

COMPREHENSIVE PROFESSIONAL VITAE

DATE: September, 2018

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Department: Philosophy

College or Service Unit: College of Arts and Sciences

Rank or Title: Professor and Chair of Philosophy

Field: Philosophy

A. EDUCATION AND ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

1. Education (specify degree institutions, dates, honors, major fields of study)

Doctor of Philosophy, University of Oregon. 2007

Major: Philosophy

Specialization: American Philosophy, Philosophical Psychology, and Social and Political Philosophy

University of Oregon Teaching Fellowship, 2003-2007.

University of Oregon Teaching Fellowship and Dissertation Grant. 2006.

Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.) in International Relations. University of Cambridge (UK). 2005

Donner Scholarship in Anglo-American Affairs (Full Tuition, Room and Board)

Master of Arts in Philosophy. Pennsylvania State University. 2003

Bachelor of Arts. Philosophy. Schreyer Honors College. Pennsylvania State University. 2002

Inducted into Phi Beta Kappa (2001), Selected Marshal of the College of Liberal Arts and graduated with highest honors.

2. Academic Experience (length of time at each institution, rank(s) held)

2018-2020 Miller Scholar, Santa Fe Institute

2016-present	Full Professor and Chair of Philosophy, Philosophy Department, University of Massachusetts Lowell.
2013-2016	Associate Professor, Philosophy Department, University of Massachusetts Lowell.
2012-2016	Director of Ph.D in Global Studies, University of Massachusetts Lowell.
2008-2013	Assistant Professor, Philosophy Department, University of Massachusetts Lowell
2009-2011	Visiting Assistant Professor in Expository Writing, Harvard University (Simultaneous post with UML appointment – approved by Dean Coppens, Dr. Kaufman, and the Provost)—Harvard FAS affiliate to the present.
2007-2008	Visiting Scholar, American Academy of Arts and Sciences
2007-2008	Research Postdoctoral Fellow, Barker Humanities Center, Harvard University
2003-2007	Teaching Assistant, Department of Philosophy, University of Oregon
2003-2007	Instructor, Department of Philosophy, Lane Community College
2002	Teaching Assistant, Center for Talented Youth, Stanford University

B. PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

1. Professional Association Participation

Member, American Philosophical Association (2001-present)
 Member, Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy (2000-present)
 Member, International Affairs Association (2005-2)
 Member, Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (2004-present)
 Member of the Organizing Committee, Summer Institute in American Philosophy (2009)
 Affiliated Member, American Academy of Arts and Sciences (2007-present) Member,
 Harvard Humanities Center (2007-present)

Oral Presentations:

Books Readings and presentations for *American Philosophy: A Love Story* in 2016: Harvard

Bookstore, Boston Book Festival, Concord Bookstore, Book Culture (NYC), Massachusetts Historical Society, the Boston Athenaeum, the Thoreau Society at Walden Pond, Sandwich Book Circle, University of Kansas City Missouri, University of North Texas, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Wyomissing Public Library, Penn Book Center, University of Oregon, Powell's Book (Portland, OR), UC Berkeley, Middlesex College, UMass Lowell Allen House, UMass Lowell LIRA Group.

"The Personal and the Transcendent in American Thought." Keynote Address for the American Association of Religion. Boston, MA. October 2016.

"Aesthetic Ideals and American Pragmatism." Invited talk at International Roundtable on Pragmatism and Idealism. University College London. London, UK. 2015. See other invited speakers here: <http://idealismandpragmatism.org/conference-2015>

"Does Naturalized Ethics Require a Moral Backstop?" Invited Lecture at the University of Oregon. Eugene, OR. 2015.

"The Ethical Implications of Drones." Invited Roundtable discussion at the Berkman Center for Media and Security. Harvard University. Fall 2014.

"Drones and Security." Invited talk at the Cambridge Roundtable on Security and Technology at the University of Cambridge. Summer 2014.

"The Moral Hazard of Drones." Invited Rothermel Lecture. New Bern, NC. Winter 2013.

"Drones the Paradox of Choice." Conference on Political Decision and Truth. Université Paris. Panthéon-Sorbonne [Paris]. Fall 2013. Accepted but not attended due to funding.

"Pragmatism and International Relations Theory" Invited Lecture at the Summer Institute on American Philosophy. Summer 2013.

"The Ethics of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles." Invited Lecture at Washington University at St. Louis. Spring 2013.

"Drones and Moral Hazards." Pacific Meeting of the American Philosophical Association. San Francisco, CA. Spring 2013.

"The Moral Hazard of Drones." Invited Lecture at the University of Oregon. Eugene, OR. Winter 2013.

"Emerson and Peirce on the Law of Mind." International Meeting on Pragmatism. Sao Paulo, Brazil. Fall 2012.

“Peirce’s Religious Turn.” Annual Meeting of the US Intellectual History Society. New York, NY. Fall 2012. CONFERENCE CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER.

