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- Education** **University of Illinois at Chicago.** August 1994 to December 1998. Ph.D.
Harvard University. September 1983 to June 1988. A.B. Cum Laude.
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- Areas** **Areas of Specialization:** Ethics; Metaethics; Value Theory; Practical Reason; Philosophy of Color
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- Appointments** Associate Professor, **Florida State University** (2006-present)
 Assistant Professor, **Florida State University** (2002-2006)
 Visiting Assistant Professor, **Florida State University** (2001-2)
 Visiting Assistant Professor, **University of Missouri-Columbia** (2000-1)
 Lecturer, **Johns Hopkins University** (Fall 1999)
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- Book** ***Brute Rationality: Normativity and Human Action***, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2004.
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- Articles** “Color Constancy, Complexity, and Counterfactual,” *Noûs*, forthcoming.
 “Desires, Reasons, and Rationality,” *American Philosophical Quarterly*, forthcoming.
 “Response-Dependence and Normative Bedrock,” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, forthcoming.
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“Lenman on Externalism and Amoralism: An Interplanetary Exploration,” (with Alfred Mele), *Philosophia*, Vol. 32, Nos. 1-4 (2005), pp. 275-283.

“A Functional Role Analysis of Reasons,” *Philosophical Studies*, Vol. 124, No. 3 (2005), pp. 353-378.

“Breaking the Law of Desire,” *Erkenntnis*, Vol. 62, No. 3 (2005), pp. 295-319.

“Value and Parity,” *Ethics*, Vol 114, No. 3 (2004), pp. 492-510.

“Intentional Action and Nearly Certain Success,” *Ratio*, Vol. 17, No. 2 (2004), pp. 150-158.

“Two Concepts of Rationality,” *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, Vol. 41, No. 3 (2003), pp. 367-398.

“Requiring and Justifying: Two Dimensions of Normative Strength,” *Erkenntnis*, Vol. 59, No. 1 (2003), pp. 5-36.

“Brute Rationality,” *Noûs*, Vol. 37, No. 3 (2003), pp. 417-46.

“Internalism and Different Kinds of Reasons,” *Philosophical Forum*, Vol. 34, No. 1 (2003), pp. 53-72.

“Korsgaard’s Private-Reasons Argument,” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, Vol. 64, No. 2 (2002), pp. 303-324.

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“Practical Rationality, Morality, and Purely Justificatory Reasons,” *American Philosophical Quarterly*, Vol. 37, No. 3 (2000), pp. 227-43.

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“The Myth of the Force of the Better Reason,” *Southwest Philosophy Review*, Vol. 14, No. 1 (1998), pp. 95-102.

Book Reviews R. Jay Wallace’s *Normativity and the Will: Selected Essays in Moral Psychology and Practical Reason*, (with Michael McKenna), *Philosophical Quarterly*, forthcoming.

Robert Audi's *The Good in the Right*, ***Mind***, Vol. 115, No. 457 (2006), pp. 121-5.

Christopher Morris and Arthur Ripstein's (eds.) *Practical Rationality and Preference: Essays for David Gauthier*, (with Piers Rawling), ***Philosophical Psychology***, Vol 17, No. 3 (2004), pp. 437-440.

Joseph Raz's *Engaging Reason*, ***Philosophy and Phenomenological Research***, Vol. 66, No. 3 (2003), pp. 745-48.

Edward Stein's *Without Good Reason*, ***Philosophical Quarterly***, Vol. 49, No. 195 (1999), pp. 295-7.

Presentations

Comments on Connie Rosati's "The Story of a Life," ***Steven Humphrey Excellence in Philosophy Conference: Reason and Value***, February 17, 2008.

Comments on Danielle Bromwich's "A Dilemma and Solution for Korsgaard," ***Eastern Division APA***, Baltimore, MD, December 2007.

"Parfit on Reasons and Rationality," ***University of Edinburgh***, October 5, 2007 and ***University of Bristol***, October 12, 2007.

"Generalism about Practical Reasons: a Defense from the Analogy with the Epistemic," ***Pacific Division APA***, San Francisco, CA, April 5, 2007.

"Can There Be Color Concepts Without Colors?" ***University of North Florida***, November 2, 2006.

"Author Meets Critics: Response to Hurley, Miller, and Tenenbaum," ***Pacific Division APA***, Portland, OR, March 23, 2006.

