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## *Curriculum Vitae*

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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  
Philosophy Department Chair 2000-2003  
Associate Professor 1992-2002  
Professor 2002-present

## AREAS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Ethics & Aesthetics  
Philosophy and Film and Environmental Ethics

## PUBLICATIONS

1. Editor (with W. A. Parent), The Constitution of Rights: Human Dignity and American Values (Cornell University Press, 1992), pp. 1-248.
2. Introduction for The Constitution of Rights, pp. 1-9.
3. "Kant's Concept of Dignity and Modern Political Thought," HISTORY OF EUROPEAN IDEAS Vol.8 No.3 (1987) pp. 319-332.
4. "Kant's Concept of Dignity" Translated into Polish and reprinted in Godnosc czlowieka jako kategoria prawa (Dignity of Man as a Legal Concept) ed. Krystian Complak, Wroclaw, 2001.

5. "Stoics, Rights and Autonomy," AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL QUARTERLY Vol.24, No.3 (1987), pp. 267-271.
6. "Dignity, Rights and Self-Control," ETHICS Vol.99, No.2 (1989), pp. 520-534.
7. "Dignity, Rights and Self-Control" Reprinted in Social and Political Philosophy ed. William H. Shaw, (Prentice-Hall, 1992).
8. "The Idea of Selling in Surrogate Motherhood," PUBLIC AFFAIRS QUARTERLY Vol.4, No.2 (1990), pp. 175-188.
9. "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).
10. "A Deontological Analysis of Peer Relations in Organizations," with Dennis Moberg, JOURNAL OF BUSINESS ETHICS Vol. 9 (1990), pp. 863-877.
11. "Patients' Duties," THE JOURNAL OF MEDICINE AND PHILOSOPHY (Vol. 17, 1992), pp. 541-555.
12. "Patients' Duties" Reprinted in Biomedical Ethics eds. Mappes & Degrazia 4th ed. McGraw Hill, 1995);
13. "Rights Between Friends," THE JOURNAL OF PHILOSOPHY (Vol. 89 No. 9, 1992), pp. 467-483. [the subject of a JOURNAL OF PHILOSOPHY Comments and Criticism article by Tara Smith (1993, Vol. 90 pp. 144-48)]
14. "Thomas Percival," for The Cambridge Dictionary of Philosophy (Cambridge University Press, 1995, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, 2000).
15. "Dignity, Death and Modern Virtue" AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL QUARTERLY (Vol. 32 No.1, 1995), pp. 45-55.
16. "Family Virtues and the Common Good" SANTA CLARA LAW REVIEW (Vol. 36 No. 2, 1996), pp. 409-416.
17. "When not to claim your rights" THE JOURNAL OF POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY (Vol. 5 No. 2, 1997), pp. 149-162.
18. "Character" for The Cambridge Dictionary of Philosophy (Cambridge University Press 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 2000).
19. "Dignity" for The Cambridge Dictionary of Philosophy (Cambridge University Press 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 2000).

20. "Liberal Civility and the Civility of Etiquette: Public Ideals and Personal Lives" SOCIAL THEORY AND PRACTICE (Volume 26 no 1, 2000) pp. 1-16.
21. "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.
22. "Respecting what we destroy" Reprinted by request in full text on CD-ROM & on line at [www.sirs.com](http://www.sirs.com) by SIRS Mandarins for the SIRS Knowledge Source
23. "Respecting what we destroy" Reprinted in AT ISSUE: HUMAN EMBRYO EXPERIMENTATION (2002) The Gale Group; also on GaleNet subscription service
24. "Respecting what we destroy" Reprinted in THE ETHICS AND REGULATION OF RESEARCH WITH HUMAN SUBJECTS, ed., Carl Coleman et al. LexisNexis Matthew Bender and Co. Inc. (2005)
25. "Respecting what we destroy" Translated into Polish and reprinted in "Pocztki życia" ("Beginning of life"), edited by Wodzimierz Galewicz, Universitas Publishing House. Cracow, Poland. (2010)
26. "The simple dignity of sentient life: speciesism and human dignity" the JOURNAL OF SOCIAL PHILOSOPHY Vol. 32, No. 2, Summer 2001 pp. 115-126.
27. "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.
28. "Two forms of toleration: tolerance in public and personal life" JOURNAL OF SOCIAL PHILOSOPHY Vol. 33, No. 4, Winter 2002 pp. 548-562.
29. "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)
30. "Reflections on Comic Reconciliations: Ethics, Memory, and Anxious Happy Endings" THE JOURNAL OF AESTHETICS AND ART CRITICISM Vol. 66:1 (Winter, 2008).

31. "Moral Ambition" (with Glen Pettigrove) in the AUSTRALASIAN JOURNAL OF PHILOSOPHY Vol. 87, No. 2 (June 2009) p.p. 285-299.

32. "What is Ethics" (with M Velasquez, T Shanks and C Andre) remained in 2018 a page 1 view on Google for the search "Ethics". In 2013-14 it received over 330,000 total page views (over 290,000 unique page views).

It has been widely reprinted in textbooks, turned into an app at the Apple Store and translated, in 2016, into Ukrainian as Етичне Мислення at

<http://eustudiesweb.com/thinking-ethically/>

33. "Going together: Towards an Account of Sharing Aesthetic Experiences" (with Robert Shanklin) in the JOURNAL OF AESTHETIC EDUCATION (forthcoming spring 2019).

### Reviews:

1. Humanism and Anti-Humanism, by Kate Soper, History of European Ideas V. 9.
2. The Contraceptive Ethos, ed. Spicker et al., Journal of Medical Humanities V. 11.
3. Toward A Feminist Theory of the State, by Catharine MacKinnon, Ethics V.101.
4. Review of Toward a Feminist Theory of the State Reprinted in Contemporary Literary Criticism V. 181.
5. Friendship A Philosophical Reader, ed. Neera K. Badhwar, Ethics V. 104.
6. Crafting a Cloning Policy by Andrea Bonnicksen, Politics and the Life Sciences V. 22.
7. Civility and Its Discontents, ed. Christine Sistare, Social Theory and Practice V. 32.

### SELECTED PRESENTATIONS & RELEVANT (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).

Inter-generational moral community, environmental virtues and global climate change at Conference on the Ethics of Climate Change International Justice and the Global Challenge University of Delaware (October 30-31, 2009)

Markkula Center for Applied Ethics at Santa Clara University Fall of 2010 panel on The Ethics of the Precautionary Principle.

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.

Chair of University Coordinating Committee at Santa Clara University 2010-2011

Advisory Board Member for KTEH Grade the news--print and broadcast news in the San Francisco Bay Area 1996-2006;

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

### **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