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Areas of Specialization: Ethical Theory, Kant, Military Ethics

Areas of Competence: Applied Ethics, Political Philosophy, History of Philosophy, Continental Philosophy

Education:

University of South Florida Ph.D. Philosophy (2016)

University of South Florida M.A. Philosophy (2013)

Florida State University B.A. Philosophy, Mathematics Minor (2011)

Tallahassee Community College A.A. (2009)

Dissertation:

Title: Kant's Just War Theory

Defended: 3/31/16

Description: The traditional secular just war theory presented by Hugo Grotius establishes a tradition, into which Kant's interpretation of the relationship between justice and war does not fit. Initially, Brian Orend offers a traditional interpretation of Kant, which fails to sufficiently refute the notion that Kant fundamentally disagrees with the just war tradition. Next, Howard Williams offers a critique of the claim that Kant had a just war theory at all, leading to a conclusion contrary to other Kantian positions. Transitioning from a negative to positive argument, Kant's general approach to philosophical inquiry is demonstrated as dynamic and progressive, indicating a new Kantian approach to just war theory. To better illustrate Kant's philosophical approach to war, a Communist just war theory is utilized to demonstrate a new class of just war theory, i.e. universal just war theory. Finally, an explication of Kant's universal just war theory is offered and applied to Operation Iraqi Freedom, demonstrating its utility and clarifying its methodology.

Committee: Co-Chair Professor Martin Schönfeld, Co-Chair Professor Emeritus Sydney Axinn of Temple University, Professor Stephen Turner, Professor Brooke Sadler

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Presentations:

- Lighthearted Philosophers Society 10th Annual Conference
September 2017 – St. Petersburg, FL
Invited Commentary on “Why I am a Meat Eating Vegetarian”
- Florida Philosophical Association Annual Conference
November 2016 – Melbourne, FL
A Suggested Taxonomy of Ethics
- Lighthearted Philosophers Society 10th Annual Conference
October 2016 – St. Augustine, FL (postponed due to Matthew)
Invited Commentary on Liz Sill’s “The Funny in the Original Position”
- IVR 27th World Congress 2015 – Working Group #28
July 2015 – Washington, D.C.
Justifying Just War Theory
- Florida Philosophical Association Annual Conference
November 2015 – St. Augustine, FL
War Crimes in the Age of Cyber Warfare
- Lighthearted Philosophers Society 9th Annual Conference
October 2015 – Deerfield Beach, FL
Commentary on Michael Cundall’s “Humor Dichotomy”
- Summer Institute in American Philosophy – Dissertation in Progress
June 2014 – Eugene, OG
Kant and International Relations
- Philosophy Graduate Student Organization
October 2015 – Tampa, FL
A M.A.D.est Proposal: A New Guarantee Of Perpetual Peace
- PhiOrg – University of South Florida Undergraduate Philosophy Organization
March 2016 – Tampa, FL
A Suggested Taxonomy of Ethics
November 2014 – Tampa, FL
Justifying Just War Theory via Calculatus Eliminatus

Publications:

- War Crimes in the Age of Cyber Warfare – Forthcoming
Journal of Military Ethics
- Justifying Just War Theory via Calulatus Eliminatus
Special Proceedings of the IVR 27th Annual World Congress
Available Online from IVR 27th World Congress:
<http://ivr2015.org/program-overview/working-groups/>

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Conferences:

- Lighthearted Philosopher Society 11th Annual Conference – Invited Commentary – September 2017
- Florida Philosophical Association Annual Conference – Presenter/Chair – November 2016
- Lighthearted Philosopher Society 10th Annual Conference – Invited Commentary – March 2017
- APA Eastern Division 112th Annual Meeting – Session Chair – January 2016
- Florida Philosophical Association Annual Conference – Presenter/Chair – November 2015
- Lighthearted Philosopher Society 9th Annual Conference – Commentator – October 2015
- International Association for the Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy (IVR) 27th World Congress – Presenter – July 2015
- Florida Philosophical Association 60th Annual Meeting – Session Chair – November 2014
- Summer Institute in American Philosophy – Presenter – July 2014