“Transgressing the Silence: Lydia Maria Child and the Philosophy of Subversion.” The Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association. Seattle, WA. Spring 2012.

“The American Roots of Medical Ethics.” Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy. New York City, NY. Spring 2012.

“Freedom and Responsibility in Asymmetric Warfare.” Society for Value Inquiry Annual Meeting. Salem, MA. Spring 2012.

“The Ethics of Drone Warfare.” Global Studies Consortium Meeting. Santa Barbara, CA. Spring 2012.

“Morality and Responsibility in Drone Use.” The Northern New England Philosophical Association Meeting. Burlington, VT. Fall 2011.

“How to Use Pragmatism in International Affairs.” The London School of Economics International Affairs Conference. London, UK. Fall 2011.

“The Ethical and Moral Implications of Drone Use in Asymmetric Warfare.” Invited Lecture at the Cornell Roundtable for International Studies and International Law. Ithaca, NY. Fall 2011.

“Pragmatism and International Affairs” Invited talk at the George Washington University Roundtable for International Relations Theory. Washington, D.C. Spring 2011.

“The Place of the ‘Problem of Job in the Philosophy of Josiah Royce’” The Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association. San Diego, CA. Spring 2011

“Women and Movements in American Philosophy: The Philosophy of Ella Lyman Cabot.” Invited Lecture at the MIT Workgroup on Gender and Philosophy. Cambridge, MA. Spring 2011.

“How Does it Feel to be a Problem? The Moral Psychology of Ella Lyman Cabot.” The Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy. Spokane, WA. Spring 2011.

“Pragmatism and International Relations Theory.” The Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association. Boston, MA. Winter 2010.

“Pragmatism and International Relations Theory.” Eastern Division of the International Studies Association. Baltimore, MD. Winter 2010.

“From Dissertation to Book: The Path of Ella Lyman Cabot” Invited Brown Bag Talk at the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Cambridge, MA. Fall 2010.

“Ethics and Abductive Reasoning.” Cabot-Hocking Seminar in Systematic Philosophy. Southern Illinois University. Carbondale, Illinois. Summer 2010.

“Merely Aesthetic: The Role of Aesthetic Judgment in Kant’s Critical Project.” 2010 International Kant Kongress. Pisa, Italy. Summer 2010.

“Idealism, Pragmatism and Feminism in American Philosophy.” Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association. San Francisco, CA. Spring 2010.

“DuBois and Fanon on Culture and Violence.” Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association. New York, NY. Winter 2009.

“Ethics of Technology and Warfare.” Annual Meeting of the Greater New England Philosophy Association. Durham, NH. Winter 2009.

“The Philosophy of Ella Lyman Cabot” Monthly Roundtable Talk with the Fellows at the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Cambridge, MA. Fall 2009.

“Another Question Concerning Technology: The Ethics of the Revolution in Military Affairs.” International Affairs Association. New York, NY. Fall 2008 – Also the Chair for the panel on “Technology and Politics.”

“Feminist Echoes: Butler and Heidegger on Libratory Politics.” Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy. Pittsburgh, PA. Fall 2008.

“Women and Forgotten Movements in American Philosophy.” Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association. Baltimore, MD. Spring 2008.

“A Call to Arms: William James on Militarism and Political Unity.” Central Division of the American Philosophical Association. Chicago. IL. Spring 2008. (Also presented at the Eastern Division Meeting of the APA in the Group Meeting of the North American Society for Social Philosophy 2008)

“‘The Art of Awareness’: Prophecy, Musicality and Justice.” Abraham Heschel at 100 Conference. Baylor University. Waco, TX. Spring 2008

“William James on Embodiment, Sociality and Transcendence.” Society for Phenomenology and Human Sciences/ Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy. Chicago, IL. Spring 2008.

“Getting Under My Skin: William James on Psychology and the Social Self.” Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy. Charleston, SC. Spring 2007.

“Individual Sacrifice: Royce and Howison on the Nature of Personhood.” Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association, Washington D.C., Spring 2007.

“Josiah Royce, Immigration, and the Question of American Identity.” Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association, Portland, Spring 2006.

“Paddling in the Stream of Consciousness: William James on the Habits of Thought” (discussion paper – winner of the Greenlee prize awarded to the most promising article in American philosophy written by a junior faculty member), Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, San Antonio, Winter 2006.

“The Morning of Painful Hypotheses: Bugbee and James on Embodiment.” Henry Bugbee Conference, Missoula, Fall 2005.

“Continuity and Inheritance: Kant’s *Third Critique* and the Work of C.S. Peirce.” (Peirce Award recipient), American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, Boston, Fall 2005.

“The Evolution of Philosophers” Human Behavior and Evolution Society, Rutgers University , Summer 2002. (presented with author, Professor Jeffrey Kurland)

“Whistler and the Painting of Atmosphere.” National Conference for Graduate Research, Lexington, Summer 2002

“NGO Relations as Performatives for International Relations.” Naval Academy Foreign Affairs Conference, Annapolis, Summer 2001.

