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EDUCATION

Ph.D. 1998 The University of Texas at Austin
Dissertation: *Hume's Moral Realism* (dir. A.P. Martinich)

B.A. 1990 *cum laude*, St. John's University, New York

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Ethical Theory, Applied Ethics, LGBT Studies

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Philosophy of Religion, Social and Political Philosophy, Early Modern Philosophy (esp. Hume)

PUBLICATIONS:

Books Authored:

(In Progress) *What's Wrong with Homosexuality?* and *Debating Same-Sex Marriage* (with Maggie Gallagher), forthcoming from Oxford University Press in 2012.

Books Edited:

Same Sex: Debating the Ethics, Science, and Culture of Homosexuality, (Rowman & Littlefield, 1997).

Articles and Book Chapters:

"Missing Staircases and the Marriage Debate: Is Same-Sex Marriage Bad for Children?" forthcoming in James Sterba, ed., *Morality in Practice* 8th ed. (Wadsworth, 2012).

"Job Discrimination and Gay Rights," in William H. Shaw and Vincent Barry, eds. *Moral Issues in Business*, 11th ed. (Wadsworth, 2009), pp. 650-657.

"Hume and the Secondary Quality Analogy," *The Journal of Scottish Philosophy* 6:2 (November 2008), pp. 157-173.

"By Their Fruits Ye Shall Know Them: Homosexuality, Biblical Revisionism, and the Relevance of Experience," in *Remapping the Humanities: Identity, Memory, Community, and (post)Modernity* (Wayne State University Press, 2008), pp. 59-72.

"Homosexuality, Harm, and Moral Principles," in Laurence Thomas, ed., *Contemporary Debates in Social Philosophy* (Blackwell, 2007), pp. 79-93.

- “Reframing ‘Morality Pays’: Toward a Better Answer to ‘Why be Moral?’ in Business,” *Journal of Business Ethics* vol. 67 (August 2006), pp. 1-14.
- “Homosexuality and the PIB Argument,” *Ethics* 115 (April 2005), pp. 501-534.
- “Loyalty in Business?” *Journal of Business Ethics* vol. 41 (November/December 2002), pp. 179-185.
- “Naughty Fantasies,” *Southwest Philosophy Review*, Vol. 18, Number 1 (January 2002), pp. 213-220.
- “Homosexuality and the Moral Relevance of Experience,” in Hugh LaFollette, ed., *Ethics in Practice*, 2nd ed., (Blackwell, 2001), pp. 241-250.
- “Justice for Glenn and Stacy: On Gender, Morality, and Gay Rights,” in James P. Sterba, ed., *Social and Political Philosophy: Contemporary Perspectives* (Routledge, 2001) pp. 300-318.
- “Analyzing Gender,” *Southwest Philosophy Review*, Vol. 17, Number 1 (January 2001), pp. 173-180.
- “Why Shouldn’t Tommy and Jim Have Sex: A Defense of Homosexuality,” originally in John Corvino, ed., *Same Sex: Debating the Ethics, Science, and Culture of Homosexuality*, (Rowman & Littlefield, 1997), pp. 3-16; reprinted in Bruce N. Waller, ed. *Consider Ethics: Theory, Readings, and Contemporary Issues* 2nd ed., (Pearson Longman 2008), pp. 297-303; and in James E. White, ed., *Contemporary Moral Problems*, 7th ed. (Wadsworth, 2002), pp. 308-318, and 8th ed. (2006), pp. 266-277; and in Mark Timmons, ed., *Disputed Moral Issues* (Oxford University Press, 2007), pp. 68-73; and in Bruce N. Waller, ed., *You Decide! Current Debates in Contemporary Moral Problems* (Pearson Longman, 2006), pp. 131-138; and as “In Defense of Homosexuality” in Alan Soble and Nicholas Power, eds., *The Philosophy of Sex* 5th ed. (2008), pp. 163-175; reprinted in part as “Homosexuality: The Nature and Harm Arguments,” in Alan Soble, ed. *The Philosophy of Sex*, 3rd ed. (Rowman & Littlefield, 1997), pp. 137-148; 4th ed. (2002), pp. 135-146; and in Terence Ball and Richard Dagger, eds., *Ideals and Ideologies: A Reader* 4th ed. (Longman, 2002), pp. 373-381, 5th ed. (2003), and 6th ed. (2005); reprinted in part in Robert C. Solomon, *Introducing Philosophy* 7th ed. (Harcourt College Publishers, 2000), pp. 571-574; 8th ed. (2004). pp. 591-594; and 9th edition (2008), pp. 544-547; and in Thomas A. Mappes and Jane S. Zembaty, eds., *Social Ethics: Morality and Social Policy* 6th edition (McGraw Hill, 2002), pp. 189-196, and 7th edition (2006), pp. 183-191.
- “Hosmer and the ‘Why be Moral?’ Question” (with Bill Shaw), *Business Ethics Quarterly* Volume 6, Issue 3 (1996), pp. 373-383.
- “How Not to Argue for Gay Rights,” in Juha Räikkä, ed., *Do We Need Minority Rights?: Conceptual Issues* (Kluwer Law International, 1996), pp. 215-235.

