

Curriculum Vitae

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Areas of Specialization

Philosophy of Action, Moral Philosophy, Ethics of War, Medical Ethics, Greek Philosophy

Education

B.A. (First Class Honors) in Philosophy, University of Melbourne, Australia (1984)

M.A. in Philosophy, National University of Singapore (1987)

Ph.D. in Philosophy, Stanford University, U.S.A. (1992)

Awards/Fellowships/Honors

Colombo Plan Scholarship (1980-83)

Laurie Prize in Philosophy, University of Melbourne (1983)

National University of Singapore Overseas Graduate Scholarship (1987-92)

Fellow of the Salzburg Seminar (2001 & 2002)

Finalist, University Scholar Award, University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point (2002/03)

Visiting Scholar, St Francis International Center for Healthcare Ethics (June 2003)

Fellow, Institute for Research in the Humanities, University of Wisconsin – Madison
(2004/05)

Visiting Scholar, Peace Studies Committee, United Nations Association of Singapore (June
2008)

Faculty Development Grant, College of Letters and Science, University of Wisconsin –
Stevens Point (2008)

University Personnel Development Committee (UPDC) Grant, University of Wisconsin –
Stevens Point (2008-9)

Honorary Fellow, Institute for Research in the Humanities, University of Wisconsin –
Madison (2008/09)

Finalist, University Scholar Award, University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point (2008/09)

Visiting Scholar, Peace Studies Committee, United Nations Association of Singapore (June
2010)

Professional Memberships

American Philosophical Association
Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World

Employment

Senior Tutor, Dept of Philosophy, National University of Singapore (1985-92)
Assistant Professor, Dept of Philosophy, National University of Singapore (1992-2001)
Assistant Professor, Dept of Philosophy, University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point (2001-4)
Associate Professor, Dept of Philosophy, University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point (2004-10)
Professor, Dept of Philosophy, University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point (2010-)

Courses at UWSP

Phil 101: Contemporary Moral Problems
Phil 302: Ethics and Medicine
Phil 305: Ethics
Phil 325: Ancient Greek Philosophy
Phil 335: Ethics of War
Phil 490: Seminar on Human Agency and Ethics
Phil 490: Seminar on the Ethics of War

Publications in Philosophy

Book

(Edited volume) *Moral Psychology Today: Essays on Values, Rational Choice, and the Will*
(Dordrecht: Springer, 2008)

Papers

"Non-Intentional Actions," *American Philosophical Quarterly* 32 (April 1995), pp. 139-51.

"What Can Philosophers Tell Us About the Mind?" in *Mindscapes, Landscapes*, ed. Yong Li Lan and Linda Wong (Singapore: Ministry of Education & NUS, 1996), pp. 90-93.

"A Not-So-Simple View of Intentional Action," *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 80 (March 1999), pp. 1-16.

"The Doctor-Patient Relationship: A Survey of Attitudes and Practices of Doctors in Singapore," co-authored with L.G. Goh, *Bioethics* 14 (January 2000), pp. 58-76.

"Intention and Responsibility in Double Effect Cases," *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 3 (December 2000), pp. 405-34.