“Death and Hypocrisy in the *Phaedo*” Greater Philadelphia Philosophy Consortium. Fall 1999.

2. Professional Honors and Awards

- Honors for Books in Books Section—Boston Book Fair □ 2019-2020 Miller Scholar at the Santa Fe Institute.
- 2017 John Dewey Prize in Intellectual History. For *American Philosophy: A Love Story*. Awarded to the best book in American Intellectual History by the Society for U.S. Intellectual History.

- 2013-14 APA Prize for Public Philosophy. Co-winners with Jeff McMahan (Rutgers) and Amy Allen (Dartmouth).
- Selected the Eastern APA liaison in American Philosophy.
- Selected for Authors Meets Critics Panel at the Eastern APA in 2014. For *Thinking Through the Imagination* (Fordham University Press).
- Selected for Author Meets Critics Panel and the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy 2012 Meeting. *Idealism, Pragmatism and Feminism* was discussed by three senior scholars from around the country.
- *Idealism, Pragmatism and Feminism* reviewed at *Notre Dame Philosophical Review*
- UMass Lowell Research Grant – Archival Recovery of American Philosophy (2011) ○ 7000.00 grant to appraise and evaluate the William Ernest Hocking Collection in Madison NH, appraised at 220,000. **This collection was donated to UMass Lowell in November, 2013.**
- IDEA Community Facilitator (UML), 2011
- Addams Prize in American Philosophy, 2011 ○ Awarded to the best paper in the field of feminism at the annual meeting of the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy)
- Cabot-Hocking Fellowship in Systematic Philosophy, 2010 ○ Nation wide fellowship competition in systematic philosophy granted to nine fellows.
- NCAA Student Athlete Teaching Award 2010 ○ Awarded to twelve faculty members across UMass Lowell for excellence in teaching
- Academic Assessment Fellowship (University of Massachusetts Lowell) 2010
- Bok Award for Teaching Excellence (Harvard University), Spring 2009 and Fall 2010 ○ Awarded to faculty members across Harvard University
- UMass Lowell University Teaching Award – College of Arts and Sciences. (UMass Lowell) 2009 ○ Awarded to one faculty member per year from each college
- Department of Philosophy Teaching Award. (University of Massachusetts Lowell) 2009
- Healey Research Fellowship (University of Massachusetts Lowell) 2009
- Harvard University Expository Writing Teaching Fellowship (Harvard University) ○ Declined in 2008

- Fellowship in Naturalism and Pragmatism (The Center for Inquiry – SUNY) 2008
- Visiting Scholar Award at the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 2007-2008
- Paideia Prize in Teaching (University of Oregon), 2007
- Donner Scholarship in Anglo-American Affairs (University of Cambridge, UK), 2005-2006
- Greenlee Prize in American Philosophy, 2005-2006
 - Awarded to the best paper in American philosophy written by a junior faculty member
- Peirce Award in the Advancement of American Thought at the APA, 2004
 - An international award given to the best paper in Pierce studies
- Graduate Teaching Fellowship (University of Oregon), 2003-2005
- University of Oregon Academic Excellence Scholarship, 2005-2007
- Phi Beta Kappa, 2001-present
- International Thesis Award – France, Austria, Switzerland, Italy (PSU), 2003 □ Marshal for the Department of Philosophy (PSU), 2003

3. Non-Teaching Activities (Consulting and Other Professionally Related Work)

Research Assistant in Philosophical Logic, University of Oregon, 2007

- Under the Direction of Professor Scott Pratt

Hired Speech Writer for Dr. Stefan Halper

- “Tennyson’s Couplet: Common Threat and Military Response,” Bellagio Conference on NATO Force Projection. Rockefeller Foundation. Bellagio; Italy, 2005.

Rowing Coach, Magdalene College, Cambridge, 2004-2005

Research Assistant/ Junior Fellow, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Washington DC. 2003.

C. RESEARCH (2006-present)

(PLEASE NOTE THAT RESEARCH IS DIVIDED BY TOPIC)

1. PUBLICATIONS

AMERICAN PHILOSOPHY AND HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY

BOOKS

American Blood. (Contracted with Farrar, Straus and Giroux, Due out in 2023).

Think Again: An Introduction to Philosophy. (Contracted with Norton, due out in 2021)

Sick Souls and Healthy Minds: The Philosophy of William James. (Princeton, March 2020)
210pp.

- PROSE Award Finalist in the Humanities
- Positively Reviewed in The New York Times, The New Yorker, and the Wall Street Journal

Hiking with Nietzsche: On Becoming Who You Are. (Farrar, Straus, and Giroux, Sept. 2018)
258pp.

