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## EDUCATION

B.A. in Philosophy and Literature, University of Notre Dame, 1978  
M.A. in Philosophy, Johns Hopkins University, 1980  
Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, 1987

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Univ. of North Carolina-Chapel Hill Teaching Assistant 1982-87  
UNC-Chapel Hill, Teaching Assistant Coordinator 1986-87  
Santa Clara University, Assistant Professor 1987-1992  
Presidential Professor of Ethics and the Common Good 1994-96  
Associate Professor 1992-2002--Professor 2002-present  
Philosophy Department Chair 2000-2003

## AREAS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Ethics and Aesthetics,  
Bioethics, Environmental Ethics, and Political Philosophy

## PUBLICATIONS

### Book & Articles:

1. Editor (with W. A. Parent), The Constitution of Rights: Human Dignity and American Values (Cornell University Press, 1992), pp. 1-248.

1a. "Introduction," pp. 1-9.

2. "Kant's Concept of Dignity and Modern Political Thought," HISTORY OF EUROPEAN IDEAS Vol.8 No.3 (1987) pp. 319-332.

2a. Translated into Polish and reprinted in Godnosc czlowieka jako kategoria prawa (Dignity of Man as a Legal Concept) ed. Krystian Complak Wroclaw, 2001.

3. "Stoics, Rights and Autonomy," AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL QUARTERLY Vol.24, No.3 (1987), pp. 267-271.

4. "Dignity, Rights and Self-Control," ETHICS Vol.99, No.2 (1989), pp. 520-534.
  - 4a. Reprinted in Social and Political Philosophy ed. William H. Shaw, (Prentice-Hall, 1992).
5. "The Idea of Selling in Surrogate Motherhood," PUBLIC AFFAIRS QUARTERLY Vol.4, No.2 (1990), pp. 175-188.
6. "Dignity" for the Encyclopedia of Ethics ed. Lawrence C. Becker et al., (Garland Publishing, 1992), pp. 262-264; (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, 2001).
7. "A Deontological Analysis of Peer Relations in Organizations," with Dennis Moberg, JOURNAL OF BUSINESS ETHICS Vol. 9 (1990), pp. 863-877.
8. "Patients' Duties," THE JOURNAL OF MEDICINE AND PHILOSOPHY (Vol. 17, 1992), pp. 541-555.
  - 8a. Reprinted in Biomedical Ethics eds. Mappes & Degrazia 4th ed. McGraw Hill, 1995);
9. "Rights Between Friends," THE JOURNAL OF PHILOSOPHY (Vol. 89 No. 9, 1992), pp. 467-483.
10. "Thomas Percival," for The Cambridge Dictionary of Philosophy (Cambridge University Press, 1995, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, 2000).
11. "Dignity, Death and Modern Virtue" AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL QUARTERLY (Vol. 32 No.1, 1995), pp. 45-55.
12. "Family Virtues and the Common Good" SANTA CLARA LAW REVIEW (Vol. 36 No. 2, 1996), pp. 409-416.
13. "When not to claim your rights" THE JOURNAL OF POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY (Vol. 5 No. 2,1997), pp. 149-162.
14. "Character" for The Cambridge Dictionary of Philosophy (Cambridge University Press 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 2000).
15. "Dignity" for The Cambridge Dictionary of Philosophy (Cambridge University Press 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 2000).
16. "Liberal Civility and the Civility of Etiquette: Public Ideals and Personal Lives" SOCIAL THEORY AND PRACTICE (Volume 26 no 1, 2000) pp. 1-16.
17. "Respecting what we destroy: reflections on human embryo research" (with

Lawrence J. Nelson) the HASTINGS CENTER REPORT (January/February 2001) Vol 31 # 1, pp. 16-23; letters from Daniel Callahan & Cynthia B. Cohen with replies in HASTINGS CENTER REPORT (July/August 2001) Vol 31 #4, pp. 4-6.

