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Curriculum Vita

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## EDUCATION

Ph.D. 1988 Harvard University, Philosophy , Committee: Stanley Cavell, Thomas Scanlon.  
A. M. 1984 Harvard University, Philosophy  
A.B. 1982 University of Chicago, Philosophy

## FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

University of Illinois at Chicago  
1988-1995 Assistant Professor of Philosophy  
1995-2007 Associate Professor of Philosophy  
1995-present Affiliated Faculty Laboratory of Integrative Neuroscience  
2007-present Professor of Philosophy

## ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

2004-2009 Associate Dean, Graduate College  
2011-present Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

## RESEARCH

### Books:

*Staying Alive: Personal Identity, Practical Concerns, and the Unity of a Life*,  
Oxford University Press, 2014

*The Constitution of Selves*, Cornell University Press, 1996

### Journal Articles and Book Chapters:

"A Mess Indeed," forthcoming in a memorial volume for Peter Goldie, Oxford  
University Press

"The Size of the Self" forthcoming in *Narrative, Philosophy and Life*," ed. Allen  
Speight, Philosophy, Religion and Public Life Series, Springer

"Life Imitating Art Imitating Life," forthcoming in *Philosophy of Autobiography*, ed.  
Christopher Crowley, University of Chicago Press

"The Moments of a Life," forthcoming in *Narrative, Identity and the  
Kierkegaardian Self*, eds. Patrick Stokes and John Lippert, Edinburgh University  
Press (2015)

"Making Ourselves Whole: Wholeheartedness, Narrative, and Agency," *Ethical  
Perspectives*, 2014. 21(2): 175-198

"The Story of My (Second) Life: Narrative and Personal Identity Online,"  
*Philosophy & Technology* 2012 Online DOI 10.1007/s13347-012-0062-y,  
"Philosophy & Technology" Volume 25, Issue 3 (2012) , pp. 329-43

"Identity and Memory," *Philosophical Studies*, online first; 27 October 2010, Print,  
2011, Volume 153, Number 1, 65-79

"Philosophical Reflections on Narrative and Deep Brain Stimulation," *Journal of  
Clinical Ethics*, 2010 Summer; 21(2):133-9

"Personal Identity and the Practical," *Theoretical Medicine and Bioethics*, 2010  
Aug;31 (4):271-83

“Getting Our Stories Straight: Personal Identity and Self-Narration,” in *Personal Identity and Fractured Selves: The Self, Personal Identity, and the Brain*,” ed. Hilary Bok, Debra J.H. Mathews, and Peter V. Rabins, Johns Hopkins University Press, 2009, pp.65-92

“Diversity in Unity: Practical Unity and Personal Boundaries,” *Synthese*, volume 162, no. 3, June 2008, pp. 405-423

“Staying Alive: Personal Continuation and a Life Worth Living,” in *Practical Identity and Narrative Agency*, ed. Kim Atkins and Catriona McKenzie, Routledge, 2007, pp. 31-55

“Stories, Lives, and Basic Survival: A defense and refinement of the narrative view,” in *Narrative and Understanding Persons*, ed. Daniel Hutto, Cambridge University Press, 2007 pp. 179-202

“Experience and Agency: two views of personal continuation,” *Social Philosophy and Policy* v.22 Summer 2005, pp.1-24, also in *Personal Identity*, ed. Ellen Frankel Paul, Fred D. Miller, Jr., Jeffrey Paul, Cambridge University Press, 2005, pp.1-24

“Personal Identity and the Past” (feature article with commentaries and reply) *Philosophy, Psychiatry, and Psychology*, v.12, no.1, March 2005, pp. 9-22 and 27-29

“Self-Expression and Self-Control, *RATIO*, XVII 4 December 2004., pp. 409-427, also in *The Self*, ed. Galen Strawson, Blackwell, 2005

“Personality and Persistence: the relation between continuity of consciousness and continuity of personality,” *American Philosophical Quarterly*, v.41, no.2, April 2004, pp.87-104

“The Case of Self-Interested Reasons,” in *Reasons of One’s Own*, eds. Marc Slors and Maureen Sie, Ashgate Press, 2004, pp. 107-128

“Self and Self-Interest,” in *Personal and Moral Identity*, ed. Albert W. Musschenga, Wouter van Haaften, Ben Spiecker, Marc Slors, Kluwer Academic Publishers, August 2002

"Empathic Access: The Missing Ingredient in Personal Persistence," *Philosophical Explorations*, nr. 2-2001, pp.94-110. Reprinted in *Personal Identity*, ed. Martin and Barresi, Blackwell, 2002

