

# COLIN HEYDT

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## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

History of Ethics and Political Philosophy, Modern Philosophy

## AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Ethics, Political Philosophy, Aesthetics

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

### UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA

Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, 2011 - present  
Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, 2005 - 2011

### INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY (PRINCETON)

Member, School of Historical Studies, 2013 - 2014

### BOSTON COLLEGE

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, 2003 - 2005

### EUROPEAN COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS (NOW: BARD COLLEGE BERLIN)

Visiting Assistant Professor, International Summer University Sessions, 2003, 2004, 2006

### BOSTON COLLEGE

Adjunct Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, 2002 - 2003.

## EDUCATION

### BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Doctorate in Philosophy, Degree Conferred May 2003  
Dissertation: "The Ethics of Character: John Stuart Mill on Aesthetic Education"  
Director: Knud Haakonssen

### SWARTHMORE COLLEGE

Bachelor of Arts (with honors), Philosophy, 1994

## AWARDS & HONORS

Howard Foundation Fellowship, 2015-6 [used for 2016-7 academic year]  
N.E.H. Faculty Fellowship, 2015-6  
USF Faculty Outstanding Research Achievement Award, 2014  
Member, Institute for Advanced Study, School of Historical Studies, Princeton, 2013-4  
academic year [N.E.H. Fellow]  
N.E.H. Summer Stipend, Summer 2013  
USF Outstanding Faculty Award, 2013  
American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) Fellowship, 2009-10 academic year  
Humanities Institute (USF) Summer Fellowship, Summer 2009  
N.E.H. Summer Seminar (Scottish and German Enlightenment Aesthetics) participant, St.  
Andrews, Scotland, Summer 2007  
USF Faculty International Travel Grant, Summer 2007  
Humanities Institute (USF) Summer Fellowship, Summer 2006

Junior Fellow, Institut für die Wissenschaften vom Menschen, Vienna, Austria, Fall 2001  
Humane Studies Fellow, Institute for Humane Studies, 2000, 2001  
Teaching Fellowship, Boston University, 2000-2001  
Presidential Fellowship, Boston University, 1996-2000

## PUBLICATIONS

### BOOKS

*Moral Philosophy in Eighteenth-Century Britain: God, Self, and Other* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, in press)

John Stuart Mill, *Utilitarianism*, edited with introduction and appendices (Peterborough, Ontario: Broadview Press, 2010)

*Rethinking Mill's Ethics: Character and Aesthetic Education* (London: Continuum [now Bloomsbury] Press, 2006)

### EDITED JOURNAL ISSUE

Special Issue on Practical Ethics in Eighteenth Century Scotland, *Journal of Scottish Philosophy*, vol. 10, no. 1 (Spring 2012)

### ARTICLES

"The Problem of Natural Religion in Smith's Moral Thought," *Journal of the History of Ideas*, Vol. 78, no. 1 (January 2017), 73-94

"Hume's Innovative Taxonomy of the Virtues" in Jacqueline Taylor, ed., *Reading Hume on the Principles of Morals: Essays on the Second Enquiry* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, forthcoming)

"Self-Ownership and Moral Relations to Self in Early Modern Britain," *History of European Ideas*, vol. 42, no. 2 (2016), 222-242

"Moral Philosophy: Practical and Speculative" (with Aaron Garrett) in Aaron Garrett and James Harris, eds., *Scottish Philosophy in the Eighteenth Century, Volume 1: Morals, Politics, Art, Religion* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015), 77-130 [28,000 words]

"Utilitarianism Before Bentham" in Ben Eggleston and Dale Miller, eds., *The Cambridge Companion to Utilitarianism* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2014), 16-37

"Practical Ethics" in James Harris, ed. *The Oxford Handbook of British Philosophy in the Eighteenth Century* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013), 369-389

"Practical Ethics in Eighteenth Century Scotland," Introduction for Special Issue on Practical Ethics, *Journal of Scottish Philosophy*, vol. 10, no. 1 (Spring 2012)