- “Bioethics: Its Origins, Methods, and Importance for Medicine Today,” *SMA News* 33 (February 2001), pp. 4-5.
- "New Reproductive Technologies and Singapore's Population Policy" in *Singapore Inc.: Public Policy Options in the Third Millennium*, ed. Linda Low and Douglas M. Johnston (Singapore: Asia Pacific Press, 2001), pp. 357-75.
- "Ethics, Human Cloning, and Procreation," *Twentieth-Century Values*, ed. Kenneth F.T. Cust, online at http://www.value-net.org/Publications/20thCentury_Values/CloningChan.pdf
- “Genetic Information, Electronic Records, and the Threat to Medical Confidentiality” in *Global Healthcare 2002: The Official Publication of the World Medical Association* (London: World Markets Research Centre, September 2002)
- “Are There Extrinsic Desires?” *Nous* 38 (June 2004), pp. 326-50.
- “Autonomy, Humane Medicine, and Research Ethics: An East Asian Perspective” in *Cross-Cultural Biotechnology*, ed. Michael C. Brannigan (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2004), pp. 127-37.
- “Active Voluntary Euthanasia and the Problem of Intending Death” in *Ethical Issues for the Twenty-First Century*, ed. Frederick Adams (Bowling Green, OH: Philosophy Documentation Center, 2005), pp. 379-89.
- “Should Human Genes Be Patented?” *Philosophy in the Contemporary World* 12 (Summer 2005), pp. 30-36.
- “How War Affects People: Lessons from Euripides,” *Philosophy in the Contemporary World* 13 (Spring 2006), pp. 1-5.
- “Wrongful Life, Wrongful Disability, and the Argument Against Cloning” in *Ethical Issues in the Life Sciences*, ed. Frederick Adams (Bowling Green, OH: Philosophy Documentation Center, 2007), pp. 257-72.
- “Introduction: Moral Psychology Today” in *Moral Psychology Today: Essays on Values, Rational Choice, and the Will*, ed. David K. Chan (Dordrecht: Springer, 2008), pp. 1-13.
- “After Anscombe” in *Moral Psychology Today: Essays on Values, Rational Choice, and the Will*, ed. David K. Chan (Dordrecht: Springer, 2008), pp. 141-54.
- “Philosophy, Religion and Love: Ellis on the Fundamental Need for Inspiration,” *Philosophy in the Contemporary World* 15: Special Issue on Ralph Ellis, ed. Charles Harvey (Fall 2008), pp. 82-90.

“Reasoning without Comparing,” *American Philosophical Quarterly* 47 (April 2010), pp. 153-164

Forthcoming Papers (Accepted for publication)

“A Reappraisal of the Doctrine of Doing and Allowing” in *Action, Ethics and Responsibility*, ed. Joseph Keim Campbell, Michael O’Rourke & Harry S. Silverstein (Cambridge, Mass: The MIT Press, 2010), pp.25-45

“Desire, Reason, and the Unity of the Virtues in Plato’s *Republic*” in *Unity, Separateness and Conflict in the Virtues: A Study in Comparative Ethics*, ed. John Hanafin (Ashgate)

Book reviews

Review of *Who’s Afraid of Human Cloning?* by Gregory Pence, *Bioethics* 13 (October 1999), pp. 440-443.

Review of *Forgiveness and Revenge* by Trudy Govier, *Essays in Philosophy* 4 (June 2003)

Review of *The Ethics of War and Peace* by Nigel Dower, *Journal for the Study of Peace and Conflict* (2008-2009), pp. 137-138

Conference and Colloquium Papers

International and National Conferences

"What is It Like to Lack Practical Wisdom?" Annual Conference of the Australasian Association of Philosophy, University of Queensland, Australia (July 11, 1996)

"A Not-So-Simple View of Intentional Action," American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Palmer House Hilton, Chicago, U.S.A. (May 8, 1998)

"Ethics, Human Cloning, and Procreation," 27th Conference on Value Inquiry, Central Missouri State University, Warrensburg, MO, U.S.A. (April 23, 1999)

"Desiring and Intending to Do What One Tries to Do," American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, Marriott Copley Place Hotel, Boston, U.S.A. (December 29, 1999)

[*Winner of a Foreign Scholar Travel Stipend*]

"Are There Extrinsic Desires?" American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, The Hyatt Regency Albuquerque, Albuquerque, NM, U.S.A. (April 8, 2000)

“Unintended Killing of Innocents in War,” 29th Conference on Value Inquiry, The Downtown Doubletree Hotel, Tulsa, OK, U.S.A. (April 26, 2001)

