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Areas of Specialization:

International Ethics, specifically the Ethics of Nuclear Proliferation, International Security, and International Relations

Areas of Competence:

Political Theory, International Relations Theory, International Relations, History of Political Thought, Democratic Theory, Human Rights Theory, American Government and Politics, Moral Philosophy

Dissertation:

The Ethics of Nuclear Weapons Acquisition in the Second Nuclear Age (in progress).

Education: (see appendix for relevant coursework)

Ph.D. Candidate (2007): Department of Political Science, University of California, Irvine.

M.A. Political Science (2008): University of California, Irvine

M.A. Philosophy (2005): University of California, Irvine.

M.A. Philosophy (2001): California State University, Los Angeles.

M.A. Education (1987): California State University, Northridge.

B.A. History/Political Science (1980): Point Loma Nazarene College, San Diego, CA.

Research:

Qualifying Paper #1, “Moderate Foundationalism in Democratic Theory”, 6/2006. Research paper. Faculty advisors: William Schonfeld, Kevin Olson.

Qualifying Paper #2, “Moderate Foundationalism and the Defense of Human Rights”, 9/2006. Research paper. Faculty advisors: Kevin Olson, David Easton.

Qualifying Paper #3, “The Ethics of Nuclear Weapons Acquisition: A Literature Review, 3/2007. Literature review. Faculty advisors: Etel Solingen, Patrick Morgan.

Teaching Experience:

09/2005 – present **Teaching Assistant**, University of California, Irvine, Department of Political Science. Duties: led discussion sections, graded mid-term and final exams, graded papers, held office hours, corresponded with students via email, provided tutoring for students, liaison between students and professor. (note – courses assisted are listed in the appendix)

- 08/2005 – 9/2006 **Pedagogical Fellow, University of California, Irvine.** Duties included preparing and delivering pre-service TA professional development seminars individually and in teams to incoming graduate students who will serve as TA's in the chemistry and engineering departments. Coordinated activities with Instructional Resource Center in conjunction with PF program.
- 01/2005-08/2005 **Adjunct Lecturer, California State University, Los Angeles; Los Angeles CA.** Philosophy. Taught Ancient Thought and Modern Legacy (theme of justice), Moral and Social Problems in Contemporary Multicultural Society, Meaning of Human Life, Critical Thinking.
- 01/2005-6/2005 **Adjunct Lecturer, Mount St. Mary's College, Los Angeles, CA.** Philosophy. Taught Introduction to Philosophy, Contemporary Moral Problems, Critical Thinking.
- 06/2005-07/2005 **Adjunct Lecturer, Los Angeles Mission College, Sylmar CA.** Philosophy. Introduction to Philosophy.
- 04/2004-12/2004 **Teaching Assistant Consultant, UC Irvine, Instructional Resource Center, in conjunction with the Department of Philosophy.** Duties include preparing and delivering pre-service TA professional development seminars to incoming graduate students who will serve as TA's in the philosophy department. Coordinated activities with Instructional Resource Center in conjunction with TAC program. Mentored TA's on an on-going basis. Provided input to Department Chair in philosophy with regards TA's and the TAC program.
- 10/2003-12/2004 **Teaching Assistant, UC Irvine, Department of Philosophy.** Duties: led discussion sections, graded mid-term and final exams, graded papers, held office hours, corresponded with students via email, provided tutoring for students, liaison between students and professor.
- 1/2001-6/2001 **Adjunct Lecturer, California State University, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA, Philosophy.**

Related Experience:

Summers 2006, 2007 **Research Assistant, UC Irvine, Department of Political Science.**
Assistant to David Easton.

7/2003-8/2003 **Fellow Advisor, Los Angeles Teaching Fellows (subsidiary of The New Teacher Project, a national non-profit corporation), contracted to Los Angeles Unified School District.** Supervised and taught new teacher interns in one-to-one and group settings strategies in instructional design and implementation, classroom management techniques, and related skills necessary to become fully competent secondary social studies teachers in

urban, high needs Los Angeles high schools.