"The Brain/Body Problem," *Philosophical Psychology*, v. 10, no.2, June 1997

"The Story of the Mind," *Zygon*, v. 31, no.4, December 1996, pp.149-65

"The Same and the Same," *American Philosophical Quarterly*, v.31, no.3 July 1994 pp.199-212

"The Truth About Memory," *Philosophical Psychology*, v.7, no.1, 1994 pp.3-18

"Personal Concern and the Extension of Consciousness," *Logos*, v.11, 1991 pp.33-46

"Personhood and Personal Identity," *The Journal of Philosophy*, v.87, no.2 February, 1990 pp.71-92

### **Encyclopedia Articles and Companion Pieces**

"Narrative and Dissociative Identity Disorder," *Springer Handbook of Neuroethics*, eds. Jens Clausen and Neil Levy, Springer, forthcoming 2015

"The Malleability of Identity," in *The Cambridge Companion to Life and Death*, ed. Steven Luper, Cambridge University Press, 2014, pp. 64-79

"Personal Identity," *Encyclopedia of Philosophy and the Social Sciences*, ed. Byron Kaldis, Sage, 2013

\*"The Narrative Self" in *The Oxford Handbook of the Self*, ed. Shaun Gallagher, Oxford University Press, 2011, pp. 394-418

\*"Personal Identity," entry in the *Companion to the Philosophy of Psychology*, eds. John Symons, Paco Calvo, Routledge 2009, pp. 634-46

## Book Reviews, Comments, Replies

Review of Paul Snowdon, *Persons, Animals, Ourselves*, Times Literary Supplement, February 27, 2015

"Reflections on Persimals," comment on Steven Luper's "Persimals," *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, Volume 52, Issue S1, September 2014, pp. 140-62

Review of Peter Goldie, *The Mess Inside: Narrative, Emotion and the Mind*, *Memory Studies*, October 2013, vol. 6 4:pp. 499-501

"Misunderstandings Understood; a reply to Beck," *Philosophy, Psychiatry, & Psychology*, Volume 20, Number 1, March 2013, pp. 47-50

"Making the Truth: Self-Understanding, Self-Constitution, Neuroscience and Narrative" Open Peer Commentary *American Journal of Bioethics, Neuroscience*, vol. 2, issue 4, October 2012, pp. 75-6

Review of Kristjan Kristjansson, *The Self and Its Emotions*, Times Literary Supplement, October 7, 2011

Review of Valerie Hardcastle, *Constructing the Self, Biography*, Volume 32, no. 4, Fall 2009 847-9

Review of J. David Velleman, *Self to Self*, ETHICS (117) (October 2006): pp. 160-164

Review of David DeGrazia, *Human Identity and Bioethics*, ETHICS January 2006

Review of Patricia Fara and Karalyn Patterson (eds), *Memory, Metascience*, v. 9 no.3, November 2000, pp.436-443

Review of Raymond Martin, *Self-Concern: An Experiential Approach to What Matters in Survival, Mind*, v.110, no. 438, April 2001, pp.504-8

Review of Carol Rovane, *The Bounds of Agency*, ETHICS v.109, no.4, July 1999 pp.919-922

Review of Andy Clark, *Being There: Putting Brain, Body, and World Together Again*, *Philosophical Psychology*, v. 10, no.3, 1997 pp.391-393

Review of Ian Hacking, *Rewriting the Soul: Multiple Personality and the Sciences of Memory, Mind*, v.105, no.420, October 1996

Booknote on Stephen L. White, *The Unity of the Self*, ETHICS v.103, no.3, April, 1993 p.604

Booknote on David Cockburn, *Other Human Beings*, ETHICS v.102, no.4, July, 1992 p.878

Booknote on Christopher Gill, ed., *The Person and the Human Mind*, ETHICS v.102, no.1, October, 1991 p.182

Review of Philip J. Regal, *The Anatomy of Judgment*, in *Canadian Philosophical Reviews* February, 1991

Review of Geoffrey Madell, *Mind and Materialism*, *International Studies in Philosophy* vol.XXIII/1, 1991

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **Invited Talks and Keynotes**

“Loving Eyes Again,” workshop on Practical Necessity, Essen, Germany, August 2015

“A River Flowing into Somewhere,” workshop on Time, Identity, Future, Grindavik, Iceland, June 2015

“Loving Eyes of my Own,” GRIN interuniversity workshop, Montreal Canada, February 2015

“Living Like we Do: The metaphysics and practicalities of personhood and personal identity,” keynote at OZSW national philosophy conference, Nijmegen, Netherlands, November 2014

“Loving Eyes of my Own: love, particularity and necessity,” colloquium, University of Antwerp, Antwerp Belgium, November 2014

“The Moments of a Life: some similarities between life and literature,” keynote at undergraduate conference, University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, September 2014

“Practical Necessity and Self-Constitution,” invited talk, workshop on practical necessity, Rhur University Bochum, Essen, Germany, June 2014