- “Active Voluntary Euthanasia and the Problem of Intending Death,” Conference on Morality in the 21st Century, University of Delaware, Newark, Delaware, U.S.A. (October 27, 2001)
- “Genetic Information, Electronic Records, and the Threat to Medical Confidentiality,” 30th Conference on Value Inquiry, Hilton Milwaukee City Center, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, U.S.A. (April 5, 2002)
- “Human Dignity and the Human Genome,” 9th Annual Conference of the Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World, St. John’s College, Santa Fe, NM, U.S.A. (July 26, 2002)
- “A Reappraisal of the Doctrine of Doing and Allowing,” American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, Philadelphia Marriott, Philadelphia, U.S.A. (December 30, 2002)
- “Moral Theory and Public Policy in Bioethics,” Symposium on Theoretical and Applied Ethics, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA, U.S.A. (March 1, 2003)
- “The Possibility of Moral Reasoning,” American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, The Westin St. Francis, San Francisco, U.S.A. (March 27, 2003)
- “Should My Genes Be Patented?” American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Group Meeting of the Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World on “The Ownership of Common Goods”, The Westin St. Francis, San Francisco, U.S.A. (March 28, 2003)
- “Aquinas, Intention, and the Doctrine of Double Effect,” 31st Conference on Value Inquiry, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND, U.S.A. (April 12, 2003)
- “After Anscombe,” Special Conference on Values: Values, Rational Choice, and the Will, University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point, U.S.A. (April 3, 2004)
- “The Wrongful Life Argument Against Cloning,” Conference on Ethics and the Life Sciences, University of Delaware, Newark, Delaware, U.S.A. (October 24, 2004)
- “Foot on Practical Rationality and Acting Well,” 32nd Conference on Value Inquiry, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA, U.S.A. (April 8, 2005)
- “Falling From Virtue: Natural Goodness and Human Nature,” 12th Annual Conference of the Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World, Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC, U.S.A. (July 15, 2005)
- “A Reappraisal of the Doctrine of Doing and Allowing,” Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference, University of Idaho, Moscow, ID & Washington State University, Pullman, WA, U.S.A. (April 2, 2006)

- “Faith and Leadership,” 13th Annual Conference of the Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World, Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC, U.S.A. (July 24, 2006)
- “The Possibility of Philosophy as Religion,” American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Group Meeting of the Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World on “Religion, Love, and the Abyss”, The Westin St. Francis, San Francisco, U.S.A. (April 5, 2007)
- “The Importance of *Jus in Bello*,” Justice: A Conference on the Cardinal Virtues, Viterbo University, La Crosse, WI, U.S.A. (April 14, 2007)
- “The Importance of *Jus in Bello*,” 14th Annual Conference of the Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World, Universidad Latina de America, Morelia, Mexico (July 20, 2007)
- “Courage and Those Who Will Not Fight,” Courage: 2nd Conference on the Cardinal Virtues, Viterbo University, La Crosse, WI, U.S.A. (March 29, 2008)
- “Denying Incomparability,” American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Palmer House Hilton, Chicago, U.S.A. (April 19, 2008)
- “Who Uses the Doctrine of Double Effect?” American Philosophical Association Central Division Group Meeting of the Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World on “Double Effect and War”, Palmer House Hilton, Chicago, U.S.A. (April 19, 2008)
- “Decisions on the Ground: Presidents, Generals, and Foot-Soldiers,” Northwest Philosophy Conference, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR, U.S.A. (December 6, 2008)
- “Identification, Responsibility, and Desire Ownership,” American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, Philadelphia Marriott, Philadelphia, U.S.A. (December 30, 2008)
- “Morality, Prudence, and the Limits of War Conventions,” International Society for Military Ethics (ISME) Symposium, University of San Diego, U.S.A. (January 29, 2009)
- “Co-Existing with Enemies,” American Philosophical Association Central Division Group Meeting of the Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World on “Vengeance and Punishment in War”, Palmer House Hilton, Chicago, U.S.A. (February 19, 2009)
- “Temperance, Self-Control, and Desire,” Temperance: 3rd Conference on the Cardinal Virtues, Viterbo University, La Crosse, WI, U.S.A. (April 3, 2009)
- “Morality and Decisions on the Ground,” 16th Annual Conference of the Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World, Hartwick College, Oneonta, NY, U.S.A. (July 20, 2009)

“Wisdom is a Many Splendored Thing,” Wisdom: 4th Conference on the Cardinal Virtues, Viterbo University, La Crosse, WI, U.S.A. (April 16, 2010)

“Co-Existence as an Ethics of War,” 17th Annual Conference of the Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR, U.S.A. (July 21, 2010)

