

Curriculum Vitae

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Education:

Ph.D. Binghamton University, Binghamton, NY Spring, 2000

M.A. University of Massachusetts at Boston, Boston, MA, Spring, 1996

B.A. California State University at Fresno, Fresno, CA Spring, 1991

Areas of Specialization:

Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Law, Religion and Politics

Areas of Competence:

History of Modern Philosophy, Ethics, Applied Ethics

Experience:

Kansas State University: Assistant Professor: 2004-2008; Associate

Professor: 2009-Present; Full Professor 2016-Present

International Ala Too University, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan: Fulbright Scholar 2018-2019

International University of Kyrgyzstan, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan: Fulbright Scholar Spring Term 2019.

International University of Central Asia, Tokmok, Kyrgyzstan and **Kyrgyz-Turkish**

Manas University, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan: Fulbright Scholar 2014-2015

American University of Central Asia, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan: Fulbright Scholar,
Spring, 2011

Bogazici University, Istanbul: Visiting Faculty: Summer 2007; 2008; 2009

Auburn University: Visiting Assistant Professor: 2000-2004

University of Scranton: Lecturer: 1999-2000

Work in Progress:

“Liberalism and Toleration”

“Liberalism and Liberty of Conscience”

Publications:

“Wedding Cakes and Muslims: Religious Freedom and Politics in Contemporary American Legal Practice,” forthcoming, *Journal of Religion and Politics*.

“Religion, Identity, and Violence,” *Global Conversations*, 2018: 59-71.

“The Politics of Religious Freedom: Liberalism and Toleration in Muslim Majority States,”
Philosophy and Social Criticism, 2017: 1-20.

“Religious and Political Authority in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia: Challenges and Prospects,”

(with Kamel Alboaouh), *Manas Journal of Social Science*, 2017: 241-257.

“Justice,” in *American Governance*. Ed. Stephen L. Schechter. 5 vols. Detroit: Macmillan, 2016.

- “Fairness, in *American Governance*. Ed. Stephen L. Schechter. 5 vols. Detroit: Macmillan, 2016.
- “Democracy and Religious Freedom: Liberal Values in a Central Asian Context,” *Manas Journal of Social Science*, 2015: 32-40.
- “The Kyrgyz Republic’s Entry into the Eurasian Customs Union,” (co-author, Bakyt Omurzurkov), *Manas Journal of Social Science*, 2015: 41-51.
- “Justice in Education and Religious Freedom,” *Social Philosophy and Policy*. 31 (1)2014 : 276-294.
- “Democracy and Religious Freedom,” *Liberty and Human Rights* (Cairo University), 2014.
- “Democratic Equality and Corporate Political Speech,” *Public Affairs Quarterly*, (2013): 137-156.
- “A Democratic Equality Approach to Religious Exemptions,” *Journal of Social Philosophy*, Fall 2011: 305-320.
- “Varieties of Secular Government: Some Are Better Than Others,” in *Razvitne Gocydarctv Chentralnoiy Azia*, (Bishkek, 2011): 11-18.
- “Secularism, Equality and Political Legitimacy,” *Journal of Value Inquiry*, March 2010: 17- 30.
- “Pragmatism and Human Rights,” *International Perspectives on Pragmatism*, eds. P. Hare, M. Weber, J. Swindler, O.M. Pastae, and C. Cuteanu, Cambridge Scholars Publishing. NewCastle, UK. 2009: 211-219.
- “Liberalism and the Polygamy Question,” *Social Philosophy Today: International Law and Justice*, ed. John Rowan. Philosophy Documentation Center. 2008: 161-174.
- “Rules of Moral Salience and the Problem of Moral Rigorism in Kantian Ethics,” *Law and Peace in Kant’s Philosophy*, eds. Rhoden, V., et al, Berlin, Walter de Gruyter. 2008: 631-642.
- “Human Rights and the Moral Basis of Liberalism,” *Law and Philosophy*, March 2008:151-191.
- “Public Reason and the Moral Foundation of Liberalism,” *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, Vol. 1.3 2004: 311-331. Reprinted in *The Legacy of John Rawls*, eds. T. Brooks and F. Freyenhagen, 2005. Continuum: 85-106.
- “Objectivity, Interpretation and Rights: A Critique of Dworkin,” *Law and Philosophy*, 23, 2004: 187-222.
- “Cosmopolitanism as a Moral Imperative,” *Philosophy in the Contemporary World*, Vol. 9 No 2 2002: 41-47.
- “Proceduralism and Justification in Habermas’s Discourse Ethics,” *Philosophy Today*, Vol. 46:3, 2002: 300-312.
- “Rights Without Dignity? Some Critical Reflections on Habermas’s Procedural Model of Law and Democracy,” *Philosophy and Social Criticism*, Vol 27 No 3 2001: 21-40.

