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Area of research specialization: Applied ethics

Areas of research competence: ethics, political philosophy, philosophy of law, post-colonial studies.

Areas of undergraduate pedagogical competence: philosophy, counseling/clinical psychology, criminal law and procedure, post-colonial studies, Islamic studies.

EDUCATION

M.A. Counseling Psychology (48 of 60 credits earned)
Felician University

Ph.D Philosophy (August 2008)
University of Notre Dame

M.A. Philosophy (January 2002)
University of Notre Dame

A.B. Politics (May 1991)
Princeton University

FULL-TIME ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Associate Professor of Philosophy (Aug. 2016-May 2020)

Assistant Professor of Philosophy (2008-2016)

Pre-Law Adviser (2008-2020)

Director and Co-Director, Felician Institute for Ethics and Public Affairs (2011-2020)
Felician University

Lodi and Rutherford, New Jersey (with satellite locations at Mercer County Community College, Middlesex County Community College, and St. Luke's Church of Paterson, New Jersey)

Substitute Full-Time Instructor of Philosophy (2005-2007)

John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York
New York, New York

PART-TIME ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy (Summer 2015, 2016)

Al Quds University
Abu Dis, Palestinian Territories

Adjunct Instructor of Philosophy (Spring-Summer 2008, Fall 2004)

Felician College
Rutherford, New Jersey

Adjunct Instructor of Philosophy (1997-1998 and 1999-2005)

The College of New Jersey
Ewing, New Jersey

Adjunct Instructor of Philosophy (Spring 2005)

Monmouth Higher Education Center/Rutgers-Camden
Freehold, New Jersey

Adjunct Instructor of Philosophy (Fall 2004)

Montclair State University
Montclair, New Jersey

Adjunct Instructor of Philosophy (Spring 2004)

Mercer County Community College
West Windsor, New Jersey

Lecturer in Politics (2002-2004)

Princeton University
Princeton, New Jersey

Adjunct Instructor of Philosophy (1994-1997)

University of Notre Dame
Notre Dame, Indiana

COURSES TAUGHT

At Felician University

1. Crim 452, Career Internship in Criminal Justice
2. FYE 100/101, Freshman Year Seminar
3. Phil 100, Critical Thinking (plus Honors sections)
4. Phil 101, Introduction to Philosophy
5. Phil 200, Philosophy of Education
6. Phil 250 (CO 250/350), Making Moral Decisions (plus Honors sections)
7. Phil 260, Philosophy of Art
8. Phil 301, Moral Philosophy
9. Phil 304, Epistemology

10. Phil 309, Morality and the Pursuit of Happiness
11. Phil/Psci 305, Ancient/Medieval Political Thought
12. Phil/Psci 306, Modern Political Thought
13. Phil 320, Philosophy of Law*
14. Phil/Crim 380, Criminal Law: Theory and Practice*
15. Phil 420, Islam and the West: Conflict and Encounter*
16. Phil 445, Philosophical Method*
17. Phil 450, Senior Thesis Advising
18. Phil 452, Career Internship in Pre-Law
19. Psci 303, International Relations: The Politics of War and Peace

*Both taught and designed.

ARTICLES

(* indicates peer reviewed)

1. "Ayn Rand on Punishment," *Reason Papers*, vol. 35:1 (July 2013), pp. 68-91.
2. "Essentialism, Consistency, and Islam: A Critique of Edward Said's *Orientalism*," *Israel Affairs*, vol. 13:4 (October 2007), pp. 689-713. Reprinted in Donna Divine and Philip Salzman, *Postcolonial Theory and the Arab-Israeli Conflict* (New York: Routledge, 2008), pp. 12-36. German translation: "Was Will Edward Saids Orientalismus? Eine Kritik," *Zeitschrift für kritische Sozialtheorie und Philosophie*, 5:1 (April 2018).
3. "Muslim Anti-Semitism, Zionist Orientalism, and Practical Identity: An Analysis," *Proteus: A Journal of Ideas*, vol. 23:2 (Fall 2006), pp. 47-54.*