Accepted but not presented:

“Genetic Technology and the Problem of the Non-Natural,” 21st World Congress of Philosophy, Lütfi Kırdar Convention and Exhibition Center, Istanbul, Turkey (August 10 – 17, 2003)

Regional and Local Conferences

"Aristotle on Practical Reason and Virtue," Stanford-Berkeley Student Conference, Stanford University, U.S.A. (April 1989)

"The Concept of Friendship Between States," Sixth Malaysia-Singapore Forum, Petaling Jaya, Malaysia (December 8, 1996)

"The Ethics of Cloning Technology," Bioethics Seminar on Ethical Issues at the Beginning and End of Life, National University of Singapore (July 12, 1998)

"Bioethics and Geriatrics," 24th Annual Seminar of the Medico-Legal Society of Singapore, The Pan Pacific Hotel, Singapore (November 7, 1998)

"AIDS and Ethics," AIDS Conference 98, Suntec City Convention Centre, Singapore (December 12, 1998)

"Bioethics in Neuroscience: Deciding for the Patient in the ICU," Plenary Lecture at 10th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Clinical Neuroscience Society, Sheraton Towers Hotel, Singapore (March 6, 1999)

"Randomized Clinical Trials and the Doctor-Patient Relationship," 2nd Asian Clinical Trials Conference, The Regent Hotel, Singapore (October 24, 1999)

"Ethical Implications of the Use of IT in Medicine," 26th Annual Seminar of the Medico-Legal Society of Singapore, Mandarin Hotel, Singapore (October 29, 2000)

"Desire, Reason, and the Unity of the Virtues," Workshop on Unity of the Virtues in Western and Chinese Philosophy, The Centre for Applied Philosophy and Public Ethics, University of Melbourne, Australia (November 14, 2000)

“Bioethics: Its Origins, Methods, and Importance for Medicine Today,” 1st SMA Seminar in Bioethics and Health Law, Tan Tock Seng Hospital, Singapore (January 11, 2001)

University and Departmental Colloquia

- "Non-Intentional Actions," Dept of Philosophy Staff Seminar, National University of Singapore (December 8, 1992)
- "Non-Intentional Actions," Dept of Philosophy Staff Seminar, Monash University, Australia (November 2, 1993)
- "A Not-So-Simple View of Intentional Action," Dept of Philosophy Staff Seminar, National University of Singapore (September 2, 1997)
- "The Permissibility of Killing in Self-Defense," Dept of Philosophy Staff Seminar, National University of Singapore (March 31, 1998)
- "Desiring and Intending to Do What One Tries to Do," Dept of Philosophy Staff Seminar, National University of Singapore (March 2, 1999)
- "Are There Extrinsic Desires?" Dept of Philosophy Staff Seminar, National University of Singapore (October 5, 1999)
- "The Doctrine of Doing and Allowing," Dept of Philosophy Staff Seminar, National University of Singapore (February 27, 2001)
- "Unintended Killing of Innocents in War," Dept of Philosophy Staff Seminar, National University of Singapore (April 12, 2001)
- "Ethical Issues of Stem-Cell Research and Therapy," Letters and Science Forum, University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point (April 19, 2002)
- "The Problem of the Non-Natural," Humanities Forum, University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point (November 21, 2002)
- "The Wrongful Life Argument Against Cloning," Dept of Philosophy Staff Seminar, National University of Singapore (June 24, 2004)
- "Desires, Intentions, and Human Action: Dogmas and Common Sense," Seminar at Institute for Research in the Humanities, University of Wisconsin – Madison (October 5, 2004)
- Panelist on "The Place of Faith in Today's World," Letters and Science Forum, University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point (November 15, 2006)
- "The Myth of Religious War, and its Ethical Implications," Seminar at Institute for Research in the Humanities, University of Wisconsin – Madison (March 2, 2009)
- "Why Just War Theory is Wrong," Humanities Forum, College of Letters and Science, University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point (November 11, 2009)

“Self-Defense and Possible Threats,” Dept of Philosophy Staff Seminar, National University of Singapore (June 8, 2010)

