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C U R R I C U L U M V I T A E

Employment

2011 – present: **Associate professor in philosophy -** Villanova University

2007 – 2011: **Ethicist,** National Catholic Bioethics Center

Summary of activities:

• Primary author on institutional consults

• Primary contact for ethics consults/lectures for a Catholic healthcare system.

• IRB member for the University of Pennsylvania (two Boards).

2006-2007: **Human Protections Analyst – IRB,** Cincinnati Children’s Hospital and Medical Center

Summary of activities:

• Primary reviewer of expedited research on human subjects.

• Managed meetings and set agenda in cooperation with the Chair.

• Ethics committee member.

2004-2006: **Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Clinical and Research Ethics,** St. Thomas Hospital Nashville, TN.

Summary of activities:

• Drafted Futility Policy

• Responded to an average of 25 consults per month

• Attended PRIM&R 2005 and 2006

• Invited lectures on various bioethical topics.

• Alternate member for the IRB.

Education

2004 (Spring): **Postdoctoral work in the Center for Health Care Ethics,** Saint Louis University**.**

1999 – 2004: **Ph.D. Philosophy**, Saint Louis University.

• Dissertation title: “Motivated Cognition in Perception, Memory, and Testimony: In Defense of a Responsibilist Version of Virtue Epistemology.”

1995 – 1999: **M.A. Philosophy**, University of South Carolina.

• Thesis title: “The Evidential Argument from Evil.”

1990 – 1995, **B.S. Philosophy and psychology minor**, Minnesota State University – Mankato.

AOS: Epistemology, bioethics.

AOC: Cognitive science, medieval philosophy, philosophy of religion, metaphysics of persons.

Publications

**Books:**

(3) *Uncertain Bioethics: Human Dignity and Moral Risk* (Routledge, 2019)

(2) Editor, *Persons, Moral Worth, and Embryos* (Dordrecht: Springer, 2010).

1. *Virtue Epistemology: Motivation and Knowledge* (London: Bloomsbury Publishers, 2008).

Reviewed in:

* *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* July 12, 2009
* *National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly* Winter (2010).
* *Analysis* 70 (3) (2010): 589-591

**Articles/Chapters:**

(34) “The Minimally Conscious State, the Disability Bias and the Moral Authority of Advance Directives,” *International Journal of Law and Psychiatry* (April 13, 2018, doi: 10.1016/j.ijlp.2018.03.001).

(33) “The Neuroscience of Moral Judgment and Aquinas on Moral Expertise,” *The Thomist* 81(1) (2017): 31-74.

(32) “Identifying Organisms,” *Linacre Quarterly* 84(2) (2017): 145-154.

(31) “’Because I said so’: Leibniz on Moral Knowledge via Testimony,” *Quaestiones Disputatae* 7(2) (2017): 31-49.

(30) “Cardiac Death, Reversibility, and Evidence,” in *Contemporary Controversies in Catholic Bioethics*.Edited by Jason T. Eberl (Dordrecht: Springer, 2017).

(29) "Why Are Religious Reasons Dismissed? Euthanasia, Basic Goods, and Gratuitous Evil." *Christian Bioethics* 22(3) (2016): 276-300.

(28) “Introduction: Goodness and Human Life” *HEC Forum* 27(3) (2015): 201-205.

(27) "Perception of Value and the Minimally Conscious State," *HEC Forum* 27(3) (2015): 265-286.

(26) "Thought Experiments, Intuitions, and Human Embryonic Stem-cell Research," *International Philosophical Quarterly* (Online, January 27, 2016), DOI: 10.5840/ipq201612653.

(25) "The Justification of Killing and Psychological Accounts of the Person." *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* (Online September 4, 2015) DOI: 10.5840/acpq20159363.

(24) "When should we not respect a patient's wish?" *Journal of Clinical Ethics* 25 (3) (Fall 2014): 196-206.

(23) "Challenging research on human subjects: justice and uncompensated harms." *Theoretical Medicine and Bioethics* 34(1) (2013): 29-51.

(22) "St. Ambrose on euthanasia and anti-senescence arguments." *Logos: Journal of Catholic Thought and Culture* 17(2) (2014): 39-57.

(21) "Persons and evidence for death." *Linacre Quarterly* 80(1) (2013): 56-62.

(20) "Brain death, souls, and integrated functioning." *Christian Bioethics* 19(1) 2013: 25-39.

(19) "Twinning, identity, and moral status." *American Journal of Bioethics* 13(1) (2013): 45-46.

(20) "The dead donor rule and means-end reasoning: A Reply to Gardiner and Sparrow." *Cambridge Quarterly for Healthcare Ethics* 21(1) (2012): 134-140.

(17) “The Missing Premise in the HIV-Condom Debate.” *Linacre Quarterly, 78*(4) (2011): 401-414.