Book Reviews and Shorter Articles:

- Entries on “Homosexuality” and “Same-Sex Marriage” for Wiley-Blackwell’s *International Encyclopedia of Ethics* (forthcoming).
- “Honoring Richard Mohr,” in Raja Halwani, Carol Quinn, and Andrew Wible, eds. *Queer Philosophy: Presentations of the Society of Lesbian and Gay Philosophy* 1998-2008 (Rodopi, forthcoming).
- “Review of Rachel Cohon’s *Hume’s Morality: Feeling and Fabrication*,” *Ethics* 120 (July 2010), pp. 846–851.
- “Gay Marriage and the ‘Bigot’ Card,” *The Humanist* 69:4 (July/August 2009), pp. 7-8.

Entry on “Homosexuality, Ethics of,” in Alan Soble, ed., *Sex from Plato to Paglia: A Philosophical Encyclopedia* (Greenwood, 2005), pp. 460-468.

Entry on “Orientation, Sexual,” in Alan Soble, ed., *Sex from Plato to Paglia: A Philosophical Encyclopedia* (Greenwood, 2005), pp. 728-734.

Entry on “Social Constructionism,” in Alan Soble, ed., *Sex from Plato to Paglia: A Philosophical Encyclopedia* (Greenwood, 2005), p. 1026-1033.

“Why Baby Gauvin is Not a Victim,” *The Gay and Lesbian Review Worldwide*, Vol IX., No. 6 (November-December 2002), pp. 25-26.

“Review of Edward Stein’s *The Mismeasure of Desire*,” *Philosophical Quarterly* Vol. 52 No. 208 (July 2002), pp. 421-422.

“No Slippery Slope,” *The Gay and Lesbian Review Worldwide*, Vol. VII, No. 3 (Summer 2000), pp. 37-40. Reprinted as “Should Society Accept Homosexuality?,” in Auriana Ojeda, ed., *Homosexuality: Opposing Viewpoints* (Greenhaven Press, 2004), pp. 86-94.

“Review of Hugh LaFollette’s *Personal Relationships: Love, Identity, and Morality*,” *Philosophical Quarterly* Vol. 48 No. 190 (January 1998), pp. 110-111.

“The Bible Condemned Usurers, Too,” *The Harvard Gay and Lesbian Review*, vol. III, no. 4 (Fall 1996), pp. 11-12; reprinted in *The Octopus*, Vol. III, No. 7 (February 21, 1997), pp. 6-7. Reprinted as “The Bible Does Not Necessarily Condemn Homosexuality,” in Auriana Ojeda, ed., *Homosexuality: Opposing Viewpoints* (Greenhaven Press, 2004), pp. 159-165.

Video:

Educational DVD: “What’s Morally Wrong with Homosexuality?” (writer and presenter), Paradise Valley Media, 2007. See www.gaymoralist.com.

