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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Wayne State University, April 2003, awarded in Philosophy
Ph.D. Dissertation: "Enforceability and Primary Rights"
Robert Yanal, Chair (defended 4/18/03)
- M.A. Wayne State University, May 1999, awarded in Philosophy
- B.A. Indiana University of Pennsylvania, May of 1996, Philosophy
with minor in Political Science, Summa Cum Laude

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Philosophy of Logic (Informal Logic and Argumentation Theory)

Social and Political Philosophy

Ethics

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Ancient Philosophy

Philosophy of Law

East Asian Philosophy

CURRENT RESEARCH INTERESTS

- ♣ Informal logic and argumentation theory, especially questions concerning the function of argumentation in human society and normativity in argumentation.
- ♣ Disagreement across the domains of epistemology, morality and politics—especially where these domains intersect, e.g. where religion enters public discourse.

PUBLICATIONS

Commentary on “Criticism Without Fundamental Principles.” In P. Bondy and L. Benacquista. (eds.), *Argumentation, Objectivity and Bias: Proceedings of the Eleventh Conference of the Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation* ([OSSA archive 151](#)). 18-21 May 2016. Windsor, ON: OSSA, 2016.

Commentary on “Revising Toulmin's Model: Argumentative Cell and the Bias of Objectivity.” In P. Bondy and L. Benacquista. (eds.), *Argumentation, Objectivity and Bias: Proceedings of the Eleventh Conference of the Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation* ([OSSA archive 152](#)). 18-21 May 2016. Windsor, ON: OSSA, 2016.

“The Methodological Usefulness of Deep Disagreement”, *Cogency*, Vol. 6, No. 2, Summer 2014, pp. 39-66.

“Are Arguments Abstract Objects?” in Mohammed, D., & Lewiński, M. (Eds.) *Virtues of Argumentation. Proceedings of the 10th International Conference of the Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation* ([OSSA archive 130](#)), 22-26 May 2013. Windsor, ON: OSSA, 2014.

Commentary on “Decision, Rationality, and Argumentation” in Mohammed, D., & Lewiński, M. (Eds.). *Virtues of Argumentation. Proceedings of the 10th International Conference of the Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation* ([OSSA archive 128](#)), 22-26 May 2013. Windsor, ON: OSSA, 2014.

Book Review of Sharon Bailin and Mark Battersby, *Reason in the Balance*, in *Controversia*, Vol. 8, No. 1, Fall 2012, pp.87-91.

“Reflective Equilibrium and Conductive Argument”, in Zenker, F. (Ed.) *Argumentation, Cognition and Community: Proceedings of the Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation* ([OSSA archive 79](#)), at the University of Windsor, May 18-21, 2011.

Commentary on “Should We Agree to Disagree? Pragmatism and Peer Disagreement” in Zenker, F. (Ed.) *Argumentation, Cognition and Community: Proceedings of the Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation* ([OSSA archive 64](#)), at the University of Windsor, May 18-21, 2011.

“Dancing, Dueling, and Argumentation: On the Normative Shape of the Obligation to Argue”, Proceedings of the Seventh Conference of the International Society for the Study of Argumentation, at the University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, the Netherlands, June 30-July 2, 2010. (2011), pp.1476-1485. CD-ROM

“Functionalism, Normativity and the Concept of Argumentation”, *Informal Logic*, Vol. 31, No. 1 (2011) pp. 1-25.

“A Picture Held us Captive: The Later Wittgenstein and Visual Argumentation” in *Cogency* Vol.2 No.2, 2011.

“Book Review of Douglas Walton, *Informal Logic: A Pragmatic Approach*” in *Cogency*, Vol 1. No.1, 2009.

Commentary on “The Analysis of Pragmatic Argumentation in British Lawmaking Debates: The Second Reading” Proceedings of the Ontario Society for the Study of Argument, at the University of Windsor, June 3-6, 2009. CD-ROM.

“On Being Mr. Kaplan: Personal Identity in *North by Northwest*” in *Hitchcock and Philosophy*, eds. David Baggett and William Drumin (Open Court Press) March 2007.

“Thinking of States as Moral Agents: An Argument from Analogy in Defense of the Moral Autonomy of States” in *Politics and Ethics in Review*, eds. Patrick Hayden and Tom Landsford (Nova Science Publishers) 2005.

“Is Ambition a Virtue?” in *Harry Potter and Philosophy*, eds. David Baggett, Shaun Klein, and William Irwin. (Open Court Press) October, 2004.

“Kreacher’s Lament: Indifference, Discrimination, and Social Justice” in *Harry Potter and Philosophy*, eds. David Baggett, Shaun Klein, and William Irwin. (Open Court Press) October 2004.

“Thinking of States as Moral Agents” in the *International Journal of Politics and Ethics*. Vol.1 No. 2, 2001, pp.133-145.

