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**EDUCATION:**

Ph.D.: Philosophy, University of Massachusetts.  
MA.: Philosophy, University of Missouri, Columbia  
BA: Philosophy, City University of New York.

**AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:** Deontic Logic, Ethical Theory, Philosophy of Moral Language.

**AREAS OF COMPETENCE:** Action Theory, Leibniz, Logic, Metaphysics, Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Religion.

**FULL-TIME TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

Lecturer, University of New Hampshire, Durham (UNH) (Spring 1988 - Summer 1990).  
Assistant Professor, then Associate Professor, UNH (Fall 1990 – Present).

**PUBLICATIONS:**

- "Praise, Blame, Obligation, and DWE: Toward a Comprehensive Framework for the Classical Conception of Supererogation and Kin." *Journal of Applied Logic*, forthcoming. [Invited expanded version of McNamara 2008 publication below for special issue of selected papers from DEON'08 conference.]
- "Praise, Blame, Obligation, and Beyond: Toward a Comprehensive Framework for the Classical Conception of Supererogation and Kin." *Deontic Logic in Computer Science*. Ron van der Meyden and Leendart van der Torre. Lecture Notes in Artificial Intelligence, 5076. Berlin: Springer Verlag, 2008.
- "Deontic Logic", in *The Handbook of the History of Logic, vol. 7: Logic and the Modalities in the Twentieth Century*, (eds.) Dov Gabbay and John Woods, Amsterdam: Elsevier Press, 2006: 197-288. [36,000 words]
- "Deontic Logic", *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy (Spring 2006 Edition)*, Edward N. Zalta (ed.), URL = <http://plato.stanford.edu/archives/spr2006/entries/logic-deontic/> (33,000 words).
- "Agential Obligation as Non-Agential Personal Obligation plus Agency." *Journal of Applied Logic*, 2.1, March 2004, Pages 117-152.
- Review of John Horty's *Agency and Deontic Logic*. *Mind* Vol.113, Issue 447, Jan. 2004: 179-185.
- "Toward A Framework For Agency, Inevitability, Praise And Blame." *Nordic Journal of Philosophical Logic*, 5.2, 2000: 135-160.
- Norms, Logics and Information Systems: New Studies on Deontic Logic and Computer Science*. Co-edited with Henry Prakken (Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam, The Netherlands). IOS Press, Amsterdam/Oxford/Tokyo/Washington DC, December 1998.
- "Introduction." With Henry Prakken. In *Norms, Logics and Information Systems* 1998: 1-14.
- "Doing Well Enough in an Andersonian-Kangerian Framework." In *Norms, Logics and Information Systems* 1998: 181-198.
- "Supererogation in Deontic Logic: Metatheory for DWE and Some Close Neighbors." With Edwin Mares (University of Victoria, New Zealand). *Studia Logica* 57.2, 1997: 397-415.

- "Making Room for Action Beyond the Call." *Mind* 105, 1996: 415-450.
- "Must I Do What I Ought (or Will the Least I Can Do Do)?" *Deontic Logic, Agency and Normative Systems*. Mark A. Brown and Jose Carmo (eds.). Berlin: Springer-Verlag, 1996: 154-173.
- "Doing Well Enough: Toward A Logic for Common Sense Morality." *Studia Logica* 57.1, 1996: 167-192.
- "The Confinement Problem: How to Terminate Your Mom and Her Trust." In *Analysis*, 55.4, 1995: 310-313.
- Which Computers Can Think (If Any)?* Guest Editor. *Philosophical Studies* 71.2, 1993.
- "Introduction." In *Philosophical Studies* 71.2, 1993: 113-118.
- "Comments on Dretske." In *Philosophical Studies* 71.2, 1993: 217-222.
- "Does the Actual World Actually Exist?" In *Philosophical Studies*, 69.1, 1993: 59-82.
- "Leibniz on Creation, Contingency and Per-se Modality." *Studia Leibnitiana*, 22.1, 1990: 29-47.

