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### Academic Employment

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2001-present **Assistant Professor**, University of Minnesota  
2002-2003 **Faculty Fellow in Ethics**, University Center for Ethics and the Professions,  
Harvard University  
2000-2001 **Instructor**, Department of Philosophy, University of Minnesota (tenure track)  
1998 **Instructor**, Department of Philosophy, University of Chicago  
1996-1998 **Instructor**, Department of Philosophy, St. Xavier University (Chicago)  
1994-1996 **Teaching Assistant**, Department of Philosophy, University of Chicago

### Education

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March 2001 Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of Chicago  
Dissertation: *Moral Virtue and Reasons for Action*  
Committee: Martha Nussbaum (chair), Charles Larmore,  
Daniel Garber, David Velleman  
Spring 2000 Exchange Scholar, Department of Philosophy, Harvard University  
May 1992 M.A., University of Chicago  
June 1988 B.S., *summa cum laude*, Boston University  
B.A., *magna cum laude*, Boston University

### Areas of Specialization

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Ethics, Moral Psychology, Practical Reason

### Other Areas of Competence

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History of Ethics, Modern Philosophy, Aesthetics

### Academic Honors and Awards

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2002-2003 Faculty Fellowship in Ethics, University Center for Ethics and the Professions,  
Harvard University  
National Fellowship Supplement, University of Minnesota  
Single Semester Research Leave, University of Minnesota (declined)  
2002 Research Grant Supplement, Department of Philosophy, University of Minnesota  
Office of International Projects Travel Grant, University of Minnesota  
Invited to submit *Moral Virtue and Reasons for Action*, University of Chicago  
Ph.D. Thesis, for Routledge's *Studies in Ethics* series

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- 2001 Faculty Summer Research Fellowship, University of Minnesota  
Research Grant Supplement, Department of Philosophy, University of Minnesota  
Office of International Projects Travel Grant, University of Minnesota  
"Thank a Teacher" Teaching Award, University of Minnesota
- 1999-2000 Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship,  
The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation  
Frank Curtis Springer and Gertrude Melcher Springer Lectureship in the College,  
University of Chicago (declined)
- 1999 APA Pacific Division Graduate Student Travel Stipend
- 1998-1999 University of Chicago Shaw Fellowship
- 1998 Hume Society Graduate Student Travel Grant
- 1996-1998 University of Chicago Ames Fellowship
- 1995 Andrew W. Mellon Summer Research Fellowship
- 1992-1996 University of Chicago Century Fellowship
- 1991-1992 University of Chicago Unendowed Fund Scholarship
- 1984-1988 Boston University Scholarship/Grant

### Publications

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#### *Refereed Articles:*

1. "Contempt as a Moral Attitude." *Ethics* 113:2 (January 2003): 234-272.
2. "Moral Prejudice and Aesthetic Deformity: Rereading Hume's 'Of the Standard of Taste'." *Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism* 59:1 (Winter 2001): 59-71.

#### *Book Reviews:*

1. Review of Anne Jaap Jacobson, ed. *Feminist Interpretations of David Hume*. *Hume Studies* 27:1 (April 2001): 179-183.
2. Review of Knud Logstrup, *The Ethical Demand*. *Ethics* 109:2 (January 1999): 446-448.
3. Review of Simon Blackburn, *Ruling Passions: A Theory of Practical Reason*. *Hume Studies* 24:2 (November 1998): 367-371.

### Work in Progress

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1. "Vindicating Virtue: Acting Virtuously, Acting Rationally, and Acting Well" (under revision for resubmission to *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*)
2. "Shamelessness"
3. "Is Aretaic Appraisal Reason-Entailing?"
4. "Acting Well and Faring Well"
5. "Moral Minding"
6. "Virtue and Imperfection"
7. Review essay on the state of contemporary discussions of Humean views of practical reason, commissioned by *Hume Studies*
8. "Good Readers and Bad Characters: On Narrative Art, Empathy, and (Merciful) Moral Vision" in preparation for *One World: Essays on Nussbaum on Philosophy and Literature* (Leonard Ferry, ed., SUNY University Press)