BOOK CHAPTERS

(* indicates peer reviewed)

1. "The Fourth Amendment as a Core Text: A Pedagogy for the Citizen-Philosopher," in Patrick Flynn ed., *Expanding the Core for Real-World Living* (Lanham, MD: University Press of America, forthcoming 2020).*
2. "David Solomon on Egoism and Virtue," in Raymond Hain ed., *Beyond the Self: Virtue Ethics and the Problem of Culture. Essays in Honor of David Solomon* (Waco, TX: Baylor University Press, 2019), pp. 135-48.*
3. "Tayeb Saleh's *Season of Migration to the North* and the Pathologies of Moral Philosophy," in Robert D. Anderson, Molly Brigid Flynn, and J. Scott Lee, ed., *Engaging Worlds: Core Texts and Cultural Contexts* (Lanham, MD: University Press of America, 2016), pp. 169-75.*

4. “The Foundations of Ethics: Objectivism and Analytic Philosophy,” in Allan Gotthelf and James G. Lennox, ed., *Meta-Ethics, Egoism, and Virtue: Studies in Ayn Rand’s Normative Theory* (Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2011), pp. 49-73.
5. “Religious Indoctrination and the Wish for the Irrevocable,” in Peter Caws and Stefani Jones ed., *Religious Upbringing and the Costs of Freedom* (University Park, PA: Penn State University Press, 2010), pp. 27-49.*
6. “‘Why They Hate Us’: A Pedagogical Proposal,” in Yvonne Raley and Gerhard Preyer ed., *Philosophy of Education in the Era of Globalization* (New York: Routledge, 2010), pp. 91-109.
7. Gary Alan Fine and Irfan Khawaja, “Celebrating Arabs and Kindly Terrorists: Rumor and the Politics of Plausibility,” in G.A. Fine, C. Heath, and V. Campion-Vincent, *Rumor Mills: The Social Impact of Rumor and Legend* (New Brunswick, NJ: Transaction Publishers, 2005), pp. 189-206.

REVIEW ESSAYS

1. Paul Berman, *The Flight of the Intellectuals*, and Tariq Ramadan, *What I Believe*, in *Reason Papers* vol. 33 (Fall 2011), pp. 165-89.
2. Edward Feser, *Locke*, and Eric Mack, *John Locke*, in *Reason Papers* vol. 32 (Fall 2010), pp. 155-71.
3. Brian Doherty, *Radicals for Capitalism: A Freewheeling History of the Modern American Libertarian Movement*; Paul Starr, *Freedom’s Power: The History and Promise of Liberalism*; Arthur Ekirch Jr., *The Decline of American Liberalism*, in *Reason Papers* vol. 31 (Fall 2009), pp. 149-70.
4. Sarah Chayes, *The Punishment of Virtue: Inside Afghanistan After the Taliban*, in *Democratiya* vol. 15 (Winter 2008), pp. 19-37.
5. Larry May, *War Crimes and Just War*, in *Democratiya* vol. 11 (Winter 2007), pp. 91-108.

BOOK REVIEWS

1. Scott F. Gilbert, Anna L. Tyler, and Emily J. Zackin, *Bioethics and the New Embryology: Springboards for Debate*, in *Teaching Philosophy* vol. 30:2 (June 2007), pp. 220-223.
2. Khaled Abou El Fadl, *Islam and the Challenge of Democracy*, in *Koinonia Journal* vol. 17 (2006), pp. 116-121.

