

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### Areas of Specialization:

- The Moral Status of Animals
- History of Modern Philosophy; Descartes
- 19th and 20th Century (especially German) Continental Philosophy

### Areas of Competence:

- Social and Political Philosophy
- Philosophy of Technology and Environmental Philosophy
- Aesthetics
- History of Ancient Philosophy

### Education:

Ph.D., Philosophy, Yale University, 1992 (Dissertation: *The Idea of a Ground for Ethical Commitment in Descartes and Heidegger*)

B.A., Philosophy, University of California, Berkeley, 1981

Santa Clara University School of Law, 8-77 to 12-78

B.A., Economics, U.C.L.A., 1977

### Teaching Experience:

John Howard Harris Professor of Philosophy, Bucknell University, 2005 to present

Professor of Philosophy, Bucknell University, 2005 to present

Associate Professor of Philosophy, Bucknell University, 1999 to 2005

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Bucknell University, 1993 to 1999

Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Bucknell University, 1987-91 and 1992-93

Teaching Fellow, Yale University, 1982-87

**Books:**

- *Animals and the Moral Community: Mental Life, Moral Status, and Kinship*, Columbia University Press, 2008
- *Anthropocentrism and Its Discontents: The Moral Status of Animals in the History of Western Philosophy*, University of Pittsburgh Press, 2005
- *Descartes as a Moral Thinker: Christianity, Technology, Nihilism*, Journal of the History of Philosophy Book Series, Prometheus/Humanity Books, 2004

**Essays and Articles:**

- "Cosmic Justice," *Encyclopedia of Animal Rights and Animal Welfare*, expanded ed., ed. Marc Bekoff, Greenwood Publishing, 2009 (forthcoming)
- "Das Tier bei Aristoteles und den Stoikern: Evolution eines kosmischen Prinzips" [Animals in Aristotle and the Stoics: The Evolution of a Cosmic Principle], *Mensch und Tier in der Antike – Grenzziehung und Grenzüberschreitung/Humans and Animals in Antiquity - Boundaries and Transgressions*, ed. Annetta Alexandridis, Lorenz Winkler-Horacek, and Markus Wild, Reichert-Verlag, 2008 (forthcoming)
- "Descartes," *History of Western Philosophy of Religion*, ed. Graham Oppy and Nick Trakakis, Acumen Publishers, 2008 (forthcoming)
- "What I Learned from a Cat that No Philosopher Could Teach Me," *What Philosophy Can Tell You About Your Cat*, ed. Steven D. Hales, Open Court, 2008, pp. 3-14
- "Foreword" to Gary Francione, *Animals as Persons: Essays on the Abolition of Animal Exploitation*, Columbia University Press, 2008, pp. ix-xii
- "Cosmic Holism and the Moral Status of Animals: A Challenge to Liberal Individualism," *Journal of Animal Law and Ethics* 2 (2007): 1-20
- "Descartes, Christianity, and Contemporary Speciesism," *A Communion of Subjects: Animals in Religion, Science, and Ethics*, ed. Paul Waldau and Kimberly Patton, Columbia University Press, 2006, pp. 117-131
- "The Perils of a Total Critique of Reason: Rethinking Heidegger's Influence," *Philosophy Today* 47 (2003): 93-111
- "Descartes on the Moral Status of Animals," *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* 80 (1998): 268-91
- "'This project is mad': Descartes, Derrida, and the Notion of Philosophical Crisis," *Man and World* 30 (1997): 179-198
- Four entries written for *A Dictionary of Cultural and Critical Theory*, Blackwell, 1995: "Transcendental Philosophy"; "Maurice Merleau-Ponty"; "Manfred Frank"; "Ernst Tugendhat"
- "Heidegger's Reflection on Alétheia: Merely a Terminological Shift?" *Auslegung* 13 (1986): 38-50

**Translations:**

- Gerold Prauss, *Knowing and Doing in Heidegger's "Being and Time,"* translated with Jeffrey S. Turner, Prometheus/Humanity Books, 1999
- Karl Löwith, *Martin Heidegger and European Nihilism,* Columbia University Press, 1995; paperback edition, 1998 (a *Choice* Outstanding Academic Book)
- Klaus Hartmann, "Marx's *Capital* from the Viewpoint of Transcendental Philosophy," *Journal of the British Society for Phenomenology* 24 (1993): 157-171

**Book Reviews:**

- "Human Autonomy and the Limits of Evolutionary Theory," review of Frans de Waal, *Primates and Philosophers: How Morality Evolved* (Princeton University Press, 2006), *Current Anthropology* 49, no. 4 (August, 2008): 700-01
- Review of Harry G. Frankfurt, *Demons, Dreamers, and Madmen: The Defense of Reason in Descartes's Meditations* (Princeton University Press, 2008), *The European Legacy* 14:2 (forthcoming, 2009)

