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AREA OF SPECIALIZATION

Philosophy of Law, Jurisprudence.

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Social/Political Philosophy, Ethics, Applied Ethics, Logic.

EDUCATION

<i>University of Western Ontario</i>	2003, Ph.D., Philosophy.
<i>Dalhousie University</i>	1996, M.A., Philosophy.
<i>University of Manitoba</i>	1995, B.A. (Honours), Philosophy.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, *Department of Philosophy*, 2007 – 2012.

Associate Professor of Philosophy (tenured), *Department of Philosophy*, 2012 – present.

Affiliated Research Scholar, *The University of Akron School of Law*, 2023-24.

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Publications:

- Book Chapter: “Jury Nullification and Participatory Democracy,” in *Political Participation: Citizen Input in Government Ethics*, James Cockerham, ed., Vernon Press (forthcoming).
- Book: *Jury Nullification: The Jurisprudence of Jurors’ Privilege*, Ethics International Press (forthcoming, 2024).
- “Book review: *Pre-Liberal Political Philosophy: Rawls and Plato, Aristotle, Augustine, Aquinas*, by Daniel Dombrowski (author),” forthcoming in *Philosophy in Review*.
- “Book review: *The Will to Punish*, by Didier Fassin (author),” in *Metapsychology Online Reviews* (<http://metapsychology.net>), (May 2020).
- “Jury Nullification and the Bad-Faith Juror” in *LEAP: The Journal of Legal Ethics and Philosophy*, vol. 1, no. 1 (Spring 2013)
- “Book review: *Law and Religion in the 21st Century: Relations between States and Religious Communities*, by Rinaldo Cristofori (Editor), Silvio Ferrari (Editor),” *The Commonwealth Law Bulletin*, vol. 38, no. 4 (December 2012).
- “The Jury Nullification Instruction and the De Jure / De Facto Debate: A Hohfeldian Analysis” in *Public Affairs Quarterly*, vol. 22, no. 3 (July 2008).
- “The Rule of Law and Jury Nullification” in *The Commonwealth Law Bulletin*, vol. 34, no. 2 (June 2008).
- “‘Necessity’ and Jury Nullification” *The Canadian Journal of Law and Jurisprudence*, vol. 20, no. 2 (July 2007).
- “Book review: *Truth and Progress*, by Richard Rorty (author),” *Philosophy in Review* (August 1999).
- “Book review: *On the Laws and Governance of England*, by Sir John Fortescue (author),” *Philosophy in Review* (February 1999).
- “Book review: *Ethical Issues: Perspectives for Canadians*, by Eldon Soifer (author),” *Philosophy in Review*, vol. XVII, no. 3 (1997).

Conferences/Colloquia:

- “What the Trump Criminal Trials Can Teach Us About Jury Nullification” at *The University of Akron Public Philosophy Lecture Series*, The University of Akron, Akron, OH, October 10, 2023.
- “Fostering Inclusive Teaching through Engaging Student Connections: A Case Study on Philosophy, Thought Experiments, and Experiential Learning” at *NEXT – New Explorations in Teaching*, The University of Akron, Akron, OH, October 6, 2023.
- “More Thoughts on Liberty and Jury Nullification” at *The Ohio Philosophy Association Annual Conference*, The College of Wooster, Wooster, OH, April 29, 2023.
- “Political Liberty and Jury Nullification” at *The South Carolina Society for Philosophy Annual Conference*, The University of South Carolina, Beaufort, SC, March 31, 2023.
- “Jury Nullification” at *The University of Akron Public Philosophy Lecture Series*, The University of Akron, Akron, OH, February 20, 2023.
- “Objections to Jury Nullification Considered” at The University of Akron Law School Scholarship Workshop, The University of Akron Law School, Akron, OH, February 12, 2020.
- “The Liberty Enhancing Effects of Jury Nullification” at *The Mid-South Philosophy Conference*, Rhodes College, Memphis, TN, March 23rd, 2019.
- “The Rule of Law and Substantive Liberty” at *The Long Island Philosophical Society*, St. John’s University, New York, NY, April 18, 2015.
- “Jury Nullification and Libertarianism” at Hanover College, Indiana. Invited Speaker Series, November 5th, 2013.
- “The Political Appropriation of Music” at the *Post 45 Annual Conference*, Cleveland, OH, April 30, 2011.
- “Judicial Candor and Jury Nullification” at the *2010 Congress of the International Association for Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy (IVR)* in Montreal, CAN. May 29, 2010.
- “Legal Responsibility and *Sine Qua Non*,” The University of Akron Philosophy Club invited presentation. November 2009.
- Chair, Colloquium on Personal Identity, *American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Conference*, Pasadena, California. March 2008.

- “Liberty, Autonomy, and the Rule of Law,” The University of Akron, Conference of Philosophy, January 2008.
- “Jury Nullification and the Rule of Law,” The University of Victoria, Department of Philosophy Friday Colloquium Programme, March 2006.
- “Jury Nullification: Right or Privilege?” The University of Lethbridge Colloquium Series, February 2003.
- “Jury Nullification: The Jurisprudence of a Jurors’ Privilege,” The University of Calgary Philosophy Department Invited Speakers Series, October 2002.
- “Jury Nullification: The Jurisprudence of a Jurors’ Privilege,” *Canadian Philosophical Association*, Toronto, Ontario. May 2002. **Winner: Dialogue Student Essay Prize, for best graduate-student presentation.**
- “Of Foreseeability and Thin-Skulls,” *Western Canadian Philosophical Association*, October 1997.
- “The Epicurean Concept of Time,” *Canadian Philosophical Association*, June 1997.
- “Davidson and the Principle of Charity,” Dalhousie University, July 1996.
- “Salience Reconsidered,” *Canadian Philosophical Association*, June 1996.
- “Salience Reconsidered,” *The Mid-South Conference of Philosophy*, February 1996.

SCHOLARLY AND SERVICE ACTIVITIES

- Affiliated Research Scholar, The University of Akron School of Law, 2023 – 24.
- Editorial Board Member, *Akron University Press*, 2023 – present.
- Advisory Board Member, *Ethics International Press*, 2023 – present.
- Reviewer, *The Commonwealth Law Bulletin*, 2015 – 16.
- Reviewer, *Philosophy Study*, 2012 – present.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS/AFFILIATIONS

- Member, The Ohio Philosophical Association.

GRANTS, AWARDS and SCHOLARSHIPS

- Awarded the 2023 *OhioLINK OER Course Redesign Grant* for the incorporation of open-source materials into course instruction.
- Awarded the *University of Akron FRC Summer Research Fellowship Award* to fund research. Summer, 2023.
- Awarded *University of Akron Affordable Learning Initiative Grant* for the incorporation of open-source materials into course instruction.
- Awarded *University of Akron ITL Teaching Innovation Grant* for innovative approaches to teaching in the classroom, 2021-22.
- Awarded *BCAS Online Course Development Research Grant*, Spring 2013.
- Awarded *University of Akron A&S Research Grant*, Spring 2009.
- *Dialogue Student Essay Prize*, for best graduate-student presentation, awarded at the *Canadian Philosophical Association*, 2002.
- *Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Doctoral Fellowship*: 1998 – 2000.
- *University of Western Ontario Special University Scholarship*: 1997; 1998; 1999, 2000.
- Paul David Russell Gold Medal in Philosophy, *University of Manitoba*: 1995.