- 1995-2002 **Teacher** (Honors Philosophy, Advanced Placement American History, Honors World History, Modern Literature), Granada Hills/CSUN Magnet High School, Granada Hills, CA. The philosophy course was a two-semester course in the problems of philosophy, ranging over epistemology, metaphysics, philosophy of religion, ethics, political philosophy, and other varied topics of interest to students. The history and literature courses were state-mandated survey courses. Member of Magnet School-Based Management council for 1999.
- 1988-1995 **Teacher** (Philosophy, Advanced Placement American History, World History, English), Canoga Park High School, Canoga Park, CA. These courses were state-mandated survey courses. Member of the Shared-Decision Making Council, 1992-1994, and Coordinator of Youth Community Service, 1989-1993.
- 1983-1988 **Teacher** (Social Studies), Robert Louis Stevenson Junior High School. Magnet Coordinator (half-time assignment) 1986-1988.

Publications:

- “Integrity, Religious Consciousness, and the Ethics of Belief” *Contemporary Philosophy*, XXIII, Fall 2001, No. 3 & 4, pp. 25-31.
- “Is Wittgenstein’s Linguistic Corrective Atheoretical?” in *Affirmations: A Journal of Philosophical Discourse and Conversation*, Fall 2000, California State University, Los Angeles.

Papers Delivered at Conferences:

- “Taboos and Sanctions: Preventing Nuclear Weapons Proliferation”
To the International Studies Association Conference, Chicago IL, March 2007.
To the UCI Center for Global Peace and Conflict Studies, Irvine CA, February 2007.
- “Moderate Foundationalism in Democratic Theory”
To the Western Political Science Association Conference, Las Vegas NV, March 2007.
To the UC Irvine Political Theory Group, University of California, Irvine, January 2007.
- “The Problem of Justification in Human Rights Theory” to the UC Irvine International Relations Group, University of California, Irvine, June 2006.
- “Gifts-with-Obligations and the Hobbesian Sovereign” to the Southern California Philosophy Conference, Graduate Student Session, University of California, Irvine, October 2004.

Awards Earned:

- 2007: Institute for Global Conflict and Cooperation (IGCC) Public Policy and Nuclear Threats Fellowship, 2007-2008 – Funded by a National Science Foundation Grant

through its Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship program (IGERT). The PPNT/IGERT fellowship is \$30,000 for 12 months.

University of California Regents Pre-Dissertation Fellowship – Winter quarter fellowship the School of Social Sciences for advancement to candidacy.

2006: UCI School of Social Sciences Summer Fellowship.
UCI Department of Sciences Summer Fellowship
UCI C-GPACS Small Grant for Research on Literature Review
University of California Regents Early Career Fellowship – Spring quarter fellowship in the School of Social Sciences for advancement towards qualifying papers.

2002: University of California Regents Fellowship in the Humanities – one year fellowship for graduate study.

2001, 1997: L.A. City and County Most Inspirational Teacher – awarded twice by the offices of Mayor Richard Riordan and County Board of Supervisors Mike Antonovich sponsored the resolutions.

Professional Service:

Graduate Student Representative, Colloquium Committee, Dept. of Political Science – 2006-2007.

Appointed to the American Philosophical Association's Committee on Pre-College Instruction in Philosophy – 1 July 2002 through 30 June 2005.

Memberships:

American Political Science Association, Western Political Science Association, Amnesty International, American Philosophical Association (1998-2005), Society of Humanist Philosophers (1998-2005).

References:

Etel Solingen, Professor of Political Science, University of California, Irvine.

David Easton, Professor Emeritus, Political Science, University of California, Irvine.

Patrick Morgan, Professor of Political Science, University of California, Irvine.

Kevin E. Olson, Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of California, Irvine.

Martin Schwab, Professor of Philosophy, University of California, Irvine.

William Schonfeld, Professor of Political Science, University of California, Irvine.

Wayne Sandholtz, Professor of Political Science, University of California, Irvine.

Robert Uriu, Associate Professor of Political Science, University of California, Irvine.

De Gallow, Director, Instructional Resource Center, University of California, Irvine.