- 17a. Reprinted by request in full text on CD-ROM & on line at [www.sirs.com](http://www.sirs.com) by SIRS Mandarin's for the "SIRS Knowledge Source"
- 17b. Reprinted in AT ISSUE: HUMAN EMBRYO EXPERIMENTATION (2002) The Gale Group; also on GaleNet subscription service
- 17c. Reprinted in THE ETHICS AND REGULATION OF RESEARCH WITH HUMAN SUBJECTS, ed., Carl Coleman et al. LexisNexis Matthew Bender and Co. Inc. (2005)
18. "The simple dignity of sentient life: speciesism and human dignity," the JOURNAL OF SOCIAL PHILOSOPHY Vol. 32, No. 2, Summer 2001 pp. 115-126.
19. "Dignity as a Modern Virtue" in The Concept of Human Dignity in Human Rights Discourse ed. D. Kretzmer and E. Klein, (Kluwer Law International, 2002) 195-207.
20. "Two forms of toleration: tolerance in public and personal life" JOURNAL OF SOCIAL PHILOSOPHY Vol. 33, No. 4, Winter 2002 pp. 548-562.
21. "Confronting deep moral disagreement: The President's Council on Bioethics, moral status, and human embryos" (with Lawrence J. Nelson) THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF BIOETHICS 5 (6) Nov./Dec. 2005 pp. 33-42; Open Peer Commentary pp. 43-70; response to commentators at W14-W16: [http://www.bioethics.net/journal/j\\_articles.php?aid=877](http://www.bioethics.net/journal/j_articles.php?aid=877)
22. "Reflections on comic reconciliations: ethics, memory, and anxious happy endings" THE JOURNAL OF AESTHETICS AND ART CRITICISM Vol. 66 (Spring 2008).
23. "Moral Ambition" (with Glen Pettigrove) forthcoming in AUSTRALASIAN JOURNAL OF PHILOSOPHY Vol. 87 (2009--online at [ajp@arts.uwa.edu.au](mailto:ajp@arts.uwa.edu.au)).

#### Reviews:

1. Humanism and Anti-Humanism, by Kate Soper, History of European Ideas Vol. 9.
  2. The Contraceptive Ethos, ed. Spicker et al., Journal of Medical Humanities Vol. 11.
  3. Toward A Feminist Theory of the State, by Catharine MacKinnon, Ethics Vol.101.
- 3a. Reprinted in Contemporary Literary Criticism Vol. 181.

4. Friendship A Philosophical Reader, ed. Neera K. Badhwar, Ethics Vol. 104.
5. Crafting a Cloning Policy by Andrea Bonnicksen, Politics and the Life Sciences Vol 22.
6. Civility and Its Discontents, ed. Christine Sistare, Social Theory and Practice Vol. 32 .

### **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS & RELATED (ADMINISTRATIVE) WORK**

Comment on Albert Jonsen's "Ethics of Reproductive Technology: Deconstruction of a Paradigm" Conference on Manufactured Motherhood, Santa Clara University April, 1987.

"Patients' Duties" Annual Meeting of the Society for Health and Human Values Oct, 1989.

"Autonomous Patients and Their Responsibilities" invited presentation given to the National Bioethics Forum, National Veterans Admin. June, 1990.

"Patients' Duties" Conference on Moral Philosophy in the Public Domain, University of British Columbia June, 1990.

"Durable Power of Attorney and the Right to Die" invited presentation for the Center for Applied Ethics Conference on Nursing Ethics, Santa Clara University February, 1991.

"Rights in Close-Knit Communities" given to the 7th International Social Philosophy Conference August, 1991.

"Death with Dignity" invited presentation for the Center for Applied Ethics Conference on Nursing Ethics Santa Clara University Spring, 1992.

"Rights in Close-Knit Communities" Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association March, 1992.

"Affirmative Action: The New Critique" for the Markkula Center for Applied Ethics at Santa Clara University, Spring, 1992.

"Heroes;" for the Markkula Center for Applied Ethics at Santa Clara University, Spring 93

"Legalizing Assisted Euthanasia" invited for the Crown Debate Series, Crown College University of California at Santa Cruz, May 1994.

"Ethics and the Population Problem" for the Markkula Center for Applied Ethics at Santa Clara University, Winter, 1994.

"Dignity, Death and Virtue" Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association March, 1995.

