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EMPLOYMENT

Wake Forest University
Zachary T. Smith Faculty Fellow, July 2009-
Associate Professor of Philosophy (early tenure), July 2009-
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, August 2004 - June 2009

EDUCATION

University of Notre Dame, Ph. D. in philosophy, August 2004
University of Michigan, Visiting Scholar, Fall 2002 - Summer 2003
Princeton University, B. A. in philosophy, May 1999

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Meta-Ethics, Normative Theory, Theory of Action, Moral Psychology, Philosophy of Religion

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Philosophy of Mind, Medical Ethics, Environmental Ethics

PUBLICATIONS

Edited Collections

3. *The Continuum Companion to Ethics*. Ed. Christian Miller. Continuum Press (in progress).
2. Symposium on Agency. *Ethics* 118 (2008): 385-463.
1. Philip Quinn. *Essays in the Philosophy of Religion*. Ed. Christian Miller. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2006. 328 pages.

Articles

25. "Resources for Studying Ethics," *The Continuum Companion to Ethics*. Ed. Christian Miller. Continuum Press (in progress).
24. "The Field of Ethics," *The Continuum Companion to Ethics*. Ed. Christian Miller. Continuum Press (in progress).
23. "Moral Relativism and Moral Psychology," Invited Paper in *The Blackwell Companion to Relativism*. Ed. Steven Hales. Blackwell Publishing (forthcoming).
22. "Guilt and Helping," Invited Paper in *The Psychology of Guilt*. Nova Science Publishers (forthcoming).

Reprinted in *International Journal of Ethics* 6 (forthcoming).

21. "Guilt, Embarrassment, and Global Character Traits Associated with Helping," Invited Paper in *New Waves in Ethics*. Ed. Thom Brooks. Palgrave Macmillan (in progress).
20. "Integrity," Invited Paper in the *Blackwell International Encyclopedia of Ethics* (in progress).
19. "The Euthyphro Dilemma," Invited Paper in the *Blackwell International Encyclopedia of Ethics* (in progress).
18. "Divine Will Theory: Desires or Intentions?" *Oxford Studies in Philosophy of Religion* (forthcoming).
17. "The Conditions of Moral Realism," *The Journal of Philosophical Research* (forthcoming).
16. "Social Psychology, Mood, and Helping: Mixed Results for Virtue Ethics," *The Journal of Ethics*. Special Issue on Situationism 13 (2009): 145-173.
15. "Divine Desire Theory and Obligation," Invited Paper in *New Waves in Philosophy of Religion*. Ed. Y. Nagasawa and E. Wielenberg. Palgrave Macmillan, 2009. 105-124.
14. "Empathy, Social Psychology, and Global Helping Traits," *Philosophical Studies* 142 (2009): 247-275.

Reviewed in *Philosopher's Digest*, <http://www.philosophersdigest.com/>.

13. "Gert on Subjective Practical Rationality," *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 11 (2008): 551-561.
12. "Introduction to Agency Symposium," *Ethics* 118 (2008): 385-387.
11. "Motivational Internalism," *Philosophical Studies* 139 (2008): 233-255.
10. "Motivation in Agents," *Noûs* 42 (2008): 222-266.
9. "The Structure of Instrumental Practical Reasoning," *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 75 (2007): 1-41.
8. "The Conditions of Realism," *The Journal of Philosophical Research* 32 (2007): 95-132.
7. "The Policy-Based Approach to Identification," *Philosophical Psychology* 20 (2007): 105-125.
6. "Quinn's Philosophy of Religion," in *Essays in the Philosophy of Religion*. Oxford: University Press, 2006. 1-18.
5. "Shafer-Landau and Moral Realism." Invited Review Essay. *Social Theory and Practice* 32 (2006): 311-331.
4. "Defeaters and the Basicity of Theistic Belief," in *Basic Belief and Basic Knowledge: Papers in Epistemology*. Ed. Ron Rood, Sabine Roeser, and René van Woudenberg (Frankfurt: Ontos Verlag, 2005), 147-176.
3. "Social Psychology and Virtue Ethics." *The Journal of Ethics* 7 (2003): 365-392.
2. "Rorty and Tolerance." *Theoria: Special Issue on the Philosophy of Richard Rorty* 101 (2003): 94-108.
1. "Rorty and Moral Relativism." *European Journal of Philosophy* 10 (2002): 354-374.

