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Areas of Specialization:

Ethics, Social and Political Philosophy, and Philosophy of Law
(strong interests in Global Justice, Human Rights and Just War Theory)

Education:

- Ph.D. Philosophy, Washington University in St. Louis, August 2007
Dissertation Title: *Sovereignty & Self-Defense* (Advisor: Larry May)
- J.D. William Mitchell College of Law, St. Paul, MN, June 1994
- M.A. Social and Applied Philosophy, Marquette University, WI, June 2002
- B.A. St. John's University, Collegetown, MN, Philosophy and English,
Distinction in Honors in Philosophy, May 1991

Academic Employment:

- ♦ *Associate Professor*, Middlebury College, 2008-present
 - Courses Taught Regularly:
 - + Contemporary Moral Issues
 - + The Philosophy of Law
 - + The Philosophy of Human Rights
 - + Philanthropy: Ethics & Practice (Team-taught with Prof. Sarah Stroup)
 - + Thesis Advisor for
 - Salen Andrews, *The Shifting Sands of Morality: The Role of Changing Moral Perceptions in Warfare in Developing a Legitimate Structure for the Moral Rules of War*, 2011
 - Michael Gadowski, *Human Rights and Sovereignty*, 2014
 - Jack George Apollo, *Borders on Belief: A Communitarian Right to Border Control*, 2016
- ♦ *Visiting Assistant Professor*, Middlebury College, 2007-2008
- ♦ *Instructor*, University College, Washington University in St. Louis, 2003
Teaching Award: Dean's Award for Excellence in Teaching

Publications:

- Book: *The Morality of War: Classical and Contemporary Readings*, co-editor, with Larry May and Eric Rovie, Pearson Prentice-Hall, 2006. (trans. into Chinese, 2006).
- Chapters: "The Moral Foundations of the *Jus ad Bellum/Jus in Bello* Distinction," In *Routledge Handbook of Ethics and War: Just War Theory in the 21st Century*, edited by Fritz Allhoff, Nicholas G. Evans, and Adam Henschke, Routledge 2013).
- "State Self-Defense and Guantánamo Bay" in *International Criminal Law and Philosophy*, edited by Larry May and Zachary Hoskins,

NY: Cambridge University Press, October 2009, pp. 153-180.

Articles: "Justice and Recognizing the Rights of States," *International Criminal Law Review*, Vol. 14, No 4-5 (2014), pp. 874-900.

"Self-Defense, Punishing Unjust Combatants and Justice in War," *Criminal Law and Philosophy*, Vol. 4 (2010), pp. 297-319.

"Fuller's Concept of Law and Its Cosmopolitan Aims," *Law and Philosophy*, Vol. 26, No.1 (Jan. 2007), pp. 1-30.

Encyclopedia

Entry: "Hugo Grotius" entry in the *International Encyclopedia of Ethics*, edited by Hugh LaFollette, Wiley-Blackwell, February 2013.

Book Review: *Just and Unjust Warriors: The Moral and Legal Status of Soldiers*, edited by David Rodin and Henry Shue, in *International Affairs*, Vol. 85, No. 3 (May 2009), pp. 626-627.

Chapter Under Review:

"Liability in War," invited chapter, Oxford University Press, 2016, (under contract), currently titled: *Who Should Die? The Ethics of Killing in War*.

Works in Progress:

- "'Obligation' in *Leviathan*: Can Sovereigns be Fooles?"
- "Law's Aim: Justice, Peace and Good Faith"
- "Wellman on Immigration and a State Right to Exclude" co-authored with Jeffrey Hetzel and Conor Simons

Presentations:

Founder – Co-Organizer, 2-Day Conference covering Philosophy, Politics, Ethics & Society, Title of the Conference was "Collective Responsibility, Pacifism, and International Law," Washington University in St. Louis, 2015.

"Law's Aim: Justice, Peace and Good Faith," Washington University in St. Louis, July 2015, as part of a Special Workshop on "Collective Responsibility, Pacifism, and International Law" also presented at a conference as part of "Maneuvering the Maze: Understanding Justice in Conflicts" conference, Center for Conflict Studies, Monterrey Institute for International Studies, Monterrey, CA forthcoming – November 2013.

Invited Moderator and Discussant for "Special Panel on War and International Law" as part of "The Ethics of War in 21st Century" conference, the inaugural conference for the Stockholm Centre for the Ethics of War and Peace, Stockholm, Sweden, May 2014

"Human Rights and Humanitarian Intervention," Guest Lecturer for the University of Vermont Political Science Department, April 2014

"'Obligation' in *Leviathan*: Can Sovereigns be Fooles?" presented at the Hobbes Society meeting at the American Philosophical Association, December 2014

