

## Curriculum Vitae

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### Education

Ph.D., Philosophy	University of Oregon, Eugene, OR	1996
M.A., Philosophy	New School for Social Research, New York, NY	1988
B.S., Psychology and Sociology	North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND	1983

### Areas of Specialization

Biomedical Ethics, Ethical Theory, Feminist Theory, Environmental Ethics

### Academic Positions

West Chester University, Associate Professor, Fall 2005 to present

---, Chairperson, August 2008 to present

---, Director of the Peace & Conflict Studies program, August 2008 to present

---, Assistant Professor, Fall 2000 to Spring 2005

---, Co-Director, Pharmaceutical Product Development Degree Program

Co-Director, September 2003 - Summer 2004

Acting Co-Director, March 2003 ñ September 2003

Longwood College (LC), Visiting Assistant Professor, Fall 1999--Summer 2000

Oregon State University (OSU), Instructor, 1996 to Spring 1999

### Courses Taught:

Biomedical Ethics (Interdisciplinary; undergrad & grad):	WCU, LC, OSU	1998-2006
Ethical Theories (400- & graduate level):	WCU	2006-present
Environmental Ethics (400-level):	WCU	F '06, Sum '09
Co-facilitator for Curriculum Integration Seminar:	WCU	S '02
Contemporary Moral Issues:	WCU, LC, OSU	1997-2001
Intellectual Roots of Western Feminism:	WCU	2006-present
Introduction to Ethics (Diverse Communities):	WCU, LC, OSU	2001-present
Introduction to Philosophy:	WCU, LC	1999-2000

**Masters Thesis Advisor for:**

Katrina Dix, Sarah Fiorot, pending

Michael Lazin (2006), *Investigating Semantic Engines*

Jenna Thrasher (2006), *Feminist Wife: Is there a Contradiction?*

Leon Niemoczynski (2004), *Form and Function: Phenomenological Investigations into Technological Science and its Relationship to Nihilism and Religion*

Marilyn E. Lawrence (2004), *From Moria to Shicksal: The Concepts of Fate in Heidegger's Question of Being*

Daniel E. Gunn (2001): *Suffering Unto Death: Toward an Ethical Response to Those who Face Unavoidable Suffering*

**Committee Member for:**

Matthew Owen (2010), pending

Eli Bonner (2010), *Profiting from Inequality: Marx's Theory of Exploitation*

Peter Prell (2006), *Authenticity and Mass Media: An Existential Critique*

Charlotte Moore (2006), *Will to Power as Art: Nietzsche and Heidegger on Art and the Artist-Philosopher*

History Department: Elizabeth Burger (2010), pending; Hilary Bentman (2010), pending; Brad Nichols (2008), *Blood and Nationality: Ethnic Cleansing, Racial Selection, and Germanization in Nazi-Occupied Poland*

**Publications****Articles (peer-reviewed)**

"Group Moral Virtue: Environmental Responsibility and Beyond," *Social Philosophy Today*, ed. John Rowan, Vol. 24. Summer 2009

"Ectogenesis: Liberation, Technological Tyranny, or Just More of the Same?" in *Ectogenesis: The Artificial Womb and the Future of Human Reproduction*, ed. Scott Gelfand and John R. Shook, Rodopi Press (Value Inquiry Series), 2006

"My Experiences as an Ethics Professor," in *Connecting to Place: Greening of the Campus V Conference Proceedings*, ed. R.J. Koester, Ball State University (2003), 143-147

"Feminist Awareness as Virtue: A Path to Moderation," *The American Philosophical Association Newsletters*, Spring 2002, 64-67

"What Happens Now? Oregon and Physician-Assisted Suicide," *Hastings Center Report* (1998) 28 (3), 9-17

with Campbell, Courtney S., "Narratives and Norms: Religious Perspectives on Human Cloning," *The Journal of BioLaw and Business* (1998) 1 (3), 8-20  
[Product of research for President Clinton's National Bioethics Advisory Commission]

"In Brief," *Hastings Center Report* (1998) 28 (1), 47

### **Book Reviews**

A Review of *Good Sex: Feminist Perspectives from the World's Religions*, by Patricia Beattie Jung, Mary E. Hunt, Radhika Balakrishnan. *The International Network on Feminist Approaches to Bioethics Newsletter*, ed. Maggie Little, December 2002, vol. 10, no. 2, pp. 8-9.

"Ethics, Families, and Medicine: A Review of Two Books," a review of *The Worth of a Child*, by Thomas H. Murray, and, *The Patient in the Family: An Ethics of Medicine and Families*, by Hilde Lindemann Nelson and James Lindemann Nelson, *BioLaw*, 1998, 11 (3 & 4), U:73-U:78

"Ego and Reproduction," a review of *Quest for Perfection: The Drive to Breed Better Human Beings*, by Gina Maranto, *BioLaw*, 1998, 13 (7), U:161-U:165

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## **Conferences**

### **National Presentations**

"Group Moral Virtue: The Value of Committing to Avoiding Racial Profiling," *27th International Social Philosophy Conference* of the North American Society for Social Philosophy, July 15, 2010, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

"The Habit of Examining," *26th International Social Philosophy Conference* of the North American Society for Social Philosophy, July 19, 2009, Philadelphia, PA

"'Textured Affirmation': A Virtue for the Profession," *Central American Philosophical Division Annual Conference*, February 19, 2009, Chicago, IL