"Cognitivism, Expressivism, and Agreement in Response," ***2nd Annual Metaethics Workshop***, University of Madison, September 18, 2005.

Comments on Roger Crisp's "Intuitionism and Disagreement," ***Conference on Rationality and the Good***, University of Notre Dame, April 8, 2005.

"Rationality, Morality, Reasoning and Skill," ***Conference on Reasoning, Rationality, and Know How***, California State University, Long Beach, February 19, 2005.

"The Shifted Spectrum," ***Eastern Division APA***, Boston, MA, December 2004.

"A Burden of Proof Argument about Normative Strength," ***Bowling Green State University***, December 10, 2004, and ***Universidad Torcuato Di Tella***, Buenos Aires, Argentina, July 5, 2004.

Comments on Barry Ward's "Non-Cognitivism Without Wishful Thinking," *Central Division APA*, Chicago, IL, April 23, 2004.

"Value and Secondary Properties," *University of Maryland, College Park*, January 30, 2004.

"Sensations and Circularity," *Dartmouth College*, November 14, 2003. Also, a shortened version presented at the *Pacific Division APA*, Pasadena, CA, March 26, 2004.

Comments on Carla Bagnoli's "Moral Perplexity," *Central Division APA*, Cleveland, OH, April 25, 2003.

"Problems for Moral Twin Earth Arguments," *Pacific Division APA*, San Francisco, CA, March 27, 2003.

"Racionalidad Práctica: Dos Distinciones Básicas y Algunas de sus Implicancias," *Universidad Nacional de La Plata*, La Plata, Argentina, July 11, 2002 (in Spanish).

Comments on Samantha Brennan's "Moderate Deontology, Moral Obligations, and the Two Threshold Thesis," *Central Division APA*, Chicago, IL, April 28, 2002.

"Brute Rationality," *Florida State University*, January 11, 2002.

Comments on Irwin Goldstein's "Malicious Pleasure," *Central States Philosophical Association*, St. Louis, MO, October 12, 2001

"Expressivism and Language Learning," *University of Missouri-St. Louis*, February 28, 2001.

"Practical Reasons and Rational Desires," *University of Missouri-Columbia*, October 13, 2000, and *Florida State University*, February 18, 2001.

"Parfit on Subjective Rationality: A Question and an Answer," *Fifth International Bariloche Conference of Philosophy*, Bariloche, Argentina, June 29, 2000, and at the *Central States Philosophical Association* meeting, Lincoln, Nebraska, October 6, 2000.

"Internalism and Different Kinds of Reasons," *The Johns Hopkins University*, October 14, 1999.

"An Argument for Descriptivism in Normative Theory," *Ohio University*, January 22, 1999.

“Practical Rationality, Morality, and Purely Justificatory Reasons,” *Eastern Division APA*, Washington, D.C., December 28, 1998.

“Rationality and Advisability: the Relation of Beliefs and Desires to Normative Notions,” *Centro de Investigaciones Filosóficas*, Buenos Aires, Argentina, October 9, 1998.

“Korsgaard's Private-Reasons Argument,” *University of New Hampshire*, March 6, 1998.

“Skepticism about Practical Reasons Internalism,” *Dartmouth College*, January 9, 1998

“The Myth of the Force of the Better Reason,” *Southwestern Philosophical Society*, Memphis, TN, November 1, 1997, and *Central States Philosophical Association*, St. Louis, MO, October 18, 1997.

**Fellowships
and Awards**

George A. and Eliza Gardner Howard Foundation Fellowship (2009-10)
COFRS Summer Stipend (Summer, 2006)
FAT Travel Awards (Fall, 2005; Spring 2006)
Stephen Risley Family Fellow (2004-5)
FSU FYAP Award (2003)

**Professional
Service**

Manuscript review for *American Philosophical Quarterly*
Australasian Journal of Philosophy
Canadian Journal of Philosophy
Ethics
Ethical Theory and Moral Practice
Journal of Ethics
Journal of Philosophical Research
Journal of Political Philosophy
Journal of Social Philosophy
Mind
Noûs
Oxford University Press
Philosophia
Philosophical Papers
Philosophical Quarterly
Philosophical Studies
Philosophy and Phenomenological Research
Synthese
Theoria

Co-editor (with M. Victoria Costa), *Social Theory and Practice*

Member (2005-2008), *APA Committee on Academic Career Opportunities and Placement*