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Education

Harvard University, 1987-1995.
Ph.D. in Philosophy, November 1995.

Columbia University, 1984-1987.
M.A. in Philosophy, May 1987.

Stanford University, 1980-1984.
B.A. in Philosophy with Honors and Distinction, June 1984.

Areas of Specialization

Ethics
Political Philosophy
Philosophy of Law

Area of Competence

History of Ethics
Social Philosophy

Employment

Professor, Department of Philosophy. Tufts University. 2018-present.

Director, Civic Studies Program. Tufts University. 2018-2019.

Director, Peace and Justice Studies Program. Tufts University. 2017-2019.

Chair, Department of Philosophy. Tufts University, 2011-2018.

Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy. Tufts University, 2002-2018.

Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy. Tufts University, 1995-2002.

Publications

Books

The Limits of Blame: Rethinking Punishment and Responsibility. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2018.

Chasing Me To My Grave: A Story of Struggle and Survival from the Jim Crow South. Winfred Rembert with Erin I. Kelly. Bloomsbury Press. Forthcoming.

Edited Volumes

Co-Editor, with Mario De Caro and Brian Epstein, *Collective Responsibility and Social Ontology*, Special Issue of *The Monist*. Oxford University Press (April 2019).

Editor. John Rawls. *Justice as Fairness: A Restatement*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2001.

Papers

32. "What is Justice?" *Georgetown Journal of Law and Public Policy*. Special issue on the Ethics of Democracy. Forthcoming.

31. "Rethinking Criminal Justice." *Res Philosophica*. Special issue on Mass Incarceration and Racial Justice. Forthcoming.

30. "The Retributive Sentiments." *The Routledge Handbook on the Philosophy and Science of Punishment*, Ed. Farah Facquaert, Elizabeth Shaw, and Bruce Waller. Routledge Press. Forthcoming.

29. "The Practice of Liberty." *What is Pluralism? The Question of Pluralism in Politics*. Ed. Volker Kaul and Ingrid Salvatore. Routledge Press. Forthcoming.

28. "Publicity." *International Encyclopedia of Ethics*. Ed. Hugh LaFollette. Blackwell Press, 2013, revised 2019.

27. "Injustice and the Right to Punish." (with Göran Duus-Otterström). *Philosophy Compass*. January 2019; e12565. <https://doi.org/10.1111/phc3.12565>

26. "The Historical Injustice Problem for Political Liberalism." *Ethics* 128 (October 2017): 75-94.

25. "Free Will and Criminal Law." *Routledge Companion to Free Will*. Eds. Kevin Timpe, Meghan Griffith, and Neil Levy. New York: Routledge, 2017: 577-89.

24. "Modeling Justice in Higher Education." *The Aims of Higher Education: Problems of Morality and Justice*. Ed. Harry Brighouse and Michael McPherson. University of Chicago Press. 2015.
23. "Inequality, Difference, and Prospects for Democracy." *The Blackwell Companion to Rawls*. Ed. David Reidy and Jon Mandle. Blackwell Press. 2015.
22. "What is an Excuse?" *Blame: New Essays*. Ed. Neil Tognazzini and Justin Coates, Oxford University Press. 2013.
21. "Desert and Fairness in Criminal Justice." *Philosophical Topics*. 40 (2012): 63-77.
20. "Public Reason as a Collective Capability," *Rutgers Law Journal* 43 (2012): 295-316.
19. "Reparative Justice." *Accountability for Collective Wrongdoing*. Eds. Tracy Isaacs and Richard Vernon. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2011.
18. "Non-Egalitarian Global Fairness." (with Lionel McPherson). *Pogge and his Critics*. Ed. Alison M. Jaggar. Cambridge: Polity Press, 2010.
17. "The Naturalist Gap in Ethics." (with Lionel McPherson). *Normativity and Nature*. Ed. Mario De Caro and David Macarthur. New York: Columbia University Press, 2010.
16. "Equal Opportunity, Unequal Capability." *Measuring Justice: Capabilities and Primary Goods*. Ed. Harry Brighouse and Ingrid Robeyns. Cambridge University Press, 2010.
15. "Criminal Justice without Retribution." *The Journal of Philosophy* 106 (2009): 440-62.
14. "Prisoner's Mistrust." (with Lionel McPherson). *Ratio* 22 (2007): 57-70.
13. "Criminal-Justice Minded: Retribution, Punishment and Authority." *Hip Hop and Philosophy: From Rhyme to Reason*. Ed. Derrick Darby and Tommie Shelby. Chicago: Open Court, 2005.
12. "Against Naturalism in Ethics." *Naturalism in Question*. Ed. Mario De Caro and David MacArthur. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2004.
11. "Human Rights as Foreign Policy Imperatives." *The Ethics of Assistance: Morality and the Distant Needy*. Ed. Deen Chatterjee. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2004.
10. "The Burdens of Collective Liability." *Ethics and Foreign Intervention*. Ed. Deen Chatterjee and Don Scheid. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2003.