"Mill, Life as Art, and Problems of Self-Description in an Industrial Age" in Ben Eggleston, Dale Miller, and David Weinstein, eds., *John Stuart Mill and the Art of Life*, (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010), 264-299

"Hutcheson's *Short Introduction* and the Purposes of Moral Philosophy," *History of Philosophy Quarterly*, vol. 26, no. 3 (July 2009), 293-312

"'A Delicate and an Accurate Pencil': Adam Smith, Description, and Philosophy as Moral Education," *History of Philosophy Quarterly*, vol. 25, no. 1 (Jan. 2008), 57-74

Reprinted in W. Robison and D. Suits, *New Essays in Adam Smith's Moral Philosophy* (Rochester, NY: R.I.T. Press, 2012), 211-228.

"Relations of Literary Form and Philosophical Purpose in Hume's Four Essays on Happiness," *Hume Studies*, vol. 33, no. 1 (April 2007), 3-19

"Mill, Bentham, and 'Internal Culture'," *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, vol. 14, no. 2 (May 2006), 275-302

"Narrative, Imagination, and the Religion of Humanity in Mill's Ethics," *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, vol. 44, no. 1 (Jan. 2006) 99-115

"Perfection and Immortality: The Aesthetic Turn in Mill's Ethics," in *On Religion and Politics*, Patrick Kernahan and Carla Lovett, eds., (Vienna: IWM Junior Visiting Fellow's Conferences Vol. 13, 2004)

#### **BOOK REVIEWS**

Review of Henry Home (Lord Kames), *Principles of Equity*, edited by Michael Lobban (Indianapolis: Liberty Fund, 2014), in *Journal of Scottish Philosophy*, Volume 13 (2015).

Review of Paul Russell, *The Riddle of Hume's Treatise: Skepticism, Naturalism, and Irreligion* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2008), in *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, Vol. 48, No. 3 (July 2010), 401-2

Review of Goldie and Wokler (eds.) *The Cambridge History of Eighteenth Century Political Thought*, Haakonssen (ed.) *The Cambridge History of Eighteenth Century Philosophy*, and Mazza and Ronchetti (eds.) *New Essays on David Hume*, in *Eighteenth-Century Scotland* No. 22 (Spring 2008)

#### **OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

"Charles Gildon" for *Ethics of Suicide Digital Archive* (University of Utah/Oxford University Press, 2016)

"Natural Law in Modern Philosophy" for the *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (2015)

"John Stuart Mill," *Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (2006), 12,000 words  
Translated into Portuguese and Republished in *Theoria – Revista Electronica de Filosofia*, vol. IV, no. 16, 2014.

"Loss of Cell Cycle Control in Apoptotic Lymphoblasts of the Bursa of Fabricius," Paul E. Neiman, Catherine Blish, Colin Heydt, Gilbert Loring, and Sandra J. Thomas. *Molecular Biology of the Cell*, Vol. 5, 763-772, July 1994

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

"Why not Polygamy? Natural Law and the Family" Southeastern Seminar on Early Modern Philosophy, University of South Florida, March 9-11, 2017