- A National Public Radio Best Book of 2018
- German rights sold to Random House for publication one year after English publication release. UK rights sold to Granta for publication March 2019.
- Positively reviewed in *The New York Times*, *The New Yorker*, *The Atlantic*, *NPR*, *Booklist*, *Kirkus*, *Minneapolis Tribune*, *Newsday*.
- *LitHub*'s 15 Books to Read in September 2018.
- *Outdoor Magazine*'s Book to Read in Fall 2018.

American Philosophy, A Love Story. (Farrar, Straus and Giroux 2016). 270 pp.

- 2019 John Dewey Prize—Awarded to the Best Book in Intellectual History by the Society for U.S. Intellectual History.
- National Public Radio Best Book of 2016
- New York Times Editor's Choice
- Starred Kirkus Review (top 5 percent of books reviewed)
- National Book Review "Hot Book"
- Reviewed in the *Wall Street Journal*, *the New York Times*, *Boston Globe*, *Booklist*, *Bookforum*, *Kirkus Review*, *Open Letters Monthly*, *Publishers Weekly*, *The Providence Journal*, *Canadian Broadcasting International*.
- German rights sold to Random House, for publication in October 2017.
- Audio rights sold to Blackstone Audio

Thinking Through the Imagination: Aesthetics in Human Cognition (Fordham University Press, February 2014) 272pp.

Pragmatism, Idealism, and Feminism in the Philosophy of Ella Lyman Cabot. Lexington Press/Rowman and Littlefield. Fall 2011. 223pp.

Pragmatism and the Philosophy of Sport with Douglas Anderson and Richard Lally. (Lexington/ Rowman and Littlefield. Fall 2012). 208pp.

ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS

“Pragmatism and the Philosophy of Sport.” *The Routledge Handbook for the Philosophy of Sport*. Ed. Mike McNamee and William Morgan. (New York: Routledge, 2015) 207-217.

“The American Reception of Hegel” *Oxford Handbook on Hegel*. Co-authored with Kipton Jensen Ed. Dean Moyar (submission complete; forthcoming Oxford University Press 2015)

“Aesthetic Ideals in American Pragmatism” *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*. (October 2014).

“Peirce and Neuronal Synchronicity.” *Pragmatist Neurophilosophy*. Ed. John Shook. (London: Bloomsbury, 2014).

“Transgressing the Silence: Lydia Maria Child and the Philosophy of Subversion.” *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society*. 49:1. (2014)

“Plato and Peirce on the Fixation of Belief.” *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society*. 48:4 (2012).

“A Report on the Recent “Dig” into Royce’s MSS in the Harvard Archives” in *The Relevance of Royce*. Ed. Kelly Parker. (Fordham University Press, 2013)

“Fallibility and Insight in Moral Judgment” *Human Studies* 35:4. (November 2012).

“The American Roots of Medical Ethics: Richard Cabot and American Philosophy” Under review at the *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society*. (co-authored with Kim Garchar, Assistant Professor of Philosophy at Kent State University)

“Emptiness, Selflessness, and Transcendence: William James’s Reading of Chinese Buddhism.” *Journal of Chinese Philosophy*. 39:2 (June 2012) 240–259.

“Hegel, Peirce, and Royce on the Concept of Essence.” *Dialogue: The Canadian Review of Philosophy*. 50 (Fall 2012). 557-575.

“The Place of the “Problem of Job” in the Philosophy of Josiah Royce” *The American Journal of Theology and Religion*. 33:1 (Winter 2012) 32-56.

“Pragmatism and International Relations Theory” *The Cambridge Review of International Relations* (co-authored with Sarah Kreps, Assistant Professor of Government at Cornell University)

“Narrative and Moral Psychology in the Philosophy of Ella Lyman Cabot.” *The Pluralist*. University of Illinois Press. 6:3 (Fall 2011) 64-79.

“Everyday Ethics: The Moral Imagination in Classical American Thought” *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society*. University of Indiana Press. 46:3 (Summer 2010) 364-385.

“Pragmatism, Religion and Dissent: Theodore Parker’s Experience as a Minister.” *The Pluralist*. University of Illinois Press. 5:1 (Spring 2010) 1-20.

“A Call to Arms: William James’s Moral Equivalent of War.” *The Pluralist*. University of Illinois Press. 4:2 (Winter 2010) 108-124.

“Pragmatism and the Lessons of Experience.” *Daedalus: The Journal of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences*. (The Emerging Voices Issue that featured nine junior scholars from across the country in the humanities and social sciences) MIT Press. 138:2 (Spring 2009). 63-72.

“You Are Getting Under My Skin: William James on the Emotions, the Social Self and Transcendence.” *Zygon: The Blackwell Journal of Science and Religion*. Blackwell Publishing. 44:2 (Spring 2009) 433-450.

“American Interpretations of Hegel: Josiah Royce’s Philosophy of Loyalty.” *History of Philosophy Quarterly*. 26:1 (Winter 2009). 83-102.

“The neurological dynamics of the imagination.” *Phenomenology and Cognitive Neuroscience*. 8:2. (Winter 2009) Springer Press 183-204.