“Cultural Identity, Autonomy, and Rights,” *Cultural Integrity and World*

Community, Eds. Cheryl Hughes and Yeager Hudson, The Edwin Mellin Press, 2000: 321-338.

“Axel Honneth’s Ethical Theory of Recognition,” *International Studies in Philosophy* XXXI/1 1999: 97-110.

International Education:

Humanities in Italy: 2-week course in Orvieto, Italy, June 2017.

Co-organizer, conference on Central Asia and International Politics, Manas University, Bishkek, June 2015.

ACCESS Camps (English language training in Kyrgyzstan): 2015: Isfana, Arslanbob, Kant; 2011: Osh.

Seminars on undergraduate research and writing grant proposals (Almaty, May 2014; April, 2011; Bishkek, Sept 2012, June 2013).

Two weeks of seminars and training seminars at Al-Farabi Kazakh National University, Almaty, Journalism Department, May 2014.

Co-organizer, Institute for Democracy, Bogazici University, June 2012 (two weeks of seminars and lectures for graduate students in Europe and Turkey).

Creator, “Istanbul: The Imperial City,” 6-week study abroad program for Kansas State University at Bogazici University, Istanbul (I led this program two times).

Humanities in Italy: 3-week faculty-led study abroad program in Italy (I led this program two times).

Volunteer: ACCESS Program, Tokmok, Kyrgyzstan (Spring term, 2015)

Co-Organizer, Special Workshop on “Public Legal Reason,” International Conference on Law and Social Philosophy, Frankfurt, August, 2011.

Co-Organizer, Special Workshop on “Secularism and the Rule of Law,” International Congress on Law and Social Philosophy, Beijing, September, 2009.

Co-Organizer, Special Workshop on “Natural Law and the Moral Foundations of Liberalism,” International Congress on Law and Social Philosophy,” Krakow, August, 2008.

Grants/Awards:

Fulbright Grant, Kyrgyz Republic, 2018-2019

Experimental Co-Teaching Grant, Kansas State University (to set up a partner course in Kyrgyzstan between KSU and IUCA, Summer 2016).

U.S. Embassy Grant for academic conference in Bishkek, 2015

Fulbright Grant, Kyrgyz Republic, 2014-2015.

IREX Grant for conference at Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, August, 2012.

Faculty Development Award for travel to Political Philosophy Institute, Istanbul, July, 2012.

Incentive Grant for travel to Kyrgyzstan to facilitate exchange agreement between International University of Central Asia and KSU.

Fulbright Grant, American University of Central Asia, Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic, Spring,

2011.

Faculty Development Award, Kansas State University, 2011 (for travel to Frankfurt, Germany).

Faculty Development Award, Kansas State University, 2009 (for travel to Beijing, China).

Faculty Development Award, Kansas State University, 2007 (for travel to Krakow, Poland).

Faculty Development Award, Kansas State University, 2006 (for travel to Argentina).

NEH Fellowship, 2005 Summer Seminar on “Political Obligation, Democratic Legitimacy and Human Rights,” at Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA.

Faculty Development Award, Kansas State University, 2005 (for travel to 10th International Kant Congress in Sao Paulo, Brazil, September, 2005).

Book Award: Received for M.A. Thesis “Communicative Competence and Communicative Ethics,” May, 1996, University of Massachusetts at Boston.

Presentations:

“Multiculturalism and Toleration,” Multicultural Summit (a community event on diversity), Garden City, KS, October, 2015.