- "Contextualizing Hutcheson's Academic Moral Philosophy," Conference on Hutcheson: Philosophy and Context, University of Lausanne, September 23-24, 2016 (invited)
- "Back to Scholasticism? Hutcheson's academic writings," Conference on Scottish Philosophy before the Enlightenment, Princeton Theological Seminary, March 11-13, 2016
- "Seventeenth Century Scottish Ethics," Conference on Common Sense and Enlightenment, Princeton Theological Seminary, March 13-15, 2015 (invited)
- "The Significance of Hume's Use of the Concept of Virtue in Early Modern Context" at Hume Society Conference, Portland, OR, July 22-26, 2014
- "The Problem of Natural Religion in Smith's Moral Thought," New York City Workshop in Early Modern Philosophy, Fordham University, March 22-23, 2014
- "The Problem of Natural Religion in Smith's Moral Thought," Invited Talk, Conference on Religion in the Scottish Enlightenment, Princeton Theological Seminary, March 13-15, 2014 (invited)
- "'Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness': Natural Rights in the Eighteenth Century," CUNY Brooklyn, February 25, 2014 (invited)
- "Hume's Use of the Concept of Virtue in Early Modern Context," Swarthmore College Philosophy Department Colloquium, December 2, 2013 (invited)
- "'Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness': Natural Rights in the Eighteenth Century," King's College public lecture, Wilkes-Barre, PA, November 12, 2013 (invited)
- "Relating Duties, Rights, and Virtues: The Structure of Eighteenth Century Scottish Practical Ethics" seminar at the Institute for Advanced Study (Princeton), November 6, 2013 (invited)
- "Hume and His Contemporaries on the Moral Significance of Self," Hume Society session, Eastern APA, December 30, 2012 (invited)
- "Duties to Self and the Moral Significance of Self-Harm in Early Modern British Moral Philosophy," From Natural Law to Human Rights Conference, University of Sussex, October 12-13, 2012 (invited)
- "Rhetoric and the History of Philosophy," Keynote Talk at 13<sup>th</sup> Boston College Graduate Student Conference, March 30-31, 2012 (invited)
- "Hume's Innovative Taxonomy of the Virtues," Conference on Reading Hume on the Principles of Morals, University of San Francisco, April 29-30, 2011 (invited)
- Comment on Michael Gill's "Benevolence and Promises to Highwaymen: Moral Pluralism in Smith's *Theory of Moral Sentiments*," Central APA, Minneapolis, MN, March 31, 2011 (invited)
- "'Where men judge of things by their natural, unprejudiced reason': Hume and His Contemporaries on the Virtues," 2<sup>nd</sup> Princeton International Symposium on Scottish Philosophy, Princeton Theological Seminary, June 24-27, 2010

- "Human Rights: An Early Modern Perspective," at Agnes Scott College, March 29, 2010  
(invited)
- "The Problem of Prudence in Eighteenth Century British Moral Philosophy," Plenary Talk at  
Conference on Scottish Practical Ethics, Princeton Theological Seminary, March  
12-14, 2010 (invited)
- "'Where men judge of things by their natural, unprejudiced reason': Hume and His  
Contemporaries on the Virtues," Southwest Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy,  
University of New Mexico, February 27-28, 2010
- "Contextualizing Hume as a Practical Moralist" at 36<sup>th</sup> Annual International Hume  
Conference, Halifax, Nova Scotia, August 2-6, 2009
- "Practical Ethics and 18<sup>th</sup> Century British Moral Philosophy" at Pacific Northwest/Western  
Canada Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Simon Fraser University, October 18-  
19, 2008
- "Hutcheson's *Short Introduction* and the Purposes of Moral Philosophy" at conference  
on Philosophy and Its History, University of South Florida, November 16-18, 2007  
(invited)
- "Hutcheson's *Short Introduction* and the Purposes of Moral Philosophy" at 4<sup>th</sup>  
International Reid Symposium, Princeton Theological Seminary, September 7-9,  
2007
- "Hume as Practical Moralist: Therapeutic Relations of Form and Content in the Four Essays  
on Happiness" at 34<sup>th</sup> International Hume Conference, Boston University, August 7-  
12, 2007
- "Hume as Practical Moralist: Therapeutic Relations of Form and Content in the Four Essays  
on Happiness" at Twelfth International Enlightenment Congress, Montpellier,  
France, July 8-15, 2007
- "'A Delicate and an Accurate Pencil': Adam Smith, Description, and the Practical  
Purposes of Ethics" at Pacific Northwest/Western Canada Seminar in Early  
Modern Philosophy, Lewis & Clark College, March 9-11, 2007
- "'A Delicate and an Accurate Pencil': Adam Smith, Description, and the Practical  
Purposes of Ethics" at A Conference on Adam Smith's *The Theory of Moral  
Sentiments*, Rochester Institute of Technology, May 4-6, 2006
- "Self-centeredness: A Study in Problems of Ethical Perception" at 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Northwest  
Philosophy Conference, Bellevue Community College, October 8-9, 2004
- "Self-centeredness: A Study in Problems of Ethical Perception" at Special Conference on  
Values: Values, Rational Choice, and the Will, University of Wisconsin, Stevens  
Point, April 1-3, 2004
- "The Internal Culture of the Affections in the Philosophy of John Stuart Mill" at Boston  
University, Graduate Student Paper Series, April 12, 2002
- "Perfection and Immortality in Mill's Ethics" at Institut fuer die Wissenschaften vom  
Menschen, Vienna, Austria, Junior Fellows Conference, Dec. 13, 2001