“That Girl is Gone: the connection between literal and figurative identity,” Suarez Lecture, Spring Hill College, Mobile, March 2014

“A Zig-Zag Line of 100 Tacks,” Royal Ethics Conference, University of Texas, Austin, February 2014

“Life and Literature,” “Making Ourselves Whole: Wholeheartedness and Diachronic Identity, colloquium series, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Canada, February 2014

“The Story of our Lives: Personal Identity and Narrative,” colloquium, Wheaton College, Wheaton, April 2014

“Humans, Persons, Lives,” conference on Humans, Persons and Animals, University of Potsdam, Potsdam, Germany, November 2013

“Making Ourselves Whole: Wholeheartedness, Narrative, and Agency” workshop on diachronic agency, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, Netherlands, January 2013

“A Mess Indeed,” Conference in honor of Peter Goldie, Kings College London, London, U.K., October 2012

“Selves and Persons,” colloquium at Loyola University Chicago, September 2012

“Who Do You Think You Are? Metarepresentation and Self-Constitution”, workshop on *the reflective mind*, Center for the Study of Mind in Nature, Oslo, Norway, September 2012

“Getting Personal: Persons, Selves, and Narrative,” keynote at conference on Kierkegaard and Narrative, University of Hertfordshire, UK October 2011, and at Conference on the Complex Self, Center for Subjectivity Studies, University of Copenhagen, Denmark, November 2011

“The Story of My (Second) Life: narrative and identity online”, Department Colloquium University of Louisville, April 2011, Workshop on Personal Identity Online, University of Hertfordshire, UK, June 2011

“Hold it Together, Let it Go,” Workshop on Diachronic Agency, University of Berne, Berne, Switzerland, October 2010

“Narrating Narrative: Minimal and Narrative Selves,” keynote address, DISCOS workshop on Minimal and Narrative Selves, Center for Subjectivity Studies, Copenhagen University, Denmark, March 2009

“Deep Brain Stimulation and the Constitution of Selves,” Workshop on Ethical, Philosophical and Scientific Issues Associated with Deep Brain Stimulation, Dalhousie University, Canada, September 2008

“Narrative and Development,” The Evolution of Developmental Systems Required For Intelligent Behavior: an Interdisciplinary Symposium, Chicago Marriott at Medical District/UIC, August 2008

“A Defense of the Narrative View,” department colloquium, Delft University of Technology, the Netherlands, June 2008

“The Whole Story: Narrativity and Personal Unity,” keynote address at workshop on Narrative Theories of Personal Identity and Folk Psychology, Radboud University Nijmegen, June 2008

“Why Unify?” Social Ethics and Normative Theory workshop at the Stanford Humanities Center, February 2008

“Unity in Diversity”, philosophy colloquium at University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, November 2006

“Stories, Lives, and Basic Survival: A defense and refinement of the narrative view”, department colloquium at the University of Minnesota, Morris, October, 2006

“Staying Alive: Personal Continuation and a Life Worth Living” Keynote address at conference on Practical Identity and Narrative Agency, Macquarie University, Sydney Australia, March 2006 and at Union College, Schenectady NY, March 2006



"Metaphysics, Value, and Identity" University of California, Davis colloquium talk, October 2005

"Getting our Stories Straight " Keynote address at the Interdisciplinary Symposium on Personal Identity and Bioethics" Phoebe R. Berman Institute for Bioethics, Johns Hopkins University, October 2004

"Experience and Agency", conference on personal identity, Social Philosophy and Policy Center, Bowling Green, April 2004

"Two Views of Psychological Continuity", York University, Canada January 2004. Also read at Brandeis University March 2004

"Life Goes On", Workshop on Ulysses Contracts, Erasmus University, Rotterdam, May 2002

"The Case of Self-Interested Reasons," Conference on "Reasons of One's Own", Utrecht University, Netherlands, April 2001

"Personality and Persistence," presented at Luther College, Iowa, September 2000, Simon Fraser University Vancouver, Canada, October 2000, Macalaster College St. Paul, November 2000, Northwestern University, Chicago, November 2000.