John Kaag “Chance and Creativity: the Nature of Contingency in Classical American Philosophy.” *The Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society*. 44:3 Indiana University Press. (Fall 2008) 393-411.

“Josiah Royce, Immigration, and the Question of American Identity.” *The Pluralist*. 3:4 University of Illinois Press. (Fall 2008). 111-131.

“Women and Forgotten Movements in American Philosophy: The Work of Ella Lyman Cabot and Mary Parker Follett” *The Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society*. 42:1 Indiana University Press. (Win. 2008). 134-157.

“Paddling in the Stream of Consciousness: Describing the Movement of Jamesian Inquiry.” *Journal of Speculative Philosophy*. 20:2 (Summer 2006) 132-145.

“Continuity and Inheritance: Kant’s Third *Critique* and the Work of C.S. Peirce.” *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society*. 41:3 (Summer 2005) 415-440.

2. PUBLICATIONS

SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

BOOKS

Drone Warfare. (Polity Press, June 2013). (co-authored with Sarah Kreps, Associate Professor of Government at Cornell University)

- Choice Outstanding Academic Title of 2015 (given to the top five percent of books reviewed)
- Reviewed in the *London School of Economics Journal* and *Strategic Studies*.

ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS

“Drones and the Paradox of Choice.” (co-authored with Jamie Ashton) *The Harvard Review of Philosophy*. (2015)

“Merely Aesthetic: The Role of the Imagination in Kant’s Critical Project” in *Proceeding of the 11th Annual Kant Kongress*. (De Gruyter Press, 2013)

“Drones and Democratic Peace.” *Brown Journal of World Affairs*. (co-authored with Sarah Kreps, Assistant Professor of Government at Cornell University) 19:2 (2013)

“The Moral and Legal Implications of Drone Use in Asymmetric Conflict” *Polity* 44:3 (Spring 2012) 260-285. (co-authored with Sarah Kreps, Assistant Professor of Government at Cornell University)

“Military Frameworks: Technology and the Legitimization of Modern Warfare.” *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*. Cambridge University Press. (Winter 2010). (co-authored with Whitley Kaufman, Professor of Philosophy at UMass Lowell).

“Another Question Concerning Technology: The Ethics of Homeland Security Technologies.” *Homeland Security Affairs*. 4:1 (Winter, 2008).

Reprinting of “Paddling in the Stream of Consciousness: Describing the Movement of Jamesian Inquiry.” In *Pragmatism and the Philosophy of Sport* ed. John Kaag, Douglas Anderson, and Richard Lally. (Lexington/ Rowman and Littlefield, 2012)

Reprinting of “A Call to Arms: William James’s Moral Equivalent of War.” In *Philosophical Pragmatism and International Relations*. Ed. Shane Ralston. (Lexington/ Rowman and Littlefield, 2012)

“The Interpretative Meaning of an Object: Grounding Historical Narratives in Lived Experience.” In *Archeology and the Origins of Philosophy*. (Albany: SUNY Press, 2010) 203221. (co-authored with Robert Hahn, Professor of Philosophy at Southern Illinois University)

“The Embodied Ground of Abstract and Speculative Thought.” In *Archeology and the Origins of Philosophy*. (Albany: SUNY Press, 2010) 223-228. (co-authored with Robert Hahn, Professor of Philosophy at Southern Illinois University)

REVIEWS

Review of Thoreau by Laura Walls. *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.

Review of *The Evolution of the Imagination* by Steven Asma. *The Wall Street Journal*.

“Review of *The Cloister* by James Carroll. *The Wall Street Journal*.

“Review of *Expect Great Things* by Kevin Dann.” *The New York Times* (December 2016)

“Review of *This Close to Happy: A Reckoning with Depression*.” *The Wall Street Journal*. (February 2017)

“Review of *The Drama of Possibility* by John McDermott.” *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society*. (January 2009)

“Review of *Contemporary Feminist Pragmatism*. Maurice Hamington and Celia Bardwell-Jones (eds.) Notre Dame Philosophical Review. (Summer 2012).

“Review of *The Politics of Survival* by Lara Trout” *The Pluralist*. (Fall 2012)

“Review of Reconstructing Individualism by James Albrecht.” *The Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society*. (Fall 2012)

“Review of *Conversations on Peirce*” by Doug Anderson and Carl Hausman. *Cognitio* (Spring 2013)

“Review of *Loyalty to Loyalty* by Mathew Foust.” *Ethics*. Forthcoming.