9. "Doing without Desert." *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 83 (2002): 180-205.
8. "Moral Agency and Free Choice: Clarke's Unlikely Success Against Hume." *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* 84 (2002): 297-318.
7. "Justice, Community and Public Reason." *Debates sobre la Justicia*. Ed. Elisabetta Di Castro and Paulette Dieterlen. México: IIF, UNAM, 2002.
6. "Justice and Communitarian Identity Politics." *The Journal of Value Inquiry* 35 (2001): 71-93.
5. "On Tolerating the Unreasonable" (with Lionel McPherson). *The Journal of Political Philosophy* 9 (2001): 38-55. Reprinted in *John Rawls: Critical Assessments of Leading Political Philosophers*. Ed. Chandran Kukathas. New York: Routledge Press, 2002.
4. "Rawls Recente." *Filosofia e Questioni Pubbliche* 6 (2001): 163-172.
3. "Habermas on Moral Justification." *Social Theory and Practice* 26 (2000): 223-249.
2. "Personal Concern." *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 30 (2000): 115-136.
1. "La Responsabilita Internazionale per i Diritti Umani." *Paradigmi* 18 (2000): 43-57.

Book Reviews and Discussions

9. "The Ethics of Law's Authority: On Tommie Shelby, *Dark Ghettos: Injustice, Dissent, and Reform*." *Criminal Law and Philosophy*. June 2019. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11572-019-09498-5>.
8. "Law and Institutional Legitimacy in the Practice of Human Rights: Comments on Allen Buchanan's *The Heart of Human Rights*." *Law and Philosophy* 36 (April 2017): 155-68.
7. Response to Barbara Fried's "The Triumph of Blame." *Boston Review*. 38 (2013): 22.
6. "Ethical Disagreement in Theory and Practice: Comments on Sterba." *Journal of Social Philosophy* 36 (2005): 382-387.
5. "Stability and Justification in Hume's Moral Philosophy: A Response to Louis Loeb." *Hume Studies* 30 (2004): 329-338.
4. Review of Hans Oberdiek. *Tolerance: Between Forbearance and Acceptance*. *The Philosophical Review* 112 (2003): 266-269.

3. Review of John Rawls. *A Theory of Justice*, Revised Edition. *The Philosophical Review* 110 (2001): 421-425.
2. Review of Philip Pettit. *Republicanism*. *The Philosophical Review* 108 (1999): 90-93.
1. Book note on Jennifer Herdt. *Religion and Faction in Hume's Moral Philosophy*. *Ethics* 109 (1999): 696.