Columns:

Corvino’s column “The Gay Moralist” appeared bi-weekly in Michigan’s *Between the Lines* (www.pridesource.com) from 2002-2007 and then weekly at 365gay.com from 2007-2011. His columns and op-eds have also appeared in other venues, including the Independent Gay Forum (www.indegayforum.org), *The Advocate*, *The Los Angeles Times*, and *The New York Times Online*.

DISSERTATION: *Hume’s Moral Realism* (directed by A.P. Martinich)

For much of the twentieth century Hume has been interpreted as a non-cognitivist in his metaethics. I argue that this interpretation depends upon the conflation of three distinct elements in Hume's theory: moral qualities (vice and virtue) which exist in the objects evaluated; moral sentiments, which provide a non-cognitive and non-inferential means of grasping these moral qualities; and moral judgments, which are complex ideas about the presence of moral qualities. Attention to these distinctions reveals that Hume is best read as a moral realist who embraces a secondary-quality model for moral value. As such, he believes that there are true moral propositions, that their truth is to some extent independent of human beliefs, attitudes, and desires, and that, nevertheless, moral qualities cannot be understood apart from their effect on human perceivers. I defend this account against both exegetical objections by Hume scholars and substantive objections by contemporary moral realists and anti-realists; in the process, I show how Hume’s account sheds some light on contemporary metaethical debates.

PAPERS PRESENTED

- “Comments on Raja Halwani’s *Philosophy of Love, Sex, and Marriage*,” American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, Society for Lesbian and Gay Philosophy (SLGP) Session, April 23, 2011.
- “The Definitional Argument Against Same-Sex Marriage,”
University of Colorado at Boulder Philosophy Department, February 2, 2011.
APA Eastern Division Meeting, SLGP Session, December 28, 2010.
- “Just My Opinion?”
Humanities Center Brown Bag talk, April 20, 2010.
WSU Philosophy Forum Conference keynote, April 11, 2009.
- “Preference and Discrimination,”
APA Eastern Division Meeting (main program); New York, NY; December 29, 2009.
Society for Practical and Professional Ethics Annual Meeting; San Antonio, TX, February 22, 2008.
- “Hume, Homosexuality, and the Challenge of Relativism,” APA Central Division Meeting, SLGP Session; Chicago IL; April 17, 2008.
- “Hume on the Reality of Moral Distinctions,” APA Central Division Meeting, Hume Society Session; Chicago IL; April 17, 2008.
- “Comments on Rachel Cohon’s ‘Criticizing Hume’s List of Virtues and Vices,’” 34th Annual Hume Society Conference, Boston, Massachusetts, August 8, 2007.
- “Comments on Geoffrey Sayre-McCord’s ‘Hume on Practical Morality and Inert Reason,’” 33rd Annual Hume Society Conference, Koblenz, Germany, August 10, 2006.
- “Homosexuality, Harm, and Moral Principles,”
Chinese University of Hong Kong, June 5, 2006.
- “Reframing ‘Morality Pays’: Toward a Better Answer to ‘Why be Moral?’ in Business”
Nanjing University of Information Science and Technology (China), May 31, 2006.
Nanjing Audit University (China), May 29, 2006.
- “Comments on ‘Gay Identity’ Panel” (papers by Chris LaBarbera, Andy Wible, and William Wilkerson), APA Eastern Division Meeting, SLGP session, New York, NY, December 29, 2005.
- “How to Be a Humean Moral Realist,” WSU Humanities Center, September 20, 2005.
- “Rose-colored Glasses and Tax Assessors: Comments on Michael Gill’s ‘Humean Comparison and the Analogy Between Color and Virtue,’” 32nd Annual Hume Society Conference, Toronto, Canada, July 21, 2005.
- “Hume’s Hollow Reassurance?” APA Central Division Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, April 29, 2005.
- “Homosexuality and the PIB Argument,”
Rice University, April 1, 2005.
Georgia State Philosophy Department and Jean Beer Blumenfeld Center for Ethics, March 25, 2004.
- “Moral Preferences,”
Philosophy Dialogue Series, Texas State University, October 29, 2004.
WSU Humanities Center, November 16, 2004.

