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**Education:**

B.A.            Philosophy, Rice University, 1984  
Ph.D.          Philosophy, University of California, Los Angeles, 1993

**Academic employment:**

1991-present   University of California, Santa Barbara (Acting Assistant Professor,  
Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, Professor, Department Chair)  
1994            University of Pittsburgh (Visiting Assistant Professor)  
2000            University of California, Los Angeles (Visiting Associate Professor)

**Honors and awards:**

H.L.A. Hart Fellow at University College, Oxford, and at the Oxford Centre for Ethics &  
Philosophy of Law, 2009  
Charlotte Newcombe Fellow, 1990-1991  
Paul and Gloria Griffin Fellow, 1990  
Rudolf Carnap Prize, 1990  
Atlas Prize, 1983

**Publications (excluding reviews):**

“Harm,” forthcoming in *The International Encyclopedia of Ethics* (Blackwell Publishing, 2013)

“The Wrongness of Killing and the Badness of Death,” forthcoming in Ben Bradley, Fred Feldman and Jens Johansson (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of the Philosophy of Death* (Oxford University Press, 2012)

- “Still More on the Metaphysics of Harm,” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 82 (March 2011): 459-469
- “Harming and Procreating,” in Melinda Roberts and David Wasserman (eds.), *Harming Future Persons: Ethics, Genetics and the Nonidentity Problem* (Springer-Verlag, 2009)
- “The Metaphysics of Harm,” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 77 (September 2008): 421-450
- “Actions, Acting, and Acting Well,” in Russ Shafer-Landau (ed.), *Oxford Studies in Metaethics, Volume 3* (Oxford University Press, 2008)
- “Permissibility and Practical Inference,” *Ethics* 115 (April 2005): 443-470
- “Where’s the Harm in Dying?” *Philosophical Books* 46 (January 2005): 4-10
- “Intention and Accident,” *Philosophical Studies* 98 (March 2000): 17-36
- “Killing, Letting Die and Preventing People from Being Saved,” *Utilitas* 11 (November 1999): 277-295
- “Interfering with Aid,” *Analysis* 59 (January 1999): 41-47
- “Intention and Teleology,” *Mind* 107 (April 1998): 381-401
- “A Puzzle about Beneficence,” *Analysis* 58 (April 1998): 159-165
- “Why Are Killing and Letting Die Wrong?” *Philosophy & Public Affairs* 24 (Summer 1995): 175-201
- “Harming Future People,” *Philosophy & Public Affairs* 19 (Winter 1990): 47-70

### **Works in progress:**

- “Doing Another’s Bidding”
- “Acting Wrongly by Trying,” tentatively to appear in Mark Timmons (ed.), *Oxford Studies in Normative Ethics, Volume 4* (Oxford University Press)
- “Letting Die and the Duty to Save,” to appear in Steven Luper (ed.), *The Cambridge Companion to Life and Death* (Cambridge University Press)

**Conference and colloquium presentations (excluding comments):**

- “Acting Wrongly by Trying,” Fourth Annual Normative Ethics Workshop, University of Arizona, 2013
- “The Content and Logic of Positive and Negative Duties,” Workshop on Enabling Harm, University of Oslo, 2012
- “Acting Badly by Trying,” Philippa Foot Memorial Symposium, Pacific APA, 2012
- “Moral Mereology,” Workshop on Legal Normativity and the Philosophy of Practical Reason, 25<sup>th</sup> IVR World Congress, Frankfurt am Main, 2011
- “Harming and Procreating,” Workshop on What We Owe to Future People, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main, 2010
- “Doing Another’s Bidding,” University of Toronto, 2010
- “Doing Another’s Bidding,” Oxford University, 2009
- “Deferring to Others,” Oxford University, 2009
- “Deferring to Others,” Symposium on Deference and Responsibility, University of Leeds, 2009
- “Deferring to Others,” University of Glasgow, 2009
- “Where’s the Harm in Dying?” Conference on Death, University of York, 2008
- “Actions, Acting, and Acting Well,” Invited Symposium, Pacific APA, 2007
- “Actions, Acting, and Acting Well,” University of California, Davis, 2007
- “Actions, Acting, and Acting Well,” Third Annual Metaethics Workshop, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2006
- “Actions, Acting, and Acting Well,” Northwestern University, 2005
- “State-Based versus Event-Based Accounts of Harm,” Southern California Philosophy Conference, 2004
- “State-Based versus Event-Based Accounts of Harm,” University of California, Santa Cruz, 2002
- “Comparative Accounts of Harm,” Southern California Philosophy Conference, 2001

“Permissibility and Practical Inference,” University of California, Los Angeles, 2001

“Procreation, Compensation and Harm,” California State University, Northridge, 2001

“Intention and Moral Judgment,” University of Southern California, 1999

“The Harm That’s Done When Harming is Done,” Pomona College, 1996

**Miscellaneous professional activity:**

Invited participant, Roundtable on the Logic of Deterrence and the Changing Face of Warfare, Center for Ethics and the Rule of Law, University of Pennsylvania Law School, 2012

Invited participant, Workshop on Ethics and Future People, Center for Law & Philosophy, Columbia Law School, 2001

Referee for Oxford University Press, Harvard University Press, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, *Ethics*, *Inquiry*, *Journal of Ethics & Social Philosophy*, *Mind*, *Noûs*, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophers’ Imprint*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Philosophy Compass*, *Social Theory and Practice*, and *Theoria*

Member of review board, *International Encyclopedia of Ethics*

Member of Charlotte Newcombe Dissertation Fellowship Selection Committee, 2010-present

Co-organizer of “Reasons and Values” conference, UCSB, 2008

External examiner for Masters thesis, Monash University, 2008

**Teaching:**

In addition to teaching graduate seminars on ethics, philosophy of law, philosophy of action, and philosophy of mind, I have taught the following upper-division undergraduate courses:

Pre-Socratic Philosophy  
Aristotle  
Early Analytic Philosophy  
Philosophy of Action  
Metaphysics  
Philosophical Psychology

Normative Ethics  
Metaethics  
Advanced Topics in Ethical Theory  
Advanced Topics in Applied Ethics  
Advanced Topics in the Philosophy of Law  
History of Ethics

**Dissertations directed:**

Michael Yazaji, 1995; Young-Mo Koo, 1997; Douglas Portmore, 1998; Scott Wilson, 2002; Fritz Allhoff, 2005; Heather Salazar, 2007; Arash Naraghi, 2008; Jacob Blair, 2009