"'Textured Affirmation' as Reason for Change," *Reason, Activism & Change: Philosophical Considerations Conference* of the Canadian Society for Women in Philosophy, October 3, 2008, Windsor, ON, Canada

"The Moral Demand for 'Textured Affirmation'" *25th International Social Philosophy Conference* of the North American Society for Social Philosophy, July 19, 2008, Portland, OR

"The Importance of Group Moral Virtue on Environmental Responsibility," *24th International Social Philosophy Conference* of the North American Society for Social Philosophy, July 13, 2007, Lancaster, PA

"Reproductive Technologies Industry and Informed Consent," *American Society for Bioethics and the Humanities 2004 Annual Meeting*, Philadelphia, PA, October 28-31, 2004

"A Distinction between Acting and Behaving," *Fifth Annual International Conference of the*

*Society for Ethics Across the Curriculum: Teaching Ethics/Creating Leaders*, St. Edwards University, Austin, Texas, October 23-26, 2003

"My Experiences as an Ethics Professor," *Greening of the Campus V* Conference, Ball State University, Muncie IN, September 2003

"Ectogenesis: An Ethical Review" *The End of Motherhood? The Artificial Womb and Designer Babies* Conference, sponsored by The Ethics Center of Oklahoma State University, Tulsa, OK, February 22-23, 2002

### **Regional and Local Presentations**

"Some Philosophical and Ethical Influences for the Constitutional Separation of Church and State" *Church/State Issues Symposium* sponsored by the Bucks County Chapter of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, Newton, PA, September 26, 2009

"NSF Grant Award 'Applying Virtual Worlds to Ethics Education in Science'" presentation to WCU's Council of Trustees meeting, West Chester, PA, September 10, 2009

"Making a Space for Agency" *New Jersey Regional Philosophy Association Conference*, November 4, 2006

"Informed Consent and Infertility" *WCU Research Day*, WCU Campus, April 1, 2004

"What Do Bioethicists Do?" *Biology Department Seminar*, WCU Campus, November 17, 2003

"Ethics, Human Cloning and Embryonic Stem Cell Research," Chester County Hospital Ethics Committee, West Chester, PA January 2003

"The Four Principles of Bioethics," Chester County Hospital Ethics Committee, West Chester, PA May, 2001

*Industries in Transition: Pharmaceuticals and Biotech in the New Millennium*, West Chester University, West Chester, PA, May 11-12, 2001

Chair and Moderator for "The Changing Ethical Climate" segment of the conference

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### **Awards**

2009-2011 NSF (EERE) Grant for \$299,383, "Applying Virtual Worlds to Ethics Education in Science" ID#0932712 (with Matthew Pierlott, Larysa Nadolny, Caroline Sealfon and Seth Kahn)

WCU Office of Sponsored Research Incentive Award for NSF grant, awarded July 2009

WCU Pre-Tenure Faculty Development Award, "Defining Infertility," awarded April 2004

WCU New Faculty Development Award, "To Purchase a More Efficient Means of Doing Research," awarded April 2002

WCU Faculty Recruitment Incentive Initiative, awarded January 2002

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### **Works-in-Progress**

"Textured Affirmation as Virtue"

"Avoidance of Racial Profiling as a Kind of Group Moral Virtue"

"Teaching Ethics in *Second Life*"

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### **Other Professional Experience**

Current member of Chester County Hospital's IRB Committee, West Chester, PA, since Summer 2009

Current member of Neighborhood Visiting Nurse Association's Ethics Advisory Committee, West Chester, PA, since Fall 2003

Member of Chester County Hospital Ethics Committee, West Chester, PA, Spring 2001 – Summer 2008

Co-organizer and facilitator for "The Changing Ethical Climate," *Industries in Transition: Pharmaceuticals and Biotech in the New Millennium*, West Chester University, May 11-12, 2001

Member of Brandywine Hospital Ethics Committee, Coatesville, PA, 2001-2005

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### **Service**

Current member: American Philosophical Association, Society for Women in Philosophy (SWIP), North American Society for Social Philosophy

#### *Philosophy Department*

Graduate Coordinator Fall 2005-Fall 2007

Organizer of Philosophy Department Discussion Group: Fall '03 – Spring '05

Transition/Constitution Committee 2002-2006

Graduate Committee 2001-2002, 2003-present

Assessment Committee 2001-2002; 2008-

Curriculum Committee 2001-2002

Thesis Advisor: 2000, 2003, 2004

#### *University*

Peace & Conflict Studies Director, Summer 2008-present

Council of Chairs

CAS Executive Committee (Chairs)

Curriculum and Academic Policies Committee (CAPC) 2004-2007

CAPC Graduate Committee 2004-2007

Learning Communities Project 2001-2004

Commission on the Status of Women 2004-2006

Pre-Med Committee 2001-present  
Women's Studies Executive Committee 2001-2004  
Women's Studies Steering Committee 2000-present  
Assistant Facility Administrator for The University  
Sustainability Center 2002-2005  
Environmental Council 2001-present  
Pharmaceutical Product Development Program Faculty Advisory Board  
PPD Industry Advisory Council 2000-present  
LGBT Ally 2002-present  
Students with Disabilities Ally 2003-present  
Faculty co-advisor to GenEth 2001-2003  
Multicultural Office Mentoring Program 2000-2002, 2006