Presentations

107. American Philosophical Association Meetings. Philadelphia. Author-Meets-Critics Session on my *The Limits of Blame: Rethinking Punishment and Responsibility*. Critics: Justin Coates, Randall Harp, Adina Roskies. January 2020.
106. American Association of Law Schools. Washington D. C. Jurisprudence panel. "Criminal Law and Shared Ethical Life." January 2020.
105. Georgetown Institute for the Study of Markets and Ethics. Conference on the Ethics of Democracy. "What is Justice?" November 2019.
104. Parr Center for Ethics, University of North Carolina. "The Failure of Retributive Justice." November 2019.
103. Boston Book Festival. "Panel Discussion: Violence, Justice, and Forgiveness." October 2019.
102. College of the Holy Cross. Worcester, MA. McFarland Center for Religion, Ethics, and Culture. "The Failure of Retributive Justice." October 2019.
101. College of St. Scholastica. Duluth, MN. Alworth Center for Peace and Justice. "What is Justice?" September 2019.
100. Università Vita-Salute, San Raffaele, Milan, Italy. International Research Centre for European Culture and Values. Conference on The Negative Emotions. "The Retributive Sentiments." June 2019.
99. Georgia State University. Department of Philosophy. Comments on Marcia Baron's *Self-Defense, Reasonableness, and the Law*. May 2019.
98. Harvard University. Workshop on Aesthetic Normativity. Comments on Brian Soucek's "Aesthetic Immodesty." May 2019.
97. Tufts University. Political Science Department. The John Graham Wooten Lecture. "Justice and Retribution." May 2019.
96. Tedx Cambridge Speaker. Boston Opera House. "Who Belongs in Prison?" May 2019.

95. Pacific Division APA. Vancouver. Invited symposium. "Justice and Retribution." April 2019.
94. University of Southern California Law School. Philosophy and Law seminar on *The Limits of Blame*. April 2019.
93. Saint Louis University. *Res Philosophica* Conference on Mass Incarceration. "Harm Reduction in Criminal Justice." March 2019.
92. NC State. Department of Philosophy. "Harm Reduction in Criminal Justice." February 2019.
91. American Philosophical Association Meetings, New York City. Comments on Gideon Yaffe's *The Age of Culpability: Children and the Nature of Criminal Responsibility*. January 2019.
90. Safra Center for Ethics, Harvard University. Comments on John C. P. Goldberg and Benjamin C. Zipursky's, *Recognizing Wrongs*. December 2018.
89. International Research Centre for European Culture and Values. Università Vita-Salute, San Raffaele, Milan, Italy. Conference on Social Freedom and European Values. "Civic Justice." March 2018.
88. University of Macerata, Italy. Department of Political Science, Communications, and International Relations. "Civic Justice." March 2018.
87. Stanford University. Political Theory Workshop. "Law Enforcement in an Unjust Society." June 2017.
86. Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México. Mexico City. Department of Philosophy. "Reasonable Pluralism and the Problem of Historical Injustice." May 2017.
85. University of Udine, Italy. Department of Law. International Workshop on Nature, Value, and Normativity. "Political Legitimacy and Democracy." March 2017.
84. College of the Holy Cross. Seven Hills Workshop on Mind, Metaphysics, and Ethics. Comments on Rafeeq Hasan, "Republicanism and Structural Domination: Two Views." November 2016.
83. University of Tennessee, Department of Philosophy. "Historically Rooted Injustice." November 2016.
82. Columbia University. Institute for Research in African-American Studies. Drug Policy Alliance. Conference on White Faces, Black Lives: Race and Reparative Justice in the Era of a "Gentler War on Drugs." "Reparative Justice." October 2016.

81. NYU Law and Philosophy Colloquium. "Criminal Justice without Blame"; "Rethinking Punishment." September 2016.
80. European Council for Political Research. General Conference. Prague, Czech Republic. "Law Enforcement in an Unjust Society." September 2016.
79. Pontifical Lateran University and University of Roma Tre. Rome, Italy. "Knowledge and Mercy" Jubilee of Universities and Research Centers. "Compassion." September 2016.
78. Fudan University, Shanghai, China. Fudan-Harvard-NYUAD Conference on Justice. "Markets Inequality, and Distributive Justice." July 2016.
77. University of Rome, Tre. Rome. Dimensions of Justice Conference. "Markets Inequality, and Distributive Justice." June 2016.
76. Cornell University. Justice without Retribution Conference. "Free Will and Criminal Law." June 2016.
75. George State University, Department of Philosophy. Conference to Commemorate the 25th Anniversary of John Rawls's *Political Liberalism*. "Historically Rooted Injustice." May 2016.
74. University of Geneva. Political Theory Workshop. "Historically Rooted Injustice." March 2016.
73. University of Michigan Criminal Law Workshop. "Free Will and Criminal Law." November 2015.
72. UCLA Philosophy Department. "Free Will and Criminal Law." October 2015.
71. UCLA Ethics Workshop. "Law Enforcement in an Unjust Society." October 2015.
70. Radcliffe Institute Workshop on Human Rights. "Practical Conceptions of Human Rights." September 2015.
69. New York City Criminal Law Colloquium. "Some Problems with Law Enforcement." April 2015.
68. Harvard University Law School. Conference on Fundamental Critiques of Criminal Punishment. "Moral Blame and Criminal Responsibility." April 2015.
67. Harvard University Law School. "Some Problems with Law Enforcement." April 2015.
66. Pacific Division APA. Vancouver. "Comments on Allen Buchanan's *The Heart of Human Rights*." April 2015.