Reprinted in *Richard Rorty: Critical Assessments of Leading Philosophers'*. Ed. James Tartaglia. (Routledge, 2009), forthcoming.

Article on My Research

- “Q & A with Christian Miller: Philosopher Researches Character Traits and Behavior,”
Online Version of *Wake Forest Magazine*, June 2008. Available at
<http://www.wfu.edu/magazine/2008.06/miller/>.

Reviews

8. Review of *Moral Psychology. The Neuroscience of Morality: Emotion, Brain Disorders, and Development*. Volume III. Ed. Walter Sinnott-Armstrong. Cambridge: MIT Press, 2008. *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (2009).
7. Review of *Moral Psychology. The Cognitive Science of Morality: Intuition and Diversity*. Volume II. Ed. Walter Sinnott-Armstrong. Cambridge: MIT Press, 2008. *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (2009).
6. Review of Gabriele Taylor. *Deadly Vices*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2006. *The Journal of Value Inquiry* 41 (2007): 409-413 .
5. Review of Joel Kupperman. *Ethics and Qualities of Life*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2007. *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (2007).
4. Review of Joshua Gert. *Brute Rationality: Normativity and Human Action*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2004. *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (2005).
3. Review of Alexander Miller. *An Introduction to Contemporary Metaethics*. Cambridge: Polity Press, 2003. *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 83:2 (2005): 279-281.
2. Review of William Casebeer. *Natural Ethical Facts*. Cambridge: MIT Press, 2003. *The Philosophical Quarterly* 55 (2005): 532-534.
1. Review of *Weakness of Will and Practical Irrationality*. Ed. S. Stroud and C. Tappolet. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2003. *The Journal of Moral Philosophy* 1:2 (2004): 242-245.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

13. Comments, American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, April 2010.
12. “Comments on Cuneo,” Society of Christian Philosophers Satellite Meeting, November 2009.
11. “Comments on Cicovacki,” Albert Schweitzer Symposium, September 2009.
10. “Varieties of Moral Realism” and “Alternatives to Moral Realism,” Invited Lectures, Southern Seminary, February 2009.
9. “Comments on Vargas,” Invited Symposium on Freedom, Responsibility, and Situationism, American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, April 2007.
8. “Affect and Helping: Mixed Results for Virtue Ethics,” North Carolina Philosophical Society, February 2007.
7. “Comments on Nobis,” American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, April 2006.
6. “Gert’s *Brute Rationality*,” American Philosophical Association Pacific Division

- Meeting, Author-Meets-Critics Symposium, March 2006.
5. "Affect and Helping: Mixed Results for Virtue Ethics," Virtue Ethics and Social Psychology Conference, University of Denver, October 2005.
 4. "Comments on Sommers," Society for Philosophy and Psychology Annual Meeting, June 2005.
 3. "Comments on Sayre-McCord," Invited Symposium on Moral Realism. American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, April 2005.
 2. "Volitional Impossibility Judgments," Wake Forest University, February 2004.
 1. "Volitional Impossibility Judgments," Columbia University, January 2004.

OTHER PRESENTATIONS

20. "Research at Wake Forest," Wake Forest University New Faculty Luncheon, Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, January 2010.
19. "The Teacher Scholar Ideal at Wake Forest," Wake Forest University New Faculty Orientation, August 2009.
18. "Character Traits, Social Psychology, and Impediments to Helping Behavior," Symposium Presentation, American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, April 2009.
17. "Character Traits, Social Psychology, and Impediments to Helping Behavior," North Carolina Philosophical Society, February 2009.
16. "Planning the Semester," Wake Forest University New Faculty Orientation, August 2008.
15. "Does the Trait of Compassion Exist? Some Results from Social Psychology," Princeton University Central North Carolina Alumni Association, May 2008.
14. "Does the Trait of Compassion Exist? Some Results from Social Psychology," Davidson College, November 2007.
13. "Irresistible Desires, Compulsion, and Addiction," What Is Addiction? Mind and World Conference, May 2007.
12. "Caring, Meaning, and Williams' Integrity Objection," International Society for Utilitarian Studies, Dartmouth University, August 2005.
11. "Motivational Internalism: A New Problem," Symposium Presentation, American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, March 2005.
10. "Motivational Internalism: A New Problem," North Carolina Philosophical Society, February 2005.
9. "Bratman on Identification," American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, March 2004. Winner of an APA Outstanding Paper Award and Travel Grant.
8. "Volitional Impossibility Judgments," University of Notre Dame Philosophy Department Colloquium, January 2004.
7. "The Incoherence Argument Revisited," American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, December 2003. Winner of an APA Outstanding Paper Award and Travel Grant.
6. "Motivational Internalism and Reliably Connected Moral Agents," American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, March 2003.
5. "Motivational Internalism and Reliably Connected Moral Agents," Oxford Graduate