Public Talks

“War, Terrorism, and Justice,” Public Discussions on ‘Ethics and the War on Terrorism’ organized by the University of Wisconsin – Green Bay, Brown County Public Library at Green Bay, WI (September 18, 2002)

“Moral Theory and Public Policy in Bioethics,” Bioethics Seminar, St. Francis Medical Center, Honolulu, Hawaii (June 12, 2003)

“What War Does to People,” Public Discussions on ‘Justice, War, and Peace’ organized by the University of Wisconsin – Green Bay, Brown County Public Library at Green Bay, WI (September 8, 2004)

“Who Uses the Doctrine of Double Effect?” Peace Studies Committee, United Nations Association of Singapore, & Policy and Leadership Studies Department, National Institute of Education, Singapore (June 16, 2008)

“The Myth of Religious War,” Ethics Center Lecture, California State University, Fresno, CA, U.S.A. (February 2, 2009)

“Just War Theory Reconsidered,” Peace Studies Committee, United Nations Association of Singapore, & Policy and Leadership Studies Department, National Institute of Education, Singapore (June 11, 2010)

Conference Service

Paper Commentator

Frank Hindriks, “The Freedom of Collective Agents,” American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, The Westin St. Francis, San Francisco, U.S.A. (April 5, 2007)

Session Chair

Colloquium on Applied Ethics, American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Palmer House Hilton, Chicago, U.S.A. (April 23, 2004)

Group Meeting of the Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World on “Desire and Morality” American Philosophical Association Central Division, Palmer House Hilton, Chicago, U.S.A. (April 18, 2008)

Group Meeting of the Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World on “Moral Reasoning” American Philosophical Association Central Division, Palmer House Hilton, Chicago, U.S.A. (forthcoming, February 18, 2010)

Group Meeting of the Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World on “War and Killings in War: Are They Necessary?” American Philosophical Association Central Division, Palmer House Hilton, Chicago, U.S.A. (forthcoming, February 19, 2010)

Invited Session on Moral Reasoning, American Philosophical Association Central Division, Minneapolis Hilton, Minneapolis, U.S.A. (forthcoming, April 1, 2011)

Service to University (UWSP)

Philosophy Search and Screen Committee (2001-2)
Philosophy Department Merit Committee (2001-2)
Philosophy Search and Screen Committee (2002-3)
Philosophy Search and Screen Committee (2004-5)
College of Letters & Science Dean’s Advisory Committee (2005-8)
University Assessment Sub-Committee (2006)
Philosophy Department Merit Committee (2006-7)
Philosophy Department Teaching Load Committee (2007-8)
Philosophy Coordinator (2007-8, 2009-)
Eugene Katz Distinguished Faculty Award Selection Committee (2008)
Philosophy Department Merit Review Committee (2008)
Philosophy Department By-Laws Committee (2009-)
Faculty Mediation Sub-Committee (2009-)
Search and Screen Committee for Assistant Dean, College of Letters & Science (2009-10)

Service to Profession

Manuscript reviewer for Cambridge University Press (2003)
Referee for *Journal of Value Inquiry* (2000-3)
Referee for *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* (2002)
Referee for *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* (2004)
Editorial Board and Referee for *Philosophy in the Contemporary World* (2004-)
Referee for *Social Philosophy Today* (2005)
Referee for *Bioethics* (2007)
Referee for *Polish Journal of Philosophy* (2009)
Referee for *Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal* (2009-10)
Paper reviewer for Annual Conference of the Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World (2003, 2009)
External reviewer for tenure and promotion of Dr Andrew Payne, Philosophy Department, Saint Joseph’s University, Philadelphia, PA (2007)
External reviewer for tenure and promotion of Dr Jude Chua, National Institute of Education, Singapore (2009)
External reviewer for tenure and promotion of Dr Matthew Tedesco, Beloit College, WI (2009)
Conference organizer, Special Conference on *Values, Rational Choice, and the Will* at UWSP (2004)

Moderator for Group sessions of the Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World at
the Central Division APA meetings (2007-2010)
Secretary, Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World (2010-13)
APA Central Division Program Committee member (2010-11)