#### **UNPUBLISHED WORK / WORK IN PROGRESS:**

- "Introduction: History and Overview of Deontic Logic", with Risto Hilpinen. First volume of the *Handbook of Deontic Logic*, eds Dov Gabbay, John Horty, Leon van der Torre.
- Modifications to "Deontic Logic" entry for *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* [listed above].
- "Action Beyond Morality's Call Versus Supererogatory Action".
- "Conditionalized-DWE: A Contrary-to-Ideality Framework for Common Sense Morality."
- "Rights Theory, Philosophy of Mind, and Robots."
- "What Might an Act Utilitarian Accommodation of Supererogation Look Like in Detail?"
- Must I Do What I Ought? An Essay on Supererogation and the Core of Common Sense Morality*
- "Time, Agency, and the Underestimated Importance of Supererogatory Commitments."
- "How Can Others Fulfill Your Obligations?"
- "Chisholm on Supererogation and Deontic Logic."
- "Is Utilitarianism Really Incompatible with Action Beyond the Call of Duty?"
- "Must I Do What I Ought to Do?" [Much more comprehensive than similarly titled published paper cited above.]
- "Surpassable Perfection: On McGinn's Analysis of Moral Perfection."
- "A Reconstruction of Herb Heidelberger's 'G. E. Moore and the Paradox of Analysis'."
- "SEB Speaks: A Theist's Nightmare."

#### **PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS:**

- "Praise, Blame, Obligation, and DWE: Toward a Comprehensive Framework for the Classical Conception of Supererogation and Kin." Society for Exact Philosophy, Edmonton, Canada, May, 2009. [Expansion on Luxembourg presentation.]
- "Praise, Blame, Obligation, and Beyond: Toward a Comprehensive Framework for the Classical Conception of Supererogation and Kin." Ninth International Conference on Deontic Logic in Computer Science (DEON2008), University of Luxembourg, July 2008.
- "Action Beyond Morality's Call Versus Supererogatory Action: Toward a More Adequate Conceptual Scheme for Common Sense Morality". Annual Northern New England Philosophical Association, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. October 12-13, 2007.
- "Supererogation and Utilitarianism Revisited: An Inroad to the Structure of Common Sense Morality" Institute of Philosophy, School of Advanced Studies, University of London, 2006.
- "Aggregation of Obligations: Basic and Derived Obligations." Northern New England Philosophical Association conference, Dartmouth College, New Hampshire, 2004.
- "Horty on Indeterminism, Agency and Consequentialism." Northern New England Philosophical Association conference, Keene, New Hampshire, 2003.

"A Preliminary Exploration of Agential Obligation as Non-Agential Personal Obligation plus Agency." Sixth Biannual International Conference on Deontic Logic, Imperial College, London, UK, 2002.

"Toward an Integrated Agential and Aretaic Framework." Fifth Biannual International Conference on Deontic Logic, Toulouse, France, 2000; Earlier version presented at the Society for Exact Philosophy conference, University of Florida, Gainesville, 2000.

Session Chair and Commentator at Dartmouth Conference on Bernard Gert's Ethical Theory, May 13-16, 1999.

"Doing Well Enough in an Andersonian-Kangerian Framework." Fourth Biannual International Conference on Deontic Logic, Bologna, Italy, 1998. Earlier version presented at the Society for Exact Philosophy conference, University of Tennessee, 1996.

"Comments on 'Expressivism, Negation and the Frege-Geach Problem'." British Society for Ethical Theory conference, Lancaster University, England, 1997.

"Must I Do What I Ought (or Will the Least I Can Do Do)?" Third Biannual International Conference on Deontic Logic, Sesimbra, Portugal, 1996.

"Semantics for Modal Auxiliaries." Linguistics Colloquium, UNH, 1995.

"An Act Utilitarian Theory of Supererogation." Northern New England Philosophy Association conference, Rivera College, NH, 1995.

"Must I Do What I Ought?" Society for Exact Philosophy conference, University of Texas (Austin), 1994; and Northern New England Philosophy Association conference, 1994.

"Doing Well Enough: Toward a Logic for Common Sense Morality", Second Biannual International Conference on Deontic Logic, Oslo, Norway, 1994.

"Comments on Steven Rieber's 'A Solution to the Paradox of Analysis'" American Philosophical Association's Central Division meeting, Chicago, 1993.

"A Reconstruction of Herb Heidelberger's 'G. E. Moore and the Paradox of Analysis'" University of Massachusetts, 1993.

"Doing Well Enough: Toward a Logic for Common Sense Morality." Society for Exact Philosophy conference, York University, Toronto, Canada, 1993.

"SEB Speaks: A Theist's Nightmare." Annual Northern New England Philosophy Association conference, 1992.

"Comments on Dretske." UNH Philosophy Conference, *Which Machines Can Think (If Any)*, 1992.

"Can God's Existence Be Established?" Student organization funded public debate with Peter Kreft (Boston College), UNH, 1991.

"Natural Language Meets Formal Semantics", Linguistics Colloquium, UNH, 1991.