“Religious Freedom and Democracy,” 2015 Fulbright Conference, Hyderabad, India, March, 2015; also presented at Religion, Peace and International Relations Conference, Kyrgyz- Turkish Manas University, October, 2014.

“Democracy and Religious Freedom,” Nazarbaev University, April, 2015.

“Democracy and Freedom of the Press,” Al-Farabi Kazakh National University, May 2014 (plus three other lectures on similar topics).

“Equality and Religious Freedom,” Conference on Religion and Society, San Jose, Costa Rica, April 2014

“The Problem of Political Authority,” Author meets critics session on M. Huemer’s *The Problem of Political Authority*, American Philosophical Association, Baltimore, Dec. 2013.

“Justice in Education and Religious Freedom,” Education: Ideals and Practices, Park City, Utah, August, 2013.

“Democracy and Religious Freedom,” Conference on Human Rights and Liberty, Cairo University, April, 2013; also presented at Bogazici University, Istanbul, July, 2013 and Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University, Bishkek, July, 2013.

“Meritocracy, Democracy and Political Corruption,” Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, August 2012.

“Secularism and Democracy,” Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, August, 2012.

- “Neo-Classical Liberalism,” Bogazici University, Istanbul, July, 2012.
- “Stability and Fairness in State Religion Policies,” Conference on Religion and Ethics, Osaka, Japan, March 2012.
- Comments on “The Eligibility of a Polycentric Constitution,” by K. Vallier, APA, Washington DC, Dec 2011.
- Comments on “When is Statelessness Stable?” by E. Dourado, APA, Washington DC, Dec 2011. “Democratic Equality and Public Reason,” IVR Congress, Frankfurt, August, 2011.
- “Varieties of Secular Government: Why Some Are Better than Others,” International Politics Conference, International University of Central Asia, Tokmok, Kyrgyzstan, June 2011; al Farabi Kazakh National University, Almaty Kazakhstan, May, 2011.
- “Secularism: American Style,” American Studies Conference, Naryn State University, Naryn, Kyrgyzstan, May 2011.
- “Headscarves and the Amish,” Fulbright Conference, Goa India, March 2011; International University of Central Asia, Tokmok, Kyrgyzstan, March 2011; American University of Central Asia, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, March 2011.
- “Democratic Equality and Corporate Political Speech,” Bogazici University, Istanbul, August, 2011.
- “Democratic Equality and Public Justification,” presented at the North American Society for Social Philosophy, Toronto, July 2010.
- “Liberalism and Religious Equality,” presented at the Second International Peace Conference, June 2009, Bogazici University, Istanbul; also presented at the 24th World Congress on Law and Social Philosophy, September 2009, Beijing; also presented at Pittsburg State University, November 2009 (invited); also presented at the 29th Kansas Philosophical Society, February 2010, Kansas University.
- “Secularism and Political Legitimacy,” presented at the Association for Political Theory Conference, October 2008, Wesleyan University; 2008 Philosophy and Social Sciences Conference, May 2008, Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague, Czech Republic.
- “Second-Personal Reasons and Moral Objectivity,” presented at the Third Annual ATINER Philosophy Conference, June 2008, Athens, Greece.
- “Pragmatism and Human Rights,” International Conference on "Democracy, Liberalism, and Pragmatism," Constantin Brancusi University, Romania, September, 2007.
- “How to Make Sense of Law’s Objectivity,” International Conference on Law and Social Philosophy, Krakow, Poland, August, 2007; Second Annual ATINER Philosophy Conference, Athens, Greece, June, 2007; Kansas Philosophical Society, Pittsburg, KS, February, 2007; VIII Bariloche Philosophy Colloquium, Bariloche, Argentina,