- “Hume and the Secondary Quality Analogy,” 31st Annual Hume Society Conference, Tokyo, Japan, August 2, 2004.
- “When Morality Doesn’t Pay, Can Virtue Ethics Help?”
 University of Texas Ethics Conference: Foundations for Ethical Education in a Post-Enron Age, April 16, 2004.
 Grand Valley State University, October 30, 2003.
 Society for Ethics Across the Curriculum Conference, Austin, Texas, October 25, 2003.
- “Homosexuality, Education, and Public Values”
 Southwest Texas State University, April 10, 2003.
 Wayne State University, March 21, 2003
- “Homosexuality, Usury, and Biblical Interpretation,” Wayne State University Religious Studies Conference, October 25, 2002.
- “Hume on Miracles,” University of Turku, Finland, August 15, 2002.
- “Two Distinctions in Hume’s Moral Theory;”
 29th Annual Hume Society Conference, Helsinki, Finland, August 9, 2002.
 Central Michigan University, November 30, 2000.
 University of Windsor, November 15, 2000.
 Wayne State University, February 17, 2000.
 California State University, Northridge, February 4, 2000.
- “Loyalty in Business,” International Conference Promoting Business Ethics, Chicago, IL, October 26, 2001.
- “Naughty Fantasies”
 Wayne State University LGBT Issues Conference on Sexuality, October 26, 2002.
 Cornell University, October 11, 2002.
 Wayne State University Humanities Center, February 19, 2002
 Southwestern Philosophical Association Meeting, Dallas, Texas, November 4, 2001.
 APA Central Division Meeting, Chicago IL, April 27, 2002.
- “The Boy Scouts and Gay Rights,” Special Session of the APA Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender People in the Profession, APA Central Division Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, May 5, 2001.
- Comments on Timothy Costelloe’s “Strawson’s Hume and Hume’s Moral Standards,” APA Central Division Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, May 4, 2001.
- Comments on “What Must a Bisexual Do?” APA Eastern Division Meeting, SLGP session, New York, NY, December 28, 2000.
- “Analyzing Gender,” Southwestern Philosophical Association Meeting, Austin, Texas, November 10, 2000.
- “First Gays, Then Polygamists?” presented to the Humanities Center at Wayne State University, October 27, 2000; the philosophy department at University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point on February 28, 2000; and to the APA Pacific Division Meeting SLGP Session, Albuquerque NM, April 7, 2000.
- “Business Ethics and the ‘Why be Moral?’ Question,” Society for Business Ethics Annual Meeting, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, August 6, 2000.
- “Comments on Frederick Rauscher’s ‘Moral Realism and the Divine Essence in Hutcheson and Hume,’” Hume Society Meeting, Williamsburg, Virginia, July 27, 2000.

“Two Kinds of Moral Discovery in Hume,” American Philosophical Association (APA) Central Division Meeting, Chicago IL, April 22, 2000.

“Comments on ‘Issues in Education’ Panel,” APA Eastern Division Meeting, SLGP Session, Boston MA, December 28, 1999.

“Hume the Intuitionist?” American Philosophical Association (APA) Pacific Division Meeting, Berkeley CA, April 2, 1999.

“Hume on the Color of Virtue,” APA Eastern Division Meeting, Washington DC, December 28, 1998.

A longer version of this paper was given at:

The University of Texas at Austin, December 4, 1998

Wayne State University, November 12, 1998.

“Not by Reason Alone: Hume’s Response to Wollaston and Clarke in Treatise III.i.1”:

APA Central Division Meeting, Chicago, IL, May 7, 1998.

Mountain Plains Philosophy Conference, Colorado Springs, CO, October 3, 1997.

“What Hume Was Really Arguing in ‘Of Miracles’” APA Pacific Division Meeting, Berkeley, CA, April 1997.

“Homosexuality and Biblical Interpretation”:

APA Central Division Meeting, Society for Lesbian and Gay Philosophy Session, Chicago, IL,

April 25, 1996.