"Supererogation, Act Utilitarianism and Urmson's Constraint: A Compatibility Thesis." University of North Carolina, Greensboro, 1988; and at University of New Hampshire-Durham in 1990.

#### **REFERREING:**

Committee for PhD in logic for Alessio Moretti, "The Geometry of Logical Opposition", under the supervision of J.-Y. Béziau, University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland, 2008-2009.

Review of paper for *History and Philosophy of Logic*, 2008.

Review of paper for the 7<sup>th</sup> bi-annual Advances in Modal Logic conference, 2008.

Review of paper for *Philosophical Studies*, 2008.

Four reviews of papers submitted for the Ninth Biannual International Conference on Deontic Logic, 2008.

Review of three papers from 1st World Congress on the Square of Opposition in Montreux, Switzerland for post-conference publication. 2007-2008.

Review of book proposal for Cambridge University Press, 2007-2008.

Review of paper for *Notre Dame Journal of Formal Logic*, 2006.

Three reviews of papers submitted for the Eight Biannual International Conference on Deontic Logic, 2006.  
Report on a paper for *Philosophical Quarterly*, 2004.  
Three reviews of papers submitted for the Seventh Biannual International Conference on Deontic Logic, 2004.  
Report on a metatheory paper on preference semantics in deontic logic for *Logique et Analyse*, 2003.  
Two reviews of papers submitted for the Sixth Biannual International Conference on Deontic Logic, 2002.  
Review of paper for the *Nordic Journal for Philosophical Logic*, 2001.  
Two reviews of papers submitted for presentation at the Fifth Biannual International Conference on Deontic Logic, 2000.  
Report on a paper on non-cognitivism and deontic logic for the *Journal of Philosophical Logic*, 1999.  
Reports on papers submitted for McNamara and Prakken 1998.  
Four reviews of papers submitted for presentation at the Fourth Biannual International Conference on Deontic Logic, 1998.  
Report on a paper on deontic logic for *Mind*, 1997.  
Report on a paper on temporal logic and agency for *Studia Logica*, 1997.  
Report on a paper on deontic logic for *Mind*, 1996.  
Report on a paper on utilitarianism and consequences for *Philosophical Studies*, 1994.  
Report on a paper on Dretske and indicator semantics for *Philosophical Psychology*, 1993; after substantial revision, reviewed again in 1994.

#### **SERVICE:**

President of the Northern New England Philosophical Association, 2009.  
Program Committee for 4<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Bi-Annual International Deontic Logic Conferences, 1998, 2000, ..., 2008.  
Thesis director for Alexander Joy on paraconsistent logics, 2009-2010.  
Thesis chair for Justin Rondeau, "Moral Responsibility in Contemporary Literature", 2008-2009.  
Thesis chair for Peter Anania, "Liberalism versus Libertarianism", 2008-2009.  
UNH Faculty Senate Representative on the UNH Diversity Council, 2008-10.  
UNH Student Designed Majors Committee, 2008-09.  
Chair Sub-committee on Scholarship, Philosophy Promotion and Tenure Committee, 2007.  
Speakers Bureau Talk, "Might Robots One Day Deserve Rights?" to honors students at Pinkerton Academy, Derry NH, May 24, 2007.  
Chair Ad Hoc Logic Committee: a) assured 412 would remain on Discovery Quantitative Reasoning list; b) explored linking PHIL 412 peer tutoring to PHIL 550, 2006-2007.  
Session Chair at Ethics and Demandingness Conference at University of Dundee, July 14-16, 2006.  
Mentor for Mark Joseph for UNH UROP project, "Supererogation and Kant", 2005-06.  
UNH Tenure Letters on Service for Barbara Jago and for Scott Smith, 2005.  
Philosophy Department Tenure review committee for Cathy Miriam, 2005-2006.  
Philosophy Department Faculty Review Committee: Reviewed three faculty members.  
Judge for Philosophy Sub-session at Undergraduate Research Conference  
UNH Diversity Strategic Planning Task Force member (2004–2005); Steering Committee Member; Co-Chair of Subcommittee on Community.  
Faculty Senate (2004–2005):  
a) Motion #IX-M12 to conduct a search that is national to replace Candice Corvey with solid faculty representation on the search committee. Passed Unanimously.  
b) Academic Affairs Committee member: Chair of Sub-Committee on Diversity and Minority

Recruitment & Retention.

c) Wrote and Presented Motion to endorse the Introduction and Seven Main Strategies of the UNH Diversity Strategic Planning Task Force Plan. Passed unanimously.

d) Faculty Senate (2004–2005): Member of Ad Hoc Committee on Article III. Helped develop motion to change Article III of the Constitution. Passed.

e) Faculty Senate (Spring 2004): Academic Affairs Committee member, and Chair, Sub-Committee on Diversity. (Presented Motion VIII-M8, "Statement on Diversity as a Compelling Interest"; passed, 3/8/2004; Primary author of document: <http://unhinfo.unh.edu/fac-senate/pub/Diversity-VIII-M8.htm>.)