- Philosophy Conference, November 2002.
4. "Social Psychology and Descriptive Virtue Ethics," American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, April 2002. Winner of an APA Outstanding Paper Award and Travel Grant.
 3. "Rortean Metaethics and Meta-Ethical Moral Relativism," Ohio Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, April 2002.
 2. "Rortean Meta-Ethics and Meta-Ethical Moral Relativism," Society of Student Philosophers, American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, April 2002.
 1. "Epistemic Defeaters and the Basicity of Theistic Belief," Free University of Amsterdam, June 2001.

HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Awarded the 2009 Wake Forest University Reid-Doyle Prize for Excellence in Teaching.
 Awarded the 2009 Wake Forest University Award for Excellence in Research.

This is the first time in the history of Wake Forest University that a faculty member has won both prizes in the same year.

- Invited Participant, Wake Forest University 2009 President's Leadership Conference
 Wake Forest Delta Delta Delta Outstanding Professor in Philosophy Award, Spring 2009
 Wake Forest Book Publication Appreciation Reception and Dinner, Spring 2009
 Selected as a Member of the 2009 Who's Who in America
 Selected as a Member of the 2009 Who's Who Among Executives and Professionals
 Wake Forest Mortar Board Honor Society Faculty Appreciation Event, Spring 2008
 "Success and Helping Others," Wake Forest Golden Key Honor Society 2006 Induction Ceremony Invited Keynote Address
 Wake Forest Golden Key Honor Society, 2006 Wake Forest Professor of the Year and Lifetime Honorary Faculty Member of the National Golden Key Honor Society
 Wake Forest Book Publication Appreciation Reception and Dinner, Fall 2007
 Wake Forest Golden Key Honor Society Faculty Appreciation Dinner, Spring 2007
 Wake Forest Teaching Certificate of Appreciation, Spring 2006
 Wake Forest Delta Delta Delta Outstanding Professor in Philosophy Award, Fall 2005
 Wake Forest Alpha Phi Omega Outstanding Faculty Dinner, Fall 2005
 Wake Forest Pi Kappa Alpha Outstanding Faculty Dinner, Spring 2005
 Wake Forest Sigma Chi Outstanding Faculty Dinner, Spring 2005
 Wake Forest Delta Delta Delta Outstanding Professor in Philosophy Award, Fall 2004
 University of Notre Dame College of Arts and Letters Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2004-2006 (declined)
 University of Notre Dame Presidential Fellowship, 1999-2003
 University of Notre Dame Dissertation Year Fellowship, Fall 2003
 Graduate Student Outstanding Paper Award and Travel Grant, 2004 American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting
 Graduate Student Outstanding Paper Award and Travel Grant, 2003 American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting
 Graduate Student Outstanding Paper Award and Travel Grant, 2002 American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting

Elected Junior Fellow, Princeton University Center for Human Values, Human Values Forum
United States President's Award for Educational Excellence
National Science Scholars Competition Scholarship
Florida Marine Science Education Association Award and Scholarship
Dr. Robert Busse Memorial Science Achievement Award and Scholarship
Florida Department of Education Florida Merit Award and Scholarship
Robert F. Byrd Scholarship Competition Award

TEACHING

At Wake Forest University

Basic Problems in Philosophy (x10)
Freshman Seminar on Plato's *Republic*
Freshman Seminar on God (x2)
Freedom, Moral Responsibility, and Action
Ethical Theory (x5)
Topics in Ethics: Moral Realism (x2)
Philosophy and Christianity
Directed Reading Course: Religion and Morality
Senior Thesis Supervision (x4 – Nuclear Ethics, Death Penalty, Divine Command Theory, Obligations to Future Generations)
Second Reader (x2 - Nietzsche on Equality, Natural Law Theory and Marriage)
Independent Work with Two Master's Students, PHI 660 Ethics
Independent Work with Master's Student, PHI 661 Topics in Ethics
Independent Work with Two Master's Students, PHI 670 Philosophy and Christianity