EDITORIAL AND REVIEWING RESPONSIBILITIES

Editorial Advisory Board Member, *Studies in Logic, Grammar and Rhetoric*, ISSN: 0860-150X, January 2016-present.

Area Editor for “Informal Logic”, “Argument”, “Critical Thinking” and “Fallacies” at PhilPapers (<http://www.philpapers.org>.) Oct. 2015- present.

Book Review Editor, *Cogency*, ISSN: 0718-8285, August 2013-May 2016.

Editorial Review Board Member, *Windsor Studies in Argumentation* (Open Monograph Press) August 2013-present.

Contributing Article Reviewer, *Topoi*, Special Issue on the Practice of Giving Reasons, March 2015. (issue forthcoming)

Contributing Article Reviewer, *Topoi*, Special Issue on Virtue Argumentation, October 2014. (issue forthcoming)

Contributing Article Reviewer, *Argumentation*, ISSN: 0920-427X, Special Issue "The Polish School of Argumentation" Vol. 28, No. 3, August 2014.

Contributing Article Reviewer (ad hoc), *Informal Logic*, ISSN: 0824-2577 May 2011-present.

PRESENTATIONS

"A Question of Emphasis? Identifying Arguments in Primarily Linguistic versus Multi-Modal Settings", presented by invitation at "Diagramming Evidence: Visualizing Connections in Science and the Humanities", a Workshop of the Centre for Research into Reasoning, Argumentation, and Rhetoric, University of Windsor, April 25-26, 2014.

"Are Arguments Abstract Objects?", presented at the Tenth Meeting of the Ontario Society for the Study of Argument, at the University of Windsor, May 22-26, 2013.

"Cooperative Intentions in Argumentation" presented to the Centre for Research into Reasoning, Argumentation, and Rhetoric, at the University of Windsor, April 5, 2013.

"The Methodological Usefulness of Deep Disagreement", presented to ArgDiaP: Argumentation, Dialogue, and Persuasion, at the Department of Logic, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw, Poland, June 18, 2011.

"Reflective Equilibrium and Conductive Argument", presented at the Ninth Meeting of the Ontario Society for the Study of Argument, at the University of Windsor, May 18-21, 2011.

"Are There Any Deep Disagreements?" presented to the Centre for Research into Reasoning, Argumentation, and Rhetoric, at the University of Windsor, April 28 2011.

"Dancing, Dueling, and Argumentation: On the Normative Shape of the Obligation to Argue", presented to the Seventh Conference of the International Society for the Study of Argumentation, at the University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, the Netherlands, June 30-July 2, 2010.

"Functionalism, Normativity, and the Concept of Argumentation" presented to the Centre for Research into Reasoning, Argumentation, and Rhetoric, at the University of Windsor, April 8, 2010.

"Torture, Necessity, and Moral Integrity" (revised and extended) invited presentation for the Philosophy Department of Arkansas State University as part of a colloquium series co-sponsored by the ASU Philosophy Club, March, 2008.

"Public Reason, Civic Virtue, and Dialogic Responsiveness" presented at the Conference on Rhetorical Citizenship and Public Deliberation at the University of Copenhagen, in Copenhagen, Denmark. October, 2008.

"The Way of the Brush and the Sword: Neo-Confucianism in the Way of the Samurai" invited presentation for the Focus Series of the Schoolcraft College International Institute at Schoolcraft College, Livonia, MI, April 2008

"Torture, Necessity, and Moral Integrity" presented at the 2008 meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, in Pasadena, CA, March 2008.

"Religious Reasons in the Public Sphere: Eberle on Audi's Principle of Secular Rationale" (revised) presented at the Virginia Philosophical Association Conference at Virginia Wesleyan College, Norfolk, VA, October 2007.

"Religious Reasons in the Public Sphere: Eberle on Audi's Principle of Secular Rationale" presented at the 61st Annual Mountain-Plains Conference at Denver University, Denver, CO, September 2007.

"Some Thoughts on Responding to Evil" presented at the Illinois Philosophical Association Meeting at the University of Illinois at Bloomington, Bloomington IL. November 2006

"Mules, Daughters, & the Common Cold: The Synonymy Principle & the Curious Case of Health in Aristotle's Metaphysics" presented at the 2002 meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Central Division in Chicago, IL. April 2002

"Rights Content and the Justification of Harms" presented to the Justice Working Group at Wayne State University. November 2000

"In Defense of the Moral Autonomy of States (revised)" presented at the 12th Annual International Conference of Concerned Philosophers for Peace at Radford University, Radford, VA. October 1999

"In Defense of the Moral Autonomy of States" presented at Michigan State University Graduate Philosophy Conference, at Michigan State University in East Lansing, MI. October 1999

OTHER PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA

“Using Classroom Debates in Critical Thinking Instruction”, Workshop co-organizer and co-leader, at the Conference on Teaching Philosophy in Michigan, at Eastern Michigan University, September 24-25, 2016.