(16) “The U.S. Regulations and the Protection of Pediatric Subjects.” *Journal of Clinical Research and Bioethics, S2*(001) (2011) doi:10.4172/2155-9627.S2-001.

(15) “Out of the Frying Pan and into the Fire,” *American Journal of Bioethics* 11(8) (2011): 60-61.

(14) “Catholic Hospitals, Institutional Review Boards, and Cooperation,” *National Catholic Bioethics Center* 11(2) (2011): 257-266.

(13) “Direct versus Indirect” *Ethics and Medics* (January, 2011): 3-4.

(12) “Ethics, Knowledge, and Synthetic Life,” *Journal of Cosmology – Artificial Life* (8) (2010).

(11) “Vulnerable Embryos: A Critical Analysis of Twinning, Rescue, and Natural-Loss Arguments,” *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* 84(4) (2010): 783-812.

(10) “The Virtue of Reverence and the Respect for Life,” *New Oxford Review* October (2010): 36-38.

(9) “Contraception for the Mentally Disabled?” *Linacre Quarterly* 77 (3) August (2010): 280-307.

(8) “A Regulatory Argument against Human Embryonic Stem Cell Research,” *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy* 34(5) (2009): 496-508.

(7) “Moral Justification and Human Acts: A Reply to Christopher Oleson,” *Linacre Quarterly* 76(2) (2009): 150-162.

(6) “Research Ethics” in *Catholic Health Care Ethics: A Manual for Ethics Committees* 2nd Ed. Edward J. Furton, (National Catholic Bioethics Center, 2009).

(5) “Brain Death: A Morally Legitimate Criteria for Determining Death?” *Linacre Quarterly* 76(1) (2009): 68-81.

(4) “Twinning, Substance, and Identity through Time: A Reply to McMahan,” *National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly* 8(2) (2008): 255-264.

(3) “Human Embryos as Human Subjects,” *Ethics and Medics* (September 2007): 3-4.

(2) “IVF and the Conjugal Act.” *Ethics and Medics* (April, 2007): 1-3.

(1) “Is Rowe Committed to an Expanded Version of Theism?” *Sophia: International Journal for Philosophy of Religion, Metaphysical Theology and Ethics.*41 (2002): 31-40.

Encyclopedia Entry

Napier, S. (2013). Applied Ethics. *New Catholic Encyclopedia Supplement 2012-2013: Ethics and Philosophy* (2nd ed., vol.1, pp. 87-92). Farmington Hills, MI: Gale Centage Learning Publishers.

Editorial

Napier S. (2012). Reproductive Ethics: *Adaequatio* and Dialogical Virtues. *Journal of Clinical Research and Bioethics* S1:e001. doi:10.4172/2155-9627.S1-e001.

Book reviews

Review of *Death Before Dying: History, Medicine and Brain Death* by Gary S. Belkin, (New York: Oxford University Press) in *Linacre Quarterly* 85(1): 89-91.

Review of *Perspectives of the Acting Person: Essays in the Renewal of Thomistic Moral Philosophy* by Martin Rhonheimer, ed. William Murphy (Washington D.C.: Catholic University of America Press, 2008) in *National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly* 9(4) (2009): 802-805.

Review of *Rethinking Informed Consent in Bioethics* by Onora O’Neill, Neil Manson (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2007) in *National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly* 9(3) (2009): 610-613.

Review of *Dark Medicine: Rationalizing Unethical Research* Eds. William R. LaFleur, Gernot Böhme, and Susumu Shimazono (Bloomington IN.: Indiana University Press, 2007) in *National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly* 8 (4) (2008): 20-23.

Review of *Belmont Revisited: Ethical Principles for Research with Human Subjects* Eds. James F. Childress, Eric M. Meslin and Harold T. Shapiro (Washington D.C.: Georgetown University Press, 2005) in *National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly* 7 (4) (2007): 838-841.

Review of *God and Inscrutable Evil: In Defense of Theism and Atheism,* by David O’Connor (Rowan and Littlefield, 1998) in *Sophia: International Journal for Philosophy of Religion, Metaphysical Theology and Ethics* 42 (2003): 103-104.

Presentations

“The Future of Precedent Autonomy.” Panel presentations at the Annual meeting for the American Society of Bioethics and the Humanities, Oct. 18, 2018.

“The minimally conscious state, disability bias, and the moral authority of advance directives.” 35th International Congress on Law and Mental Health, Prague, Czech Republic. July 12, 2017.

“The principle of cooperation in evil: how to apportion moral responsibility.” *The McCullen Symposium*: “Free Exercise, Catholic Adoption Agencies and State Nondiscrimination Mandates: Liberty, Equality and Compromise.” Villanova Law School, April 22, 2016.