- September, 2006.
- “Can Democracy Tolerate Polygamy?” Marriage and Morals conference at Cal Poly Pomona, April, 2007.
- “Liberalism and the Moral Basis for Human Rights,” Universidad di Tella, Buenos Aires, Argentina, September, 2006.
- “Liberalism and the Polygamy Question” North American Society for Social Philosophy Conference, Victoria, B.C., August, 2006.
- “Bentham’s Battering-Ram: Legal Positivism and the Critique of Natural Law,” Western Society for 18th C. Studies, Arizona State University, February, 2006.
- “Rules of Moral Salience and the Problem of Rigorism in Kantian Ethics,” International Kant Congress, Sao Paulo, Brazil, September, 2005.
- “Liberalism and Human Rights,” 32nd Conference on Value Inquiry, LSU, Baton Rouge, LA. April, 2005.
- “Two Conceptions of Rules for Moral Judgment,” Mountain Plains Philosophy Conference, Hays Kansas, October, 2004.
- “Public Reason and the Moral Foundation of Liberalism,” Eastern APA Meeting, Washington, D.C., December, 2003.
- “Beneficence: A Matter of Duty or a Matter of Perception?,” 31st Conference on Value Inquiry, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND, April, 2003.
- “Morality and Public Reason: A Critique of Rawls,” The Alabama Philosophical Society Conference, Orange Beach, AL, October, 2002.
- “Practical Reason and Impartiality: A Critique of Williams,” 26th Annual Mid-South Philosophy Conference, Memphis, TN, February, 2002.
- “Cosmopolitanism as a Moral Imperative,” Alabama Philosophical Society Conference, Orange Beach, AL, October, 2001.
- “Ronald Dworkin’s Interpretive Theory of Normative Concepts,” 29th Conference on Value Inquiry, Tulsa, OK, April, 2001.
- “Moral Argument and Justification in Habermas’s Discourse Ethics,” The Alabama Philosophical Society Conference, Orange Beach, AL, October, 2000.
- “Morality and Public Reason: a Critique of Rawls,” 17th International Social Philosophy Conference, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, July, 2000.
- “Pluralism and Practical Reason,” 28th Conference on Value Inquiry, Lamar University, Beaumont, TX, April, 2000.
- “Pluralism and Practical Reason,” 16th International Social Philosophy Conference, Villanova University, Villanova, PA, July, 1999.
- “Rights Without Dignity? Some Critical Reflections on Habermas’s Procedural Model of Law and Democracy,” World Congress on Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy, Pace University, New York, NY, June, 1999.

“Habermas, Dworkin, and Democratic Theory,” 9th Annual PIC Conference, Binghamton University, Binghamton, NY, April, 1999.

“Cultural Identity, Autonomy, and Rights,” 15th International Social Philosophy Conference, Massachusetts College of the Liberal Arts, North Adams, MA, August, 1998.

“Axel Honneth’s Ethical Theory of Recognition,” 8th Annual PIC Conference, Binghamton University, Binghamton, NY, April, 1998.

“Autonomy and Recognition,” Critical Theory Roundtable, St. Louis University, St. Louis, MO, October, 1997.

Service at Kansas State:

University:

Member, Graduate Council, Current

Member, Honors Council, Fall 2012-2014

Member, UGE (University General Education) Committee: 2005 to Spring 2008

Member, Dorothy Thompson Lecture Series Committee: Fall 2009-to 2011

Member, “Core Outcome Objectives” Committee (task force whose goal is to establish standards for introductory philosophy courses at all Kansas state universities and community colleges so that credits in these courses transfer to other institutions within the state): 2007 to 2010

Mentor: G. Corbin; Developing Scholars Program (Mentor program for non-traditional and first generation students) 2005-06

Honor Council, 2010 to 2014

Department:

Student Advising for Philosophy Majors (every semester)

Chair, Student Essay Contest (every Spring Semester): Spring 2005 to Spring 2008

Faculty Advisor, Philosophy Club, Spring 2009-2011

Chair, Course Scheduling, Fall 2009-to present

Chair, Search Committee, Fall-Spring 2011-2012; Fall-Spring 2012-2013; Fall-Spring 2013-2014

Referee:

Inquiry

Journal of Moral Philosophy

International Journal of Ethics and Politics

Wadsworth

Kansas Philosophical Society

Journal of Politics

Southern Journal of Philosophy

Journal of Value Inquiry

Lexington Books

Pearson

Prentice Hall

Ethical Theory and Practice

Oxford