PUBLICATIONS: Books

*John Rawls: Reticent Socialist*

*An Introduction to Rights*

*The Blackwell Guide to the Philosophy of Law*, co-edited with Martin P. Golding
Oxford: Blackwell, 2004

*The Duty to Obey the Law: Selected Philosophical Readings*
Lanham, Md.: Rowman & Littlefield, 1999 (Edited, with my Introduction, Privacy chapter)

*Three Anarchical Fallacies: An Essay on Political Authority*

PUBLICATIONS: Articles, Chapters, Comments, and Essays


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)


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


Legal Theory Is Political Philosophy. Legal Theory 19: 1–16 (2014)

Politics in a State of Nature
Ratio Juris 26: 149-86, June 2013

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

Schmegality
Jurisprudence 2: 273-91 (2011)

Consent and Its Cousins
Ethics 121: 335-53 (2011)

Political Authority, Moral Powers, and the Intrinsic Value of Obedience

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

Schauer on Precedent in the U.S. Supreme Court

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

The Virtue of Law-Abidance
Philosophers’ Imprint, vol. 6, no. 4, 1-21 (December 2006) www.philosophersimprint.org

“First Force”

Comments on Richard Arneson’s “Joel Feinberg and the Justification of Hard Paternalism”

Privacy

State of the Art: The Duty to Obey the Law

Locke and Load

Afterword: Proportionality and the Difference Death Makes
The Contextualist Answer to Skepticism and What a Lawyer Cannot Know

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

Civility as Political Constraint

Introduction: Some Recent Work on Political Obligation
*APA Newsletter on Philosophy and Law* 99: 62-67 (Fall 1999)

Legitimate Authority without Political Obligation

The Antinomy of Coherence and Determinacy

Is Law Coercive?

Transparency and Indeterminacy in the Liberal Critique of Critical Legal Studies

Rethinking Exclusionary Reasons: A Second Edition of Joseph Raz’s *Practical Reason and Norms*

Liberalism, Legal Decisionmaking and Morality “As Such”


Are Law and Morality Distinct?

Lawyers’ Justice

*Moral Relativism and the Basis of Obligation*
Doctoral Dissertation (University Microfilms, 1982)
PUBLICATIONS:  Book Reviews and Shorter Publications


Philosophical Anarchism.


Review of Ronald Dworkin, Justice for Hedgehogs

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Review of Arthur Ripstein, Force and Freedom: Kant’s Legal and Political Philosophy
Ethics 120: 869–873 (July 2010)

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

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

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

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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

Review of Arthur Ripstein, Equality, Responsibility, and the Law
Ethics 111: 644-48 (2001)

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


Clinton & the Jones Case

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

Letter to *Word Court*

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

Review of Raoul Berger, *Death Penalties*

Discovery of Federal Income Tax Returns and the New “Qualified” Privileges

Book Notes

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia
Regents’ Professor, since 2010; Professor of Philosophy, since 2001; Professor of Law, since 1997; Associate Professor of Law, 1991-96; Visiting Assistant Professor of Law, 1990-91. Courses: Criminal Law (1990-2011, 2015-18); Administrative Law; Jurisprudence; Torts (1994-2006, 2011-14); Professional Responsibility (1991-93); Family Law (1992-93); Seminars: Democracy and Its Critics (2018-19); 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

EDUCATION

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

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

PRIZES, FELLOWSHIPS and AWARDS

University College, Oxford

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 & Stephenson, Atlanta, Georgia
Summer Law Clerk, 1984

Hunton & 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

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


Attended, by invitation, Analytical Legal Philosophy Conference, University of Southern California, April 10-11, 2015


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


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


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

Attended, by invitation, 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 “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

Commentator, Workshop on Gerald Gaus’s “The Order of Public Reason” Georgia State University Center for Ethics, April 26-27, 2011

Attended, by invitation, 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
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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

Attended, by invitation, the Analytic Legal Philosophy Conference, New York University, April 16-17, 2010
Presented “Coercion,” to the GSU Law Faculty Forum, April 15, 2010

Attended, by invitation, 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 “Authority and Obligation” with David Estlund, Association of American Law Schools, San Diego, CA, January 2009

Attended, by invitation, 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

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

Attended, by invitation, 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

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

Legal Analytical Philosophy Conference, University of Texas, April 8-9, 2005

A 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

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

Privacy: An Interdisciplinary Colloquium; Presented “Privacy as a Right to DoWrong,” 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

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
Legal Analytical 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

Legal Analytical 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

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

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

Legal Analytical 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

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

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

Legal Analytical 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
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Atlanta Area Seminar In Analytic Philosophy; Participant, since 1996

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

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-present

*Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*
Subject Matter Editor, 2011-present

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


*Law and Philosophy: An International Journal for Jurisprudence and Legal Philosophy*
Member, Editorial Board, 2002-present
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*Ethics, Politics & Society. A Journal in Moral and Political Philosophy*
Member, Scientific Committee, 2018-present


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

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*
- *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
- Poznan Studies in the Philosophy of the Sciences and the Humanities
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- Routledge | Taylor & Francis Group
- Polity Books
- *Politics, Philosophy, and Economics*
- *Philosophical Papers*
- *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*
Consultant: Garland Series in Law and Philosophy


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

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

State Bar of Georgia, Member 1985-present (inactive since 2002)

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

**THESIS SUPERVISION**

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


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


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


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


UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE SERVICE

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-present

Jean Beer Blumenfeld Center for Ethics
Georgia State University; Affiliated Faculty member, 1995-present

Center for Human Rights and Democracy (CHRD), Georgia State University
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Research Faculty member of the Brain and Social Behaviors Group, Brains and Behaviors Program, Georgia State University, 2003-present

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MISCELLANEOUS

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

Occasional consultant to the Atlanta Constitution, the Fulton County Daily Reporter, WQXI-TV, CNN

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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

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REFERENCES

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