Initiated and Drafted Proposal to Philosophy Department for Alternative Route for Honors in Major (2004-5); Final version edited by David Hiley.

Proposal to Philosophy Department for New Course/s for Women, and New Minor and Concentration for Women; Coordinated Partial Implementation (2004-5).

Chair of Philosophy Department Committee on the Quantitative Reasoning General Education Proposal (2001-2002).

Director of Undergraduate Studies for the Philosophy Department (2001-2002).

Member of Philosophy Department Search Committee (2001-2002).

Member of Philosophy Department Review Committee (1998-2001).

Member of Justice Works Group (2000-2001).

Member-at-Large, Executive Committee of the UNH chapter of the AAUP (1999-2001).

Co-organizer (with Henry Prakken) for DEON'98: the Fourth Bi-Annual International Conference on Deontic Logic, Bologna, Italy, January 1998 (January 1996 - September 1998).

Faculty Senate (1998-1999); Member of Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Committee.

Chair of Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Sub-Committee on history, goals, and assessment of the General Education program at UNH; authored sub-committee's report (1998-1999).

Member of Interdepartmental Linguistics Committee (1990-Present).

Faculty Senate (1997-1998); Member of Faculty Senate Planning Committee.

Member of Center for the Humanities Advisory Board (1994-1997).

Talk at a high school for UNH Speakers Program on the moral, legal and political significance of Bold AI (1996).

Lecturer and Facilitator for New Hampshire's Humanities Council: *Apples & Origins* Community Educational Enrichment Program (1995-96).

Member of Senate Ad Hoc Discriminatory Harassment Policy Task Force (1993-1995).

Presented Universal Turing Machine Demonstration in Computer Science Graduate Seminar on Computability Theory (1992 and 1995).

Faculty Senate (1992-1994); Member of Executive/Agenda Committee.

Member of Faculty Caucus Economic Welfare Committee (Spring 1994 only).

Assistant organizer of UNH Sidore Lecture Series on civic liberty and civic responsibility (1994).

Member of Philosophy Department's Masters Degree Exploration Committee (1990-1994).

Member of Philosophy Department's Committee on Women and the Major (1993-1994).

Faculty Participant in UNH Legislators Day (1993).

Assistant organizer for Interdepartmental Cognitive Science Study Group (1990-1993).

Assistant organizer for philosophy of mind study groups for philosophy department faculty (1990-1993).

Co-organizer for annual Northern New England Philosophical Association conference at UNH (1992).

Faculty Senate (1991-1992); Member of Senate Judiciary Committee.

Co-organizer and overseer for February 1992 UNH AI Conference; edited, revised proceedings for publication (see above).

Author of, and executor for, CURF Computer-Aided Instruction Grant for UNH Philosophy Department (1990-1992).

Public Debate with Peter Kreft on "Can God's Existence be Established?" at UNH (1991).

Wrote universal Turing machine and integer calculator programs for presentations in UNH Philosophy of AI course (Phil. 447), and UNH Computability Course (CS 659/759) (1991).

**AWARDS & HONORS:**

Fellow at Institute of Philosophy, School of Advanced Studies, University of London, 2005–2006.

UNH Vice President for Research--Discretionary Research Grant, Spring 2003.

UNH Liberal Arts Summer Faculty Fellowship, 2000.

UNH Gustafson Fellowship, Fall 1994.

UNH Summer Faculty Fellowship, 1992.

Graduate Student Teaching Award.

BA with Honors.

**REFERENCES:**

Professor Lennart Åqvist, Uppsala University (Sweden).

Professor Daniel Bonevac, University of Texas-Austin (USA).

Professor Willem de Vries, University of New Hampshire (USA).

Professor Bernard Gert, Dartmouth College (USA).

Professor Andrew Jones, King's College London (UK).

Professor Jonathan Kvanvig, Baylor University (USA).

**HOBBIES:** Dance, physical fitness, speculative fiction, and South Asian art.