**Invited Presentations**

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***International Conferences:***

- July 2002 "Shamelessness as a Vice"  
Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and Mind Association,  
University of Glasgow, Scotland.
- June 2002 "Shamelessness as a Vice"  
"Virtue Ethics: Old and New," University of Canterbury, Christchurch,  
New Zealand.
- July 2001 "Contempt as a Moral Attitude"  
  - The British Society for Ethical Theory Conference, The University of  
Glasgow, Scotland.
  - The Royal Institute of Philosophy Conference on Philosophy and the  
Emotions, University of Manchester, England.
- July 1998 "Innocent Peculiarities and Real Deformities: The Problem of Prejudice in  
Hume's Moral Aesthetics," 25th Hume Society Conference, Stirling,  
Scotland. Commentary by Mary Mothersill.

***Other Invited Talks:***

- April 2003 "Shamelessness," Fellows Seminar, Harvard University Center for Ethics and the  
Professions.
- Feb. 2003 "Moral Responsibility and Desert," Fellows Seminar, Harvard University  
Center for Ethics and the Professions.  
"Shamelessness," Sapientia Lecture Series, Dartmouth College Department of  
Philosophy.  
"Is Aretaic Appraisal Reason Entailing?" Brown University Department of  
Philosophy.
- Jan. 2003 "Is Aretaic Appraisal Reason Entailing?" M.I.T. Department of Philosophy.
- Dec. 2002 "Humean Reasons and Human Virtues," Hume Society meeting, APA Eastern  
Division Meetings, Philadelphia, PA.  
"Collective Responsibility," Fellows Seminar, Harvard University Center for  
Ethics and the Professions.
- April 2002 "Shamelessness as a Vice," APA Central Division Meetings, Chicago, IL.  
Commentary by Neera Badwhar.
- Jan. 2002 "Contempt as a Moral Attitude," New York University Department of  
Philosophy.
- Dec. 2001 Comments on Chrisoula Andreou, "Reasons Without Rationally Required Ends,"  
APA Eastern Division Meetings, Atlanta, GA. (*in absentia*)
- Sept. 2001 "Virtue's Reasons," Minnesota Philosophical Society, St. Joseph, MN.  
Comments on Jeffrey Brand-Ballard, "Contractualism and Agent-Centered  
Restrictions," Minnesota Philosophical Society, St. Joseph, MN.
- April 2001 "Responsibility for 'What One Is'," 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Value Inquiry,  
Tulsa, OK.
- Oct. 2000 "Contempt as a Moral Attitude," Minnesota Philosophical Society, St. Paul, MN.  
Comments on Joy Laine, "Time and the Degradation of Moral Responsibility,"  
Minnesota Philosophical Society, St. Paul, MN.

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- April 2000      Comments on Valerie Tiberius, "Perspective: A Prudential Virtue," APA Central Division Meetings, Chicago, IL.
- April 1999      "Moral Prejudice and Aesthetic Deformity in Hume's 'Of the Standard of Taste'," APA Pacific Division Meetings, Berkeley, CA. Commentary by Michael Gill.
- Nov. 1998      "Moral Prejudice and Aesthetic Deformity: Re-reading Hume's 'Of the Standard of Taste'," American Society for Aesthetics 56th Annual Meeting, Bloomington, IN. Commentary by Alex Neill.

### Professional Service

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- 2003            Referee: *Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Ethics*
- 2002            Referee: *American Philosophical Quarterly, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Ethics, Hume Studies*
- 2001            Referee: *Hume Studies*
- 1999-2002      APA Graduate Studies Task Force
- 1998            APA Eastern Division Meeting Graduate Student Committee

### University Service

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#### *Minnesota:*

- 2003            Department Webpage Coordinator
- 2001-2002      Woodbridge Scholarship Committee  
Guest lecturer, University Honors Program
- 2000-2001      Philosophy Colloquium Committee

### Professional Affiliations

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American Philosophical Association  
British Society for Ethical Theory  
Mind Association  
Association for Practical and Professional Ethics  
Hume Society  
American Society for Aesthetics

### References

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Available upon request.