Program Committee Member, European Conference on Argumentation (ECA), at the University of Fribourg, Switzerland, June 20-23, 2017.

“Using Classroom Debates in Critical Thinking Instruction”, Workshop co-organizer and co-leader, at the Eleventh Meeting of the Ontario Society for the Study of Argument, at the University of Windsor, May 18-23, 2016.

Commentary on “Criticism Without Fundamental Principles” at the Eleventh Meeting of the Ontario Society for the Study of Argument, at the University of Windsor, May 18-23, 2016.

Commentary on “Revising Toulmin's Model: Argumentative Cell and the Bias of Objectivity” at the Eleventh Meeting of the Ontario Society for the Study of Argument, at the University of Windsor, May 18-23, 2016.

Program Committee Member, European Conference on Argumentation (ECA), at the New University of Lisbon, Portugal, 9-12 June, 2015.

Program Committee Member, Conference on Reasoning, Argumentation and Critical Thinking Instruction (RACT 2015), at Lund University, Sweden, 25-27 February, 2015.

Program Committee Member, The 12th ArgDiaP Conference: “From Real Data to Argument Mining”, at Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw, Poland, 23-24 May, 2014.

Commentary on “Decision, Rationality, and Argument” presented at the Tenth Meeting of the Ontario Society for the Study of Argument, at the University of Windsor, May 22-26, 2013.

Co-Organizer & Co-Chair, “The Evolution of Argument: The Mercier-Sperber Theory”, Symposium of the Centre for Research in Reasoning, Argumentation and Rhetoric at The University of Windsor, Oct. 5-6, 2012.

Commentary on “Should We Agree to Disagree? Pragmatism and Peer Disagreement” presented at the Ninth Meeting of the Ontario Society for the Study of Argument, at the University of Windsor, May 18-21, 2011.

Session Chair, “Naturalistic Methods, Constitutive Principles and Einstein's Elevator.” by Geordie McComb at the Ontario Society for the Study of Argument, at the University of Windsor, May 18-21, 2011.

Commentary on “The Analysis of Pragmatic Argumentation in British Lawmaking Debates: The Second Reading” at the Ontario Society for the Study of Argument, at the University of Windsor, June 3-6, 2009.

Session Chair, “Justifying Higher-Level Moral Principles: A Role for Argumentation?” by James Freeman at the Ontario Society for the Study of Argument, at the University of Windsor, June 3-6, 2009.

Session Chair, “Reasoning, Argumentation, and Persuasion” by Katarzyna Budzynska at the Ontario Society for the Study of Argument, at the University of Windsor, June 3-6, 2009.

Session Chair, Colloquium Session, “Extending Charles Taylor's Moral Psychology: Self-Interpretation, Desire and Rational Agency”, by Marc A. Cohen”, at 2008 meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Central Division, in Chicago, IL, April 2008.

Session Chair, Colloquium Session, “Deliberative Democracy, Bargaining, and What Doesn't Get Said”, by Steven F. Geisz at 2007 meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Central Division, in Chicago, IL, April 2007.

Commentary on “India House Utilitarianism” at the 60th Annual Mountain-Plains Philosophical Conference at Washburn University, Topeka, KS. September 2006

Commentary on “Pluralism and the Pursuit of Political Legitimacy: Toward a Perfectionist Defense of Deliberative Democracy” at the Fourth Annual Michigan State University Graduate Philosophy Conference at Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI. September 2002

Commentary on “Should the Proponent of the Paradigm of Punishment be a Desert-Based Retributivist” at the Third Annual Michigan State University Graduate Philosophy Conference at Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI. October 2001

OTHER SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

“Visual Argumentation”, Workshop of the Centre for Research into Reasoning, Argumentation, and Rhetoric, University of Windsor, April 26, 2013. (participant)

CRRAR Summer Seminar in Argumentation: Multimodal Arguments, University of Windsor, May-June 2013. (participant)

CRRAR Seminar on Conductive Argumentation, University of Windsor, April 2010. (participant)

CRRAR Summer Seminar in Argumentation: Current Issues in Argumentation Theory, University of Windsor, May-June 2009. (participant)

“Yagyu Jujutsu: A lecture/demonstration of traditional Japanese martial arts”, co-presentation with John Parks, Chief Instructor, Martial Science Center, for the International Institute Fall Focus Lecture Series, Schoolcraft College, November 2008.

Owner & Curator, RAIL: A Blog about Reasoning, Argumentation, and Informal Logic,
<http://railct.com/>

TEACHING POSITIONS

Sessional Instructor, University of Windsor, Philosophy, Fall 2017.

Marygrove College, Professor (Full), Philosophy & Religious Studies Dept., Fall 2015
-Fall 2017.