65. Italian Parliament. Rome, Italy. "Responsibility in Morality and Criminal Justice." January 2015.
64. International Festival of Science. Rome, Italy. "Responsibility in Morality and Criminal Justice." January 2015.
63. University of Toronto Law School. "Culpability and Fault in Criminal Justice." October 2014.
62. SUNY Binghamton. Department of Philosophy. "Culpability and Fault in Criminal Justice." October 2014.
61. Goethe University, Frankfurt. Normative Orders Project. "Historically Rooted Injustice." June 2014.
60. Wellesley College. Rawls in Africa Conference. "Historically Rooted Injustice." April 2014.
59. Dartmouth College. Political Economy Project. "Some Problems with Law Enforcement." March 2014.
58. Yale University. Law and Philosophy Speaker Series. "Desert and Fairness in Criminal Justice." November 2013.
57. Ritsumeikan University, Kyoto, Japan. Humanities Division. "Desert and Fairness in Criminal Justice." July 2013.
56. Chinese University of Hong Kong. Conference on the Philosophy of Criminal Justice. "Culpability and Fault in Criminal Justice." June 2013.
55. University of Sassari, Italy. Workshop on Language and Justice. "Culpability and Fault in Criminal Justice." May 2013.
54. University of Rome, Tre. Rome. Moral Realism Conference. "A Challenge to Moral Realism." May 2013.
53. Social Philosophy and Policy. Tucson, AZ. New Essays in Moral Philosophy conference. "Moral Competence." January 2013.
52. Eastern Division APA, Atlanta, GA. Invited panel on the Legacy of Rawls. "Rawls and Nonideal Justice." December 2012.
51. University of Ottawa. Rethinking Inequality conference. "Desert and Fairness in Criminal Justice." November 2012.
50. Vanderbilt University. Political Philosophy Workshop. "Desert and Fairness in Criminal Justice." November 2012.

49. Boston College. Public Reason conference. "Public Reason and International Legal Discourse." Co-presenter Ian Johnstone. October 2012.
48. Ohio State University. Department of Philosophy. "Desert and Fairness in Criminal Justice." August 2012.
47. Bogazici University, Istanbul. "Justice and Desert"; "Justice: Basic Frameworks"; "Agency and Complicity." July 2012.
46. John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York City. *Literature and Law Conference*. "Culpability and Fault in Criminal Justice." March 2012.
45. Salem State University, MA. Department of Philosophy. "Distributive Justice and Moral Desert." March 2012.
44. University of Roma Tre, Rome. Department of Philosophy. "What is an Excuse?" February 2012.
43. Libera Università Internazionale degli Studi Sociali (LUISS), Rome. Center for Ethics and Global Politics. "Inclusion, Difference, and Prospects for Democracy." February 2012.
42. Northwestern University. Spencer Foundation Conference on the Aims of Higher Education. "Modeling Justice: Race and Gender Inclusivity in Higher Education." October 2011.
41. Spencer Foundation. Chicago, Il. Workshop on the Aims of Higher Education. "Critical Thinking and Social Empowerment." June 2011
40. Rutgers Law School. Conference on Amartya Sen's *The Idea of Justice*. April 2011.
39. Yale University Law School. Seminar presentation. "What is an Excuse?" March 2011.
38. Syracuse University. Philosophy Department. "What is an Excuse?" November 2010.
37. The College of New Jersey. Department of Philosophy and the Greater Philadelphia Philosophy Consortium. Symposium on John Rawls' *A Theory of Justice: Forty Years On*. "Democracy and Equality." October 2010.
36. University of Oslo. Center for Advanced Studies. "Comments on Human Rights and International Law." August 2009.
35. University of Western Ontario, Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict Research Group. Conference on Collective Punishment. "Reparative Justice." April, 2009.
34. University of Pennsylvania. Philosophy Department. "Moral Capacity and Criminal Punishment." November 2008.

