

AMINTAPHIL
Member; March 2000 San Diego Conference Program Committee

Consultant: Garland Series in Law and Philosophy

The Leiter Reports, <http://leiterreports.typepad.com/blog/> Guest Blogger, October 17–23, 2005; Blogger,
January 23, 2006–08

Public Reason: a blog for political philosophers, <http://publicreason.net/> Member, 2007–19
The Garden of Forking Paths, <http://gfp.typepad.com/> Blogger, January 2006–10

Consultant and Faculty Quality Evaluator, *The Philosophical Gourmet Report*, 2004–present

Manuscript Reviewer:

Oxford University Press
Cambridge University Press
MIT Press
Blackwell Publishing
Philosophy and Phenomenological Research
Law and Philosophy
Wadsworth Publishing Company
Rowman and Littlefield Publishers
Legal Theory
Social Theory and Practice

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Oxford Journal of Legal Studies
Ethics
Journal of Moral Philosophy
Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy
Philosophers' Imprint
Journal of Political Philosophy
Res Publica
Ratio Juris
Oxford Studies in Political Philosophy
Ratio
Journal of Social Philosophy
Center for Civic Education
Canadian Philosophy Association
Poznan Studies in the Philosophy of the Sciences and the Humanities
dialectica
Routledge | Taylor & Francis Group
Polity Books
Politics, Philosophy, and Economics
Philosophical Papers
Journal of the American Philosophical Association
Australasian Journal of Philosophy
Hart Publishing | Bloomsbury Professional
Political Studies
European Journal of Political Theory
Southern Journal of Philosophy
Ethical Theory and Moral Practice
Anthem Press
Jurisprudence
Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy
Philosophical Studies
Journal of Applied Philosophy
Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie

Special Topic Editor, American Philosophical Association *Newsletter on Philosophy and Law*, issue on the duty to obey the law, Fall 1999

American Society for Political and Legal Philosophy
Member

Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology
Member

The Aristotelian Society
Member

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American Constitution Society
Member

American Association of University Professors
Member since 1994; President, Georgia State chapter, Dec. 2020–Dec. 2022

National Lawyers Guild
Member

National Writers Union — UAW Local 1981 AFL-CIO
Member

United Campus Workers of Georgia — CWA Local 3265 AFL-CIO
Member; Legislative Committee 2020–present

State Bar of Georgia, Member 1985–present (emeritus since 2019)

South Carolina Bar, Member 1986 (inactive 1995; resigned 2002)

THESIS SUPERVISION

Ph.D. Examining Board, Lene Kirstine Korseberg, “State Authority without a Duty to Obey: Challenging the Assumption of Correlativity between Legitimate Authority and Political Obligation,” European University Institute, oral defense January 25, 2021

M.A. Thesis Committee, Paul Fryfogel, “The Fragility of Convergence,” oral defense September 13, 2018

M.A. Thesis Committee, Linh Mac, “Rawls’s *Political Liberalism*: Historicist or Kantian?,” oral defense May 22, 2018

M.A. Thesis Committee, Yunn Ueng, “Legal Marriage and Political Liberalism,” oral defense April 24, 2018

M.A. Thesis Committee, Matthew Schrepfer, “Hegelian Freedom and the Communitarian Critique of the Market,” oral defense April 24, 2018

M.A. Thesis Committee, Mandy Long, “Gender Justice and Fraser’s Universal Caregiver,” oral defense April 21, 2016

M.A. Thesis Committee, Jeffrey Carroll, “On the Problem of Normative Opacity in the Methodology of Theorizing about Justice,” oral defense April 28, 2016

M.A. Thesis Committee, Calvin Warner, “Moral Discourse: Absolutist or Relational?” oral defense April 8, 2016

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M.A. Thesis Committee, Marcos Gonzalez, "From Negative Rights to Positive Law: Natural Law in Hegel's *Outlines of the Philosophy of Right*," oral defense August 2, 2013

Ph.D. Thesis Committee, John-Otto Kingman Phillips, "Administrative Review, Deference, and Authority" McMaster University, oral defense September 13, 2012

M.A. Thesis Committee, Richard Latta, "Hans Kelsen and the Bindingness of Supra-National Legal Norms," oral defense July 11, 2012

M.A. Thesis Committee, Paul Vickery, "Utility, Character, and Mill's Argument for Representative Government," oral defense June 21, 2012