Coe College (IA), April 23, 1996.

“A Matter of Sentiment, But Not Just a Matter of Taste: Hume and Moral Truth”:

APA Pacific Division Meeting, Seattle, April 5, 1996.

Mountain Plains Philosophy Conference, Santa Fe, October 27, 1995.

“Hosmer and the ‘Why be Moral?’ Question,” Society for Business Ethics Meeting, Vancouver, August 4, 1995.

INVITED PUBLIC LECTURES

“Born or Made—and What’s the Difference?”

Otterbein College (OH), February 4, 2010.

Michigan State University, November 27, 2007.

Wayne State University Medical School, March 21, 2006.

National Institutes of Health, Bethesda MD, June 10, 2005.

“Business Ethics”: Two-week summer course at Nanjing Normal University in China, May 22-June 2, 2006.

“The Best Argument Against Same-Sex Marriage (and Why It Doesn’t Work),” WSU Humanities Center Brown Bag Talk, December 11, 2007.

“Coming Out Skeptical,” Scepticon III in Springfield, Missouri, December 19, 2010.

“Coming Out Day Talk,” Wayne State University, October 11, 2010.

“Courting the Supremes: How to Persuade the Supreme Court to Embrace Same-Sex Marriage,” University of Pennsylvania Law School Panel, April 13, 2011.

- “Dialogue Between Gays and Evangelicals” (luncheon discussion for InterVarsity Fellowship), Lawrence University (WI), October 17, 2007.
- “Does God Exist?” Debate (with Glenn Stanton)
University of Wisconsin-Platteville, April 13, 2010.
Missouri State University (Springfield), March 2, 2010.
- “Ethics in Engineering: Why Bother?” Michigan Society for Professional Engineering Annual Conference, Harbor Springs Michigan, May 18, 2002.
- “Haters, Sinners, and the Rest of Us: The Gay Debate Today”
University of Pennsylvania, April 13, 2011.
Radford University, April 12, 2011.
Towson University, April 11, 2011.
University of Wyoming (Matthew Shepherd Justice Symposium Plenary), April 7, 2011.
Oakland University (MI), April 4, 2011.
- “Homosexuality, Morality, and Diversity”
NE Pennsylvania Diversity Education Consortium (Wilkes-Barre) April 8, 2010.
North Central Technical College (WI), October 15, 2009.
Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College, October 14, 2009.
Western Technical College (WI), October 13, 2009.
Monmouth College (IL), October 8, 2009.
Ferris State University (MI), October 5, 2009.
Centralia College (WA), May 27, 2009.
Cabrini College (PA), April 16, 2009.
Rozsa Center for the Performing Arts (MI), April 7, 2009.
Michigan Tech University, April 6, 2009.
NACA-Northern Plains (MN), April 3, 2009.
University of Nevada, Las Vegas, March 10, 2009.
Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, March 5, 2009.
Everett Community College (WA), March 3, 2009.
University of Kansas, February 12, 2009.
Vincennes University (IN), October 9, 2008.
University of Alabama-Birmingham, September 25, 2008.
Baldwin-Wallace College (OH), September 18, 2008.
University of Southern Indiana (Evansville), April 15, 2008.
Texas A&M University, April 10, 2008.
Lake Superior State University, April 4, 2008.
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, March 20, 2008.
St. Louis Community College (Meramac), February 28, 2008.
University of Illinois (Springfield), December 5, 2007.
Augustana College (IL), December 4, 2007.
Canisius College (NY), November 14, 2007.
Appalachian State University (NC), October 30, 2007.
Oakland Community College (MI), October 12, 2007.
University of Missouri, Rolla, October 10, 2007.
Morehead State University (KY), October 3, 2007.
Northern Kentucky University, October 2, 2007.
University of Wisconsin, Platteville, April 3, 2007.
University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, March 9, 2007.
St. Norbert College (WI), March 7, 2007.
Fox Valley Technical College, March 6, 2007.
Lawrence University (WI), February 27, 2007.
Otterbein College (OH), January 30, 2007.