3. Stephen Darwall, *Consequentialism*, in *Teaching Philosophy* vol. 28:3 (September 2005), pp. 281-284.

OTHER ACADEMIC WRITING

1. "Terrorism Justified: Comments on Vicente Medina's *Terrorism Unjustified*," *Reason Papers* 41:1 (Summer 2019), pp. 11-25 (symposium contribution).
2. "You've Got Mail: Teaching Osama bin Laden's 'Letter to the Americans,'" *Reason Papers* 39:2 (Winter 2017), pp. 108-117 (short pedagogical essay).
3. "Locke and Load: Lockean Rights and Gun Control," in Richard Burnor and Yvonne Raley ed., *Ethical Choices: An Introduction to Moral Philosophy with Cases* 2nd ed. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017), pp. 205-8 (case study).
4. "Where is the 'There' in Jerusalem?" *Ya Quds! Academic-Cultural Periodical of the Centre for Jerusalem Studies*, Al Quds University, Issue 1 (January 2016), pp. 15-17.
5. "David Kaspar's *Intuitionism*: A Foundationalist-Empiricist Response," *Reason Papers* vol 37:2 (Fall 2015), pp. 13-25 (symposium contribution).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

(* indicates peer reviewed;)

1. "Police Tailgating as Entrapment," 36th Annual Meeting, North American Society for Social Philosophy, University of San Francisco (July 12, 2019).
2. "Jason Brennan on Character-Based Voting: A Critique," 35th Annual Meeting, North American Society for Social Philosophy, Oakland University (July 25, 2018); Alabama Philosophical Society, Pensacola Beach, Florida (Sept. 28, 2018).
3. "Terrorism Justified: Comments on Vicente Medina's *Terrorism Unjustified*," Felician University, Rutherford, New Jersey (April 21, 2018).
4. "David Solomon on Egoism and Virtue," University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana (May 30, 2014).
5. "Rights, Revolution, and Toleration: John Locke in East Jerusalem," "Annexation and the Political Rights Objection," and "*NAACP vs. Mt. Laurel*: Some Lessons of American Land-Use Disputes," three lectures at Al Quds University, Abu Dis, Palestinian Territories (June 23, 25, and 27, 2013, by invitation of the President of the University).
6. "Annexation and the Political Rights Objection," Jacques Maritain Society, University of Victoria, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada (June 6, 2013).*

COMMENTARIES and OTHER PRESENTATIONS

1. "Welcome to the Occupation: Constitution Day Reflections on Our Founding Document," Felician University, Rutherford, New Jersey (September 18, 2017).
2. "Lockean Appropriation and the Ethos of Settlement," Centre for Jerusalem Studies, Hind al Husseini College, Al Quds University, Jerusalem (July 26, 2016).
3. "The Israeli Occupation and Settlement Enterprise: What It Is, Why It Matters, and What to Do About It," Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Princeton, Princeton, New Jersey (May 21, 2016).
4. "Rumor and the Politics of Condemnation," Faculty Explorations Series, Felician University, Rutherford, New Jersey (Feb. 17, 2016).
5. "Why Americans Have Trouble Hearing the Palestinian Narrative," Centre for Jerusalem Studies, Hind al Husseini College, Al Quds University, Jerusalem (July 25, 2015).
6. "Studying Philosophy in Pakistan," Forman Christian College and University, Lahore, Pakistan (Jan. 8, 2012).

MEDIA

1. "Interview: Alumni in Education," *The Pingry Review* 74:3 (Summer 2018), p. 17.
2. Brief television appearance: "Gaza truce brings little relief to volatile situation," Fios1 News, May 30, 2018.
3. Interview with Kelly Heyboer, "Were Muslims celebrating on 9/11? Here's what one professor found," Newark *Star-Ledger* (NJ.com), Nov. 27, 2015. Wide coverage of my views on the 9/11 celebration rumors as revived by then-presidential-candidate Donald Trump, in Politifact, *The Washington Post*, *The New York Times*, TalkingPoints Memo, Lawfare, MSNBC, and Fox News (fall 2015).
4. Quoted in Christopher Hitchens, "From Abbottabad to Worse," *Vanity Fair* (June 1, 2011), reprinted in Christopher Hitchens, *Arguably: Essays by Christopher Hitchens* (New York: Twelve, 2011).
5. Quoted in Amy Wilentz, "Benazir's Bequest," *The Nation* (January 4, 2008).
6. Quoted in Amy Wilentz, "The Exile's Return," *More Magazine* (December 2007-January 2008), now archived at *The Washington Post*.