POPULAR WRITINGS (2011-present)

Selected Essays and Op-eds

- 1) “The Moral Hazard of Drones.” *The New York Times*. Published July 22, 2012.
<http://opinionator.blogs.nytimes.com/2012/07/22/the-moral-hazard-of-drones/>
- 2) “Catching Up Morally with the Drone Age” *Chronicle of Higher Education*. September 14, 2012.
- 3) “The Making of a Philosopher” *Chronicle Review*. November 24, 2012.
<http://chronicle.com/article/The-Making-of-a-Philosophy/135876/>
- 4) “The First Day” *Chronicle of Higher Education*. December 11, 2012.
<http://chronicle.com/article/The-First-Day/136221/>
- 5) “In the Shade of Arrows.” *Chronicle Review*.
<http://chronicle.com/article/In-the-Shadow-of-Drones/137721/>
- 6) “Midterm Torpor.” *Chronicle of Higher Education*.
<http://chronicle.com/article/Curing-Midterm-Torpor/137699/>
- 7) “Ethics and Armchair Soldiers.” *The New York Times*.
<http://opinionator.blogs.nytimes.com/2013/03/17/drones-ethics-and-the-armchair-soldier/>
- 8) “Friends with Benefits” (co-authored with David O’Hara) *Chronicle Review*.
<http://chronicle.com/article/Friends-With-Benefits/139419/>

- 9) "My Worst Student" *Times Higher Education*.
<http://www.timeshighereducation.co.uk/features/my-worst-student/2003780.article>
- 10) "Teething Troubles" *Times Higher Education*.
<http://www.timeshighereducation.co.uk/fathers-daze-john-kaag-discusses-a-few-doktorvaterissues/2004717.article>
- 11) "Father's Day: Why a Super-hero Father Wants to Join the Mother's Association" *Christian Science Monitor*.
<http://www.csmonitor.com/Commentary/Opinion/2013/0614/Father-s-Day-Why-a-superherofather-wants-to-join-the-Mothers-Association>
- 12) "On Writing With Others" *New York Times*.
<http://opinionator.blogs.nytimes.com/2013/06/24/on-writing-with-others/>
- 13) "Philosophy's Loss" *Chronicle of Higher Education*.
<http://chronicle.com/article/Philosophys-Loss/141119/>
- 14) "Don't Think of the Elephant." *Shambhala Sun*.
http://shambhalasun.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=4113&Itemid=0
- 15) "Cry it Out" *New York Times*.. http://parenting.blogs.nytimes.com/2013/11/17/my-fatherdidnt-know-best-how-will-i/?_php=true&_type=blogs&_r=0
- 16) "The Perfect Essay." *New York Times*.
http://opinionator.blogs.nytimes.com/2014/05/05/theperfect-essay/?_r=0
- 17) "Short is Sweet." *Times Higher Education*. <http://www.timeshighereducation.co.uk/get-tothe-point-john-kaags-guide-toacademic-meetings/2007207.article>
- 18) "Living with Injustice." Coauthored with Claire Katz. Carnegie Council for Ethics and International Affairs. EIA Blog. <http://www.ethicsandinternationalaffairs.org/2013/living-withinjustice-lessons-from-1963/>
- 19) "Hit the Road, Philosophy." Coauthored with David O'Hara. *Times Higher Education*.
- 20) "See No Evil: Drones and Public Opinion." Coauthored with Sarah Kreps. Ethics and International Affairs. EIA Blog.
- 21) "The Fathers of Philosophy." *The Chronicle of Higher Education*
- 22) "The Philosopher and the Thief." *Harper's Magazine*.
<http://harpers.org/blog/2014/03/thephilosopher-and-the-thief/>

- 23) “The Sound of Maybe.” *Harper’s Magazine*. <http://harpers.org/blog/2015/03/maybe/>
- 24) “The Curse of Credentials” *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.
<http://chronicle.com/article/The-Curse-of-Credentials/228999/>
- 25) The Object of My Deception. *The Times Higher Education*.
<http://www.timeshighereducation.co.uk/features/the-great-love-and-lustswindle/2018408.fullarticle>
- 26) “What Thucydides Can Teach Us About Imperial Overreach.” *Ethics and International Affairs*. <http://www.ethicsandinternationalaffairs.org/2015/thucydides-can-teach-us-imperialoverreach/>
- 27) “Shit Happens at the Semester Finish Line.” *Times Higher Education*.
<https://www.timeshighereducation.co.uk/comment/opinion/shit-happens-at-the-semester-finishline/2019916.article>
- 28) “The Domestic Drone Debate: Support Abroad; Suppressed at Home.” Co-authored with Chris McKallagat. Syndicated: *Japan Today, Arab News, Cyprus News, Princeton Daily News*. <http://www.japantoday.com/category/opinions/view/u-s-drone-debate-supported-abroadsuppressed-at-home>
- 29) “Looking Death in the Face” in the *New York Times* and the *International New York Times*. With Clancy Martin. http://www.nytimes.com/2016/12/26/opinion/looking-death-in-theface.html?_r=0
- 30) “Right of Rebellion” in *FSG Work in Progress*.
<http://www.fsgworkinprogress.com/2016/09/the-right-of-rebellion/>
- 31) “To Lean in, Find Someone to Lean Out” in *Boston Globe*. With Carol Hay.
<https://www.bostonglobe.com/ideas/2016/07/09/kaag/RTm4VZ1P4xGBJW9M7Tiz2N/story.html>
- 32) “Drones and Conscientious Objection” in *Boston Globe*. With Clancy Martin.
<https://www.bostonglobe.com/ideas/2016/05/18/drones-and-conscientiousobjector/bZroJ52ecMfDyGZDM2tLHI/story.html>
- 33) “Welcome to UMass Lowell, Mr. Trump” in *Boston Globe*. With Carol Hay.
<https://www.bostonglobe.com/opinion/2016/01/01/welcome-umass-lowelltrump/1Gd7NQqxy1C6890sbm7FJ/story.html>
- 34) “Books’ Fragile Bodies” in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*.
<http://www.chronicle.com/article/Books-Fragile-Bodies/238601>