33. Stanford University Humanities Center. "Criminal Justice without Retribution." May 2008.
32. The University of Rochester. Philosophy Department. "Moralities of Blame." January 2008.
31. The University of Connecticut. Philosophy Department. "Moralities of Blame." November 2007.
30. Libera Università Internazionale degli Studi Sociali (LUISS) Summer Program. Orvieto, Italy. "Intervention and Human Rights." June 2007.
29. Pacific Division APA. "Punishment and Collective Responsibility." April 2007.
28. Brandeis University. Philosophy Department. "Beyond Retribution: An Outline of a Theory of Punishment." March 2007.
27. University of Colorado, Boulder. Philosophy Department. "Legitimacy across Borders." January, 2007.
26. University of Virginia. Philosophy Department. "Legitimacy across Borders." November, 2006.
25. National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM). Philosophy Department. Mexico City. "Beyond Retribution: An Outline of a Theory of Punishment." October 2006.
24. National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM). Philosophy Department. Mexico City. "Legitimacy across Borders." October 2006.
23. Libera Università Internazionale degli Studi Sociali (LUISS) Summer Program. Orvieto, Italy. "Intervention and Human Rights." June 2006.
22. Kansas State University. Philosophy Department. "Compatibilism and Retributivism." April 2006.
21. Kansas State University. Philosophy Department. "Beyond Retribution." April 2006.
20. Pacific Division APA. "Compatibilism and Retributivism." March 2006.
19. College of Wooster, Ohio. Great Decisions in Foreign Policy Lecture Series. "Who's Responsible for Human Rights?" January 2006.
18. Union College. Philosophy Department. "Punishment and Democracy." May 2005.

17. Merrimack College. Philosophy Department. "Rethinking Punishment." March 2005.
16. Eastern Division APA. "Comments on James Sterba's *The Triumph of Practice over Theory in Ethics*." December 2004.
15. University of Roma Tre, Naturalism in Question Conference, Rome. "Anti-Naturalism in Ethics." May 2004.
14. Libera Università Internazionale degli Studi Sociali (LUISS), Rome. Center for Ethics and Global Politics. "Punishment and Democracy." April 2004.
13. Brown University. Philosophy Department. "Response to G. A. Cohen's 'Facts and Principles.'" March 2003.
12. Brandeis University, Faculty Humanities Seminar. "Doing Without Desert." October 2001.
11. The National Congress of Philosophy, Asociacion Filosofica de México, México City. "Justice, Community, and Public Reason." August 2001.
10. Central Division APA. "Doing Without Desert." April 2000.
9. Libera Università Internazionale degli Studi Sociali (LUISS), Rome. "Human Rights as Foreign Policy Imperatives." March 2000.
8. Cornell University, Young Scholar's Program. "Doing Without Desert," and "Human Rights as Foreign Policy Imperatives." April 1999.
7. University of Roma Tre and the Società Italiana di Filosofia Analitica, Perspectives on Determinism, Freedom, and Moral Responsibility Conference, Rome. "Doing Without Desert." April 1999.
6. Eastern Division APA. "Human Rights as Foreign Policy Imperatives." December 1998.
5. Eastern Division APA. "Response to Kok-Chor Tan's 'Political Liberalism and Global Equality.'" December 1998.
4. Central Division APA. "Response to John Corvino's 'Not by Reason Alone: Hume's Response to Wollaston and Clarke.'" May 1998.
3. Pacific Division APA. "Personal Concern." March 1998.
2. Tufts University, Education for Public Inquiry and International Citizenship Symposium. "Motives for Migration." February 1998.