At University of Notre Dame

Environmental Ethics
Medical Ethics (x2, teaching assistant)
Introduction to Philosophy (teaching assistant)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Secretary-Treasurer, North Carolina Philosophical Society (2009-2011)
Member, APA Committee on Lectures, Publications, and Research (2006-8)

Manuscript Referee:

Mind (2009)
Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy (2009, 2008)
Noûs (2009, 2008)
The Southern Journal of Philosophy (2009, 2007)
Philosophical Studies (2009, 2003)
The Journal of Value Inquiry (2009, 2008, 2007)

Routledge (2008 – book manuscript)
Rowman and Littlefield (2008 – book manuscript)
Oxford University Press (2008 – reference book proposal)
Oxford University Press (2008 – book manuscript)
Ethics (2008)
Ethical Theory and Moral Practice (2008, 2005)
Philosophical Quarterly (2008)
The Journal of Philosophical Research (2008, 2007 three times, 2006, 2005, 2004)
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (2007)
The Canadian Journal of Philosophy (2007)
Longman Publishers (2007 – textbook manuscript)
Blackwell Publishing (2007 – book manuscript)
Society for Philosophy and Psychology (2007, 2005)
Philosopher's Imprint (2007, 2006, 2005)
Philosophy and Phenomenological Research (2006)
Synthese (2006)
The Journal of Religious Ethics (2006)
Australasian Journal of Philosophy (2006, 2005)
Theoria (2005, 2004)
The Journal of Moral Philosophy (2005, 2003)
Longman Publishers (2005 – textbook proposal)

Ph.D. Committee, Duke University, Dissertation on Virtue Ethics and the Emotions, Spring 2009

Research Assistant, Second Edition of the *Encyclopedia of Philosophy*

Consultant, Excelsior College, Introduction to Philosophy Examination Writing, Spring 2008

Board of Advisers, Center for Normative Inquiry, Palm Beach Atlantic College

Chair, Arizona Workshop on Normative Ethics, January 2010

Chair, Wisconsin Meta-Ethics Workshop, September 2009

Chair, Brackenridge Philosophy Symposium on Robert Audi, February 2009

Chair, Wisconsin Meta-Ethics Workshop, September 2008

Chair, Author Meets Critics Session, 2008 American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting

Chair, Wisconsin Meta-Ethics Workshop, September 2006

Chair, Philip Quinn Memorial Conference, University of Notre Dame, December 2005

Chair, Wisconsin Meta-Ethics Workshop, September 2005

Chair, Ethics Session, 2005 American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting

Chair, Philosophy of Religion Session, 2003 American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting

Chair, Realism Session, Society for Realist / Anti-Realist Discussion, 2003 American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting

Chair, Ontology Session, 2002 American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting
Chair, Religious Epistemology Session, 2001 Epistemology of Basic Beliefs Conference

WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Organized and Hosted Conference on “Agency and Action,” September 22-23, 2006, with David Velleman, Michael Smith, R. Jay Wallace, Michael Bratman, John Broome, Joseph Raz, John Fischer, Philip Clark, Douglas Lavin, Niko Kolodny, Kieran Setiya, and Pamela Hieronymi. The papers by Velleman, Setiya, and Kolodny, together with my introduction, were published as a symposium on agency in the April 2008 issue of *Ethics*.

Wake Forest University Research Advisory Council (2008-)

Speaker, New Faculty Luncheon, Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, January 2010

College 101 Workshop, Office of Academic Advising, October 2009

United Way Philosophy Department Campaign Representative (2009-10)

New Faculty Mentor, Fall 2009-

Student Spirituality Mentor, Fall 2009-

New Wake Forest Center Proposal Evaluation Committee, June 2009

College Search Committee, Distinguished Position in Bioethics, Center for Bioethics (2008-9)

Speaker, Wake Forest University New Faculty Orientation, August 2009, August 2008

Member, Program in Bioethics (2006-8)

Faculty Adviser, Wake Forest Amnesty International (2008-9)

William C. Archie and Ruth N. Archie Graduating Senior Award Selection Committee, Spring 2008

Philosophy Department Representative, Teaching and Learning Fair, Teaching and Learning Center, Spring 2008

Admissions Office Prospective Student Mock Class Demonstration, Spring 2008

Film Dormitory Discussion on *Memento* (2008)