- 35) "Can Transcendence Be Taught?" Front Page of the *Chronicle of Higher Education Magazine*. With Clancy Martin.
<http://www.chronicle.com/article/Can-Transcendence-Be-Taught-/237994>
- 36) "Big Brains, Small Minds" in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*. With David O'Hara.
<http://www.chronicle.com/article/Big-Brains-Small-Minds/236480>
- 37) "America's Hands-on-Hegelian." in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*.
<http://www.chronicle.com/article/Americas-Hands-On-Hegelian/235720>
- 38) "Trump Campaign the Swan Song of the Undeserving White Male" in the *Philadelphia Inquirer*. With Mike Ventimiglia.
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- 39) "Dreadful Dads" *Aeon Magazine*. With Clancy Martin.
- 40) "Teaching Existentialism in the Age of Trump." *Times Higher Education*
- 41) "Thoreau the Cynic" *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.
- 42) "Nietzsche Made Me Do It" *New York Times Sunday Review*.
- 43) "The Greatest Use of Life." *Aeon Magazine*.
- 44) "Thus Spoke Jordan Peterson." *Foreign Policy Magazine*. With David Livingston Smith.
- 45) "When Thoreau Went to Walden, He Was Not Alone" *The New York Times*.
- 46) "Dirty Hands Can Still Do Good" *The New York Times*.
- 47) "Nietzsche and Nationalism" *The Paris Review*. With Skye Cleary.
- 48) "Nietzsche and Kierkegaard on New Years Resolutions." *The Paris Review*. With Skye Cleary.
- 49) "The Truth About My Father." *The New York Times*.
- 50) "Step Count" *The Point Magazine*. Forthcoming.
- 51) "There Is No Time In the Garden: The Poetry of W.S. Merwin" *The Paris Review*. Forthcoming.

52) “Nietzsche Made Me Do It” *The New York Times* Sunday Review.

53) “What I Prayed For.” A Conversation with Andre Dubus III and Clancy Martin. *Guernica Magazine*.

INTERVIEWS

For “Hiking with Nietzsche”

* NPR-WBUR Radio Boston, Sirius XM, Boston Book Festival, Harvard Bookstore, Powell’s Bookstore (Portland, Oregon), American Buddhist Study Center, California Institute for Integral Studies, Lehigh University, Penn Book Center, Elliot Bay Books (Seattle), Green Apple Books (San Francisco), Rainy Day Books (Kansas City), *Guernica Magazine*, American Philosophical Association Blog, and many other venues.

“Read Learn Live Podcast” with Jon Menaster.

“Ron Hogan’s True Lives Podcast”

The Full Stop (NYC) <http://www.full-stop.net/2016/11/02/interviews/michael-schapira/johnkaag/>

Heleo “Bringing Philosophy Back to the People.” <https://heleo.com/conversation-bringingphilosophy-back-to-the-people-john-kaag-and-clancy-martin-on-accessibility-the-americantradition-and-the-coming-golden-age/11726/>

“Ethics of Drone Warfare.” Ideas Series. Canadian Public Broadcasting.

“Drones and Public Opinion” Noon Hour with Dan Roddick. National Public Radio.

“Genocide and Dehumanization.” Scholars Circle with Maria Ajoundia. Syndicated NPR program playing in 14 cities.

“Drone Warfare” West Point Oral History Project. Produced by Daniel Polin. Interview conducted at Marist College. April 12, 2013.

“Drone Warfare.” National Public Radio (WTOP Washington, DC) Interview conducted March 29, 2013. Aired live.

“The Moral Hazard of Drones.” National Public Radio (KNPR Nevada Public Radio) with Louis Hernandez. Interview conducted on July 25, 2012. Aired twice on July 26, 2012.

“The Ethics of Autonomous Robots in Warfare.” *Chronicle of Higher Education*. Conducted by Don Troop on July 27, 2012.

“The Constitutionality of Drones.” Your Weekly Constitutional with Stewart Harris. WETS Tri-City (Virginia and Tennessee). Conducted August 11, 2012.