APPENDIX: COURSEWORK and COURSES TAUGHT/ASSISTED

Note: All courses listed below are graduate level courses unless otherwise marked with an asterisk (*). All courses that are independent study are marked with two asterisks (**).

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Approaches to International Relations	Robert Uriu	UCI
International Relations Theory	Patrick Morgan	UCI
Research Methods in Int. Relations	Etel Solingen	UCI
International Security	Cesar Sereseres	UCI
The Ethics of Nuclear Weapons Acquisition	Etel Solingen	UCI **
International Law and Institutions	Wayne Sandholtz	UCI

POLITICAL THEORY

Fundamentals of Political Science	David Easton	UCI
Democratic Theory	William Schonfeld	UCI
Democracy and Philosophical Foundations	William Schonfeld	UCI **
History of Political Thought	Kevin E. Olson	UCI
International Justice	Aaron James	UCI (Philosophy)
Constituting Democracy	Kevin Olson	UCI

SOCIAL SCIENCE - GENERAL

Macropolitics	Anthony McGann	UCI
Micropolitics	Russ Dalton	UCI
Elementary Statistics	Anthony Crider	UCI
“ “	Bernard Grofman	UCI
Law and Society	Kitty Calavita	UCI (Criminology)

MODERN SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY (Philosophy Department)

Hume's Treatise	Nicholas Jolley	UCI
Social Contract Theory	Nicholas Jolley	UCI*
Hobbes' <i>Leviathan</i>	Nicholas Jolley	UCI
Kant/Rawls on International Relations	Martin Schwab	UCI**
Rousseau's <i>Social Contract</i>	Nicholas Jolley	UCI**
The Politics of Recognition – Hegel	Kayley Vernallis	CSULA
Hobbes' Political Theology	Nicholas Jolley	UCI**

HISTORY OF CONTEMPORARY PHILOSOPHY

Modern Skepticism	Nicholas P. White	UCI
Existentialism – Sartre	Martin Schwab	UCI*
Philosophy of Science – Carnap to Kuhn	Ricardo Gomez	CSULA*
Wittgenstein's <i>Tractatus</i> and <i>Philosophical Investigations</i>	Ann Garry	CSULA
Contemporary Epistemology	Jennifer Faust	CSULA*

CONTEMPORARY SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

Moral Constructivism	Aaron James	UCI
Rawls and Habermas	Martin Schwab	UCI
Philosophy of Technology – Aristotle, Heidegger, and the Frankfurt School	Ricardo Gomez	CSULA
Bioethics		CSULA

HISTORY OF MODERN PHILOSOPHY

Kant and Moral Freedom	Bill Bristow	UCI
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OTHER COURSES TAKEN

History of Ethics	Kayley Vernallis	CSULA*
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COURSES TAUGHT

Introduction to Philosophy	LA Mission College	Summer 2005
Meaning of Human Life	CSULA	Summer 2005
Critical Thinking	CSULA	Summer 2005
Introduction to Philosophy	Mount St. Mary's	Spring 2005
Contemporary Moral Problems	Mount St. Mary's	Spring 2005
Critical Thinking	Mount St. Mary's	Spring 2005
Contemporary Moral and Social Problems		
In a Multicultural Society	CSULA	Spring 2005
Ancient Thought and Modern Legacy	CSULA	Winter 2005
Teacher Assistant Professional		
Development Program	UCI	Summer/Fall 2004
Contemporary Moral and Social Problems in a		
Multicultural Society	CSULA	Winter 2001
Human Values	CSULA	Spring 2001

COURSES ASSISTED

The American Presidency	Carl Schwarz	UCI Spring 2007
Introduction to Micropolitics	William Schonfeld	UCI Winter 2006
		UCI Fall 2006
Introduction to Political Analysis	James Danziger	UCI Fall 2005
Introduction to Existentialism	Ermanno Bencivenga	UCI Spring 2004
Introduction to Philosophy	Nicholas Jolley	UCI Winter 2004
Contemporary Moral Problems	Martin Schwab	UCI Fall 2003