Marygrove College, Associate Professor, Philosophy & Religious Studies Dept., Fall
2009 – Winter 2015 (Tenured, Fall 2010)

Marygrove College, Assistant Professor, Philosophy & Religious Studies Dept., Fall
2004 – Winter 2009.

Lecturer, Oakland University, 2002 – 2004 (various terms).

Instructor, Wayne State University, 2003 – 2004 (various terms).

Instructor, Lawrence Technological University, 2001- 2003 (various terms).

COURSES CREATED

- PHL 156: World Philosophical Traditions
- PHL 201: Western Philosophical Traditions I
- PHL 202: Western Philosophical Traditions II
- PHL 215: Contemporary Moral Issues
- PHL 235: Philosophy and the City
- PHL 370: Social and Political Philosophy

OTHER COURSES TAUGHT

- Introduction to Philosophy
- Introduction to Logic
- Ethics
- Professional Ethics

- Ancient Philosophy
- Critical Thinking
- Foundations of the American Experience
- Constitutional Law: Individual Rights
- Directed Readings: Personal Identity
- Directed Readings: Feminism in Contemporary Media
- Special Topics: Human and Civil Rights
- Special Topics: War and Terrorism
- Special Topics: Human Rights and Judicial Torture
- Senior Seminar: Argumentation and Political Philosophy
- Senior Seminar: Free Will
- Values and Society (Graduate Level)
- Business Ethics (Graduate Level)

SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS AND GRANTS

Summer Scholarship Stipend Award for Summer, Marygrove College, June 2017.

Building our Leadership in Detroit (BOLD) Curriculum Development Initiative, Summer Stipend Program, Summer 2014.

Visiting Research Fellow, Centre for Research in Reasoning, Argumentation, and Rhetoric, University of Windsor, Canada, September 2009-June 2013 (four consecutive one-year awards).

Marygrove College Research Sabbatical, Winter 2013.

Marygrove College Presidential Award for Excellence in Scholarship, June 2009.

Summer Scholarship Stipend Award for Summer, Marygrove College, June 2009.

Curriculum Improvement Project Award, Marygrove College, March 2007.

LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

Chair, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, Fall 2016-Fall 2017.

Criterion Team Leader, Criterion 2, Higher Learning Commission Pathways Accreditation Team, Marygrove College, Fall 2013-Winter 2017.

Chair, Division of Letters, Marygrove College, Fall 2013-Fall 2017.

Academic Program Coordinator, Philosophy, Fall 2009- Fall 2017.

Member, Resources and Planning Committee, Fall 2016-Fall 2017.

Member, Enrollment and Retention Committee, Fall 2016-Fall 2017.

Member-at-Large, Executive Board of the Association for Informal Logic and Critical Thinking (AILACT), November 2015-present.

Member, Association for Informal Logic and Critical Thinking (AILACT) Innovation Subcommittee, January 2015-present.

Member, Search Committee for Assistant Professor in Accounting, Summer 2014.

Critical Thinking Workshops, two interactive, in-service workshops for faculty wishing to integrate critical thinking pedagogy into their assignments, learning outcomes, or course design, conducted at Marygrove College, February 7, 2014 and April 16, 2014.

Critical Thinking in the Classroom, in-service presentation on contemporary research in critical thinking and best practices for critical thinking pedagogy, given at Marygrove College, November 15, 2013.

Nominated for the Board of the Association for Informal Logic and Critical Thinking (AILACT) as Regular Member, June 2013.

Member, Faculty Development Committee, Fall 2012-Winter 2016.

Member, Search Committee for Vice-President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, Fall 2010.

Member, VPAA Ad Hoc Committee for Interdisciplinary Alignment of Scholarship Standards, Fall 2010.

Advisor, Marygrove College Chapter of Amnesty International, Fall 2010-Winter 2015.

Member, Women's Studies Center Kellogg Grant Proposal Team, May 2009.

Member, Comprehensive Retention Committee, Fall 2008-Fall 2012.

NAIA Faculty Athletic Representative, Fall 2008-January 2013.

Member, Urban Leadership Task Force, Winter 2007.

Faculty Assembly Secretary, Marygrove College Fall 2006-Winter 2008

Lead Writer, Faculty Faculty Assembly Constitution, Marygrove College, Fall 2005–
Winter 2008

Member, Faculty Handbook Revision Committee, Marygrove College, Fall 2005–
Winter 2008

Faculty Forum Officer, Marygrove College, Fall 2005-Fall 2006

Small Group Facilitator, College-wide Strategic Planning Meeting, August 2005

Member, Dean of Students Search Committee, Marygrove College, Winter-Summer,
2005

Member, Curriculum Committee, Marygrove College, Fall 2004-Fall 2005

Member, Masters' Degree Program in Social Justice Committee, Marygrove College,
Winter 2004-Fall 2008