Winner, Residential College 2007-8 Program of the Year Award

Religion Department Master's Thesis Committee Member, Spring 2009

Psychology Department Master's Thesis Committee Member, Spring 2009

Psychology Department Master's Thesis Committee Member, Spring 2008

Psychology Department Master's Thesis Committee Member, Spring 2007

Philosophy Department Prospective Student Campus Day Representative (seven times)

Campus Day Scholarship, Research, and Community Panel, Spring 2009

Faculty Film Panel Discussion on *Gattica* (2006)

Associated Faculty Member, Religion Department (2006-)

PHILOSOPHY DEPARTMENT SERVICE

Department Colloquium Speaker Series Organizer and Host, and Carswell Lecture Organizer and Host (2007-8, 2008-9)
Department Meeting Secretary (2004-)
Prospective Philosophy Major Event Co-organizer (three times)
New Majors Greeting Event Organizer (Spring 2006)
Graduate School Information Session Organizer (once)
Faculty Reading Group Organizer (several times)
Active Participant, Faculty Papers in Progress Group (2004-)
Active Participant, Faculty Reading Groups (2004-)
Spring Department Picnic Organizer (2009, 2008, 2007)
Hiring Committee (2008-9, 2005-6)
Faculty and Majors Annual Retreat Committee (2008, 2007, 2006)
Emergency Replacement for George Graham's Freedom and Responsibility Course
Philosophy Major Recreational Events (many times)
(Most Friday afternoons for three years between 3-10 philosophy majors or minors joined me in the philosophy library for one hour to play a very entertaining version of chess called Bughouse.)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Philosophical Association
British Society for Ethical Theory, Overseas Associate
Mind Association

REFERENCES

Robert Audi, Professor of Philosophy and David E. Gallo Professor of Business Ethics, University of Notre Dame
Michael DePaul, Professor of Philosophy, University of Notre Dame
J. David Velleman, Professor of Philosophy, New York University
Ted Warfield, Professor of Philosophy, University of Notre Dame
Ralph Kennedy, Professor of Philosophy, Wake Forest University

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

During an eight year period, I carried out extensive conservation work and scientific research on endangered sea turtles. These efforts led to the immediate rescue of thousands of sea turtles and to an improved understanding of how human beings can contribute to their protection. This work has also contributed significantly to my general interest in ethical issues as well as to my teaching interest in environmental ethics.

SEA TURTLE RESEARCH FEATURED IN:

Kid Heroes of the Environment (Earth Works Press), *Amazing Kids* (Random House), *You, Animal* (Heyday Press), *Earth Kids* (Abdo Press), *Junior Scholastic Magazine*, *3-2-1 Contact Magazine*, *Women's World Magazine*, *National Geographic World Magazine*, *People Magazine*, *Guide Magazine*, *Heroic Adventures Magazine*, *PopSci* (special issue of *Popular Science*), *Parents of Teenagers Magazine*, *E: The Environmental Magazine*, *Campus Life Magazine*, *React Magazine*, *Science News Magazine*, *Palm Beach Daily News* (4 times), *The Miami Herald*, *The Fort Lauderdale Sun Sentinel*, *The Palm Beach Post* (2 times), *The Chicago Tribune*, *The New York Times*, *The Advocate of Baton Rouge*, *The Palm Beach Observer* (4 times).

SPEECHES OR INTERVIEWS ON SEA TURTLE RESEARCH

Invited Address to the United Nations General Assembly in New York City for the United Nations Environmental Programme
Invited Keynote Address at the University of Colorado at Boulder for the United Nations Environmental Programme
WPTV Channel 5, Palm Beach, Florida
WPEC Channel 12, West Palm Beach, Florida
WBZT Radio, Boston, Massachusetts
KWKM Radio, West Hill, California
CNN Television Network
National Public Radio E-Town Program

SELECTED AWARDS FOR SEA TURTLE RESEARCH

Finalist, Fifty-Fourth Annual Westinghouse Science Talent Search
Displayed Research at the National Academy of Science
Elected Lifetime Honorary Member, The Giraffe Foundation
Award from Save the Sea Campaign of Japan
Candidate, Chesebrough-Pond's National Hero Award
Nominated by the S.C. Johnson Wax Company for the 1995 W. J. Heinz Memorial Achievement Award
United States Army Award
Walt Disney Company Special Award
Mote Marine Laboratory Special Award
United States Navy and Marine Corps Distinguished Achievement Award
United States Navy Office of Naval Research Award