D. INSTRUCTION RELATED ACTIVITY

1. Teaching (Courses taught, undergraduate-graduate levels)

Undergraduate level (since joining the Philosophy Department in 2008)

- Introduction to Philosophy (taught 14 times)
- Introduction to Ethics
- Existentialism (taught 4 times)
- American Philosophy (taught 5 times)
- Philosophy of the Creative Imagination (taught 3 times)
- Environmental Philosophy
- Ethics of War and Peace
- Philosophy of Mind (taught 3 times)
- Directed Studies (7)
 - Metaphysics
 - American Philosophy
 - Modern Philosophy
 - Philosophy of Education
 - Existentialism
 - Heidegger
 - Philosophy of Mathematics

Graduate level

- Global Studies—International Relations Theory (taught 2 times)

E. SERVICE ACTIVITIES

1. Community Activities Related to Professional Field

Series Editor. “American Philosophy” for Lexington/Rowman and Littlefield. (2014-present)

- Published 11 books since inception.

Elected Member at Large. The Josiah Royce Society. (2013-present)

Organizing Committee for the 100th Anniversary International Peirce Congress (held in Summer 2014 at UML Conference Center) – 300 participants from 23 countries.

Organizing Committee for the Annual Meeting of the Northern New England Philosophical Association (held in Fall 2012 at UML Conference Center) – 60 participants

Book Review Editor. *The Pluralist* (University of Illinois Press), (2010-present)

Associate Member, The Boston Atheneum . (2008-present)

Book Reviewer for the *New York Times* (1 book)

Book Reviewer for the *Wall Street Journal* (1 book)

Book Reviewer for the *Chronicle of Higher Education* (1 book)

Manuscript Reviewer for Penn State University Press (1 book)

Manuscript Reviewer for MIT Press (1 book)

Manuscript Reviewer for Francis and Taylor Publications/CRC (2 books)

Manuscript Reviewer for Fordham University Press (5 books)

Manuscript Reviewer for the *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society*, 2007-present (20 articles)

Manuscript Reviewer for the *Journal of Speculative Philosophy* (2 article)

Manuscript Reviewer for the *Pluralist* (7 articles)

Manuscript Reviewer for the *Leiden Journal of International Law* (1 article)

Panel Organizer (Annual Responsibilities), Personalist Forum at the American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Meeting.

Panel Organizer, Author Meets Critics. *Larry Hickman's Pragmatism as Post-Postmodernism*. Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy. Charlotte, NC. Spring 2010.

2. Committee Activities

Department: Since joining the Philosophy Department in 2008

Search Committee Member. Hired Jose Mendoza (Tenure Track AY 2015)

Search Committee Member. Hired Heidi Furey (Lecturer AY 2014)

Head of Search Committee for Hire in Philosophy of Religion and Peace and Conflict Studies. Hired Bassam Romaya (Tenure-Track AY 2012)

Philosophy Colloquium Contributor and Host. Hosted:

- 1) Scott Pratt (University of Oregon)
- 2) Lee McBride (College of Wooster)
- 3) Douglas Anderson (SIU)
- 4) Susanne Shreehar (Boston University)
- 5) Clancy Martin (University of Missouri)
- 6) Erin McKenna (Pacific Lutheran University)

Search Committee Member. Hired Christa Hodapp (Lecturer AY 2011).

Library Liaison (2008-2009)

Transfer Coordinator (2009-2013)

University:

Member of the University Rank and Tenure Committee. Fall 2016 and 2017.

Head of the College Rank and Tenure Committee. Fall 2016 and 2017.

Organizer of Convocation Speaker, Clancy Martin. Fall 2015.

Faculty Global Teaching Assessment Fellow. 2014-2015.

Director of Global Studies. 2012-2016.

Supporting Member of the PhD. in Global Studies (Comparative Cultures Track)
2009-2012

Faculty Head, Global Studies Ph.D. Steering Committee (2009-approval of program) –
Developed proposal for the Ph.D. in Global Studies, submitted in spring 2011. Approved
summer 2011

UML 2020 Strategic Planning Commission. (2009-present)

Interdisciplinary MA Program primary focus on Humanities Committee (2009-present)

Committee for Educational Assessment at UMass Lowell (2009-2010)

Gender Studies Faculty Group (2009-2015)

IDEA Coordinator for “Multiculturalism and Global Studies” (2011-2012)

Faculty Assessment Fellow (2009)

Ethics Across the Curriculum Talk Series (Given each term) (2009-present)

NAVITAS Faculty Advisor (2009)

3. Other Service to the University

Faculty Advisor (along with Dr. Kaufman and Dr. Hay). Philosophy Club (2008-2014)

Featured Writer for the UML Newsletter. “Philosopher’s Coffee Hour.” (Fall 2010)

Participant in Philosophy and Religion Roundtable sponsored by the UML Campus Ministry Association, offered to UML students three times a year. (2008-present)