"Ethical Perception" at Institut fuer die Wissenschaften vom Menschen, Vienna, Austria,  
Nov. 14, 2001

"The Ideal of Democracy," at Boston College, graduate student conference on  
*Problems of Democracy*, April 29, 2000

## TEACHING

### UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA

*Blame and Blameworthiness (graduate seminar)*  
*Early Modern Natural Rights Theories (graduate seminar)*  
*The British Moralists from Shaftesbury to Hume (graduate seminar)*  
*Eighteenth Century Aesthetics (graduate seminar)*  
*Scottish Enlightenment Ethics (graduate seminar)*  
*Modern Political Philosophy*  
*Modern Philosophy*  
*Early Modern Philosophy*  
*Late Modern Philosophy*  
*Contemporary Ethical Theory*  
*Contemporary Moral Issues*  
*Introduction to Ethics*  
*Hume (graduate directed study)*  
*Manners and Morality (graduate directed study)*  
*Sympathy and Reader Response in Aesthetics (graduate directed study)*  
*Herbert Spencer (graduate directed study)*  
*Smith's The Theory of Moral Sentiments (undergraduate directed study)*

### BOSTON COLLEGE

*Philosophy of the Person: Cruelty and Compassion*  
*Philosophy of the Person: Knowledge and Living Well*  
*Philosophy of the Person: Ethical Awareness*  
*Philosophy of the Person: Anger and the Self*

### EUROPEAN COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

*International Summer University: Interdisciplinary Great Books program*

### BOSTON UNIVERSITY

*History of Ethics*

## SERVICE

### DEPARTMENT

Dissertation Committees (Daniel Collette [defended 3/16], Matthew Dee, Michael Funke [co-major professor; defended 11/14], Jeff Hinzmann, Lillian King, Faruk Rahmanovic [defended 3/17], Jeffrey Steele [defended 11/15], Tim Slattery [defended 2/14], Aaron Spink [defended 4/17], Elizabeth Victor [defended 5/12])  
Comprehensive Exam Committees (Willard Bray, Matthew Dee, Michael Funke, Jeff Hinzmann, Lillian King, Phillip Scuderi, Tim Slattery, Jeffrey Steele, Sacha Sullivan, Elizabeth Victor)  
Masters Comprehensive Exam Director (Kris Biniek)  
Graduate Committee (2012, 2015)  
Undergraduate Committee (2005-2010)  
Director of Department Lecture Series (2007-9)  
Search Committee (Fall 2007)

Ad-hoc Governance Committee (Fall 2006)

**USF COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**

Graduate Studies Committee (alternate; 2006-7)

**PROFESSIONAL**

Editorial Board, *Journal of Scottish Philosophy* (2014-)

Area Editor (18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century British Philosophy), *Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (2006-2011)

Referee for *Ethics*, *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, *Journal for the History of Ideas*, *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*, *History of Philosophy Quarterly*, *Utilitas*, *The Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism*, *Historical Research*, *Journal of British Studies*, *Journal of Scottish Philosophy*, *Hume Studies*, *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*, *Studies in the History of Ethics*, *Florida Philosophical Review*  
Book Referee for Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, University of Toronto Press

**COMMUNITY**

Discussion Leader for Kant's *Observations on the Feeling of the Beautiful and Sublime* at C. Emerson Fine Arts gallery, Saint Petersburg, FL (April 2008)

**LANGUAGES**

German, French, and Latin (Reading competency)