7. Interview with Joanne Palmer, "Protocols of Paterson': Scholar discusses American Muslim anti-Semitism," *The Jewish Standard* (Teaneck, NJ), (December 20, 2002), pp. 7, 42.

SERVICE TO FELICIAN UNIVERSITY

Pre-Law Advisor (August 2008-May 2020)

Experiential Learning

- Two-week trip to Barcelona, Spain in conjunction with PSYC 330, "Multicultural Perspectives in Psychology" (led by Dr. Awilda Perez), Spring 2019.
- Two-week trip to Nicaragua in conjunction with SOC 305, "Global Problems and Perceptions" (led by Dr. George Abaunza), Summer 2014.
- Nine camping trips to High Point State Park, Sussex, New Jersey with Veritas, Felician University Philosophy Club (2008-2016).

Director, Felician Institute for Ethics and Public Affairs

- Director (June 2014-May 2020)
- Co-Director with Dr. Joseph Biehl (January 2011-June 2014)

Chairperson: Committee on Leadership and Social Justice (created at the direction of President Anne Prisco and Judge Leland McGee, Esq., Felician College Trustee)

- Co-Chair with Dr. Edward Ogle (Spring 2015-June 2017)
- Chair (May 2014-March 2015)

Departmental Chairperson

- Co-Chair with Dr. Sylvia McGeary, Department of Philosophy and Religion (August 2013-June 2014)
- Chair, Department of Philosophy (January 2011-June 2013)

SERVICE TO THE ACADEMIC PROFESSION

Editorial Work

- Editor-at-Large, *Reason Papers: A Journal of Interdisciplinary Normative Studies* (April 2016-present).
- Book Review Editor, *Reason Papers* (April 2015-April 2016)
- Co-Editor, *Reason Papers*, with Carrie-Ann Biondi (January 2011-April 2015)

External Reviewer

- Lexington Books (Lanham, Maryland)
- *Ethical Perspectives* (Leuven, Belgium)
- SAGE Open Editorial Office/Scholar One Manuscripts (Thousand Oaks, California)

- Office of Public Policy, Center for Inquiry (Amherst, New York)

LANGUAGES

Spanish (limited working proficiency)

Urdu (limited working proficiency)

Attic Greek (elementary reading certification, August 1992, University of Notre Dame)

OTHER

Received Felician University Summer Stipend Award to fund travel in Israel and Palestine for project on "Locke and the Ethos of Settlement," Summer 2019 (\$3,000).

Certificate, Bloomfield Citizen Police Academy, May 2016.

ECollege Certification for Online Teaching, 2010

REFERENCES

(contact information available on request)

Dr. Joseph Biehl
Member, NYC Community Educational Council, District 6
Founder, Gotham Philosophical Society
New York, NY 10040

Dr. Richard Burnor
Emeritus Professor of Philosophy
Felician University

Dr. Peter Economou
Associate Professor and Director, Master of Applied Psychology
Graduate School of Applied & Professional Psychology
Rutgers/New Brunswick

Dr. Edward Kubersky
Emeritus Dean of Arts & Sciences
Felician University

Prof. John Link
Adjunct Instructor in Criminal Justice (and former Chief of Police, Clifton, NJ)

Dr. Julie O'Connell
Associate Professor of English
Felician University

Dr. Awilda Perez
Associate Professor of Psychology
Felician University

Dr. Gina Robertiello
Professor of Criminal Justice
Felician University

Dr. Lavina Sequeira
Assistant Professor of Philosophy
Felician University

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