1. Hume Society Meetings. Monterey, CA. "Moral Agency and Free Choice." July 1997.

Teaching Experience

Introduction to Civic Studies. 2018, 2019.

Seminar on the Political Philosophy of Martin Luther King, Jr., 2019.

Introduction to Philosophy. 2000, 2001, 2016, 2017, 2019.

Philosophy of Law. 2002, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2010, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2018.

Philosophy of Criminal Justice. 2015.

Agency and Responsibility. 2007, 2008, 2013.

Feminist Philosophy. 1996, 2012.

Graduate Writing Seminar. 2012.

Ethics, Law and Society. 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011.

Seminar on Tort Law. 2010.

Collective Responsibility. 2009.

Ethical Theory. 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2007, 2009.

Justice, Equality, Liberty. 2004, 2005, 2006.

Inequality. 2006.

Philosophy of Criminal Justice. 2005.

Global Justice. 1997, 1998, 2000, 2002.

Rawls and his Critics. 2001.

Seminar on Aesthetics and Criticism. 1998.

Moral Responsibility. 1997.

Political Philosophy. 1996.

Honors and Awards

Faculty Fellow, Jonathan M. Tisch College of Public Life, 2017-19.

Tufts Collaborates Grant (with Bruce Boghosian and Sahar Parsa) for collaborative research. “Yard-Sale Inequality.” 2016-2017.

Visiting Scholar. Harvard Law School. 2014-15.

Dean’s Faculty Research Fellowship. Tufts University. 2014-15.

Tufts Innovates Grant to organize a Tufts Ethics Bowl. Tufts University Provost. 2013-14.

Senior Faculty Research Award. Tufts University. Fall 2008.

University College of Citizenship and Public Service. Faculty Fellow. Tufts University. 2003-05.

Faculty Research Award. Tufts University. Summer 2004.

Professor in Residence. Libera Università Internazionale degli Studi Sociali (LUISS). Rome, May 2004.

Harvard University Center for Ethics and the Professions. Faculty Fellow. 2003-04.

Mellon Semester Fellowship. Tufts University. Spring 1999.

Cornell University Young Scholar. The Program on Ethics and Public Life. 1998-99.

Undergraduate Initiative in Teaching Award. Tufts University. 1997-98.

Emily and John Carrier Dissertation Prize. Harvard University. 1996.

Other Professional Activities

Referee, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Ethics*, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *Social Theory and Practice*, *Journal of Political Philosophy*, Westview Press, Cambridge University Press, Wiley-Blackwell Press.

Executive Committee of the APA, 2014-15.

Chair, Eastern APA Program Committee, 2009-2010.

Eastern APA Program Committee, 2008-2010.

University Service, Tufts University, 1995-present.

Campus-Wide Service:

Faculty Advisory Board, Tufts University Prison Initiative, 2017-present.

Pre-Law Advisory Committee, 2013-present.

Jonathan M. Tisch College of Civic Life, Faculty Advisory Committee.
2003-present.

Institute for Global Leadership, Faculty Advisory Board. 2000-present.

International Relations Core Faculty Member and Advisor, 1997-present.

Director, Civic Studies, 2018-2019.

Director, Peace and Justice Studies, 2017-2019.

Budget and Priorities Committee, 2012-13.

Provost Search Committee, 2012.

Joint Working Group on Senior Capstones, 2011-12.

Director, Writing Across the Curriculum, 2008-9.

Writing Across the Curriculum Faculty, 1996-2009.

Outward Bound Faculty Advisor, EPIIC Program, 2001.

External Review Assessment Committee for Women's Studies, 1997-8.

Equal Educational Opportunity Committee member, 1996-7.

Department Service:

Faculty Job Search Committee, 1997-present.

M.A. Admissions Committee, 1995-present.

Philosophy Department Chair, 2011-2018.

New England Undergraduate Philosophy Conference Advisor, 1995-98.