- Beloit College (WI), November 16, 2006.
Carroll College (WI), November 15, 2006.
The University of Texas at Dallas, November 9, 2006.
The University of Memphis, November 8, 2006.
Hawkeye Community College (IA), October 12, 2006.
Drake University (IA), October 11, 2006.
Central College (IA), October 10, 2006.
Buena Vista University (IA), October 9, 2006.
Concordia College (MN), October 3, 2006.
Pittsburg State University, September 28, 2006.
National Institutes of Health, Bethesda MD, June 12, 2006.
Valencia Community College, August 4-5 (various campuses), 2006.
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, March 28, 2006.
Southern Methodist University, March 23, 2006.
McNeese State University (LA), March 22, 2006.
Penn State Erie – The Behrend College, March 16, 2006.
Columbia Basin College (WA), February 23, 2006.
Oakland Community College, February 17, 2006.
Grand Valley State University, October 11, 2005.
Michigan College and University Professional Association (CUPA) for Human Resources Conference, luncheon keynote, April 7, 2005.
Accenture Michigan Regional Meeting, November 19, 2004.
Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, June 21, 2002.
American Association for Affirmative Action Annual Conference, April 5, 2002.
- “Homosexuality, Principles, and the PIB Argument,” WSU Law School, September 14, 2006.
- “Maintaining the Gay Moral High Ground”
Rice University (TX), April 20, 2007.
Wayne State University Medical School, April 6, 2007.
Texas State University (Texas Out Conference Keynote), October 30, 2004.
Southern Methodist University, April 19, 2004.
Cornell University, November 13, 2003.
University of Texas at Austin, October 23, 2003.
P-FLAG Great Lakes Regional Conference (Pontiac, MI), October 18, 2003.
Lawrence Livermore National Research Laboratory, June 10, 2003.
- “Morality in Business,” Christopher Newport University, VA, November 1, 2007.
- “Same-Sex Marriage: A Civil Debate” (Except where noted, all are with Glenn Stanton)
Chippewa Valley Technical College, April 19, 2011.
Westminster College (MO), October 28, 2010.
St. Charles Community College, October 5, 2010.
University of Detroit Mercy (MI), (with Jeffery Ventrella) March 31, 2010.
Millersville University (PA), March 30, 2010.
St. Olaf College (MN), March 9, 2010.
University of Detroit Mercy (MI), March 3, 2010.
Oregon State University, January 21, 2010.
Central Washington University, November 11, 2009.
University of Wisconsin, April 13, 2009.
Wayne State University (MI), April 10, 2009.
Creighton University (NE), April 2, 2009.
Texas Woman’s University, March 2, 2009.
Missouri Southern State University, February 11, 2009.
Missouri State University, February 10, 2009.