M.A. Thesis Committee, James DiGiovanni, "Against Collective Consequentialism," oral defense April 13, 2012

Ph.D. Thesis Committee, Candice Delmas, "Political Obligation in the Face of Injustice," Boston University, oral defense March 6, 2012

M.A. Thesis Committee, Owais Kahn, "The Secular Foundations of Liberal Multiculturalism," oral defense June 30, 2011

M.A. Thesis Committee, Kyle Hirsch, "A Defense of Moral Error Theory," oral defense February 23, 2011

Co-Director, M.A. Thesis Committee, Cindy Phillips, "Rescuing Hart and Inclusive Legal Positivism," oral defense January 26, 2011

M.A. Thesis Committee, James Aaron Brown, "Ethical, Political, and Policy Considerations in Libertarian Paternalism," oral defense August 12, 2010

M.A. Thesis Committee, Jesse Gero, "Moral Injury and the Puzzle of Immunity-Violation," oral defense February 1, 2010

Director, M.A. Thesis Committee, Ava Thomas Wright, "Instrumental and Epistemic Justifications for a Right To Do Wrong," oral defense January 7, 2010

D.Phil. Dissertation Committee, University of Oxford, Jeremy Ferris, "Authority, Philosophical Anarchism, and Legitimacy," viva voce Michaelmas term, 2009

M.A. Thesis Committee, Jason Thomas Craig, "Raz and His Critics: A Defense of Razian Authority," oral defense, April 6, 2009

M.A. Thesis Committee, MA candidate Joseph Q. Adams, "Retribution Requires Rehabilitation," oral defense, April 7, 2008

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M.A. Thesis Committee, Michael C. Zander, “A Comparative Study of the Ethics of Christine M. Korsgaard and Jean-Paul Sartre,” oral defense 2008

M.A. Thesis Committee, JD/MA Candidate Keith Diener, “A Defense of Hart’s ‘Soft’ Positivism,” oral defense, April 12, 2006

M.A. Thesis Committee, MA candidate Bryan Payne, “The Establishment Clause and Gay Marriage,” oral defense, April 12, 2006

UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE SERVICE

College of Arts and Sciences Master of Interdisciplinary Studies—Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Program, Affiliate Faculty; 2019–present

College of Arts and Sciences Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies—Law and Society Program, Affiliate Faculty and assessor; 2018–present

Faculty Advisor, Joint JD-MA in Philosophy Program, Georgia State University, 2001–08
Jean Beer Blumenfeld Center for Ethics
Georgia State University; Affiliated Faculty member, 1995–present

Center for Human Rights and Democracy (CHRD), Georgia State University
Affiliate Faculty

Research Faculty member of the Brain and Social Behaviors Group, Brains and Behaviors Program, Georgia State University, 2003–present

Other, upon request

MISCELLANEOUS

Consultant to Capital Habeas Unit of Federal Defender Services of Eastern Tennessee, cert. petition in *Sutton v. Parker* (6th Cir. 2020)

Consultant to Free Speech on Campus, re: “Intellectual Diversity” bill, H.B. 154

Volunteer Attorney, *Christenson v. State*, Case No. S90P1386, in the Supreme Court of Georgia, a defendant’s death penalty appeal

Volunteer Attorney, *State v. Murphy*, Case No. Z47974, Fulton County Superior Court, a “crack” cocaine distribution defense

Volunteer Attorney, *Coleman v. Miller* (11th Cir.), a constitutional challenge to the inclusion of the Confederate battle flag in the Georgia state flag

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Occasional consultant to the *Atlanta Constitution*, the *Fulton County Daily Reporter*, WQXI-TV, CNN
Consultant to State Rep. Jim Martin on sexual assault legislation, H.B. 1331, 1994

Co-instructor, “Legal Reelism,” an undergraduate honors seminar on law in the movies, with Georgia State University College of Arts and Sciences faculty, Spring 1993

Co-founder, Prisoner Rights Project, Duke Law School, 1984

Graduate Chair, Philosophy Colloquium Committee, UC-Berkeley, 1976–77

Adjunct Instructor Introduction to Philosophy: Belief and Value; College of Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina; 3 hours; Fall 1988, Spring 1989

Moderator, [Cloudspotter App](#) 2013–present

Contributor, *Cloud of the Day* 2016–present

REFERENCES

Upon request