**Invited Presentations:**

- "Das Ideal von einem nicht anthropozentristischen Weltbürgertum" [The Ideal of a Non-Anthropocentric Cosmopolitanism], University of Vienna, Austria, November 29, 2008
- "Speciesism and the Moral Status of Animals: Overcoming a Historical Prejudice" and "The Limits of Reason in Moral Reflection: What We Can Learn From Descartes," Hendrix College, Conway, AK, October 25-26, 2007
- "Acknowledging the Moral Status of Animals: The Limits of Liberal Political Thought," University of Pennsylvania School of Law, March 27, 2007
- "Nihilism and Faith: What We Can Learn From Descartes," Alvernia College, May 1, 2006
- "Descartes and the Philosophical Foundations of Modern Medicine" and "The Philosophical Foundations of Early Modern Science: Copernicus to Kant," Sarah Lawrence College, April 17, 2003
- "Descartes and the Philosophical Foundations of Modern Medicine," Clinical Pharmacology Grand Rounds, New York University Medical School, March 20, 2003
- Modest Lectureship, Kenyon College: "Descartes and the Advent of Nihilism," October 17, 2002; "Speciesism and the Ideal of Dwelling," October 18, 2002
- "Descartes, Christianity, and Contemporary Speciesism," Religion and Animals Conference, Harvard Yenching Institute, Harvard University, May 21, 1999
- "This project is mad': Descartes, Derrida, and the Notion of Philosophical Crisis," Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas, November 6, 1995

**Conference Presentations:**

- “Plutarch on the Question of Justice for Animals,” American Philological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, January 9, 2009
- “Der moralische Status von Tieren” [The Moral Status of Animals], Tierrechtskongreß, Vienna, Austria, November 28, 2008
- “Rethinking the Cognitive Abilities of Animals,” The Minds of Animals Conference, University of Toronto, August 12, 2008
- “The Epistemic Status of Medicine in Descartes,” International Society for the Study of European Ideas, Helsinki, July 29, 2008
- “The Cultural Significance of Rembrandt’s ‘Anatomy Lesson of Dr. Nicolaas Tulp’,” American Association for the History of Medicine, Rochester, April 12, 2008
- “Descartes and the Technologization of the Human Body,” Somatechnics Conference, Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia, April 19, 2007
- “The Ideal of a Communion of Subjects: A Challenge to Classical Liberalism,” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Washington, D.C., November 18, 2006
- “The Cultural Significance of Rembrandt’s ‘Anatomy Lesson of Dr. Nicolaas Tulp’,” Mediated Bodies International Conference, Maastricht University, The Netherlands, September 14, 2006
- “The Creative Potential of Art and the Contemporary Crisis in Meaning,” International Conference on the Arts in Society, Edinburgh, Scotland, August 17, 2006
- “The Theriophile and the Vivisectionist: Montaigne and Descartes on the Experiential Capacities and Moral Status of Animals,” International Society for the Study of European Ideas, Malta, July 27, 2006
- “The Christian Foundations of Descartes’s Moral Thought,” Midwest Regional Meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers, University of Notre Dame, April 21, 2006
- “Art, Science, and the Invisible,” Eastern Division Meeting of the American Society for Aesthetics, Philadelphia, April 8, 2006
- “The Fundamental Limits of Reason in Descartes’s Moral Thought,” symposium paper, American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, March 24, 2006
- “Das Tier bei Aristoteles und den Stoikern: Evolution eines kosmischen Prinzips” [Animals in Aristotle and the Stoics: The Evolution of a Cosmic Principle], at the conference “Mensch und Tier in der Antike: Grenzziehung und Grenzüberschreitung” [Humans and Animals in Antiquity: Boundaries and Transgressions], Institute for Archaeology, Rostock University, Germany, April 8, 2005
- “Do Animals Employ Concepts? A Reflection on the Controversy,” Society for the Study of Ethics and Animals session at the Pacific Division American Philosophical Association Meeting, San Francisco, March 25, 2005
- “Anthropocentrism and Its Discontents: Edified Views of Animals in the History of Western Philosophy,” International Society for the Study of European Ideas, Pamplona, Spain, August 5, 2004

**Conference Presentations (cont'd):**

- "Descartes as a Moral Thinker: Christianity, Technology, Nihilism," International Society for the Study of European Ideas, Pamplona, Spain, August 3, 2004
- "Do Animals Employ Concepts? The Roots of the Controversy in Aristotle," Society for the Study of Ethics and Animals session at the Central Division American Philosophical Association meeting, Chicago, April 24, 2004
- "Stoic Anthropocentrism and the Moral Status of Animals," Society for the Study of Ethics and Animals session at the Eastern Division American Philosophical Association meeting, Washington, D. C., December 29, 2003
- "The Limits of Anthropocentric Arguments for the Moral Status of Animals," International Association for Environmental Philosophy, Boston, November 9, 2003
- Commentary on Matthew Kisner, "Skepticism in the Early Descartes," American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, San Francisco, March 29, 2003
- "'The Animal is World-Poor': A Heideggerian Contribution to the Animal Rights Debate," American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, San Francisco, March 29, 2001
- "The Limits of a 'Technological' Reading of Descartes's *Passions of the Soul*," American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, Los Angeles, March 27, 1998
- "'This project is mad': Descartes, Derrida, and the Notion of Philosophical Crisis," International Association for Philosophy and Literature, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA, May 9, 1996
- "Descartes on the Moral Status of Animals," American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Chicago, April 26, 1996
- "God and Christian Faith in Descartes's Philosophy," American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, Los Angeles, March 31, 1994
- "The Place(s) of Ethics in Descartes's Philosophy," American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Chicago, April 24, 1993

**Other Professional Activity:**

- Co-Editor (with Gary L. Francione) of the book series *Critical Perspectives on Animals: Theory, Culture, Science, and Law*, Columbia University Press

**Fellowships and Awards:**

- John Howard Harris Professor of Philosophy, Bucknell University, 2005 to present
- Yale University Graduate Fellowship, 1981-84, 1985-86
- D.A.A.D. stipend for research at Albert Ludwigs University, Freiburg, Germany, 1984-85
- Phi Beta Kappa, University of California, Berkeley