- Saginaw Valley State University (MI), February 3, 2009.
 Texas Tech University, January 29, 2009.
 Canisius College (NY), October 30, 2008.
 Valencia College (FL), October 21, 2008.
 Northern Kentucky University, October 7, 2008.
 DePaul University (IL), May 8, 2008.
 James Madison University (VA), April 9, 2008.
 University of South Florida (St. Petersburg), April 8, 2008.
 Maryville University (MO), March 26, 2008.
 Arkansas State University, March 13, 2008.
 Otterbein College (OH), February 5, 2008.
 Seattle University, November 8, 2007.
 Christopher Newport University (VA), November 1, 2007.
 Louisiana State University, October 23, 2007.
 Nicolet College (WI), October 17, 2007.
 University of Wisconsin, Green Bay, October 16, 2007.
 Chippewa Valley Technical College (WI), October 16, 2007.
 Westminster College (MO), March 22, 2007.
 Ferris State University (MI), February 22, 2007.
 University of North Dakota, January 25, 2007.
 Mercer University (GA), January 18, 2007.
 Ripon College (WI), November 2, 2006.
 Idaho State University, October 21, 2006.
 University of Idaho-Moscow, October 20, 2006.
 Boise State University, October 19, 2006.
 Indiana University at Bloomington, September 12, 2006.
 Augustana College, April 19, 2006.
 Central Michigan University, April 18, 2006.
 Grand Valley State University, February 15, 2006.
 Wayne State University, February 13, 2006.
 Kingwood College, November 7, 2005.
 Hampden-Sydney College, October 20, 2005.
 Bar Harbor, Maine (with Rev. John Rankin of the Theological Education Institute), October 17, 2005.
 South Texas College of Law (with Attorney John Stemberger), April 5, 2005.
 Texas A&M University, March 31, 2005.
 Eastern Michigan University (with Patrick Gillen of the Thomas More Law Center), October 20, 2004.
 Saginaw Valley State University, September 23, 2004.
 Community College of Southern Nevada (with David Rowberry of the Las Vegas Institute of Religion),
 April 29, 2004.
 Texas State University (with Randy Hicks of the Georgia Family Council), April 14, 2004.
 Georgia State University Blumenfeld Center for Ethics (with Randy Hicks of the Georgia Family Council
 and Juliana Kubala of GSU's Women's Studies Institute), March 24, 2004.
- “Same-Sex Marriage and Comparative Law: The View from Michigan,” Comments at Edward Wise Symposium
 at the Wayne State University Law School, March 31, 2008.
- “Teaching in the First Person”
 Otterbein College (OH), January 30, 2007.
 Wayne State University, November 7, 2006.
- “Transgender Day of Visibility” (panelist), Five15 in Royal Oak, MI, March 31, 2009.
- “What Makes Gay Life Worth Living?” University of Michigan, November 30, 2009.

“What’s Morally Wrong With Homosexuality?”

Penn State Hazelton, April 14, 2011.
 College of Mount St. Joseph (OH) April 5, 2011.
 St. Louis College of Pharmacy, March 1, 2011.
 University of Alaska, Anchorage, February 17, 2011.
 Washington and Lee University, February 9, 2011.
 University of Colorado at Boulder, February 1, 2011.
 Eastern Kentucky University, December 7, 2011.
 Lasell College, November 2, 2010.
 University of Dayton, October 26, 2010.
 Harper College, October 14, 2010.
 NE Wisconsin Technical College, October 13, 2010.
 Indiana Univ/Purdue Univ. (Indianapolis), October 12, 2010.
 Oklahoma State-Stillwater, October 1, 2010.
 California Institute of Technology (Pasadena), April 29, 2010
 Wright State University (OH), April 20, 2010
 Delaware County Community College (PA), April 9, 2010. Drake University (IA), April 6, 2010.
 University of Lethbridge (AB), March 5, 2010.
 DePauw University (IN), March 4, 2010.
 Bergen Community College (NJ), November 16, 2009.
 Miami University (OH), November 12, 2009.
 Illinois State University, October 20, 2009.
 Western Technical College (WI), October 14, 2009.
 Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College, October 13, 2009.
 Mount Hood Community College (OR), April 28, 2009.
 Centralia College (WA), April 27, 2009.
 College of St. Benedict/St. John’s University (MN) April 14, 2009.
 Rozsa Center for the Performing Arts (Houghton, MI) April 7, 2009.
 Western Michigan University, October 23, 2008.
 Siena Heights University (MI), October 22, 2008.
 Bridgewater State College (MA), October 14, 2008.
 Minnesota State University-Mankato, October 6, 2008.
 Concordia College (MN), September 30, 2008.
 Fountain Street Church (Grand Rapids, MI), April 23, 2008.
 St. Ambrose College (IA), March 27, 2008.
 Canisius College, November 14, 2007.
 Sam Houston State University (TX), October 25, 2007.
 University of Michigan, Dearborn, October 9, 2007.
 Wayne State University (MI), October 19, 2004; July 26, 2007; September 26, 2007.
 Morehead State University (KY), April 10, 2007.
 Coe College (IA), October 12, 2006.
 Lake Superior State University (MI), March 9, 2006.
 Hofstra University (NY), January 27, 2006.
 St. Paul’s School (NH), January 26, 2006.
 Ripon College, December 1, 2005.
 Grand Valley State University (MI), October 11, 2005, October 29, 2003, February 27, 2003,
 November 29, 2001.
 University of Detroit-Mercy, April 18, 2005.
 SUNY Brockport, April 14, 2005.
 University of Iowa, April 13, 2005.
 Central Michigan University, April 7, 2005.
 Delta College, January 26, 2005.
 University of Texas-Dallas, November 11, 2004.
 Texas State University, October 30, 2004.
 Wayne State University (MI), March 1, 2000; March 25, 1999, February 20, 2002, October 19, 2004.