"Reactions to Rawls" for the Markkula Center for Applied Ethics at Santa Clara University, Fall, 1995.

"Censorship and the Arts" for the Markkula Center for Applied Ethics at Santa Clara University, Spring, 1996.

"Historic Justice and Reconciliation" for the Markkula Center for Applied Ethics at Santa Clara University, Spring 1997.

"Dignity as a Modern Virtue" Invited presentation for the Conference on Human Dignity and the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, January 1999.

"Facing Conflicts of Loyalty" for the Markkula Center for Applied Ethics at Santa Clara University, Winter, 1999.

"Ecological restoration and liberal pluralism" Invited presentation for the Society for Ecological Restoration 1999 International Conference, September 1999.

"Liberal Pluralism: Tolerance, Compromise, and Regret" Invited presentation for the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics Ninth Annual Meeting Washington DC February, 2000.

"Peter Singer, World Hunger, and the Moral Burden of Affluence" for the Markkula Center for Applied Ethics at Santa Clara University, Spring 2000.

"Taking Ethics Seriously: Ethics Pedagogy" for the Markkula Center for Applied Ethics at Santa Clara University, Fall, 2000.

"Respecting what we destroy" with Larry Nelson for the Markkula Center for Applied Ethics at Santa Clara University, Spring 2001.

"Ethics of drug patents" for The Future of Pharmaceuticals Conference at Santa Clara University, Fall 2003.

"Is Tolerance Enough: Catholic Universities and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Issues" for the Markkula Center for Applied Ethics at Santa Clara University, Fall, 2005.

Public debate on "Gay marriage and the polygamy analogy" for the Santa Clara community sponsored by the Department of Philosophy (Spring, 2005).

Ad hoc referee for: Oxford University Press; AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL QUARTERLY; ETHICS; JOURNAL OF POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY; JOURNAL OF THE HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY; JOURNAL OF SOCIAL PHILOSOPHY; LAW AND PHILOSOPHY; NOUS; SOCIAL THEORY AND PRACTICE;

Member of Steering Committee for the Markkula Center for Applied Ethics at Santa Clara University 1988-97, 1999-2006

Member Environmental Studies Program Council, Santa Clara Univ. 1991-2004.

Member Institutional Review Board, Good Samaritan Hospital San Jose CA 1988-1992;

Member of the Ethics Committee at Valley Medical Center San Jose CA 1991-1997 & the Santa Clara County Medical Assn. Medical Ethics Committee 1994-1997;

Member of the invited external review team for the Department of Philosophy at Macalester College February, 2000.

Second tier judge for the National Jesuit Book Awards in Philosophy/Ethics 2002.

Invited external reviewer for tenure & promotion at University of San Francisco.

Chair & Co-Chair of the Ethics Core Subcommittee at Santa Clara University 1996-2006.

Advisory Board Member for KTEH "Grade the news—print and broadcast news in the San Francisco Bay Area" since 1996; [www.gradethenews.org](http://www.gradethenews.org).

Interviewed by/quoted in: [The New York Times](#), [The Wall Street Journal](#), [The San Jose Mercury News](#), [Newsweek](#), [Army Times](#), [The Times Picayune](#), [The Chronicle of Higher Education](#), [Reader's Digest](#), The Associated Press, The BBC World News Service,

Op-ed articles for [San Jose Mercury News](#), [San Francisco Recorder](#), [Raleigh News and Observer](#), [North Carolina Independent](#)

One primary author of the short article "What is Ethics" (on page 1 for both Google and Yahoo) which got over 190,000 page views in 2008.

### **GRANTS & AWARDS**

Thomas Terry Research Grant Santa Clara Univ. 1999

Presidential Professor of Ethics and the Common Good Santa Clara Univ. 1994-96

Thomas Terry Research Grant Santa Clara Univ. 1993

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend 1992

The Graves Award for teaching excellence in the humanities 1990

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar 1989

H. H. Williams Fellowship, Univ. of North Carolina 1983-1986

H. H. Williams Summer Research Fellowship, Univ. of North Carolina 1984  
Graduate Fellowship, Johns Hopkins University, 1978-1980  
Council on Academic Progress, University of Notre Dame 1975-1978