Contributions:

- Light Hearted Philosophers Site Coordinator (2017)
- Light Hearted Philosophers Program Committee Member – Submission Reviewer (2016)
- Florida Philosophical Association Journal – Article Reviewer (2016)

Teaching Experience:

Adjunct Professor:

- Biomedical Ethics (Fall 2017, Spring 2018)
- Philosophy of Human Communication (Spring 2017)
- Contemporary Moral Issues (Fall 2017 twice concurrently)
- Acquisition of Knowledge (Fall 2016 twice concurrently)
- Elementary Logic (Fall 2017 at HCC)
- Introduction to Ethics (Fall 2017 at HCC)
- Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2018 twice concurrently)

Instructor:

- PHI 2010 Introduction to Philosophy (Spring 2016)
- PHI 1103 Critical Thinking (Fall 2015)
- PHI 1600 Introduction to Ethics (Spring 2015, Spring 2014)
- PHI 3636 Professional Ethics (Fall 2014)

Teaching Assistant:

- Professor Jonah Goldwater PHI 1600 Introduction to Ethics (Fall 2013)
- Professor Colin Heydt PHI 1600 Introduction to Ethics (Spring '13, Spring '12)
- Professor Brook Sadler PHI 1600 Introduction to Ethics (Fall 2011)

Graduate Assistant:

- Professor Peyton McElroy PHI 3636 Professional Ethics (Fall 2012)
- Professor Dolores Morris PHI 1103 Critical Thinking (Fall 2012)

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Awards:

Graduate Student Grant (University of South Florida)	Fall 2011 – Spring 2016
University Graduate Fellowship (University of South Florida)	Fall 2011 – Spring 2012

Organization Memberships:

Ethics Bowl:

Southeastern Regional Moderator	Fall: 2017
Head Coach	Fall: 2014, 2015
Assistant Coach	Fall: 2012, 2013, 2015
Philosophy Graduate Student Organization, Member	Since: Fall 2011
Florida Philosophical Association, Member	Since: Fall 2013
AMINTAPHIL, Member	Since: Spring 2015
APPE, Member	Since: Fall 2015
Lighthearted Philosophy Society	Since: October 2015

References:

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Graduate Course Work:

Spring 2016

Dissertation Research Hours, Martin Schönfeld
Just War Reading Group (Audit), Sidney Axinn

Fall 2015

Dissertation Research Hours, Martin Schönfeld

Spring 2015

Seminar in Chinese Philosophy (Audit), Martin Schönfeld
Seminar in Just War (Audit), Sidney Axinn
Dissertation Research Hours, Martin Schönfeld

Fall 2014

Seminar in Political Philosophy (Audit), Stephen Turner
Dissertation Research Hours, Martin Schönfeld

Spring 2014

Seminar in Chinese Philosophy (Audit), Martin Schönfeld
Seminar in Just War (Audit), Sidney Axinn
Dissertation Research Hours, Martin Schönfeld

Fall 2013

Directed Independent Research: PhD Comprehensive Examination, Martin Schönfeld
Directed Independent Research: German Philosophy in Translation II, Martin Schönfeld
Seminar in Kant (Audit), Martin Schönfeld

Spring 2013

Seminar in History of Philosophy – Aristotle, Roger Ariew
Seminar in Philosophy of Natural Science, Alexander Levine
Seminar: Kant to Hegel, Michael Morris
Graduate Instruction Methods, Roger Ariew

Fall 2012

Continental I: Phenomenology and Existentialism, Charles Guignon
Seminar in Political Philosophy – Weber, Stephen Turner
German Philosophy in Translation, Martin Schönfeld

Spring 2012

Seminar in Persons, Alexander Levine
Military Ethics, Sidney Axinn
Seminar in History of Philosophy – Leibniz, Roger Ariew

Fall 2011

Seminar in Ethics – Kant, Brook Sadler
Symbolic Logic, Douglas Jesseph
Seminar in Epistemology – Davidson, Richard Manning

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