University of Colorado-Denver, October 12, 2004.
 University of Missouri-Columbia, October 14, 2004.
 Muskegon Community College (MI), June 2, 2004, April 17, 2003.
 "Together in Faith" Conference, American Friends Service Committee, Ypsilanti, MI, May 22, 2004.
 University of Texas-San Antonio, May 8, 2004.
 Michigan State University, April 22, 2004.
 Saginaw Valley State University (MI), April 21, 2004.
 Southwestern University (TX), October 23, 2003, April 13, 2000, October 12, 1995; November 9, 1993.
 Grace Dow Library (Midland, MI), June 26, 2003.
 Southern Methodist University (TX), April 11, 2003, April 17, 1997.
 Southwest Texas State University, April 10, 2003.
 Penn State University, April 8, 2003.
 Temple University, April 7, 2003.
 First United Methodist Church, Ferndale, MI, December 10, 2002.
 Bowling Green State University (OH), November 5, 2002.
 Cornell University (NY), October 10, 2002.
 University of Texas at Austin, April 10, 2002; April 11, 1996; April 22, 1993; April 15, 1992.
 University of Tennessee, November 16, 2001.
 Central Michigan University, November 29, 2000.
 Georgia Southern University, March 30, 2000.
 University of Michigan, October 12, 1999.
 Coe College (IA), April 24, 1996; March 11, 1993.
 SUNY Stony Brook, November 17, 1993, November 22, 1992.
 St. John's University (NY), November 24, 1992.
 Vassar College (NY), November 3, 1992.
 Texas A&M, October 12, 1992.

Why I Miss the Religious Right," Wayne State University, March 25, 2008.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Wayne State University Career Development Chair, Fall 2011.
 Wayne State University Humanities Center "Gender and Sexuality" Faculty Fellowship, 2010-2011.
 Wayne State University President's Award for Excellence in Teaching, 2006.
 Wayne State University "Innovative Projects in the Humanities" small grant, 2005
 Spirit of Detroit Award, 2004 (presented by the Detroit City Council for work on behalf of Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights)
 Wayne State University College of Liberal Arts Research and Inquiry Grant (course release), Fall 2002
 Wayne State University Humanities Center "City and Civic Virtue" Summer Grant, 2002.
 Wayne State University Humanities Center "Innovative Projects in the Humanities" small grant, 2002
 College of Liberal Arts Teaching Award, Wayne State University, May 1999
 Departmental Teaching Award, The University of Texas at Austin:
 Spring 1996, Fall 1996, Spring 1997.
 A.D. Hutchison Dissertation Fellowship, The University of Texas at Austin: Fall 1997 - Spring 1998

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor with tenure, since 2007 (Lecturer 1998-1999, Senior Lecturer 1999-2001, Assistant Professor 2001-2007), Wayne State University Philosophy Department:

Courses taught include the following Graduate Seminars: Moral Realism, Moral Preferences, Hume, and Sexual Ethics. Other courses (graduate and undergraduate) include 20th Century Analytic Ethics, British Empiricism, Introduction to Ethics, Philosophy of Sex and Sexual Orientation, Professional Ethics, Contemporary Moral Issues, Introduction to Philosophical Systems, and Honors Senior Seminars on “Morality and Objectivity” and “Moral Preferences.”

Visiting Lecturer, Nanjing Normal University (China) May 22-June 2, 2006. Lectures on Business Ethics

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Referee for Hume Society International Meeting 2004, 2005, 2006.

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