“Getting our intuitions right: Sympathetic thinking and moral judgment.” *Does neuroscience have normative implications?* Conference at the Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, Illinois. April 15-16, 2016.

“Because I said so!”: Leibniz on moral knowledge and testimony.” *On the continuing relevance of Leibniz*. Conference at Franciscan University, Steubenville, Ohio. April 8-9, 2016.

“Ethical considerations of selected issues raised in genomic medicine and research: Informed consent.” *Mendel Symposium: Panel presentation*, Villanova University, December 7, 2015.

“Knowledge of the Good through Knowledge of God,” Lectures on the Catholic Intellectual Tradition, Villanova University, October 20, 2015.

“Brain Death: The McGrath Case,” Catholic Medical Association Meeting, St. Francis Xavier, The Oratory, February, 16, 2014.

“Ethics Grand Rounds: Proxies and Prognosis” Lankenau Medical Center, Ethics Committee, October, 24 2012.

“Grand Rounds Ethics Seminar,” Catholic Health Services of Long Island, October 19, 2012. (This was a half-day seminar that addressed several issues that can arise in the acute care setting, and institutionalized populations.)

“Ethics Committees: Their Role, Duties, and Functions,” Lecture to the Ethics committee at St. Francis Hospital in Roslyn, NY. November 12, 2010.

“Disagreements at the Bedside: Communication and Futility,” Lecture to Nurse Managers at St. Francis Hospital in Roslyn, NY. October 19, 2010.

“The Vulnerability Argument against Human Embryonic Stem Cell Research,” University of South Carolina, April 8, 2010.

“The Vulnerability Argument against Human Embryonic Stem Cell Research,” Rutland Institute for Ethics Across the Curriculum, invited lecture, Clemson University April 7, 2010.

“Disagreements at the Bedside: Communication and Futility,” Ethics Grand Rounds Lecture, St. Francis Hospital in Roslyn, NY. January 21, 2010.

“Complex Questions of Cooperation,” Seminar *National Catholic Bioethics Center*, Sept. 14, 2008, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Philadelphia PA.

“Moral Prudence in Pre and Neo-Natal Issues,” Seminar *National Catholic Bioethics Center*, Sept. 14, 2007, Phoenix, AZ.

“Organ Donation, Brain Death, and Non-heart-beating Donation,” Seminar *National Catholic Bioethics Center*, Sept. 15, 2007, Phoenix, AZ.

“The Physician-Patient Relationship and Respecting the Patient’s Wishes,” Residency Rounds, Baptist Hospital in Nashville, October 2005.

“The Principle of Double Effect and End-of-Life Care,” Ethics Grand Rounds, St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville, February 2005.

“Divine Hiddenness and Natural Theology.” Paper read at *Natural Theology: Problems and Prospects*, a Gifford Bequest International Conference held in Aberdeen Scotland, May 2000.

“Rowe’s Commitment to Expanded Theism.” Presented at *Divine Hiddenness and Time*, a Society of Christian Philosophers regional meeting, March 1999.

“Redemption: The Best of All Possible Worlds.” Presented at *God and Evil*, a regional meeting for the Society of Christian Philosophers, April, 1997.

“The Social-Psychology of Being Black.” Presented at *The Academy and Race: Toward a Philosophy of Political Action*, Villanova University, March 1996.

Fellowships

Veritas Grant (2018) – Summer research grant: “Human Dignity and Risk”

Veritas Grant (2014) – Summer research grant: “Knowledge of the Good through Knowledge of God.”

VITAL Mini Grant (w/ Irene Kan, Psychology): “Neuroscience and Ethics.” (This grant allowed Dr. Kan and I to develop a team taught course that addressed ethical issues arising in neuroscience.)

2002-2003 recipient of the SLU2000 fellowship – a research fellowship granted to at most two graduate students a year.

2001-2002 recipient of the Consortium of Graduate Schools Visiting Fellowship – a research fellowship in residence at the University of Notre Dame.

Professional Memberships

American Catholic Philosophical Association

* + Program Committee for 2018 Conference on Justice

Professional Certification

Certified IRB (Institutional Review Board) Professional (2011-2014)

Awards

1997 – *James A. Oliver Logic Award*. An award given to one graduate student who exudes excellence in logic and its philosophical applications.

1994 – *Student Athlete Achievement Award*.

1994 – *Athlete of the Year Finalist* (tennis).

Volunteer experience

2007-2011 – Member of University of Pennsylvania’s Institutional Review Board: IRB #8 and #2.

2005 – Volunteer for local hospice as a grief counselor.

2002-2003 – Rape crisis advocate. An advocate provides emotional support and counseling to victims of sexual assault or domestic violence.

2000-2001 – After-school tutor for an inner city junior-high school.