"Faculty Panel on the Current Crisis in Syria," Special Faculty Panel at the

- University of Vermont, Burlington VT, September 19, 2013
- “Does Voting Add Moral Weight to the Law?” College Democrats Meeting, Middlebury College, VT, April 2011
- “Studying Peace at Middlebury,” Faculty Panel, Middlebury College, VT, April 2011
- “Liberals and Immigration: A Philosophical Perspective,” The Carol Rifelj Faculty Lecture Series, Middlebury College, VT, March 2011. Also, presented at the University of Vermont, Ethics Reading Group, May 2011
- “Beyond Rx: Global Health,” Clifford Symposium, Faculty Panel, Middlebury College, VT, September 2010
- “Self-Defense, Punishing Combatants and Justice in War,” XXIV World Congress of Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy, Beijing, China, September 2009)
- “On State Self-Defense and Guantánamo Bay,” Middlebury College, VT, Winter 2008
- “Are There Any Just Wars?” Justice Conference, Viterbo University, La Crosse, WI, Spring 2007
- “Was Hobbes a Realist?” Pacific Division Conference, APA, International Hobbes Association, San Francisco, CA, Spring 2007
- “Recognizing State Rights: A Reply to Buchanan and Naticchia,” St. Louis University, Philosophy Department, and Central States Philosophical Association, Memphis, TN, Spring 2006 & 2007.
- “State Self-Defense and Guantánamo Bay,” Central Division Conference, APA, Chicago, IL, Spring 2006
- “Hobbes on the Inseparability of Natural and Civil Law,” APA-Pacific Division, International Hobbes Association, San Francisco, CA, Spring 2005
- “On Human and State Rights: A Look at Guantánamo Bay,” Presented at the XXII World Congress of Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy in Granada, Spain, Summer 2005
- “Is a Right of National-Defense Morally Justified?: A Reply to Rodin,” American Section of the International Association for the Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy, Palo Alto, CA; and at the Interdisciplinary Workshop in Politics, Ethics and Society at Washington University in St. Louis, St Louis, MO, 2004
- “Is Hobbes More of a Natural Law Theorist than a Legal Positivist?” Philosophy Department, Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO, Fall 2003

Commentaries:

- Commentator on “Articulating Practices as Reasons,” paper presented by Dr. Eric Schliesser at the Interdisciplinary Workshop in Politics, Ethics and Society at Washington University, Spring 2005.
- Commentator on “Pragmatism, Political Institutions and the Burden of Justification,” by Dr. Jack Knight at the Interdisciplinary Workshop in Politics, Ethics and Society at Washington University, Spring 2004.

Legal Employment:

- ♦ *Labor and Employment Law Attorney*, 1999-2002
Anderson, Shannon, O’Brien, Rice & Bertz, Stevens Point, WI
Represented employers and employees in federal and state fair employment litigation, and represented municipalities in labor matters.

- ♦ *Administrative Law Attorney*, Captain, U.S. Army, Judge Advocate General's Corps (JAG), Military District of Washington DC, 1995-1999.
Advised the command and staff on legal issues, including contracts, sexual harassment investigations, ethics issues, and was the legal advisor for all criminal trials, hearings, and investigations, including appointed as a magistrate for issuing search warrants.

Selected Honors and Awards:

- \$10,000 Grant, *Learning by Giving Foundation*, secured for Middlebury College, "Philanthropy: Ethics & Practice" course January 2015.
- \$100,000 Grant, *Once Upon a Time Foundation*, secured this grant for Middlebury College. In January 2013, students in my course titled "Philanthropy: Ethics & Practice" were given the task to award this \$100,000 to the charities of their choice.
- \$3000 Ada Howe Kent Grant from Middlebury College for course development, for the "Philanthropy: Ethics & Practice" course (2013 and 2015)
- National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), Summer Scholar – Summer Seminar: "Philosophical Perspectives on Liberal Democracy and the Global Order," Washington University in St. Louis, 2010
- Dissertation Fellowship, Graduate School of Arts & Sciences, Washington University in St. Louis, 2006-2007
- Helen Stenner Essay Contest Winner for "Recognizing States: A Reply to Buchanan and Naticchia" Philosophy Department, Washington University in St. Louis, 2006
- Graduate Student Travel Stipend Award, American Philosophical Association, Central Division Conference, 2006
- International Travel Award, AMINTAPHIL and Washington University in St. Louis, 2005
- Heller Fellowship, Washington University in St. Louis, 2002-2003

Selected Professional Service and Memberships:

- Peer Reviewer for Professional Journals and Publishers: *Routledge, Ethics & International Affairs, The Journal of Philosophical Research, Journal of the American Philosophical Association, International Criminal Law Review* and *Ethical Theory & Moral Practice.*
- Ad-Hoc Committee, Arguments for the Sake of Heaven, Speaker Series 2015-2016 (committee organized to present and discuss important issues concerning students on campus)
- Faculty Affiliate for Track & Field, 2011- Present
- Faculty Affiliate for Men's Cross-Country, 2012 - Present
- Curriculum Committee, Middlebury College, 2010-2011
- Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) for Middlebury College, Member, 2015-Present
- Alumni College, Middlebury College August 2014 – Instructor
- Privilege & Poverty, member of a working committee looking at curriculum for a "Privilege & Poverty Cluster" at Middlebury College
- Volunteer Recruiting for Admissions, Middlebury College, 2009
- Volunteer Moderator for Student Spring Symposium, 2010 and 2014
- Ethics Reading Group, founder and co-organizer, Middlebury College (organized talks and readings on Race, Just War Theory, Democratic

Theory and International Law and brought the following speakers to Middlebury College by Prof. Lawrence Blum, Prof. Jeff McMahan, Prof. David Estlund, and Prof. Larry May)
Chair, APA - Central Division Conference, paper titled "The Caveman's Conscience: Evolution and Moral Realism" by Scott M. James, 2007
Member, American Philosophical Association
Member, American Section of the International Association for the Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy (AMINTAPHIL)
Member, American Society of International Law