"The Multidimensional Self," colloquium, McMaster University, Hamilton, Canada, January 2001

"Demands of Unity and Demands of Sameness: The Importance of Episodic Continuities to Personal Identity" keynote address at Expert Seminar on Personal Identity and Moral Identity, Free University, Amsterdam, January 1999

"Dimensions of the Self," presented at Brandeis University, January 1997 and University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana, March 1997

"The Brain-Body Problem" presented at The Graduate Center of CUNY, November 1995. Also read at The City College of New York, February 1996, and Temple University March 1996

"Self-Knowledge, Self-Attribution and Autobiographical Memory" delivered as invited speaker at Colloquium on the First Person, Stirling, Scotland, and March 1995

"The Story of the Mind: Psychological and Philosophical Explanations of Behavior" IRAS conference on Knowledge Most worth Having in the Decade of the Brain, Star Island, New Hampshire, August 1994

"Philosophical and Empirical Problems of Mind" delivered to the Seminar on Memory and Learning at the Beckman Institute, University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, November 1994

"The Brain-Body Problem" colloquium at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, February, 1993 and University of Chicago, April 1993

"Autobiographical Memory," Winter Conference on Brain Research in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, January 1991

"The Truth About Memory" colloquium, Illinois State University, November 1991

"Personal Identity and Personal Memory," Santa Clara University Conference on Personal Identity, Santa Clara, April 1990

### **Professional Association Meetings. Local Workshops, Comments**

"I Know what I Did," invited talk, American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meetings, San Diego, March 2013

Comment on "Persimials," Spindel Conference, University of Memphis, September 2013

"Memory and Identity," invited critic on author meets critics panel, American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meetings, San Francisco March 2010

"Some Kind of Something," invited talk, meeting of the Great Lakes Mind and Science Association, American Philosophical Association Central Division Meetings, Chicago, February 2010

“Identity and Other” American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meetings, Vancouver, March 2009

“Person-Lives, Identity, and Bioethics,” special session arranged by the American Philosophical Association Committee on Philosophy and Medicine on Persons, Human Organisms, and Bioethics, American Philosophical Association Pacific Division meetings, Pasadena, March 2008

Invited panelist on Eastern and Western Conceptions of the Self at Eastern APA, Baltimore, December 2007

Comment on Tamar Schapiro’s “The Nature of Inclination”, Society for Ethical Theory and Political Philosophy Conference, Northwestern University, May 2007

“Animal lives and Person lives,” invited comment on David DeGrazia’s *Human Identity and Bioethics*, American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meetings, San Francisco, April 2007

Invited commentator on Judith Butler and Carol Rovane in symposium on “Body, Self, and Identity” Meeting of the Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association December 1997

Comment on "Once Identical Always Identical" American Philosophical Association Central Division Meetings, Chicago, April, 1991

"Personal Concern and the Extension of Consciousness" American Philosophical Association Central Division Meetings, New Orleans, April, 1990

"Consciousness, Concern and Personal Identity American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meetings, Los Angeles, March, 1990

### **Public Lectures, Public Service, Outreach**

“The Cure for what Ails You,” panelist for Intersections discussion, Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago, May 2014

“Making it Through: personal survival, empathy, and the unity of consciousness,” public Lecture at University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, February 2014

“The Narrative Self” panelist at *How the Light Gets in* Festival, Hay on Wey U.K. (via teleconference) June 2012

“Personal Identity and Bioethics,” Testimony to the Presidential Commission on Bioethics, San Francisco, February 2012

“The Whole Story” public lecture as part of a series on narrative and identity, Boston University, Boston, September 2009

“Just Be Yourself,” public lecture as part of the Midwest Philosophy Colloquium, First Lutheran Church, Morris, Minnesota, October 2006

## **SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

American Philosophical Association Central Division Executive Committee, 2010-2013

Associate Editor, *Philosophical Explorations*, 2008-2012

Referee for Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Bloomsbury Press, Cambridge University Press, Columbia University Press, Cornell University Press, Edinburgh University Press, Ethical Theory and Moral Practice, Ethics, European Journal of Analytic Philosophy, Hypatia, Inquiry, Mind, MIT Press, Noûs, Open Court Press, Oxford University Press, Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences, Philosophia, Philosophical Imprint, Philosophical Psychology, Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophical Studies, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, Routledge Press, Social Theory and Practice, South African Journal of Philosophy

Promotion and tenure reviews (Confidential)

## **TEACHING**

### **Courses Taught**

Philosophy of Psychology, Personal Identity, Metaphysics, Existentialism, Philosophy of Consciousness, Philosophy and Film, Introduction to Philosophy, American Philosophy, Reasoning, Philosophical Writing

Daylong Master Class on *Staying Alive*, Radboud University, Nijmegen, Netherlands, November 2014

**Ph.D. Advisees (\* indicates primary advisor or co-advisor)**

\*Kei Hotoda, \*Aleks Zarnyitsn, Mary Walker, Milosz Palowski (Central European University), \*Carlos Briones, Jacqui Poltera (Macquarie University), \*Chad Brockman\* Tina Gibson, Vincent Chiao (Northwestern University), \*John Santiago, \*Robert Schroer, \*Avner Baz, Marc Slors (University of Utrecht), Barbara Montero (University of Chicago), \*Christopher Hoyt, Joyce Carpenter